

Bethany Lutheran Church Iowa Falls, Iowa

FEBRUARY 2023



Souper Bowl Of Caring

It is once again the time of year where football teams come together for the final game of the year to determine the Super Bowl Champion. This is also a time when all of us at Bethany come together to raise funds for our youth and our local food pantry.

Join us February 12th for a soup and sandwich meal at 11 am - Noon for our Souper Bowl Of Caring. Wear your favorite team clothing to church, and stay for a delicious lunch. We will be including some fun activities on hunger awareness during Sunday School as well.

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PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE

During the summer and in into the fall we engaged in Cottage Meetings. You graciously hosted six – eight people in your homes and while we enjoyed dessert, we shared stories about our lives. This proved to be insightful and enjoyable for everyone attending. The majority of our time together was spent on learning about each other. However, I was also interested in knowing what your thoughts were to Bethany's growing areas, strengths, and what were your dreams for Bethany?

I promised to share with you the information gleaned from our time spent together at the Cottage Meetings. The following compilation are your thoughts on Bethany Lutheran. If a theme was mentioned at another Cottage Meeting, I have indicated that by placing an asterisk "*" behind. Since these gatherings were completed over several months, some of the items mentioned have already been reinstated, i.e., passing the offering plates and Wednesday evening activities.

These results have been presented to Council at our January retreat. Further discussion will take place in the months to come.

Please don't hesitate to connect with me if you have any questions or would like to add to this list.

Remember, sharing one's thoughts costs nothing. The cost comes in the implementation. I'm not necessarily talking about financial costs, I'm talking commitment costs. If we hope/expect change to occur, then we can't expect someone else to do it. If your passion can be shared through the ministries of Bethany, then we invite you to give God glory by sharing your time through participation, the cost of personal investment of time.

Your sister in Christ,
Pastor Maureen

2022 Cottage Meeting Report

Bethany Lutheran's Growing Areas

*mentioned more than once

Find more people to run audio/visual

People making others get out of "their" pew

Keep better track of people

Move

Add to Beacon

Absent / nonactive

Write notes

Connect with*

Return to passing the plate

Better communication*

Especially when worship is cancelled; make sure notice is on the phone

Network better

Loss of members to other churches

Loss of the bazaar

Active men's group ~ more than going to occasional breakfast

Return Wednesday youth activities*

Bethany Lutheran's Growing Areas *Cont'd.* *mentioned more than once

- Wednesday worship
- Get more people involved*
 - Same people helping
 - Need to ask people*
 - Not Brenda doing the asking
 - Match passion with involvement
 - Bible studies ~ deepen faith
 - Younger people need to step up
 - Younger generations expect older generations to do the work
- Retain youth after confirmed*
- Struggling to belong
- Pastors not staying long
- Contemporary music ~ upbeat*
 - (won't attend worship unless contemporary)
- Need praise band
- Need faster tempo of music ~ too draggy, don't sing all verses to hymns
 - Mix up the music/hymnal
- Absence of youth group
- Cling to nostalgia / how we've always done it
- Committees don't function
- Saturday / Sunday worshipers don't mix
- Increase membership / joining

Bethany Lutheran's Strengths *mentioned more than once

- Pastor Howard*
- Robin Sampson*
- Assistance with community*
 - Meals, Feeding*
 - Easter Baskets
- Building*
 - Handicapped assessable
 - Easy parking
 - Beautiful*
- Children's sermons
- Continue Saturday worship
- Caring for one another
- Well informed/good communication
- Allowing new ways/ideas*
 - Learned to change due to pandemic
 - Progressive church not afraid to change

Bethany Lutheran's Strengths *Cont'd.* *mentioned more than once

Friendly/Welcoming*

 Tolerant

 Welcoming of families*

 Build relationships

 All are welcome

 Close knit, can connect

 Inclusive

Move mountains when want to

 Money comes when “in trouble”

 People come for big projects

Numbers of young families*

Numbers of youth

 Core group of active youth

 Involvement of older youth with younger youth

 Youth programs

 Sunday school strong

Good mix of all ages, intergenerational

Ecumenical

 Other churches look at Bethany to lead

Members live out their faith

Not feeling guilty for not attending

Lenten book studies

Hopes/Dreams for Bethany

Create a butterfly garden

 Community garden

Servant Project ~ clean roadway ditches

Property ~ AC replacement, sanctuary lighting

Parish nurse

Must pay for use of building ~ not free

Mom's group / support

Small groups

Offer children's offering ~ loose change (noisy collection)

Activities for people 50+

Later Sunday worship time

Commission for a Renewed Lutheran Church (CRLC)

Dear Friends,

At the 2022 Churchwide Assembly a resolution was passed calling for a Commission for a Renewed Lutheran Church (CRLC). This commission is tasked with reviewing the current governance and structure of the ELCA (<https://www.elca.org/CRLC>). The Churchwide Council approved convening a 35-member Commission from across the ELCA. The nomination process allows for each Synod Council or Executive Committee to nominate two (2) people from the Synod to be considered. There will also be an open nomination form for anyone to apply to be part of the Commission. For each region the Church Council will appoint two people from among the synod nominations and one person from the open nominations.

If you are interested in participating in the Commission for a Renewed Lutheran Church, or would like to nominate someone from Northeastern Iowa (with their permission), please forward your name, a brief resume, and a short (one paragraph) reason for wanting to serve on the CRLC to Alison Pettit (pettita@neiasynod.org) at the Synod office **NO LATER THAN FEBRUARY 19, 2023**. The Executive Committee will review the nominations and either choose two people to nominate, or in the case of a large number of applicants, hold a special meeting with the Synod Council to determine the nominees from NEIA.

Those not nominated by the Synod are welcome to [apply for the at large position in Region 5 here](#).

This [Membership, Commitment, and Expectations](#) document provides more detail about serving on the CRLC.

I invite you to be joining in prayer for the guidance of the Holy Spirit as the CRLC is formed. Pr. Liz Bell is creating a petition that can be inserted into the weekly prayers in worship. Blessings to you in your discernment.

Rev. Kevin T Jones, Bishop, Northeastern Iowa Synod ELCA

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(See Pastor Howard if you would like the links to the at large position in Region 5 or the Membership, Commitment, and Expectations document)

Acolyte Training: WE NEED YOU!



Inviting **all youth in the second grade or higher** to attend an acolyte training class with Pastor Howard. Join us if you have the desire to acolyte and the appropriate maturity level for the acolyte responsibilities. We will learn about and practice the duties required of this important worship role. It will be fun! Join us for this great opportunity to serve the Lord in this ministry.

When: Sunday, February 19th

Where: Bethany's Sanctuary

Time: After Faith Formation/Sunday School

AmazonSmile Ending February 20th

Bethany Lutheran was a beneficiary of the generosity of Amazon and you Amazon's shoppers who made Bethany your charity of choice.



AmazonSmile says “To help charities that have been a part of the AmazonSmile program with this transition, we will be providing them with a one-time donation equivalent to three months of what they earned in 2022 through the program, and they will also be able to accrue additional donations until the program officially closes in February. Once AmazonSmile closes, charities will still be able to seek support from Amazon customers by creating their own wish lists.”

Bethany only recently became a charity sponsored by Amazon. Thank you to everyone who shopped AmazonSmile and blessed Bethany as their charity.

Lent: What is it? Why is it?

The highlight of the year for Christians is Easter, the day when our Lord rose from the dead. Lent is a forty-day (not counting six Sundays in Lent) season of preparation for Easter. It always begins on a Wednesday, Ash Wednesday, six and one-half weeks before Easter. It ends on Holy Saturday, the last day of Holy Week, which immediately precedes Easter Sunday.



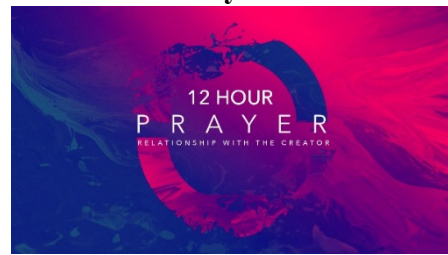
“Lent” is an Old English word for spring, the season when the days lengthen. Why 40 days? We remember the 40 days in the ark surrounded by water, the 40 years the Israelites wandered in the wilderness for purification, the 40 days that Jesus fasted and was tempted in the wilderness, and the 40 days of preparation for Easter baptisms. During Lent God’s people: fast, pray, demonstrate acts of love, and long for the baptismal waters of Easter – our spiritual rebirth. Lent is not required anywhere in scripture, but a custom Christians have practiced

for most of the last two thousand years.

The color used in the sanctuary is purple, a color which symbolized both the pain and suffering leading up to the crucifixion of Jesus as well as the suffering of humanity and the world under sin. Purple is also the color of royalty and so anticipates, through the suffering and death of Jesus, the coming resurrection and hope of newness that will be celebrated in Jesus' resurrection on Easter Sunday. Simply put, Lent is a time to carefully examine our relationship with God and for spiritual renewal.

Pastor Howard invites you to a discipline of making the sign of the cross upon your forehead with God's baptismal water. Remind yourself that through your baptism you are a claimed, beloved child of God and an inheritor of all of God's promises through Jesus Christ.

12 Hours of Prayer ~ Ash Wednesday, February 22nd



Lent is a time for us to fast, be in prayer, and repent as we realign ourselves and renew our commitment to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Do many of us really take the time to be silent and listen for the quiet whispers of the Holy Spirit? Many times, prayer is a self-absorbed, a laundry list of our wants (with stipulations attached) that we bring to God to fulfill. We are going to begin the season of Lent with an opportunity to be in prayer. We are going to give ourselves the gift and freedom to be quiet and be alone in the presence of God. On Ash Wednesday, **February 22nd**

someone will be in the sanctuary, in prayer for **1 hour, beginning at 5:30 a.m.** The Bible, candles, the church's directory, prayer books, and a tabletop labyrinth (paper) will all be available to you as you spend your hour in prayer. A sign-up sheet is on the narthex table or call Brenda at the church (641) 648-3555 to reserve your hour of prayer in the sanctuary. Open yourself up to the power of God; you'll be glad you did. If you have any questions, contact Pastor Howard.

Community Lenten Lunches



The Iowa Falls community is invited to a series of informal lunches served here, at Bethany Lutheran Church, at noon on Wednesdays in Lent, **beginning February 22nd (Ash Wednesday)**. A light lunch will be served by the church of the minister delivering the message:

Ash Wednesday, February 22nd ~ St. Mark Catholic Church;

March 1st ~ Evangelical Free Church;

March 8th ~ currently open;

March 15th ~ First United Methodist Church;

March 22nd ~ Bethany Lutheran Church;

March 29th ~ First Congregational UCC;

April 5th ~ Holy Week ~ First Christian Church. Spend your lunch hour in fellowship with your Iowa Falls neighbors and enjoy a presentation by a local church's pastor.

Ash Wednesday Worship; 7 p.m., February 22nd

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent, the season of penance and reflection that prepares us to celebrate Christ's Resurrection on Easter Sunday. The ashes we receive on our forehead, in the shape of a cross, are an outward sign of our sinfulness and need for repentance. They also symbolize our mortality, a reminder that one-day we will die and our bodies will return to dust. Pastor Howard quotes Genesis 3:19, "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return": to each person as they receive the ashes. With ashes upon our forehead, we return to God's mercy and grace. Bethany Lutheran's **Ash Wednesday service**, with the imposition of ashes and Holy Communion, will be at **7:00 p.m.** Plan to attend this special worship service as we observe the beginning of the Lenten season.



Riverside Conference's Annual Meeting

Who: ELCA pastors and one lay representative from each Conference congregation

When: Sunday, February 26th

Time: 2 p.m.

Where: Bethesda Lutheran Church, Jewell

We'll learn about new plans proposed for Northeastern Iowa Synod Assemblies (meeting on odd numbered years for governance, elections, finance. Even numbered years all will be invited to gather for various workshops and/or worship services encompassing the entire Synod).

First Communion Retreat



Pastor Howard will be hosting a **Communion Retreat** on **Saturday, April 1st (12:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.)**. This retreat is for all children, along with their parent(s)/guardian(s), who are in the 2nd grade or older who have not gone through a training. As part of the learning experience, the children will prepare the Communion bread to be used during worship on Palm Sunday (and Easter if enough loaves are prepared). After participating in this retreat, the youth will receive their first Communion, with their family, on Palm Sunday, April 2nd. Come and join us as we discover together the meaning and joy of receiving Christ's banquet. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Pastor Howard. Please let Pastor Howard know you will be attending, so we have enough materials for everyone.

BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL

Regular Meeting

Sunday, December 11, 2022 4:30 p.m.

Members Present:

Wanda Koehrsen, Kaitlyn Hoversten, Carol Polzin, Ashley Kuker, Holly Carlberg, Jayne Becker, Brian Sauerbrei, Pat Kreiger, Pastor Maureen Howard, Paul Hoversten (treasurer)

Robin called the meeting to order.

Reports:

Treasurer's report was given. Eric Brunson is working on an audit of the financial books. Paul will follow-up with him. The money raised from the Pork Loin Dinner last spring has been designated to the Property fund for updates.

November Financial Reports stand for audit.

Secretary's report.

Jayne moved and Ashley second to approve the meetings from the November meeting.

Motion Carried

Committee Reports:

- See written reports for details.
- Several of the Committees are still working on filling/finding chairs.

Business

- Robin is working on pulpit coverage for January 14/15 & 21/22 while Pastor is out. She will work with others to plan the Wednesday night services during this time.
- Matt, Rachel, Autumn & Nadine Klaffke along with Chris, Ashley, Avary, & Brielle Klaffke have requested to have their membership transferred.

Brian moved and Carol seconded to regretfully honor this request.

Motion Carried

- The new AED has been installed and is operational. Thank you Adam Johnson for his work on getting the new equipment and on volunteering to maintain it.
- The "Passion for Ministry" survey was reviewed and updates proposed. Will be updated and sent to council.
- A council retreat was set for January 8, 2023 from 2 – 6 p.m. at Calkins. The Executive team will provide food.
- On February 12 an ELCA representative will present "The Legacy" to council.
- Discussion was held on the signed agreement allowing WIC to use the building the 4th Wednesday of the month through September 2023.

Pat moved and Askley seconded to approve the agreement.

Motion Carried.

Jayne moved and Carol second to adjourn. .

Motion Carried

The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer

The next regular meeting will be Sunday January 8, 2023.

Devotions: Pat

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
3 Months Total	\$56,165.49	\$59,917.66	(\$3,752.17)

AUTHORIZATION FORM

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BETHANY HAPPENINGS

Live Stream Sunday services will continue at 9:00 am on Sunday.

Each Wednesday at 8:00 p.m. on KIFG will play our sermon.

LECTORS*GREETERS *USHERS*COFFEE HOUR and *COMMUNION NEEDED: Bethany needs volunteers if interested please sign up at the Narthex Desk, Call, or email Brenda at the Church office 641-648-3555. Thank You!

REBEKAH CIRCLE: There will be no meetings in January, February & March.

RUTH CIRCLE: Meets on the second Wednesday of each month next meeting is February 8th at 7:00pm.

HARDIN COUNTY EMERGENCY FOOD PANTRY: Food Pantry's mission is to provide food for Iowa children, families, and seniors to lead full and active lives and strengthen the communities where they live. So please donate, donate, donate. The gathering box is in the Fellowship Hall. Many thanks.

FAITH FORMATION: 2022/2023 Sunday school for ages pre-k through 6th grade from 10:15-11:00.

3,4,5,6 CLUB: Every second Wednesday of the month Youth Group for 3-4-5-6 graders after the Wednesday meal and worship. Fun activities and service projects planned February 8th.

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

FELLOWSHIP FUN NIGHT: We invite you to our monthly Fellowship Fun Night. This will follow our weekly worship service with a meal starting at 6:00 p.m. Fellowship Fun Night will be a time fellowship with our Bethany family, a planned activity with a message, and a whole lot of fun for all ages. We will plan on doing Fellowship Fun Night on the 4th Wednesday of the month. Due to Ash Wednesday our next Fellowship Family Fun Night will be March 22nd.

ALTAR FLOWERS FOR 2023: It's that time of year to think of Loved ones with Altar Flowers, In Memory of or In Honor of a Birthday, Anniversary, Family, Friends or To Have A Blessed Day. We still have a few opening left for 2023 so if you have a special day you would like to Share the sign-up sheet is on the Narthex desk or call the church office. Thank You!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: We need help at the Thrift Shop on Friday, February 17th, sign-up sheet in the Narthex.

BETHANY CARES AT EASTER: Didn't we just get done with Christmas...Easter Baskets? Last year, Bethany Cares at Easter provided food baskets to over 100 families. We anticipate this year the need in our community will be greater. In addition, inflation will make this worthy project more expensive. Please consider giving a monetary donation to this outreach activity, just note on your check that it is for "Bethany Cares." Thank you for your generosity. Please note we will not be collecting food donations as in the past.

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING: It is once again the time of year where football teams come together for the final game of the year to determine the Super Bowl Champion. This is also a time when all of us at Bethany come together to raise funds for our youth and our local food pantry. Join us February 12th for a soup and sandwich meal at 11 am - Noon for our Souper Bowl of Caring. Wear your favorite team clothing to church and stay for a delicious lunch. We will be including some fun activities on hunger awareness during Sunday School as well.



REMEMBER IN PRAYER:

Tom Moravec, Audrey Knott, Doris Harman, 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. **Rick Meyer** - Family of Mary Jones. **Merle Reingardt** - Friend of Randy & Darla Hansen.



THANK YOU to **EVERYONE** who held me in prayer, sent cards, texted, or prepared a meal (which were delicious and abundant) during my recovery from ACL surgery. The two weeks I was required to stay home, was tougher than I thought. I was exhausted and in pain (I thought pain medication meant pain free, no it meant pain tolerable). Your kindness and generosity strengthened me while I rested on the couch. I am blessed to call you my family. Thank you!! ~ Pastor Maureen

THANK YOU to the confirmands: **Jack Duit, Grace Hartford, Brooks Hickman, Caden Kuker, Brady Lancaster, Drake Sanders, and Ivy Sanders** who, without hesitation, stepped up and led worship Sundays, January 15th and 22nd!! God was given glory as you led the congregation through the liturgy... you were AMAZING!!! You also looked spectacular wearing your acolyte albs. I am so grateful to each of you, thank you! ~ Pastor Maureen

THANK YOU TO WOMEN OF BETHANY: Thank you all who have remembered me through these past difficult months. I hope and pray I will be able to get back to Circle in the spring and to Services soon. Thinking of you all with Love. Doris Harman

THANK YOU: Bethany would like to Thank you to Kaitlyn, Finley, Kellen, Griffin, and Merritt Hoversten for coming out and shoveling and Ben Bicknese for bringing his snowblower out to help remove the snow off the sidewalks. Great job everyone.

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 February 5 Wayne & Lisa Dewey
Joe & Kyle Dillon
Brian & Lisa, Zachary, Abigail, Jazlyn, Hadley Doering
Tyler & Sheli, Alexandra, Jack Duit

Week of February 12 Tim & Renae Dunphy
Michael & Elizabeth Dybevik
Ryan & Kristen, Hannah, Sarah Elerding
Arlene Engelby

Week of February 19 Gladys Erickson
Kris Farley
Don & Carol Fejfar
Rick & Mindy, Allison, Robert, Ford

Week of February 26 Brandon & Melinda, Quinn, Nola Gehrke
Jane Granzow
Andrew & Megan, Lily, Alivia, Landyn Hansen
Diane Hansen



02/02	Danielle Cerna	02/12	Elizabeth Sheahan
02/02	Mary Heitland	02/13	Adam Johnson
02/03	Jocelyn Mulford	02/13	Michelle Meyer
02/04	Kevin Butt	02/15	Kathy Stockdale
02/04	Molly Krukow	02/16	Celene Anderson
02/04	Jan Sauerbrei	02/16	Renae Dunphy
02/05	Bill Staley	02/16	Madison Stalzer
02/06	Caleb Johnson	02/16	Craig Turner
02/06	Sandra Turner	02/17	Caleb Dagit
02/07	Gage Pohlman	02/18	Janet Mark
02/07	Camden Porath	02/19	Madelyn Mulford
02/08	Lydia Becker	02/19	Deb Muller
02/08	Kylie Krause	02/19	Colin Olson
02/09	Jennifer Lancaster	02/21	Logan Kobe
02/10	Danielle Barr	02/22	John Jensen
02/10	Sarah Elerding	02/27	Diane Hansen
02/11	Caroline Stenzel	02/27	Davis Robison
02/12	Emma Juhl	02/28	Kevin Hoffman
02/12	Sarah VandeVoort	02/28	Eli Keninger

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 Community Meal at UMC 6:00p Meal 6:15 Worship 7:00p Choir Practice 7-8:15p - Confirmation 8pm KIFG- Bethany Sunday Sermon	2 1:00 Quilting & Quilt-Tiers	3	4 5:30 pm 5th Saturday after Epiphany Worship Service
5 5th Sunday after Epiphany 9:00 am Worship Service/Choir Sings/Live Stream 10:15 Faith Formation	6 Pastor Maureen – Sabbath Day	7	8 6:00p Meal 6:15p Worship NO Choir Practice 7:00p -Activities/3,4,5,6 7pm Ruth Circle 7-8:15p - Confirmation 8pm KIFG- Bethany Sunday Sermon	9 1:00 Quilting & Quilt-Tiers	10	11 5:30 pm 6th Saturday after Epiphany Worship Service
12 6th Sunday after Epiphany 9:00 Worship Service/Live Stream 10:15 Faith Formation 11:15 Church Council Meeting	13 Pastor Maureen – Sabbath Day	14 	15 6:00p Meal 6:15p Worship NO Choir Practice 7-8:15p - Confirmation 8pm KIFG- Bethany Sunday Sermon	16 1:00 Quilting & Quilt-Tiers	17	18 5:30 pm Transfiguration of Our Lord Worship Service
19 Transfiguration of Our Lord 9:00 Worship Service/Live Stream 10:15 Faith Formation 11:15 Acolyte Training	20 Pastor Maureen – Sabbath Day	21	22 5:30a-5:30p 12 Hours of Prayer 12:00p Lenten Lunch@ Bethany – Lead by St. Mark Catholic Church 7:00p Ash Wednesday Worship- Sanctuary 8pm KIFG- Bethany Sunday Sermon	23 1:00 Quilting & Quilt-Tiers	24	25 5:30 pm 1st Saturday Lent Worship Service
26 1st Sunday Lent 9:00 Worship Service/Choir Sings/Live Stream 10:15 Faith Formation	27 Pastor Maureen – Sabbath Day	28 5:00 Iowa Falls Historical Society Meeting				

February

A wide-angle photograph of the Bethany Lutheran Church building. The church is a long, single-story structure with a central gabled entrance featuring large glass doors and windows. A tall, white steeple with a cross on top rises from the roof. The building is surrounded by a green lawn and some landscaping. The sky is blue with scattered white clouds.

Bethany Lutheran Church

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS IN FEBRUARY

SATURDAY 5:30

FEBRUARY 4

Lector:

FEBRUARY 11

Lector: Mark Hanson

FEBRUARY 18

Lector:

FEBRUARY 25

Lector:

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

SUNDAY 9:00

FEBRUARY 5

Lector:

Greeter:

Usher:

Coffee Host:

(3)Communion

FEBRUARY 12

Lector:

Greeter:

Usher:

Coffee Host:

(3)Communion

FEBRUARY 19

Lector:

Greeter:

Usher:

Coffee Host:

(3)Communion

FEBRUARY 26

Lector:

Greeter:

Usher:

Coffee Host:

(3)Communion

Daily Bible Reading

FEB	OLD TESTAMENT	NEW TESTAMENT	PSALMS	PROVERBS
1	Malachi 3:1-4:6	Rev 22:1-21	150:1-6	31:25-31
2	Gen 1:1-2:25	Matt 1:1-2:12	1:1-6	1:1-6
3	Gen 3:1-4:26	Matt 2:13-3:12	2:1-12	1:7-9
4	Gen 5:1-7:24	Matt 3:13-4:11	3:1-8	1:10-19
5	Gen 8:1-10:32	Matt 4:12-25	4:1-8	1:20-23
6	Gen 11:1-12:20	Matt 5:1-26	5:1-12	1:24-28
7	Gen 13:1-15:21	Matt 5:27-28	6:1-10	1:29-33
8	Gen 16:1-18:19	Matt 6:1-24	7:1-17	2:1-5
9	Gen 18:20-19:38	Matt 6:25-7:14	8:1-9	2:6-15
10	Gen 20:1-22:24	Matt 7:15-29	9:1-12	2:16-22
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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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