

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



Worship in the Summer!

I have officially completed my Graduate Certificate in Leadership Studies through Augsburg University! During this past semester, I did an independent Study with Dr. Jeremy Meyers who is the Director of the Christiansen Center for Vocation at Augsburg. Together, we explored what it means to be a "Public Church," in changing times. This helped me pull together the learning from my other classes: Foundations of Leadership and Leading Organizations Through Times of Change.

I am grateful for the support over the past couple of years as I studied this.

For my final project, I have put together a four session study on The Changing Church in Changing Times. I would like to share it with you. I'm thinking Sunday afternoons in June starting at 2 pm, which should give everyone time to have lunch.

These will be held at Bethany. If another time works better, I am open to suggestions .

PASTOR
PETER MORLOCK





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:

Ryker Stone & his family, Hailey Koenig, Justin Reinert, Mike Schipull, Paul Bedard, Denise White, Doug Ort, Korbin Johnson, Jeff Duhn, Wilma Nielsen, Nolyn Johnson, Omundson Family, David Stephens, Rick Rienhardt, Bridget Johnson and those we name in our hearts.

***Our Sympathy:**

The Family & Friends of Susan Geiger's mother, Frances Beriswill from Ohio.

***Our Military Members:**

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
www.lostislandlutheranchurch.com

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?

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:
*Sarah Circle:
Resume in September
*Mary Martha Circle:
June 17th @ 9:30 am at Willow Ridge

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY
WEDNESDAYS AT NOON
RESUME 9/2026

Communion
Remembering His sacrifice.
1st & 3rd Sunday of the month

BETHANY VOLUNTEERS

Altar Guild: Pat Vician

Date	Lector	Greeter	Usher	Comm Asst		Musician
June 7	LuAnn Opheim	Dianne Hough LuAnn Opheim	Chuck Duhn Dave Sidles	LuAnn Opheim Dianne Hough Brian & Amy Malm		Tim Nielsen
June 14	Quentin Ort	Doug & Sherri Ort & Family	Joel Saxton Joe Neary			Laura Gustafson
June 21	Ed Meyer	Dave & Elaine Sidles and Joyce Froisland	Michael Jacobson Ed Meyer	Tim, Molly & Sloan Rodemeyer Sydney Martini		Tim Nielsen
June 28	Josey Saxton	Kathy Mehan Mark & Payton Evans	Mark Saxton Nick Saxton			Serena Lace

LOST ISLAND VOLUNTEERS

Altar Guild: Kari Sorenson,
Karen Thu , Courtney Cook

Date	Lector	Communion Assistant		Musician
June 7	Troy Leininger	Charles Henningsen		Tim Nielsen
June 14	Karyn Leininger			Tim Nielsen
June 21	Charles Henningsen	Alaire Nielsen		Tim Nielsen
June 28	Jeff Geiger			Tim Nielsen

MEMORIAL GIFTS GIVEN

In Memory of *Lon Twait* from *Mary Jane McWilliams*

In Memory of *Lon Twait* from his *Family & Friends* for the *Deferred Maintenance Fund*.

Just a note from Sister Mary Holy Water:

Sister Mary Holy Water took in \$500 during the St. Pat's Celebration. Her side kick put in \$500 to make the \$1,000.00 that she said she would make. Thank You!

In regards to the Rummage Sale/Silent Auction sales—that total was \$1,600.00 even.



BETHANY FUNERAL SERVERS

GROUP B

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

Phil Andreasen
Dan & Michelle Jackson
Cordell & Donna Poldberg
Kristin Rienhardt
Bob & Connie Schubert
Tom & Karen Hagen
Jason & Laura Reinders
Ben & Laura Gustafson
Gina & Angie Cowden
Bob & Sheryl Mortenson, Jr

Darlene Naig
Greg & Rachel Haack
Beverly Norland
Cory & Stacie Fjetland
Tonya Peterson
Joyce & John Froisland
LuAnn Opheim
Paul & Teresa Saxton
Glenyce & Willard Schmeling
Jason & Nicole Sanders

Greg & Ann Sween
Randy & Deb Jones
Aaron & Jackie Leuer
Doug & Sherri Ort
Dawn Daniels
Shari Schurg
Lori Forry
Joe Neary
Tiffany Keller
Ina Crocoll

BETHANY COUNCIL

Laure Miller, President 712-363-2005
Aaron Leuer, Vice President 712-480-2116
Ed Meyer, Secretary 712-298-1029
Michael Jacobson, Treasurer 712-790-1452
Barb Haack 712-260-3408
Brian Malm 712-260-0721
Tim Rodemeyer 515-341-3955
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

June– Its's a quiet month. There are no youth programs. School is out for the summer. Camps are starting, summer ball is happening. My birthday is this month. For some, many things happen as summer starts and yet one thing remains the same even if schedules shift. JESUS!

Jesus is constant. Jesus is here. Jesus never fails, never changes, never stops loving us. He is our firm foundation. He is always with us.

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!

WILLING TO
Support, drive, donate, teach? Contact Kristin



KRISTIN RIENHARDT
Kris-
tin.rienhardt@blc.edu
712-790-6470

MISSION TRIP INFORMATION

Denver Dream Center

We are partnering with Denver Dream Center, a local organization that engages the community from all ages and backgrounds and meets their needs from fellowship to feeding to activity to connection.

They collect donations to help further their ministries, especially with hygiene and outreach.

The donations will go directly to individuals our groups will be working with and will be utilized in engagement programming.

The list of donations needed include: travel size toiletry items, hand sanitizers, sunscreen, plastic cutlery, food bags, chalk, outdoor supplies, water sport supplies, games.



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!

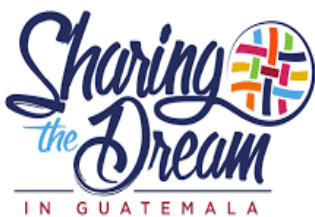
Keep the youth and adults in prayer throughout this school year as they raise money and prepare for this trip.



UPCOMING EVENTS/SCHEDULE:

VBS in July. Complete information can be found on Page 7.

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.sharingthedream.org, visit one of the stores in Sioux Falls or at Lost Island Lutheran Church, Ruthven IA. If you are interested in learning more, contact Karyn Leininger.



It has been decided this year that there will not be the Ice Cream Social in July. We will review this event again in 2027 and make a decision if we will host this gathering then.

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 mowing the grass around the church.
- Thank you to Kathy Mehan for helping with the Wednesday Youth Groups
- Thank you to all of the youth and adults at Bethany that helped with Youth Sunday on May 3rd. The skit was really cute!
- Thank you to the Trinity Garden group for installing the added lighting to the Garden.

End of Year Awards:

Sunday School Excellent Attendance:

Langston Priest
Kennedy Martini
Macoy Sidles
Brett Saxton
Caitlin Cole

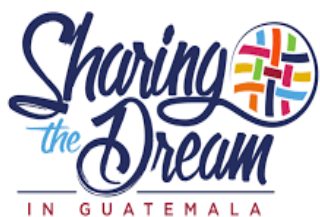
Youth Group Leadership Award:

SACK-Brett Saxton
Connect-Carter Reinders
LIFE-Brayden Ayers



Mary Martha Circle is on the list to provide Birthday Cakes for Lakeside Senior Care. They will be needed on June 20th at noon. You are to bring 1 unfrosted angel food cake and 3 other 9x13 cakes. Any questions, call Katie (Activity Director) at 712-852-4060.

MISSION WORK.



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VBS INFORMATION

"TO KNOW HIS NAME" JULY 13-16, 2026



Register at www.bethanylutheranemmettsburg.com/vbs

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

Those that finished kindergarten through and finished 5th grade in 2025-2026 school year are eligible to attend. Those that completed 6th grade and up can sign up to volunteer!

There will be a signup sheet for donating snacks, hosting lunches (at church) and suppers (at church, your home, our in community).

We are also looking for host homes to house our camp staff. The team will come the night of the 12th and leave after VBS on 16th. Please contact us if you are interested. Any questions, contact Holly Sidles (VBS contact person) or a member of the Board of Education.

STEWARDSHIP

*Deuteronomy 16:17: Every man shall give as he is able,
according to the blessing of the Lord your God that he has given you.*

The summer season is upon us. Family reunions, vacations and outdoor activities are taking place, many times on the weekends. The Stewardship Committee wants to remind everyone that even though you may not be in Church, the costs of maintaining Bethany such as utilities, postage, salaries, insurance, etc., still need to be paid. ***If possible, could you consider giving a little extra each week, monthly or yearly. Any amount is deeply appreciated.***






Thank you to everyone for your generous donations throughout the year. Our ministry here at Bethany is possible because of the faithful support of donors like you. Please prayerfully consider making an extra gift to Bethany, even if you can't be here. You can drop cash or check off in person at 703 Broadway, or in the offering plate, you can use Vanco at [GIVE | Bethany Lutheran \(bethanylutheranemmettsburg.com\)](https://www.give.lutheran.org/BethanyLutheran). You can give a one-time donation or set Vanco up for recurring donations. The local Emmetsburg banks also provide a free online bill pay service which can arrange recurring weekly or monthly payments also.

Please prayerfully consider your gifts to Bethany this Summer. The smallest act of kindness is worth more than the grandest intention. Thank you for being such a loyal member of Bethany's community.

MAY 2026 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.		MONTHLY BEGINNING BALANCE (3,266.41)		
 <p>In Person Drop cash/check off in the office or the offering plate.</p>			EXPENSES	
	Offerings	11,854.24	Personnel Expenses	12,937.88
 <p>Online One Time or Recurring at Vanco</p> 	Miscellaneous	500.00	Program Expenses	139.38
	Lost Island	0.00		
 <p>Mail Send offering to: Bethany Lutheran Church 703 Broadway Emmettsburg, IA 50536</p>	Total Income	12,354.24	Office Expenses	487.24
			Property Expenses	2,434.63
			Western IA Synod	391.18
			Other Donations	0.00
 <p>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.</p>			Damascus Road	50.00
			NO ELCA Donations	0.00
			TOTAL EXPENSE	16,440.31
		Income Less Expenses	(4,086.07)	
		GENERAL FUND BALANCE	(7,352.48)	

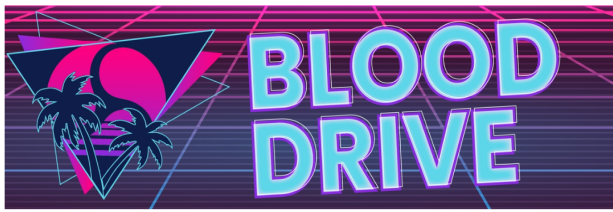
JUNE 2026

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1 9 am Quilting 5 pm Quilting	2	3	4	5	6
7 <i>Communion Sunday</i> 8:45 am Worship (LI) 10:15 am SS (Lost Island) 10:30 am Worship (B) 2 pm <i>Pastor's Sharing</i>	8 Diane Gone AM 9 am Quilting 5 pm Quilting	9	10	11 Diane Gone AM	12	13
14 8:45 am Worship (LI) 10:15 am SS (Lost Island) 10:30 am Worship (B) Round Robin—Pastor 2 pm <i>Pastor's Sharing</i>	15 9 am Quilting 5 pm Quilting	16	17 9:30 am Mary Martha 6:30 Bethany Council Meets	18	19	20 Youth Leave for Denver
Diane On Vacation 13th—21st Marla Noble will be covering for her						
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Youth Trip to Denver						
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*** 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 Wednesday 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
- *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

COMMUNITY/CHAMBER: EVENTS



Emmetsburg's Farmer's Market begins on June 20th at Harrison Park in Emmetsburg.

EMMETSBURG COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE

Wednesday
June 3, 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

FREE SHIRT!

Blood Donor Days

LifeServe BLOOD CENTER

A QR code is provided for more information.



WHAT IS A FARMER'S MARKET AND WHAT YOU SHOULD EXPECT TO FIND AT ONE



The Ladies at Nazareth Lutheran Church in Armstrong have invited the ladies of our churches to a musical event on June 17th at 6:30 pm called,

PROGRAM BY 3 CD'S

It is a musical event for the soul.

They will be serving a dessert and a beverage. All are welcome!

Their address is 401 5th Street in Armstrong, IA

Upper Des Moines Opportunity, Inc.



Collecting items instead of cash for noisy offering in summer

