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

AUG 2023



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



Here we are in the dog days of summer, inching ever closer to the fall with all it's activities and other things. My hope is that you have found this summer to be a time of refreshment and renewal. Recently, I got to spend some time at camp with about half of our confirmation class. Though I might not categorize this as particularly restful, I did find it to be very renewing as I engaged in activities with the campers, staff and other Pastors that were present. Our theme for the week was "Foundations" (Psalm 62:2) and we spent each day exploring aspects of God that help us understand how we are founded and rooted in God, and what that looks like. Using different parables and teachings of Jesus, we explored God's Majesty, God's Creativity and God's Compassion among others; always asking how those aspects of God play out among us and how they help us to remain firmly on the foundation laid in baptism.

I want to thank you for your support of the camp ministry as part of our confirmation and youth programming. I appreciate your commitment to this time apart for our youth and for me. I witnessed many fun things and got to see how the youth are integrating their faith with daily life in some powerful ways.

He alone is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall never be shaken.

(Psalm 62:2)

Pastor Peter

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GET INVOLVED.

Quilters

Morning Quilting

Mondays- 9 AM weekly

Night Quilters

Monday, 6 PM weekly

Lost Island Quilting

Help with worship

Women's Circles

*Tabitha Circle:

August 15th 6:50 pm at
Alaire's

*Sarah Circle:

Resume in the fall

*Mary Martha Circle:

August 16th at 9:30 am

Join A Board

Men's Bible Study

Wednesdays @ Noon in Overflow
room **resuming in the fall**

Adult Bible Study

TBD

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:

Elaine Sidles, Dan Walker, Teresa Jensen, Terry Neary, Rick Rienhardt, Jan Myer, Denise White, Wilma Nielsen, 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 Bill Ortman'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.

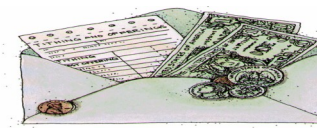
JUNE 2023 Bethany Lutheran Church Treasurer's Report

Attendance average: 61

MONTHLY BUDGET NEEDS FROM OFFERINGS: \$13,750.00

	MONTHLY BEGINNING BALANCE (14,897.02)
INCOME	
Offerings	12,031.25
Transfers from other Funds Lost Island	20,000.00 0.00
Total Income	32,031.25
EXPENSES	
Personnel Expenses	11,157.99
Program Expenses	214.63
Office Expenses	872.10
Property Expenses	2,144.25
Western IA Synod Other Donations	343.59 0.00
Damascus Road	50.00
NO ELCA Donations	0.00
TOTAL EXPENSE	14,782.56
Income Less Expenses	17,248.69
GENERAL FUND BALANCE	2,351.67

If you have any questions concerning the finances of the church please feel free to call me.



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 nyfinance20@gmail.com and he can answer any questions.

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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
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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 summer season is upon us. Family reunions, vacations and outdoor activities are taking place, many times 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 (bethanylutheranemmettsburg.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 Summer.

Ways to Give

By Mail



In Person



Online



Questions on Online Giving? Ask Kristin

Make every gift count. Big or small.

LOST ISLAND NEWS



INTERN UPDATE

Thank you to all who have made a donation to help furnish the office to be used by our intern, Jessie. Jessie will be joining us in late August/early September, and we would like to give him a warm welcome. In order to help acclimate Jessie and make him feel at home, we're asking you to please consider donating gift cards to local restaurants/businesses so he may get an opportunity to venture into our communities and learn more about the area.

Gift cards not your thing? Paper products and nonperishable pantry items are also welcome to help Jessie feel more at home.

*Please have all donations submitted by **August 30th**.*

Donated items can be given to the church offices or to any Internship board member:

Susan Geiger - Mike Hermansen - Laura Reinders

Thank you for your ongoing support!
The Intern Board

WELCOME JESSIE

Greetings!

For those of you who don't know me yet, my name is Jessie. For the next year, I will be serving as the intern for Bethany and Lost Island churches. I wanted to take a moment to introduce myself before I arrive in just a few very short weeks!

I'm originally from a small town in Southwest Wisconsin and am the middle child of 5. In high school I was the band, choir, and theater kid. I know very little about sports but will always defend the Packers over the Vikings. After high school, I went to Luther College for a year then transferred and changed my major a few times before eventually transferring to Montreat College in Western North Carolina where I completed my degree in Outdoor education. I planned to stay in North Carolina after graduation and put my degree to use; however, there was a little pandemic going on and finding work was proving difficult. That's when God called me to seminary and I found myself moving to Minnesota, a place I never dreamed of ever living (winter is not exactly my favorite time of year).

While I was in college, I spent three summers working at Lutheran Lakeside Camp and became somewhat familiar with the area. I look forward to living in that part of the state again and reconnecting with rural life away from the Twin Cities. In my free time, I love to be outside during the warmer months working in the gardens and tending to my plants. I'm an avid houseplant collector. I currently have close to 40. I also find a lot of joy in quilting and other crafty things. When the weather turns cold you can likely find me at my sewing machine or in the kitchen baking.

I look forward to getting to know all of you over the next year!

God's peace,

Vicar Jessie



VOLUNTEERS

LOST ISLAND

ORGANIST: Tim Nielsen

ALTAR GUILD—AUGUST

Amee Norris, Karyn Leininger

READERS

Aug 6 Sue Geiger

Aug 13 Bethany Geiger

Aug 20 Susan Rohan

Aug 27 Charles Henningsen

ACOLYTES

Aug 6 Zac Sorenson

Aug 13 Lily Rohan

Aug 20 Hannah Geiger

Aug 27 Bethany Geiger

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

Aug 6 Karyn Leininger

Aug 20 Craig Thu

BETHANY

MUSICIANS at BETHANY

Aug 6 Tim Nielsen

Aug 20 Tim Nielsen

Aug 13

Aug 27 Laura Gustafson

ALTAR GUILD FOR AUGUST Amy Malm

USHERS

Aug 6 Lonnie Naig, Terry Rouse

Aug 13 Michael Jacobson

Aug 20 Chuck Duhn, Garwin Anderson

Aug 27 Mike Hermansen

LECTORS

Aug 6 Laure Miller

Aug 13 Frank Veltri

Aug 20 Stephanie Larson

Aug 27 Maysen Theesfeld

GREETERS

Aug 6 Angie Hetrick, *Jane Heykes

Aug 13 Elaine & David Sidles

Aug 20 Frank & Marit Veltri

Aug 27 Willard & Glenyce Schmeling

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

Aug 6 Kathy Mehan, Diane Clasing Steger

Somer Saxton, Josey Saxton

Aug 20 Joe and Kelsey Petersen

Tim and Sloan Rodemeyer

BETHANY FUNERAL SERVERS— GROUP B

Joe & Terry Neary, Elaine Nauss, Stephanie & John Larson - Chairpersons

Phil Andreasen

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Bob & Sheryl Mortenson, Jr.

Betty Edwards

Kristin Rienhardt

Cory & Stacie Fjetland

Dawn Daniels

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Gina & Angie Cowden

Darlene Naig

Dan & Michelle Jackson

Randy & Deb Jones

Beverly Norland

Jason & Nicole Sanders

Doug & Sherri Ort

Tom & Karen Hagen

Jason & Laura Reinders

Paul & Teresa Saxton

Tiffany Keller

Greg & Ann Sween

Greg & Rachel Haack

Cordell & Donna Poldberg

Aaron & Jackie Leuer

Ina Crocoll

Tonya Peterson

Bob & Connie Schubert

Dale & LuAnn Opheim

Shari Schurg

NEW! Coffee Connection.

August 13th
10:00am–10:30am

Held every 2nd Sunday of the month.

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

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

Coffee.
Treats.
Conversation.

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 Don Nauss and Mark Saxton's family for keeping the grass mowed around the church.
- Jacki Ellingrod, THANK YOU for donating Bill's desk and office chair to the Church for our Intern's use come September. It fits very nicely in the Fireside Room.
- Thank You Pastor Jeff Geiger for covering for Pastor Peter on July 23rd.
- Thank You to everyone who either helped or attended VBS.
- Thank You to Funeral Group A who helped with Bill Ortman's Memorial.

Thank You

Thank you for your support through the years and for your gifts and well wishes as I graduate. Your kindness and generosity are very much appreciated. I am excited to attend Northwest Iowa Community College in the fall where I am enrolled in the Powerline program. Please keep me in your thoughts and prayers as I begin this new journey.

Quentin Ort
Emmetsburg High School—Class of 2023

T-shirt design contest winner



Details coming in the summer of ordering and a fundraiser!

Register today!

Youth Programs 2023-2024

KICKOFF TO SUNDAY SCHOOL
9:30AM
PRESCHOOL-12TH GRADE
YOUTH REGISTRATION

RALLY SUNDAY
sept 10th

TEACHER INSTALLATION

MEAL SERVED AFTER CHURCH

MEET & GREET VICAR JESSIE

BIBLES
GIVING 2ND AND 3RD GRADERS BIBLES DURING CHURCH

SUNDAES ON SUNDAY
POTLUCK & SUNDAES

WE WILL HAVE GAMES TO PLAY (OUTSIDE FOR THE YOUNG AND OLD). PLEASE STAY TUNED FOR FURTHER INFORMATION. THIS WILL BE FOR THE KIDS AND THEIR PARENTS WELCOMING THEM BACK TO SCHOOL.

"SUNDAES ON SUNDAY" WILL BE HELD ON AUGUST 20TH. THERE WILL BE A POTLUCK AFTER CHURCH ALONG WITH ICE CREAM SUNDAES. WE WILL BE HOLDING THIS IN THE BASEMENT OF THE CHURCH.

YOUTH NEWS

Calling all parents and volunteers!

Want to help in the Sunday school or youth programming? Help on the youth or Board of Education boards?

You don't have to have kids involved to help. Let me know if interested.

Parents! Please register your kids for Youth Programs 2023-2024 and in doing so adding your kids shirt size. Link in your email.

Please sign up ASAP! So we can plan for youth programs!

Upcoming events/schedule:

*June–August Noisy Offering goes to:
Feed Our Kids-Emmetsburg*

Parents– keep an eye out for an email regarding t-shirt sizes for next year and other summer things.



ALL ARE WELCOME



SACK

2ND-4TH GRADERS
1:30-3PM OR 3:30-5PM

CONNECT

5TH-7TH GRADERS
6:30-7:30PM

LIFE

8TH-12TH GRADERS
7:30-9PM



NOISY OFFERING

*June– August
Noisy Offering goes to
Feed Our Kids-
Emmetsburg*

SUNDAY SCHOOL OFFERING

How many Bibles can we get?



WILLING TO HELP?

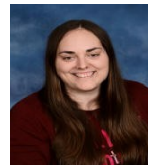
SUPPORT, DRIVE,

DONATE, TEACH?

CONTACT
KRISTIN

CHECKOUT THE YOUTH PROGRAMS WISH LIST!

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



Kristin Rienhardt

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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"

Courtney is currently at home in Minnesota for visit.



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

WHY GO TO CHURCH?

Dianne Hough supplied this article

If you're spiritually alive, you're going to love this! If you're spiritually dead, you won't want to read it. If you're spiritually curious, there is still hope!

A Church goer wrote a letter to the editor of a newspaper and complained that it made no sense to go to church every Sunday. He wrote: "I've gone for 30 years now, and in that time I have heard something like 3,000 sermons, but for the life of me, I can't remember a single one of them. So, I think I'm wasting my time. The preachers are wasting theirs by giving sermons at all". This started a real controversy in the 'Letters to the Editor' column. Much to the delight of the editor, it went on for weeks until someone wrote this clincher: "I've been married for 30 years now. In that time my wife has cooked some 32,000 meals. But, for the life of me, I cannot recall the entire menu for a single one of those meals. But I do know this: They all nourished me and gave me the strength I needed to do my work. If my wife had not given me these meals, I would be physically dead today. Likewise, if I had not gone to church for nourishment, I would be spiritually dead today!" When you are DOWN to nothing, God is UP to something! Faith sees the invisible, believes the incredible, and receives the impossible! Thank God for our physical and our spiritual nourishment!

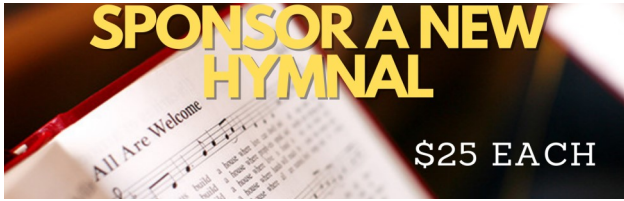
IF YOU CANNOT SEE GOD IN ALL, YOU CANNOT SEE GOD AT ALL!

B. I. B. L. E. simply means: **B**asic **I**nstructions **B**efore **L**eaving **E**arth!

When you are about to share this to others, the devil will discourage you.

So go on! Share this to people who are DEAR to you and TRUST GOD.

Sponsored Hymnals:



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

Given by Marilyn Eglund in Memory of Debbie Saxton.

Memorial Gifts Given

In Memory of Betty Kunz given by Richard & Nancy Boland.

In Memory of Betty Kunz given by Duane & Susan Groenenboom.

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 to donate a monetary gift



**Fruits of the Spirit
Dorcas Cluster Women's Retreat
Registration Form
September 13, 2023
Twin Lakes Gathering Center**



NAME: _____

CHURCH: _____

\$25 payable to St. Paul Lutheran Church. Please mail checks to 58224 290th Ave., Palmer IA 50571. Deadline to register is **August 30, 2023**.

This covers the cost of the meal and supplies for the retreat.

Quilt Auction Weekend at Ingham Okoboji Bible Camp August 4-5, 2023



Scandinavian Feast: August 4, 5:30-7:30 pm
Adults \$12 - Children (Ages 4-13) \$6 -
(Additional gifts are welcome)

Uffda! Get your fill of fine Scandinavian fare, all the coffee you can drink, and don't forget the lefse! Everyone's welcome to this feast of fun and fellowship, with great food and

even better company... and lots of traditional desserts!

Menu: Alaskan Pollack, Swedish Meatballs, Roasted Pork Loin, Potatoes with Parsley Butter, Creamed Peas, Pickled Herring, Coleslaw, Creamed Cucumbers, Rice Pudding, Aebleskivers, Kringla, and Lefse.

Glenn Henriksen Concert:

August 4, 7:00 pm-Okoboji Circle of Hope Amphitheater

Glenn, a versatile pianist and organist from Armstrong, IA, has a lifetime of experience across musical genres, making him a sought-after master at creating a shared musical experience for all.

The concert will take place at the Okoboji Circle of Hope Amphitheater at the lake. There will be Amphitheater seating, but feel free to bring your lawn chairs to spread out even more. Golf cart rides to the beach front are provided. Parking is available along Arrowhead St. In the case of bad weather the concert will take place in the Okoboji chapel.



5K Fun Run/Virtual 5K: August 5, 8:00 am

Online Quilt Auction:

Friday Aug. 4 at 8 am- Monday Aug. 7 at 6 pm.



A limited number of quilts and items will be for auction online instead of on the live auction. Click the "See the 2023 Quilts" to view these items.

**36th Annual Live Quilt Auction at Okoboji:
August 5, 2023, 12:00 (Noon)**

August 2023

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1	2	3 <i>6 PM Worship Board Meets</i>	4 IOLBC Feast, Concert & Quilt Auction @ Okoboji	5 Quilt Auction and Run @ Okoboji
6 Communion Sunday 8:45 am Lost Island Worship 10:15 am LI Sunday School 10:30 am Bethany Worship	7 9 AM Morning Quilting 6 PM Night Quilting	8	9 BOARD OF ED- 5:15 PM YOUTH BOARD- 7 PM	10	11	12
13 COFFEE CONNECTION 8:45 am Lost Island Worship 10:15 am LI Sunday School 10:00 am Coffee Conn @ Bethany 10:30 am Bethany Worship	14 9 AM Morning Quilting 6 PM Night Quilting	15 7:00 PM Bethany Council Meets	16 9:30 am Mary Martha Circle meets 6:50 pm @ Alaire's Tabitha Circle meets	17	18	19
20 Communion Sunday & Sundaes on Sunday @ Bethany 8:45 am Lost Island Worship 10:15 am LI Sunday School 10:30 am Bethany Worship Pot Luck at Bethany after Church	21 9 AM Morning Quilting 6 PM Night Quilting	22 WIC CLINIC 9-3:30 PM	23	24	25	26
27 8:45 am Lost Island Worship 10:15 am LI Sunday School 10:30 am Bethany Worship Ingham Bible Camp Hog Roast	28 9 AM Morning Quilting 6 PM Night Quilting	29 PUT THE SEPT. NEWSLETTER TOGETHER At 10:00 am	30	31		