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

Praise to the Lord O let all that is in me adore Him! All that has life and breath come now with praises before Him! Let the Amen, sound from His people again; gladly forever adore Him! (LBW 543, Verse four)

These words are the last verse of one of my favorite hymns. As I watch the turning of the seasons; the brilliant colors, the crisp air, the sights and sounds of harvest, and as I participate in activities in the church and community that fill my heart and refresh my spirit, I find these words echoing in my soul!

As I make my way along my daily tasks and engage with folks, I notice that many are weary, many are worried about the state of any number of things, many are deeply concerned; often this is for very good reason. There is no doubt that the past many months have presented us with great challenges, many of which we would gladly lay down if we could. There is also no doubt that in this moment, the world seems to delight in passing on, and heaping up all these challenges to the point where they seem to be overwhelming.

And yet....there are signs of hope; God is still and always loving, ever present, granting grace and blessing. As we approach Thanksgiving, I invite you to pause...maybe turn off the news....pause and ponder those things for which you are thankful.... pause and ponder all the blessings that God has given you. Let your AMEN sound from your soul! Be thankful, and hopeful in the presence of God.

Pastor Peter

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CONNECTIONS

From them will come songs of thanksgiving and the sound of rejoicing. I will add to their numbers, and they will not be decreased; I will bring them honor, and they will not be disdained.

Jeremiah 30:19





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: 11/3/21—6:50 pm at Alaire's and 11/20/21 9:00 am Quilting at the Church *Sarah Circle: 11/11/21—7 pm Meet at Jane Heykes' home.

*Mary Martha Circle: 3rd Wed. of the month at 9:30 am. Hostess is Glenyce Schmeling.

Morning Q Mondays- 9		Night Quilters 1st & 3rd Monday's at 6pm		
Adult Bible 4th Sunday of		Men's Bible Study Wednesdays @ Noon		
Lost Island Sundays at 8:45am	ist and 3rd Sundays of COMMUNI	Bethany Sundays at 10:30am		

*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 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: Lanny Hansen, Lon Twait, Duane Schipull, Carol Walker, Carolyn Ritchie, Bridget Johnson, Don Crocoll, Roger Will, Robert Mortenson, Jr., Phyllis Schroeder, Janis Campbell, Connie Yonker, Garwin Anderson, Lucille Anderson, and those we name in our hearts.



We remember Thomas Crocoll who has entered basic training prior to entering the military (Marines). Logan Murray has completed his Basic Training for the Air Force and now is in his specialized training.

We extend our sympathy to the Walker Family on the passing of Marlene on October 13th. Her service was held on November 1st at Bethany. We would also like to extend our sympathy to the Ellingrod Family on the passing of Bill. He passed on October 21st and his funeral will be the 26th of November at Bethany. Please keep both of these families in your prayers.

*Our missionary: Courtney Davis, who lives in Papua New Guinea, is currently on Furlough here in the States. *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. **OCTOBER 2021** Bethany Lutheran Church Treasurer's Report Attendance average: MONTHLY BUDGET NEEDS:

	MONTHLY BEGINNING BALANCE (1,879.91)				
INCOME					
Offerings	8,954.00				
Lost Island Lutheran Contribution Miscellaneous Income Sunday School	0.00				
Total Income	8,954.00				
EXPENSES					
Personnel Expenses	7,814.54				
Program Expenses	200.00				
Office Expenses	317.35				
Property Expenses	3,322.51				
Western IA Synod	292.80				
Damascus Road	50.00				
NO ELCA Donations					
TOTAL EXPENSE	11,997.20				
Income Less Expenses	(3,043.20)				
GENERAL FUND BALANCE	(4,923.11)				

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 Oct 25th**)



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

Chuck Duhn, President712-298-1027Joe Neary, Vice President712-852-2642Angie Hetrick, Treasurer712-298-0331Diane Clasing-Steger, Secretary712-298-1003Dianne Hough712-852-2169Mark Evans712-260-5651Barb Haack712-260-3408Elaine Sidles712-298-2559

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

Bethany Council News—October Meeting—Some of what was discussed We had a good meeting. All were in attendance. It was shared that Sunday School and the Youth Groups have now begun and the numbers are between 15-20 youth.. Each Board Representative reported what had been discussed this past month at their meetings. Board of Ed reported that the Scholarship Dinner To-Go was held on October 17th. They served approximately 69 meals. The meal brought in little over \$2000. It was reported that there was an issue with the elevator and the company has been notified. Pastor shared that we need to fill out the Intern Application for Placement through Wartburg. This request will be for a 12 month person rather than the 4 year. We discussed Pastor's Salary package for the upcoming year. Our next meeting will be on 11/16/21 @ Lost Island for the Joint Council Meeting—Meal at 6:30 and Meeting at 7.

Diane Clasing Steger, Council Secretary

STEWARDSHIP – BLESSINGS

We know as Christians we are taught to share what has been given to us with those who have less. We share our gifts, talents, time, ourselves and, yes, even our financial resources.

David writes in Psalm 24:1 (CEB), "The earth is the Lord's and everything in it, the world and its inhabitants too." It all belongs to God. James 1:17 (CEB) echoes this truth: "Every good gift, every perfect gift, comes from above. These gifts come down from the Father." So once we really believe that all the things we have ultimately belong to God, we can go forward into the practice of giving back to God.



Due to the last year of Covid and with Winter coming upon us, Bethany does not want to fall behind in our planned ministries and regular budget giving. Our prayer is that each family will prayerfully consider their offerings to Bethany.

Let us give thanks to God our Father for all His gifts He so freely bestows upon us.

God commands us to be stewards over everything He blesses us with. EVERYTHING!

That means our time, talents, treasure, relationships, jobs and, yes, stuff. It's all God's, and He trusts us with it.

CHURCH NEWS



IT IS COUNTDOWN TIME (8 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.

ANNUAL LAKESIDE BOARD MEETING

The reschedule date for the Annual Lakeside Board Meeting is Monday, November 8th at 6 PM at the Pizza Ranch in Emmetsburg. If you are interested and able to attend, please feel free to arrive at 5:30 PM for a buffet meal.

Thank You—Jaime Dodd, Administrator



THANK YOU!

"Those words don't seem to cover all of the gratitude I have. The worship service on October 3rd was touching and inspiring. The reception was made special as well with the time of remembering and celebrating. The suncatcher is absolutely beautiful and is hanging near my keyboard in my house.

For the past 50 years that I have spent on the organ/piano bench sharing my time and talent, I am appreciative to all of you for the support, encouragement, and fellowship we have shared.

Thank you to Pastor Peter, Bethany church council, Dori Quam, Glenn Henricksen, my family and any others that made October 3rd so meaningful for me."

"Make music from your heart to the Lord." ~ Ephesians 5:19

Janís Campbell



Tabitha Circle will be meeting at Alaire Nielsen's home at 6:50 pm on November 3rd.
 We are using the LifeGuide study on Galatians.

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 NOV 7 #406 LBW "TAKE MY LIFE, THAT I MAY BE"

Take my life, that I may be consecrated, Lord, to thee; take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise.

WEEK OF NOV 14 #627 WOV "MY LORD, WHAT A MORNING"

Refrain

My Lord, what a morning; my Lord, what a morning; oh, my Lord, what a morning, when the stars begin to fall.

You will hear the trumpet sound, to wake the nations underground, looking to my God's right hand, when the stars begin to fall. *Refrain*

WEEK OF NOV 21 #171 LBW "REJOICE, THE LORD IS KING!"

Rejoice, the Lord is king! Your Lord and king adore; rejoice, give thanks, and sing, and triumph evermore:

Refrain

Lift up your heart, lift up your voice; rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

WEEK OF NOV 28 #34 LBW "OH COME, OH COME EMMANUEL"

Oh, come, oh, come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel, that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear. *Refrain*

Story Behind the Song

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.

"Rejoice, The Lord is King"

Early Methodists were persecuted and lived lives of hardship. Charles Wesley, who with

his brother John, started the Methodist movement, wanted to encourage his followers. He wanted them to be a singing, joyful people and not get discouraged and lose hope. Paul's letter to the Philippians gave Wesley the text for "Rejoice, the Lord Is King."

Although Paul was imprisoned when he wrote this letter, he wrote a message of joy and encouragement, stating "Rejoice in the Lord always, and again I say, Rejoice."

"Rejoice, the Lord Is King" was first published with six stanzas in 1744 in John Wesley's Moral and Sacred Poems. Two years later, Charles Wesley included it in "Hymns for Our Lord's Resurrection." Most hymnals include four stanzas, omitting the fourth and fifth stanzas of the original hymn.

ORGANIST: Tim Nielsen PIANIST: Greta Rouse ALTAR GUILD: November Dianne Hough

LECTORS:

November 7 Brian Malm November 14 Kristin Rienhardt November 21 Laure Miller November 28 Darca Saxton USHERS: November 7 Communion Sunday Mark Evans & Bob Steger November 14 Mark Saxton November 21 Lonnie Naig November 28 Elaine Nauss

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: NOVEMBER 7 Diane Clasing Steger & Angie Hetrick

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!



The Women of St. John's Lutheran Church, Cylinder would like to invite the Women of Bethany and Lost Island to their Silent Auction on Sunday, November 14th. Viewing/Bidding will begin at 5 pm with a light meal being served at 5:30 pm. ALL ARE WELCOME!

Bethany Funeral Servers For Group IV Dave & Elaine Sidles, Jacki Ellingrod, Jane Heykes — Co-Chairpersons

Angie Hetrick Mark & Darca Saxton Ryan & Molly Veldboom Jim Anderson Lorraine Johnson Brian & Greta Rouse Sandi Chapman Mark & Connie Schroeder Annette Peterson Kent & Belinda Davidson Maxine Lashbrook David & Elaine Sidles Robert & Shirley DePue Pat & Kathy Mehan Josh & Holly Sidles Marilyn Egland Brent & Stephanie Mehan Keith Snavely Steve & Becky Finer Don Nauss Frank & Marit Veltri Carla Firkins Pat Vician Mike Schipull Eric & Shelly Hanson Terry & Pam Rouse

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 hand-

made beaded jewelry, handwoven 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 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'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

	ORGANIST ALTAR GUILD	Tim l November	Nielsen Pat Henningsen, Alaire Nielsen	
TEERS- ISLAND	READERS	Novemb Novemb	er 7 Troy Leininger er 14 Kyle Norris er 21 Karyn Leininger er 28 Hanging of the Greens	
VOLUNT LOST	ACOLYTE	Novemb Novemb	er 7 Zac Sorenson er 14 Corrine Cook er 21 Avon Hackbart-Morlock er 28 Hanging of the Greens	





Hello Brothers and Sisters,

Thankfulness, Thankfulness, Thankfulness is what I need. There are so many reasons to be thankful. This month is focused on being thankful but let that not stop. There are 10,000 reasons to praise God in thankfulness.

NOVEMBER 7TH: OUTREACH AT OKOBOJI, 5-8PM, 6TH-12TH GRADERS NOVEMBER 14TH: START OF CHRISTMAS PROGRAM PRACTICE NOVEMBER 21ST: HARVEST DINNER AFTER WORSHIP NOVEMBER 24TH: MOVIE AFTERNOON-ALL AGES-1PM NOVEMBER 28TH: HANGING OF THE GREENS

TBA-YOUTH WILL HELP PACK FOR FEED OUR KIDS- EMMETSBURG THIS MONTH! *All meeting groups are subject to change!*

amazon Checkout the Youth programs wish list! https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ ls/3J3JDDKFF4QHU?ref =wl share SUNDAY SCHOOL OFFERING Sunday School on Sundays at 9:30am. WORLD VISION **Our Sunday School offering will be put towards** FARM ANIMALS \$30 helping to provide farm animals for families to get Ducks GOAL: \$700 resources overseas. NOISY WILLING TO Kristin Rienhardt HELP? FFERING SUPPORT, DRIVE, **UPPER DES MOINES** DONATE, TEACH? ADOPT A FAMILY CONTACT KRISTIN

CONFIRMATION HIGHLIGHTS



SCHOLARSHIP DINNER THANK YOU

WE RAISED JUST OVER \$2000! WE SERVED 69 MEALS.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT IN FURTHERING EDUCATION!

Radio Broadcast (a) 3 PM Sundays

Do you still listen to the radio broadcast of the church service? Please let us know if you do by calling Diane in the office!

VOLUNTEER DUTIES: Looking ahead to Lector, Altar Guild, Usher and Communion Assistants...... Please let Diane/Office know if you would or would <u>not</u> like to assist in any of the various volunteer duties that are assigned to our Bethany Congregation. Thank You!

-Diane

November 21st HARVEST DINNER To Co Meal 11:30-1pm

Ham, Cheesy Potatoes, Green Bean Casserole, Dinner Roll, Dessert, & Beverage Free Will Offering-Youth Programs, Adopt A Family, and Mission Trip

Sponsored by Marit Veltri's Thrivent Action Team

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SCANDINAVIAN AND CHRISTMAS GOODIES BAKE SALE

The Bake Sale will be December 1, 2021 in the Overflow Room at Bethany Lutheran Church. The Sale will be from 1 PM to 3 PM. Please use the main entrance or the Elevator on the West Side of the Church. Exiting will be through the South Door of the Overflow Room.

Items needed are Kringla, Krumkage, Rosettes, Potato/Flour Lefse or any Scandinavian items you make will be great!

Items for Christmas Goodies: different kinds of Christmas Cookies, Spritz, Thumbprint, Cut-Out Cookies, etc. Candy that you make for Christmas such as Fudge, Caramels, Divinity, Peanut Brittle, Coated Pretzels would be great.

Please package your Goodies in half dozen or 1 dozen packages. Please do the wrapping for us. Items need to be at the Church by 10 AM on December 1st.

Don't take the easy way out—make something so we can have a Successful Bake Sale.

Any monetary gift will be appreciated if you feel you cannot bake.

Proceeds will go towards "Feed Our Kids", Horizon's, Bible Camps, Lakeside Auxiliary, the Discretionary Fund at Bethany.

Scandinavian Bake Sale Committee

Elaine Nauss, Angie Hetrick, Marit Veltri, Pat Vician, Barb Haack and Sherri Ort



We still have quite a few Pizza/Chicken Coupon Booklets left! These can be used at the Emmetsburg Pizza Ranch Restaurant. They are \$10 a piece or 2 for \$15. You can contact the office if interested. 712-852-4450



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 all that have supported the families whom have lost loved ones recently. Thank you to those that took part in eating, fixing, ordering and serving the meal for the Scholarship Dinner. Thanks to Joe Boevers for fixing the pork loin for the sandwiches and everyone else who made the balance of the meal. We took in over \$2,000 in donations!

MEMORIALS



In Memory of Gaylord & Janice Naig, given by Marilyn Egland for the Pew Cusions. In Memory of Dean Schentzel given by Burdell & Barb Naugle.

All Saints Sunday

A list of who we remember.....

Ron Chapman 11/02/2020 Marvin Simonsen 11/05/2020 Alvina Walker 12/03/2020 Joan Firkins 12/12/2020 Dawson Meis 01/08/2021 Mildred Thorsbakken 03/24/2021 Jim Lashbrook 04/12/2021 Paul Kooker 04/23/2021 Linda Umbrell 05/13/2021 Obed Naig 06/01/2021 David Applehons 07/17/2021 Karvn Davis 07/20/2021 Alice Christensen 08/07/2021 Dean Schentzel 09/14/2021 Florence Malm 09/25/2021 Mildred Snavely 09/27/2021



November 2021

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Clock/Time Changes effective November 7th!	 No AM Quilting due To Marlene's Funeral 6 PM Lakeside Lutheran Annual Board Mtg. @ Pizza Ranch 6 PM Night Quilters 	2	3 Noon Men's Bible Study 1:30-3PM SACK (2nd-5th) 5-6PM Connect (6th-8th) 6-7PM Confirmation 6:50 PM Tabitha Circle 7:30-9:00PM LIFE (9th-12th)	4	5	6
 All Saints Sunday 8:45 am Lost Island Worship Communion 9:30 am Bethany SS 10:15 am LI Sunday School 10:30 am Bethany Worship Communion (Live Streamed) 5-8pm- Outreach Night 	8 9 AM Quilters	9 6:30 PM Cub Scouts	10 Noon Men's Bible Study 3:30-5 PM SACK (2nd-5th) 5-6 PM Connect (6th-8th) 6 PM Youth Board Meets 6-7PM Confirmation 6:50 PM Tabitha Circle 7:30-9:00 PM LIFE (9th-12th)	11 7:00 PM Sarah Circle Mtg. @ Jane Heykes' home	12	13
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