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Bethany organist: Janis Campbell
Lost Island organist: Tim Nielsen

MARCH 2021



CONNECTIONS

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

And the Lord God formed them out of the dust of the earth and breathed into them the breath of life...Genesis 2. Remember you are dust and to dust you shall return Ash Wednesday refrain adapted from Psalm 140.

These two expressions of our dusty existence book end not only the season of Lent but our entire lives. One of the things that Lent does is bring us face to face with our "creatureness." The lessons that began on Ash Wednesday, and continue through Holy Week will walk us through the story and bring us face to face with God, and also with our mortal nature; I think both are important. Many years ago during my chaplaincy training our supervisor asked us to prepare an Ash Wednesday service for the hospital. We began that planning by bringing together the pieces from the various traditions represented by the Resident chaplains in training. I of course brought our Ash Wednesday liturgy which was considered and then judged to be typically Lutheran downer, which led to many jokes and much laughter. All kidding aside- this IS the reality of our existence. We walk as mortal creatures, especially next to God. In this season we are forced to consider both our mortality and the transitory nature of our existence. Neither is comfortable for us, but both are necessary because in this season, stripped of our illusions and pretensions we are also brought face to face with God, and we are reminded once again that the One who formed us out of the dust is the same one who breathes into us the breath and Spirit of life. As we mark ourselves with the ashes of penitence we are reminded that in baptism we are marked with the cross of life and sealed with the Holy Spirit. Lent brings us face to face with our need and the life that God gives in the midst of our dusty existence.

Pastor Peter

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And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross.

- Colossians 2:15 -



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 6 pm

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: Becky Walker, Connie Helgeson, Bill Ortman, Dale Oppedal, Father Clem, Don Crocoll, Roger Will, Robert Mortenson Jr., Linda Gjerde, 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.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Adults of any age

Read Esther 1-2:18

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

MARCH 21ST 4:00PM



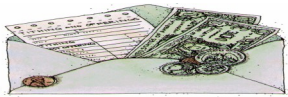
FEBRUARY 2021 Bethany Lutheran Church Treasurer's Report

Attendance average:

MONTHLY BUDGET NEEDS:

	MONTHLY BEGINNING BALANCE 6,036.09
INCOME	
Offerings	7,924.00
PPP Loan/Pending Grant	0.00
Miscellaneous Income	
Lost Island	6,200.00
Total Income	14,124.00
EXPENSES	
Personnel Expenses	7,930.50
Program Expenses	146.32
Office Expenses	608.50
Property Expenses	1,700.81
Western IA Synod	382.20
Other Donations	0.00
Damascus Road	50.00
NO ELCA Donations	0.00
TOTAL EXPENSE	10,818.33
Income Less Expenses	3,305.67
GENERAL FUND BALANCE	9,341.76

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 February 21st)



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 right people!

BETHANY		LOST ISLAND	
Chuck Duhn, President	712-298-1027	Troy Leininger – President	
Joe Neary, Vice President	712-852-2642	Tim Nielsen - Treasurer	
Angie Hetrick, Treasurer	712-298-0331	Kyle Norris – Secretary	
Diane Clasing-Steger, Secretary	712-298-1003	Craig Thu & Steve Pitt – Trustees	
Dianne Hough	712-852-2169	Alan Oppedal & Charles Henningsen –	
Mark Evans	712-260-5651	Deacons	
Barb Haack	712-260-3408		
Elaine Sidles	712-298-2559		

COVID UPDATE: As of right now: *Masks are required inside the church and distancing is expected. The COVID team is meeting on a regular basis to discuss and make the best decisions to keep people safe and healthy while figuring out ways to minister to all. The COVID team is seeking guidance from the CDC, Iowa Department of Health, and Local Health Authorities to make those decisions. God is still there in the midst of this pandemic. Remember that.

STEWARDSHIP – BLESSINGS

We aren't born seeing God's blessings, and it's easy to look past all of the blessings that the Lord gives us and focus on the negative.

We encourage people to take an inventory of the blessings in their own lives so that you have a greater awareness of God's goodness. As you pray for God to give eyes to see Him, also cultivate an attitude of gratitude within your community. Connect the opportunity to give as a response to God's generosity.

As people have eyes to see God's gifts in their own lives, their thankfulness can fuel big generosity.

Giving isn't an obligation but an opportunity. Serving isn't a burden but a blessing.



CHURCH NEWS

Lost Island Sundays at 8:45am		Bethany Sundays at 10:30am
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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: 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.

The confirmation youth will be doing a few fundraisers coming up to help them go to camp this summer.

There will be a Pizza Ranch fundraiser happening. Listen or watch in church or on social media for more details.



IN NEED OF SOME VOLUNTEERS.

We are looking for volunteers to help with worship, learn the projection system, and be trained in live stream.

Any ages Jr. high and up. Must be responsible when volunteering with the technology.

Training will occur.

More questions, details, or want to learn contact Kristin.

COLLECTING ITEMS THROUGHOUT LENT 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,

Notebooks



Crayons (16 or 24 count)



Scissors



For more information contact Karyn

We will assemble our Personal Care Kits on 4 / 18 / 21
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:

Nail Clippers (metal, attached file optional)



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



Hand towels
(dark color recommended)

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



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

We are collecting items through **April 18th**
Any Questions please contact Elaine Nauss.

Place items in baskets under the tables in back of sanctuary.

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:
March 7 Darca Saxton
March 14 Avon Hackbart-Morlock
March 21 Kathy Mehan
March 28 Marit Veltri

ALTAR GUILD: MARCH Kathy Mehan

USHERS:
March 7 Michael Jacobson
March 14 Lonnie Naig
March 21 Chuck Duhn
March 28 David Sidles

**** 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 IV
Dave & Elaine Sidles, Bill & Jacki Ellingrod, Jane Heykes — Co-Chairpersons

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

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



QUILTS & KITS FOR LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF (LWF)

We are asking for any and all monetary donations toward getting the quilts and kits up to the Twin Cities. You may mail or drop off your donation at the church office.

I received an e-mail from my contact that in 2020, there were 11 churches that are no longer making quilts or putting kits together. Less participants means less funding to help with shipping them to the Cities. Thank you for your help.



Teresa Jensen, WELCA

VOLUNTEERS-
LOST ISLAND

ORGANIST	Tim Nielsen
ALTAR GUILD	MARCH: Karyn Leininger, Pat Henningsen
READERS	March 7 Tim Nielsen March 14 Charles Henningsen March 21 Alaire Nielsen March 28 Troy Leininger
ACOLYTE	March 7 Colleen Cook March 14 Olivia Sorenson March 21 Zac Sorenson March 28 Corrine Cook

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 MARCH 7 #104 LBW
"IN THE CROSS OF CHRIST I GLORY"

In the cross of Christ I glory,
tow'ring o'er the wrecks of time.
All the light of sacred story
gathers round its head sublime.

WEEK OF MARCH 21 #330 ELW
"SEED THAT IN EARTH IS DYING"

Seed that in earth is dying
grows into ears of grain.
Grapes that are crushed in the vessel
turn into golden wine.
God, through this mystery grant us
faith in our deepest darkness,
life in our night and death.

WEEK OF MARCH 14 #292 LBW
"GOD LOVED THE WORLD"

God loved the world so that he gave
his only Son, the lost to save,
that all who would in him believe
should everlasting life receive.

WEEK OF MARCH 28 #116 LBW "OH
SACRED HEAD, NOW WOUNDED"

O sacred head, now wounded,
with grief and shame weighed down,
now scornfully surrounded
with thorns, thine only crown;
O sacred head, what glory,
what bliss till now was thine!
Yet, though despised and gory,
I joy to call thee mine.

Hymn History

"When I Survey The Wondrous Cross"

One Sunday afternoon the young Isaac Watts (1674-1748) was complaining about the deplorable hymns that were sung at church. At that time, metered renditions of the Psalms were intoned by a cantor and then repeated (none too fervently, Watts would add) by the congregation. His father, the pastor of the church, rebuked him with "I'd like to see you write something better!" As legend has it, Isaac retired to his room and appeared several hours later with his first hymn, and it was enthusiastically received at the Sunday evening service the same night.

Although the tale probably is more legend than fact, it does illustrate the point that the songs of the church need constant infusion of new life, of new generation's praises. With over 600 hymns to his credit—many of them classics like "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"—Isaac Watts has rightfully earned the title, "the father of English hymnody."

YOUTH NEWS

Brothers and Sisters,



Lent is a time of reflection and seeking out those things that seem distant or deep that we try to brush off.

The confirmation students are diving in to deeper things of faith. SACK kids are discovering the importance of certain objects and symbols missed in the stories of Jesus' life, death and resurrection.

It has been an interesting start to this Lenten journey but God has provided the words and the ways for things to still continue.

MARCH 7TH-(RESCHEDULED) COMMUNITY MOVIE AT THEATER,
4:30PM, FREE ADMISSION

MARCH 20TH- ST PATRICK'S PARADE

MARCH 21ST- OUTREACH AT OKOBOJI, 5-8PM, BIBLE QUIZ BOWL

MARCH 27TH- FIRST COMMUNION CLASS (10-NOON)

MARCH 31ST- NO YOUTH GROUP OR SERVICE

DURING LENT- CONFIRMATION STUDENTS MEET WITH YOUR MENTORS AND COMPLETE YOUR WEEKLY CHALLENGES AND REFLECTIONS

Sunday School is back to in person all month.

All meeting groups are subject to change!

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



HOPE worldwide is an international charity that changes lives through the compassion and commitment of dedicated staff and volunteers to deliver sustainable, high-impact, community-based services to the poor and needy.

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

CONTACT
KRISTIN



Kristin Rienhardt

Kristin.rienhardt@blc.edu

712-790-6470

MEMORIALS



Paul Hansen given by Angie Hetrick for Technology Fund.

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!



LOST ISLAND'S 150TH CELEBRATION
IS COMING UP IN 2022!
THE DATE IS SET! 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.

Pastor Peter has stated he will be conducting **1st Communion Class** on March 27th starting at 10 am until 12 Noon. All are welcome from Second Grade and above. This is for those that have not taken their 1st Communion.


Please let Pastor know if you are interested by March 20th so he can have enough materials ready. Please call the office at 852-4450 between the hours of 9 am to 2 pm Monday thru Thursday or leave a message on the answering machine.



Join us during this Lenten Season

Future Weeks...March 3rd, 10th,
17th, 24th at 7:30pm

*Confirmation students will be
participating in these services
throughout Lent. Parents watch
your email.



JESUS CHOSE

He chose to live among us.
He chose to die so that we might be forgiven.
He chose to be present with us through His Spirit.
He chose to love us unconditionally.
He chose to give us freedom in victory.



*Confirmation students
will be participating in
Palm Sunday Service
March 28th.
Parents watch your email.

*Families and others may be
asked to help in the
Maundy Thursday Service
at Lost Island,
April 1st.
Parents watch your emails.

LOST ISLAND

April 1st 7pm



MAUNDY THURSDAY

THE LAST SUPPER



APRIL 2ND

GOOD FRIDAY

7pm at Bethany



Easter

APRIL 4TH

6:30PM (BETHANY)
8:45AM (LOST ISLAND)
10:30AM (BETHANY)

There might be an additional service added

TBD

SUNDAY SCHOOL OFFERING CHALLENGE

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

CLASS VS CLASS CHALLENGE



The goal is 500 and we are just over 100 items!!!!!!
WE CAN DO THIS!



ST. PATRICK'S PARADE

March 20th

1:30PM

All youth and families are welcome
to join to be on the church float.
Be at float around 12:45pm-1:-00
as they might start moving the line
prior to parade.
Meet at Ag Partners (1800 11th St)

Come enjoy SPIES IN DISGUISE on the big screen!

FREE ADMISSION, CONCESSIONS WILL BE OPEN!

COMMUNITY WELCOME!

RESCHEDULED

March 7th 4:30pm

EMMETSBURG RIVIERA THEATRE

SPONSORED BY BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH YOUTH GROUPS



March 2021

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1 <i>9 AM Day Quilters</i>	2	3 1:30-3 PM SACK (2nd-5th) 5-6 PM Connect (6th-8th) 7:30 PM Lent Worship & Message *Live Streamed 7:30-8:45 PM LIFE (9th-12th)	4	5	6
Noisy offering for March Hope Worldwide						
7 8:45 am Lost Island Worship 9:30 am Bethany Sunday School (In- Person) 10:15 am LI Sunday School 10:30 am Bethany Worship *Live Streamed 4:30pm (Rescheduled Movie)	8 <i>9 AM Day Quilters</i>	9	10 3:30-5 PM SACK (2nd-5th) 5-6 PM Connect (6th-8th) 6:00 PM Board of Youth Mtg. 7:30 PM Lent Worship & Message *Live Streamed 7:30-8:45 PM LIFE (9th-12th)	11	12	13
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21 8:45 am Lost Island Worship 9:30 am Bethany Sunday School (In- Person) 10:15 am LI Sunday School 10:30 am Bethany Worship *Live Streamed 5-8pm Outreach at Okoboji	22 <i>9 AM Day Quilters</i>	23	24 3:30-5 PM SACK (2nd-5th) 5-6 PM Connect (6th-8th) 7:30 PM Lent Worship & Message *Live Streamed 7:30-8:45 PM LIFE (9th-12th)	25 WIC 9 am to 3 pm 10:00am Assemble Newsletter	26	27 10 am—12 Noon 1st Communion Class
28 <i>Palm Sunday</i> 8:45 am Lost Island Worship 9:30 am Bethany Sunday School (In- Person) 10:15 am LI Sunday School 10:30 am Bethany Worship *Live Streamed 4pm – Adult Bible Study	29 <i>9 AM Day Quilters</i>	30	31 No Youth Groups or Service	<i>APRIL 1ST</i> <i>MAUNDY THURSDAY</i> (at Lost Island) (also Live Streamed) 7pm	<i>APRIL 2ND</i> <i>GOOD FRIDAY</i> (at Bethany) (also Live Streamed) 7pm	
			Holy Week			