

UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday—July 27
9 am Quilters 5 pm Quilters
6 pm Board of Worship meets

Thursday—July 30
9-3:30 pm WIC is here
Aug. Newsletter Sent Out
6 pm Walk thru of the Parsonage

Friday—July 31
8 am Ingham Okoboji Quilt Online Auction begins
and ends at 6 pm Monday, Aug 3

Saturday—Aug 1
Live Auction begins at Ingham Okoboji Bible Camp
Online Quilt Auction continues

Sunday Aug 2 w/ Retired Pastor Tom Hagen
Communion Sunday
8:45 Worship at Lost Island
10:15 SS at Lost Island
10:30 am Worship at Bethany
Online Quilt Auction continues

Monday, Aug 3
6 pm Online Quilt Auction ends

We invite everyone to please sign the attendance book either in your pew or in the back of the church. If you are a member, take a minute to notice people you don't know and welcome them to worship. If you are a visitor, we would like to get to know you better, please include your address and phone number.

WELCOME TO WORSHIP!

9TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 7.26.26

ORDER OF SERVICE—ELW SERVICE OF THE WORD

As Solomon prays for wisdom, we seek to more deeply know the treasures of faith. In today's Gospel, Jesus offers everyday images that reveal to us the reign of God: a tree that becomes a sheltering home, yeast that penetrates and expands, a treasured pearl, a net that gains a great catch. Even as we seek the riches of God's reign, the great surprise is that God's grace finds us first!

*** This symbol means to please stand if you are able**

***INVOCATION**

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS.....ELW Pg. 211**

***GATHERING HYMN.....#520 ELW "Dearest Jesus At Your Word"**

***GREETING: L:** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

***KYRIE & CANTICLE.....ELW PG 213**

***PRAYER OF THE DAY.....SEE INSERT**

WORD: L: God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

FIRST READING.....1 Kings 3:5-12

PSALM (sung).....Psalm 119:129-136

SECOND READING.....Romans 8:26-39

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION.....ELW PG 216**

***GOSPEL ANNOUNCED.....*Glory to you, O Lord*"**

***GOSPEL.....Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52**

GOSPEL CONCLUDES.....*"Praise to you, O Christ"

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON.....Pastor Jeff Geiger

*HYMN OF THE DAY:#793 ELW "Be Thou My Vision"

*NICENE CREED.....ELW PG 104

*PRAYERS..... "Receive Our Prayer"

*SHARING OF THE PEACE

L: The peace of Christ be with you always. C: And also with you.

OFFERING/*OFFERTORY.....#794 ELW "Calm To The Waves"

*OFFERTORY PRAYER: 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.

*THE LORD'S PRAYERELW Pg. 221

*PRAYER & BENEDICTION.....ELW Pg. 221

*SENDING HYMN.....#705 ELW "God of Grace and God of Glory"

*DISMISSAL.....Go in peace to love & serve the Lord.

C: *Thanks be to God.*

POSTLUDE



Night at the Nature Center, Ruthven

The Lost Island Women's Circle (Tabitha) is hosting their annual
"Taco Meal and Program at the Nature Center "
on August 12th at 6 pm.

Bring your own mug/cup for your root beer float.

Please let the church office (852-4450) know
if you are attending by August 5th.

VOLUNTEERS

TODAY, July 26

LOST ISLAND—Pastor Jeff Geiger

ORGANIST-Tim Nielsen

ALTAR GUILD: Karyn Leininger

Connie Reinhart

READER: Bethany Geiger

COMM. ASST:

BETHANY-Pastor Jeff Geiger

PIANIST: Serena Lace

ALTAR GUILD: Jess Thoren

GREETERS: Prabhakaran Family

LECTOR: Diane Clasing Steger

USHERS: David Sidles, Bob Steger

NEXT SUNDAY AUG 2

LOST ISLAND

Retired Pastor Tom Hagen

ORGANIST: Tim Nielsen

ALTAR GUILD: Amee Norris

Karyn Leininger

READER: Kyle Norris

COMM ASSTNTS: Craig Thu

BETHANY

Retired Pastor Tom Hagen

ORGANIST: Tim Nielsen

ALTAR GUILD: Amy Malm

GREETERS: Joe & Jen Boevers

LECTOR: Jennifer Boevers

USHERS: Mark Evans,

Jay Hember

COMM. ASST: Jackie Leuer,
Joe & Jen Boevers, Joe Neary

PRAYERS

For Carol Walker, Jay Hember, Linda Twait, Ryker Stone, Hailey Koenig, Justin Reinart, Mike Schipull, Paul Bedard, Doug Ort, Korbin Johnson, Jeff Duhn, Wilma Nielsen, Nolyn Johnson, Omundson Family, Rick Rienhardt, Bridget Johnson, and those we name in our hearts.

Please keep the family and friends of David Stephens in your prayers. David was the son-in-law of Terry and Pam Rouse and husband to Betsy. David passed away last Saturday, the 18th.

*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.

For Alex Meyer who is in the military, son of Ed & Jen Meyer.