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## PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE

### Pastor's Pondering

My trip to Hungary was enlightening, relationship building, and enjoyable. We started out a bit rocky. We boarded our jumbo jet on Monday, June 12<sup>th</sup> and excitement and anticipation was high. We took off (5:30 p.m.) and were flying for about 20 minutes when the captain told us we were turning around, as there was a maintenance issue (pilots smelled oil in the cockpit). Since we were carrying fuel, enough to cross the Atlantic, we had to circle to burn fuel. We finally landed with firetrucks awaiting our arrival at the end of the runway. Before we could return to the terminal/gate we had to wait for the jet's tires to cool (we came in heavy with fuel). Once we deplaned, we were told the pilots had "timed out" and we needed to wait for a new flight crew. At 11:30 p.m. we were told the flight was cancelled ~ no new flight crew appeared. With some pushback, Delta relented and put us up in a hotel for the night (keeping our suitcases to load on the next day's flight). The silver lining to Monday's flight was: who can say they flew in a jumbo jet for free?! Tuesday, June 13<sup>th</sup>, we boarded another jet and successfully flew to Paris. The Paris airport was a nightmare, but we arrived at our Budapest gate and patiently waited to board. We boarded our Air France flight to Budapest and arrived with no complications. Signs welcoming us to Hungary were all over the airport and we were energized after a sleepless night. Only to discover that there were NO suitcases, from our Paris flight, at the baggage claim! NOT ONE suitcase was put on the



plane to Budapest! The explanation was the sorting machine in Paris wasn't working. We patiently waited in line to fill out "lost suitcase" paperwork. With that paperwork filed, we headed to our hotel. Our suitcases finally arrived 5 days later (we washed the clothes we were wearing in the bathroom sink).

One flies 10 hours away to learn that people, across the globe, have the same joys, struggles, and prayers as we do. Every time we interacted with our Lutheran siblings we

asked them what can we pray for you?

**Dr. Klara Tarr Cselovsky**, Head of the Dept. for Ecumenical and Foreign Relations requests that we pray for "Youth to remain part of the church, so the church can have a future."

**Presiding Bishop Tamas Fabiny** (presiding bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Hungary) requests that we pray for "An increase in seminarians, pastoral candidates who are second career and their families, for candidates to finish and become ordained, pastors remain in ministry. That youth remain active. For Hungary's political system."

**Pastor Marta Bolba**, Madak Haz (name of the church) requests we pray for "her self-care and her family, community building/cohesion, and bridging the polarity."

**Pr. Ann** (English speaking congregation) requests we pray for "Volunteers to come to Hungary and serve three months through a program sponsored by the Northeastern Iowa Synod."

**Pr. Augustine** (Hungarian Presbyterian Pastor) requests we pray for "Global Mission."

**A woman of the Pec's Lutheran Church** (I didn't catch her Hungarian name) requests we pray for "An end to the Russian invasion in Ukraine. I fear nothing will stop Russia from invading Hungary." (Russian rule only ended in Hungary in 1991 when the last Russian advisor left).

Please add these prayer requests to your own prayer list. We are grateful that God hears our prayer petitions. I will put together a PowerPoint presentation about the Northeastern Iowa Synod's trip to Hungary. Yes, I would go back again! A beautiful country and beautiful people. I look forward to sharing my experiences with you.  
Peace,  
Pr. Maureen

### **WELCOME to Christ's Family!**



Congratulations to **Ames Vincent Weidemann** who was baptized in the name of our Triune God during worship on Saturday, July 1<sup>st</sup>. Ames, we welcome you into the body of Christ and into your new family known as Bethany Lutheran! Welcome into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

### **WELCOME to Christ's Family!**



Congratulations to **Russell Browning Picht** who was baptized in the name of our Triune God during worship on Saturday, July 15<sup>th</sup>. Russell, we welcome you into the body of Christ and into your new family known as Bethany Lutheran! Welcome into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

**THANK YOU** to **Pr. Jane Granzow** for leading worship and preaching the weekends I was in Hungary. I am grateful to you for your partnership in ministry! ~ Pr. Maureen

## Don't Forget Bethany Lutheran



We'll be returning to our normal school schedules soon. In the weeks leading up to the return to work and school, vacations are being taken in earnest. While you are away, Bethany continues to do God's ministry. The work of Christ does not stop even though church attendance is low. While you are not worshipping with us, the ministry of the church continues to rely on your financial support. God continues to bless us daily; our response to God's abundant blessings does not go on vacation. When you're packing the sunscreen, fishing poles, and suitcases don't forget Bethany Lutheran; write your offering check and mail it to the church. God's mission, God's church, and our response of thanksgiving.



Bethany's Online Giving QR Code (takes you to Simply Giving)

## God's Blessings upon a New Academic Year

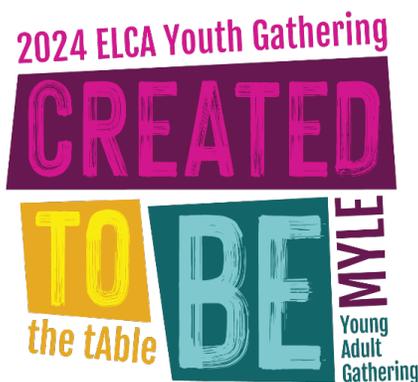
As we begin the new academic year, we turn to God to ask for God's blessings of wisdom and knowledge upon all people involved in education: administrators, faculty, staff, and students. On **Sunday, August 20<sup>th</sup>** Pastor Howard will hold a blessing for all those beginning a new academic year. Regardless of your role in education and whether you are a preschooler or Ph.D. student come and receive God's blessings upon your new academic year.

## Bishop Jones to preach at Bethany



We have the pleasure of hosting Bishop Jones on **Sunday, August 20<sup>th</sup>, during our 9 a.m. worship**. You won't want to miss the opportunity to hear Bishop Jones preach in person. Since he will only be with us on Sunday, **the Saturday (August 19<sup>th</sup>) 5:30 p.m. service is cancelled**. When the Bishop comes to a congregation there is no pulpit supply nor mileage fee associated with his visit. However, the Northeastern Iowa Synod requests that we take a **special offering**, during his visit, to help fight **world hunger**. During worship on Sunday, August 20<sup>th</sup> Bethany will receive a special offering for world hunger.

After worship we will be serving an egg bake and cinnamon rolls breakfast. We look forward to welcoming Bishop Jones to Bethany, worshipping together, and enjoying breakfast fellowship afterwards.



**WHO:** 8<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> graders (Fall 2023)

**WHEN:** July 16<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024

**WHERE:** New Orleans, LA!!

**THEME:** Created to Be (Centered on Psalm 139:14)

**REGISTRATION:**

Early Registration (Sept. 15–Nov. 1, 2023): \$375

Regular Registration (Nov. 2–Feb. 14, 2024): \$425

Late Registration (Feb. 15–April 15, 2024): \$475

**INTEREST MEETING: SUNDAY, AUGUST 27<sup>TH</sup>, 6:30 P.M.**

### New Disciples' (Members') Class



You are warmly invited to become a fellow disciple of Christ at Bethany Lutheran Church. We encourage you to be in prayerful consideration about joining the family of Christ here at Bethany. Together we will give thanks and praise to God and proclaim the good news to all the world. Please call Brenda (648-3555) if you are interested in becoming a disciple here at Bethany. A date and time will be decided by those who will be attending the class. Receiving of these disciples will take place the weekend following the class.

### Confirmation Classes BEGIN September 6<sup>th</sup>

Confirmation is the journey into adult faith formation for all students in the 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, and 9<sup>th</sup> grades. Confirmation classes are held on Wednesday evenings, beginning **Wednesday, September 6<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm**. An exciting year is planned for: learning about the Lutheran faith, servant projects, fellowship opportunities, and Sunday Faith Formation classes. The requirements to be confirmed are to faithfully attend: Wednesday classes with Pastor Howard, Sunday Faith Formation classes, Sunday worship, and complete a servant project with a mentor (9<sup>th</sup> grade). Confirmation Sunday will continue to be held on Reformation Sunday (last Sunday in October) for the 9<sup>th</sup> graders. Contact Pastor Howard if you have any questions. A parent/confirmand meeting will be held after confirmation class at 8:15 p.m. on Wednesday, September 6<sup>th</sup>.

### Third Graders to Receive Bibles



Bethany has purchased new Bibles for the youth of our congregation to have and learn about the deep love and forgiveness of God. **On Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup>** all the third graders will receive a Collaborate Lutheran Student Bible during worship; 9 a.m. There will be a special blessing liturgy as the parents give a Bible to their child(ren). Don't miss this milestone in the lives of the youth in our congregational family. Please let the church know your child will be receiving a Bible so we have enough Bibles prepared.

## Praising God on the Lawn; Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup>



It's time for a Bethany Lutheran Outdoor Worship Service!! We will gather on the South lawn/parking lot (along Washington St.) for Sunday 9 a.m. worship service ~ 3<sup>rd</sup> graders will get their bibles. After worship, Rally Sunday will follow with family activities, food, and even a dunk tank. Try your luck at sending Pastor Howard into the water!! Bring your lawn chair, sunglasses, and wear comfortable clothes. Praising God and fellowship will be joyously celebrated! Mark your calendar for this exciting event. If it rains, we will worship in the fellowship hall.

## "God's work. Our hands." Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup>



Bethany is a serving Congregation! When there is a need, near or far, the Body of Christ at Bethany always steps up. Because this summer has been successfully BUSY in service: a fantastic week of TeenServe, Hero Vacation Bible School, and painting the Barnabas House, Bethany will be participating in "God's Work. Our Hands" on an individual basis. If you know of a neighbor in need, offer your assistance. Take pictures of your personal service activities and email them to Brenda at Bethany

([bethanyiwafalls@gmail.com](mailto:bethanyiwafalls@gmail.com)) and we'll post them.



People of Bethany Lutheran have purchased these cool ELCA t-shirts for the Day of Service. If you have not ordered a shirt and would like to purchase one for September 10<sup>th</sup>'s Day of Service, please go to [//oldlutheran.com/products/gods-work-our-hands-t-shirt?\\_pos=1&\\_sid=043a0811c&\\_ss=r](http://oldlutheran.com/products/gods-work-our-hands-t-shirt?_pos=1&_sid=043a0811c&_ss=r) (or pay Brenda and she will order it for you). Don't wait, the deadline to order is August 18<sup>th</sup> for the September 10<sup>th</sup> Day of Service.

## SAVE THE DATE: Sunday, September 17<sup>th</sup>



**WHO:** Everyone!

**WHAT:** Open House at the Howard's

**WHERE:** 1803 N. Oak St.

**WHEN:** Sunday, September 17<sup>th</sup>

**WHY:** BBQ Celebration

**TIME:** 5 p.m. – 7 p.m.

**BRING:** Lawn Chair(s)

## **Bethany's Annual Meeting: Sunday, October 15, 2023**

All people are welcome to attend Bethany's Annual Meeting, however, to have voting privileges Bethany's Constitution states:

\*C8.02. Members shall be classified as follows:

c. **Voting** members are confirmed members. Such confirmed member shall have communed and made a contribution of record during the preceding 12 months to this congregation.

## **Ecclesiastical (Church) Balloting**

The church council has adopted a Holy Spirit led approach to raising up leaders for Bethany Lutheran. We invite the congregation, to enter a time of prayer, beginning Saturday August 26<sup>th</sup> through Sunday September 17<sup>th</sup>, asking God to lead your thoughts to TWO persons who have spiritual gifts in leadership and vision to serve as church council members. On Saturday/Sunday, September 16<sup>th</sup>/17<sup>th</sup> we will receive those names that God has lifted to you in a special offering. The nominating committee will then contact each viable person, to prayerfully consider serving on church council. At the annual meeting (October 15<sup>th</sup>), we will vote for two new members from the pool of candidates that have prayerfully accepted the nomination.

### Prayers for Leaders:

“Faithful God, you raise up leaders for your Church in every generation. Guide our thoughts to the persons you desire to lead Bethany Lutheran Church in the next years. Give them the will to serve and peace to leave the final election in your hands. We ask this for the sake of Jesus, our Lord. Amen.”

## **Men's Retreat**



Registration is open for the “One Year to Live” Men’s Retreat set for Nov. 3-5 at Camp Ewalu, Strawberry Point. This lay-led retreat is an opportunity for men of all ages to rethink how they set their priorities and discover how God has equipped them to live. It is presented by Lutheran Men in Mission, in partnership with the Northeastern Iowa Synod and Camp Ewalu. The early registration fee is \$175 if registered by Oct. 9. Standard registration is \$200 due by Oct. 23. Learn more at [www.neiasynod.org](http://www.neiasynod.org).

From the NEIASynod’s June Star newsletter

Hope you are having a wonderful and safe summer.

The main event for the Northeastern Iowa Synod Men is scheduled and ready to accept registrations. It is a One Year To Live retreat at Camp EWALU, Strawberry Point, Nov 3, 4 and 5, 2023. Attached is the flyer. Registration and registration fees can be completed online at [www.lutheranmeninmission.org/events/one-year-to-live/](http://www.lutheranmeninmission.org/events/one-year-to-live/).

One Year to Live retreats are held at several different locations across the country and we have been having retreats at EWALU since February, 2014. It starts at 5:30-6:00 pm on Friday and ends on Sunday by 3:00pm.

Please pass this information on to men in your congregation and I am available to come to congregation to discuss (answer questions, etc.) or by phone/text at 319-231-5749 or by email.

Thank you for being a congregational contact.

Jim Rathe

**Hundreds of men have already experienced One Year To Live. Here's what they're saying...**

"Like most men, I used to have only passing conversations with men at church. Now I have brothers in Christ."

"Wow! I had no idea how powerful the OYTL experience was, and still is in my life. I found a true band of brothers and developed friendships that have just grown richer over time."

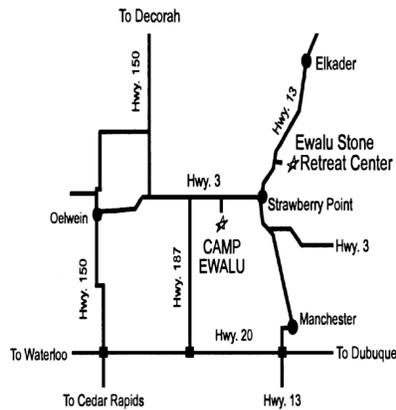
*"What I thought were my biggest liabilities are my biggest assets. I can share them with others to give them hope."*

"The OYTL retreat allowed me to not only realize how much pain I buried, but also how to accept healing through the word of God and with communion with other holy men."

"You will come out of the weekend a better man. I totally recommend this weekend if you are serious about renewing your life."



## DRIVING DIRECTIONS



## FOR MORE INFORMATION

CONTACT: Jim Rathe  
Phone: 319-231-5749  
EMAIL: jltreat@gmail.com



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An Experience that meets men where they are.



**November 3, 4  
And 5, 2023**

**Camp Ewalu,  
(Main Site Hwy 3)  
Strawberry Point, IA**

*As iron sharpens iron...*



*so one man sharpens another.*

Proverbs 27:17

## ABOUT "ONE YEAR TO LIVE"

Men of all ages yearn for real friendships and a closer relationship with Christ.

Join us and be...

- Adventurous and courageous
- Genuine and spiritual

Look forward to...

- Banding together and being challenged
- Examining your life and making decisions

Be prepared for a spiritual boot camp. This 45-hour experience is not for the faint of heart!

## WHAT TO BRING

- Casual clothes for 2 days + 1 set of clothes to leave behind
- Hiking shoes or boots
- Sleeping bag, pillow & towel
- Personal items, including prescription medications, but no illicit drugs
- Bible, notepad/journal & pen for personal devotions
- Snacks to share
- Non-alcoholic beverages only
- No electronic devices

## SCHEDULE

- Arrive promptly at 5:30—6:00 pm on Friday (No earlier than 5 pm, no later than 6:00)
- Depart at 3:00 pm on Sunday
- Plan to stay for entire retreat—no exceptions



## COST

- Early Registration:**  
 \$175.00  
by October 9, 2023
- Registration:**  
 \$200.00  
by October 23, 2023

Please register and pay online via link  
[www.lutheranmeninmission.org/events/one-year-to-live/](http://www.lutheranmeninmission.org/events/one-year-to-live/)  
(QR Scan below)(or mail the form below)

## REGISTRATION FORM

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_  
State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
2<sup>nd</sup> Phone (Optional): \_\_\_\_\_  
Church (Optional): \_\_\_\_\_  
Food Allergies: \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to **Camp Ewalu**. Detach and mail completed registration form AND check for payment in full to: **Jim Rathe**  
PO Box 554  
Tripoli, IA 50676



Dear Fellow Bethany Members,

As your lay delegates to the 2023 Northeastern Iowa Synod Assembly at Luther College in Decorah, IA on June 9-10, we want to report about our great experiences at the assembly. On Friday, June 9, the assembly began at 7:00 PM with a short service, announcements and social hour.

The main session began at 9:10 AM Saturday with Bishop Kevin Jones outlining the theme for the 2023 assembly: Growing Together in Faith, Hope and Love. The Bishop explained that this year's assembly is different because there are three plenary sessions and no workshops. Further, there are two sets of mission goals (budgets) and two compensation guidelines to approve since the assembly will not meet again until 2025. 2024 will bring a Ministry Festival of workshops that will be open to as many staff and volunteers from congregations as they want to bring.

To bring the theme Growing Together in Faith, Hope and Love into focus for everyone attending, speakers were chosen to speak on each element of the theme. It was marvelous to hear the true stories of how Faith, Hope and Love have changed lives and communities right here in Northeast Iowa.

The mission sessions went smoothly as delegates were introduced to the issues during two different Zoom meetings during the week before the assembly. The assembly ended with a strong Closing Worship and Communion. Highlights were the wonderful music and the Bishop's sermon on his intent to ride the 2023 RAGBRAI with the other two Iowa Bishops in their quest to raise \$50,000 to fight hunger. He asked that we all consider joining the fight with our donation.

We felt so lucky to have been able to attend the assembly with Pastor Maureen and 240 other lay delegates and pastors. There are challenges before us, but we can all lend a hand and help our church with our own Faith, Hope and Love. Thanks to all for allowing us the privilege of attending the 2023 NE Iowa Synod Assembly.

Respectfully,

Gary and Marilyn Huffine

**BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**Sunday, June 11th, 2023 at 10:30 (after church)**

**Members Present:**

Robin Sampson – President, Kaitlyn Hoversten - Vice-President,  
Wanda Koehrsen– Secretary, Pastor Maureen Howard

Jayne Becker, Holly Carlberg, Pat Krieger, Ashley Kuker, Carol Polzin, Brian Sauerbrei

Devotional Song: It's Your Church ! - Robin shared this song, which is a theme song of Justin's church. It is a cool song about being part of the church. Helping the church grow and find people's talents. What does your Billboard say? Build the church- go and reflect God.

Call Meeting to Order - called by Robin  
Pat, Holly, Robin, Pastor Maureen, Kaitlyn, Brian, Ashley

**Reports:**

• Treasurer: June Financial Report

Two things were a little off.

Holiday baskets are negative money, so Joel is going to look into it to make sure that we don't need to get some thriver points to make up the difference.

Pork Loin Dinner fund is \$1300.10 we moved money from general fund do pork loin fund. Joel is going to get a full broken down report so we can figure out what actually happened and how we move forward.

General fund- we are in the negative. Joel is going to get a statement and make a plea to reach out and ask for more to get us positive before September. Year ends in September. Endowments are really helping us- \$6,000 this year. Endowments are really helping us this year.

Pastor's continuing ed money is messed up. They are going to look into what happened with this year. There was no roll over and it was not put in there. Pastor received \$1000 scholarship from the synod.

Finance committee needs to meet soon, discuss this all, and then one of them needs to be here each month to present to us.

Treasures report stands for audit.

• Secretary: June Council Minutes Pat motioned to approve, Kaitlyn seconded

Committee reports (Please send to the council prior to Thursday to be reviewed)

We will not review each report in detail. But will ask questions and clarification if needed.

Building committee met- Barhart is going to come give a quote on lights. Lifts are here for teenserve so they will power wash the building. Megan Hansen will be working on a landscaping plan this next week.

• Christian Education: Kaitlyn Hoversten

• Finance: Joel Weeks

• Property: Wanda Koehrsen

• Worship & Music: Pastor Maureen

• Evangelism:

• Stewardship: Brian Sauerbrei

• Fellowship:

• Marketing, Tech. & Communications:

• Pastor Report: Pastor Maureen Howard

**Unfinished Business**

\*Passion Ministry sheets update (Wanda) Gave back side to Brenda to put information in. She is working on a format so that we can sort to find someone in that certain area for volunteer. By mid-July, we would like to have it ready so we can start looking for these people.

\* ELCA Endowment possibilities and plan forward "Transformational impact on the church and ministries going forward" Robin met with Mike and she needs to re-meet with Mike. She reached out to some people who might be interested in leaving a legacy. Her timing was not ideal because of farming, but they did sound interested. Todd Bickenese can also help with endowments and play a large part in the here and now. An informative/introductory letter/meeting would be super beneficial and then can schedule later one-on-one meetings.

- \* VBS Update - Hope Jones (drama), June 14 at 4:00 PM. Kona Ice to kick off, Sweet Treats \*Barnabas House Update - didn't get pick on the first houses to get painted on Teenserve. Going to try to get a week of people to just serve that and paint that house. Barnabas house is changing services from ATLAS and going through changes.
- \* Ministry team formation and meetings (ex. Finance and Property)
- \* Technology discussion - website was down for a couple of weeks because something didn't happen. Might be a good idea for someone else to be in charge of that- finance committee should be in charge of that.
- website Justin is working on the website.
- Soundboard/camera training- we need to set up a training day for July and September
- camera adaptability to be able to see baptismal font on screen at floor level, etc. Dave Jones will be doing
- \* Boy Scout use of the church and covenant development - Pastor will email it to us. It is signed. Cub Scouts will be here, not Boy Scouts. See covenant.
- \* Offering for Synod Assembly- Will review in July. We don't know what that number needs to be yet until we get a Pork Loin Dinner amount from Joel.

#### New Business

Update on Wednesday supper and worship and plan forward- Take a break for summer. Would like to come to Wednesday nights but it is very time consuming. Takes time to cook, extra food. Pray over this and talk to people to find out suggestions. Don't know what this looks like moving forward. Decide in August how to move forward in the fall.

Purchase order policy update- She needs to start getting a bill and match it with a purchase order. This way it can be matched and Joel will review and sign off on all purchase orders so that it can be approved. From now on, we need to use a reimbursement form and take it to Brenda so that we can get it approved by our Finance director. This process should be in the bulletin so that people know what is happening. And July newsletter

Approve motion by:           2nd by:

Adjourn

The Lord's Prayer

## A TIME OF GIVING

As you all know, the ministries here at Bethany would not be possible without you and your financial support. Your continued support has allowed us to close the door on 2022 without having to stray from doing God's work through our ministries. We ask that you continue to prayerfully consider what you can give so that we can carry on with our ministries into the new year and beyond. Thank you.

### Financial Report

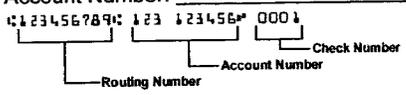
Month	Income	Expenses	Net Income (Loss)
October	\$13,211.38	\$16,107.94	(\$2,896.56)
November	\$14,184.78	\$20,414.17	(\$6,229.39)
December	\$28,769.33	\$23,395.55	\$5,373.78
January	\$14,119.58	\$22,390.48	(\$8,270.90)
February	\$14,957.33	\$21,768.90	(\$6,811.57)
March	\$20,968.00	\$28,335.05	(\$7,367.05)
April	\$17,780.85	\$25,547.26	(\$7,766.41)
May	\$13,896.33	\$19,521.75	(\$5,625.42)
June	\$11,000.33	\$23,189.24	(\$12,188.91)
9 Months Total	\$148,887.91	\$199,570.86	(\$50,682.95)

## AUTHORIZATION FORM

The **Simply Giving** Program  
endorsed by

Name of the organization: **BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH**

 Thrivent Federal Credit Union

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY	ENVELOPE/DONOR #	DATE
Effective date of authorization: ____/____/____		
Type of authorization: <input type="checkbox"/> New authorization <input type="checkbox"/> Change donation amount <input type="checkbox"/> Change donation date <input type="checkbox"/> Change banking information <input type="checkbox"/> Discontinue electronic donation		
Last Name		First Name
Address		
City		State      Zip
Email Address		
DATE OF FIRST DONATION: ____/____/____	FREQUENCY OF DONATION: <input type="checkbox"/> Weekly - Mondays <input type="checkbox"/> Monthly on the 1 <sup>st</sup> <input type="checkbox"/> Monthly on the 15 <sup>th</sup>	FUNDS: <input type="checkbox"/> General/Operating <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____
		AMOUNTS: \$ _____ \$ _____ Total \$ _____
CHECKING / SAVINGS	Please debit my donation from my (check one): <input type="checkbox"/> Savings Account (contact your financial institution for Routing #) <input type="checkbox"/> Checking Account (attach a voided check below)	
	Routing Number: _____ <b>Valid Routing # must start with 0, 1, 2, or 3</b> Account Number: _____ 	
I authorize the above organization to process debit entries to my account. I understand that this authority will remain in effect until I provide reasonable notification to terminate the authorization.		
Authorized Signature: _____		Date: _____

*If using a checking account, please attach a voided check at the bottom of this page.*



VBS 2023 was a huge success!! Around 75 kids attended daily and learned about how we are all Called Together To Serve God. Kids learned daily hero hotline tips through science, art, bible story/sign language, and recreation fun!! Hero Hotline Tips were these: Day 1: Heroes are called to follow Jesus, Day 2: Heroes are called to help others, Day 3: Heroes are called to work together, Day 4: Heroes are called to show grace. We could not have had such a great week without all of the monetary donation, behind the scenes help, and during the week volunteers.



## VBS 2023





## Thank you to all of our awesome volunteers!!



Kaitlyn Hoversten  
 Kellen Hoversten  
 Finley Hoversten  
 Lisa Robison  
 Ryan Robison  
 Rylee Robison  
 Lisa Doering  
 Nikki Allen  
 Ally McDowell  
 Kelli Kuker  
 Kylie  
 Caden Kuker  
 Brenda Kinney  
 Lyn Evans & Many Lunch  
 Crew Helpers!!!

Barb Winkels  
 Trevor Stockdale  
 Kathy Stockdale  
 Jayne Becker  
 Elizabeth Sheahan  
 Jenn Kulow  
 Kim Hartford  
 Izzy Janssen  
 Abby Janssen  
 Leah Allen  
 Grace Hartford  
 Carol Polzin  
 Missy Crawford  
 Pastor Maureen  
 Pastor Erling



## BETHANY HAPPENINGS

**LECTORS\*USHERS\*GREETERS\*COMMUNION HELP NEEDED:** Worship Assistant for August. If interested please sign up at the Narthex Desk, Call or email Brenda at the Church office 641-648-3555.

**REBEKAH CIRCLE:** First Thursday of each month next meeting is August 3rd at 9:30am.

**ACOLYTE NEEDED:** For Sundays in August. If interested, please Call Brenda at the Bethany office at 641-648-3555 or Look it up online. Thank you!

**DEVOTIONS VIA ZOOM:** at 7:30 a.m. and end about 7:50 p.m., Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays and go over the readings for the next Sunday service. If interested, please contact Kim Aldinger (aldinger.kim@gmail.com) and she will email you the link to the zoom meeting.

**ALTAR FLOWERS FOR 2023:** There is 1 date that opened up for September 24th If interested, please call Brenda Bethany Office 641-648-3555 Thank You!

**HARDIN COUNTY EMERGENCY FOOD PANTRY:** The Food Pantry is supported by community donations, so they need our help. Some ideas are: Canned soups, fruit & meats, pasta, boxed Mac & Cheese, Hamburger Helper, peanut butter, cereal, Tuna Helper, toilet paper, laundry soap, dish soap and paper towels. Our donation box is on the north wall of the Fellowship Hall. Thank you for your help.

**PURCHASE ORDER PROCESS FOR CHURCH:** For anyone making purchases for the church or for purchase reimbursements, there is a purchase order process that should be followed. Details are available in the church office or by contacting Robin Sampson or Joel Weeks. It is important that all purchases have a purchase order submitted to the church office, as all purchases are approved by the head of the Finance Committee (Joel Weeks) prior to being submitted to Nissly and Nissly for payment. Robin

**Quarterly Statements:** The quarterly statements were printed and put in your Bethany mailbox. If you have any questions please let Brenda in the office know. Thank You.

**THRIFT STORE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** Thrift Store volunteers needed on Friday, August 11th. Sign-up sheet is on the Narthex Desk or Call Bethany Office at 641-648-3555. Thank You!



### REMEMBER IN PRAYER:

**Kyle Dillon, Darla Hansen, Tom Moravec, Audrey Knott, Connie Surls, Steve Trusty, Sandi Butt, Patty Andriakos** - Celene Andersen's sister; **Karen Rew** - Friend of Kathy Dagit. **Nathan Noriega** - Brother of Tuyet Noriega & Uncle of Annaleah and Clarissa Cook. **Frank Curtis** - Brother-in-law of Diane Hansen & Sonja Bauer. **Madison Craighton** - daughter of a co-worker of Kathy Dagit. **Bentley Anderson**- grandson of Mike & Celene Anderson, **Merle Reingardt** - Friend of Randy & Darla Hansen. **Mike Bates** - Son-in-law of Marileigh Behrends & Brother-in-law of Lynn Behrends. **Allison Muller Pundt** - Daughter of Harry & Deb Muller.

## **REMEMBER THE BETHANY FAMILIES WITH PRAYER**

**This month, ask God to protect, direct, and show favor to these members.  
Give thanks for their presence in this community**

**Week of August 6** Harold & Deb Muller  
Darlene Neuman  
Gene Newgaard  
Mark & Connie Noll

**Week of August 13** Lynn & Bonitz, Channing, Layten Norem  
Tuyet Noriega and Annaleah, Clarissa Cook  
Lorraine Parker  
Kent & Rhonda Picht

**Week of August 20** Carol Polzin  
Travis Prochaska  
Jack Rankin  
Lois Rieber

**Week of August 27** Brandon Roberts  
Keith & Donnette Robison  
Ryan & Lisa, Rylee, Davis, Kalel Robison  
JoNette Rollene



08/01	Sharar Darla	08/16	Gene Newgaard
08/01	Steve Trusty	08/17	Jill Trusty
08/02	Lindsay Aldinger	08/17	Jessie VanHove
08/02	Lois Jones	08/18	Katie Carpenter
08/05	Judy Davenport	08/18	Sheila Hacker
08/05	Bernice Lancaster	08/18	Cameron Olson
08/06	Ruby Buscher	08/19	Sheli Duit
08/06	Cheyenne Heitland	08/19	Trevor Stockdale
08/07	Joe Dillon	08/21	Barrett Hartford
08/07	Patricia Waege	08/21	Maria Heetland
08/10	Joel Weeks	08/21	Mike Moehlman
08/11	Lorraine Johnson	08/21	Karsyn Stalzer
08/11	Cheryl Lenguadoro	08/24	Tom Moravec
08/11	Brodie Thies	08/25	Lily Weeks
08/12	Penny VanHove	08/26	Lance Staley
08/13	Carol Fejfar	08/27	Joshua Crosser
08/13	Anna Ziesman	08/27	Payton Hoffman
08/15	Hadley Doering	08/30	Helen Crosser
08/16	Luca Lewey		



*Happy Birthday*



# Happy Anniversary

08/04	Kaitlyn & Quinn Hoversten	08/22	Deb & Harold Muller
08/05	Darla & Lance Sharar	08/23	Becky & Robert Wallace
08/10	Rhonda & Kent Picht	08/26	Jaime & Doug Keninger
08/12	Linda & Jerome Lehtola	08/26	Robin & Gary Sampson
08/13	Donnette & Keith Robison	08/27	Connie & Mark Noll
08/13	Jessie & Nathan VanHove	08/29	Dinah & Donald Jones
08/21	Robin & Jeff Heinzeroth	08/31	Ally & Jory McDowell



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1  Pastor Gone vacation	2  Pastor Gone vacation	3 Painting the Barnabas House 9:30 Rebekah 1:00 Quilting & Quilt-Tiers Pastor Gone vacation	4 Painting the Barnabas House  Pastor Gone vacation	5 Painting the Barnabas House 5:30pm Worship Service  Pastor Gone vacation
6 9:00a 10 <sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost Worship/Live Stream  Pastor Gone vacation	7 Pastor Maureen – Sabbath Day	8  Pastor Gone vacation	9  8pm KIFG- Bethany Sunday Sermon  Pastor Gone vacation	10  1:00 Quilting & Quilt-Tiers  Pastor Gone vacation	11  Pastor Gone vacation	12  5:30 pm Worship Service  Pastor Gone vacation
13 9:00a 11 <sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost Worship/Live Stream 10:15 Council Meeting 4-5p Cub Scouts Adult Meeting Pastor Gone vacation	14 Pastor Maureen – Sabbath Day	15  Pastor Gone vacation	16  8pm KIFG- Bethany Sunday Sermon  Pastor Gone vacation	17  1:00 Quilting & Quilt-Tiers	18	19  No Worship Service This Evening Bishop here on Sunday at 9:00am.
20 Bishop Kevin Jones at Bethany 9:00 12 <sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost Worship/Blessing of the Teachers & Students/Live Stream	21	22	23 9:30-5:30p WIC Clinic  8pm KIFG- Bethany Sunday Sermon	24 1:00 Quilting & Quilt-Tiers	25	26  5:30 pm Worship Service
27 9:00am 13 <sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost Contemporary Worship/Brian Herrin/Live Stream 6:30pm ELCA Youth Gathering Meeting	28 Pastor Maureen – Sabbath Day	29 5:00pm Iowa Falls Historical Society Meeting  Pastor Gone	30 8pm KIFG- Bethany Sunday Sermon  Pastor Gone	31 1:00 Quilting & Quilt-Tiers  Pastor gone in morning?		



# August

A photograph of the Bethany Lutheran Church building, a modern stone and brick structure with a prominent white steeple topped with a cross. The church is set against a blue sky with scattered white clouds. The text "Bethany Lutheran Church" is overlaid in a white, elegant script font in the upper left corner of the image.

*Bethany Lutheran Church*

## **WORSHIP ASSISTANTS IN AUGUST**

### **SATURDAY 5:30**

**AUGUST 5**

**Lector:**

**AUGUST 12**

**Lector:**

**AUGUST 19**

**Lector:**

**AUGUST 26**

**Lector:**

**IF INTERESTED IN  
FILLING AN OPEN SPOT  
PLEASE CALL THE  
CHURCH OFFICE AT  
641-648-3555.  
THANK YOU!**

### **SUNDAY 9:00**

**AUGUST 6**

**Lector:** Gary Huffine

**Usher:** Gary & Marilyn Huffine

**Greeter:**

**(3)Communion:**

**Acolyte:**

**AUGUST 13**

**Lector:**

**Usher:**

**Greeter:**

**(3)Communion:**

**Acolyte:**

**AUGUST 20**

**Lector:** Gary Huffine

**Usher:** Gary & Marilyn Huffine

**Greeter:**

**(3)Communion:**

**Acolyte:**

**AUGUST 27**

**Lector:**

**Usher:**

**Greeter:(3)Communion:**

**Acolyte:**

# Daily Bible Reading

August	OLD TESTAMENT	NEW TESTAMENT	PSALMS	PROVERBS
1	2 Kings 18:17-19:37	Acts 21:1-14	149:1-9	18:08
2	2 Kings 20:1-21:26	Acts 21:15-36	150:1-6	18:9-10
3	2 Kings 22:1-23:30	Acts 21:27-22:21	1:1-6	18:11-12
4	2 Kings 23:31-25:30	Acts 22:22-23:10	2:1-12	18:13
5	1 Chron 1:1-2:17	Acts 23:11-35	3:1-8	18:14-15
6	1 Chron 2:18-3:24	Acts 24:1-27	4:1-8	18:16-18
7	1 Chron 4:1-5:22	Acts 25:1-27	5:1-12	18:19
8	1 Chron 5:23-6:81	Acts 26:1-32	6:1-10	18:20-21
9	1 Chron 7:1-8:40	Acts 27:1-20	7:1-17	18:22
10	1 Chron 9:1-10:14	Acts 27:21-44	8:1-9	18:23-24
11	1 Chron 11:1-12:22	Acts 28:1-31	9:1-12	19:1-3
12	1 Chron 12:23-14:17	Rom 1:1-17	1:1-17	19:4-5
13	1 Chron 15:1-16:43	Rom 1:18-32	10:1-7	19:6-7
14	1 Chron 17:1-18:17	Rom 2:1-24	10:8-18	19:8-9
15	1 Chron 19:1-21:30	Rom 2:25-3:8	11:1-7	19:10-12
16	1 Chron 22:1-23:32	Rom 3:9-31	12:1-8	19:13-14
17	1 Chron 24:1-26:11	Rom 4:1-12	13:1-6	19:15-16
18	1 Chron 26:12-27:34	Rom 4:13-4:25	14:1-7	19:17
19	1 Chron 28:1-29:30	Rom 5:1-21	15:1-5	19:18-19
20	2 Chron 1:1-3:17	Rom 6:1-23	16:1-11	19:20-21
21	2 Chron 4:1-6:11	Rom 7:1-12	17:1-15	19:22-23
22	2 Chron 6:12-8:10	Rom 7:13-8:11	18:1-15	19:24-25
23	2 Chron 8:11-10:19	Rom 8:12-23	18:16-34	19:26
24	2 Chron 11:1-13:22	Rom 8:24-39	18:35-50	19:27-29
25	2 Chron 14:1-16:14	Rom 9:1-24	19:1-14	20:01
26	2 Chron 17:1-18:34	Rom 9:25-10:13	20:1-9	20:2-3
27	2 Chron 19:1-20:37	Rom 10:14-11:10	21:1-13	20:4-6
28	2 Chron 21:1-23:21	Rom 11:11-36	22:1-18	20:07
29	2 Chron 24:1-25:28	Rom 12:1-21	22:19-31	20:8-10
30	2 Chron 26:1-28:27	Rom 13:1-14	23:1-6	20:11
31	2 Chron 29:1-36	Rom 14:1-23	24:1-10	20:12

**Our Purpose at Bethany Lutheran is to reach out to others and spread God's Word.**

**Our Vision at Bethany Lutheran is to**

**Know Christ and to make Christ known by Welcoming! Growing! Serving!**

### **GUIDING PRINCIPLES**

- 1. Jesus is Lord and Savior.**
- 2. We are saved by grace through faith in Christ Jesus.**
- 3. All are welcome.**
- 4. Our foundation is in scripture.**
- 5. As a family of faith, we serve others and one another in Christ's love.**
- 6. Through prayer we go where the Holy Spirit leads to proclaim Christ.**



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