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MARCH 2023

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



Pastor F. Peter Morlock
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Financial Secretary: Michael Jacobson
Youth Director: Kristin Rienhardt
Bethany organist: Tim Nielsen, Temp
Lost Island organist: Tim Nielsen

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I'm going to wander off the beaten path for a bit this month to talk about one of the more interesting aspects of what it is to be the church. In 2018, we were privileged to host Vicar Sarah for her internship year. This was an experience we all learned from and enjoyed. Some of the language and mission that came out of that experience was that of seeing ourselves as a "teaching parish" and "learning laboratory. We have not had an opportunity to do that since, until this fall when Susan Rohan started her studies at Wartburg. Susan is not an intern in the same way that Sarah was, but as a distance learning student, she is using our parish as a field work site, and a place to explore various aspects of ministry and pastoral practice. Thus, it falls to us to dust off our learning lab skills to support Susan in her studies. She has already done some preaching. In the next few months, you will see her do more as she explores different types of preaching and different styles. We will be called to walk with her as she explores the exegetical work needed to develop a sermon, and also dips her toes into the water of how to do the sometimes difficult task of addressing current issues in the sermon. You will also see her assisting with worship in other ways, and doing some visitation as part of her learning as her journey progresses from stage to stage. She, or I, may ask you to provide specific feedback from time to time that focuses on the learning goals that Susan and the Seminary have identified. This flexibility and openness required to be a learning laboratory is one of this parish's greatest skills. It is also a great gift to the church as a whole. There will be questions, there may be bumps in the road, but I have every confidence we will do as good a job for Susan and any other intern for fieldwork student as we did for Sarah.

Pastor Peter

BETHANY
CONNECTIONS
LOST ISLAND

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GET INVOLVED.

Quilters

Morning Quilting
Mondays- 9 AM weekly
Afternoon Quilters
Monday's 3 PM weekly
Lost Island Quilting
March 11th & 18th--
9:00AM

Women's Circles

***Tabitha Circle:** March ? at 6:50 pm at Alaire's
***Sarah Circle:** March 14th at 7 pm at Pat Vician's home
***Mary Martha Circle:** March 15th at 9:30 am

Men's Bible Study

Wednesdays @ Noon in 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



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:

Vicky Omundson, 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:** Friends and Family of Connie Helgeson
- *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.

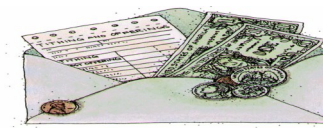
FEB RUARY 2023 Bethany Lutheran Church Treasurer's Report

Attendance average: 61

MONTHLY BUDGET NEEDS:

	MONTHLY BEGINNING BALANCE (14,157.73)
INCOME	
Offerings	9,177.75
Miscellaneous Income Lost Island	0.00 10,125.00
Total Income	19,302.75
EXPENSES	
Personnel Expenses	8,919.57
Program Expenses	1,467.42
Office Expenses	321.99
Property Expenses	3,260.06
Western IA Synod Other Donations	395.17 0.00
Damascus Road	50.00
NO ELCA Donations	0.00
TOTAL EXPENSE	14,414.21
Income Less Expenses	4,888.54
GENERAL FUND BALANCE	(9,269.19)

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 February 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 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

MEMORIALS

In Memory of Dave Nixon given by David & Elaine Sidles for the Green Space
In Memory of Connie Helgeson given by David & Elaine Sidles for the Green Space.
In Memory of Connie Helgeson given by Martin & Rhonda Hand .
In Memory of Connie Helgeson given by Clayton & Shirleen Helgeson
In Memory of Connie Helgeson given by Collin J Klingbeil & Hana F Klingbeil
In Memory of Connie Helgeson given by Pat Anderson

At this time, I would like to say, "Thank You" to those that gave memorials to the South Walnut Cemetery in memory of John Miller.

*Chuck Duhn, Overseer of
The South Walnut Cemetery*

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

Deuteronomy 16:17

Make every gift count. Big or small.

Ways to Give

By Mail In Person Online

Questions on Online Giving? Ask Kristin



LOST ISLAND NEWS



There are still Lost Island 150th Cookbooks for sale. Please check with the office or Karyn for more details.

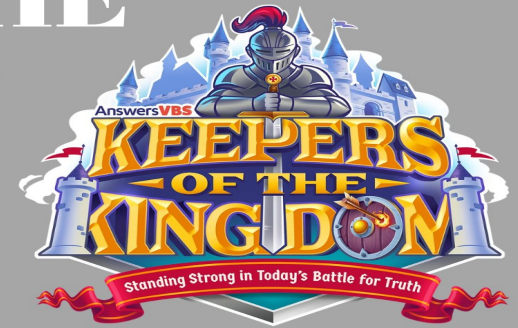


Quilting will take place at Lost Island Lutheran Church on March 11th & 18th. All are welcome to come join us.

SAVE THE DATE

HOSTED AT LOST ISLAND LUTHERAN CHURCH

JULY 24-27th



Synod Assembly– Delegates needed.

April 21st & 22nd

Please let the office know if you are interested.

LOONEY LUTHERANS

MARCH 24TH

7PM

BAND FUNDRAISER AT EMMETSBURG HIGH SCHOOL

Weekly Devotional

Vocare is an ongoing spiritual practice designed to help you discern and embrace your various callings so that you can more intentionally live life on purpose for the common good.

Vocare Practice: Called to Values

This week we are focusing on the first letter of VOCARE, values. Reflect upon your values...

- What do I value?
- How have I lived my values today?
- How have my values been in conflict today?
- What do I need for tomorrow?

PRAYER: Lead me by your Spirit, O God, to value what you value. In the name of Jesus, Amen.

Vocare Practice: Called to Openness

This week we are focusing on the second letter of VOCARE, openness. Reflect upon your openness...

- How do I typically respond to invitations or expectations to be open?
- To what was I asked to be open today?
- To what did I say "yes?"
- To what did I say "no?"
- What do I need for tomorrow?

PRAYER: Open my heart, O God, to the mysteries of your saving love. In the name of Jesus, Amen.

Vocare Practice: Called by God

This week we are focusing on the third letter of VOCARE, call. Reflect upon the voices that call to you...

- How do I typically decide which voices I listen to?
- What voices called to me today?

- Which ones did I listen to?
- Which ones did I not listen to?
- What do I need for tomorrow?

PRAYER: Inspire me, O God, to trust in your call upon my life. In the name of Jesus, Amen.

Vocare Practice: Called to Attentiveness

This week we are focusing on the fourth letter of VOCARE, attentiveness. Reflect upon your attentiveness...

- How do I typically decide where I invest my attention?
- What captured and held my attention today?
- Where do I wish I could have invested my attention today?
- Did my attention align with my values?
- What do I need for tomorrow?

PRAYER: Turn my attention to you, O God, that I might recognize you at work in my life. In the name of Jesus, Amen.

Vocare Practice: Called to Regret

This week we are focusing on the fifth letter of VOCARE, regrets. Reflect upon your regrets...

- How easy it is for me to name and learn from my regrets?
- What are my regrets from today?
- What insight do I gain from them?
- What do I need for tomorrow?

PRAYER: Help me, O God, to learn from my regrets so that I might live more faithfully in each tomorrow. In Jesus name, Amen.

VOLUNTEERS

LOST ISLAND

ORGANIST: Tim Nielsen

ALTAR GUILD—MARCH:
Karyn Leininger, Sue Geiger

READERS

March 5 Tim Nielsen
March 12 Karyn Leininger
March 19 Bethany Geiger
March 26 Susan Rohan

ACOLYTES

March 5 Hannah Geiger
March 12 Bethany Geiger
March 19 Zac Sorenson
March 26 Lily Rohan

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

March 5 Charles Henningsen
March 19 Steve Pitt

BETHANY

ALTAR GUILD FOR MARCH: AMY MALM

MUSICIANS

Mar 5: Tim Nielsen
Mar 12: Greta Rouse
Mar 19: Tim Nielsen
Mar 26: Holly Sidles

ACOLYTES

Mar 5: Elin Gustafson
Mar 12: Cael Rodemeyer
Mar 19: Harlee Will
Mar 26: Sydney Martini

LECTORS

Mar 5: Darca Saxton
Mar 12: Josey Saxton
Mar 19: Kathy Mehan
Mar 26: Jameson Boevers

GREETERS

Mar 5: Wilma Nielsen *Diane Clasing-Steger
Mar 12: Elaine Nauss,*Kayla Hagen
Mar 19: Pat Vician, *Dianne Hough
Mar 26: Del & Donna Poldberg,

USHERS

Mar 5: David Sidles & Mike Hermansen
Mar 12: Mark Evans
Mar 19: Chuck Duhn & Joe Neary
Mar 26: Lonnie Naig

COMMUNION SERVERS

Mar 5: Dianne Hough, Matt Malm,
Brian & Amy Malm

Mar 19: Mark, Darca & Ben Saxton
Pat Vician

BETHANY FUNERAL SERVERS— GROUP A

Willard & Glenyce Schmelting, 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

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.

Our goal is to assemble **25** LWR Personal Care Kits during Lent.

Week 1

Bars of Soap (4 to 5 oz., any brand, in original wrapping)



Week 4

Combs



Week 2

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



Week 5

Nail Clippers (metal, attached file optional)



Week 3

Toothbrushes (adult size, in original packaging)



For more information contact

Karyn

We will assemble our Personal Care Kits on 4/30/23
at Lost Island Lutheran Church

Bethany Kits

Bethany Circle is collecting items throughout Lent for Personal Care Kits and School Kits.

These are the items needed:

Nail Clippers (metal, attached file optional)



Bars of Soap (4 to 5 oz., any brand, in original wrapping)



Hand towels

(dark color recommended)

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



MARCH 31

Combs



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.

SPONSOR A NEW HYMNAL

\$25 EACH

The Worship Board for both Churches have decided to order the "Cranberry" colored Hymnal—"Evangelical Lutheran Worship Hymnal"
We are asking those that would like to help with the cost of purchasing these books, to fill out the paper we have included in this Newsletter and return it to your church with \$25 per hymnal. We will then make a label to be placed inside the hymnal with your name and who you have made the donation for.

BETHANY SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

BETHANY EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP
MARVIN E SIMONSEN SCHOLARSHIP

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

YOUTH NEWS

Hello Brothers and Sisters,

Lent! It is here already! Lent is a time of lamenting and reflecting on our lives and where we need to grow in our walk of faith.

40 days, 40 opportunities at least to tweak something in our life, 40 days to reflect and process, spend time with or give up something in order to connect with God.

How is God calling you to spend time with Him? As for me, 40 miles and 40 days of daily prayer challenges.

Upcoming events/schedule:

Reminder-Starting March 8th, Connect will not meet as meeting with mentors is required, Outreach is highly encouraged March 12th, April 2nd, & April 30th

March 8th- Confirmation Youth Serving Lent Meal

March 12th- Okoboji Outreach Night, 5-8pm, 6th-12th graders, Gargoyles, ALL CONFIRMATION YOUTH ARE ENCOURAGED TO GO.

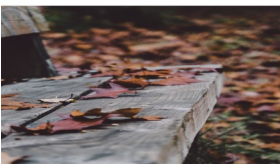
March 18th- St. Patrick's Day Parade, 1:30pm, meet at 1pm at Ag Partners, All youth and adults welcome

March 19th- 2:30-4pm Game Day, All ages, Bring a game, snacks provided.

March 22nd & 29th- Youth serving Lent Meals

High School and Middle School Youth- those that are involved, we will start Mime Practice right after the 7pm service on March 1st.

WEDNESDAYS
STARTING SEPT 14TH



ALL ARE
WELCOME



NOISY OFFERING

March- Cherish Center

Cherish House provides expecting mothers and their children with a safe and supportive home. We want our residents to not only feel comfortable at Cherish House but excited about their future, no matter what that looks like. We all have stories, and we honor each one of our resident's journeys. At Cherish House, women have the space to explore what the future could look like, access to experienced and supportive staff, counselors, and mentors, as well as tools to help them grow.

SUNDAY SCHOOL OFFERING

COLLECTING MONEY TO GIVE BIBLES TO LOCAL AND GLOBAL ORGANIZATIONS.



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

Kristin.rienhardt@blc.edu

712-790-6470

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 handmade 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"



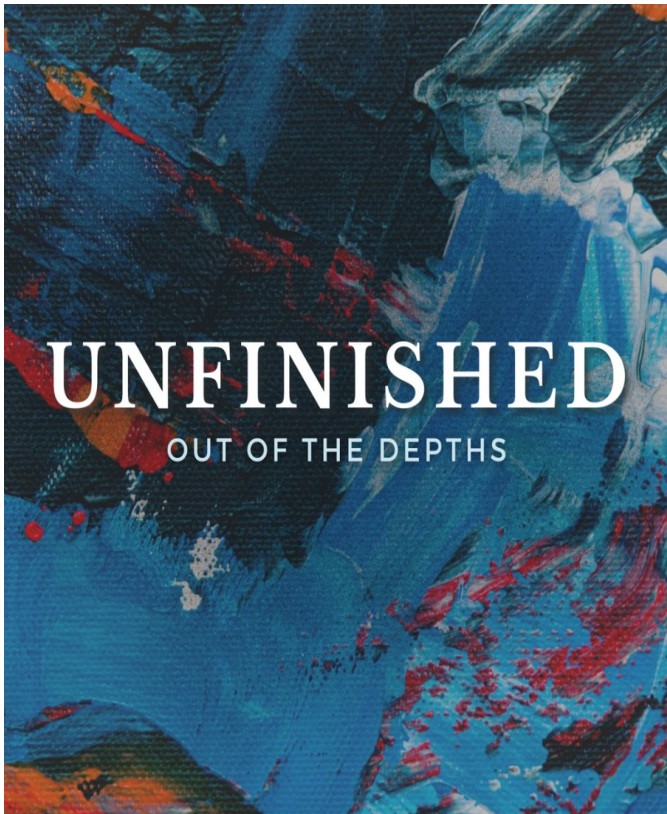
Thank you for your prayers for my Wycliffe ministry in Papua New Guinea!

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

A BIBLE
for every believer
Every \$6 we will stack
a Bible
SUNDAY SCHOOL OFFERING
100 Bibles = \$600

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 all that have given to the parsonage flooring project.
- Thank you to everyone who has donated to the Sunday School's Bible Fund.
- Thank you to Funeral Circle B for helping with the Deb McEwan Funeral on the 2nd of February and Group C for helping with Connie Helgeson's funeral on the 11th of February. The families appreciated everything that was done.
- Thank You to Marit Veltri and her Thrivent Action Team for serving Soup and Cinnamon Rolls to us on "SINNAMON SUNDAY". Everything was delicious and the Deferred Maintenance Fund is \$1,000 richer!



Lenten Series

Moving through the book of Jonah.
Bring your BIBLES and follow along.

- ASH WEDNESDAY - God Calls and Persists
- LENT WEEK ONE - Intercepted & Redirected
- LENT WEEK TWO - God in the Depth of Chaos
- LENT WEEK THREE - Obedience and Preservation
- LENT WEEK FOUR - Faithful and Unfinished
- LENT WEEK FIVE - Jesus, the new Jonah

Ash Wednesday Service- 2.22.23
6pm-Lost Island, 7:30pm Bethany

Lent Services starting 3.1.23 on Wednesdays
Services at 5pm & 7pm, with meal in between

Lenten Meals

IN BETWEEN 5-7PM SERVICES
(AROUND 5:45PM)

MEALS SPONSORED BY THRIVENT ACTION TEAMS

DATE	WHO IS SERVING	FREE WILL OFFERING
March 1st	WOMEN CIRCLES	LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF KITS
	Main Dish-Assorted Cold Sandwiches, Sides, Desserts	
March 8th	CONFIRMATION YOUTH	CONFIRMATION CAMP
	Main Dish-HOT Turkey Sandwiches, Sides, Desserts	
March 15th	COUNCIL	DEFERRED MAINTENANCE
	Main Dish-Maidrite Sandwiches, Sides, Desserts	
March 22nd	YOUTH	YOUTH MISSIONS
	Main Dish-Pork Loin Sandwiches, Sides, Desserts	
March 29th	YOUTH	SUNDAY SCHOOL BIBLE PROJECT
	Main Dish-HOT Ham & Cheese Sandwiches, Sides, Desserts	

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WHEN GOD GIVES MEANING TO
YOUR CIRCUMSTANCES

FREE WILL OFFERING-
YOUTH MISSIONS

MIME DRAMA
APRIL 5TH
7PM

OKOBOJI
outreach night

MARCH 12
6TH-12TH GRADERS
\$5 (church will pay)
5-8PM

RSVP
R.S.V.P. at
www.okoboji.org/outreach
by March 9 at 4pm

Want to come an hour early to do a service project at camp?
Let us know.

GAME DAY AT BETHANY!

March 19th 2:30-4pm

Game Face On!

Games at Bethany. All ages invited. Parents, families, kids, grandparents, neighbors, and friends!
Bring your favorite board game with you. Let Kristin know if you are planning on coming, there will be snacks provided!

ST. PATRICK'S PARADE

March 18th

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)

March 2023

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1 Noon Men's Bible Study 3:30-5 PM SACK (2nd-4th) 5 & 7 PM Lenten Services Meal served by Women Circles 7:30-9:00 PM Mime Practice	2	3	4
5 COMMUNION SUNDAY 8:45 am Lost Island Worship 9:30 am Bethany SS 10:15 am LI Sunday School 10:30 am Bethany Worship	6 9:00 AM Morning Quilting 3:00 PM Afternoon Quilting	7	8 Noon Men's Bible Study 3:30-5PM SACK (2nd-4th) 5 & 7 PM Lenten Services Meal served by Confirmation Youth 7:30-9:00 PM Mime Practice	9 6 pm Worship Board Mtg.	10 Ignite Conference (Des Moines)	11 Ignite Conference (Des Moines) 9 AM—Quilting at Lost Island
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