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Parish Administrator: Susan Rohan
Youth Director: Kristin Rienhardt
Bethany organist: Janis Campbell
Lost Island organist: Tim Nielsen

August 2019



CONNECTIONS

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

We find ourselves now in the long Green (liturgically speaking) season of Pentecost for the next few weeks....It is a season that seems quiet because there are no major liturgical festivals that punctuate the season. We have gone through the festival of Pentecost, and it seems over and done with; or perhaps not....At Pentecost we proclaim the coming of the Holy Spirit, but what does that mean for us? In my preaching the last few weeks I have found myself pondering the question and challenge of seeing the proclamation of the text as more than simply an historical event. The Word the text brings is a present reality as well. The Spirit that comes at Pentecost is still here! Still moving; still stirring; still calling! I invite you to ponder what that looks like for us as a parish, and as individuals.



Read for yourself John 16:5-16 and ponder these questions:

At your Baptism you received God's gift of the Holy Spirit. What does it mean to you that the Spirit dwells in you?

Can you give an example of how the Holy Spirit is guiding you? The Parish?

Do you think the Holy Spirit empowers you as a witness? How?

Happy pondering!!!

Pastor Peter

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2 Chronicles 5:13

It was the duty of the trumpeters and singers to make themselves heard in unison in praise and thanksgiving to the LORD, and when the song was raised with trumpets and cymbals and other musical instruments, in praise to the LORD, "For he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever."





VOLUNTEER

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. Ask Susan how to get involved!

Circle Schedules

***Tabitha Circle:** TBD

***Sarah Circle:** will resume in September

***Mary Martha Circle:** 9:30 AM Wednesday, August 21

***Ruth Circle:** Ruth circle will meet at Lakeside Assisted Living at 2 pm on Thursday, August 22.

Morning Quilting Groups,
“Journey” Adult Bible Study,
& Men’s Bible Study
Will Resume in the fall

Parsonage Roof Project

Special thank you to everyone who has helped with replacing the roof on the parsonage. We are still needing financial help with the project. With your financial help we can be back on budget in no time at all! The total for the project is \$6,350. Any donations to go toward the roof project will be greatly appreciated to keep the budget on task! Thank you, Thank you, Thank you in advance to make sure that our budgetary needs are being met!



JULY 2019 Bethany Lutheran Church Treasurer’s Report

Attendance average: 77

MONTHLY BUDGET NEEDS: \$15,239.17

	MONTHLY BEGINNING BALANCE 12,453	MONTH- LY BUDGET	YEAR TO DATE BAL- ANCE	YEAR TO DATE BUDGET
INCOME				
Offerings	7,390	15,240	103,385	137,154
Lost Island Miscellaneous Income Sunday School	0 0	2,600	14,550	23,400
Total Income	7,390	17,840	123,666	160,554
EXPENSES				
Personnel Expenses	5,992	11,340	68,110	68,056
Program Expenses	65	1,100	8,025	7,700
Office Expenses	281	552	5,559	5,700
Property Expenses	3,426	2,265	40,708	12,726
Western IA Synod	297	375	2,706	3,375
Damascus Road	50	50	250	450
NO ELCA Donations	0	100	949	900
TOTAL EXPENSE	10,081	15,782	126,307	98,907
Income Less Expenses	(2,691)			
GENERAL FUND BALANCE	62			

If you have any questions concerning the finances of the church please feel free to call me.
Thanks! Susan (**August 31 payroll and Parsonage roof bills are not included in these figures**)

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.

Council Members: Do you have questions? Need assistance? Contact your council members and they will get you connected with the right people!

Bethany	712-298-0331	Lost Island
Angie Hetrick, President	852-4192; 298-2142	Troy Leininger – President
Joe Boeyers, Vice President	424-3611; 298-0684	Tim Nielsen - Treasurer
Aletha King-Treasurer		Kyle Norris – Secretary
Stacie Fjetland, Secretary	712-298-0887	Craig Thu & Steve Pitt – Trustees
Pam Hermansen	254-717-0787	Alan Oppedal & Charles Henningsen – Deacons
Chuck Duhn	712-298-1027	
Dianne Hough	712-852-2169	



MEMORIALS

None to note in July 2019



Thank you



Thank you for all those that have volunteered/provided and prayed for VBS. It is going to be a space-tacular time!
From PULSE: Thank you for the generous donation to date.



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.

Youth News

Hello Brothers and Sisters,

Where did the summer go? It seems like it just started! It has been a great one and I can’t wait to get back to programming at church and seeing my church family.

-Philippians 3:13-14PRESS ON IN ALL THINGS

UPCOMING EVENTS:
VBS-August 5th through 8th, 5:30 meal, 6-8pm. \$5 per child.
Those that finished Pre/K-5th grade.

VBS program is the 8th at 7:30pm with Ice Cream Social to follow.
Noisy Offering-August 11th.

Sunday School/Youth Volunteer Meeting will happen at the end of the month. Please keep your eyes and ears open.

- SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS**
- **Sunday school will resume in September 8th**
 - **We are collecting school supplies for VBS**
 - **Want to help with youth activities? Youth group or Sunday school? You can be an adult of any age to help.**

VBS DATES-MARK YOUR CALENDARS

AUGUST 5TH-8TH (IN THE EVENING)



NOISY OFFERING AUGUST

Upper Des Moines-School Start

We are collecting school supplies and the money will go to purchasing more.

PRAY FOR THE YOUTH AND THEIR FAMILIES AS THE SUMMER GETS ROLLING. EVEN THOUGH, THEY ARE NOT IN SCHOOL THEY STILL ARE BUSY.

Kristin Rienhardt



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ORGANIST	Tim Nielsen
ALTAR GUILD	August Amee Norris, Madison Norris, Karyn Leininger
READERS	Aug 4 Troy Leininger Aug 11 Madison Norris Aug 18 Karyn Leininger Aug 25 Tim Nielsen
COMMUNION ASSISTANT	Aug 4 Troy Leininger Aug 18 Kadin Norris
ACOLYTE	Aug 4 Olivia Sorenson Aug 11 Owen Lux Aug 18 Corrine Cooke Aug 25 Zac Sorenson

School and Personal Care Kits are being Assembled!

Well... Not quite yet... We still need the supplies to put them all together! Can you help with this special project???

Greatest Needs:

- 70 count wide or college ruled notebooks
- Pencil Sharpeners
- Crayons 16 or 24 count

Personal Care Greatest needs:

- Towels 52" by 27" dark colored
- Bath soap 4 or 5 oz. individually wrapped
- Large tooth comb
- Metal Nail Clippers

Baby Care:

- Receiving blankets
- Hand towel-dark colored
- Cotton T-Shirts (will take onsies)
- Cloth Diapers-Flat fold only



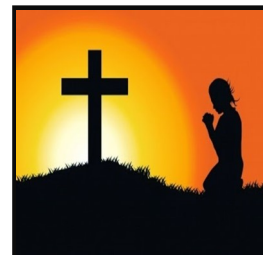
Thank you so much for your help with this project!

Church News

**WORSHIP-
Lost Island
Sundays at
8:45am**



**WORSHIP-
Bethany
Sundays at
10:30am**



We remember those in special need of God's love and care including:

Susan Wheeler (Sharon Omundson's sister), Mica Theesfeld, Verna Hanson, Andrew Larsen, Linda Umbrell, Jim Willmore, Todd Frink, Kevin Schentzel, Shirley Knutson, Teresa Jensen, Phyllis Schroeder, Janis Campbell, Debra Zanfes, Fern Schmidt, Garwin Anderson, Lois Quam, Bob Mortenson, Lucille Anderson, Evelyn Warmbier, and those we name in our hearts.

*Lost Island's Confirmation Students attending camp this week

*The family of Colton Johnson as they mourn his passing

*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.

From the office of the Bishop

In these beginning days as Bishop – and in these new days for the congregations, rostered ministers, and people of the Western Iowa Synod – this is my prayer:

Come, Spirit, into the inner room of our lives today,
offering us your transforming gifts. Open what is closed within us.
Breathe renewed confidence into our fatigued spirits.
Send us forth with a passionate intention to be conveyors of your
unconditional love.

Come, Spirit, open our hands and hearts to go
beyond a fear of scarcity, to share generously from
what we have to assist people in need.

Come, Spirit, soothe our soreness of mind and heart
with touches of kindness that heal and restore.

Come, Spirit, assure us that the turbulent animosity
and violence of this era can be lessened when we express
your love in our attitudes and actions.

Thank you for your call and confidence. Thank you for your continued prayers. I,
along with the Synod staff, look forward to the new days ahead.

Bishop Lorna Halaas

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Bishop Halaas will be installed on Saturday, August 17 1:30 p.m. at First Lutheran Church in Sioux City. All are invited. Rostered Ministers are invited to vest, the color for the day is red. In addition to the installation on Saturday afternoon, all are welcome Friday, August 16, 6:30 p.m. at St. Mark Lutheran Church, Sioux City for a light evening meal followed by Holden Evening Prayer.

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GREETERS:	Aug 4 Angie Hetrick, Bev Norland *Jane Heykes Aug 11 Dianne Hough *David and Elaine Sidles Aug 18 Paul and Teresa Saxton *Frank and Marit Veltri Aug 25 Angela Moriariy *Beverly Norland <hr/> * Back door greeters please move to front door if no one comes to greet here
LECTORS:	Aug 4 Laure Miller Aug 11 Angie Hetrick Aug 18 Stephanie Larson Aug 25 Frank Veltri
COMM. ASST.	Aug 4 Jacki Ellingrod, Jonah Hackbart-Morlock, Amelia Ort Aug 18 Mark and Darca Saxton
ALTAR GUILD:	August Elaine Sidles
USHERS:	Aug 4 Joel Saxton * Paul Saxton Josey and Liza Saxton Aug 11 Ryan Veldboom *John Keller Brady and Bryce Cooke Aug 18 Mark Evans *Bob Mortenson, Jr Joe and Kelsey Petersen Aug 25 Lonnie Naig *Ben Gustafson Henrik and Noland Gustafson
ACOLYTES:	

Bethany Funeral Servers For Group I

John & Stephanie Larson, Elaine Nauss, & Michael Jacobsen –Co-Chairpersons

Lorna Brennan	Randy & Deb Jones	Dale & Marian Evans
David & Judy Cole	Tiffany Keller	Bob Scott
Shawn & Jen Connelly	Aletha King	Bob & Connie Schubert
Gina & Angie Cowden	Pat & Amy Martini	Ryan & Molly Veldboom
Ina Crocoll	Don McEwan	
Carroll &	Sharon Omundson	
Mary Christianson	Amanda Murray	
Jerry & Catherine Dillon	Darlene Naig	
Bob & Linda Halverson	Wilma Nielsen	
Mark & Nicole Evans	Joes & Somer Saxton	
Danielle L’Heureaux	Phyllis Schroeder	

August 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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Confirmation Camp at Lakeside Lutheran - Lost Island						Ingham Okoboji Quilt Auction weekend
4 Communion Sunday 8:45 am Lost Island Worship 10:30 am Bethany Worship	5 No night quilters due to VBS	6	7	8 VBS program at 7:30pm	9	10
	Vacation Bible School 5:30 to 8 PM					
11 8:45 am Lost Island Worship 10:30 am Bethany Worship	12	13	14	15	16 6:30 PM Supper with Bishop Halaas 8 PM Holden Evening Prayer Service in Sioux City	17 1:30 PM Bishop Installation in Sioux City
18 Communion Sunday 8:45 am Lost Island Worship 10:30 am Bethany Worship	19 6 PM Night Quilters	20 6 PM Worship Committee Meeting 7 PM Council Meeting	21 Mary Martha Circle 9:30 AM	22	23 Articles Due for Newsletter	24
25 8:45 am Lost Island Worship 10:30 am Bethany Worship	26	27	28 10 AM Assemble Newsletter	29 WIC CLINIC	30	31