

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

For the past 18 months, I have been working on a graduate level certificate in Leadership studies through Augsburg University in Minneapolis MN. I have taken a class called "Foundation of Leadership", which explored the different theories of leadership from the 20th century to now.

This was an interesting class as we dug into the different models, I was able to explore how those different models play out over time in the church setting where we have shifted from a hierarchical Pastor led model, to something more collaborative with shared responsibility and power in many areas. My next class was "Leading Organizations Through Change" where building on the models in the first class, we focused on the factors that make for a challenge to change and how to lead successful change in any organization. We studied some successful and well-known agents of change- Like Bishop Tutu and Nelson Mandela and thought about what made them successful as they guided necessary change. We explored ideas of power and authority and how they function and are used in times of change.

My last class for the certificate is an independent study where I will be exploring how the church can be a leader in the public square in changing times. Part of what I would like to do for this class is be in conversation with a few of you to exchange thoughts and ideas where I will share with you what I am reading for class and engage with some of you in conversation. What the final product for this class will be, will grow out of those conversations, but I don't want to do this in a vacuum. If you are interested in being part of the conversation, please let me know.



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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:

Hailey Koenig, Justin Reinert, Mike Schipull, Paul Bedard, Wendy Warmbier, Shellee Wright, Doug Ort, Wilma Nielsen, Korbin Johnson, Nolyn Johnson, David Stephens, Omundson Family, Rick Rienhardt, Bridget Johnson 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 Alex Meyer

****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

Lost Island Lutheran Church

www.lostislandlutheranchurch.com

Coffee Connection.

February 8th
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 7

WOMEN'S CIRCLES

***Tabitha Circle:**

Feb 11 at 6:50 pm @ Alaire's

***Sarah Circle:**

Feb 10th -6:30 pm @ church

***Mary Martha Circle:**

Resume March 18th at 9:30

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

WEDNESDAYS AT NOON



BETHANY VOLUNTEERS.

Altar Guild: Dianne Hough

Date	Lector	Greeter	Usher	Communion Assistant	Acolyte	Musician
Feb 1st	Scout Sunday	Scout Sunday	Chuck Noble Ed Meyer	Angie Hetrick, Kristin Rienhardt, Barb Haack, Sherri Ort	Emma & Jorja Dietrich	Tim Nielsen
Feb 8th	Laure Miller	Carrigan Family & Laure Miller	Chuck Duhn Matt Malm	N/A	Carter Reinders	Holly Sidles
Feb 15th	Brayden Ayers	Ayers Family	David Sidles Richard Ayers	Brayden Ayers Brian & Amy Malm, Matt Malm	Noah & Riley Soenen	Tim Nielsen
Feb 18th Ash Wed.			Michael Jacobson & Mark Saxton	Liza Saxton and 3 Volunteers		Tim Nielsen
Feb 22nd	Angie Hetrick	Greg & Rachel Haack & Angie Hetrick	Mark Evans Cael Rodemeyer	N/A	Asa Rodemeyer	Laura Gustafson

LOST ISLAND VOLUNTEERS.

Altar Guild: Karyn Leininger, Linda Pitt

Date	Lector	Communion Assistant	Musician
February 1st	Troy Leininger	Karyn Leininger	Tim Nielsen
February 8th	Karyn Leininger	N/A	Tim Nielsen
February 15	Charles Henningsen	Kyle Norris	Tim Nielsen
February 18th Ash Wednesday	Jeff Geiger	Sue Geiger	Tim Nielsen
February 22nd	Sue Geiger	N/A	Tim Nielsen

MEMORIAL GIFTS GIVEN.

In Memory of *Jim Anderson* given by *David & Elaine Sidles*.
In Memory of *Jim Anderson* given by *Angie Hetrick* for the *Scholarship Fund*.
In Memory of *Bev Hayden* given by *Angie Hetrick* for the *Scholarship Fund*.
In Memory of *Bev Hayden* given by *David & Elaine Sidles*.
In Memory of *Bev Hayden* given by *Frank & Marit Veltri* for the *Scholarship Fund*.
In Memory of *Bev Hayden* given by *Pat & Kathy Mehan*
In Memory of *Bev Hayden* given by her *friends & family*.
In Memory of *Jim Anderson* given by *Diane & Bob Steger* for the *Deferred Maint. Fund*
In Memory of *Bev Hayden* given by *Diane & Bob Steger* for the *Deferred Maint. Fund*
In Memory of *Dale Opheim* given by *Tim & Karen Hagen* for the *General Fund*
In Memory of *Dale Opheim* given by *Shirleen Helgeson* for the *Trinity Garden*
In Memory of *Dale Opheim* given by *Family & Friends*
In Memory of *Bev Hayden* given by *Tom & Karen Hagen*
In Memory of *Bev Hayden* given by *Alan & Donna Larson*
In Memory of *Bev Hayden* given by *Microbac Laboratories, Inc*
In Memory of *Bev Hayden* given by *Dori Quam*

BETHANY FUNERAL SERVERS.

GROUP B

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

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

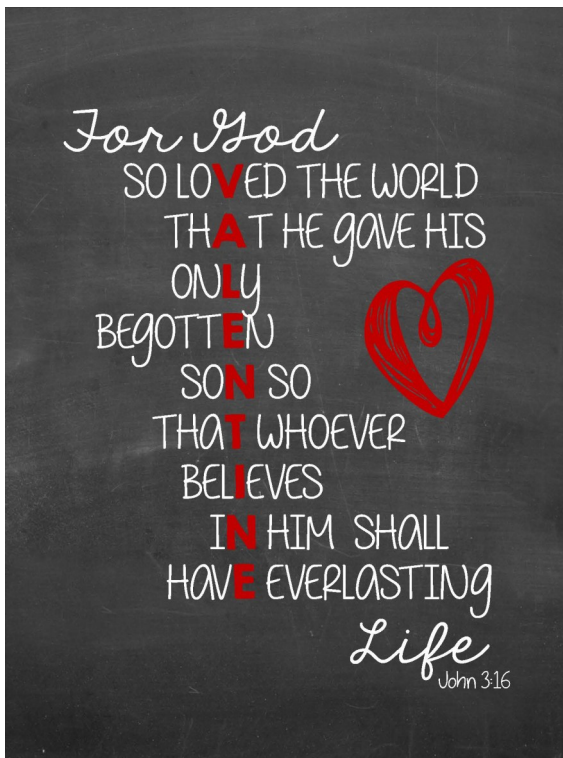
BETHANY COUNCIL

Laure Miller, President 712-363-2005
Aaron Leuer, Vice President 712-480-2670
Ed Meyer, Secretary 712-298-1029
Michael Jacobson, Treasurer 712-790-1452
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Brian Malm 712-260-0721
Jen Boevers 712-298-2143
Tim Rodemeyer 515-341-3955

**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
Jeff Geiger & 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?

OKOBOJI OUTREACH NIGHT
February 15
HOONTING
 5:00-8:00pm
 \$5 per person
 6th-12th graders
 RSVP at www.okoboji.org/outreach by 4pm on Feb 12th
 Want to come early for a service project? Let us know.

Support, drive,
donate, teach?



Contact Kristin

**KRISTIN
RIENHARDT**

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NOISY OFFERING

FOOD DRIVE

UPCOMING EVENTS/SCHEDULE:

February 7th-

10am-Noon Pick Up
Subs

February 8th-

END OF TO TACKLE
HUNGER FOOD
DRIVE

Coffee Connect

Pick Up Subs

February 15th-

Outreach at Okoboji
for 6th-12th graders

February 18th-

7:30pm Ash
Wednesday Service

February 25th-

5:30pm Lenten Meals
begin

6:30pm Lent Service

(no normal
confirmation class or
LIFE youth group)

7:30pm MIME
practice

JOIN US
FOR YOUTH PROGRAMS



Sundays & Wednesdays

LOST ISLAND NEWS.

*Tabitha Circle will be meeting on February 11th at Alaire's home at 6:50 pm.

*Quilting will take place on Saturday, February 7th 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. The Board of Youth will be sponsoring the next Coffee Connection on February 8th.
- Thank you to Funeral Group A for serving at Bev Hayden's funeral on January 3.
- Thank you to all of you who attended our Annual Meeting on the 18th. Also to those that attended Lost Island's Annual Meeting on the 25th.

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 hope.

A SEASON OF HOPE

This Lent, we're joining Lutheran World Relief in **A SEASON OF HOPE** to announce to the world the HOPE of Christ. Each week, we'll collect a different item that we'll use to assemble Personal Care Kits that give people around the world tools to stay healthy in life's most challenging situations.

Our goal is to assemble **25** LWR Personal Care Kits during Lent.

Week 1

Bars of Soap (4 to 5 oz., any brand, in original wrapping)



Week 3

Toothbrushes (adult size, in original packaging)



Week 4

Combs



Week 2

Bath Towels (light-weight, maximum 52" x 27", dark color recommended)



Week 5

Nail Clippers (metal, attached file optional)



For more information contact

Karyn

We will assemble our Personal Care Kits on **4/5/26**
at **Lost Island Lutheran Church**

Bethany Circle is collecting items throughout Lent for Personal Care Kits and School Kits. These are the items needed:

Nail Clippers (metal, attached file optional)



Bars of Soap (4 to 5 oz., any brand, in original wrapping)



Bath towels

(dark color recommended)

Bath Towels (light-weight, maximum 52" x 27", dark color recommended)



Combs

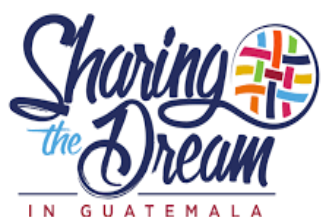


Monetary Gifts to purchase Cloth Diapers (Can be made out to Bethany).

We are collecting items through **end March**

Any Questions please contact Elaine Nauss. Place items in baskets under the tables in back of sanctuary.

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

SAVE THE DATE

**February 15th
AFTER WORSHIP
FELLOWSHIP HALL**

Free Will Offering towards maintenance repairs

SPONSORED BY FRANK VELTRI'S THRIVENT ACTION TEAM

The poster features a background image of cinnamon rolls. A yellow banner at the top contains the title 'Sinnamon Sunday'. A diagonal yellow banner on the left says 'SAVE THE DATE'. The date and location are in the center, and the offering and sponsor information are at the bottom. Two small bowls of soup are shown at the bottom corners.

SUPER BOWL FOOD DRIVE.

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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 25th-February 1st
Toiletries such as deodorant, toothbrush, toothpaste, shampoos, body wash, diapers, feminine products, laundry soaps, etc.

Quarter 4: February 1st-February 8th
Gift cards (for bread, milk, eggs, meat, etc.) Kwik Star, Fareway, Dollar Fresh, Dollar General
*These should be \$5-\$30 a piece

The poster is split into two main sections. The left section has a green background with a football and lists the drive's goals and dates. The right section has a dark green background and lists the collection periods (quarters) and the types of items needed.

BUSY, AMAZING THINGS HAPPENING AT BETHANY THIS MONTH.

**Welcome
New Members**

FEBRUARY 8TH

**"THEREFORE WELCOME ONE
ANOTHER AS CHRIST HAS
WELCOMED YOU, FOR THE
GLORY OF GOD" -ROMANS 15:7**

The poster features a background image of a church steeple against a blue sky with clouds. The text is arranged in a clean, modern layout with a mix of serif and sans-serif fonts.

**Join us for
Baptisms**

**February 1st &
February 22nd**

The poster has a background image of water with a sunset or sunrise. The text is large and bold, with 'Baptisms' being the most prominent word.

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 2026. 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, snow removal, janitorial expenses, elevator, furnace and air conditioning repairs, postage and general maintenance expenses our budgeted amounts are stretched.

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 2026 FINANCIALS AS OF 1/27/26

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 532.00		
INCOME		EXPENSES	
Offerings	9,303.51	Personnel Expenses	12,118.01
Transfers from other Funds	0.00	Program Expenses	31.00
Lost Island	0.00		
Total Income	9,303.51	Office Expenses	185.72
		Property Expenses	6,052.62
		Western IA Synod	644.51
		Other Donations	0.00
		Damascus Road	50.00
		NO ELCA Donations	0.00
		TOTAL EXPENSE	19,081.86
	Income Less Expenses	(9,778.35)	
	GENERAL FUND BALANCE	(9,246.35)	

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 Vaneo



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 2026

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 Communion Sunday 8:45 am Worship (LI) 9:30 am Sunday School (B) 10:15 am Sunday School (L) 10:30 am Worship (B)	2 Quilting	3 Diane Gone in The AM	4 Noon <i>Men's Bible Study</i> 3:30-9PM <i>Youth Groups</i>	5	6	7 9 am Quilting at Lost Island 10am-noon Superbowl Sub Pick up
8 COFFEE CONNNECTION 8:45 am Worship (LI) 9:30 am Sunday School (B) 10:15 am Sunday School (L) 10:30 am Worship (B) Superbowl Sub Pick up	9 Quilting	10 Sarah Circle	11 Noon <i>Men's Bible Study</i> 3:30-9PM <i>Youth Groups</i> 5:30 pm Youth Mtg 6:30 pm Council	12	13	14
15 Communion Sunday 8:45 am Worship (LI) 9:30 am Sunday School (B) 10:15 am Sunday School (L) 10:30 am Worship (B) 11:30am Sinnamon Sunday Meal 5-8pm Outreach	16 Quilting	17	18 Noon <i>Men's Bible Study</i> 3:30-5PM SACK No other Youth Groups ASH Wed Serv. 6 pm Lost Island 7:30 pm Bethany	19	20 News- letter Articles Due	21
22 8:45 am Worship (LI) 9:30 am Sunday School (B) 10:15 am Sunday School (L) 10:30 am Worship (B)	23 Quilting	24	25 Noon <i>Men's Bible Study</i> 3:30-9PM <i>Youth Groups</i> Lenten Meal (Circles) 5:30 pm Lenten Service 6:30 pm at Bethany	26 Send out News- letter	27	28

*** BOLDDED 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

Give from the heart.
Save a heart.

EMMETSBURG COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2026
1:00 pm - 5:30 pm

Holy Family Parish Center | 2003 Broadway St. | Emmetsburg



WALK INS WELCOME

call: 800.287.4903
visit: lifeservebloodcenter.org
text: LIFESERVE to 515.815.7242



Horizons Unlimited and Kiwanis are hosting their annual "Super Pancake Breakfast" on Sunday, February 8 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.



OTHER IMPORTANT NOTES

Newsletter

If you would like a Hard Copy of the Newsletter, please let Diane know and she will have one sent to you. There will be a sign-up sheet on the back table or give her a call at (712) 852-4450.

BETHANY SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

BETHANY EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP
MARVIN E SIMONSEN SCHOLARSHIP

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

Beginning in March, we will no longer be doing **Coffee Connection**. If you or some group would like to do it for a special occasion, please let the office know so that it can be promoted in the Bulletin. This is due to lack of people/groups offering to sign up.

UPDATED CONTACT INFO.



Please send the office or Kristin updated family/individual photos if you would like your photo updated or weren't apart of Bethany when last newsletter was done.

Please send office-updated addreses, email addresses, and phone numbers (especially cell phone numbers)

Congregational Vote
on March 8th
regarding
the Geelan Funeral
Home Request.

LENTEN SEASON.



February 18th
LOST ISLAND- 6:00PM
BETHANY- 7:30PM

Ash
WEDNESDAY
WORSHIP SERVICE



FEBRUARY 25-
WOMEN CIRCLES SERVING
HOT HAM & CHEESE,
SIDES, DESSERTS
FREE WILL OFFERING TO
LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF
KITS

MARCH 4-
YOUTH SERVING
PORK LOIN
SAND., SIDES,
DESSERTS
FREE WILL OFFERING TO
YOUTH MISSION TRIP

MARCH 11
COUNCIL SERVING
MAIDRITE SAND.,
SIDES, DESSERTS
FREE WILL OFFERING TO
GENERAL CHURCH
OPERATIONS

LENTEN MEALS
5:30PM MEAL
Sponsored by Thrivent

MARCH 18-
SUNDAY SCHOOL SERVING
TACO IN A BAG,
DESSERTS
FREE WILL OFFERING TO
SUNDAY SCHOOL/VBS

MARCH 25-
YOUTH SERVING
HOT TURKEY SAND.,
SIDES, DESSERTS
FREE WILL OFFERING TO
YOUTH PROGRAMS

MISSION TRIP 2026: DENVER, CO

JUNE 20-26, 2026



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!

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



SAVE THE DATE

the
BEYOND

Acrylic Painting
Class taught by
Megan Newell with
Fun, Fellowship, and
a Great Cause
(Youth Mission Trip)

SUN
MAR 1
2:00-4:00pm

ENTRY \$30
(INCLUDES MATERIALS AND
TREATS)

703 BROADWAY
EMMETSBURG