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



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



Ah Fall, one of my favorite times of year. Days are warm, nights are cool, and any number of activities ramp up again. A few weeks ago, my wife and I sent our last child off to college with some laughter, some tears, and a sense of pride and accomplishment. This is the way of things, and how it is supposed to work. You raise your children and send them off to the wide, wide world and you HOPE that the foundation you have laid is solid... We have now entered the "empty nest" season of life. Not a bad season, but it does take some adjustment. The house is quieter. We don't run the washing machine or dishwasher as much, and the pace of our activities has changed slightly.

Here in the church, we have different seasons as well. Some are easy to identify— like the liturgical seasons that we can identify through the changing color of the paraments, and the focus of the lectionary. But some of the seasons of the church are not so easy to identify or deal with. What once seemed unchanging and solid, may now seem to be shifting, and unstable. Some familiar faces and traditions are gone, and new faces and traditions are rising up. Not a bad thing at all to be sure, but also uncomfortable in many ways, and in church and life outside the church, we may find ourselves yearning for what was a "simpler time" where the pace of change was not so fast, and we "understood" things a little better. As the seasons change in the weather, and in life, I am mindful of the words of the wise writer of Ecclesiastes, "For everything there is a season and a time for every matter under heaven." (Ecclesiastes 3) All seasons are held in God's hands and filled with God's care. Whatever season of life you find yourself in, I pray that you may feel God's presence with you.



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GET INVOLVED.

Quilters:

Morning Quilting
Mondays- 9 AM weekly

Night Quilters
Monday, 6—8 PM weekly

Lost Island Quilting

Women's Circles:

***Tabitha Circle:**
***Sarah Circle:** To be announced

***Mary Martha Circle:**
Oct. 16th at 9:30 am

Men's Bible Study

Every Wed at Noon

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



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!

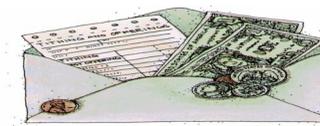
We remember those in special need of God's love and care including:

Ben Beriswell, Kylie Hill, Carol Walker, Omundson Family, Mike Hermansen, Shirley Knutson, Eric & Lana Kropf, Betty Edwards, Lon Twait, Jessie McCune, Paul Behrends, Jim & Carol Krause, Jon Sorenson, David Stephens, Rick Rienhardt, Dave Smith, Bridget Johnson, Robert Mortenson, Jr., and those we name in our hearts.

- *Our Sympathy** to the Family & Friends of Terry Neary
- *Our Military Members:** Thomas Crocoll and Logan Murray
- *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 2024 Bethany Lutheran Church Treasurer's Report
Attendance average: 61
MONTHLY BUDGET NEEDS FROM OFFERINGS: \$13,750.00

	MONTHLY BEGINNING BALANCE (6,198.27)
INCOME	
Offerings	9,170.91
Transfers from other Funds Lost Island	0.00 0.00
Total Income	9,170.91
EXPENSES	
Personnel Expenses	10,170.86
Program Expenses	68.01
Office Expenses	193.73
Property Expenses	2,013.15
Western IA Synod Other Donations	347.62 0.00
Damascus Road	50.00
NO ELCA Donations	0.00
TOTAL EXPENSE	12,843.37
Income Less Expenses	(3,672.46)
GENERAL FUND BALANCE	(9,870.73)



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

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Ed Meyer, Treasurer	712-298-1029
Michael Jacobson	712-790-1452

LOST ISLAND

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



STEWARDSHIP

It is very hard to believe Summer is over. Sunday School is back in session. Rally Day was a success. It was awesome to see all the kids back in Church.

WE CAN DO BETTER!

Let's make more of an effort to come to church every Sunday and Praise God. We are surrounded by God's benefits. The best use of these benefits is an unceasing expression of gratitude.

Let's make more of an effort to volunteer for helping with reading the lessons, altar guild, ushering, Coffee Connection, volunteering for committees, etc.

Let's make more of an effort of giving to the church on a regular basis, either weekly, monthly or yearly. Every gift helps keep the Church running smoothly with the rising costs of maintenance, janitorial expenses, utilities, postage, etc.

Stewardship Committee

SEPTEMBER VOLUNTEERS

LOST ISLAND

ORGANIST: Tim Nielsen

ALTAR GUILD

Amee Norris, Linda Pitt

READERS

Oct. 6	Jeff Geiger
Oct. 13	Alaire Nielsen
Oct. 20	Sue Geiger
Oct. 27	Tim Nielsen

ACOLYTES

Oct. 6	Lily Rohan
Oct. 13	Hannah Geiger
Oct. 20	Bethany Geiger
Oct. 27	Zac Sorenson

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

Oct. 6	Troy Leininger
Oct. 20	Sue Geiger
Oct. 27	Steve Pitt (Reformation Sunday)

FYI. I am beginning to put together the Bethany Volunteer Lists for 2025. If you would like to help with any of these voluntary duties, please let me know. If you feel that you are no longer able to help—please let me know this too. I do not want to just put a name down and hope that you will show up.

Please be aware when you are to help.

With everyone's help, our church services should be able to run smoothly.

Thank you to those that helped this past year.

Diane

BETHANY

MUSICIANS at BETHANY

Oct. 6	Tim Nielsen
Oct. 13	Holly Sidles
Oct. 20	Laura Gustafson
Oct. 27	Tim Nielsen

ALTAR GUILD:

Pat Vician

LECTOR

Oct. 6	Ed Meyer
Oct. 13	Diane Clasing Steger
Oct. 20	Sherri Ort
Oct. 27	Dianne Hough

USHERS

Oct. 6	Bob Steger, Mark Evans
Oct. 13	Michael Jacobson, Brian Malm
Oct. 20	David Sidles, Lonnie Naig
Oct. 27	Mark Evans, Chuck Duhn

GREETERS

Oct. 6	David & Elaine Sidles
Oct. 13	Terry & Pam Rouse
Oct. 20	Pat Vician, Wilma Nielsen
Oct. 27	Dave & Judy Cole

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

Oct. 6	Jameson Boevers, Amy Malm Josey Saxton, Kathy Mehan
Oct. 20	Barb Haack, Sherri Ort Frank & Marit Veltri
Oct. 27	Ed & Jen Meyer, Angie Hetrick (Reformation Sunday) Kristin Rienhardt

ACOLYTES

Oct. 6	Carter Reinders
Oct. 13	Caitlin Cole
Oct. 20	Ava Hagen
Oct. 27	Zoey Reinders

LOST ISLAND NEWS



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 handmade beaded jewelry, hand-woven 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.

FREE WILL
Donation

Soup Supper

Gluten Free Menu
Available!

Sunday, October 27 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)

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 Funeral Group B for helping with Terry Neary's funeral luncheon. It was greatly appreciated.
- Thank you to the Trinity Garden staff in their efforts of keeping the plants watered during this crucial time of getting their roots established.
- A BIG Thank You to the women that cleaned the kitchen in the Fellowship Hall and labeling the cupboards and drawers so we know where items are located. Those ladies are Teresa Saxton, Barb Haack, Elaine Nauss, Wilma Nielsen, Joneva Currans and Marla Noble. You ladies are awesome. We much appreciate the new faucets and the utility sink that were installed in September too!

PARTNERING WITH US

Ways to Give

By Mail



In Person



Online



Questions on Online
Giving? Ask Kristin

Make every gift count. Big or small.



There is an easier way to partner with us financially in this ministry.

1. Scan the QR code.
2. Download the mobile app



Women of Bethany & Lost Island—We have been invited to this “Fun Day” by the Western Iowa Synodical Women. Please See Diane for the Registration Information if you are interested in attending. Deadline for Pre-Registration is Oct. 12th, 2024



Saturday, October 19, 2024
Bethany Lutheran Church
15 W 14th St, Spencer
Join us for a day of fun and fellowship
10:00 AM - 2:00 PM
Registration begins at 9:30 AM
Lunch will be provided

BETHANY FUNERAL SERVERS— GROUP C

Dave & Elaine Sidles, Angie Hetrick — Chairpersons

Mark & Darca Saxton
Jim Anderson
Mark & Connie Schroeder
Michael Jacobson
Dan & Mindy Dooley
Steve & Becky Finer
Pat Vician
Terry & Pam Rouse
Joel & Somer Saxton
Austin & Maura Cole

Ryan & Molly Veldbloom
Brian & Danielle McCubbins
Kent & Belinda Davidson
Pat & Kathy Mehan
Brent & Stephanie Mehan
Don Nauss
Mike Schipull
Pat & Amy Martini
Ben & Leslie Hofstad

Mike & Pam Hermansen
Sandi Chapman
John & Jessica Thoren
Josh & Holly Sidles
Aletha King
Frank & Marit Veltri
Eric & Shelly Hanson
Wilma Nielsen
Chuck & Marla Noble



Coffee Connection.

October 13th
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.

Coffee Connection will be sponsored by the Trinity Garden Committee for October. October 13th is when the Garden will be dedicated.

Memorial Gifts Given

- Memory of *Terry Neary* given by *Wilma Nielsen* for *Sound System*.
- Memory of *Terry Neary* given by *Dave & Elaine Sidles*.
- Memory of *Terry Neary* given by *Diane & Bob Steger* for the *Trinity Garden*.
- Memory of *Terry Neary* given by *Bill & Marcie Frevert* for the *Trinity Garden*.
- Memory of *Terry Neary* given by *Shirleen Helgeson* for the *Trinity Garden*.
- Memory of *Terry Neary* given by *Donna Johnson* for the *Trinity Garden*.
- Memory of *Terry Neary* given by *JoAnn Schoning* for the *Trinity Garden*.
- Memory of *Terry Neary* given by *Beverly Schneider* for the *Trinity Garden*.
- Memory of *Terry Neary* given by *Roger & Sue Faulstick* for the *Trinity Garden*.
- Memory of *Terry Neary* given by *George & Galene Groves* for the *Trinity Garden*.
- Memory of *Terry Neary* given by *Roger & Judy Lentz* for the *Trinity Garden*.
- Memory of *Terry Neary* given by *Janet Neary* for the *Trinity Garden*.
- Memory of *Terry Neary* given by *LeRoy Walker* for the *Trinity Garden*.
- Memory of *Terry Neary* given by *Frank & Marit Veltri* for *Trinity Garden*.
- Memory of *Terry Neary* given by *Kathy Newlon* for *Trinity Garden*.
- Memory of *Terry Neary* given by *Laure Miller* for *Trinity Garden*.
- Memory of *Terry Neary* given by *Kristin Rienhardt* for *Trinity Garden*.

Courtney Davis-Horstmann will be visiting both churches on October 13th. She will be conducting an informational visit. (And she will have her new husband with her as well!)



YOUTH NEWS



NOISY OFFERING



Youth Chosen Mission

Fall is here! It is crazy to think that September is already gone! But, here comes October! Fall is an exciting time of year because it is my favorite season! It is filled with football games, sweaters, maple flavored lattes, leaves changing colors and so much more!

Fall is my favorite season but it is also a reminder of change. As seasons change and we enter into this season it reminds me of God's faithfulness in that change. Just because the leaves fall doesn't mean the tree does. God is there in every season.

Upcoming events/schedule:

- October 2nd - 4th/5th graders Acolyte training**
During SACK
- October 6th-** Outreach Night at Okoboji
6th-12th graders, 5-8pm
- October 20th- Sunday School Service Project Scholarship Dinner**
Lost Island Confirmation
- October 23rd- Bethany Confirmation Photo/Sweet Treats Social Hour** from 7-8pm
- October 27th-Bethany Confirmation**
- October 30th- Last day to donate any Trunk or Treat Candy** by 5:30pm
- October 31st- Trunk or Treat**

SUNDAY SCHOOL OFFERING

Clay County Flood Assistance

Sept-Dec

(Penny War)

WILLING TO HELP?

SUPPORT, DRIVE, DONATE, TEACH?

CONTACT KRISTIN



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OCT 31 Bethany Lutheran Church
4:30-7PM
 ALL CANDY AND TRINKETS ARE PREBAGGED & HOT CHOCOLATE

O K O B O J I
OUTREACH NIGHT
October 6
5:00-8:00pm
\$5 per person
 6th-12th graders

BLOCK PARTY & KICKBALL TOURNAMENT

dress for outdoor activities.
 RSVP at www.okoboji.org/outreach by 4pm on Oct. 3rd
 Want to come early for a service project? Let us know.

October 2024

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1	2 Noon—Men's Bible Study 3:30– 5 pm SACK 7:00-8:00 pm CONNECT 7:30-9 pm LIFE	3	4	5
6 Communion Sunday 8:45 am Lost Island Worship 9:30 am Bethany SS 10:30 am Bethany Worship 5-8pm Outreach at Okoboji	7 9 AM Morning Quilting 6 PM Night Quilting	8 6:30 pm Cub Scouts	9 Noon—Men's Bible Study 3:30– 5 pm SACK 5:30 pm Youth Board 7:00-8:00 pm CONNECT 7:30-9 pm LIFE	10	11	12
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20 Communion Sunday (Confirmation @ L.I.) 8:45 am Lost Island Worship 9:30 am Bethany SS 10:30 am Bethany Worship Scholarship Dinner After Church at Bethany	21 Cutoff for Newsletter 9 AM Morning Quilting 6 PM Night Quilting	22 6:30 pm Cub Scouts	23 10 am Put November Newsletter Together Noon—Men's Bible Study 3:30– 5 pm SACK 7:00-8:00 pm CONNECT SPECIAL BETHANY CONFIRMATION PHOTO 7:30-9 pm LIFE	24 9-3 pm WIC	25 Morning Chamber Coffee in Fellowship Hall Sponsored by "Feed Our Kids" All are Welcome	26
27 Communion Sunday (Reformation Sunday) 8:45 am Lost Island Worship 9:30 am Bethany SS 10:00am <i>Confirmation Reception</i> 10:30 am Bethany Worship (Confirmation At Bethany) Soup Supper @ Lost Island	28 9 AM Morning Quilting 6 PM Night Quilting	29	30 Noon—Men's Bible Study 3:30– 5 pm SACK 5:30pm Youth Board Pack Candy 7:00-8:00 pm CONNECT 7:30-9 pm LIFE	31 Trunk or Treat At Bethany		