

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

As I write this, we are still in the throes of Holy Week, and the Great Three Days, but the Resurrection is coming! In the Gospel of Matthew, we are told that the women leave the tomb trembling with Fear and Great Joy. Is it any wonder? They have just been told of the Resurrection but as of yet have not encountered Christ. I can imagine that their hearts and minds are full of all sorts of questions and feelings that are hard to tease out or even express. Foremost might be great uncertainty.... What now? but there is also Hope, and a whole range of other things. I get that. . The empty tomb does that to us.... It presents us with the great What if? At one end is the question, "What if this is not true?" at the other end is the opposite question, "What if it IS true?" There are also a whole host of "what ifs" in between those two. Even we, who know the Easter Story, are confronted by the What if. So, we travel with the women in this uncertainty, when suddenly Christ meets them and greets them, telling them "Do not be afraid." At that point, their what ifs are laid to rest, and while new questions may arise, for the moment, all is well because they recognize Christ in their midst. He has met them where they are. He has met them on their journey. He is present as he promised to be. We too meet Jesus on our way. Most especially in the community gather at Font and Table where we are washed and fed. Where else has Christ met you on your way?



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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:

Denise White, Hailey Koenig, Justin Reinert, Mike Schipull, Paul Bedard, Doug Ort, Wendy Warmbier, 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:**

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In the same way, prayer is essential in this ongoing warfare. Pray hard and long. Pray for your brothers and sisters. Keep your eyes open. Keep each other's spirits up so that no one falls behind or drops out. -Ephesians 6:18
How can we pray for you?

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Bethany Worship
BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH EMMETSBURG, IA

GET INVOLVED.

QUILTING
Morning Quilting
Mondays- 9 AM weekly
Night Quilters
Monday, 3-5 PM weekly
Lost Island Quilting
Saturday, April 18th

WOMEN'S CIRCLES
***Tabitha Circle:**
April at 6:50 pm @ Alaire's
***Sarah Circle:**
April 14th -6 pm at Elaine's home
***Mary Martha Circle:**
April 15th at 9:30 at Willow Ridge

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY
WEDNESDAYS AT NOON
Communion
Remembering His sacrifice.
1st & 3rd Sunday of the month

BETHANY VOLUNTEERS

Altar Guild: Amy Malm

Date	Lector	Greeter	Usher	Communion Assistant	Acolyte	Musician
Easter Apr 5	Darca Saxton (6:30) Angie Hetrick (10:30)	Joel & Somer Saxton (6:30) Angie Hetrick Kathy Mehan (10:30)	Michael Jacobson Mark Saxton (6:30) David Sidles (10:30) Richard Ayers 0:30)	Mark & Darca Saxton Joel & Somer Saxton (6:30) Ed & Jen Meyer Angie Hetrick Laure Miller (10:30)	Bennett Mehan (6:30) Jayce Ayers (10:30)	Tim Nielsen
Apr 12	Kathy Mehan	Dave & Judy Cole	Terry Rouse Tim Rodemeyer		Macoy Sidles Langston Priest	Bethany Geiger
Apr 19	Brian Malm	Brian & Amy Malm	Joel Saxton Jay Hember	Frank & Marit Veltri Barb Haack Sherri Ort	Brett Saxton	Tim Nielsen
Apr 26	Sydney Martini	Martini Family	Mark Saxton Kent Davidson		Kennedy Martini	Laura Gustafson

LOST ISLAND VOLUNTEERS. Altar Guild: Kari Sorenson, Karyn Leininger, Karen Thu

Date	Lector	Communion Assistant	Musician
April 2 Maundy Thursday	Alaire Nielsen	Alaire Nielsen Troy Leininger	Tim Nielsen
April 5 Easter	Troy Leininger	Jeff Geiger	Tim Nielsen
April 12	Charles Henningsen		Bethany Geiger
April 19	Jeff Geiger	Kadin Norris	Tim Nielsen
April 26	Sue Geiger		

MEMORIAL GIFTS GIVEN.

In Memory of *Bev Hayden* given by *Ryan & Elizabeth Behrens*

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

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 2ND 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 12TH AFTER WORSHIP.**



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

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
Barb Haack 712-260-3408
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

YOUTH NEWS.



The BEST NEWS EVER!!!!!! This time of year is always exciting as we approach Easter Sunday! We rejoice and have this “spiritual high” of Easter for a few days and then what? It seems that every year this happens. We tend to “forget” that everyday is Easter! Every day is a day to rejoice and remember the Gospel! Every day is a day to be ready to give the hope in which we have. Are you ready to live in Easter? Are you ready to share how God has shown up in your life?

Just like the witnesses of the resurrection that first Easter Morning, we too are called to witness to those around us.

I love to tell the story of unseen things above, of Jesus and His glory, of Jesus and His love. I love to tell the story, because I know 'tis true; it satisfies my longings as nothing else would do. I love to tell the story; How pleasant to repeat What seems, each time I tell it, More wonderfully sweet. I love to tell the story; for some have never heard The message of salvation From God's own holy Word.

I love to tell the story; For those who know it best Seem hungering and thirsting To hear it like the rest. And when, in scenes of glory, I sing the new, new song, I'll sing the old, old story That I have loved so long.

DON'T STOP SHARING. DON'T STOP BEING WITNESSES. DON'T STOP PURSUING GOD'S WORD.

OKOBOJI OUTREACH NIGHT
April 12
CHURCH VS CHURCH DODGEBALL
5:00-8:00pm
\$5 per person
6th-12th graders
RSVP at www.okoboji.org/outreach by 4pm on Apr 9th
Want to come early for a service project? Let us know.

Support, drive,



donate, teach?

Contact Kristin

KRISTIN
RIENHARDT

Kristin.rienhardt@blc.edu

NOISY OFFERING

CHERISH CENTER

AT THE HEART OF OUR ORGANIZATION IS A COMMUNITY THAT IS DEDICATED TO HELPING WOMEN AND THEIR CHILDREN. THROUGH CHERISH HOUSE, WE OFFER PREGNANCY SERVICES THAT INCLUDE SAFE HOUSING, SUPPORTIVE STAFF, AND KNOWLEDGE-BASED PROGRAMS TO HELP EACH ONE OF OUR RESIDENTS AS THEY NAVIGATE THEIR WAY THROUGH SOME OF LIFE'S MOST SIGNIFICANT CHANGES.

UPCOMING EVENTS/SCHEDULE:

April 1- Mime Drama
at 7pm

April 4th- 9am
Egg Cracking and
Breakfast Setup

April 5th- Easter
Breakfast after
Sunrise Service
NO SUNDAY SCHOOL

April 8th- Bring a
friend to Youth Group
(Let Kristin know)

April 8th-
Confirmation Classes
Resume

April 12th-5-8pm
Final Outreach Night
at Okoboji

April 19th-8-12:30pm
Kiwanis Breakfast
NO SUNDAY SCHOOL

Save the Date:
May 3rd-Youth
Sunday

May 10th-Celebratin
Sunday

JOIN US
FOR YOUTH PROGRAMS



Sundays & Wednesdays

LOST ISLAND NEWS.

*Tabitha Circle will be meeting on April ____ at Alaire's home at 6:50 pm.

Quilting will take place on Saturday, April 18th starting at 9 am in the basement of the church.

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 all the groups that helped with the Lenten meals by supplying salads and desserts. The different main dishes were delicious.

**BETHANY
SCHOLARSHIPS
AVAILABLE**

BETHANY EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP
MARVIN E SIMONSEN SCHOLARSHIP

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

BETHANY LUTHERAN RUMMAGE SALE

703 Broadway, Emmetsburg

**BETHANY LUTHERAN
RUMMAGE SALE**

APRIL 24TH & 25TH

4pm to 6 pm 8 am to 12 Noon

Come check out all sorts of items! Even Baked Goods!

BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH
EMMETSBURG, IA

On April 24th and 25th, Bethany will be hosting a Rummage Sale
The Hours will be April 24th from 4 to 6 pm and on April 25th from 8 am to 12 Noon
Please bring your items to the church on April 23rd between the hours of 9 am to 6 pm.

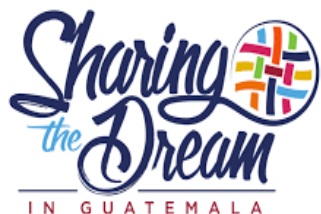
We are having a small area for some new to gently used items and baked goods for our Silent Auction.



If you have an item for the Auction, let the Committee know.
The last bid for those items will be at 11 am on April 25th

Committee Members are Carol Walker (852-3622), Marla Noble (712-229-5832), Elaine Nauss (712-298-0902) or Tonya Petersen (712-480-3336)
PS—If you need a pickup, you can call Marla.

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.

LENTEN MEAL RESULTS

Thank you to Stacie Fjetland and Pastor Peter for sponsoring the main dishes through Thrivent Action Teams! Thanks to all that helped served, provided food, and supported all the groups throughout the Lenten Season!

Week 1- Deferred Maintenance—Served around 48 people- \$554

Week 2- Youth Mission Trip-Served around 62 people- \$658

Week 3- Deferred Maintenance/Budget- Served around 58 people-\$726

Week 4- Sunday School/VBS- Served around 66 people-\$618

Week 5- Youth Programs- Served around 72 people- \$709

HOLY WEEK ...MARK YOUR CALENDARS

"THERE IS HOPE" MIME DRAMA

APRIL 1ST.....7PM AT BETHANY



HOLY *week*

MAUNDY THURSDAY

APRIL 2ND.....7PM AT LOST ISLAND



GOOD FRIDAY

APRIL 3RD.....7PM AT BETHANY



EASTER SUNDAY

APRIL 5TH.....6:30AM AT BETHANY
EASTER BREAKFAST FOLLOWING SERVICE

APRIL 5TH.....8:45AM AT LOST ISLAND

APRIL 5TH.....10:30AM AT BETHANY



BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH

Apple Tree Fundraiser

funds to go towards furnaces and air conditioner replacement

- Honeycrisp
- Red Delicious
- Golden Delicious
- Jonathan

**Orders due
Sunday, April
26, 2026**

**\$45/
TREE**

Thank you to Willow Tree Garden Center for assisting with this fundraiser.



WHY DO YOU GIVE TO BETHANY?

Merciful Father, we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us- ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

“This prayer is why I give! I have the ability to give to Bethany whether that is in the form of me, my time, or my possessions. This prayer and especially those words ourselves, our time, and our possessions particularly speak to me. I know I have more to give and have those conversations constantly with my family and God, but give myself grace at the same time as I know I have that gracious love this prayer tells me I have. This prayer always speaks to me when I recited it at our church service I feel its power and pull!” -Bethany Member

CHALLENGE.

LuAnn Opheim has CHALLENGED the congregation at Bethany to make a 3 month donation above what you usually give. LuAnn made out a check for \$30 which would equal \$10 for the next 3 months and attached the word “Challenge” to it. That money would be put towards replacing the HVAC System. We will keep a running chart showing the fund and how it is growing. Thank you LuAnn for a wonderful idea to help raise money for this issue.

MARCH 2026 FINANCIALS AS OF 3/29/2026

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 Vanco



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 (15,860.19)		
INCOME		EXPENSES	
Offerings	15,863.07	Personnel Expenses	10,587.09
Transfers from other Funds	0.00	Program Expenses	135.69
Lost Island	11,325.00		
Total Income	27,188.07	Office Expenses	655.54
		Property Expenses	2,749.00
		Western IA Synod	328.98
		Other Donations	0.00
		Damascus Road	0.00
		NO ELCA Donations	0.00
		TOTAL EXPENSE	14,456.30
		Income Less Expenses	12,731.77
	GENERAL FUND BALANCE		(3,128.42)

APRIL 2026

SUN	MO	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1 <i>Noon Men's Bible Study</i> <i>3:30-5 PM SACK</i> <i>7 pm MIME</i>	2 7 pm Maundy Thursday Service at Lost Island	3 7 pm Good Friday Service at Bethany	4
5 EASTER -COMMUNION 6:30 AM Sunrise Serv (B) 7:30 am Breakfast 8:45 am Worship (LI) 10:30 am Worship (B)	6	7	8 <i>Noon Men's Bible Study</i> 5:30 pm Board of Youth 3:30-9PM Youth Groups	9	10 Doug Ort's Benefit *See Pg 10	11
12 NAME TAG 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	13	14	15 9:30 Mary Martha Meets <i>Noon Men's Bible Study</i> 3:30-9PM Youth Groups	16	17	18 9 am Lost Island Quilting
19 Kiwanis Breakfast 8:45 am Worship (LI) No SS (Bethany) 10:15 am SS (Lost Island) 10:30 am Worship (B)	20	21 Quilt Viewing 9-2pm 6 pm Joint Council Mtg At Bethany	22 <i>Noon Men's Bible Study</i> 3:30-9PM Youth Groups Quilt Viewing 9-2pm	23 Quilt Viewing 9-2pm	24	25
26 Quilt Sunday 8:45 am Worship (LI) 9:30 am SS (Bethany) 10:15 am SS (Lost Island) 10:30 am Worship (B)	27	28	29 <i>Noon Men's Bible Study</i> 3:30-9PM Youth Groups	30 WIC		Take Quilts to Spencer

*** 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 Wednesday at 6:30pm **Except this month - it is on Tuesday, April 21st**

*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 now only for a special event at 9:45 am Sunday's before church 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

*Noisy Offering cans are on tables but are passed during offerings every 2nd Sunday of month

COMMUNITY/CHAMBER EVENTS

DOUG DOESN'T FIGHT ALONE

EUCHRE TOURNAMENT

APRIL 10TH, 2026

SHAMROCK LANES
EMMETSBURG, IOWA



5-7PM TACO SUPPER
FREE WILL DONATION



7PM EUCHRE TOURNAMENT
\$10 A PERSON



JOIN US AS WE SUPPORT DOUG ORT IN HIS
FIGHT AGAINST CANCER. ALL PROCEEDS WILL
GO DIRECTLY TO HELP HIM DURING THIS BATTLE

Volunteers

Make Our Mission Possible

EMMETSBURG COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE

Wednesday, April 1, 2026
1:00 PM - 5:30 PM

Holy Family Parish Center | 2003 Broadway St. | Emmetsburg



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



OTHER IMPORTANT NOTES



Quilt Sunday

April 26, 2026

Blessing of Quilts and Kits for Lutheran
World Relief



The quilts will be set out on the pews in the
Sanctuary on April 20th.

Quilt Sunday will take place on April 26th
at Bethany

All are welcome to come and take a look
at all the beautiful quilts and see
all the hard work the ladies and
gentleman have done beginning on
April 21st thru the 23rd.

Boxing up of the Quilts will take place
after Church on the 26th.

SAVE THE DATE-VBS!



July 13-16

MORE EVENTS.



YOUTH SUNDAY
May 3rd

**Blessing the
farmers, crops,
and GOD's
CREATION**

OMELET AND PANCAKE BREAKFAST

April 19, 2026

8:00am-12:30pm

VFW

EMMETSBURG

Serving by Kiwanis

Omelets, pancakes, sausage

Free will donation

All proceeds go to Bethany Lutheran Youth Activities and Youth Mission
Trip

Thank you for your support



EAT. ENJOY. SHARE.



Sharing the Dream
IN GUATEMALA
Authentic Guatemala Dinner & Artisan Sale!
A fundraiser for Sharing the Dream in Guatemala

Pepián (Chicken Stew),
Rice, Corn Tortillas, Hibiscus Tea

Saturday, April 25
11:00 AM – 2:00 PM

First Presbyterian Church
2300 S. West Ave (NORTH DOOR)

\$25 Adults • \$12 Kids 12 & Under

Advance ticket purchase is encouraged.

Can't attend? Help make this event a success by making a donation.

Scan the QR Code
TO PURCHASE TICKETS

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.

Mime Drama

There is

HOPE

April 1st at 7pm

Free Will Offering & Bake Sale Prior for Youth Mission Trip

Bethany Lutheran Church 703 Broadway Emmetsburg