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OCTOBER 2023

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



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Secretary: Diane Clasing-Steger
Financial Secretary: Michael Jacobson
Youth Director: Kristin Rienhardt
Bethany Organist: Tim Nielsen, Temp
Lost Island Organist: Tim Nielsen



OCTOBER ALREADY?!?!

I'm afraid so, but that's ok because October means a number of things. We are settling into the fall routine, in our lives and at the church, and the energy and activity that ramps up is quite fun to behold. There is energy bubbling, and joyful noise all around. As I mentioned last month, this fall will also bring some learning opportunities, and chances to explore faith and life in some different ways. I have material in hand to help train assisting ministers; now I need some folks who are willing to do that.

NEW MEMBERS GATHERING - Saturday, November 11th at 10 AM. This will be a chance for us to gather together to get to know one another a little better, learn a little bit about the parish and the different opportunities that are available, as well as answer any questions you may have.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES - Starts Wednesday, October 4th at 6 PM. This year, we are diving into the Small Catechism and some of the other writings of Martin Luther.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY - Meets at 7:00 on Wednesdays- This year we are diving into the Gospel of Mark.

Pastor Peter

label



Bethany Lutheran Church: bethanylutheranemmetsburg.com
Fb: [Bethany/Lostislandparish](https://www.facebook.com/Bethany/Lostislandparish)
Lost Island Lutheran Church www.lostislandlutheranchurch.com
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GET INVOLVED.

Quilters:

Morning Quilting

Mondays- 9 AM weekly

Night Quilters

Monday, 6 PM weekly

Lost Island Quilting

Women's Circles:

*Tabitha Circle:

Oct 12th at 6:50 pm at Alaire's

*Sarah Circle:

Oct 10th at 7 pm at Jane Heykes' Home

*Mary Martha Circle:

Oct. 18th at 9:30 am

Men's Bible:

Wednesdays @ Noon in the Overflow room

Adult Bible Study

TBD

Help with worship

Join A Board

Help with Youth Programs



Worship Services

SUNDAYS

Lost Island at 8:45am

Bethany at 10:30am

Stay Connected

Bethany/Lost Island Parish
Lost Island Lutheran Church

@bethanyemmetsburg

Bethany Worship
Lost Island Lutheran Church

HOW CAN WE
PRAY
FOR YOU?

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:

Jon Sorenson, David Stephens, LeRoy Swalve, John Odor, Elaine Sidles, Dan Walker, Terry Neary, Rick Rienhardt, Jan Myer, Denise White, Dave Smith, Lon Twait, Bridget Johnson, Don Crocoll, Robert Mortenson, Jr., Phyllis Schroeder, Garwin Anderson, and those we name in our hearts.

***Our Sympathy:** to Teresa Jensen's Family & friends.

***Our Military Members:** Thomas Crocoll and Logan Murray

***Our missionary:** Courtney Davis, who lives in Papua New Guinea.

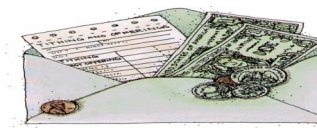
***Our companion synods:** The Southern Diocese of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania-Yakobi Parish companion with Lost Island and the Evangelical Lutheran Church Laz-Paz Parish in Chile, companion with Bethany.

AUGUST 2023 Bethany Lutheran Church Treasurer's Report

Attendance average: 61

MONTHLY BUDGET NEEDS FROM OFFERINGS: \$13,750.00

	MONTHLY BEGINNING BALANCE
	10,274.10
INCOME	
Offerings	10,755.82
Transfers from other Funds Lost Island	0.00 0.00
Total Income	10,755.82
EXPENSES	
Personnel Expenses	11,005.75
Program Expenses	428.38
Office Expenses	289.84
Property Expenses	1,692.82
Western IA Synod Other Donations	442.43 0.00
Damascus Road	50.00
NO ELCA Donations	0.00
TOTAL EXPENSE	13,909.22
Income Less Expenses	3,153.40
GENERAL FUND BALANCE	7,120.70



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!

BETHANY

Joe Neary (P)	712-260-8871
Mark Evans (VP)	712-260-5651
Angie Hetrick (T)	712-298-0331
Diane Clasing-Steger, (S)	712-298-1003
Dianne Hough	712-852-2169
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

STEWARDSHIP

Deuteronomy 16:17: Every man shall give as he is able, according to the blessing of the Lord your God that he has given you.

The fall season is upon us. Vacations are over and school activities are taking place, during the weeks and on the weekends. The Stewardship committee wants to remind everyone that even though you may not be in Church, the costs of maintaining Bethany such as utilities, postage, salaries, insurance, etc., still need to be paid.

Please consider giving to Bethany even if you can't be here. You can drop cash or a check off in person or in the offering plate, you can use Vanco at GIVE | Bethany Lutheran (bethanylutheranemmetsburg.com). You can give a one-time donation or set Vanco up for recurring donations.

You can also mail your donation to:

Bethany Lutheran Church
703 Broadway,
Emmetsburg, IA 50536.

The local Emmetsburg banks also provide a free online bill pay service which can arrange recurring weekly or monthly payments also.

Please prayerfully consider your gifts to Bethany this Fall. Thank you.

Ways to Give

By Mail



In Person



Online



Questions on Online Giving? Ask Kristin

Make every gift count. Big or small.

LOST ISLAND NEWS



**FREE WILL
Donation**

Soup Supper

**Gluten Free Menu
Available!**

Sunday, October 22 4pm-7pm

Lost Island Lutheran Church

3797 310th Street Ruthven
Directions @ LostIslandLutheranChurch.org



**Serving Chicken Noodle, Chili,
Vegetable Beef (gf) & Ham & Bean (gf)
Homemade Bread and Pies (gf options)**



Nut Sales

October 1st was the final day to place your order for delivery. If you decide that you want to place an order after this date, there will be extras of most of the choices. Connie Swan will let you know if she is able to fill your request.



NEWS FROM JESSIE

Greetings!

My time here is off to a great start and I have had a great time getting to know many of you over the past few weeks. Everyone has been incredibly welcoming as I have been getting settled into my new role as your Vicar and incredibly generous with gifts from their gardens. As I have told a few people, I will rarely turn down anything fresh from the garden.



Pr. Peter and I have kept busy with many activities such as services at the care facilities, men's group, and devotions with the quilting ladies.

Over the next year, I am excited to learn more about what ministry in a rural setting looks like and to continue to grow in my pastoral formation. I look forward to continuing to get to know more of you as well as those who may be unable to join us in person over the coming weeks.

*God's peace,
Vicar Jessie*

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP FOR ADULTS

Kristy Simington, Bereavement Coordinator for Palo Alto Co., is once again offering a Support Group for those who have lost someone. She states:

"Grief is not an enemy or a sign of weakness.

It is a sign of being human.

Grief is the cost of loving someone."

The meetings will be held in the Health Education Room at the Hospital. They will be on Wednesdays in October. The 4th, 11th, 18th and 25th. Gathering time is from 5:00—6:30 pm.

(Please RSVP if you are interested in attending to (712) 852-5444. There is no cost and a light meal will be provided.)

VOLUNTEERS

LOST ISLAND

ORGANIST: Tim Nielsen

ALTAR GUILD—OCTOBER

Amee Norris, Linda Pitt

READERS

Oct 1 Alaire Nielsen
Oct 8 Sue Geiger
Oct 15 Tim Nielsen
Oct 22 Karyn Leininger
Oct 29 Bethany Geiger

ACOLYTES

Oct 1 Zac Sorenson
Oct 8 Lily Rohan
Oct 15 Hannah Geiger
Oct 22 Bethany Geiger
Oct 29 Zac Sorenson

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

Oct 1 Susan Rohan
Oct 15 Troy Leininger
Oct 29 Sue Geiger

BETHANY

MUSICIANS at BETHANY

Oct 1 Tim Nielsen Oct 15 Tim Nielsen
Oct 8 Holly Sidles Oct 22 Laura Gustafson
Oct 29 Holly Sidles

USHERS

Oct 1 Chuck Duhn & Joe Neary
Oct 8 Bob Steger
Oct 15 Mark Evans & Michael Jacobson
Oct 22 David Sidles
Oct 29 Lonnie Naig

LECTORS

Oct 1 Brian Malm
Oct 8 Diane Clasing-Steger
Oct 15 Sherri Ort
Oct 22 Ed Meyer
Oct 29 Dianne Hough

GREETERS

Oct 1 David Johnson, Lorraine Johnson
Oct 8 Dave & Elaine Sidles
Oct 15 Pam & Terry Rouse
Oct 22 Pat Vician, Wilma Nielsen
Oct 29 Dave & Judy Cole

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

Oct 1 Vicar Jessie, Dianne Hough,
Kathy Mehan, Josey Saxton
Oct 15 Vicar Jessie, Barb Haack,
Joe and Jennifer Boevers
Oct 29 Ed & Jen Meyer, Vicar Jessie
Darca Saxton

BETHANY FUNERAL SERVERS— GROUP A

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

Garwin Anderson
Kyle & Kayla Hagen
Joe & Jennifer Boevers
Leroy Walker
Sharon Omundson
Mike & Betty Naig
Mark & Nicole Evans
Becky Walker
Brian & Amy Malm

Marvin & Ruth Duhn
Tim & Molly Rodemeyer
Dan & Michelle Theesfeld
Troy & Sarah Krug
Mitch & Kim Hohensee
Shawn & Jen Connolly
Jason & Diane Jacobson
Bill & Sharolyn Dickey
Ed & Jen Meyer

Dale Evans
Dave & Judy Cole
Phyllis Schroeder
Chuck & Therese Duhn
Allen & Beth Will
Dianne & Randy Hough
Bernie & Linda Janssen
Roger & Carol Walker

PHOTO DIRECTORY



Got Questions regarding the directory?

Furnish digital photos to: offsecr@gmail.com

Angie Hetrick @ 712-298-0331
Church Office @ 712-852-4450

Form included in newsletter
Please complete by **October 11th!**

A new photo directory is in the works. You will notice a colored information sheet in this newsletter. Please fill out this information sheet and return it by **October 11th** to the Box at your worship location or mail it to the Bethany office.

We would like as many families and individuals as possible to participate. Kristin will be taking pictures at Bethany and Courtney Cook will be taking pictures at Lost Island. Watch for sign up sheets!

Furnishing a photo:

Digital Pictures are welcome and emailed to offsecr@gmail.com

Please put in the subject line: *"(your family's name) Family Photo"*

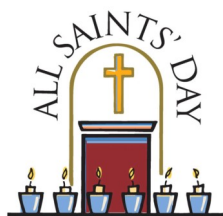
Physical copies of pictures can be taken to the church office and will

be

returned after they are scanned.

Shut-ins may call and make arrangements for home photos.

All Saints Sunday



We will be remembering those that have passed away in the last year on November 3rd.

If you have a loved one that you would like to remember, please contact the office.



Order your Bethany "Swag"

October 1st-15th

Order Online, Fill out an order form at the church, or order at Creative Stitches

All apparel come in youth and adult sizes

Items you can get with the logo from above:

1. T-shirts- Like the kids
2. Hoodie, Crewneck Sweatshirt, Long Sleeve in Navy, Heather Navy, Black, Heather Grey
3. 20 oz (hot n cold) Tumbler with the Logo

Any questions? Contact Kristin Rienhardt



NEW! Coffee Connection.

October 3th
10:00am-10:30am

Held every 2nd Sunday of the month.

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

Coffee. Treats. Conversation.

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

Hi! The Council is asking if there is a group or a couple congregants that would like to sign up and be responsible for setting up, serving and cleaning up after our ongoing Coffee Connection? There will be a sign-up sheet on the back table should you like to help with this. Any questions, you can contact anyone from the Council. Thank You!

YOUTH NEWS

Fall is here! My favorite season! I wish we could skip winter and do fall twice, but there is importance in the mundane Winter! Anyways, enough about winter. The fall colors are coming and the sweater weather is here. Football season is off to a great start and youth programs have kicked off.

As kids come back to church in the fall, it reminds me of the joy they bring into our lives. The childlike faith of a child is so simple and innocent yet as an adult, I, like many others, can be stubborn in that simplicity of the Good News. We over complicate it with our emotions and the way we want it to work in our lives, that we forget to let the truth of that faith drive us. This is something that I was reminded of often this summer by a particular family camper that says, "Mom, Jesus loves you or Mom, why is that hard to understand, Jesus forgives you." Those truths that are simple, yet so loaded, cause me to stop. They cause me to stop and think about the piles of excuses, circumstances or feelings that I tend to add on top of them making layers upon layers of "life/junk" that hinder them from being truth in my own life.

Childlike faith is a powerful simple thing. It starts with Trust!

Upcoming events/schedule:

- October 1st**– Center Creek Orchard for all families
- October 4th**– Confirmation Starts
- October 8th**– Wear your Bethany Church Shirt Day Scholarship Dinner
- Outreach Night at Okoboji (6th-12th graders)**
- October 15, 17, 22nd**– Family Photo options for Photo Directory
- October 31**– Trunk or Treat (4:30-7pm)

If you would like to help supply candy/hot chocolate supplies, please let Kristin know & have items on her desk by **October 25th!**



NOISY OFFERING



Oct- Samaritan's Purse : Christmas Child

SUNDAY SCHOOL OFFERING

How many people can we help with basic needs and medical care?

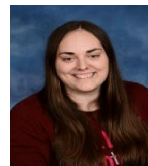
Goal- \$600

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 Guatemala through collaborative partnerships with Guatemalans. We offer Guatemalan crafts including hand-made beaded jewelry, handwoven scarves, baskets from all natural materials and much, much, more. Shop online at www.sharingthedream.org, visit one of the stores in Vermillion, Sioux Falls or at Lost Island Lutheran Church. If you are interested in learning more contact Karyn Leininger.

Please remember and prayerfully consider including Courtney in your prayers 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.org.pg



Courtney's Chronicles: September 2023

Upcoming Speaking Engagements

I will be speaking at churches for the next three weeks in a row! Here is my October speaking schedule:
October 1: Faith Lutheran Church in London, MN
October 8: Lost Island & Bethany Lutheran Churches, Ruthven/Emmetsburg
October 15: St. John's Lutheran Church in Depew, IA

Wycliffe Connection

I also have the opportunity to go to the Wycliffe headquarters in Orlando, Florida for the Wycliffe Connection toward the end of October. It is a week-long event for Wycliffe missionaries to attend sessions, be encouraged, and meet with specialists from various departments.

Praises and Prayer

Praise God for a refreshing retreat last month. God was definitely at work! Please pray for good connections with people as I begin speaking at churches. Pray for times of encouragement and rest in the midst of all my speaking and traveling.

I'd love to see you at one of the upcoming services! Thank you for being a part of this Wycliffe Ministry in Papua New Guinea.

In Christ,
Courtney Davis

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 those that have helped with our newly established, "Coffee Connection" held on the 2nd Sunday of every month.
- Thank You to Funeral Group C who helped with Teresa Jensen's Funeral.
- Thank You to Tom Hagen and Dave Sidles for helping with Teresa Jensen's funeral.

Memorial Gifts Given

- In Memory of Teresa Jensen given by Angie Hetrick.*
- In Memory of Teresa Jensen given by Diane Clasing-Steger for the Quilters³*
- In Memory of Teresa Jensen given by David & Elaine Sidles for the Green Space*
- In Memory of Teresa Jensen given by Barb Haack for the Green Space*
- In Memory of Bill Ortman given by Frank, Marit, Veltri, for the Scholarship Fund*
- In Memory of Teresa Jensen given by Frank & Marit Veltri for the Scholarship Fund*

If you are able and have the time on your hands—we would like to ask if there are people from Bethany that can help the Funeral Directors in the duties of preparing the church for a funeral—Both before and after. Duties are lighting the altar candles, turning on the lights, etc. Usually Diane is here and can answer any questions that may come up. This can be a Male or Female. Thanks!

MEMORIALS

Here is the listing of the different Memorials that we have at Bethany:

- Hymnal Fund *Scholarship Fund *Altar Guild/Flower Fund
- Baker/Wohl Camp Fund *Quilters Fund *Youth Fund
- Technology Fund *Courtney Davis Fund *Damascus Road Fund
- Furnace/AC Fund *Green Space Fund *Bible Fund
- Internship Fund *Endowment Mission Fund *Emergency Fund
- Discretionary Fund *Undesignated Fund *Mission Project Fund
- Deferred Maintenance Fund

Please keep these items in mind should you want

Oct 1st

All ages of families

Meeting at Center Creek Orchard at 1:30pm

Center Creek Orchard is a family affordable, fun destination. Included in the admission are hayrides, Jump Pad, zip lines, superslide, barrel rides, apple sling and more! The Apple Barn offers fresh, locally grown apples and pumpkins without an entrance fee.



SCHOLARSHIP DINNER

AFTER CHURCH

OCT 8

HELPING STUDENTS FURTHER THEIR EDUCATION

Free Will Offering
Pork Loin Sandwich Meal
Fellowship Hall
(TO GO MEALS ARE AVAILABLE)

OCT 31

Bethany Lutheran Church

4:30-7PM

ALL CANDY AND TRINKETS ARE
PREBAGGED
&
HOT CHOCOLATE



October 2023

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 Communion Sunday 8:45 am Lost Island Worship 9:30 am Bethany SS 10:15 am LI Sunday School 10:30 am Bethany Worship 1:30 pm Center Creek Orchard Day	2 Quilters 9 am 6 pm	3	4 Noon Men's Bible Study 1:30-3 PM SACK (2nd-5th) 6:00-7:30pm Confirmation/ CONNECT(6th-8th) 7:30-9:00 PM LIFE (9th-12th)	5 6 pm Worship Board Meets	6	7
8 Courtney Davis will be here 8:45 am Lost Island Worship 9:30 am Bethany SS 10:00 am Coffee Connection 10:15 am LI Sunday School 10:30 am Bethany Worship Scholarship Dinner 5pm- Outreach	9 Quilters 9 am 6 pm	10 6:30 pm Sarah Circle Meets at Jane Heykes' home 6:30 pm Cub Scouts	11 Noon Men's Bible Study 3:30-5 pm SACK (2nd-5th) 5:30 pm Youth Board Meets 6:00-7:30pm Confirmation/ CONNECT(6th-8th)	12 6:50 pm Tabitha Circle will meet at Alaire's home	13 Pastor will be out of town till Sunday afternoon	14
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29 Reformation Sunday With Communion 8:45 am Lost Island Worship 9:30 am Bethany SS 10:15 am LI Sunday School 10:30 am Bethany Worship Pastor and Jessie will be out of town till Tuesday	30 Quilters 9 am 6 pm	31 Trunk or Treat 4:30-7pm		Noisy Offering- Samaritan's Purse: Christmas Child		