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A Monthly Newsletter Linking the Ministries of Bethany Lutheran and Lost Island Lutheran Churches



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A few years ago, the Western Iowa Synod gathered under the theme "We are Resurrection People." Soon, we will be journeying through the events of Holy Week toward the joyful celebration of the Resurrection. Each of the four Gospels records the events of the resurrec-

tion from a different perspective, and with differing details; yet there are some similarities. One of those is one of my favorite phrases in all of scripture and it occurs in the resurrection narrative as the first witnesses approach the tomb. The words spoken first are "Do not be afraid." I have found myself pondering this phrase as it seems much of what we do and say in the world right now, seems to me to be governed by fear. Fear of disease; fear of change; fear of loss; fear of all kinds of things.... Fear, like anything else, can become a trap that keeps us from living, and keeps us from hearing and believing the Good News. This is why God's first words to His people seems to be more often than not, "Do not be afraid!" Those words remind us to pay attention - both to that which has bound us, and keeps us from living - and to the One who is speaking. For the One who is speaking, is the One who is with us. The One who is speaking and calling us out of fear into life, is the One who is now risen from the dead. This One, this Christ, calls us to live not in fear, but as resurrected people, who are people of hope; people of proclamation, and a people who are Spirit-filled, and Spirit-led. Join us for worship! Hear the Good News

and, "Do not be afraid!!"

Pastor Peter

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GET INVOLVED.

Quilters

Morning Quilting Mondays- 9 AM weekly Night Quilters Monday's 6 PM weekly Lost Island Quilting Aoril 22nd--9:00AM

YOU?

Women's Circles *Tabitha Circle: April 11th at 6:50 pm at Alaire's *Sarah Circle: April 11th at 6:30 pm at Elaine Nauss' home—Pot Luck *Mary Martha Circle: April 19th at 9:30 am

Men's Bible Study

Wednesdays @ Noon in Overflow room

Adult Bible Study

Help with worship ——— Join A Board——Help with Youth Programs

First Communion will be held on Palm Sunday for Bethany.



Prayer is such an important piece in the life of a Christian. Not only do we pray to God individually but as a body of Christ, we pray for our neighbors, the world, and we trust that God will do His will in those prayers. Need prayer? Want to intentionally pray for others? Let us know!

We remember those in special need of God's love and care including:

Wilma Nielsen, Dave Smith, Lanny Hansen, Lon Twait, Bridget Johnson, Don Crocoll, Robert Mortenson, Jr., Phyllis Schroeder, Garwin Anderson, and those we name in our hearts.

***Our Sympathy:** Family & Friends of Allen Hockett whose funeral was held at Bethany on March 25th.

*Our Military Members: Thomas Crocoll and Logan Murray *Our missionary: Courtney Davis, who lives in Papua New Guinea. *Our companion synods: The Southern Diocese of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania-Yakobi Parish companion with Lost Island and the Evangelical Lutheran Church Laz-Paz Parish in Chile, companion with Bethany. MARCH 2023 Bethany Lutheran Church Treasurer's Report Attendance average: 61 MONTHLY BUDGET NEEDS:

	MONTHLY BEGINNING BALANCE (10,885.17)				
INCOME					
Offerings	10,082.30				
Miscellaneous Income Lost Island	0.00 0.00				
Total Income	10,082.30				
EXPENSES					
Personnel Expenses	9,314.04				
Program Expenses	101.00				
Office Expenses	597.50				
Property Expenses	2,433.70				
Western IA Synod Other Donations	395.94 0.00				
Damascus Road	0.00				
NO ELCA Donations	0.00				
TOTAL EXPENSE	12,842.18				
Income Less Expenses	(2,759.88)				
GENERAL FUND BALANCE	(13,645.05)				

If you have any questions concerning the finances of the church please feel free to call me. Thanks! Michael **(These figures are current up to March 24th**



Bethany would like to encourage online monetary offerings. The local Emmetsburg banks each provide a FREE online bill pay service which can arrange recurring weekly or monthly payments. If you need more information, contact your local Emmetsburg bank at your earliest convenience.

If you have any financial questions, please email Michael at bethanyfinance20@gmail.com and he can answer any questions.

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Do you have questions? Need assistance? Contact your council members and they will get you connected with the right people!

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Joe Neary (P)	712-260-8871
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Chuck Duhn	712-298-1027
Barb Haack	712-260-3408
Elaine Sidles	712-298-2559

LOST ISLAND Troy Leininger – President Tim Nielsen - Treasurer Kyle Norris – Secretary Craig Thu & Steve Pitt – Trustees Alan Oppedal & Charles Henningsen – Deacons

MEMORIALS

In Memory of **Connie Helgeson** given by **Nancy Stegge** for the **Green Space**. In Memory of **Jean Paulsen** given by **Family & Friends of Jean Paulsen** for **VBS & SS**. In Memory of **Connie Helgeson** given by **Wilma Nielsen** for **Sound System-Microphone Lorraine Johnson** gave a monetary gift to **Grace Estates/Lakeside Senior Living**.

FROM THE STEWARDSHIP BOARD: How well do you take care of and use everything God has given us? Do not think of just possessions and wealth, but think about our relationships, family and friends, church family, our special talents, our time, our jobs. Do we use our gifts wisely? Using our gifts wisely is what a steward is all about.

We know as Christians we are taught to share what has been given to us with those who have less. We share our gifts, talents, time, ourselves and, yes, even our financial resources.

David writes in Psalm 24:1 (CEB), "The earth is the Lord's and everything in it, the world and its inhabitants too." It all belongs to God. James 1:17 (CEB) echoes this truth: "Every good gift, every perfect gift, comes from above. These gifts come down from the Father."

So once we really believe that all the things we have ultimately belong to God, we can go forward into the practice of giving back to God.

Let us give thanks to God our Father for all His gifts that he so freely bestows upon

us.





Please keep Troy Leininger, Jeff Geiger, Michael Jacobson and Pastor Peter in your prayers as they attend this meeting



The Worship Board for both Churches have decided to order the "Cranberry" colored Hymnal— "Evangelical Lutheran Worship Hymnal" \$25 per hymnal.



The Altar Guild would appreciate any Easter lilies and spring flowers that you may wish to share for Easter Sunday. They can be delivered to the church on April 5th between 9am–2pm in the overflow room. Please put your name on the plant if you wish to take it home later. Also, if you want the plant to be recognized in honor or memory of someone, please fill out the sheet outside the office. The Easter lilies and spring flowers can be picked up April 13th after worship.

BETHANY FUNERAL SERVERS- GROUP A

Willard & Glenyce Schmeling, Diane Clasing-Steger, Barb Haack, Chairpersons

Garwin Anderson Phyllis Schroeder Eleanor Ortman Dianne & Randy Hough Tim & Molly Rodemeyer Dave & Judy Cole Becky Walker Jason & Diane Jacobson Joe & Jennifer Boevers Bernie & Linda Janssen Dan & Michelle Theesfeld Shawn & Jen Connelly Teresa Jensen Dale Evans Bill & Sharolyn Dickey Troy & Sarah Krug Leroy Walker Chuck & Therese Duhn Brian & Amy Malm Roger & Carol Walker Marvin & Ruth Duhn Mike & Betty Naig Allen & Beth Will Ed & Jen Meyer Kyle & Kayla Hagen Mitch & Kim Hohensee Mark & Nicole Evans Sharon Omundson

YOUTH CONFERENCE INSIGHT

GNI YOUTH LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

March 10th &11th

Kristin Rienhardt, Joe Boevers, Jameson Boevers, Josey Saxton, & Emmy Dooley attended the Ignite Youth Conference

I really enjoyed my experience at the Iqnite Conference. My favorite part of the Ignite Conference has to be the music. Everybody was up and participating, which made the experience all the more pleasurable. I also really liked the sessions. I got to learn about the Old vs. New Testament (A view point about how both of them are different vs. alike). I also got to learn about how anyone at ANY age can be influenced by another person! I think these takeaways are very important because they can help you better understand what God has in store for you. You can influence someone for the better just by doing something kind and from the heart! The Ignite Conference was a magical experience, and I hope others will be willing to share this experience with me next year! -Emmy Dooley

One of the things I learned at the Ignite conference was how to build relationships with the youth. One way is to use the right words. Ex. What do you need rather than what you want, also focus on one thing at a time. One of the best things I saw was during worship while the band was playing watching the kids singing the songs and dancing, not just our kids but all the kids that were there. -Joe Boevers

"At Ignite, I really learned the value of what it means to have a good relationship with God. It was way more than just reading your Bible and listening to lectures, you really got to know yourself and what it feels like to have a relationship with God. We sang amazing worship songs, listened to some great and inspiring speakers and even got to watch an illusionist. In the breakout sessions, you got to meet and bond with other kids, while learning about the different parts of the bible and how they relate to the current events going on in different parts of the world." - Josey Saxton

The whole Ignite conference was a great experience due to the energy, com-

mitment, and dedication that everyone put into it. The staff from the speakers to the band that played were always trying to find new ways that you can discover your faith. For example a lot of the speakers were always ready for a conversation about what they were talking about or about the guestions vou had. I learned a multitude of things about my faith and how to grow in it, from how to portray god online and discipleship, to how god affects how I act in day to day activities. Overall the Ignite conference was a great experience and I would recommend it to anyone who would want to grow in their faith. -Jameson Boevers

This conference was so encouraging to me as a leader in the church. I got to see over 2,000 young people and leaders worship with all they had. It encouraged me to see the next generation of leaders in the church. It was refreshing to talk with other youth leaders doing the same thing and it was much needed. It was also awesome to see the Holy Spirit work in our kids, from the moment they walked in to that intimidating worship center to walking out the next day with no judgement in worship and feeling free to belt out praises to our awesome God. -Kristin Rienhardt

VOLUNTEERS

LOST ISLAND

ORGANIST: Tim Nielsen

ALTAR GUILD—APRIL

Karyn Leininger, Kari Sorenson &Karen Thu

READERS

Apr 16: Stephanie Larson Apr 23 Jacki Ellingrod Apr 30 Youth Sunday Apr 2 Congregation Apr 6 Maundy Thurs. Charles Henningsen Apr 9 EASTER-Kyle Norris Apr 16 Troy Leininger Apr 23 Lily Rohan Apr 30 Jeff Geiger

ACOLYTES

Apr 2 Hannah Geiger Apr 9 Bethany Geiger Apr 16 Zac Sorenson Apr 23 Lily Rohan Apr 30 Hannah Geiger

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

Apr 2 Jeff Geiger Apr 6 Trov Leininger. Susan Rohan Apr 9 Craig Thu Apr 16 Alaire Nielsen

MUSICIANS at BETHANY

Apr 2: Tim Nielsen Apr. 7 Greta Rouse Apr 9: Tim @ 6:30 am (B) Apr 9 Tim @ 8:45 am (LI) Apr 9 ? @ 10:45 am (B) Apr 16 Greta Rouse Apr 23 Tim Nielsen Apr 30 Holly Davidson

BETHANY

ALTAR GUILD FOR APRIL: Kathy Mehan

Apr 2: Congregation Apr 9: Josey SaxtonE) Apr 9: Frank Veltri (L)

ACOLYTES Apr 2 Drake Mehan Apr 9 Liza Saxton (E) Apr 9 Ingrid Gustafson (L) Apr 16 ??? Apr 23 Jacab Hall Apr 30 Liam Hill

GREETERS

LECTORS

Apr 2 Danny Umbrell, *Teresa Saxton Apr 9 Greg & Rachel Haack—**Early** Apr 9 Terry & Pam Rouse—**Late** Apr 16 Amy & Brian Malm Apr 23 Elaine Nauss, *Beverly Norland Apr 30 Youth Sunday

USHERS

Apr 2: Bpb Steger. Terry Rouse Apr 9 Michael Jacobson, Kyle Hagen **(E)** Apr 9 David Sidles, Elaine Nauss **(L)** Apr 16 Mike Hermansen, Pat Vician Apr 23 Mark Evans Apr 30 Joe Neary

COMMUNION SERVERS

Apr 2 Matt Malm. Kathy Mehan (Palm Sun) Josey Saxton, Kristin Rienhardt Apr 9 Early Kristin Rienhardt, Kathy Mehan **EASTER** Josey Saxton, Diane Clasing Steger **Late** Brian & Amy Malm, Kent & Belinda Davidson Apr 23 LuAnn Opheim, Joe Neary, Brian & Greta Rouse

COLLECTING ITEMS THROUGHOUT LENT FOR MISSIONS

These kits will be sent to Lutheran World Relief where they will be delivered all around the world to those in need of them Bring in any of the below items and share in the gift of not only essential items for living, but hope.

Lost Island Kits

A SEASON OF HOPE

This Lent, we're joining Lutheran World Relief in A SEASON OF HOPE to announce to the world the HOPE of Christ. Each week. we'll collect a different item that we'll use to assemble Personal Care Kits that give people around the world tools to stay healthy in life's most challenging situations.

Week 1 Bars of Soap (4 to 5 oz., any brand, in original wrapping)	Week 4 Combs
Week 2	Week 5
Bath Towels (light-weight, maximum 52" x 27", dark color recommended)	Nail Clippers (metal, attached file optional)
Week 3	
Toothbrushes (adult size, in original packaging)	
For more information contact	Karyn
We will assemble our Personal C at Lost Island Lutheran Chur	

Bethany Kits

Bethany Circle is collecting items throughout Lent for Personal Care Kits and School Kits. These are the items needed:

Bars of Soap (4 to 5 oz., any brand, Nail Clippers (metal, attached file optional) in original wrapping)

Hand towels (dark color recommended)

Bath Towels (light-weight,

recommended

maximum 52" x 27", dark color



Dove

Ruler cm/in

Onsies and White Tshirts Monetary Gifts to purchase Cloth Diapers (Can be made out to Bethany).

We are collecting items through April 9th Any Questions please contact Elaine Nauss.

Place items in baskets under the tables in back of sanctuary.



April 30th 10:00am-10:30am

Keep an eye out on future connection times.

We invite ALL to join us for fellowship in the Overflow Room.

Treats Conversation. A social time of fellowship to connect with others & enjoy some treats and beverages.

BETHANY **SCHOLARSHIPS** AVAILABLE

BETHANY EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP MARVIN E SIMONSEN SCHOLARSHIP

APPLICATIONS ARE OUTSIDE OF THE OFFICE. BOTH ARE DUE APRIL 15TH!

April 16, 2023

8:00am-12:30pm

VFW

EMMETSBURG

OMELET AND PANCAKE **BREAKFAST**

> Serving by Kiwanis Omelets, pancakes, sausage

Free will donation All proceeds go to Bethany Lutheran Youth Activities and Missions Thank you for your support

T-shirt design contest

The youth board would like your help designing our new church shirt!

RULES & HOW TO APPLY:

Create a t-shirt design for Bethany and submit it to kristin.rienhardt@blc.edu or drop off to Kristin's desk by April 30th.

-All Artwork submitted must be an original.

- -Art must be no more than 3 colors. -Design must include:
- Bethany Lutheran Church · Love God, Love Others, Serve the World
- Cross

Voting will happen in early May

YOUTH NEWS

Hello Brothers and Sisters.

Another Lent season coming to an end. Another Easter season in play. It seems that each year it goes by so fast, but let us not miss it. Let's not miss the beauty of Easter. The promises and hope through the resurrection. The beauty in every moment. The awe in every breath we take. Like the kids' favorite song, "even when I don't see it, You're working; even when I don't feel it, You're working. You never stop working."

Remember. the invisible hand of God is all around us.

Upcoming events/schedule: **Reminder:** Starting April 12th, Connect/Confirmation will resume meeting. No Sunday School, April 9th and 16th.

April 2– Palm Sunday, First Communion

Outreach @ Okoboji, Confirmation students and up, 5-8pm April 5– Mime drama, 7pm

*Confirmation kids are asked to attend

April 8- Egg Cracking & Set Up for E. Breakfast, 9am

April 9- Easter Breakfast, 6:30am *Youth serving the breakfast

April 16- Kiwanis Breakfast, Youth serving, 8am

April 30– Youth Sunday

Connection Time. Parents drop your kids off at S.S. and enjoy some goodies and conversation Okoboji @ Okoboji,

Confirmation students and up, 5-8pm







STH-12TH GRADERS

7:30-9PM



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SUNDAY SCHOOL **OFFERING** COLLECTING MONIFY TO GIVE **BIBLES TO LOCAL AND** GLOBAL OR-GANIZATIONS. How many Bibles can we get?

WILLING TO HELP? SUPPORT, DRIVE,

DONATE, TEACH?

CONTACT KRISTIN

CHECKOUT THE YOUTH PROGRAMS WISH

LIST! https://www.amazon.com/ hz/wishlist/ ls/3J3JDDKFF4QHU? ref_=wl_share



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MORE MISSION WORK



Friends of Sharing the Dream in Guatemala is a volunteer-based fair trade organization that works to reduce poverty in Guatema-la through collaborative partnerships with Guatemalans. We offer Guatemalan crafts including handmade beaded jewelry, handwoven scarves, baskets from all natural materials and much, much, more. Shop online at www.sharing the dream.org, visit one of the terror in Vermilian Sieury Falls or at lost kland with each five are in

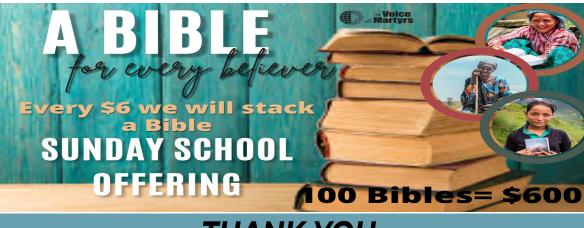
stores in Vermillion, Sioux Falls or at Lost Island Lutheran Church. If you are in-terested in learning more contact Karyn Leininger.

Please remember and prayerfully consider including Courtney in your pravers and financial support.

Checks should be made to "Bethany Lutheran Church" with a memo "For the ministry of Courtney Davis, Acct #305075"

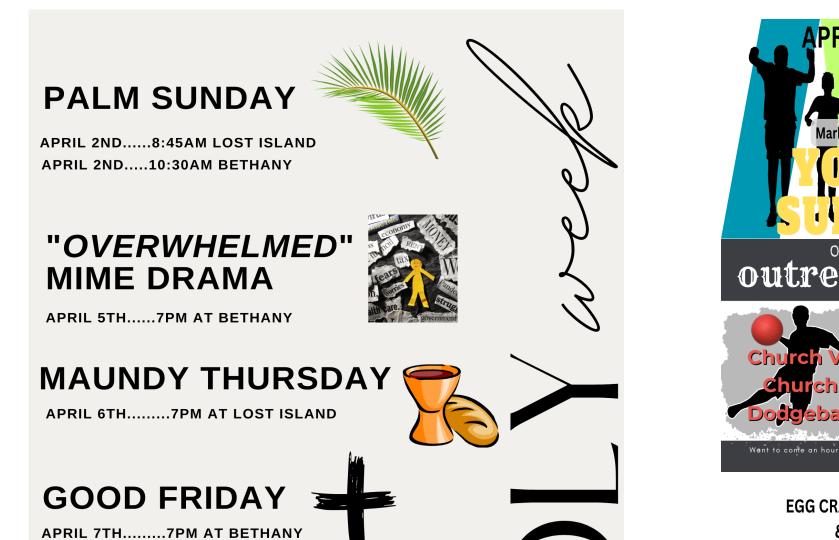


Thank you for your prayers for my Wycliffe ministry in Papua New Guinea! Courtney's blog at: cdchronicles.wordpress.com Email address: co.davis@sil.ora.pd



THANK YOU

- Thank you to all who have been involved in worship on Sundays to bring us the Good News of God!
- Thank you to all that have continued to give your monetary donations!
- Thank you to everyone who has donated to the Sunday School's Bible Fund.
- Thank You to Bethany's Sarah and Mary Martha Circles and their Thrivent Action Team for serving sandwiches and sides for the first Lenten meal and the Youth for helping with the serving of the rest of the meals. The Maid rites, Pork Loin, Hot Turkey Sandwiches and the Hot Ham & Cheese Sandwiches were all delicious.
- Thank You to all who attended these meals and made donations to their cause.
- Thank You to Group C that helped with the funeral luncheon for Allen Hockett.
- Thank you to everyone who either rode or pulled the float for St. Pat's.! MAN WAS IT COLD!!
- Thank you to those that have helped defray the cost of the new ELW Hymnals





APRIL 9TH......6:30AM AT BETHANY EASTER BREAKFAST FOLLOWING SERVICE

APRIL 9TH......8:45AM AT LOST ISLAND APRIL 9TH......10:30AM AT BETHANY



Meal 2-Confirmation Camp-\$652

Meal 3-Deferred Maintenance-\$441 Meal 4-Youth Missions- \$383 Meal 5– Bible Project– Hasn't happened yet Thank you for sponsoring the Lenten meals through your Thrivent Action Teams.

APRIL 2023

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