

MONTHLY CONNECTIONS

SUNDAY SERVICE

Lost Island- 8:45am

Bethany- 10:30am

CHILDREN MINISTRY

Bethany Sunday School-
9:30am

Lost Island Sunday School-
10:15am

YOUTH MINISTRY

WEDNESDAYS

SACK (2nd-5th grade): 3:30-5pm
Connect (6th-8th grade): 7-8pm
LIFE (9th-12th grade): 7:30-9pm



Pastor's Corner

By Pastor Peter Morlock

Faith, Hope and Love abide but the greatest of these is Love.” (1st Corinthians 13:13)

These are the final words in what we have come to know as the "Love chapter in Paul's first letter to the church at Corinth. I thought they might be appropriate for the month of February which has Valentine's Day in the middle. In the Chapter the Apostle, who is writing to a congregation that is breaking into different factions who are fighting with each other trying to prove which is the better follower of Christ, reminds them in this chapter of his letter that in all that we say and do we are to be guided by Love. This love is to reflect the Love that God has shown to us, and be the hallmark of the Community of Faith. This is the same kind of Love that Christ himself points toward when he says we are to Love our enemies and pray for those who persecute others; the same Love that Christ embodied as he washed the feet of the disciples and commanded them to Love one another as they have been loved....the same Love that drove Christ to the Cross to die in our stead so that we may be right with God. This is the Love which Paul proclaims to the Corinthians and to us, pointing us to the Love of Christ which reshapes us. Having been reshaped, we are then to reflect that same Love to the world around us, in part, so that others may get a glimpse of that Love through us and also be reshaped. The Apostle points out, correctly, that at the moment, we can only do this partially or dimly, but we still do it. We do it because it spills out of us and we may not be able to help it, we do it because this is where our Hope lies, and it is out of this center that we live, but we do it because this Love is who God is! The One who names us His own, and gives himself up for us to show us how to BE loving to others. In these times that are all too fractious and divided, Be this Love that is gentle and patient, kind and truthful and a reflection of God in our midst.



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HOW CAN WE PRAY FOR YOU?

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:

Jessie Hodgson and all seminarians, Korbin Johnson, Alan Oppedahl, Wilma Nielsen, Nolyn Johnson, Pam Rouse, Kylee Hill, Mike Hermansen, Omundson Family, Shirley Knutson, Eric & Lana Kropf, Jess McCune, Jim & Carol Krause, David Stephens, Rick Rienhardt, Bridget Johnson, Lon Twait, Robert Mortenson, Jr., and those we name in our hearts.

***Our Sympathy:**

To all those we know that are grieving the loss of a loved one.

***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.

***Our New Members:**

***Our New Members via Baptisms:**

Brenda, Paislee, Braylee & Kole Carrigan

Stay Connected



Lost Island Lutheran Church



Lost Island Lutheran Church

www.lostislandlutheranchurch.com

Coffee Connection.

February 9th
9:45am-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.

Stay Connected



Bethany/Lost Island Parish



@bethanyemmetsburg



Bethany Worship

GET INVOLVED.

QUILTING

Morning Quilting
Mondays- 9 AM weekly

Night Quilters
Monday, 3-5 PM weekly

Lost Island Quilting
Saturday, February 22

WOMEN'S CIRCLES

***Tabitha Circle:**
Feb 12th at 6:50 pm @ Alaire's

***Sarah Circle:**
Feb 11th -6:30 pm @ Judy's

***Mary Martha Circle:**
Resume March 20th at 9:30

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY
WEDNESDAYS AT NOON



Communion
Remembering His sacrifice.
1st & 3rd Sunday of the month

BETHANY VOLUNTEERS.

Date	Lector	Greeter	Usher	Communion Assistant	Acolyte	Musician
Feb 2nd	Scout Sunday	Scout Sunday	Brian Malm Joel Saxton	Joe, Jen, Ryerson & Jameson Boevers	Carter Reinders	Tim Nielsen
Feb 9th	Sloan Rodemeyer	Lori Forry & Leuer Family	Chuck Duhn Kyle Hagen	N/A	Asa Rodemeyer	Laura Gustafson
Feb 16th	Laure Miller	Chuck & Marla Noble	Lonnie Naig Mark Saxton	Sydney Martini Kathy Mehan, Angie Hetrick Diane Steger	Owen Thoren	Tim Nielsen
Feb 23rd	Frank Veltri	Glenyce & Willard	Elaine Nauss Bob Steger	N/A	Bennett Mehan	Holly Sidles

Altar Guild: Dianne Hough

LOST ISLAND VOLUNTEERS.

Date	Lector	Communion Assistant	Musician
February 2nd	Troy Leininger	Alaire Nielsen	Tim Nielsen
February 9th	Karyn Leininger	N/A	Tim Nielsen
February 16th	Charles Henningsen	Kyle Norris	Tim Nielsen
February 23rd	Jeff Geiger	N/A	Tim Nielsen

Altar Guild: Karyn Leininger, Sue Geiger

MEMORIAL GIFTS GIVEN.

In Memory of *Terry Neary* given by *Arlet Johnson* for *Trinity Garden*.

BETHANY FUNERAL SERVERS.

Barb Haack, Diane Clasing Steger — Chairpersons

Dianne & Randy Hough	Tim & Molly Rodemeyer	Dave & Judy Cole
Becky Walker	Jason & Diane Jacobson	Joe & Jennifer Boevers
Bernie & Linda Janssen	Dan & Michelle Theesfeld	Shawn & Jen Connelly
Dale Evans	Bill & Sharolyn Dickey	Troy & Sarah Krug
Leroy Walker	Chuck & Therese Duhn	Brian & Amy Malm
Roger & Carol Walker	Mike & Betty Naig	Allen & Beth Will
Ed & Jen Meyer	Kyle & Kayla Hagen	Mitch & Kim Hohensee
Mark & Nicole Evans	Sharon Omundson	Richard & Melinda Ayers
Danny Umbrell	Shirleen & Clayton Helgeson	Sam & Melissa Will
Joel & Haily Hoyman		

INVITE OTHERS.



Here are 5 helpful tips to get you started:

1. Pray before inviting someone. Ask the Holy Spirit to prompt you if you should invite someone.
2. Ask them if they would like to go WITH you. Don't throw an open invite, but instead offer to meet them.
3. Explain what it (the service) will look like.

4. Be by their side as they fearfully step into the unknown

5. Follow up.

"Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for He who promised is faithful. And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another- and all the more as you see the Day approaching." - Hebrews 10:25-26.

BETHANY COUNCIL

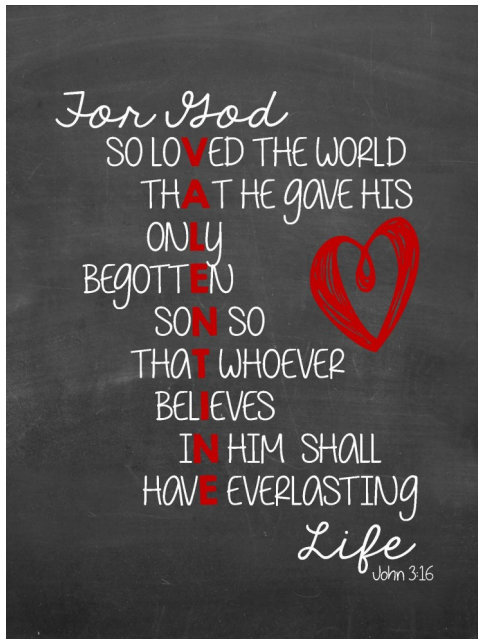
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Do you have questions? Need assistance?

Contact your council members and they will get you connected with the right people!

LOST ISLAND COUNCIL

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



February, known as the month of love. Love is a powerful thing. When you love something or someone you don't give up on that easily. The thing about the love we give to things or others...fail. We disappoint others and make mistakes, or break or lose that toy or object.

Our love is never perfect and it can be messy but usually it is worth it. But even greater than this is the love we receive from Jesus. The love that is never failing and never ending. The love that is so Reckless for us! The love that will do leaps and bounds to come after us. Jesus is constantly pursuing us because of that love. No matter what we do or don't do, Jesus doesn't love us any more or less than He already does. He is the greatest Valentine!

Have you experienced the love of Jesus?

NOISY OFFERING
SUNDAY SCHOOL OFFERING—SAMARITAN'S PURSE

Support, drive, donate, teach?



Contact Kristin
KRISTIN RIENHARDT
Kristin.rienhardt@blc.edu
712-790-6470

SUNDAY SCHOOL OFFERING

\$16.55 AS OF 1.29.25



UPCOMING EVENTS/SCHEDULE:

February 2nd-
Annual Meeting after church (kids can hangout with Kristin while parents are informed)

February 9th-
END OF TO TACKLE HUNGER FOOD DRIVE

February 9th-
Kids singing in church

February 16th-
1:30pm Puzzle Challenge Event

February 16th-
Outreach at Okoboji for 6th-12th graders,

Wear your Bethany Shirt Day

- Feb 16th
- March 9th
- April 6th
- April 27th



OKOBOJOI OUTREACH NIGHT
February 16
HOONTING
5:00-8:00pm
\$5 per person
6th-12th graders

RSVP at www.okoboji.org/outreach by 4pm on Feb 13th
Want to come early for a service project? Let us know.

JOIN US
FOR YOUTH PROGRAMS



Sundays & Wednesdays

LOST ISLAND NEWS.

*Tabitha Circle will be meeting on February 12 at Alaire's home at 6:50 pm.

*Quilting will take place on Saturday, February 22nd beginning at 9 am.

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 Board of Youth for sponsoring the "Coffee Connection" for the month of January. Don't forget to look at the Sign-Up sheet for a Sunday that you and others can sponsor.

OTHER NEWS/EVENTS



PUZZLE CHALLENGE EVENT

February 16th at 1:30pm

Families & Individuals of all ages are welcome

Families (2 adults and up to 3 kids) for a team

**We will pair up adults and kids together that come to create teams*

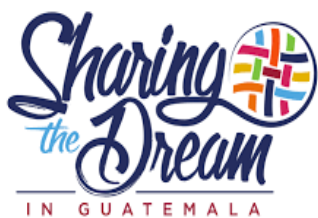


**Free Event with goodies,
prizes, and a whole lot of fun**

**Sign up in the back of the
church.**



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. We offer Guatemalan crafts including hand-made beaded jewelry, handwoven 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.

SAVE THE DATE

Sinnamon Sunday

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**MARCH 2ND
AFTER WORSHIP
FELLOWSHIP HALL**

free will offering

SPONSORED BY MARIT VELTRI'S THRIVENT ACTION TEAM

SUNDAY SCHOOL PROJECT AND NOISY OFFERING.

SUNDAY SCHOOL OFFERING

YOUTH VS CONGREGATION

**JANUARY TO APRIL
PENNY WAR**

Goal: \$300

SAMARITAN'S PURSE- CLEAN WATER FUND

BRING PENNIES IN FOR YOUR BUCKET AND PUT SILVER/BILLS IN YOUR OPPONENT'S BUCKET

PENNIES= POSITIVE

SILVER COINS/BILLS= NEGATIVE

1st semester Penny War totaled \$334.41 and went to the Spencer Chamber Foundation for Flood Recovery

February's Noisy Offering is going to Wing's of Refuge.



Wings of Refuge

Wings of Refuge is a long-term safe home in Iowa that provides opportunities for healing and restoration to survivors of sex trafficking.

SUPER BOWL FOOD DRIVE

Tackling Hunger One Yard At A Time

4 Quarters.

100 Yards To A Touchdown.

Extra Points.

January 12th is Kickoff.

February 9th is Final Score.



QUARTERS

Quarter 3: January 27th-February 2nd

Toiletries such as deodorant, toothbrush, toothpaste, shampoos, body wash, diapers, feminine products, laundry soaps, etc.

Quarter 4: February 3rd-February 9th

Gift cards (for bread, milk, eggs, meat, etc.) Kwik Star, Fareway, Dollar Fresh, Dollar General

**These should be \$5-\$30 a piece*

STEWARDSHIP.

Stewardship, quite simply, is recognizing that everything we have and everything we are is a gift from God and being grateful and generous with those gifts. God reveals His perfect and infinite love for us most visibly in His Son, Jesus Christ.

Many people think of stewardship in terms of money, fund raising and the bottom line on the spreadsheet. Stewardship is much more! We are looking at different programs and events that will reconnect our faith with joyous giving, giving of our time, talents and resources. Please consider helping with WELCA, youth, Sunday School, greeters, ushers, lectors, singing in the choir, altar guild, communion assistants, acolytes and other activities.

We ask that you please prayerfully consider your gifts to Bethany in 2025. If possible, could you consider giving a little extra each week, monthly or yearly. Any amount is deeply appreciated. With increasing expenses such as utilities, insurance, salaries, janitorial expenses, elevator, furnace and air conditioning repairs, postage and general maintenance expenses.

The Stewardship Committee is looking for new members and volunteers and we ask that you consider volunteering. By creating good stewards, we will ensure that Bethany will continue to grow and thrive.

What is the steward's prayer? Heavenly Father, you taught us by your Son Jesus Christ that all our possessions come from you: help us to be faithful stewards of our time, our talents and our wealth, and to consecrate gladly to your service a due proportion for all that you have given us. Take us and make us your own; for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

JANUARY 2025 FINANCIALS. AS OF 1/29/25 Bethany Lutheran Church Treasurer's Report

If you have any financial questions, please email Michael at bethanyfinance20@gmail.com and he can answer any questions.

	MONTHLY BEGINNING BALANCE (13,219.76)		
INCOME		EXPENSES	
Offerings	10,978.71	Personnel Expenses	8,756.41
Transfers from other Funds	0.00	Program Expenses	428.84
Lost Island	0.00		
Total Income	10,978.71	Office Expenses	371.19
		Property Expenses	3,750.90
		Western IA Synod	0.00
		Other Donations	0.00
		Damascus Road	0.00
		NO ELCA Donations	0.00
		TOTAL EXPENSE	13,307.34
		Income Less Expenses	(2,328.63)
		GENERAL FUND BALANCE	(15,548.39)

WAYS TO GIVE.



In Person
Drop cash/check off
in the office or the
offering plate.



Mail
Send offering to:
Bethany Lutheran Church
703 Broadway
Emmetsburg, IA 50536

Online

Online
One Time or
Recurring at Vanco



Local bank-bill pay option
The local Emmetsburg banks
each provide a FREE online bill
pay service which can arrange
recurring weekly or monthly
payments.

February 2025

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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2 Communion Sunday 8:45 am Worship (LI) 9:30 am Sunday School (B) 10:15 am Sunday School (L) 10:30 am Worship (B) Bethany's Annual Meeting	3 Quilting 6 PM Worship Board Meets	4	5 Noon Men's Bible Study 3:30-9PM Youth Groups	6	7	8
9 COFFEE CONNECTION NEW MEMBER SUNDAY 8:45 am Worship (LI) 9:30 am Sunday School (B) 10:15 am Sunday School (LI) 10:30 am Worship (B)	10 Quilting	11 Cub Scouts Sarah Circle	12 Noon Men's Bible Study 3:30-9PM Youth Groups 5:30pm Youth Board Meeting 6:50 pm Tabitha Circle	13	14	15
16 Communion Sunday 8:45 am Worship (LI) 9:30 am Sunday School (B) 10:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship (B) 1:30PM-PUZZLE CHALLENGE 5-8pm Outreach at Okoboji	17 Quilting	18 Council	19 Noon Men's Bible Study 3:30-9PM Youth Groups	20 Newsletter Articles Due	21	22 9 am Lost Island Quilting
23 8:45 am Worship (LI) 9:30 am Sunday School (B) 10:15 am Sunday School (LI) 10:30 am Worship (B)	24 Quilting	25 Cub Scouts	26 Noon Men's Bible Study 3:30-9PM Youth Groups	27	28	

*** BOLDED WORDS ARE CALENDAR ITEMS THAT ARE UNIQUE TO THE GIVEN MONTH**

*Bethany Quilters: Morning Quilters 9-Noon, Night Quilters 3-5pm

*Council meets every Third Tuesday at 6:30pm

*Youth Groups meet Wednesdays [SACK (2nd-5th) 3:30pm-5pm] [Connect (6th-8th) 7-8pm] [LIFE (9th-12th grade) 7:30-9pm]

*Coffee Connection is monthly, typically the 2nd Sunday of the month, 9:45am-10:30am, at Bethany

- Lost Island has weekly coffee fellowship following worship

*WIC meets once a month from 9am-3:30pm in the church basement

*Cub Scouts meet every other Tuesday at 6:30pm

*Noisy Offering cans are on tables but are passed during offerings every 2nd Sunday of month

*Lost Island Quilting meets in the basement at Lost Island

COMMUNITY/CHAMBER EVENTS

Share your heart.
Donate blood.



AMERICAN
Heart Month



Emmetsburg Community Blood Drive

Holy Family Parish Center
2003 Broadway Ave. | Emmetsburg

Wednesday, February 5, 2025

1:00 PM - 5:30 PM

Text: LIFESERVE to 999.777 | Call: 800.287.4903 | Visit: lifeserve.info/schedule



We encourage you to check out these
inspirational movies



Inspirational Movies Come to Life on the Big Screen.

Riviera Theatre 2209 Main Street Emmetsburg, Iowa.

Sundays at 5:00pm

Free Will Donation

****INSPIRATIONAL MOVIES****

CABRINI--Showing Sunday, February 2, 9, 16 & 23, 2025

HIS ONLY SON--Showing Sunday, March 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30, 2025

OTHER IMPORTANT NOTES

Save the Date

ANNUAL MEETING

2.2.25 AT BETHANY

KIDS CAN HANG OUT WITH KRISTIN
WHILE PARENTS ATTEND

Horizons Unlimited and Kiwanis are hosting their annual "Super Pancake Breakfast" on Sunday, February 9 from 8 am—12:30 pm. Tickets can be purchased for \$9.00 per person at the Horizons office (2107 Main Street) or at the door of the event for \$10.00 per person.

All proceeds benefit individuals with disabilities served by Horizons Unlimited.



Ash
WEDNESDAY
WORSHIP SERVICE

MARCH 5TH

LOST ISLAND-6PM

BETHANY-7:30PM

BETHANY SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

BETHANY EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP
MARVIN E SIMONSEN SCHOLARSHIP

APPLICATIONS ARE OUTSIDE OF THE OFFICE,
BOTH ARE DUE APRIL 15TH!