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CONNECTIONS

NOVEMBER 2024

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



Pastor F. Peter Morlock
 Secretary: Diane Clasing-Steger
 Financial Secretary: Michael Jacobson
 Youth Director: Kristin Rienhardt
 Bethany Organist: Tim Nielsen, Temp
 Lost Island Organist: Tim Nielsen

As I write this, it feels more like June outside than the cusp of November, but I'm not complaining. No snow is always good in my book. November is typically the time I like to focus on Thankfulness. At one church I was part of years ago, the pastor would challenge us to think of one thing we are thankful for per day in November, and then offer a prayer of thanksgiving for that person, group, or situation. At the top of the list for my thankful things is you all. Daily I am thankful and humbled for the opportunity to serve as your Pastor and engage in Mission with you! You are passionate, you are flexible, you are deeply faithful and willing to engage in the tough questions, and for those things I am thankful. You push me, and stretch me almost as much as I do you, and for that also I am thankful. One of the things I am most thankful for this year is the opportunity for a time of sabbatical. I know there are a lot of questions still, and a little anxiety as well for this time that is to come. So, let me offer this quick update....

DURATION- I will begin my sabbatical on January 1 2025, and start transitioning back into the office and parish Mid July 2025

PASTORAL COVERAGE- is arranged. Pastor Deb Mechler will cover two Sundays a month, Pastor Jeff Gieger will cover one Sunday a month.. Plans for the other Sunday are still being worked on, but that one may be left open so we could invite groups that we have supported; like the Synod, Church of the Damascus Road, LSI and others to give presentations, or do a lay-led Sunday of some type. Pastoral care and visitation will be handled by my wife, Pastor Kris, who has contracted with the parish to do regular visits, pastoral emergencies, funerals and weddings etc.

WHAT WILL I BE DOING- Much of my time will be spent in Minneapolis at Augsburg University studying Leadership in times of change and transformation. At the end of April I will have completed a certificate in Leadership Studies. The rest of the time will be spent in reflection and relaxation, and some travel to visit family, help Jonah move, and see some sights around the country.

FUNDING- I have applied for numerous grants to help fund all of this. At this time I have not heard back from a couple of them, though I hope to hear soon. I will be paid a partial salary during the sabbatical time.

WHAT YOU CAN EXPECT FROM ME- In return for this gift of time away, I will commit to at least a year upon my return, though truthfully we have no plans to go anywhere at this time.

WHAT I NEED FROM YOU- Two very simple things. Pray for me during this time away and pray for yourselves as well. **DON'T** stop coming to church! Continue to engage in the mission and worship of the parish. Enjoy hearing different voices. Take some time to engage and explore something new as a parish. God alone knows what we may discover.

Pastor Peter



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GET INVOLVED.

Quilters:

Morning Quilting

Mondays- 9 AM weekly

Night Quilters

Monday, 6—8 PM weekly

Lost Island Quilting

Women's Circles:

*Tabitha Circle:

Nov 13th @ 7:10 pm

*Sarah Circle:

Nov 12th @ Marla Noble's home

*Mary Martha Circle:

Nov. 20th at 9:30 am

Join A Board

Men's Bible Study:

Every Wed at Noon

Adult Bible Study

Help with Youth Programs

Help with Worship



Worship Services

SUNDAYS

Lost Island at 8:45am

Bethany at 10:30am

Stay Connected



Bethany/Lost Island Parish
Lost Island Lutheran Church



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Bethany Worship
Lost Island Lutheran Church



Prayer is such an important piece in the life of a Christian. Not only do we pray to God individually, but as a body of Christ, we pray for our neighbors, the world, and we trust that God will do His will in those prayers. Need prayer? Want to intentionally pray for others? Let us know!

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

Pam Rouse, Kylie Hill, Carol Walker, Omundson Family, Mike Hermansen, Shirley Knutson, Eric & Lana Kropf, Lon Twait, Jessie McCune, Paul Behrends, Jim & Carol Krause, Jon Sorenson, David Stephens, Rick Rienhardt, Dave Smith, Bridget Johnson, Robert Mortenson, Jr., and those we name in our hearts.

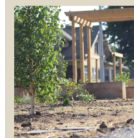
*Our Military Members: Thomas Crocoll and Logan Murray

*Our companion synods: The Southern Diocese of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania-Yakobi Parish companion with Lost Island and the Evangelical Lutheran Church Laz-Paz Parish in Chile, companion with Bethany.

TRINITY GARDEN NEWS



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- Landscaping
- Initial space with elements and plants
- Trees
- Wooden Structures

Phase 2

- Benches
- Cross
- Plantings-Near AC
- Rock- Welcome to Garden
- Sign-Plant Information
- Giving Tree Wall
- Vine Plant on Arbors
- Temp. Lighting- Solar Lights

Phase 3

- Lighting & Electricity

The goal was met and Phase 1 is complete and paid off!

The committee wants the people of Bethany to know that the funds to pay off Phase 1 and the benches were taken solely from the Garden Fund made possible by memorials and donations. No other funds were used to pay off these initial steps. Thank you to all that have given to this project so far.



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VOLUNTEERS

LOST ISLAND

ORGANIST: Tim Nielsen

ALTAR GUILD

Pat Henningsen, Susan Rohan

READERS

Nov. 3 Karyn Leininger

Nov. 10 Bethany Geiger

Nov. 17 Susan Rohan

Nov. 24 Charles Henningsen

ACOLYTES

Nov. 3 Lily Rohan

Nov. 10 Hannah Geiger

Nov. 17 Bethany Geiger

Nov. 24 Zac Sorenson

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

Nov. 3 Jeff Geiger

Nov. 17 Charles Henningsen

BETHANY

MUSICIANS at BETHANY

Nov. 3 Tim Nielsen

Nov. 10 Laura Gustafson

Nov. 17 Tim Nielsen

Nov. 24 Holly Sidles

ALTAR GUILD:

Dianne Hough

LECTOR

Nov. 3 Angie Hetrick

Nov. 10 Liza Saxton

Nov. 17 Drake Mehan

Nov. 24 Quentin Ort

USHERS

Nov. 3 Brian Malm, Kent Davidson

Nov. 10 Lonnie Naig, Joe Neary

Nov. 17 Chuck Duhn, Terry Rouse

Nov. 24 Bob Steger, Charles Noble

GREETERS

Nov. 3 Frank & Marit Veltri

Nov. 10 Joel & Somer Saxton

Nov. 17 Drake, Bennett & Kathy Mehan

Nov. 24 Sherri Ort, Barb Haack

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

Nov. 3 Laure Miller, Amy Malm

Angie Hetrick, Diane Clasing-Steger

Nov. 10 Somer & Liza Saxton,

Jess Thoren, Emmy Dooley

Nov. 24 Dianne Hough, Kristen Rienhardt

Drake Mehan, Brayden Ayers

ACOLYTES

Nov. 3 Owen Thoren

Nov. 10 Macoy Sidles

Nov. 17 Asa Rodemeyer

Nov. 24 Kennedy Martini

**November 3rd begins
Daylight Savings Time*

LOST ISLAND NEWS



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. We offer Guatemalan crafts including handmade beaded jewelry, hand-woven scarves, baskets from all natural materials and much, much, more. Shop online at www.sharingthedream.org, visit one of the stores in Vermillion, Sioux Falls or at Lost Island Lutheran Church.

If you are interested in learning more contact Karyn Leininger.



We will be remembering those that have passed away since October 2023 on November 3rd. They are:

| | | | |
|-------------------|------------|----------------|------------|
| Garwin Anderson | 10/12/2023 | Jan Meyer | 05/30/2024 |
| Maxine Lashbrook | 11/02/2023 | Donald Crocoll | 07/06/2024 |
| Donald McEwan | 11/06/2023 | Brett Flynn | 08/08/2024 |
| Phyllis Schroeder | 12/11/2023 | Bruce Mende | 08/29/2024 |
| William Ziegler | 01/01/2024 | Terry Neary | 09/08/2024 |

THANK YOU

- Thank you to all who have been involved in worship on Sundays to bring us the Good News of God!
- Thank you to all that have continued to give your monetary donations!
- Thank you to the Trinity Garden staff in their efforts of keeping the plants watered during this crucial time of getting their roots established.
- A BIG Thank You to the women that scrubbed the walls and washed the curtains in the Fellowship Hall. Those ladies are Teresa Saxton, Barb Haack, Wilma Nielsen, and Marla Noble. You ladies are awesome.!
- Thank you to the Youth that helped with "Clean Up Day" on the 13th of October! The church grounds look amazing!!

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YOUTH NEWS



Thankfulness!
God is worthy of praise.
10,000 Reasons.

What are you thankful for?

Upcoming events/schedule:

- November 10th**– Kids Singing in Church
- November 10th**– Outreach Night
- November 13th**– Concert in Pocahontas at 5:30pm
- November 17th**– Harvest Dinner after worship
- November 27th**– TBD Youth Fun Day

Wear your Bethany Shirt Day

- **Nov 10th**
- **Dec 1st**



November Noisy Offering



NOISY OFFERING



Youth Chosen Mission

SUNDAY SCHOOL OFFERING

Clay County Flood Assistance

Sept-Dec

(Penny War)

WILLING TO HELP?

SUPPORT, DRIVE, DONATE, TEACH?

CONTACT KRISTIN



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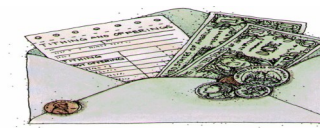
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November

| SUN | MON | TUE | |
|---|--|---|-----------|
| | | | |
| 3 Communion Sunday "ALL SAINTS SUNDAY" 8:45 am Lost Island Worship 9:30 am Bethany SS 10:30 am Bethany Worship 5-8pm Outreach at Okoboji | 4 9 AM Morning Quilting 6 PM Night Quilting | 5 | 6 |
| 10 8:45 am Lost Island Worship 9:30 am Bethany SS 10 am Coffee Connection 10:30 am Bethany Worship 1pm- Flour Lefse Making | 11 Diane Gone 9 AM Morning Quilting 6 PM Night Quilting | 12 6:30 pm Sarah Circle at Marla Noble's Home 6:30 pm Cub Scouts | 13 |
| 17 Communion Sunday 8:45 am Lost Island Worship 9:30 am Bethany SS 10:30 am Bethany Worship Harvest Dinner After Church | 18 9 AM Morning Quilting 6 PM Night Quilting | 19 6 pm Potluck Meal Before Joint Council at Lost Island | 20 |
| 24 8:45 am Lost Island Worship :30 am Bethany SS 10:30 am Bethany Worship 7pm- Community Thanksgiving Service @ Family Life Center | 25 9—3 pm WIC No morning quilters 6 PM Night Quilting | 26 10 AM Put the December Newsletter Together 6:30 pm Cub Scouts | 27 |

SEPTEMBER 2024 Bethany Lutheran Church Treasurer's Report
 Attendance average: 61
 MONTHLY BUDGET NEEDS FROM OFFERINGS: \$13,750.00

| | MONTHLY BEGINNING BALANCE (9,870.73) |
|---|---|
| INCOME | |
| Offerings | 12,174.18 |
| Transfers from other Funds Lost Island | 0.00 0.00 |
| Total Income | 12,174.18 |
| EXPENSES | |
| Personnel Expenses | 13,554.09 |
| Program Expenses | 51.02 |
| Office Expenses | 379.00 |
| Property Expenses | 2,206.98 |
| Western IA Synod Other Donations | 347.06 0.00 |
| Damascus Road | 50.00 |
| NO ELCA Donations | 250.00 |
| TOTAL EXPENSE | 16,838.15 |
| Income Less Expenses | (4,663.97) |
| GENERAL FUND BALANCE | (14,534.70) |



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

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 Diane Clasing-Steger, Sec. 712-298-1003
 Dianne Hough 712-852-2169
 Barb Haack 712-260-3408
 Laure Miller, President 712-363-2005
 Ed Meyer, Treasurer 712-298-1029
 Michael Jacobson 712-790-1452

LOST ISLAND

Troy Leininger – President
 Tim Nielsen - Treasurer
 Kyle Norris – Secretary
 Craig Thu & Steve Pitt – Trustees
 Alan Oppedal & Charles Henningsen – Deacons



STEWARDSHIP

This is just a quick update financially. As of October 15th, the church is in the negative of approximately \$16,000. The Church Council is looking at ways to cut our expenses.

Utility costs, salaries, insurance costs, postage, elevator and other everyday expenses are increasing. We will need snow removal coming up (hopefully not too much.) The church has had some unexpected expenses with fixing the Bell Tower, Water Heater, Furnace, and the Air Conditioner needs some repairs.


The Church is very thankful for the Trinity Garden which has been paid in full by private donations and memorials. The Church budget did not spend any funds towards the Trinity Garden.

Please consider increasing your donations to help keep the Church within our budget.

STEWARDSHIP PRAYER: Loving God, I come to you in thanksgiving, knowing that all I am and all that I have is a gift from you. In faith and love, help me to do your will. I am listening, Lord God. Speak your words into the depth of my soul, that I may hear you clearly.

Stewardship Committee

October 2024

| WED | THU | FRI | SAT |
|---|---|---------------------|-----------------------------------|
| | | 1 | 2 |
| Noon—Men's Bible Study 3:30– 5 pm SACK 5:30 pm Youth Board 7:00-8:00 pm CONNECT 7:30-9 pm LIFE | 7 <i>Diane Gone</i> | 8 <i>Diane Gone</i> | 9 |
| Noon—Men's Bible Study 3:30– 5 pm SACK NO CONNECT OR LIFE- CONCERT IN POCOHONTAS 7:10 pm Tabitha Circle meets | 14 | 15 | 16 Potato Lefse Making– 1pm |
| Noon—Men's Bible Study 3:30– 5 pm SACK 7:00-8:00 pm CONNECT 7:30-9 pm LIFE | 21 Articles Due For December Newsletter | 22 | 23 |
| <i>Diane Gone</i> Noon—Men's Bible Study TBD- YOUTH FUN DAY | 28 Office is Closed  | 29 | 30 |



Coffee Connection.
 November 10th
 10:00am-10:30am
 Held every 2nd Sunday of the month.

We invite ALL to join us for fellowship in the Overflow Room.

A social time of fellowship to connect with others & enjoy some treats and beverages.

Coffee. Treats. Conversation.

SCANDINAVIAN BAKE SALE AND CHRISTMAS GOODIES

The Bake Sale will be December 4th in the Overflow Room at Bethany Lutheran Church. The Sale will be from 1 PM to 3:30 PM. Please use the main entrance or the Elevator on the West Side of the Church to enter. Exiting will be through the South Door of the Overflow Room.

Items needed are: Kringla, Krumkake, Rosettes, or any Scandinavian items you make will be great!

Ideas for Christmas Goodies: different kinds of Christmas Cookies, Spritz, Thumbprints, Cut-Out Cookies, etc. Candy that you make for Christmas such as: Fudge, Caramels, Divinity, peanut brittle, covered pretzels.

Please package your Goodies in half dozen or 1 dozen size. Please do the wrapping for us. Items need to be at the Church by 10 AM on December 4th.

Don't take the easy way out—make something so we can have a Successful Bake Sale.

Any monetary gift will be appreciated if you feel you cannot bake.

Proceeds go to Bethany Missions and Local Organizations.

Scandinavian Bake Sale Committee

PARTNERING WITH US

Ways to Give

By Mail



In Person



Online



Questions on Online Giving? Ask Kristin

Make every gift count. Big or small.



There is an easier way to partner with us financially in this ministry.

1. Scan the QR code.
2. Download the mobile app



Newsletter Update: Coming January 2025

The January Newsletter will be emailed and on the website for download and viewing.

Paper copies will be set out at the church for pickup.

Normal Newsletter process will happen in December with a test email going out as well

Memorial Gifts Given

Memory of *Terry Neary* given by *Angie Hetrick* for *Trinity Garden*.
 Memory of *Terry Neary* given by *Julie Nelson* for *Trinity Garden*.
 Memory of *Terry Neary* given by *Lyndi Jefferson & Carrie Hines* for the *Garden*

BETHANY FUNERAL SERVERS- GROUP C

Dave & Elaine Sidles, Angie Hetrick — Chairpersons

| | | |
|-------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------|
| Mark & Darca Saxton | Ryan & Molly Veldbloom | Mike & Pam Hermansen |
| Jim Anderson | Brian & Danielle McCubbins | Sandi Chapman |
| Mark & Connie Schroeder | Kent & Belinda Davidson | John & Jessica Thoren |
| Michael Jacobson | Pat & Kathy Mehan | Josh & Holly Sidles |
| Dan & Mindy Dooley | Brent & Stephanie Mehan | Aletha King |
| Steve & Becky Finer | Don Nauss | Frank & Marit Veltri |
| Pat Vician | Mike Schipull | Eric & Shelly Hanson |
| Terry & Pam Rouse | Pat & Amy Martini | Wilma Nielsen |
| Joel & Somer Saxton | Ben & Leslie Hofstad | Chuck & Marla Noble |
| Austin & Maura Cole | | |