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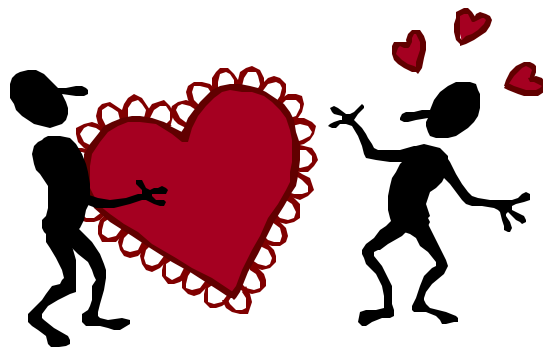
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**THE BROADCASTER TEAM**

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*Thank you for your submissions.*

## From Our Pastor

Vernice McClellan member of Bethany Covenant is an art teacher. One of her classes meets at the Richfield community center. The key method she uses to teach beginning students is called “paint with me”. Vernice states, “In the beginning the students learn by watching what I do and copying exactly the techniques I use. As time goes by the students gain skill and confidence and begin to exhibit their own creativity.” Vern Lund, also a member of our church is a student in Vernice’s class. Through Vernice’s class a whole new world of color, design and creativity has been opened for him.



Jesus’ method of guiding the disciples is described in Mark 3:14, “He appointed twelve... that they might be with him and that he might send them out to preach and to have authority to drive out demons.” In chapter 6 Jesus does in fact send the disciples out to do the task he has modeled for them and in verses 30 and 31 you can sense the excitement of their reports when they gather together again.

During the following months, Bethany Covenant will be sponsoring a number of small groups. My hope is that as with Vern in the art class, and as with the disciples in their first assignment, a whole new world of life and creativity will emerge for us as a church. Please pray for this initiative.

P.S. Registration for art classes with Vernice is open at this time. If you would like more information call her at 952 831 2077.

If you would like to be part of a small group, talk with Pastor David 612-869-2500.



# THE DAY THE BOILER WENT BUST

by Steve Bothun



It happened on a Monday in early November, just before Thanksgiving. It was the 18th to be exact.

Jim Louisiana discovered the disaster. He had come to the church that morning to do some routine maintenance work with Dennis Ellingson. It was

obvious something was wrong. The windows were covered with wet dripping steam. The carpet was soaked, and it was hot. The temperature was 95 degrees inside the church.

Dennis Ellingson had entered through the basement and was already at work. According to Dennis, Jim came down stairs and said, "Something's wrong; it's hot as heck upstairs and the place is covered with water and steam."

The pair investigated and found a heating pipe had exploded, spewing hot water and steam into the entryway narthex area. As a result, the boiler for the east side of the church cracked and was ruined. In addition, 17 windows were cracked and had to be replaced. The cleanup began immediately. Dennis Ellingson said the carpet was so wet, "it squished." Water had even seeped through the concrete floor, and dripped into the basement were Ellingson removed more than two inches of water that collected in the lighting fixture.

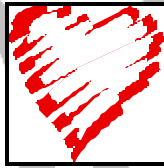
While Ellingson and Louisiana started cleanup, Paul Olfelt contacted the insurance company and others. It was determined the boiler was ruined, and had to be replaced immediately. After



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 <i>David L.</i>
2 9:00 Sunday School 10:30 Worship and Communion	3 <i>Jim L.</i>	4 <i>JoAnn L.</i> 9:30 Prayer Group	5 <i>Curt L.</i> Ash Wednesday 6:30 Wednesday Night Activities	6 <i>Vern L.</i>	7 <i>Elaine L.</i>	8 <i>Bob M.</i>
9 9:00 Sunday School 10:30 Worship	10 <i>Mary M.</i>	11 <i>Bruce Mc.</i> 9:30 Prayer Group 5:30 ESL Class	12 <i>Vernice Mc.</i> 6:30 Wed. Night Activities	13 <i>Brad M.</i>	14 <i>Landa M.</i>	15 <i>Marie M.</i>
<b>*****MEALS ON WHEELS*****</b>						
16 9:00 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Broadcaster Deadline	17 <i>Chuck M.</i>	18 <i>Mike N.</i> 9:30 Prayer Group 5:30 ESL Class	19 <i>Emilie N.</i> 6:30 Wednesday Night	20 <i>Dick N.</i>	21 <i>Shirley N.</i>	22 <i>Rick N.</i>
23 9:00 Sunday School 10:30 Worship	24 <i>Becky N.</i>	25 <i>Cody N.</i> 9:30 Prayer Group	26 <i>Paul O.</i> 6:30 Wednesday Night Activities	27 <i>Helen O.</i>	28 <i>Mike O.</i>	29 <i>Tami O.</i>
30 9:00 Sunday School 10:30 Worship	31 <i>Jenna O.</i>					

# 2003

## February



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1 *Blaine J.*

Please take time to pray for our Bethany members and friends. Their names are listed in each day of the month.

<b>2</b> 9:00 Sunday School 10:30 Worship and Communion 11:30 Annual Meeting and Pot Luck	<b>3</b> <i>Kyla J.</i>	<b>4</b> <i>Corrine J.</i> 9:30 Prayer Group  5:30 ESL Class	<b>5</b> <i>Galen J.</i>  6:30 Wednesday Night Activities	<b>6</b> <i>Jill J.</i>	<b>7</b> <i>Eli J.</i>	<b>8</b> <i>Rick J.</i>
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<b>9</b> 9:00 Sunday School 10:30 Worship	<b>10</b> <i>Sue J.</i>	<b>11</b> <i>Seth J.</i> 9:30 Prayer Group  5:30 ESL Class	<b>12</b> <i>Ingrid J.</i>  No Blazers	<b>13</b> <i>Ruth J.</i>	<b>14</b> <i>Emily J.</i>	<b>15</b> <i>RoxAnn K.</i>
<b>16</b> 9:00 Sunday School 10:30 Worship	<b>17</b> <i>Pastor David</i>	<b>18</b> <i>Maghan K.</i> 9:30 Prayer Group  5:30 ESL Class.	<b>19</b> <i>Ryan K.</i>  6:30 Wednesday Night Activities	<b>20</b> <i>Jeffrey K.</i>	<b>21</b> <i>Phillip K.</i>	<b>22</b> <i>Amber K.</i>
<b>23</b> 9:00 Sunday School 10:30 Worship	<b>24</b> <i>Kevin K.</i>	<b>25</b> <i>Julie K.</i> 9:30 Prayer Group  5:30 ESL Class	<b>26</b> <i>Jeffrey K.</i>  6:30 Wednesday Night	<b>27</b> <i>Kelly K.</i>	<b>28</b> <i>Jeanette L.</i>	

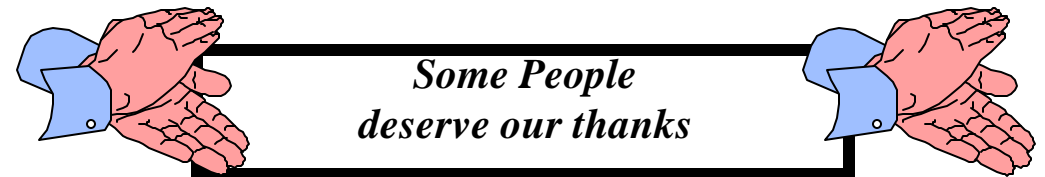
consulting other members of the Church Board of Trustees, including Rudy Warnberg and Rick Johnson, it was decided a new double boiler system would be installed at a cost of more than 17 thousand dollars.

The boiler was not covered by insurance, but the windows and other cleanup costs were. Private contractors were brought in to clean and dry the carpet and paint some of the steam stained walls.

As you can imagine, the work load of building custodian Arlene Stafstrom doubled, and others pitched in where they could.

As of the first of the year, all 17 windows had been replaced. and some walls have been painted. But work remains to be done. The steam ruined the finish around many windows and parts of the wooden ceiling and tiles.

The exact cause of the problem has yet to be determined . “ It could have been a lot worse,” according to Pastor David Kelly, “ If the boiler would have blown, we could have lost part of the building.” As it stands now, the church has an almost entirely new heating and cooling system.



*Some People  
deserve our thanks*

Many members and friends of Bethany work hard doing extra jobs for our church. For example, thanks are due to those who cleaned up the boiler mess and those who helped with the Newman memorial service. To make certain that volunteers are thoroughly thanked for their extra efforts, the Broadcaster will begin a new **column of thanks**. If you notice someone doing something extra, leave a note in the Broadcaster mailbox or email your discovery to an editor. Tell us all about it, and soon everyone will **read all about it! This column will also need a title**. Have an idea? Let us know.

## A CUP OF COLD WATER

In a recent sermon, we were challenged to accept the servant model for our lives, first to God, and then to others. It was suggested that perhaps there are those who would like to be in a small group to explore ways of intentionally doing random acts of kindness to others. If you would like to be involved or want more information, contact the church office or the Pastor. Perhaps in the winter time it could be called "A Cup of Hot Cider!"



The

## Social Action Commission

is expanding Complimentary Closet to include a small food pantry. This is not to be confused with VEAP and we would ask that you continue your giving to VEAP. There are those however, who do not have transportation to VEAP and VEAP will give them our phone number if they are in our area. This will be a small pantry, as we do not have the large amount of space that VEAP does. If you wish to donate something to the pantry, please put it in the box behind the sanctuary, just outside "Complimentary Closets door. There will be a box marked "Pantry". Some of the items we could use are:

Canned meat and fish, canned vegetables and fruit, powdered milk, boxed dinners, macaroni and cheese, canned or boxed soups, peanut butter and jelly, cereal (both hot and cold), Pasta, spaghetti sauce, toothbrushes and toothpaste.

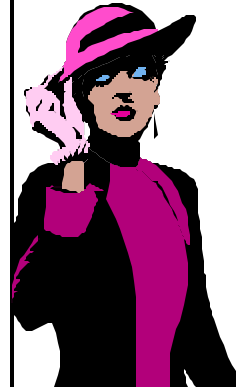
If you wish to donate cash or check, please give it to Lois Amundson or Vernice McClellan.

Thank you,  
Vernice McClellan  
Lois Amundson



## BETHANY COVENANT WOMEN/POTPOURRI

From time to time announcements are made about the greater Covenant Women Ministries. What this organization does may not be so obvious here at Bethany, although you do hear news and are asked to participate one way or another. The group needs ministry support and a church our size is asked to give at least \$50.



If you wish to support this ministry, please make a check payable to CWM (Covenant Women Ministries) and give it to Donna

Abramson or Marlys Wahlberg, and it will be forwarded to CWM headquarters. We would appreciate receiving this by February 9 which is Covenant Women's Sunday. Thank you.

"This service that you perform is not only supplying the needs of God's people but is also overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God."

II Corinthians 9:12

# Birthdays

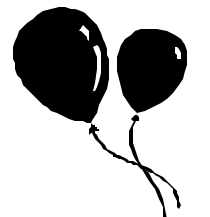
## FEBRUARY

2 Scott Hawkins  
6 Crystal Fagerstrom  
7 Mark Ratzlaff  
10 Susie Eckstrom  
11 Eric Johnson (Y)  
14 Bud Schau  
17 Arlene Stafstrom  
17 Faith Gavin  
18 Emilie Nemick  
19 Rosemarie Foster  
22 Heidi Sowl (Y)  
25 Sarah Herzog (Y)  
26 Matthew Tobisch (Y)



## MARCH

1 Rick Newman  
3 Mike Olson  
3 Dick Newman  
4 Lois Amundson  
17 Chris Herzog  
18 Faye Salonen  
19 Wayne Peterson  
20 Teresa Depuydt  
20 Bob Seidel  
24 Sue Johnson  
24 Jeffrey Kelly (Y)  
25 Sarah Hawkins (Y)  
27 Benjamin Gramlich (Y)  
28 Phillip Kelly (Y)  
29 Lydia Borrell (Y)  
30 Kyla Joerger



and Helen Olfelt. – Sun, March 15<sup>th</sup>. This morning Mr. & Mrs. Roy Nelson are bringing their children, Jean Lynn and Ronald Roy, to the Lord in the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. – Tonight at the 7 pm service, Virginia and Curt Vining will bring God's Word by means of song. Come, there were sixty people present at last Sunday's evening service. – March 29<sup>th</sup> – Palm Sunday. Our church will conduct a devotional service at Bethany Home at 2:30 pm. Misses Jean and Joan Carlin, Miss Mary Ann Heinzelmann, (our organist), and Pastor Ahlberg will participate. Also today, at 4:30 pm, Bethany's choir will hold an Easter Concert, assisted by Mr. Raymond Deitz, Violinist. They will sing, "Behold, The King of Kings". The choir will wear their new robes for the first time. An offering to help defray the cost of the new robes will be taken.



### **SEVENTY FIVE YEARS AGO** – February 1928

From the Betania Vannen. Pastor O.B. Olson visited his aged Father in Princeton, Ill. And also spoke at Humbolt Park Mission Church in Chicago, IL. Bethany young people, who are attending North Park College were in attendance. – The Phebe Circle, meeting at the home of Hildur Swanson, welcomed five new members. They were, Alpha Swanson, Helen Williams, Evelyn Hedenland, Doris Lindgren, and Margaret Erickson. – At the Feb. 21<sup>st</sup> meeting of the Sunday School teachers, the total number of Sunday School students enrolled at this time totaled, 348. – At the Feb. 27<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting, the Dorcas Circle requested permission to have Pastor J.W. Johnson from Augustana Lutheran to come and speak on Palestine at their meeting. Permission granted. March 1928. At the Congregational Meeting on March 5<sup>th</sup>, eight new members were accepted into the church. Also, bids for roof repair, decorating the church and church chairs have been received and will be taken under consideration by our Trustees. Amen



# VEAP

(Volunteers Enlisted to Assist People)

Thank you everyone who gave to VEAP this past year. Bethany gave 271 pounds of food! School supplies were about \$40.00 in value, Build a bag \$50.00, and Christmas toys \$75.00 in value. On the average, clients receive 24 pounds of food (per person) each month when they come in. We have been serving around 2,300 people a month. Therefore, the VEAP food shelf goes through an average 55,000 pounds of food a month.

VEAP volunteers delivered 140 hot meals to isolated seniors or people with disabilities this Thanksgiving. Good Earth Restaurant prepared the meals and did a wonderful job.

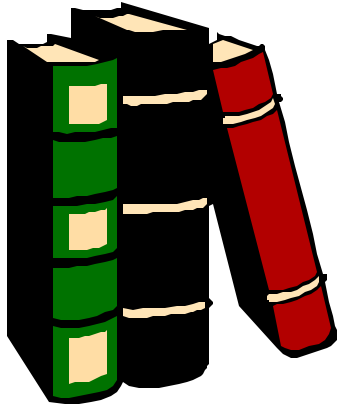
The Holiday Toy Store anticipated serving 3,000 children this year (800 more than last year).

Volunteer Intake Workers are needed as many leave for the winter. There is a notice on the mail box bulletin board.

## **American Cancer Society Volunteer Drivers Needed**

You can help a cancer patient on the journey to recovery. Become an American Cancer Society Road to Recovery volunteer driver in your community and drive a cancer patient to and from treatment. It takes so little time. If you have a car and can spare a few weekday hours each month, you can help patients get back on the road to recovery. To learn more, call Mary Wiles at 1-800-227-23345.





## A NEW LIBRARY BOOK

Many thanks to Dr. Jean Carlin for sending us a new book for our church library. Over the years Jean has helped us put many new books on our library shelves. This one titled **All the Women of the Bible** will be a very welcome addition to our reference collection. (Just a note: Although Jean lives in Seal Beach, California, she maintains her membership here at Bethany, and we are grateful for that!)

## HERGERGER FUND RAISER

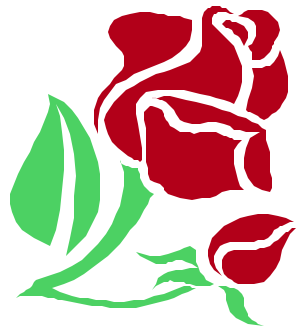
Thanks to six volunteer workers who slaved away at the Southtown Hergerer Store, Bethany is \$120 richer! The workers were Marie Mosal, Rosemarie Foster, Helen Olfelt, Elaine Lund, Jean Tobisch and Nancy Krueger. Community Day Sale coupon booklets were sold at the Craft Sale netted \$30.

Bethany passed an unbalanced budget for 2003. Somehow we need to produce additional funds. If you have ideas for any type of fund raiser, please inform to the Finance Commission.

Jean Tobisch and Blaine Joerger

## Bethany Prayer Chain

If you have a prayer request for the chain, call Virginia Vining or Margaret Gunderson. Call Margaret if you would like to be a



## In Memory

of

former Bethany choir director

## Ann Newman

June 13, 1941-December 25,2002

# MEMORIES

by Margaret & Gundy



**TWENTY FIVE YEARS AGO** – February 1978  
Wed., February 8<sup>th</sup> – Ash Wednesday. 7:30 p.m. Vesper Service at Edina Covenant Church. – Sat. February 18, Bethany and Edina Covenant Churches will hold a one day, ‘planning a retreat’ on the Augsburg College campus. The day includes a meeting of three boards of each congregation and a time of sharing between members of both churches. March 1978 – March 17 –19<sup>th</sup>, a number of Bethany’s Sr. Hi League are in Chicago attending a North Park College weekend. They are Gary Lokken, Barb Lokken, Linda Newman, Mike Wilder, Jahn Takvam, Diep van Phu, Skip Pilgrim and Mark Seidel. Accompanying them are, Linda and Phil Madsen and Elrene and Ken Lund. – March 19<sup>th</sup> is Palm Sunday. – Maunday Thursday Communion Service at Bethany at 7:30 pm – Friday, 7:30 pm, Tenebrae Worship Service at Bethany. All Southside Covenant Churches are participating. Special Music. – Easter Sunday, March 26<sup>th</sup> 8:30 a.m All Church Breakfast prepared by our Sr. Hi League. 11 am, Easter Morning Service.



**FIFTY YEARS AGO** – February 1953

Sunday, Feb. 1, was Youth Sunday. The morning and evening services were led by various members of the Young Peoples Society. They were Eugene Hall, Jean Carlin, Willard Berggren, Phil Olfelt, Curt Vining and James Pearson. – Sunday, Feb. 8<sup>th</sup>. Guest speaker for our morning worship is Rev. A.J. Anders, a minister of the ELC and Field Secretary for the United Temperance Movement. Also today, Pastor and Mrs. Harold Ahlberg invite everyone to an Open House at the parsonage from 3 to 5:30 pm. – Following the morning worship service on Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup>, our choir will be going to the hospital for epileptics at Cambridge , MN to sing at a 2:30 pm concert. That evening service is a concert, at Bethany, by the Pathfinder Male Chorus under the direction of Gordon Ahlquist of 1<sup>st</sup> Covenant Church, Mpls. Also included in the Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup> bulletin was the proposed church budget for 1953. It totaled, \$10,028.00. March 1978 – the rose on the pulpit at the Sun, March 8<sup>th</sup> morning service is in honor of Jan Sheloa Olfelt, born last Thursday. The parents are Paul