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Pastor F. Peter Morlock
Parish Administrator: ???
Youth Director: Kristin Rienhardt
Bethany organist: Janis Campbell
Lost Island organist: Tim Nielsen



CONNECTIONS

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

Brightest and best of the stars of the morning, dawn on our darkness and lend us your aid. Star in the East the horizon adorning, guide where our infant redeemer is laid. (Stanza 1 LBW 84)

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In times past, before the advent of satellite GPS, or map displays in your vehicle, or on your phone; the most common technique for navigation was to chart a course by the stars. Explorers set out across the vast oceans charting their course into the unknown by the position of the stars in the heavens. The history of our country includes stories and songs of those who traveled from slavery into freedom by following the North Star. This month includes the Feast of the Nativity where we mark and remember those who traveled from the East guided by a star to the place where Jesus was. This feast tends to be overshadowed by Christmas to some extent, but it raises an important point for us to ponder. What is the guiding force in your life? What "stars" do you follow? As we enter into the new year, and look forward to what is to come this year, my prayer is that we will continue to follow the same star that guided the wise men all those years ago, and continues to light the way for His People. Many blessings on the year ahead.

-Pastor Peter

CONNECTIONS

Luke 2:10-11
But the angel said to them, “Don’t be afraid, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all people. Today, in the town of David, a Savior has been born to you, He is Christ the Lord.”



Matthew 2:1
Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem,

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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:** Wednesday, January 15th at 6:50pm at Alaire Nielsen’s House.
- ***Sarah Circle:** Tuesday, January 14th at 7:00pm at Elaine Nauss’ House
- ***Mary Martha Circle:** No Meeting in January or February
- ***Ruth Circle:** No Meetings in January or February

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

Raising our Voice for Iowa Children and Families – Lutheran Day on the Hill

Families struggling without access to mental healthcare. Human services providers overworked and underpaid. Former refugees striving to build new lives. These are all issues faced by Iowans. Join us to make sure they are heard at the Iowa State Capitol. Please consider joining Lutheran Services in Iowa (LSI) and the three Iowa synods of the ELCA for Lutheran Day on the Hill, an annual day of advocacy in Des Moines to uplift the needs of our neighbors. The event will be held on Tuesday, February 25. Visit www.LSIowa.org/advocacy next month for event details, online registration, and an online toolkit for your congregation. If you are new to advocacy, come learn more about the legislative process and your role as a citizen. If you’ve attended before, join us again. If you would like more information, please contact Deb Whitford, LSI’s director of philanthropy and church relations, at Deborah.Whitford@LSIowa.org or 563-676-2065.

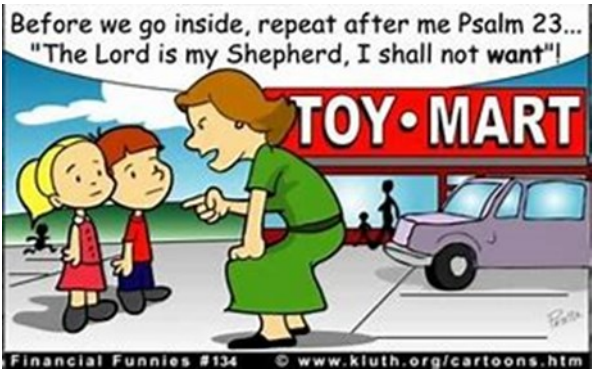
Our Mission: Lutheran Services in Iowa responds to the love of Jesus Christ through compassionate service. LSI is an affiliated social ministry partner of the Iowa congregations of the ELCA (Evangelical Lutheran Church in America) and a member of LSA (Lutheran Services in America). We proudly serve people of all ages, abilities, religions, sexes, gender identities, national origins, ethnicities, races, and sexual orientations. Learn more at www.LSIowa.org and www.facebook.com/LSI.iowa.

JANUARY 2020 Bethany Lutheran Church Treasurer’s Report
Attendance average:
MONTHLY BUDGET NEEDS: \$17,838

	MONTHLY BEGINNING BALANCE	MONTHLY BUDGET	YEAR TO DATE BALANCE	YEAR TO DATE BUDGET
INCOME				
Offerings		17, 838	172, 581	214, 070

***As of December 18th**

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.



God calls us to be generous in all areas of our lives and invites us to explore the many opportunities to share ourselves through our time and talent. When we ground our giving in a biblical context, our financial generosity becomes an expression of our love for God, for our neighbor and for ourselves. We are new people in Christ: compassionate and eager to share. We give cheerfully because God has given us so much. The Stewardship Committee is looking for new members and volunteers

and we ask that you consider volunteering. By creating good stewards, we will ensure that Bethany will continue to grow and thrive.

Bethany needs volunteers to be Sunday School Teachers, Greeters, Lectors, sing in the volunteer choir, help with Altar Guild, be Communion Assistants, Acolytes and many other things.

If interested in helping with Stewardship, please contact the Church Office, Pastor, Joe Neary or Dianne Hough.

Bethany Members can pick up their 2020 giving envelopes in the back of the sanctuary.

COUNCIL MEMBERS : Do you have questions? Need assistance? Contact your council members and they will get you connected with the

Bethany		Lost Island
Angie Hetrick, President	712-298-0331	Troy Leininger – President
Joe Boevers, Vice President	852-4192; 298-2142	Tim Nielsen - Treasurer
Aletha King-Treasurer	424-3611; 298-0684	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	

ANNUAL MEETING DISCUSSIONS

The recent ELCA Churchwide Assembly made a number of changes to the model constitution for congregations. I have reviewed the changes, and find them to be updated language or clarifications. I would like to make a motion at our January Annual meeting to adopt the amendments to our Bethany constitution as recommended by the ELCA Churchwide Assembly.

The proposed changes can be reviewed at our website with a clarifying letter from Rev. Jim Mossman, Synod Secretary.

Our website: bethanylutheranemmetsburg.com

Then go to the directed new website under “About” near our current constitution!

Or call me for questions.

Frank Veltri, Bethany Constitution Committee, 712-852-4249

CARPET-The properties board and the Church Council are preparing to replace the 44 year old carpet. This project is over \$ 20,000.00. A congregational vote is required and will be held at the annual meeting in January. We are accepting donations toward this long over due project. Thanks for your continued support.

Internship Possibility will be discussed at annual meeting. Total cost to Bethany will be \$20,000, split between 2020 (~\$8,000) and 2021 (Remainder ~\$12, 000) . Lost Island has committed to about \$15,000 in addition to Bethany’s \$20,000.

Bethany’s Annual Meeting will be held on January 19th
Lost Island’s Annual Meeting will be held on January 26th

CHURCH NEWS

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



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

Worship assistant training.

If you are interested in learning how to assist Pasto Peter in leading worship on Sunday morning please contact the office, and let him know. A training class is in the works.

Also, any confirmed youth and adults that would like to learn the projection system please contact Kristin.

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:

Remmington Bakken, Curt and Lisa Berkland, Kyle Anderson, Connie Helgeson, Pastor Carroll Lang, Susan Wheeler (Sharon Omundson’s sister), Andrew Larsen, Linda Umbrell, Jim Willmore, Kevin Schentzel, Teresa Jensen, Phyllis Schroeder, Janis Campbell, Debra Zanfes, Fern Schmidt, Garwin Anderson, Bob Mortenson, Lucille Anderson, 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 Lutheran Church in Chile.

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 stum-

WEEK OF JAN 5

Second Sunday of Christmas

The lectionary continues the medieval idea that Christmas lasts twelve days, and so in some years there are two Sundays of the Christmas season before Epiphany. These twelve days are the appropriate times for Christmas concerts and church parties. Each Sunday can focus on yet another aspect of the mystery of the incarnation. Christmas is not “over”—Christ is born in the hearts of believers each day.

Epiphany

Epiphany originally celebrated four different events, in the following order of importance: the Baptism of the Lord; Christ's first miracle, the changing of water into wine at the wedding in Cana; the Nativity of Christ; and the visitation of the Wise Menor Magi. Each of these is a revelation of God to man: At Christ's Baptism, the Holy Spirit descends and the voice of God the Father is heard, declaring that Jesus is His Son; at the wedding in Cana, the miracle reveals Christ's divinity; at the Nativity, the angels bear witness to Christ, and the shepherds, representing the people of Israel, bow down before Him; and at the visitation of the Magi, Christ's divinity is revealed to the Gentiles—

Share, Encourage, Evaluate, Pray, Express

the other nations of the earth.

WEEK OF JAN 12

#698 WOV We Were baptized in Christ Jesus

We are baptized in Christ Jesus,
we are baptized in his death;
that as Christ is raised victorious,
we might live a brand new life.
And if we have been united
in a dreadful death like his,
we will all be reunited, for he lives.

WEEK OF JAN 19

#752 WOV Here I Am Lord

Whom shall I send?"
Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.

WEEK OF JAN 26

I Will Make You Fishers of Men

I will make you fishers of men,
Fishers of men, fishers of men.
I will make you fishers of men,
If you follow Me.
If you follow Me,
If you follow Me,
I will make you fishers of men,
If you follow Me.

GREETERS:	Jan 5	Pat Vician, Dawn Freeman *Danny & Linda Umbrell
	Jan 12	Angie Hetrick, Jane Heykes *Sandra & Donald Schnell
	Jan 19	Darlene Naig, Dawn Daniels *Kent & Belinda Davidson
	Jan 26	David & Elaine Sidles *Bev Norland
* Back door greeters please move to front door if no one comes to greet here		

LECTORS:	Jan 5	Angie Hetrick
	Jan 12	Frank Veltri
	Jan 19	Quentin Ort
	Jan 26	Heidi Malm

COMM. ASST.	Jan 5	Joe Neary, Kristin Rienhardt, Laure Miller
	Jan 19	Frank & Marit Veltri, Jacki Ellingrod

ALTAR GUILD: January: Pam & Mike Hermansen

USHERS:	Jan 5	Joel Saxton *Joe Neary Liza & Josey Saxton
	Jan 12	David Sidles *Kent Davidson Hannah Sanders & Miriam Hackbart-Morlock
	Jan 19	Mark Evans *Garwin Anderson Emma & Zach Foxhoven
	Jan 26	Lonnie Naig *Doug Ort Amelia & Quentin Ort

ACOLYTE:	Jan 5	Jamseon & Hannah Sanders
	Jan 12	Sloan Rodemeyer & Josey Saxton
	Jan 19	Nick Saxton, Braxton Cooke
	Jan 26	Maysen Theesfeld, Adri Hill
** 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 I

John & Stephanie Larson, Elaine Nauss, Michael Jacobson Co-

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

ORGANIST	Tim Nielsen
ALTAR GUILD	January: Pat Henningsen, Linda Pitt
READERS	TBA
COMMUNION ASSISTANT	TBA
ACOLYTE	TBA

MEMORIALS

In Memory of Bob Andersen to the Carpet Fund by Angie Hetrick
In Memory of Bob Andersen to the Scholarship Fund by Frank & Marit Veltri
In Memory of Bob Andersen to the Radio Fund by Janis & Brian Campbell



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

THANK YOU

- ♦ Thank you to the ladies and gentlemen who helped with the Scandinavian Tea that was held at Bethany on Wed., Dec. 4th. It was a wonderful and beautiful time for everyone who came for the fellowship and enjoyment of all the Scandinavian foods that were made and shared.
- ♦ Thank you to all that served and provided for the funeral luncheon for the funeral of Bob Andersen.
- ♦ Thank you to all that decorated the church with Poinsettias.
- ♦ Thank you to all that supported the youth in many different ways throughout December. We thank you for your support at the Christmas program, Pizza Ranch Tip Night, and just praying for them and their growth in faith.

Thank you for decorating our church with beautiful poinsettias
In memory of *Bob Andersen* given by Men’s Bible Study
In memory of *Helen & Lawrence Sidles* given by David & Elaine Sidles
In memory of *Lyle Schipull, Evelyn & Wayne Warmbier* given by Elaine & David Sidles
In memory of *Lea Schipull* given by Mike Schipull
In memory of *Loved Ones* given by Danny & Linda Umbrell
In Memory of *Loved Ones* given by Pat & Kathy Mehan
In Memory of *Norm & Lois Quam* given by Dori Quam
In Honor of *Loved Ones* given by Bill & Jacki Ellingrod



Donations from December Noisy Offerings and half of the Taco Lunch went to buy \$227 worth of gift cards from local businesses to go to the Police Station in order that they would be used for anyone that might come in and need anything.
THANK YOU TO ALL THAT DONATED!!!

Photos, Videos, Promos, Oh My!

I am looking for more pictures and videos to put on the Facebook page, in publications, and to add on the website. I can easily get youth pictures but would love your help with whatever pictures you can take at quilting, circles, bible studies, events, and so on.

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



Upper Des Moines– Adopt a Family

Youth went shopping on Dec 4th for \$200 worth of gifts to put under the tree. Thank you for your support in this as it is a way we can give to those around us. The youth shop for gifts for the kids of families and then \$200 worth of gift cards were purchased for families to go to Fareway and get bread, meat, milk, and such.



Scandinavian Tea 2019

It was a beautiful day filled with many conversations, eating, and enjoying this festive tradition.



Glenn Henriksen Concert was a success! We appreciate Glenn sharing his talents with us.



CHICAGO MISSION TRIP

Dates: June 21-26, 2020

February 1st-2nd Super bowl Sunday Sub Fundraiser



There will be order forms to order your subs! Keep a look out!

Thank you to all of you that came to the Pizza Ranch Tip Night.

Thee following youth and adults are going on the Mission Trip to Chicago:

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|--------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. Kristin (Trip Leader) | 6. Adrienne Chuning |
| 2. Pastor Peter | 7. Hailey Griffin |
| 3. Chris Meyer | 8. Josey Steffen |
| 4. Alex Meyer | 9. Amelia Ort |
| 5. Breanna Fitzgerald | 10. Olivia Sanders |

Bethany Lutheran Church Super Bowl Sub Sandwich Fundraiser



Do you need sandwiches for Super Bowl Sunday?

How about a quick, ready-to-eat, meal? We have a deal for you! The youth of Bethany are making sub sandwiches on Saturday, February 1st. The sandwiches will be on a 6 inch hoagie bun with 2 meats and 2 cheeses, ready for you to add your own extras. They will be pre-wrapped and ready to eat or freeze. **You can place your order by January 22nd with any High School student going on Mission Trip, or on the order form in the back of the church.** Sandwiches will be ready to pick up on Saturday, February 1st from 10am-12noon, or on Sunday, February 2th after church. You can pay for your order at the time of pick up. The cost per sandwich is only \$3.50, with all proceeds going to the Youth Mission Trip.

YOUTH NEWS



Hello Brothers and Sisters,

Ringin in a New Year can be a change for some and others it is just another year gone. But I think we need to reevaluate because we should live as if today is the day. Today is the day, because we only have one life to live and God is calling us today to make a change in our lives for Him.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Jan 5-Sunday School Resumes

Outreach at Okoboji, 6th-12th graders, \$4 per person, 5-8pm

Jan 8- Youth Group Resumes

Jan 12- Noisy Offering to Courtney Davis

Jan 19- I will be at the annual meeting hanging out with youth, whose parents will be at meeting, please let me know if I should expect you

Jan 29- Who are you event? 5-7:30pm, Meal included.

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

Sunday School at 9:30am on Sundays

Sunday School Service project, Jan 26th, Tying Quilts

January Memory Verse-Psalm 119:105

SUNDAY SCHOOL OFFERING

\$600 GOAL FOR HABITAT FOR HUMANITY TO BUY MATERIALS FOR HOMES



Courtney Davis

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

CONTACT
KRISTIN

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Kristin Rienhardt



Kristin.rienhardt@blc.edu

712-790-6470

CHRSITMAS GIFTS DISTRIBUTED!!! THANK YOU WELCA!!!!

****The Women at Bethany Lutheran are ACTIVE!!!****

Our Christmas donations amounted to \$2,700.00 with a breakdown as follows:

Ingham-Okoboji Camping Ministry	\$ 200.00
Horizons Unlimited	125.00
Lakeside Lutheran Home Auxiliary	200.00
Church of Damascus Road	200.00
Upper Des Moines Opportunity	125.00
Feed Our Kids	100.00
Camp Fund at Bethany	150.00
Discretionary Fund at Bethany	100.00
Children's Bible Fund at Bethany	100.00
Scholarship Fund at Bethany	300.00
Assisting Families at Bethany (4)	200.00
Mission Trip at Bethany (10 x \$25.00)	250.00
Carpeting Project	350.00
Kim Campbell (Seminary Classes)	300.00
TOTAL	<u>\$2,700.00</u>

These funds are from the Scandinavian Tea and other money received throughout the year.


(This report will also be published in Bethany's Annual report)

As listed above, the women gifted \$950.00 to 6 groups outside of Bethany and \$1,450.00 to 7 groups within Bethany and to Kim Campbell for Seminary

If anyone has any questions, please feel free to contact either:

Kim Campbell, WELCA Pres. 712-298-1077; Janis Campbell, WELCA Treasurer, 712-852-4926; or Sherri Ort and Jacki Ellingrod

January 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Church office closed 	2	3	4
5 Communion Sunday 8:45 am Lost Island Worship 10:15 am LI Sunday School 9:30am Bethany Sunday School 10:30 am Bethany Worship 5:00 PM Outreach to Okoboji	6 <i>9 AM Day Quilters</i> <i>6 PM Night Quilters</i> <i>8 pm Laker Life Group</i>	7	8 Men's Group, Noon SACK: 3:30-5 PM 1st year Confirmation-- 4-5pm Connect: 5-6 PM 2nd year Confirmation-6-7pm Youth Board 6pm LIFE: 8-9:30 PM	9	10	11 9am LI Confirmation
12 8:45 am Lost Island Worship 9:30 am Bethany Sunday School 10:15 am LI Sunday School 10:30 am Bethany Worship Noisy Offering-Courtney Davis	13 <i>9 AM Day Quilters</i> <i>8 pm Laker Life Group</i>	14 <i>Cub Scouts: 6:30 PM</i> <i>Sarah Circle: 7pm</i>	15 Men's Group, Noon SACK: 1:00-3:30 PM 1st year Confirmation-- 4-5pm Connect: 5-6 PM Adult Bible Study 6pm 2nd year Confirmation-6-7pm 6:50PM Tabitha Circle	16	17	18
19 Communion Sunday 8:45 am Lost Island Worship 9:30 am Bethany Sunday School 10:15 am LI Sunday School 10:30 am Bethany Worship *Bethany's Annual Meeting following Church*	20 <i>9 AM Day Quilters</i> <i>6 PM Night Quilters</i> <i>8 pm Laker Life Group</i>	21 <i>Newsletter Articles Due</i> <i>Bethany Council Meeting 7 PM</i>	22 Men's Group, Noon SACK: 3:30-5 PM 1st year Confirmation-- 4-5pm Connect: 5-6 PM 2nd year Confirmation-6-7pm LIFE: 8-9:30 PM	23	24 <i>Assemble Newsletter 10 AM</i>	25
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