Bethany

March 15, 2026

Sunday Worship

Prelude: *Sing*
Welcome & Announcements
Rejoice
Light on the Hill
Scripture Reading & Communion Invitation
O Church Arise (Arise Shine)
Behold Him
Walk-up Communion
Sermon: Jesus Shines Light Everywhere
Behold our God
Benediction

Highlights

Easter & Good Friday Services

Friday April 3rd, 6:00 pm join us for a special event meant to help us reflect on the sacrificial death of our Savior. The evening will include baptisms and communion (NO nursery or childcare provided).
Sunday April 5th, 9:00 & 10:30 am join us for Easter Sunday at Bethany. There will be no ABC's, Sunday School, or Children's Church this week. Nursery will be provided for ages 2 and under.

Baptism Opportunity: Good Friday

There is an opportunity to be baptized at our upcoming Good Friday service. If you are interested in participating, email info@bethanycentral.org or call the church office. Connect with us to begin the process or to talk with someone from our ministry staff team with any questions or concerns you may have.

February Financial Update

In an effort to keep you up to date on the status of our finances, here are the financial numbers from the previous month:

Giving	Expenses	Budget
$237,513	$243,283	$289,055
YTD Giving	YTD Expense	YTD Budget
$2,802,153	$2,631,260	$2,890,546

Announcements & Events

Staff Farewell: Michelle Doty

Thank you to Michelle Doty for her four years of faithful service as our Student Ministries Coordinator. Michelle will be moving to Florida, and her last day at Bethany will be March 19. We are grateful for the ways she has served our students and families and pray God's blessing on this next chapter.

Welcome New Staff Member: Ashley Easley

We are excited to introduce Ashley Easley as our new Student Ministries Coordinator, beginning March 23. Her passion and gifting will be a wonderful addition to our church community. Please join us in warmly welcoming Ashley as she begins this new role with us—we look forward to the many ways God will work through her in the life of our student ministry.

2026 Foodshare Canathon

Bethany will again partner with the **Peoria Area Anti-Hunger Coalition** to sponsor the **2026 Foodshare Canathon**. Canathon bags will be distributed on **Sunday, March 15**. Please fill the bags with non-perishable and canned food items and return them to the drop boxes in the foyer by **March 29**.

Suggested items include canned fruits and vegetables, canned meats (tuna, salmon, chicken, beef), soups, chili, peanut butter, cereal, pasta, boxed dinner mixes, and personal hygiene items such as toothbrushes, toothpaste, soap, deodorant, or body wash. All donations will go to **Hands of Grace**, a ministry of Grace Baptist Church and a sister church of Bethany.

Special Edition of The Table

Saturday, March 21, 10 AM
Join us for a special edition of The Table hosted by Bekah V. as she introduces Novruz, a Western Asian holiday that marks the beginning of spring and the Persian New Year. This unique gathering will take place in her home in Pekin and is a great opportunity to learn about another culture and continue the global focus from the GO Conference. Space is limited, so be sure to register today on MyBethany.

Welcome Team Lunch

Sunday, March 29th, 12:00–2:00 pm
Join us in the Gym to learn more about the Welcome Team departments and receive important updates from our new Safety Team. This lunch is for both current team members and anyone interested in joining the Welcome Team. Please RSVP to graciekelch14@gmail.com so we can plan accordingly.

District 150 School Board Voter Guide

For those who live in Peoria Public Schools District 150, a voter guide for the upcoming March 17 school board election will be available this Sunday. You can download the guide online or pick up a printed copy in the foyer.

Jesus Shines Light Everywhere

Dr. Ritch Boerckel • Isaiah 60:1

God’s Grace: The Light is come!

By grace, God’s light gives _____.

By grace, God’s light makes us _____.

Live by faith: Arise, shine.

By faith, we arise from the _____.

By faith, we arise from _____.

By faith, we shine with righteousness of _____.

By faith, we shine with testimony of _____.