

BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH
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EMMETSBURG, IA 50536
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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

NOVEMBER 2020



CONNECTIONS

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

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Greetings from the Pastor's study, where outside my window it is beginning to look like Christmas, but we are still a couple months away. You have often heard me joke that "Change is good! You go first." That being said, we have had to deal with a lot of change in the last few months, and we aren't done yet. By and large we have handled all this with great aplomb and have risen to the challenge. I remain confident that we will continue to do so. At a recent Worship Board meeting, we spent a lot of time talking about Christmas Eve. There are many traditions around this worship that are cherished in this service, and yet we also want to keep everyone safe as we worship. Out of that discussion came the following schedule. We are presenting them to you now so that you have time to plan accordingly.

Christmas Eve Bethany

Wednesday, December 23 7:30 pm and Thursday, December 24 at 1 pm, 5 pm, 8 pm

Each service will have limited seating. Folks **must** sign up ahead of time for the service they will attend, indicating the number of people attending, and stick to that choice. Instructions on how to do that are coming soon. Once each service reaches capacity, it will be closed, so you might want to have an alternate choice. Each service will be as close as possible to what we have done in the past, but the service will need to be modified somewhat. These changes will be reflected in the bulletin. Masks are strongly encouraged, and social distancing will be followed.

Christmas Day Lost Island 10 AM

Services will also be live streamed and posted. If you have questions, call the office (712-852-4450).

Bethany Lutheran Church: bethanylutheranemmetsburg.com Fb: Bethany/Lostislandparish

Lost Island Lutheran Church www.lostislandlutheranchurch.com

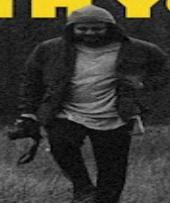
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Office hours: Mon-Thurs 9 AM - Noon (adjusted during this time) Office phone: 712-852-4450

CONNECTIONS

ISAIAH 41:10

**FEAR NOT,
FOR I AM
WITH YOU.**





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: TBA

*Sarah Circle: TBA

*Mary Martha Circle: TBA

*Ruth Circle: TBA

Morning Quilting

Monday's 9 AM weekly

Night Quilters

1st and 3rd Monday's at 6pm

Adult Bible Study

3rd Sunday (most months)

4:00pm-6:00pm

Watch your calendar

Men's Bible Study

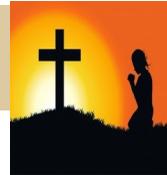
Wednesdays @ Noon

Please bring your own sack lunch

Coffee will be provided

ALL ARE WELCOME!

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: Ron Chapman, Don Crocoll, Roger Will, Wilma Nielsen, Stacie Fjetland, Robert Mortenson Jr., Duane Schipull, Linda Gjerde, Larry Chuning, Kyle Anderson, Sharon Omundson's sisters & brothers, Danny & Linda Umbrell, Phyllis Schroeder, Janis Campbell, Debra Zanfes, Teresa Jensen, Garwin Anderson, Lucille Anderson, and all those we name in our hearts.

*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.

MEMORIALS

In Memory of Dean Newlon given by Angie Hetrick for Scholarship Fund

In Memory of Dean Newlon given by Paul & Teresa Saxton for Youth Fund

In Memory of Dean Newlon given by Don Nauss

In Memory of Dean Newlon given by Frank & Marit Veltri for Scholarship Fund

In Memory of Brian Campbell given by the Campbell Family for Technology Fund



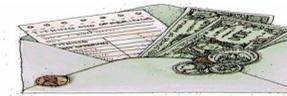
OCTOBER 2020 Bethany Lutheran Church Treasurer's Report

Attendance average:

MONTHLY BUDGET NEEDS:

	MONTHLY BEGINNING BALANCE
	7,021.30
INCOME	
Offerings	10,052.00
PPP Loan/Pending Grant	0.00
Miscellaneous Income	
Sunday School	
Total Income	10,052.00
EXPENSES	
Personnel Expenses	7,699.54
Program Expenses	150.10
Office Expenses	285.60
Property Expenses	3,116.55
Western IA Synod	275.44
Damascus Road	100.00
NO ELCA Donations	0.00
TOTAL EXPENSE	11,627.23
Income Less Expenses	(1,575.23)
GENERAL FUND BALANCE	5,446.07

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 October 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 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

Bethany

Angie Hetrick, President 712-298-0331
Joe Neary, Vice President 712-852-2642
Aletha King-Treasurer 424-3611; 298-0684
Diane Clasing-Steger, Secretary 712-298-1003
Pam Hermansen 254-717-0787
Chuck Duhn 712-298-1027
Dianne Hough 712-852-2169
Mark Evans 712-260-5651

Lost Island

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

Looking Ahead...

This will look different. But if you are interested in anyway, let the office know.

It is that time of year when lists will be getting put together for next year's Schedule for the assignments of Lector, Greeter and Communion Assistants. Please let the office know if you are interested or not and if you are, when it will not work for you. Otherwise, the rosters will be put together and it will be up to you to find a replacement if you are unable to cover the date you are assigned to. Thank you for your patience with this. -Church Office

We are giving away these Ornament Keepsakes, if you would like one contact Diane in the office and she will gladly give you one.



As we enter into this time of doing things differently, the stewardship board would like to let you know that the financial position of both churches is strong over all, but we need to remind you that though we are not able to meet face to face as a community of worship, we still have staff to pay, bills to pay and buildings to maintain. In order to remain financially sound we will need you to keep up your offering during this time. Offering for Bethany can be dropped off at the church, or mailed to the office. Offering for Lost Island should be mailed to Tim Nielsen.

If you need to adjust your offering because your work has changed, do not feel bad about doing so. If you need assistance during this time call Pastor Peter and he will get you connected with appropriate services. Thank you for all that you do to support our parishes'.

CHURCH NEWS

Lost Island
Sundays at
8:45am



Bethany
Sundays at
10:30am

IN-Person Worship Resumed at Bethany with safety precautions in place.

Sunday Worship (Traditional) at 10:30am

Wednesdays (Worship and Message) at 7:30pm

**Note Communion will not be during services but will continue to be on an individual basis. Wednesdays at Bethany and Thursdays at Lost Island. Please continue to take extra measures to keep your distance at church and follow the CDC guidelines. In person of Facebook Live*

Do you know how to play an instrument? Keep tempo? Sing?

We would love to have a variety of people of all gifts, talents, and ages to be apart of Wednesday night worship. Talk to Kristin if you have interest.

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 all that have supported the families whom have lost loved ones recently.

Thank you to all of those that helped move furniture in the church. The Carpet looks really nice.

Thank you to all that helped for Trunk or Treat or that donated candy.

Thank you to all that have helped with the scholarship dinner, 69 meals were served, \$920 raised. Thank you!

Thank you for all that supported the youth as they received their 1st communion and affirmed their baptism in confirmation.

Thank you to Pastor Mike Kroona for covering Bethany's Service on 11/01/2020.

INFORMATION REGARDING THE SCANDINAVIAN TEA

Velkommen! (*Hello!*)

The Women of Bethany met after church on Sunday, September 20th with the Scandinavian Tea being one of the agenda items. In this time of COVID/approaching Influenza season, it has been decided to hold the Tea somewhat differently this year. Keeping in mind the restrictions that would need to be in place if the Tea were to be held in person, the Women will be holding 2 options for everyone to participate and still be safe & healthy:

1. Scandinavian Tea Donations: From now through the end of November, monetary donations for the Tea will be accepted. Please direct your donations either through postal mail to Janis Campbell (301 Harrison, Emmetsburg) or drop it off at the church office.
2. Drive-thru: The Women's Executive Board, the COVID Response Team, and others from church have met to envision what this looks like so that orders can be taken to still enjoy Scandinavian foods. We will be offering a pre-packaged assortment of Scandinavian foods on December 6th. The foods we will offer are: kringla, krumkake, spritz, lefse and rosettes. If you have the ability to make some of these, please contact Kim Campbell (712-298-1077) as there are guidelines we need to meet.

Lefse making day will be November 8 at Bethany. Please contact Elaine Nauss (712-852-2719) for more details.

Please keep in mind that the monies raised from the Scandinavian Tea are distributed to our church (Bible Camp fund, mission trips, deserving families, etc.), community (Horizons, Feed Our Children, etc.) and other groups (Ingham Lake Bible Camp, Church of the Damascus Road, etc.) at Christmas time.

Thank you for understanding this new way of celebrating this tradition.

Ha det bra! (*Have a nice day!*)



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:
 November 1 Kim Campbell
 November 8 Kristin Rienhardt
 November 15 Darca Saxton
 November 22 Laure Miller
 November 29 Youth—Hanging of the Greens

ALTAR GUILD: November Dianne Hough

USHERS:
 November 1 Ryan Veldboom
 November 8 David Sidles
 November 15 Elaine Sidles
 November 22 Michael Jacobson
 November 29 Lonnie Naig

**** 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 Chairpersons

Phil Andreasen	Roger Will	Greg & Rachel Haack
Alice Christensen	Ted & Linda Strohman	Cordell & Donna Poldberg
Bob & Sheryl Mortenson, Jr	Bev Norland	Bill Zeigler
Betty Edwards	Kristin Rienhardt	Jason & Nicole Sanders
Shirley Ezarski	Doug & Sherri Ort	Tonya Petersen
Corey & Stacie Fjetland	Dawn Daniels	Angelia Moriarity
Dawn Freeman	Jason & Laura Reinders	Laure Miller
Joyce & John Froisland	Paul & Teresa Saxton	
Ben & Laura Gustafson	Greg & Ann Sween	

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

As they too have been affected by the COVID-19



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



VOLUNTEERS- LOST ISLAND

ORGANIST	Tim Nielsen
ALTAR GUILD	November Pat Henningsen, Alaire Nielsen
READERS	Nov 1 Tim Nielsen Nov 8 Charles Henningsen Nov 15 Alaire Nielsen Nov 22 Troy Leininger Nov 29 Hanging of the Greens
ACOLYTE	Nov 1 Zac Sorenson Nov 8 Colleen Cook Nov 15 Avon Hackbart-Morlock Nov 22 Olivia Sorenson Nov 29 Avery Hersom

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 NOVEMBER 1

#174 LBW "FOR ALL THE SAINTS"

"For all the saints who from their labors rest,
all who by faith before the world confessed,
your name, O Jesus, be forever blest.
Alleluia! Alleluia!"

WEEK OF NOVEMBER 29

#323 LBW "O LORD OF LIGHT, WHO MADE THE STARS"

O Lord of light, who made the stars,
O Dawn, by whom we see the way,
O Christ, redeemer of the world:
come now and listen as we pray!

WEEK OF NOVEMBER 8

#429 LBW "REJOICE, REJOICE BELIEVERS"

"Rejoice, rejoice, believers,
and let your lights appear;
the evening is advancing,
and darker night is near.
The bridegroom is arising
and soon is drawing nigh.
Up, pray and watch and wrestle;
at midnight comes the cry."

WEEK OF NOVEMBER 15

#346 LBW "WHEN PEACE, LIKE A RIVER"

"When peace, like a river, attendeth my way;
when sorrows, like sea billows, roll;
whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say,
it is well, it is well with my soul.
Refrain
It is well (it is well) with my soul, (with my soul,) it is well, it is well with my soul."

WEEK OF NOVEMBER 22

#328 LBW "ALL HAIL THE POWER OF JESUS' NAME"

"All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name!
Let angels prostrate fall;
bring forth the royal diadem
and crown him Lord of all.
Bring forth the royal diadem
And crown him Lord of all."

Hymn History

Horatio Spafford knew something about life's unexpected challenges. He was a successful attorney and real estate investor who lost a fortune in the great Chicago fire of 1871. Around the same time, his beloved four-year-old son died of scarlet fever. Thinking a vacation would do his family some good, he sent his wife and four daughters on a ship to England, planning to join them after he finished some pressing business at home. However, while crossing the Atlantic Ocean, the ship was involved in a terrible collision and sunk. More than 200 people lost their lives, including all four of Horatio Spafford's precious daughters. His wife, Anna, survived the tragedy. Upon arriving in England, she sent a telegram to her husband that began: "Saved alone. What shall I do?" Horatio immediately set sail for England. At one point during his voyage, the captain of the ship, aware of the tragedy that had struck the Spafford family, summoned Horatio to tell him that they were now passing over the spot where the shipwreck had occurred. As Horatio thought about his daughters, words of comfort and hope filled his heart and mind. He wrote them down, and they have since become a well-loved hymn: *When peace like a river, attendeth my way, When sorrows like sea billows roll—Whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to know. It is well, it is well with my soul.*² Perhaps we cannot always say that everything is well in all aspects of our lives. There will always be storms to face, and sometimes there will be tragedies. But with faith in a loving God and with trust in His divine help, we can confidently say, "It is well, it is well with my soul."

YOUTH NEWS

Hello Brothers and Sisters,



The seasons are changing. Life changes. But God does not! God is a never changing God that is with us always.

I pray that you all find joy in God in all seasons. Through the ups and downs of life. God is there.

- NOVEMBER 8TH-OUTREACH AT OKOBOJI, 5-8PM, 6TH-12TH GRADERS, \$4 EACH
- NOVEMBER 8TH- NOISY OFFERING FOR UDM FAMILY SUPPORT
- NOVEMBER 18TH-CONFIRMATION STUDENTS PACKING FEED OUR KIDS- 5-6PM
- NOVEMBER 22ND-HARVEST DINNER
- NOVEMBER 25TH-MOVIE AT THE CHURCH- 4PM-ALL AGES
- NOVEMBER 29TH-HANGING OF THE GREENS

All meeting groups are subject to change!

Starting November 1st-We will be prepping for the Sunday School Christmas Service.

Sunday school classes will be competing verse each other in a food drive throughout the school year. We will see how many food items they can bring throughout the year, food will be delivered monthly to UDMO. The CHALLENGE is ON!

SUNDAY SCHOOL OFFERING

NOISY OFFERING
UDM-Family Support for Holidays

November 8th-11th

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

CONTACT KRISTIN

Kristin Rienhardt



Kristin.rienhardt@blc.edu

712-790-6470



NOVEMBER 22ND
TO GO MEAL
NOON-1PM

HARVEST DINNER

HAM, CHEESY POTATOES,
GREEN BEAN CASSEROLE,
DINNER ROLL, DESSERT,
& BEVERAGE

If you attend church that day you can get your meals as you leave service. Otherwise, the Drive-Thru will start at Noon and go to 1pm.

*Funded by a Thrivent Action Team
Free Will Offering towards UDM: Christmas gifts/food and Bethany Youth Programs
Call Kristin, with questions or delivery, 712-790-6470

All Saints Sunday

We remember: Bob Andersen, Bob Mortenson, Robert Baxter, Mary Christianson, Justin Snavely, Marian Evans, Sylvia Wolfe, Keith Anderson, Fern Schmidt, Brian Campbell, Evelyn Mandsager, & Kevin Schentzel
Merlin Norris & John Leininger

DECEMBER 16TH AT 6:30PM

GLENN HENRIKSEN CONCERT

ONLINE EVENT with Special Guests



CHRISTMAS EVE

December 23rd @ 7:30pm
December 24th @ 1pm
December 24th @ 5pm
December 24th @ 8pm



There will be a sign up available for the services
On our website starting December 1st or by calling the office

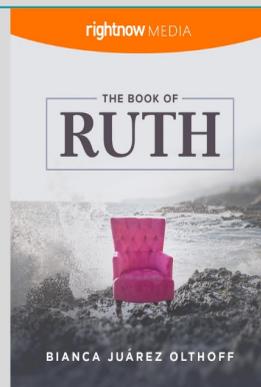
ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Adults of any age
Read Ruth 2

In Person or on Zoom:
Let Kristin know if you are interested.

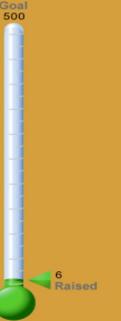
NOV 15TH

4-6PM



SUNDAY SCHOOL OFFERING CHALLENGE

EACH CLASS IS COMPETING VERSE THE OTHER BUT ALL
TOGETHER HAVE A GAOL OF 500 ITEMS
CLASS VS CLASS CHALLENGE



Movie in the Church

All Ages invited, Rated PG

November 25th from 4pm

Let Kristin know if you are planning on coming so she
can host the movie in the best location at the church!



November 2020

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<p>1 All Saints Day 8:45 am Lost Island Worship Confirmation 9:30 am Bethany Sunday School 10:15 am LI Sunday School 10:30 am Bethany Worship *Live Streamed</p>	<p>2 9 AM Morning Quilters</p> <p>6 PM Night Quilters</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4 1:30-3 PM SACK (2nd-5th) 4-5PM 1st year Confirmation 5-6 PM Connect (6th-8th) 6-7PM 2nd year Confirmation 7:30PM Worship & Message *Live Streamed 8-9:30 PM LIFE (9th-12th)</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p>
<p>8 8:45 am Lost Island Worship 9:30 am Bethany Sunday School 10:15 am LI Sunday School 10:30 am Bethany Worship *Live Streamed Noisy Offering-UDM Family 5-8pm Okoboji Outreach</p>	<p>9 9 AM Morning Quilters</p> <p>Diane Gone (Teresa Saxton will be here)</p>	<p>10 6:30 PM Cub Scouts</p> <p>Diane Gone (Teresa Saxton will be here)</p>	<p>11 3:30-5 PM SACK (2nd-5th) 4-5PM 1st year Confirmation 5-6 PM Connect (6th-8th) 6-7PM 2nd year Confirmation 6 PM Board of Youth Mtg. 7:30 PM Worship & Message *Live Streamed 8-9:30 PM LIFE (9th-12th) Diane Gone</p>	<p>12 Diane Gone (Teresa Saxton will be here)</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p>
<p>15 8:45 am Lost Island Worship 9:30 am Bethany Sunday School 10:15 am LI Sunday School 10:30 am Bethany Worship *Live Streamed 4-6 pm Adult Bible Study</p>	<p>16 9 AM Morning Quilters</p> <p>6 PM Worship Board</p> <p>6 PM Night Quilters</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18 1:30-3 PM SACK (2nd-5th) 4-5PM 1st year Confirmation 5-6 PM Connect (6th-8th) 6-7PM 2nd year Confirmation 7:30 PM Worship & Message *Live Streamed 8-9:30 PM LIFE (9th-12th)</p>	<p>19 WIC Clinic</p>	<p>20 Articles Due for Newsletter</p>	<p>21</p>
<p>22 8:45 am Lost Island Worship 9:30 am Bethany Sunday School 10:15 am LI Sunday School 10:30 am Bethany Worship *Live Streamed *12-1 pm Harvest Dinner To-Go</p>	<p>23 9 AM Morning Quilters</p>	<p>24 10 AM Assemble Newsletter</p> <p>Joint Council Mtg at Lost Island Supper at 6 PM Mtg at 6:45 PM</p> <p>6:30 PM Cub Scouts</p>	<p>25 4PM Movie in the Church 7:30 PM Worship & Message *Live Streamed</p>	<p>26 </p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>
<p>29 <i>Hanging of the Greens</i> 8:45 am Lost Island Worship 9:30 am Bethany Sunday School 10:15 am LI Sunday School 10:30 am Bethany Worship *Live Streamed</p>	<p>30 9 AM Morning Quilters</p>					