

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): 6:30-8pm
LIFE (9th-12th grade): 7:30-9pm



Our Summer In Review

WOW! Summer vacation is over and did that ever go fast! Our kids are back in school and their parents are breathing a sigh of relief that their families made it through another summer. A lot has happened over the summer in our area. The new Splash Pad has opened which is enjoyable to hear the laughter when standing outside our church.

Numerous issues have come up that we are trying to get under control with the fix-it people in our community. We have done some tuck pointing and roof repair (which we found out has not been completely finished). Soon we hope—very soon. The Bell Tower has had some updating done to it but we

are still having issues with water entering our building and causing problems. Hopefully that will soon be corrected.

Some good things that I can think of are: The Trinity Garden All the trees, shrubs and plantings are doing quite well with all the rain we have received this summer. It looks beautiful! Bethany's Building Party was a success. Good fellowship was had by all. We also were able to celebrate Vicar Jessie Hodgson's Ordination at Lost Island on the 23rd of August. What a joyful time that was! We pray that Pastor Jessie has found a new Church family that he can share his gifts with. *I wonder if he'll make that infamous jello salad (green beans and all)?*

Secretary Diane

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:

Paul Bedard, Darlene Naig, Shellee Wright, Doug Ort, Korbin Johnson, Jeff Duhn, Wilma Nielsen, 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:**

If you have had a family member pass since All Saints Sunday (11/3/2024) and would like to light a candle in their memory this All Saints Sunday, (11/2/25) please let the office know. Thank You!

***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:**

Stay Connected

 Lost Island Lutheran Church

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www.lostislandlutheranchurch.com

Coffee Connection.

September 14th
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:** Sept 24, 2025
@ 7 pm at Alaire's home

***Sarah Circle:** Meet at church Sept. 9th at 6:30 pm

***Mary Martha Circle:**
Sept. 19th @ 9:30 am at Willow Ridge

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

WEDNESDAYS AT NOON
RESUMES 9/3/2025 w/
Pastor Kevin Weeks



BETHANY VOLUNTEERS

Altar Guild: Marla Noble

Date	Lector	Greeter	Usher	Comm Asst	Leader	Musician
Sept. 7	Diane Clasing-Steger	Aaron & Jackie Leuer Family	Terry Rouse Joel Saxton	Diane Steger Pat Vician Quentin Ort *	Pastor Deb	Tim Nielsen
Sept. 14	Emmy Dooley	Jason & Laura Reinders Family	Joe Neary Bob Steger		Pastor Jeff	Holly Sidles
Sept. 21	Amelia Ort	Darlene Naig Lonnie Naig	Chuck Noble Michael Jacobson	Kristin Rienhardt Emmy Dooley Jen Boevers *	Pastor Deb	Tim Nielsen
Sept. 28	Angie Hetrick	Jay Hember Kaitlyn Hember	Mark Saxton David Sidles		Kristin Rienhardt	Laura Gustafson

- Pastor Deb and Pastor Jeff will help in serving communion so we only need 3 volunteers to help serve the congregation at Bethany.

LOST ISLAND VOLUNTEERS

Altar Guild: Sue Geiger, Linda Pitt, Lavonne Mason

Date	Lector	Communion Assistant	Leader	Musician
September 7	Charles Henningsen	Kyle Norris	Pastor Deb	Tim Nielsen
September 14	Kyle Norris		Pastor Jeff	Tim Nielsen
September 21	Troy Leininger	Susan Rohan	Pastor Deb	Tim Nielsen
September 28	Bethany Geiger		Susan Rohan	Tim Nielsen

MEMORIAL GIFTS GIVEN—BETHANY



The family of **Jimmy Schoning** gave a memoriam for **Trinity Garden**
The family of **Dale Evans** gave a memoriam to the **Deferred Maint. Fund**

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



A big THANK YOU goes out to all those people that attended the Pulled Pork and Hot Dog meal served by the Church Council. We feel it was a success! It will help in replenishing the Deferred Maintenance Fund account.

Although we had a deluge of rain the morning of, with some "flooding" in the women's bathroom, all in all, it turned out great.

Rally Day

SUNDAY, SEPT 14TH

AFTER CHURCH IN FELLOWSHIP HALL
TO GO MEALS AVAILABLE

FREE WILL OFFERING-VBS & BIBLE FUND

SPONSORED BY FRANK VELTRI'S THRIVENT ACTION TEAM

MAID RITES, CHICKEN NUGGETS, MAC N CHEESE, SALADS, AND DESSERTS



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.



A new school year. Crazy! Starting off a new school year for youth can be exciting, scary, and different but regardless of emotions, God is there and present.

I am excited to kick off a new school year with new lessons and combinations of kids. I am excited to see how much all of the youth have grown this summer and how they are continuing to learn about Jesus.

Love God. Love Others. Serve the World.

JOIN US
FOR YOUTH PROGRAMS



Sundays & Wednesdays

WILLING TO HELP?

Support, drive,
donate, teach?
Contact Kristin

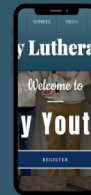
KRISTIN
RIENHARDT

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Register your youth for
2025-2026 today!

Preschool to 12th graders!
Join us for some fun, faith, and fellowship



www.bethanylutheranemmettsburg.com/register

Schedule/Upcoming Events::

Sept. 10: Kickoff to Youth Group

SACK (2nd-5th grade): 3:30-5pm

Connect (6th-8th grade): 6:30-8pm

LIFE (9th-12th grade): 7:30pm-9pm

Sept 14th: Rally Sunday

9:30am Sunday school starts

10:30am Bibles, Teacher Installation

11:30am Rally Meal

Sept 28th: Orchard Day

1:30pm Families and Youth invited-
Watch for an email

HANDS ON A MISSION



SEPTEMBER:

FEED OUR KIDS-EMMETSBURG

1 MISSION PER MONTH

\$100 GOAL EACH MONTH

NOISY OFFERING

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 hand-made beaded jewelry, handwoven scarves, baskets from all natural materials and much, much, more. Shop online at www.sharingthedream.org, or at Lost Island Lutheran Church. If you are interested in learning more contact Karyn Leininger.

All those that were in attendance at the Lost Island Nature Center on August 13th had an enjoyable time. It was interesting learning about the different animal tracks.. The food and fellowship was wonderful as were the root beer floats. Thank you, Tabitha Circle, for hosting this event. We look forward to next year!



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 everyone that attended the Picnic at the Church on August 9th. It was a great time for fellowship and remembrance of everyone who was and is a part of the Bethany family.
- Thank you to those that provided food and helped in serving at the Hog Roast for the Ingham Lake Bible Camp on Sunday, August 24th. It was greatly appreciated.

OTHER NEWS/EVENTS:



On August 23, 2025 Vicar Jessie Hodgson was ordained at Lost Island Lutheran Church, near Ruthven where he was shared by both Lost Island and Bethany Lutheran Churches. He has accepted a call to St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Sioux City, Iowa.

In this picture are the clergy that chose to be a part of Jessie's Big Day

Congratulations, Jessie, and best wishes on your next chapter of life!

Stewardship is about good priorities

Jesus taught, "Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom."
-Luke 12:32

The Bible makes it clear that God has given us all that we have and all that we are. This includes not just our money and possessions, but also our relationships, our character strengths, our time, our intelligence, the special talents and skills we may possess, and so much more.

Biblical stewardship invites us to use all these gifts in God-pleasing ways -- not for God's benefit, but for ours. We are the ones who benefit when we invest ourselves, our time and our possessions in ways that are in sync with God's purposes.

The more we align our lives with God's purposes, the happier and more fulfilled we become. And why not? We are learning to live more fully as disciples of Jesus, approaching more fully the abundant life he promised us. We grow in awareness and set new priorities that bring us closer to God.

If that sounds appealing to you, why not begin? Pick an area of your life that you'd like to align with God's purposes. Maybe your relationships? Your money? How about your time?

Then, honestly and prayerfully consider: How are you using that gift? Talk it over with your pastor or prayer partner. Ask God to give you insight and to reveal your blind spots. Pray for guidance on how you can better use your gifts.

It takes time, but it's so worth it. When our priorities are in sync with God's purposes, we are not only stewarding our lives well, but also opening the door to greater personal fulfillment and joy.

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AUGUST 2025 FINANCIALS. (AS OF 8/26/25)

Bethany Luth. 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 (12,870.92)		
INCOME		EXPENSES	
Offerings	8,723.67	Personnel Expenses	7,869.05
Miscellaneous	0.00	Program Expenses	192.16
Lost Island	0.00		
Total Income	8,723.67	Office Expenses	154.23
		Property Expenses	2,563.02
		Western IA Synod	820.94
		Other Donations	0.00
		Damascus Road	0.00
		NO ELCA Donations	0.00
		TOTAL EXPENSE	11,599.40
	Income Less Expenses (2,875.73)		
	GENERAL FUND BALANCE (15,746.65)		

September 2025

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FR	SAT
	1 	2	3 12 pm Men's Bible Study	4	5	6
7 Communion Sunday 8:45 am Worship LI 10:15 am SS (LI) 10:30 am Worship (B)	8 9 am Quilting 5 pm Quilting	9 Office closes at 12 Noon 6:30 pm Sarah Circle Meets @ Church Scouts	10 Diane Gone 12 pm Men's Bible Study 5:30 pm Youth Board Meets Youth Kickoff 3:30-5 pm SACK 6:30-8 pm Connect 7:30-9 pm LIFE	11	12	13
14 Rally Sunday 8:45 am Worship LI 9:30 am SS Bethany 9:45 am Coffee Connection (B) 10:15 am SS (LI) 10:30 am Worship (B) 11:30am Rally Day Meal (B)	15 9 am Quilting 5 pm Quilting	16 6:30 pm Council Meets	17 9:30 am Mary Martha meets 12 pm Men's Bible Study 3:30-5 pm SACK 6:30-8 pm Connect 7:30-9 pm LIFE	18	19	20
21 Communion Sunday 8:45 am Worship LI 9:30 am SS Bethany 10:15 am SS (LI) 10:30 am Worship (B)	22 9 am Quilting 5 pm Quilting	23 Scouts Oct Articles due for Newsletter	24 12 pm Men's Bible Study 3:30-5 pm SACK 6:30-8 pm Connect 7 pm Tabitha Circle meets 7:30-9 pm LIFE	25 9-3 pm WIC	26	27
28 8:45 am Worship LI 9:30 am SS Bethany 10:15 am SS (LI) 10:30 am Worship B 1:30pm Center Creek Orchard, Fairmont	29 9 am Quilting 5 pm Quilting Send out Oct Newsletter	30				

*** BOLDDED 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) 6:30-8pm]
[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 during 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

RALLY SUNDAY


sept 14th

MEAL SERVED
AFTER CHURCH

**KICKOFF TO
SUNDAY SCHOOL**

9:30AM
PRESCHOOL-12TH GRADE

YOUTH REGISTRATION



**TEACHER
INSTALLATION**

ORCHARD DAY

SEPTEMBER 28TH AT 1:30PM

CENTER CREEK ORCHARD

CENTER CREEK ORCHARD IS A FAMILY AFFORDABLE, FUN DESTINATION. INCLUDED IN THE ADMISSION ARE HAYRIDES, JUMP PAD, ZIP LINES, SUPERSLIDE, BARREL RIDES, APPLE SLING AND MORE! THE APPLE BARN OFFERS FRESH, LOCALLY GROWN APPLES AND PUMPKINS WITHOUT AN ENTRANCE FEE.

ALL AGES OF FAMILIES
MEETING AT CENTER CREEK ORCHARD AT 1:30PM

ORDER BETHANY APPAREL! SEPTEMBER 14TH-28TH



**BETHANY
LUTHERAN CHURCH
EMMETSBURG, IA**

Order new Bethany Apparel

Ordering to open
Sept 14th-Sept 28th

Any questions? Contact Kristin Rienhardt



1. Order Online (Link below or QR code)
2. Fill out an order form at the church
3. Order at Creative Stitches

<https://bethanylutheran.itemorder.com/shop/home/>

\$15	\$35	\$20	\$25	\$30
				
youth & adult	adult only	youth & adult	youth & adult	youth & adult

Tshirt- Olive, Sapphire, Team Cardinal, Charcoal
Long sleeve- Red, Charcoal, Aquatic Blue, Dark Green
Crewneck- Red, Neon Blue, Charcoal, Dark Green
Hoodie- Sapphire, Red, Charcoal, Dark Green
Hoodie Tall- Charcoal and red

Full Front Logo adds \$3

\$35 Cup



COMMUNITY/CHAMBER: EVENTS



EMMETSBURG COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10
12:00 pm - 4:30 pm
VFW | 3205 Main St. | Emmetsburg

call: 800.287.4903 | visit: lifeservebloodcenter.org | text: lifeserve to 999.777



Kickoff Night for YOUTH GROUP

September 10th

SACK (2nd-5th)
3:30-5:00pm

Connect (6th-8th grade)
6:30-8:00pm

LIFE (9th-12th grade)
7:30-9:00pm

The Bethany Council is looking at setting a day this fall/winter to do a good cleaning of the interior of the church. Not sure if it should happen on a weekend or during the week. We are looking to maybe have 12 people to break up into small groups and tackle a spot on one of the three floors. We could hopefully be finished in 2-3 hours if enough people sign up to help. tch for a sign-up sheet soon!



Bethany Apparel Order Form

_____Paid

Name: _____

I would like to order: For Youth put a Y in front and for Adult put an A in front (example: Item: Crewneck Size: YM (youth medium) Color: Jet Black)

Item:_____ Size:_____ Color:_____ Full or Chest

Item:_____ Size:_____ Color:_____ Full or Chest

Item:_____ Size:_____ Color:_____ Full or Chest

Item:_____ Size:_____ Color:_____ Full or Chest

Item:_____ Size:_____ Color:_____ Full or Chest

Item:_____ Size:_____ Color:_____ Full or Chest

Cup: _____

Price Total:_____

Payment: Check Cash Credit Card

Please talk with Kristin about payment and orders if you have any questions.