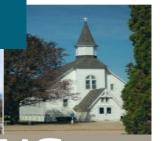
#### BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH 703 BROADWAY EMMETSBURG, IA 50536 *Change Service Requested*

NON PROFIT ORGANIZATION U.S. POSTAGE PAID EMMETSBURG, IOWA 50536 PERMIT #2 Pastor F. Peter Morlock Secretary: Diane Clasing-Steger Financial Secretary: Michael Jacobson Youth Director: Kristin Rienhardt Bethany organist: Tim Nielsen, Temp. Lost Island organist: Tim Nielsen

#### March 2022



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

#### Psalm 51 cries out, "Create in me a clean heart O God, and renew in me a right Spirit"

The season of Lent invites and perhaps, even calls us, into a time of introspection around our need for Christ and the salvation he brings. To some, this may seem overly dark and too much of a downer, but in terms of Spiritual practice, I find this to be hopeful as well. In the Wednesday Men's Bible Study, we have been journeying through the book of Galatians, and picking at the Lutheran concept of Law and Gospel. The Apostle reminds us that the purpose of the Law is to drive us into the merciful arms of Christ. It seems to me that the season of Lent has the same purpose. The spiritual discipline, and introspection it asks of us is for the purpose of bringing us face to face with Christ. This pattern plays itself out in our weekly worship where we begin with the Brief Order of Confession, so that when we are brought to the proclamation of the Gospel, we are ready to hear and receive the gift it brings. Lent prepares us for the Easter Proclamation and an encounter with the loving Christ that is all the more powerful for having done the introspection and preparation. The schedule for our Lenten worship is posted elsewhere in this newsletter. I invite you and encourage you to join us on this journey of preparation.

Pastor Peter

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# **CONNECTIONS**





Sundays at 8:45am

# GET INVOLVED.

Help with youth group, Sunday school, altar guild, WELCA, be a prayer warrior, be on a board, help out around the church in some way shape or form. **Circle Schedules** \*Tabitha Circle: March 8, 2022 — 6:50 pm at Alaire's \*Sarah Circle: March 22, 2022—7 pm at Emerald Oaks \*Mary Martha Circle: Will resume March 16th at 9:30 am **Afternoon Quilters Morning Quilting** Lost Island Quilting Mondays- 9 AM weekly March 5th & 19th 1st & 3rd Monday's 3-6 PM At 9:00 AM Adult Bible Study Men's Bible Study 4th Sunday of Month @ 4:00pm Wednesdays @ Noon Lost Island Bethany Ist and 3rd Sundays of month

\*Note: Communion will be the first Sunday of each month during services but will also continue to be on an individual basis: Wednesday's at Bethany and Thursday's at Lost Island. Please continue to take extra measures to keep your distance at church and follow the CDC guidelines. All services will be posted on our YouTube channel.

#### Praying for all of those we know and have yet to know

We remember those in special need of God's love and care including: Betty Kunz, Cindy Pedersen Elaine Sidles, Leroy Swalve, Tyler Rienhardt, Lanny Hansen, Lon Twait, Carolyn Ritchie, Bridget Johnson, Don Crocoll, Robert Mortenson, Jr., Phyllis Schroeder, Janis Campbell, Connie Yonker, Garwin Anderson, Lucille Anderson, and those we name in our hearts.



Sundays at 10:30am

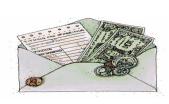
Please keep the Family & Friends of Duane Rasmussen in your prayers. His funeral service was Feb 26th.

We remember Thomas Crocoll and Logan Murray who are in the military.

\*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. **FEBRUARY 2022** Bethany Lutheran Church Treasurer's Report Attendance average: MONTHLY BUDGET NEEDS:

	MONTHLY BEGINNING BALANCE 1,558.54			
INCOME				
Offerings	9,337.00			
Lost Island Lutheran Contribution Miscellaneous Income Sunday School	0.00			
Total Income	9,337.00			
EXPENSES				
Personnel Expenses	8,500.93			
Program Expenses	25.80			
Office Expenses	603.99			
Property Expenses	2,874.91			
Western IA Synod	363.92			
Damascus Road	50.00			
Other Donations	0.00			
TOTAL EXPENSE	12,419.55			
Income Less Expenses	(3,082.55)			
GENERAL FUND BALANCE	(1,524.01)			

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 FEB 20TH**)



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

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

#### **COUNCIL MEMBERS:**

#### **Bethany**

Joe Neary, President 712-852-2642 Mark Evans, Vice President 712-260-5651 Angie Hetrick, Treasurer 712-298-0331 712-298-1003 Diane Clasing-Steger, Secretary Dianne Hough 712-852-2169 Barb Haack 712-260-3408 Elaine Sidles 712-298-2559 Chuck Duhn 712-298-1027

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

#### Lost Island

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

Information from Bethany's Council Meeting held on February 15, 2022: It was brought to our attention that the signature card at Iowa Trust & Savings Bank had not been updated for quite some time. This has to be done regularly. Because of this, a motion was made that.

"Pertaining to Business at the Iowa Trust & Savings Bank, the Names of the President of our Church Council, the Treasurer and the Financial Secretary of Bethany Lutheran Church be on the Signature Card for the accounts held by Iowa Trust & Savings Bank, Emmetsburg, Iowa. The President is Joe Neary and the Treasurer is Angela Hetrick for the 2022 year. Michael Jacobson is the Financial Secretary. This motion includes cleaning up the Signature Cards by removing the names of Susan Rohan and Carla Firkins. The cards would be redone each year following the Election of Officers."

#### Submitted by the Council Secretary

#### STEWARDSHIP—BLESSINGS

Through your generosity we look forward to preparing for another year of ministry together. If you find you are able to make an additional gift beyond your normal amount, that would be wonderful!

Please know that your donation, no matter its size, is deeply appreciated and empowers us to carry out our church's ability to make a difference in people's lives.

Stewardship – and, at this time of year, pledging our financial support – is the foundation on which our entire Church life is built: our worship, our mission outreach, our children's programs, the care and maintenance of our grounds and buildings. Together, we can support each other through this difficult time. Together, we can answer God's call to mission and ministry. Together, we can be spiritually united even when physically apart.

Thank you for your faithfulness and generosity! Even though God has done amazing things through our congregation this year, I know that the best is yet to come.

# CHURCH NEWS



**IT IS COUNTDOWN TIME (4 MONTHS)** UNTIL LOST ISLAND'S 150TH CELEBRATION! **THE DATE IS JULY 10, 2022!** 

We are collecting recipes for our new cookbook and looking for pictures and memories for the historical retrospective. Email them to lostislandlutheran@gmail.com or mail them to Karyn Leininger 311 E 3rd St Spencer, IA 51301.

# Lost Island

Tabitha Circle will be meeting at Alaire Nielsen's home at 6:50 pm on March 8th. Lutheran Church We are using the LifeGuide study on Galatians.

If any youth are interested in helping with the Maundy Thursday Stripping of the Altar Service at Lost Island, please let Karyn Leininger or Office know. If students want to have a reading part, we need to know your age to choose an appropriate reading part. Confirmation students are expected to help.



Pastor Peter has stated he will be conducting 1st Communion Class on Sunday, April 3rd starting at 12 Noon. All are welcome from Second Grade and above. This is for those that have not taken their 1st Communion. We will celebrate First Communion on Palm Sunday, April 10th.



Please let Pastor know if you are interested by March 27th so he can have enough materials ready. Please call the office at 852-4450 between the hours of 9 am to 2 pm Monday thru Thursday or leave a message on the answering machine.

#### **SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE!**

APPLICATIONS ARE OUTISDE OF CHURCH OFFICE. PICK UP AN APPLICATION AND RETURN IT TO THE OFFICE OR BY MAIL.

**THOSE ELGIBLE ARE THOSE SEEKING HIGHER EDUCATION AND ARE ACTIVE MEMBERS OF BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH** 



# VOLUNTEERS-BETHANY

#### Weekly Devotional

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, and as you sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God. (Colossians 3:16)

The hymns of the Christian church not only serve us well in our worship and in our teaching, but they can also offer striking spiritual insight, comfort and counsel.

Each week reflect on what words reminds you of God's truth, what words make you stumble, what words make you praise God?

#### WEEK OF MARCH 6 #228 LBW "A MIGHTY FORTRESS IS OUR GOD"

A mighty fortress is our God, a sword and shield victorious; he breaks the cruel oppressor's rod and wins salvation glorious. The old evil foe, sworn to work us woe, with dread craft and might he arms himself to fight. On earth he has no equal. **WEEK OF MARCH 13 #544 LBW "THE GOD OF ABRAHAM PRAISE"** The God of Abr'ham praise, who reigns enthroned above; Ancient of everlasting days,

who reigns enthroned above; Ancient of everlasting days, and God of love. Jehovah, great I Am! by earth and heav'n confessed; I bow and bless the sacred name forever blest.

#### WEEK OF MARCH 20 #197 LBW "O LIVING BREAD FROM HEAVEN"

O living Bread from heaven, how well you feed your guest! The gifts that you have given have filled my heart with rest. Oh, wondrous food of blessing, oh, cup that heals our woes! My heart, this gift possessing, with praises overflows!

#### WEEK OF MARCH 27 #448 LBW "AMAZING GRACE, HOW SWEET THE SOUND"

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but now am found; was blind, but now I see

#### **"THE OLD RUGGED CROSS"**

Story Behind the Song

George served for several years as an itinerant

Method preacher and had a favorite scripture verse, John 3:16. When quoting the verse, he seemed to always have a vision of a cross — a crude Roman instrument of death. It was stained with the blood of Christ, who gave his life in order that we might become Christians.

On one occasion, as he was thinking of Christ's crucifixion, an original melody ran through his mind. Although it was a complete melody, very few words came with it. He struggled to write some appropriate lyrics, but all that came was the passage, "I'll cherish the old rugged cross." The song seemed to take shape in bits and pieces.

He returned from several preaching engagements to his home — 1101 E. Michigan Ave., Albion, Michigan — with a renewed meaning of the cross etched in his mind and heart. He took the song manuscript and placed it on the kitchen table. In a very short span of time, he was able to rewrite the stanzas with each word falling perfectly into place. He asked his wife to join him in the kitchen. She did so and he joyfully sang his prized, new song. She was very pleased, expressing that the song was great.

#### ORGANIST/PIANIST

Tim Nielsen/Greta Rouse

#### ALTAR GUILD: March Kathy Mehan

#### LECTORS:

March 6	5	Kathy Mehan
March 13	3	Avon Hackbart-Morlock
March 20	)	Darca Saxton
March 28	3	Marit Veltri

#### ACOLYTES:

March 6 Matthew Malm, Drake Mehan, March 13 Maysen Theesfeld, Sloan Rodemeyer March 20 Emmy Dooley, Liza Saxton March 28 Nick Saxton, Aubrie Firkins

**GREETERS:** (\*Greets at West Door) March 2 Lorraine Johnson, \*Wilma Nielsen March 6 Elaine Nauss, \*Maxine Lashbrook March 13 Pat Vician, \*Dianne Hough March 20 Donna Poldberg, \*Sharon Omundson March 27 Brian Rouse, \*Greta Rouse

**COMMUNION ASSISTANTS:** 

USHERS:

March 13 Kyle Hagen March 20 Lonnie Naig

March 27 Chuck Duhn

March 2 Darca Saxton, Teresa Saxton (Ash Wed)

March 6 David Sidles, Michael Jacobson

March 6 Diane Hough, Amy Malm

March 2 Elaine Nauss, Bob Steger

**VOLUNTEERS** - Please contact the Office at (712) 852-4450 if you need to switch, change dates, or if you won't be here prior to the date you are scheduled. Please be flexible in your roles as we adapt to COVID-19 Guidelines during worship. If you don't feel comfortable with these duties due to COVID-19 please let the office know. Thank You!

#### ATTENTION WOMEN OF THE ELCA OF BETHANY

The Bethany WELCA have a \$3,000.00 Savings Account. This money was put in the account at least 35 years ago. It was to be a revolving fund for college students. (\$500.00 could be borrowed and it had to be paid back to the fund.)

Only Bethany Students going to an ELCA College could apply. They had to fill out a form and then be approved for the loan. Only about 5 or 6 students used the loan. It hasn't been advertised for many years. As a result, this money has been in the savings account unused.

The Executive Board Officers met and devised a plan on how to use this money. The plan is to give some to each student that is a member of Bethany and enrolled in <u>any</u> college from September 2021 to May 2022. The original plan to use the money for college will remain the same, only it will be given in a different way.

The Executive Board would like to give the Women of Bethany the opportunity to vote "Yes" or "No" on this plan. Papers will be passed out before the worship service to each woman on Sunday, March 20<sup>th</sup>. After voting on this plan, the ballots will be handed in after the service. If you are not able to be at the service that Sunday and would like to vote on this matter, please contact the Church Office (712-852-4450) for a ballot. You can vote, give it to the Church Secretary and it will be counted. Thank You

#### SAMPLE BALLOT

Should the \$3,000.00 in the Bethany WELCA Savings Account be used as a grant for youth that are members of Bethany that attend <u>any</u> college in 2021-2022? The amount of money given will be determined by the number of students that apply.

	ORGANIST	Tim Nielsen			
	ALTAR GUILD	March Karyn Leininger, Pat Henn	lingsen		
ILUNTEERS- IST ISLAND	READERS	March 2 Troy Leininger—Ash Wednese March 6 Charles Henningsen March 13 Alaire Nielsen March 20 Troy Leininger March 27 Kyle Norris	day		
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#### THANK YOU

\*Thank you to all who have been involved in worship on Sundays to bring us the Good News!

\*Thank you to all that have continued to give your monetary donations!

\*Thank you to the Lost Island Servers who helped at the Funeral Dinner of Duane Rasmussen. It was greatly appreciated by his family & friends.

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**BETHANY FUNERAL** 

In Memory of Roger Will, given by David & Elaine Sidles. In Memory of Roger Will, given by David & Stacie Williamson.

#### Bethany Funeral Servers For Group II Glenyce & Willard Schmeling, Diane Steger, Don & Sandra Schnell Chairs

Garwin Anderson Lucille Anderson Jay Hember Bernie & Linda Janssen Bob & Diane Clasing-Steger Bill & Sharolyn Dickey Chuck & Therese Duhn Marvin & Ruth Duhn Barb Haack Janis Campbell

Bev Hayden Dianne & Randy Hough Jason & Diane Jacobson Dan & Michelle Theesfeld Teresa Jensen Troy & Sarah Krug Brian & Amy Malm Mike & Betty Naig Burdell & Barb Naugle Mitch & Kim Hohensee Bill & Eleanor Ortman Tim & Molly Rodemeyer Joe & Jennifer Boevers Becky Walker Leroy Walker Roger & Carol Walker Allen & Beth Will Donald & Sandra Schnell Glenyce & Willard Schmeling





Hello Brothers and Sisters,

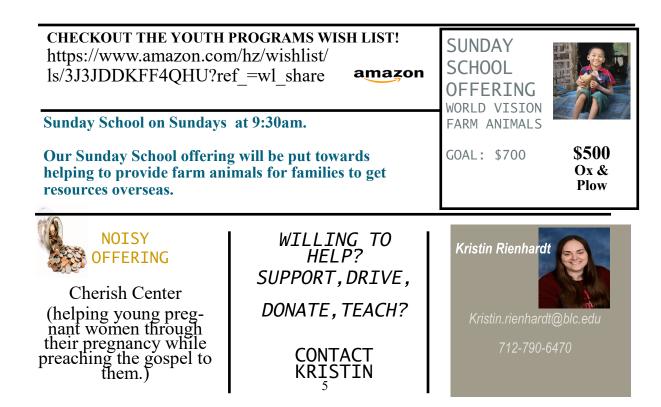
Where did the first two months of the year go already? We are already entering Lent?! It just doesn't seem possible. A time to lament, reflect, spend extra time to confess, spend extra time to think about our faith journey and ultimately Jesus' life journey to the cross.

I challenge all of you to think about how can you take time each day to reflect, to pray, to read from God's Word, and the thing is it can only be 5 minutes.

Spend time with Jesus and receive the gifts of mercy, love, grace, and forgiveness.

March 2nd-Ash Wednesday service, no confirmation, but there is still youth group! No LIFE group, Reflection Challenges set out for congregation March 9th– To Go Meal, Youth help serve after 6pm service March 12th– Youth Bowling Day– 4pm at Liberty Lanes in Spencer March 16th-No Youth Group, Spring Break March 20th-Outreach at Okoboji, 6th-12th graders, 5-8pm, \$4 per person March 23rd– To Go Meal, Youth help serve after 6pm service

All meeting groups are subject to change!



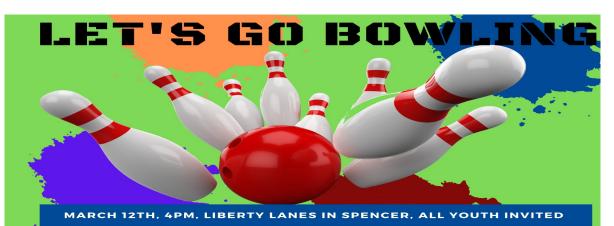
## Outreach

March 20th 5-8pm 6th through 12th graders \$4 each person

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#### ST. PATRICK'S PARADE March 19th 1:30PM

All youth and families are welcome to join to be on the church float. Be at float around 12:45pm-1:-00 as they might start moving the line prior to parade. Meet at Ag Partners (1800 11th St)



#### **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

life's most challenging situations.

Dove

Our goal is to assemble 25

Bars of Soap (4 to 5 oz., any brand,

March 9

March 16

recommended)

March 23

packaging)

in original wrapping)

Bath Towels (light-weight,

maximum 52" x 27", dark color

Toothbrushes (adult size, in original

For more information contact

We will assemble our Personal Care Kits or at Lost Island Lutheran Church

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

March 30

April 6

Karyn

Nail Clippers (metal

attached file optional

Combs

LWR Personal Care Kits during Lent.

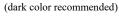
#### **Bethany Kits**

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





Hand towels











Bath Towels (light-weight, maximum 52" x 27", dark color recommended



Monetary Gifts to purchase Cloth Diapers (Can be made out to Bethany).

We are collecting items through April 10th Any Questions please contact Elaine Nauss.

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

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#### MORE MISSION WORK



Friends of Sharing the Dream in Guatemala is a volunteerbased fair trade organization that works to reduce poverty in Guatemala through collaborative partnerships with Guatemalans. We offer Guatemalan crafts including handmade beaded jewelry, hand-

woven scarves, baskets from all natural materials and much, much, more. Shop online at www.sharing the dream.org, visit one of the stores in Vermillion. Sioux Falls or at Lost

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." Courtney's blog at: cdchronicles.wordpress.com Email address: co.davis@sil.org.pg



SUNDAY SCHOOL OFFERING CHALLENGE OUR END OF THE YEAR GOAL IS \$700 SEPTEMBER, JANUARY AND APRIL NOISY OFFERINGS WILL BE OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE CONGREGATION TO HELP THE KIDS REACH THEIR GOAL



World Vision®



#### Join us during this Lenten Season



Ash Wednesday-6pm Lost Island -7:30pm Bethany

Lenten Service will happen at 6pm starting March 9th.

Mercy in the Ashes Mercy in Temptation Mercy in Suffering Mercy in Betrayal Mercy in Relationships Mercy in Service

#### LENTEN TO GO MEALS

MARCH 9TH: COLD MEAT **SANDWHICHES** FREE WILL-YOUTH MISSIONS

MARCH 23RD: HOT HAM AND CHEESE SANDWHICHES FREE WILL-TECHNOLOGY FUND

**APRIL 6TH: HOT TURKEY** SANDWHICHES FREE WILL-PEW CUSHIONS

\*EACH MEAL WILL BE 2 SIDES, A DESSERT AND A BEVERAGE



HOW GOD COMES TO US

IN THE MIDST OF LIFE



OUR MIDS

LENTEN SERVICES AT BETHANY USHERS **SCHEDULE** MARCH 2ND (ASH WEDNESDAY)//7:30PM: ELAINE NAUSS, BOB STEGER MARCH 9TH//6PM: MICHAEL JACOBSON MARCH 16TH//6PM: ELAINE NAUSS MARCH 23RD//6PM: MICHAEL JACOBSON MARCH 30TH//6PM: ELAINE NAUSS APRIL 6TH//6PM: MICHAEL JACOBSON

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### **MARCH 2022**

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