

BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH
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Pastor F. Peter Morlock
Secretary: Brittany Hernandez
Financial Secretary: Michael Jacobson
Youth Director: Kristin Rienhardt
Bethany organist: Janis Campbell
Lost Island organist: Tim Nielsen

APRIL 2020



CONNECTIONS

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

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This is not the article I intended to write this month, but these are strange and interesting times, and this is information you need to know...

1. As you know we have suspended all services and church activities. This will continue for the foreseeable future. I hope to be able to worship with you all on Easter Sunday, but we will see how that goes. In the meantime, there will still be a service recorded for broadcast on the radio at 3pm on Sundays KEMB 94.1, and we are working on options for Video streaming for those who have computers; we will still worship together it'll look a bit different.

2. Office hours- will be a little different. I will be in the office at Bethany on Wednesdays for part of the day. I will be out at Lost Island on Thursday afternoons. During these times the church will be open for prayer, with appropriate social distancing, and I will be available to visit one on one. Part of this will also deal with the fact that we cannot share communion together, but I can give it on a one to one basis. If you wish to do that stop by during office hours or call and set up an appointment. All other times I will be working from home.

HERE ARE SOME THINGS YOU CAN DO-

- Pray with, and for each other
- Make phone calls, and stay in touch. It is easy to feel isolated during times like this, so reach out to one another.
- Send letters and cards to friends and loved ones who are in facilities. All the care facilities and the hospital on visitor restrictions. No one can go in to visit, and residents cannot go out. I have a list of names and addresses. If you would like it, let me know.

The Lord who watches you will neither slumber or sleep... Psalm 121

-Pastor Peter

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Office hours: Mon-Thurs 9 AM - 1 PM (adjusted during this time) Office phone: 712-852-4450

CONNECTIONS

There is a time for everything, and a season
for every activity under the heavens:

ECCLESIASTES 3:1





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
Mondays- 9 AM weekly
(Morning Quilters will resume Jan 6th)
1st and 3rd Monday's at 6 PM

Adult Bible Study
1st, 3rd, and 5th Wednesdays
6:00pm
*Check Calendar for changes

Men's Bible Study
Wednesdays @ Noon



**"Living in
God's Time"
VBS**

JULY 21-23
SUPPER @ 5:30PM
6PM-8:30PM
LOST ISLAND LUTHERAN

MARCH 2020 Bethany Lutheran Church Treasurer's Report Attendance average: 90 (March 1-15) MONTHLY BUDGET NEEDS:	
	MONTHLY BEGINNING BALANCE 4,373.31
INCOME	
Offerings	10,400.92
Lost Island Miscellaneous Income Sunday School	
Total Income	10,400.92
EXPENSES	
Personnel Expenses	7,684.67
Program Expenses	408.13
Office Expenses	695.69
Property Expenses	1,306.30
Western IA Synod	335.60
Damascus Road	50.00
NO ELCA Donations	
TOTAL EXPENSE	10,480.39
Income Less Expenses	(\$79.47)
GENERAL FUND BALANCE	\$4,293.84
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 March 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 :

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

CARPET UPDATE

The carpet at Bethany is 44years old, at the annual meting we voted to replace the carpet when we had the money in the deferred maintenance fund. This money will not come out of the budget, only designated money for the carpet fund and deferred maintenance money will be used.

So far \$ 4,225.50 has been given. That is just a start towards the \$24,000.00 that will be needed.

The carpet committee has a few more decisions and we will be ready to get the ball roll-ing. It has been hoped that this could happen early summer before weddings in July. With the uncertainty of things going on in the country right now we may have to change that goal to later summer before Sunday School starts in the fall.

We would like to ask all of you to consider giving to the carpet / deferred maintenance fund so that we can get this project rolling.

Thanks for all your support on this project and keeping Bethany beautiful for the future.

Carpet committee members are:

Aletha King Kent Davidson Mark Saxton Chuck Duhn Angela Hetrick

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 this parish.

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:

Obeb Naig, Marian Evans,Bob Mortenson Jr., Cindy Pedersen, Catharine Dillon, Linda Gjerde, Dean Newlon, Larry Chuning, Kyle Anderson, Susan Wheeler (Sharon Omundson’s sister), Linda Umbrell, Phyllis Schroeder, Janis Campbell, Debra Zanfes, Fern Schmidt, Gar-win Anderson, Lucille Anderson.

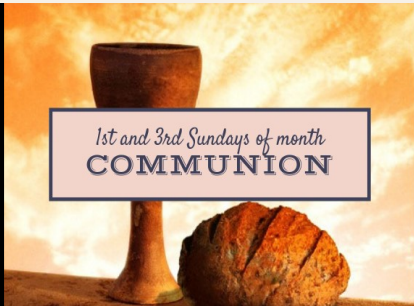
our sympathy: Family & friends of Sylvia Wolfe & Justin Snavely, and those we name in our hearts.

*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 Lu-

CHURCH NEWS

WORSHIP-
Lost Island
Sundays at
8:45am



1st and 3rd Sundays of month
COMMUNION

WORSHIP-
Bethany
Sundays at
10:30am



The altar guild would appreciate any Easter lilies that you may wish to share for Easter Sunday. They can be delivered to the church April 11th. Please put your name on the plant if you wish to take it home later. Also, if you want the plant to be recognized in honor or memory of someone please fill out the sheet outside the office. The Easter lilies can be picked up April 19th after worship.

*This is subject to be different, keep listening for announcements.

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?

HOLY WEEK:
Lent is a time of spiritual preparation for Easter. The final week of Lent is known as Holy Week. During Holy Week Christians attend special services which help them to reflect on the events leading up to the death and resurrection of Jesus. During the week they experience a wide range of emotions from deep sadness to great joy and happiness.

WEEK OF APRIL 5
#660 WOV “I Want Jesus to Walk With Me”
I want Jesus to walk with me;
I want Jesus to walk with me;
all along my pilgrim journey,
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me

WEEK OF APRIL 12
#143 LBW “Now All the Vaults of Heaven Resounds”
Now all the vault of heav’n resounds
in praise of love that still abounds:
“Christ has triumphed! He is living!”
Sing, choirs of angels, loud and clear!
Repeat their song of glory here:
“Christ has triumphed!
Christ has triumphed!”
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

WEEK OF APRIL 19
A hymn most appropriate for the day is “We walk by faith” (ELW 635). Published first in 1844, this hymn was written for the day of St. Thomas the Apostle by Henry Alford, an Anglican priest who was a prolific author and a composer of church musician. The first three stanzas recall the gospel from John 20, and in stanza 4 we acclaim the resurrected Lord coming to us in the water, word, bread, and wine.

We walk by faith and not by sight;
with gracious words draw near,
O Christ, who spoke as none e'er spoke:
"My peace be with you here."

WEEK OF APRIL 26
An Easter hymn that is particularly appropriate for this Sunday is “Day of arising” (ELW 374). Susan Palo Cherwien composed this hymn for a 1996 ELCA synod assembly. In stanzas 2 and 3, we ourselves enter the Emmaus story, and stanza 4 is a prayer that we and all creation will rise with Christ.

Day of arising,
Christ on the roadway,
unknown companion walks with his own.
When they invite him,
as fades the first day,
and bread is broken, Christ is made known.

Share, Encourage, Evaluate, Pray, Express

GREETERS:	April 5	Jason & Nicole Sanders Family *Danny & Linda Umbrell (Palm Sun)
	April 12	Randy & Dianne Hough (Sunrise Service) *Lucille Anderson & Garwin Anderson
	April 12	Dave & Elaine Sidles (2nd Service) *Kent & Belinda Davidson
	April 19	Elaine Nauss * Bev Norland
	April 26	Burdell & Barb Naugle * Paul & Teresa Saxton
* Back door greeters please move to front door if no one comes to greet here		
LECTORS:	April 5	Lindsay Carter
	April 12	Hannah Malm (Easter Early)
	April 12	Jacki Ellingrod (Easter Late)
	April 19	Kathy Mehan
COMM. ASST.	April 26	Kristin Rienhardt
	April 5	Kristin Rienhardt, Ryerson Boevers Jonah Hackbart-Morlock (Palm Sunday)
	April 12	John & Stephanie Larson (Easter Early) Joe Neary (Easter Late)
	April 19	Frank & Marit Veltri Brian Campbell
ALTAR GUILD:	April:	Pam & Mike Hermansen
USHERS:	April 5	Phil Andreason, *Ben Hofstad, Leslie & Gretchen Hofstad
	April 12	Mark Evans (Easter 6:30 am) David Sidles (Easter 10:30 am)
	April 19	Michael Jacobson, *Cory Fjetland, Brady & Bryce Cooke
	April 26	Lonnie Naig, *Roger Walker, Tate Carter, Jameson Boevers
ACOLYTE:	April 6	Braxton Cooke, Adri Hill
	April 12	Hannah Sanders, Nick Saxton (Early)
	April 12	Kennedy & Reagan Schurg (Late)
	April 19	Carsen & Conner Fjetland
	April 26	Nolan Gustafson, Miriam Hackbart-Morlock
** Please contact 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 II

Willard & Glenyce Schmeling, Danny & Linda Umbrell, Co-Chairpersons

Garwin Anderson	Bob & Diane Clasing-Steger	Mike & Betty Naig
Bev Hayden		Allen & Beth Will
Bill & Eleanor Ortman	Teresa Jensen	Barb Haack
Lucille Anderson	Becky Walker	Burdell & Barb Naugle
Dianne & Randy Hough	Bill & Sharolyn Dickey	Donald & Sandra Schnell
Tim & Molly Rodemeyer	Troy & Sarah Krug	Brian & Janis Campbell
Staci Berkland	Leroy & Marlene Walker	
Jason & Diane Jacobson	Chuck & Therese Duhn	
Joe & Jennifer Boevers	Brian & Amy Malm	
Bernie & Linda Janssen	Roger & Carol Walker	
Dan & Michelle Theesfeld	Marvin & Ruth Duhn	
Kim Campbell		

ORGANIST	Tim Nielsen
ALTAR GUILD	APRIL: KAREN THU,KARI SORENSON,KARYN LEININGER
READERS	April 5 Alaire Nielsen April 12 Troy Leininger April 19 Kyle Norris April 26 Tom Mason
COMMUNION ASSISTANT	April 5 Charles Henningsen April 9 Tom Mason & Kadin Norris (Maundy Thursday) April 12 Steve Pitt (Easter) April 19 Alaire Nielsen
ACOLYTE	April 5 Lydia Hersom April 12 Olivia Sorenson April 19 Avery Hersom April 26 Zac Sorenson

MEMORIALS

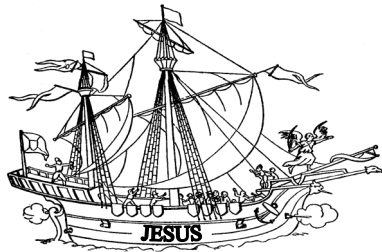
In Memory of Anna Mae Kacmarynski given by Jane Heykes .
In Memory of Larry McCallister given by Marilyn Eglund to the *Carpet Fund*.
In Memory of Larry McCallister given by Dawn Freeman to the *Carpet Fund*.
In Memory of Mary Christianson given by Marian & Dale Evans.
In Memory of Mary Christianson given by Paul & Teresa Saxton to Courtney Davis Fund.
In Memory of Mary Christianson given by Angie Hetrick to the *Carpet fund*.
In Memory of Mary Christianson given by Brian & Janis Campbell to the *Radio fund*.



THANK YOU

- ♦ Thank you to all those that donated items, money, and your time to the Spring Boutique that the Women of Bethany held.
- ♦ Thank you to all that have provided for all the Lenten Service meals.
- ♦ Thank you to all that provided and help serve Mary Christianson’s funeral luncheon.

LENT THEME



**5 SHIPS AND
AN ISM**
 April 1st: Stewardship
 Evangelism
Lenten Services:
 Streamed online



JOIN US FOR HOLY WEEK

PALM SUNDAY 8:45AM (LOST ISLAND) 10:30AM (BETHANY)	GOOD FRIDAY 7PM (BETHANY)
“NOT ALONE” MIME DRAMA WED, AT 7PM (BETHANY) (Postponed)	EASTER 6:30AM(BETHANY) 8:45AM(LOST ISLAND) 10:30AM (BETHANY)
MAUNDY THURSDAY 7PM (LOST ISLAND)	

We will be streaming these services until further notice.
 Keep an eye out on announcements relating to services.

Facebook: Bethany/Lost Island Parish
Youtube: Bethany Worship
Radio: Sunday services at 3pm on 94.1 KEMB-LP

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.

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 youth used the noisy offering from March and bought materials to create baskets of gifts for kids and adults in the community.



LWR QUILT SUNDAY IS POSTPONED.

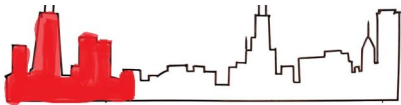
Quilt Sunday will be postponed until sometime this summer. When I hear from Lutheran World Relief I will let everyone know. Thank you for all your help! ~Teresa Jensen

HELP US STAY UP TO DATE!!

Keep our information accurate. We would love current contact information, especially emails and phone numbers. If you have recently changed any information that would prevent you from receiving something or if others needed to contact you, please let the office know so that those changes can be made. Thank you

CHICAGO MISSION TRIP

Dates: June 21-26, 2020
April 8th– “Not Alone” Mime Drama & Bake Sale at 7pm

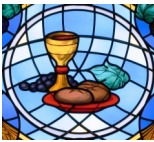


Please pray for the following youth and adults as they truly start to dig in and prepare for the Mission trip.

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| Trip Leader-Kristin Rienhardt | 4. Raylene Poepppe |
| Adult-Pastor Peter | 5. Josie Steffen |
| 1. Chris Meyer | 6. Haley Griffin |
| 2. Alex Meyer | 7. Amelia Ort |
| 3. Quentin Ort | 8. Olivia Sanders |



Postponed– Mission Trip Wed Dinner Fundraiser, Mime Drama, and Possibly Easter Breakfast.



1st Communion will be postponed!!!!
Please keep these young people in your prayers.

ATTENTION SENIORS: SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS ARE DUE!
SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS ARE DUE TO THE CHURCH NO LATER THAN APRIL 15TH.
PLEASE SEND THEM TO THE CHURCH WITH ATTENTION: SCHOLARSHIP

YOUTH NEWS

Hello Brothers and Sisters,



A season unexpected. A season where changes have been made in the way we live. A season that won't last forever. A season will pass but God stays the same. He is our constant during this time. He is our constant every minute of everyday. He makes all things beautiful in their own time (Ecclesiastes 3).

APRIL 12TH—EASTER BREAKFAST (WATCH FOR ANNOUNCEMENTS ABOUT THIS HAPPENING)

APRIL 19TH—NOISY OFFERING TO CHERISH HOUSE

APRIL 19TH— JR HIGH FUN DAY.

APRIL 26TH— ELEMENTARY FUN DAY.

MAY 3RD—HIGH SCHOOL FUN DAY WITH OUTREACH AT OKOBOJI.

MAY 10TH— LAST DAY OF SUNDAY SCHOOL/BACCHELORETTE SUNDAY

THIS IS ALL SUBJECT TO CHANGE.

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

Sunday School at 9:30am on Sundays

Sunday School Service project on April 19th

April Memory Verse-1 John 4:10

SUNDAY SCHOOL
OFFERING
\$600 GOAL FOR HABITAT
FOR HUMANITY TO BUY
MATERIALS FOR HOMES



**NOISY
OFFERING**

Cherish House

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

**CONTACT
KRISTIN**
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Kristin Rienhardt



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712-790-6470

COLLECTING ITEMS 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.

March 1

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



March 8

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



March 15

Toothbrushes (adult size, in original packaging)



March 22

Combs



March 29

Nail Clippers (metal, attached file optional)



April 5 (PALM SUNDAY)

Bars of Soap



For more information contact

Karyn

We will assemble our Personal Care Kits on 4 / 26 / 20
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:



Pencil Sharpeners

Nail Clippers (metal, attached file optional)



White onesies



Hand towels

(dark color recommended)

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



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



Monetary Gifts to purchase Cloth Diapers
(Can be made out to Bethany).

We are collecting items.
Any Questions please contact Elaine Nauss.

YOU CAN DROP OFF WEDNESDAYS

April 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<i>All meeting groups are subject to change!</i>			<i>1</i> Streaming Wednesday's service	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i>
<i>5 PALM SUNDAY/ Communion Sunday</i> 8:45 am Lost Island Worship 10:15 am LI Sunday School 9:30am Bethany Sunday School 10:30 am Bethany Worship	<i>6</i> 9 AM Day Quilters 6 PM Night Quilters	<i>7</i>	<i>8</i> MIME DRAMA, 7PM “POSTPONED”	<i>9 MAUNDY THURSDAY</i> LOST ISLAND SERVICE 7PM (STREAMED)	<i>10 GOOD FRIDAY</i> COMMUNITY SERVICE NOON BETHANY SERVICE 7PM (STREAMED)	<i>11</i> <i>Egg crackin' 9AM?</i>
HOLY WEEK						
<i>12 EASTER/ Communion Sunday</i> 6:30 am Bethany Sunrise Service After Sunrise-Easter Breakfast 8:45 am Lost Island Worship 10:30 am Bethany Worship	<i>13</i> 9 AM Day Quilters	<i>14</i>	<i>15</i> Men's Group, Noon SACK: 1:30-3:00 PM 1st Year Confirmation 4-5PM Connect 5-6PM Adult Bible Study 6:00PM 2nd year Confirmation 6-7PM LIFE: 8-9:30 PM	<i>16 Newsletter Articles Due</i>	<i>17</i>	<i>18</i>
<i>19 Communion Sunday</i> 8:45 am Lost Island Worship 10:15 am LI Sunday School 9:30am Bethany Sunday School 10:30 am Bethany Worship <i>Noisy Offering– Cherish House</i> Mission trip meeting after worship	<i>20</i> 9 AM Day Quilters 6 PM Night Quilters	<i>21</i> <i>Bethany Council Meeting 7PM</i>	<i>22</i> Men's Group, Noon SACK: 3:30-5:00PM 1st Year Confirmation 4-5PM Connect 5-6PM Education Board Meeting 6PM 2nd year Confirmation 6-7PM LIFE: 8-9:30 PM	<i>23 Assemble Newsletter 10AM</i>	<i>24</i>	<i>25</i>
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