

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



Stewardship of our nation

Politics have always been a source of friction in the United States, but things have never been as polarized and ugly as today. We are in a precarious place, where many political and social experts say we are in danger of unraveling altogether.

Christians can help, we who are commanded to love our neighbor as ourselves (Leviticus 19:8, Matthew 22:39) and commended to work for the common good (Isaiah 58:8-14, 1 Corinthians 12:7). In the month of July, when we remember the founding of our nation and all it stands for, we can recommit to good stewardship of our civic virtues, our political process, and national identity. Here are some ideas:

Seek and Cling to truth: There are enough malicious "fake news" stories and wild conspiracy theories going around to make your head spin. Endeavor to find out what is true. Don't listen to lies and liars, and always speak truth, especially in face of lies.

Love and pray for those with whom you disagree: Jesus taught us to pray for our enemies (Matthew 5:44). Now those who disagree with our politics aren't our enemies, but the principle remains. Love and pray for them.

Don't insult: Jesus taught that when we say "you fool" to our neighbor we have committed murder in our hearts (Matthew 5:21-22). Engage on issues and policies, not personalities.

Settle for what's fair: Politics works best when both sides compromise. Everyone loses when it's played "all or nothing."

Finally, be a peacemaker: Jesus taught, "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God."

Our country desperately needs cooler heads to prevail if we are to face the future as a healthy democracy. As Christian stewards, we can lead the way.

Written by "The Stewardship Guy" 2023

Worship Leaders





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 Hermansen, Darlene Naig, Shellee Wright, Janice Franck, Doug Ort, Korbin Johnson, Jeff Duhn, Wilma Nielsen, Pam Rouse, Nolyn Johnson, Kylee Hill, (Alex) & Sharon Omundson Family, Shirley Knutson, Jim & Carol Krause, David Stephens, Rick Rienhardt, Bridget Johnson, Lon Twait, Robert Mortenson, Jr., and those we name in our hearts.

***Our Sympathy:**

To the family and friends of Dale Evans whose funeral was June 23rd.
To the family and friends of Keith Snavelly whose funeral was June 30th.

***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:**

Charlott Jean Mortenson
Alaina Marie Mortenson
(6/28/2025)

Stay Connected

 Lost Island Lutheran Church

 Lost Island Lutheran Church

www.lostislandlutheranchurch.com

Coffee Connection.

July 13th
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 -12 PM weekly

Night Quilters
Mondays, 5-8 PM weekly

Lost Island Quilting

WOMEN'S CIRCLES

***Tabitha Circle:** *July 16, 2025*
@ 6:50 pm at Alaire's home

***Sarah Circle:**
Resume in September

***Mary Martha Circle:**
July 16th @ 9:30 am at Willow Ridge

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

WEDNESDAYS AT NOON
RESUME 11/2025



BETHANY VOLUNTEERS

Altar Guild: Lori Forry

Date	Lector	Greeter	Usher	Comm Asst	Leader	Musician
July 6	Angie Hetrick	Joel & Somer Saxton	Joel Saxton & Chuck Duhn	Mark & Darca Saxton Joe Neary	Pastor Deb	Tim Nielsen
July 13	Chris Meyer	Del & Donna Poldberg	Bob Steger & Brian Malm		Kristin Rienhardt	Holly Sidles
July 20	Frank Veltri	Richard & Melinda Ayers Family	Michael Jacobson & Lonnie Naig	Marit Veltri Angie Hetrick Kathy Mehan	Pastor Deb	Tim Nielsen
July 27	Sydney Martini	Mark & Payton Evans	David Sidles & Chuck Duhn		Pastor Jeff	

Bethany Technologist:

July 6 Matt Malm

July 20 Cael & Sloan Rodemeyer

July 13 Nick Saxton

July 27 Sydney Martini

LOST ISLAND VOLUNTEERS

Altar Guild: Karyn Leininger, Susan Rohan, Lavonne Mason

Date	Lector	Communion Assistant	Leader	Musician
July 6	Troy Leininger	Kadin Norris	Pastor Deb	Tim Nielsen
July 13	Susan Rohan		Karyn Leininger	Tim Nielsen
July 20	Jeff Geiger	Jeff Geiger	Pastor Deb	Tim Nielsen
July 27	Alaire Nielsen		Pastor Jeff	Tim Nielsen



MEMORIAL GIFTS GIVEN—BETHANY

In Memory of **Jack Parish** given by **Diane Clasing-Steger** for **The Trinity Garden**
In Memory of **Jim Schoning** given by **Diane Clasing –Steger** for **The Trinity Garden**
In Memory of **Dale Evans** given by **Bob & Diane Clasing-Steger** for **The Trinity Garden**
In Memory of **Dale Evans** given by **Angela Hetrick** for **Technology Fund**
In Memory of **Dale Evans** given by **Frank & Marit Veltri** for **Education Fund**
In Memory of **Dale Evans** given by **Wilma Nielsen** for **Technology Fund**
In Memory of **Dale Evans** given by **Burdell & Barb Naugle**
In Memory of **Dale Evans** given by **Emmetsburg Kiwanis Club**
In Memory of **Keith Snavelly** given by **Angie Hetrick**
In Memory of **Keith Snavelly** given by **David & Elaine Sidles**

BETHANY FUNERAL SERVERS

GROUP B

Laure Miller, Elaine Nauss, John & Stephanie Larson-Chairpersons

Phil Andreasen	Darlene Naig	Greg & Ann Sween
Dan & Michelle Jackson	Greg & Rachel Haack	Randy & Deb Jones
Cordell & Donna Poldberg	Beverly Norland	Aaron & Jackie Leuer
Kristin Rienhardt	Cory & Stacie Fjetland	Doug & Sherri Ort
Bob & Connie Schubert	Tonya Peterson	Dawn Daniels
Tom & Karen Hagen	Joyce & John Froisland	Shari Schurg
Jason & Laura Reinders	Dale & LuAnn Opheim	Lori Forry
Ben & Laura Gustafson	Paul & Teresa Saxton	Joe Neary
Gina & Angie Cowden	Glenyce & Willard Schmeling	Tiffany Keller
Bob & Sheryl Mortenson, Jr	Jason & Nicole Sanders	Ina Crocoll

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

July– Its's a celebration month. There are many things that happen from Independence Day to County Fairs to VBS. With all the celebrations around us it can seem daunting BUT Jesus is with us always. I pray that God would open our hearts, ears, and eyes to seeing God in all of His glory.

Let us Chase after God for who He is and what He has done! Let us be CAPTIVATED!

On the back page is Flat Jesus. Cut Him out, color Him, take Him with you wherever you go! Take a picture of Flat Jesus' adventures and send them to me! Let's see how many places He can go and how many things Flat Jesus will do this summer!

NOISY OFFERING

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WILLING TO HELP?

Support, drive,

donate, teach?

Contact Kristin



KRISTIN
RIENHARDT

Kristin.rienhardt@blc.edu

SUNDAY SCHOOL OFFERING

Ruth Duhn has her Flat Jesus all colored.



Do YOU?

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AGAIN.


JOIN US
FOR YOUTH PROGRAMS



Sundays & Wednesdays

UPCOMING EVENTS/SCHEDULE:

VBS: July 14-17, 2025

Progressive Organ Recital

With Glenn Henriksen

Sunday, July 13th 1:30pm

**begins at Zion Lutheran Church, Ruthven traveling to
Sacred Heart Catholic Church then
Ruthven Methodist Church ending at Lost Island Lutheran Church**

Ice Cream Social 4pm-7pm

Lost Island Lutheran Church

Serving Maidrites or Pulled Pork, Pie & Ice Cream

Free Will Donation

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 Mark Saxton for smoothing out the patches in front of the church where the tree stumps had been and planting grass seed.
- Thank you to Greta Rouse's grandma and her aunts for donating 40 boxes of material towards making quilts and the monetary donation as well. Also thanks to Carol Walker and Mike Schipull for helping unload those boxes and store them where Angie Hetrick and Marit Veltri had made room for. Many hands make light work.
- Thank you to Funeral Group C for helping prepare and serve the funeral meal for Dale Evans. Also to Group A for preparing and serving the meal for Keith Snavelly. Both families greatly appreciated it

OTHER NEWS/EVENTS:

End of Year Awards:

Amelia Ort

**Graduated from UNI with her Degree in
Teaching**

Ben Saxton

**Graduated from Northwest IA
Community College with his
Degree as a
Radiologist Technician**

April Cole

Graduated from Buena Vista University.

Kaitlyn Hember

Graduated from ILCC

**Please let me know if there are any other
graduates that we can recognize in our
Newsletter**



***It will be Jacki Ellingrod's
90th Birthday on July 5th.***

***Let's shower her with cards on
her birthday. Her address is:***

***Jacki Ellingrod
1650 SE Holiday Crest Circle
Apt. 314
Waukee, IA 50263***

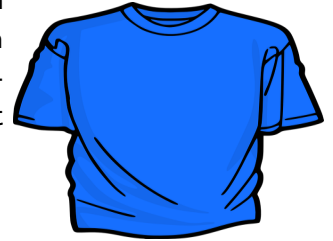
MISSION WORK.



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.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.

Bethany's Council has been in discussion of having shirts for men and women with our church's logo on it. We have picked a design but are still waiting on the cost. We will have a picture of the design on the back table of the Sanctuary so you can see what it will look like. It would be placed on the upper left side of the shirt. More information will be coming during the month of July.

Stay tuned!



VBS INFORMATION



Time: 12:30-5pm

Date: July 14-17

Location: 703 Broadway

Info: \$5 for members, \$10 for Nonmembers

Who: Pre-5th grade completed (completed 6th grade and up can be helpers and are to fill out the Volunteer form on Church Website)

Questions? Contact Holly Sidles

Sign up Now

<https://www.bethanylutheranemmetsburg.com/vbs>



SAVE THE DATE: VBS

Register at

www.bethanylutheranemmetsburg.com/vbs

Cost: \$5 for Members and \$10 for nonmembers

Any questions, contact Holly Sidles or a member of the Board of Education.

STEWARDSHIP

Let Your Thankfulness Show

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances!--

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

Sages, mystics and prophets through the ages have taught us that cultivating an attitude of thankfulness will not only help us grow as disciples, but thankfulness will also bring us closer to God and neighbor, and give us a happier and more fulfilling life.

And how do you cultivate thankfulness? First and always, through prayer. Consider how many of the Psalms offer thanks, or how often the Apostle Paul gives thanks for the people and blessings of his ministry. Pray always, and always with thanksgiving. Keep a "blessings list" and pray through it regularly. Giving thanks to God can nourish thankfulness in your own heart and soul. And you can also help encourage thankfulness in your community by developing a habit of thanking others - verbally, by text or email, or with cards and notes.

Throughout July, look for every opportunity to thank someone for any reason, big or small. It could be a stranger who holds a door open for you, a clerk who rings up your sale, or a neighbor who does you a favor. Keep track of the number of times you can say "thank you." You may be surprised. For fun, compete with others to see who can say "thank you" the most times in July. In the process of saying "thank you" you will not only develop a habit that will change your heart and soul, you will also change your relationship with neighbors, your community and our world. And that will be a real cause for thanksgiving.

We want to say "Thank You" to you for all of your giving. The different ways this has happened is planting new plants in the Garden, removing the tree stumps from in front of the church at Bethany, putting down new grass where those tree stumps were at and the new mulch that was put down by the youth of Bethany. We also want to say Thank you for continuing to give financially. Have a wonderful July!

MAY 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.



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

Online



Online
One Time or
Recurring at Vaneo




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



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.

	MONTHLY BEGINNING BALANCE (8,502.44)		
INCOME		EXPENSES	
Offerings	9,037.14	Personnel Expenses	9,554.83
Miscellaneous	500.00	Program Expenses	775.24
Lost Island	0.00		
Total Income	9,537.14	Office Expenses	716.37
		Property Expenses	1,664.03
		Western IA Synod	0.00
		Other Donations	0.00
		Damascus Road	50.00
		NO ELCA Donations	0.00
		TOTAL EXPENSE	12,760.47
	Income Less Expenses	(3,223.33)	
	GENERAL FUND BALANCE	(11,725.77)	

July 2025

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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6 8:45 Communion Sunday 10:15 am SS (Lost Island) 10:30 am Worship (B)	7 9 am Quilting 5 pm Quilting	8	9	10	11	12
13 8:45 am Worship (LI) 9:45 am Coffee Connect 10:15 am SS (Lost Island) 10:30 am Worship (B) 4-7 pm Ice Cream Social At Lost Island Church	14 9 am Quilting 5 pm – No Quilting	15	16 9:30 am Mary Martha 6:50 pm Tabitha Circle	17	18	19
VBS AT BETHANY FROM 12:30—5 PM						
20 Communion Sunday 8:45 am Worship (LI) w/ Baptism of Osher children 10:15 am SS (Lost Island) 10:30 am Worship (B)	21 9 am Quilting 5 pm Quilting	22 Office Closed	23	24 Last Day for Articles for Aug Newsletter	25	26
27 8:45 am Worship (LI) Baptism of Millie Roth 10:15 am SS (Lost Island) 10:30 am Worship (B)	28 9 am Quilting Office Closing @ 11:30 5 pm Quilting	29 Newsletter sent out Office Closing at 12:45 pm	30 Office Open	31 WIC Meets Office Open		
Diane is Gone from Tues at 12:45 pm —Fri.						

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

*Bethany Quilters: Morning Quilters 9am-Noon, Night Quilters 5-8 pm

*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] These run Sept-May

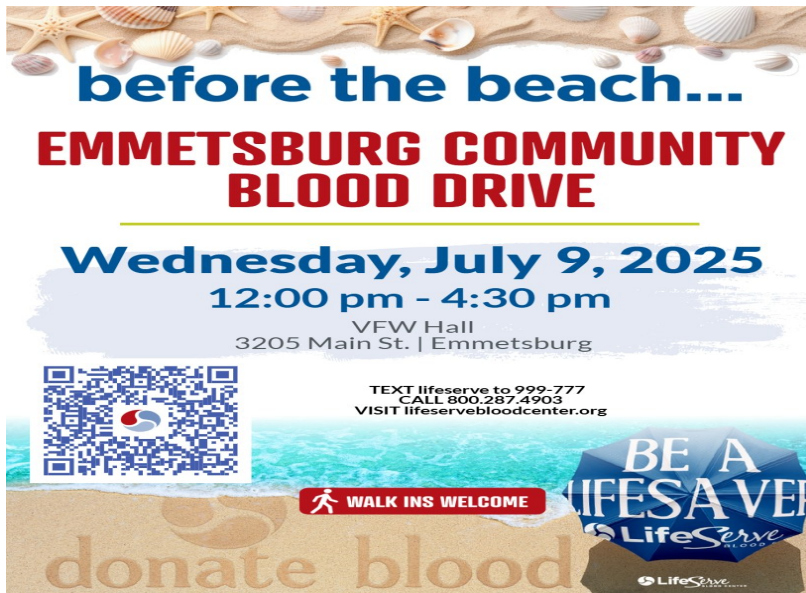
*Coffee Connection is monthly, typically the 2nd Sunday of the month, 9:45am-10:30am, at Bethany
- Lost Island has weekly coffee fellowship following worship

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

*Cub Scouts meet every other Tuesday at 6:30pmduring the school year

*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



before the beach...
EMMETSBURG COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE

Wednesday, July 9, 2025
12:00 pm - 4:30 pm
VFW Hall
3205 Main St. | Emmetsburg

TEXT Lifeserve to 999-777
CALL 800.287.4903
VISIT lifeservebloodcenter.org

BE A LIFESAVER
LifeServe

WALK INS WELCOME

donate blood

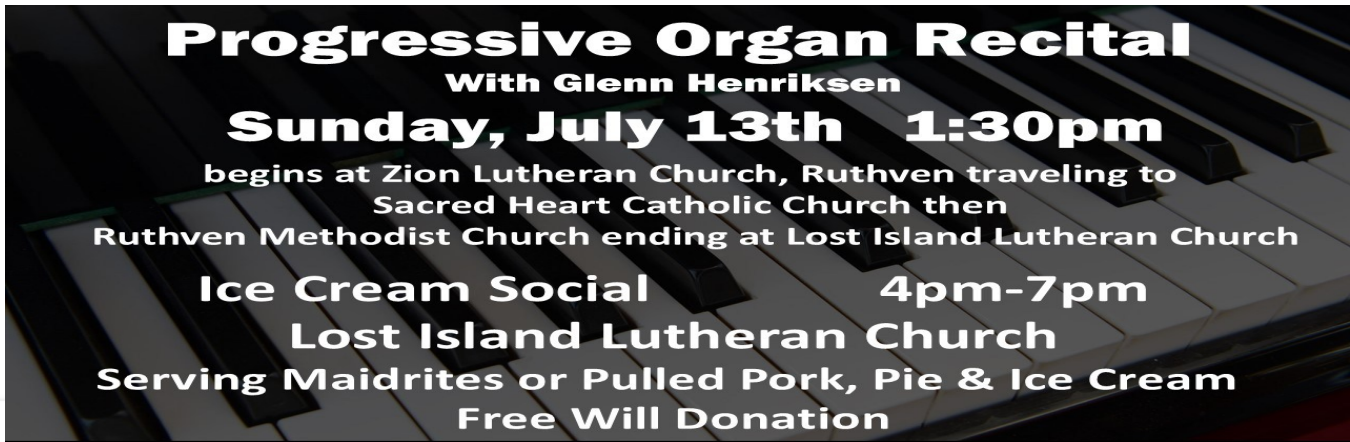


There will be a **Pancake Breakfast** at the Open Air Pavillion at the Palo Alto Co Fairgrounds **July 20th from 8—12:30 pm.**

Cost: 10 and Under \$4

11 and Over \$7

Proceeds will go to the Palo Alto Co. Council to help sponsor countywide 4-H events.



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Free Will Donation

Upper Des Moines Opportunity, Inc.



Collecting items instead of cash for noisy offering in summer

We are asking for non-perishable food items or school supplies this Summer rather than coins in the can at the 2nd Sunday Service. The containers are right behind the last pew on the east side of the church. They are identified as which is which. Thank You in Advance for helping our local people with their needs!

