#### 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: Janis Campbell Lost Island organist: Tim Nielsen

## JUNE 2021





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

<sup>2</sup> And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. <sup>3</sup> Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. <sup>4</sup> All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit (Acts 2)

With the coming of summer, we enter into a new liturgical season as well, the season of Pentecost. We are now fifty days past Easter, and we witnessed the fulfillment of what Jesus had promised, the coming of the Holy Spirit to all the disciples. As we enter into the season, I would encourage you to ponder how the Holy Spirit is moving right now. The account in Acts is fairly dramatic; filled with extraordinary details and happenings. While our own experience of the Spirit may be a bit less dramatic, it is no less profound. We have seen some of that in the past year where we have adapted how we reach people and how we worship together, embracing possibilities that we would not have any other time. We are entertaining questions and possibilities that were not even on the radar, and yet here we are, still worshiping together and in some cases, reaching people that we had not before. This, as I see it, is some of the work of the Spirit, accomplishing the gathering, enlightening, and sanctifying, of communities of faith (From Luther's catechism). It has not always been comfortable, nor has it always been easy, but I am grateful for your "hanging together," and for your willingness to go along for the ride. The coming of the Spirit brings gifts, creates the church, and opens up possibilities. I pray fervently that we continue to be open to, and pay attention to, all that the Spirit is doing in our midst.

Pastor Peter

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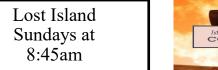
When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. Acts 2:1-2



## 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.

#### Morning Quilting Monday's 9 AM weekly





Bethany Sundays at 10:30am

**Night Quilters** 

1st and 3rd Monday's at 6 pm

**IN-Person Worship Resumed at Bethany** with safety precautions in place. Sunday Worship (Traditional) at 10:30am

Saturday Service on the green space June 19th at 4:30pm

\*Note: **Communion will be the first Sunday of each month during services** but will 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 are live-streamed on Facebook Live.

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: Sarah Schilcher, Joe Neary, Bill Ellingrod, David Zanfes, Don Crocoll, Roger Will, Robert Mortenson Jr., Linda Gjerde, Phyllis Schroeder, Janis Campbell, Teresa Jensen, Garwin Anderson, Connie Yonker, Lucille Anderson, and all those we name in our hearts.

Our sympathy is extended out to the family and friends of Linda Umbrell who passed away last month.

\*Our missionary: Courtney Davis in Papua New Guinea

\*Our companion synods: The Southern Diocese of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania-Yakobi Parish, companion with Lost Island, Bethany, and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Chile. MAY 2021 Bethany Lutheran Church Treasurer's Report Attendance average: MONTHLY BUDGET NEEDS:

	MONTHLY BEGINNING BALANCE 7,628.65				
INCOME					
Offerings	8,740.00				
PPP Loan/Pending Grant Miscellaneous Income	0.00				
Lost Island	0.00				
Total Income	8,740.00				
EXPENSES					
Personnel Expenses	8,507.56				
Program Expenses	352.85				
Office Expenses	246.24				
Property Expenses	1,288.58				
Western IA Synod	378.92				
Other Donations	0.00				
Damascus Road	50.00				
NO ELCA Donations	0.00				
TOTAL EXPENSE	10,824.15				
Income Less Expenses	(2,084.15)				
GENERAL FUND BALANCE	5,544.50				

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 May 23rd**)



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:

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

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



### MEMORIALS

Jim Lashbrook given by Jane Heykes for the Green Space

Paul Kooker given by Diane & Bob Steger for the Green Space

Jim Lashbrook given by Angela Hetrick for the Pew Cushions

Paul Kooker given by Frank & Marit Veltri & Angela Hetrick for the Pew Cushions.

Jim Lashbrook given by Kathy Mehan for the Altar Guild.

Linda Umbrell given by David & Elaine Sidles and Angela Hetrick for the

Pew Cushions.

Linda Umbrell given by Burdell & Barbara Naugle.

Linda Umbrell given by Jane Heykes for the Green Space.

#### STEWARDSHIP - BLESSINGS

We aren't born seeing God's blessings, and it's easy to look past all of the blessings that the Lord gives us and focus on the negative.

We encourage people to take an inventory of the blessings in their own lives so that you have a greater awareness of God's goodness. As you pray for God to give eyes to see Him, also cultivate an attitude of gratitude within your community. Connect the opportunity to give as a response to God's generosity.

As people have eyes to see God's gifts in their own lives, their thankfulness can fuel big generosity.



## CHURCH NEWS



#### Looking for discovery this summer?

"Treasured—Discovering That You're Priceless to God" Vacation Bible School

will be **June** 7<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> from 8:30 to 11:45 a.m. Zion Luther an Church will host the in-person event, with support from the Ruth-

ven United Methodist, Sacred Heart Catholic, and Lost Island Lutheran churches. Participants at Treasured VBS will embark on an epic quest through hidden ruins, ancient caves, and dense jungles. They will dig into action-packed, faith-filled adventures, and discover that God's greatest treasure isn't diamonds, gems or gold—it's them!

Each day will begin with registration and breakfast from 8:00 to 8:30 a.m. Starting at 8:30, kids will trek through six different stations—Bible Adventures, Imagination Station, Kid-Vid Cinema, Sing & Play Rock, Jungle Gym Games, and Vine Dining Snacks—with each rotation immersing kids in new adventures and reinforcing relevant Bible points. The week will wrap up with a special program for the community on Friday beginning at 11:15.

Registration is open for children age 4 (as of September 15, 2020) through completion of 5<sup>th</sup> grade. Registration forms and drop-off boxes will be available at each church beginning May 1<sup>st</sup>, or contact <u>ruthvenvbs@gmail.com</u> for questions, forms, or to volunteer.



LOST ISLAND'S 150TH CELEBRATION IS COMING UP IN 2022! THE DATE IS SET! 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.

### THANK YOU

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

Thank you to all that have continued to give your monetary donations! Thank you to Funeral Group II for providing food for Linda Umbrell's luncheon.

## YOUTH NEWS



Brothers and Sisters.

What a great way to end the year! This has been a whirlwind of a year and it has been a blessing to be apart of the community of Bethany.

Life has not been as we had expected it and I am so thankful that we are in a dif-ferent place then we were 12 months ago.

God was faithful in everything and He still showed up in the midst of what seemed like a very big unknown in our lives.

God is good and I pray that you all have a fun and safe summer.

JUNE 13-18TH- MAJORITY OF CONFIRMATION STUDENTS ARE GOING TO CAMP. PLEASE PRAY FOR THEM. IF YOU WANT TO SEND MAIL TO THEM PLEASE CON-TACT KRISTIN OR THE OFFICE AND WE WILL GIVE YOU THE ADDRESS.



"Living in God's Time" VBS TUESDAY, AUG **3RD-THURSDAY**, AUG 5TH 5:30-SUPPER 6:00-VBS

NOISY OFFERING

THOURGHOUT THE SUMMER UDM Backpack Program

WILLING TO HELP? SUPPORT, DRIVE, DONATE, TEACH? CONTACT KRISTIN



#### Volunteers - 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.

LECTORS: June 6 Greta Rouse June 13 Rverson Boevers June 20 Darca Saxton June 27 Sherri Ort

ALTAR GUILD: **JUNE:** Pat Vician

**USHERS:** 

June 6 (Communion Sunday) Chuck Duhn & Michael Jacobson June 13 Mark Saxton June 20 Kyle Hagen June 27 Mark Evans

**COMMUNION ASSISTANTS:** June 6 Dianne Hough, Angie Hetrick

\*\* 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. Thank You!

#### Bethany Funeral Servers For Group III Joe & Terry Neary, Lon & Linda Twait, Mike & Pam Hermansen-Co-chairpersons

Phil Andreasen Alice Christensen Bob & Sheryl Mortenson, Jr. Ted & Linda Strohman Betty Edwards Shirlev Ezarski Cory & Stacie Fjetland Dawn Freeman Jovce & John Froisland Ben & Laura Gustafson

Verna Hanson Dan & Michelle Jackson **Beverly Norland** Kristin Rienhardt Doug & Sherri Ort Dawn Daniels Jason & Laura Reinders Paul & Teresa Saxton

Greg & Ann Sween Greg & Rachel Haack Cordell & Donna Poldberg Bill Zeigler Jason & Nicole Sanders Tonva Petersen Angelia Moriarity Laure Miller Aaron & Jackie Leuer

## 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.

The partnership includes projects in communities in which we have artisans. \*An opportunity to help those in need for Guatemala can be sent to: www.sharingthedream.org

Or you can send a check to: Sharing The Dream 10 W. Main Vermillion,SD 57069

Please remember and prayerfully consider including Courtney in your prayers and financial support. Checks should be made to "Bethany Lutheran Church" with a memo "<u>For the ministry of Courtney Davis, Acct. #305075</u>." Courtney's blog at: cdchronicles.wordpress.com email address: co.davis@sil.org.pg



#### QUILTS & KITS FOR LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF (LWF)



We are asking for any and all monetary donations toward getting the quilts and kits up to the Twin Cities. You may mail or drop off your donation at the church office. We will be transporting the quilts in August

I received an e-mail from my contact that in 2020, there were 11 churches

that are no longer making quilts or putting kits together. Less participants means less funding to help with shipping them to the Cities.

Thank you for your help.

Teresa Jensen, WELCA

### **HELP NEEDED**

Quilters request: If you are doing some spring cleaning, moving or just decluttering the Morning and Night Quilters would be happy to recycle your fabric, blankets, sheets and mattress pads into quilts for Lutheran World Relief. Items can be dropped off at the church or call: Teresa Saxton (298-0521), Marit Veltri (852-4249) or Angie Hetrick (298-0331) and we can arrange to pick them up!

Thanks for all your support!

ORGANIST

VOLUNTEERS-LOST ISLAND Tim Nielsen

ALTAR GUILD June LaVonne Mason, Connie Swan

**READERS** June 6 Charles Henningsen June 13 Alaire Nielsen June 20 Troy Leininger June 27 Kyle Norris ACOLYTE June 6 Corrine Cook June 13 Avon Hackbart-Morlock June 20 Colleen Cook June 27 Olivia Sorenson

## 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.

#### WEEK OF JUNE 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 JUNE 13 #727 WOV "LORD, YOUR HANDS HAVE FORMED"

Lord, your hands have formed this world, ev'ry part is shaped by you water tumbling over rocks, air, and sunlight: each day's signs that you make all things new.

#### WEEK OF JUNE 20 #334 LBW "JESUS, SAVIOR, PILOT ME"

Jesus, Savior, pilot me over life's tempestuous sea; unknown waves before me roll, hiding rock and treach'rous shoal; chart and compass come from thee. Jesus, Savior, pilot me.

WEEK OF JUNE 27 #771 WOV "GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS" Great is thy faithfulness. O God my Father:

there is no shadow of turning with thee; thou changest not, thy compassions they fail not; as thou hast been, thou forever wilt be.

#### "All Who Are Thirsty"

### Story Behind the Song

Sixty percent of the human body is comprised of water. Amazing! In other words, we need water to survive. Water is not an option for us. Our lives depend on it. Think about how easily a human dehydrates. All it takes is a hard workout, a hot day, or hours of neglecting to drink water. Soon enough, thirst consumes us. So we fill up a large glass and drink until we are satisfied. The only catch is, not long after quenching our thirst, we are thirsty. Yet again. Water can only satisfy us for a time. Water has limits, but our need for it is infinite. Spiritually speaking, God has imparted in human beings a knowledge of himself (Romans 1:20-21) and a need – a thirst – for salvation. The great news is that he has not left us without a solution to our need, nor a quenching for our thirst. This is the eternal lesson Jesus imparts to us in John 4:1-42, as he connects our physical need for water to our spiritual thirst.

## June 2021

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	
Noisy Offer June-A UDM BACKPACH	ug:	1	2	3	4	5	
6 8:45 am Lost Island Worship w/Communion 10:15 am LI Sunday School 10:30 am Bethany Worship w/Communion *Live Streamed 4-6pm Ingham Ice Cream Social	7 9 am Day Quilters	8	9	10	11	12	
VBS-Ruthven 8:30-11:45am at Zion Lutheran							
13 8:45 am Lost Island Worship	14	15	16	17	18	19	
10:15 am LI Sunday School 10:30 am Bethany Worship *Live Streamed	9 am Day Quilters	<b>7 pm</b> Church Council			Articles are due for July Newsletter	Saturday Worship @ Bethany Green Space 4:30pm	
Confirmation Camp at Okoboji							
20 FATHER'S DAY 8:45 am Lost Island Worship 10:15 am LI Sunday School 10:30 am Bethany Worship *Live Streamed	21 9 am Day Quilters	22	23	24 WIC 9am—3 pm Assemble July Newsletter	25 Diane on Vacation	26 (June 25th-July 2nd)	
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