# **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





#### THANKFULNESS. Article by Michael Feldmann

November is a month where people tend to list out the things we are thankful for, (it's probably because of that one holiday called "Thanksgiving"). Some even will list something each and every day on Facebook.

The Bible even tells us that. 1 Thessalonians 5:18 says, "give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."

Wait a second! Look at the verse again! Did you notice what that verse says? "Give thanks in ALL circumstances." So ... does this mean I have to give thanks in those times when life isn't going like I planned it or when something bad happens? Hate to be the bearer of bad news but ... yup, that is exactly what it means.

We all know that bad things are going to happen. People

will get sick, things will break or be stolen, feelings will be hurt by those we call our friends, and relationships are going to go through tough times and may even lead to a break-up. It may be hard to see these as times to give thanks ... but they are.

AND HERE'S WHY ...

We are told to give thanks in all circumstances, not for all circumstances. The evil, the bad things of life do not come from God, those are a result of sin being in the world. This is why we are not thankful for all circumstances. We are thankful in all circumstances because no matter what we are facing in life ... God is still in control and God's presence is still with you. This means that His love, His mercy, His compassion, and all the other wonderful things God is and does are still with you. They are with you because

you are His dearly loved child. And to prove that, God sent Jesus, His only Son, so that anyone who believes in Him may have eternal life.

So in this month of reflection on what it is we are thankful for ... the thing I'm most thankful for is this ... the pre-cious blood shed by Jesus and His victorious resurrection! For it is through this that you are claimed as one of His dear children. I'm thankful that God continues to go with you wherever it is that you go. It is my constant prayer that no matter what you experience in your life, that you remember that He is there with you and that can you lean on Him all the time.



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:

David & Elaine Sidles
Nephews's wife, Wendy
Warmbier, Paul Bedard. Shellee
Wright, Doug Ort, Korbin
Johnson, Jeff Duhn, Wilma
Nielsen, Nolyn Johnson, Kylee
Hill, (Alex) & Sharon Omundson
Family, Jim & Carol Krause,
David Stephens, Rick
Rienhardt, Bridget
Johnson, Lon Twait, Robert
Mortenson, Jr., and those we
name in our hearts.

\*Our Sympathy: Keep the family and friends of Shirley Knutson in your prayers as she passed away on 10/20/2025.

#### \*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:



### **GET INVOLVED.**

#### **QUILTING**

Morning Quilting
Mondays- 9 –12 PM weekly
Night Quilters
Mondays, 5-8 PM weekly
Lost Island Quilting

Saturday, Nov 8th @ 9am

\*Tabitha Circle: 2025
@ 7 pm at Alaire's home

\*Sarah Circle: Meet at the church Nov 11th at 6:30 pm

\*Mary Martha Circle:
Nov 19th @ 9:30 am at Willow Ridge

WOMEN'S CIRCLES

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY
WEDNESDAYS AT NOON
w/ Pastor Peter



RETHANY VOLUNTEERS Altar Guild: Dianna Haugh

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Date	Lector	Greeter	Usher	Comm Asst	Musician	Acolyte	
Nov. 2	Laure Miller	Frank & Marit Veltri	Joe Neary Mark Evans	Laure Miller Pat Vician Angie Hetrick Diane Steger	Tim Nielsen	Owen Thoren Langston Priest	
Nov. 9	Laure Miller	Joel & Somer Saxton Family	David Sidles Terry Rouse		Holly Sidles	Emma & Jorja Dietrich	
Nov. 16	Sherri Ort	Barb Haack, Sherri Ort	Chuck Noble Kyle Hagen	Emmy Dooley Kathy Mehan Somer & Liza Saxton	Tim Nielsen	Macoy Sidles	
Nov. 23 Christ the King	Brian Malm	Mehan Family	Brian Malm Joe Neary	Lori Forry, Drake Mehan, Kristin Rienhardt, Brayden Ayers	Laura Gustafson	Asa Rodemeyer	
Nov. 30	Hanging of the Greens	Elaine Nauss, Angie Hetrick	Chuck Duhn Terry Rouse		???	Kennedy Martini	

#### Altar Guild: Pat Henningsen **LOST ISLAND VOLUNTEERS**

**Communion Assistant Musician Date** Lector November 2 Tim Nielsen **Jeff Geiger** Karyn Leininger **November 9 Troy Leininger** Tim Nielsen Charles Tim Nielsen November 16 Susan Rohan Henningsen November 23 Charles ????? Tim Nielsen Henningsen **Christ the King Sunday** November 30 Hanging of The Greens

**Susan Rohan** 

#### MEMORIAL GIFTS GIVEN—BETHANY



In Memory of *Dale Opheim* given by *Bob & Diane Steger* for *Deferred Maint. Fund.*In Memory of *Dale Opheim* given by *David & Elaine Sidles* for the *Trinity Garden.*In memory of *Dale Opheim* given by *Angie Hetrick* for the *Deferred Maint. Fund.*In Memory of *Dale Opheim* given by *Frank & Marit Veltri* for the *Scholarship Fund*In Memory of *Dale Opheim* given by *Barb Haack* for the *Scholarship Fund* 

#### **BETHANY FUNERAL SERVERS**

#### **GROUP C**

#### 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

#### **ALL SAINTS SUNDAY**

On Sunday, November 2nd, we will be remembering those that have gone to heaven over this past year. Please keep their family and friends in your prayers. They are:

Gene Berkland (LI) Dale Robert Christensen (B) Daw Marvin Duhn (B) Jole

Dale Evans (B)
Dawn Freeman (B)
Jolene Hansen (LI)

Mike Hermansen (B) Elaine Klesel (LI) Nancy Olson (LI)

#### 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 those that provided food and helped in serving for the Scholarship Dinner, over \$1000 was raised for scholarships.

#### **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

Keith Snavely (B)

Troy Leininger – President

Tim Nielsen - Treasurer

Kyle Norris – Secretary

Craig Thu & Kadin Norris – Trustees

Alan Oppedal & Charles Henningsen –

Deacons

## YOUTH NEWS.

Where were you when the gospel first became



beautiful to you? Where were you when the gospel first became beautiful to you? Not where were you when you accepted Christ (although it might be the same thing). I was recently asked that question and I had to think about it and mine was when I was first on staff at summer camp during staff training. When was the last time you were in AWE of the good news of Jesus and all that He has done? We often don't bask in the beauty of the best story ever or sit with the author of the story. Now, are you sharing the story of Jesus through all that He has done for you?

Love God. Love Others. Serve the World.



### **Schedule/Upcoming Events:**

**November 2nd:** Outreach Night, 6th-12th graders, 5-8pm

**November 2nd:** Christmas Program Practice Begins @ 9:30am

**November 16th:** First Deposit Due for Mission Trip

**November 23rd:** Harvest Soup Dinner after Church

November 26th: Possible Game Day, TBA

November 30th: Hanging of the Greens Ser-

vice

**Youth Group** 

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

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

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



#### **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, handwoven scarves, baskets from all natural materials and much, much, more. Shop online at www.sharing the dream.org, or at Lost Island Lutheran Church. If you are interested in learning more contact Karyn Leininger.

November 23rd

### HARVEST SOUP DINNER



AFTER 10:30AM WORSHIP

Chicken Noodle, and Chili with assorted breads & bars

Free Will Offering-Youth Mission Trip and missions, which include, Adopt A Family

Sponsored by Marit Veltri's Thrivent
Action Team



## SCANDINAVIAN BAKE SALE

Wednesday, December 3rd 12:30-3:00 PM

Bethany Lutheran Church 703 Broadway Emmetsburg

Items for sale include Krumkake, Potato Lefse, Flour Lefse, Rosettes, and Christmas Goodies GALORE!



## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Please fill out by Nov. 12th

We are currently working on volunteer lists 2026 and would love to see all of you help out!

Please fill out google form through your email or the paper copy in back of church!

#### **STEWARDSHIP**

On October 19th—during the Scholarship Meal after church—Michael Jacobson, Church Treasurer—conducted an informal financial meeting for those in attendance. There was discussion as to the different financial expenses Bethany has incurred over this past year. There was discussion that our giving has declined in comparison to year's past. There was discussion of the possibility of selling the parsonage once it is no longer occupied as the cost of upkeep is getting to be substantial for us to afford.

The Council is hopeful that **even if each person could give \$5 more each week**, that that would really help offset our negative balance (-\$22,000). Michael stated that the Council has decided to move funds from the Gift Fund and Emergency Fund (\$19,981.99) to the General Fund which will still leave a small negative balance (-\$2,018.01). There was discussion of possible fund raisers for the entire Community to be a part of. Sherri Ort, Treasurer of Bethany's WELCA, announced that the proceeds from the Scandinavian Bake Sale would be given to the Deferred Maintenance Fund. We then thanked everyone for attending this meeting and told them that the Council is open to any and all ideas they may have for increasing income for the church.

Bethany Church Council

#### **OCTOBER 2025 FINANCIALS. (AS OF 10/29/25)**

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.		MONTHLY BEGINNING BALANCE 0.00		
In Person	INCOME		EXPENSES	
Drop cash/check off in the office or the offering plate.	Offerings	11,468.49	Personnel Expenses	11,765.40
offering place.	Miscellaneous	0.00	Program Expenses	0.00
Online One Time or Recurring at Vanco	Lost Island	11,325.00		
ıline 🚆	Total Income	22,793.49	Office Expenses	280.23
			Property Expenses	2,251.46
Mail			Western IA Synod	774.75
Send offering to:  Bethany Lutheran Church			Other Donations	0.00
703 Broadway Emmetsburg, IA 50536			Damascus Road	100.00
Local bank-bill pay option			NO ELCA Donations	0.00
The local Emmetsburg banks			TOTAL EXPENSE	15,171.84
each provide a FREE online bill pay service which can arrange		Income Less Expenses	7,621.65	
recurring weekly or monthly payments.		GENERAL FUND BALANCE	7,621.65	
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November 2025								
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT		
Need a group or person to sign up for Coffee Connection.						1		
2 Communion Sunday 8:45 am Worship LI 9:30 am SS (Bethany) 10:15 am SS (LI) 10:30 am Worship (B) 5 pm Outreach IOLBC	3 9 am Quilting 5 pm Quilting	4	<ul> <li>5 12 pm No Bible Study</li> <li>3:30-5 pm SACK</li> <li>6 pm Worship Board</li> <li>6:30-8 pm Connect</li> <li>7:30-9 pm LIFE</li> </ul>	6	7	8 9 am Lost Island Quilting		
9 8:45 am Worship LI 9:30 am SS Bethany 9:45 am Coffee Conn (B) 10:15 am SS (LI ) 10:30 am Worship (B) 4 pm Lefse Making 6:30 pm Cub Scouts	10 9 am Quilting 5 pm Quilting	11 6:30 pm Sarah Circle Meets @ Church	12 pm Men's Bible Study 3:30-5 pm SACK 5:30pm Youth Board 6:30-8 pm Connect 7:30-9 pm LIFE	13	14 2:30-4 pm Potato Lefse -Boil Rice & Mix	1-4 pm Potato Lefse-Roll and Bake		
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23 Christ the King Comm at both churches 8:45 am Worship LI 9:30 am SS Bethany 10:15 am SS (LI) 10:30 am Worship B Harvest Soup Dinner 6:30 pm Cub Scouts	24 9-3 pm WIC No am Quilting 5 pm Quilting	25	26 12 pm Men's Bible Study NO Normal Youth Groups Game Day –TBA	27 Send out Dec. News- letter	28	29		
30 Hanging of the Greens								

#### \*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

- \*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 Sunday at 6:30pm during the school year
- \*Noisy Offering cans are on tables but are passed during offerings every 2nd Sunday of month

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

<sup>\*</sup>Lost Island Quilting meets in the basement at Lost Island

#### SCANDINAVIAN BAKE SALE AND GOODIE LESSONS

The Bake Sale will be December 3rd in the Overflow Room at Bethany Lutheran Church. The Sale will be from 12:30 PM to 3:00 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 3rd.

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



All ages welcome to assist

Flour Lefse- November 9th at 1-4pm Potato Lefse-

November 14th at 2:30-4pm (Rice & Mix) November 15<sup>th</sup> at 1:00-4pm (Roll and Bake)

Questions? Contact Elaine Nauss.



Learn how to make Rosettes Learn how to make Krumkake Nov. 11<sup>th</sup> from 1:30-3:30 Nov. 12<sup>th</sup> from 1:30-3:30

Nov. 13<sup>th</sup> from 5:30-7:30

Nov. 19<sup>th</sup> from 5:30-7:30

Call Elaine Nauss at 712-298-0902 to reserve a time to make these goodies.

ALL lessons will be at 1505 Main St-Emmetsburg.

#### **OTHER NEWS/EVENTS:**









# EMMETSBURG COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2025** 12:00 PM - 4:30 PM

VFW Hall | 3205 Main St. | Emmetsburg

\* WALK INS WELCOME

MISSION TRIP 2026: DENVER, CO

JUNE 20-26, 2026

Keep the youth and adults in prayer throughout this school year as they raise money and prepare for this trip.



November 16<sup>th-</sup> Deposit #1 Due

WANT TO GIVE ONLINE VIA CREDIT CARD?

- AIM CAMERA AT QR CODE
- CLICK LINK
- FIND "YOUTH PROGRAMS & MISSIONS" AND CLICK DONATE
- TYPE IN MEMO "YOUTH MISSION TRIP"



CHECKS CAN BE MADE OUT TO BETHANY LUTHERAN YOUTH

THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR SUPPORTING US!