BETHANY & LOST ISLAND

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

APRIL 2025

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



Pastor's Corner

A few years ago the theme for the Western Iowa Synod Assembly was "We are Resurrection People, People of Hope." As I write this, we are in the middle of the season of Lent, but we are heading to Jerusalem, getting ever closer to the Cross. Soon we will travel through the three days of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and the stillness of Holy Saturday. These three days are the toughest to engage with in all the Gospels, even though we've heard them before.

By now, you received a letter from me, or heard through other means, that we will soon be entering into a season of transition as Pastor and parish. Much like the three days of Holy Week this is perhaps a journey we are not prepared for and don't really want to take; but like Holy Week and the three days, this step is unfortunately necessary. As we travel from the Season of Lent toward the Hope of the Resurrection and Easter, so also we will both travel through this season of

By Pastor Peter Morlock

transition to whatever new thing God has in store for both of us. Many times the Apostle Paul exhorts us to keep our hearts and minds fixed on the Hope that we have in Christ Jesus. I urge you to do the same through the transition that is to come. I ask you to hold Kris and I in prayer, as I will hold you in prayer. In my time here, I have come to treasure your deep faith, and your commitment to sharing the Hope and Joy you have in Christ.

I have learned much from all of you, and will always treasure the time that we had together. The time has come to move forward. Let us do so as **Resurrection People, filled with Hope!**



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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:

Doug Ort, Korbin Johnson, Denise White (Sister of Darca Saxton) Kailey Hackbart, Elaine Sidles, Jeff Duhn, Marilyn Leininger, Maddie Roth, Wilma Nielsen, Nolyn

Johnson, Pam Rouse, Kylee Hill, (Alex)Omundson Family, Shirley Knutson, 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:

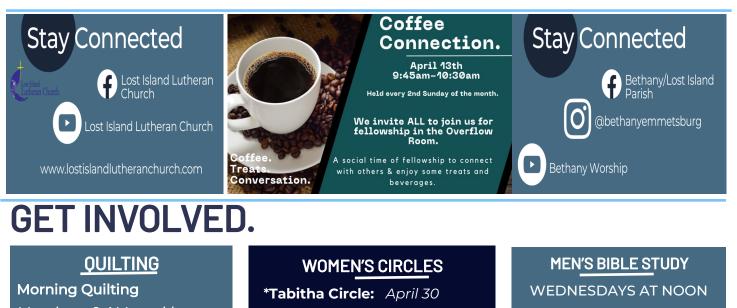
To all those we know that are grieving the loss of a loved one. We remember Marvin Duhn whose funeral service was March 22nd.

***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:





Morning Quilting Mondays- 9 AM weekly Night Quilters Monday, 3—5 PM weekly Lost Island Quilting Saturday, April 19 *Tabitha Circle: April 30 at 6:50 pm @ Alaire's
*Sarah Circle: April 8–6:30 pm @ Elaine's
*Mary Martha Circle: April 16th at 9:30

BETHANY VOLUNTEERS Altar Guild: Amy Malm						
Date	Lector	Greeter	Usher	Comm Asst	Acolyte	Musician
April 6	Youth Sunday	Youth Sunday	Youth Sunday		Jayce Ayers	Holly Sidles
April 13 Palm Sunday		Amy & Brian Malm	Joe Neary David Sidles	Lori Forry Barb Haack Sherri Ort Katilyn Hember	Macoy Sidles	Tim Nielsen
April 20 Easter	Barb Haack (6 am) Chris Meyer (10:30 am)	Rouse (6 am)	Chuck Noble & Terry Rouse (6 am) Brian Malm, Chuck Duhn (10:30 am)	Mark & Darca Saxton, Jen & Joe Boevers (6am) Kristin Rienhardt, Angie Hetrick Ed & Jen Meyer (10:30 am)	Asa Rodemeyer (6 am) Bennett Mehan (10:30 am)	Tim Nielsen
April 27	Ed Meyer	Elaine Nauss Bev Norland	Lonnie Naig Kyle Hagen		Kennedy Martini	Laura Gustafson

LOST ISLAND VOLUNTEERS

Altar Guild: Karen Thu, Kari Sorenson, Karyn Leininger

Date	Lector	Communion Assistant	Musician	
April 6	Bethany Geiger		Tim Nielsen	
April 13 Palm Sunday		Jeff Geiger	Tim Nielsen	
April 17 Maundy Thursday	Sue Geiger	Troy Leininger Susan Rohan	Tim Nielsen	
April 20 Easter	Kyle Norris	Craig Thu	Tim Nielsen	
April 27	Troy Leininger		Tim Nielsen	

MEMORIAL GIFTS GIVEN.

In Memory of *Mike Hermansen* given by *Julie Stoll* In Memory of *Mike Hermansen* given by *Jerald & Julie Nelsen* In Memory of *Dawn Freeman* given by *Kathy Mehan - Quilters Fund* In Memory of *Dawn Freeman* given by *Frank & Marit Veltri* In Memory of *Dawn Freeman* given by *Angie Hetrick—Quilters Fund* In Memory of *Marvin Duhn* given by *Bob & Diane Clasing-Steger—Trinity Garden* In Memory of *Marvin Duhn* given by *Pat & Kathy Mehan—Trinity Garden* In Memory of *Marvin Duhn* given by *Pat & Kathy Mehan—Trinity Garden* In Memory of *Marvin Duhn* given by *David & Elaine Sidles—Trinity Garden* In Memory of *Marvin Duhn* given by *Terry & Pam Rouse* In Memory of *Marvin Duhn* given by *Marit & Frank Veltri - Education Fund* In Memory of *Marvin Duhn* given by *Kristin Rienhardt—Trinity Garden* In Memory of *Marvin Duhn* given by *Jason & Laura Reinders* In Memory of *Marvin Duhn* given by *Jason & Laura Reinders* In Memory of *Marvin Duhn* given by *Frank & Dena Duhn—Trinity Garden*

BETHANY FUNERAL SERVERS.

<u>GROUP C</u>

Marla Noble, Elaine & Dave Sidles, Angie Hetrick-Chairpersons

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



On April 26th from 9 - 11:30 AM, Bethany will be hosting a "*Spring Fling.*" All women are invited to attend. You will need to register at 9 am as there will be a drawing for a door prize. Our Speaker for this is Todd from Del's Greenhouse in Spencer, IA. We will have coffee and goodies for you as well as a skit involving the "*Colden Girls.*"

Please bring a friend—the more the merrier!

BETHANY COUNCIL

Laure Miller, President 712-363-2005 Mark Evans, Vice President 712-260-5651 Ed Meyer, Treasurer 712-298-1029 Diane Clasing-Steger, Sec. 712-298-1003 Barb Haack 712-260-3408 Michael Jacobson 712-790-1452 Aaron Leuer 712-480-2116 Jennifer Boevers 712-298-2143 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 & Kadin Norris – Trustees Alan Oppedal & Charles Henningsen – Deacons

YOUTH NEWS.

April- a time of blooming, a time of growth, a time to stop and smell the roses and the rain. The smell of the rain is so refreshing isn't it. The sound it makes as it hits the window. I love Spring apart from my allergies going crazy. This season is one of growth and also of grossness. The grossness of when snow reveals the dead things underneath or the muddy paths that the rain makes. It's a gross, beautiful month/season of growth.

I think it is perfect when we have a few weeks of Lent and then Easter in April because nature is a great reminder for us of this process. The process where God takes dead things and gives them life. He turns graves into gardens. He turns morning to dancing. As we sit in the last few weeks of our Lenten season we inch closer to Good Friday, closer to the cross. We get closer to Easter and the hope of the resurrection. BUT, we must remember that in this season, we first must see the gross dead things in our hearts (just like outside), to realize we need Jesus and we cant do this on our own. We need grace to pour down on us like rain. When we do that, we can look to the cross knowing that Jesus paid it all and new life comes. The old is gone and the new is here. The graves become gardens. Growth happens. WE get to live in that NEW LIFE, HOPE, GRACE and continue to live everyday like its raining.



UPCOMING EVENTS/

April 6th– Youth Sunday, Pizza Ranch Sale Ends, Outreach Night (5-8pm)

April 9th-SACK Deliv- Up Breakfast ering Palms

April 9th– Youth Serving Lenten Meal

April 13th- Palm Sunday Service and Youth Readers

April 16th-Peace Be Still Mime Drama

April 19th–9am Egg Cracking and Setting

April 20th-Youth Easter Breakfast following Sunrise Service

April 27th– Kiwanis Breakfast, Outreach Night (5-8pm)



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LOST ISLAND NEWS.

Maundy Thursday at Lost Island needs people to help read, serve, and strip the altar. If you are able to help in anyway please contact Karyn from Lost Island. **The service is April 17th at 7pm**. You can get ahold of Karyn by emailing lostislandlutheran@gmail.com or let Kristin know and she can pass you along to Karyn.

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 Sarah & Mary Martha Circles and the Youth for helping with the serving of the Lenten evening meals during the month of March. The Maidrites and the Hot Ham & Cheese Sandwiches were all delicious.
- Thank You to all who attended these meals and made donations to their cause.
- Thank you to Funeral Group B for helping with Marvin Duhn's funerals. The family greatly appreciated it.
- Thank you to Joe Boevers for pulling the float in the St. Pat's Parade.

OTHER NEWS/EVENTS:

Decorate For Easter

The Altar Guild would appreciate any Easter lilies and spring flowers that you may wish to share for Easter Sunday. They can be delivered to the church on **APRIL 17TH BETWEEN 9AM–2PM** in the overflow room. Please put your name on the plant if you wish to take it home later. Also, if you want the plant to be recognized in honor or memory of someone, please fill out the sheet outside the office. The Easter lilies and spring flowers can be picked up **APRIL 27TH AFTER WORSHIP.**

COMMUNITY/CHAMBER:

In January of 2025, we were approached by a counseling service to possibly use one of our rooms for their use. Beginning in March, the Church Council decided to rent out the Fireside Room in the Basement for this agency to use. You may have noticed the sign in the front yard stating that a company by the name of Moxie Nova was using our building. Currently, they are here two days a week. That may change as their business gets established. The counselors are Samantha Graham and Amanda Olson.



BETHANY EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP MARVIN E SIMONSEN SCHOLARSHIP

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



The Palo Alto Co. Arts Council would like to invite you to attend "Celebrating Spring With Music" Fr. Paul Kelly and Glenn Henriksen will be playing at the Emmetsburg High School Auditorium on **April 6, 2025** at **2 PM.** It will be a Free Will Donation

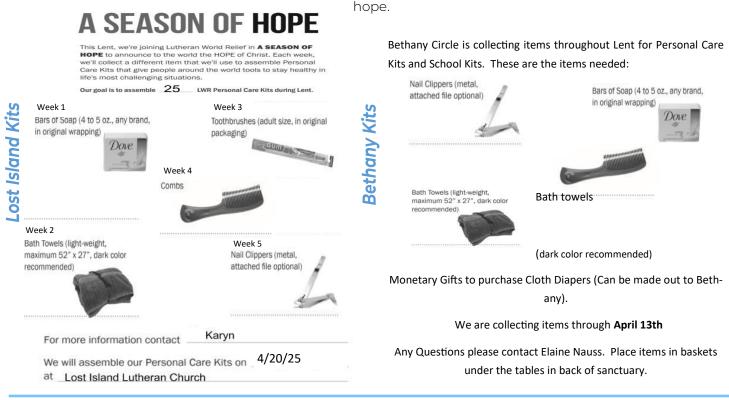
MISSION WORK.



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 handmade beaded jewelry, handwoven scarves, baskets from all natural materials and much, much, more. Shop online at www.sharing the dream.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.

COLLECTING ITEMS THROUGHOUT LENT FOR MISSIONS

These kits will be sent to Lutheran World Relief where they will be delivered all around the world to those in need of them. Bring in any of the below items and share in the gift of not only essential items for living, but



LWR Quilts will be put in the church for display on Monday, April 21 starting at 10 am. The Morning Quilters and Night Quilters would like to invite anyone who would like to join us to come and help. The quilts will be available for viewing during office hours April 21-24. **On Sunday April 27 will be Quilting Sunday**. We will pack the quilts and load the trailer at 2 pm. This will give the congregation plenty of time to attend the Bethany Youth Kiwanis Pancake Omelette breakfast! Many hands make light work so we hope you will help us in this endeavor. Dave Sidles will be taking the quilts and kits to the Ingathering in Spencer on May 3.

Thanks to everyone for all your donations of fabric and linens. We have truly been blessed with quilting supplies this past year and are happy to accept any donations of fabric and linens you or your friends may have. If you have something to donate or know someone who has something to donate and it needs to be picked up call the church office and Diane will get in touch with us or you can call Angie Hetrick at 712-298-0331.

SUNDAY SCHOOL PROJECT AND NOISY OFFERING.

April's Noisy Offering is going to the Sunday School Penny War!

SUNDAY SCHOOL OFFERING YOUTH VS CONGREGATION

PENNY WAR Goal: \$300

By April 27th, if the kids make their \$300 goal during the Penny War, Kristin will have to kiss a pig.

F LINIT WHI 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

STEWARDSHIP

How can we show our gratitude this Easter?

- **Give generously:** Consider making a special Easter offering to support our church's mission and ministry.
- Volunteer your time: Offer your skills and talents to help with church events and activities.
- **Spread the Good News:** Share the message of Easter with your family, friends, and neighbors, inviting them to experience the joy of Christ's resurrection.

Let's make this Easter a time of renewed faith, gratitude, and service, as we strive to be good stewards of all that God has entrusted to us.

May the Lord bless you and your families with a blessed and hopeful Easter season!



MARCH 2025 FINANCIALS.

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.

WAYS TO GIVE.		MONTHLY BEGINNING		
		BALANCE		
In Person Drop cash/check off				
in the office or the	INCOME		EXPENSES	
offering plate.	Offerings	11,891.20	Personnel Expenses	9,028.21
Online One Time or	Transfers from other Funds	0.00	Program Expenses	77.20
Online Recarring at Vanco	Lost Island	11,325.00		
	Total Income	23,216.20	Office Expenses	1,306.56
Mail Caud affaning to			Property Expenses	2,049.51
Send offering to: Bethany Lutheran Church			Western IA Synod	433.46
703 Broadway Emmetsburg, IA 50536			Other Donations	0.00
Local bank-bill pay option			Damascus Road	50.00
The local Emmetsburg banks			NO ELCA Donations	0.00
each provide a FREE online bill pay service which can arrange			TOTAL EXPENSE	12,944.94
recurring weekly or monthly		Income Less Expenses	10,271.26	
payments.		GENERAL FUND BALANCE	(16,464.88)	

April 2025						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1	 2 Noon Men's Bible Study 330-5 PM SACK (2nd-5th) 5:30pm Meal Served 6:30pm Lenten Service 7:30pm Mime Practice 	3	4	5 Private Birthday Party in Fellow- ship Hall Noon—6 pm
6 Youth Sunday 8:45 am Worship (LI) 9:30 am SS (Bethany) 10:15 am SS (Lost Island) 10:30 am Worship (B) 5-8pm Outreach Night	7 9 AM Morn- ing Quilting 3 PM Night Quilting	8 6:30 pm Cub Scouts 6:30 pm Sarah Circle @ Elaine's	 9 Noon Men's Bible Study 330-5 PM SACK (2nd-5th) 5:30pm Meal Served 5:30pm-Youth Board Mtg 6:30pm Lenten Service 7:30pm Mime Practice 	10	11 6:50 am Tabitha Circle @ Akaire;s	12
 13 Communion Sunday Palm Sunday 8:45 am Worship (LI) 9:30 am SS (Bethany) 10:15 am SS (Lost Island) 10:30 am Worship (B) 	14 9 AM Morn- ing Quilting 3 PM Night Quilting	15	16 10:30 am Mary Martha Crcl Noon Men's Bible Study 330-5 PM SACK (2nd-5th) 7:00pm "Peace Be Still" Mime Drama	17 Maundy Thursday 7pm- Service at Lost Island	18 Good Friday 7pm- Service at Beth- any	19 9am Egg Cracking
20 EASTER -COMMUNION 6:30 AM Sunrise Serv (B) 7:30 am Breakfast 8:45 am Worship (LI) 10:30 am Worship (B)	21 9 AM Morn- ing Quilting 3 PM Night Quilting	22 6:30 pm Cub Scouts 6:30 pm Joint Council Mtg (B)	23 Noon Men's Bible Study 3:30-5 PM SACK (2nd-5th) 7-8 pm Connect (6th-8th) 7:30-9 pm LIFE (9th-12th)	24 Articles Due for May News- letter	25	26 9-12 pm Ruth Circle Gathering at Bethany
 27 Kiwanis Breakfast/ Quilt Sunday 8:45 am Worship (LI) No SS (Bethany) 10:15 am SS (Lost Island) 10:30 am Worship (B) 2pm Pack LWR Quilts 5-8pm Outreach 	28 WIC No Morning Quilting 3 PM Night Quilting 6 pm Wor- ship Board meets		30 Noon Men's Bible Study 3:30-5 PM SACK (2nd-5th) 6:50 pm Tabitha Circle 7-8 pm Connect (6th-8th) 7:30-9 pm LIFE (9th-12th)	*Rogation Sunday May 4th		

* 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] *During Lent, Connect and LIFE have mime practice

*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



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