



## Bethany Lutheran Church

### Mission Statement

Reaching out in Worship, Fellowship, Learning, and  
Love - We Are God's People.

# The Chimes



## Ice Cream Social!



We are having an Ice Cream Social! On Wednesday, August 14<sup>th</sup> from 5pm-7pm! We will be having BBQ Pulled Pork Sandwiches, Chicken and Biscuits, and German Potato Salad, various desserts and of course, Ice Cream! Tickets are \$10 for Adults and Children under age 10 are \$5. Sign up sheets will be out the first Sunday of July. We will need help with food, serving, clean up, set up, etc...

Volunteer help will be needed for setup on Sunday, August 11 following Church Worship to prepare for Wednesday evening.

The proceeds from this year's Ice Cream Social and last year (2023), will be evenly split between Brian Palmer Ministry and the Bike Drive for Christmas.



### Bethany Evangelical Lutheran Church

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### Our Staff

Rev. Misha McFarland-Pollock, Pastor  
Cory Byrne, Choir Director/Organist  
Kim Engle, Stephen Ministry Coordinator  
Wendy Bell, Office Administrator  
Michelle Huppenbauer, Temporary Financial Secretary  
Pam Crable, Custodian

## July 2024 – God's Work, Our Hands

It's nearly that time of year again – God's Work, Our Hands! Though the official day is in September, it's not too late to plan how your congregation can engage with GWOH Day.

One of the best ways to practice GWOH is through volunteering. At LSI, we have volunteer opportunities for individuals of nearly every age, ability, and schedule. Additionally, we offer group volunteer projects – the perfect opportunity for this upcoming day of service.

If you are interested in volunteering with LSI for God's Work, Our Hands, talk to your pastor and have them contact [philanthropy@LSIowa.org](mailto:philanthropy@LSIowa.org).

For more information, please contact Deb Whitford, LSI's Director of Philanthropy and Church Relations, at [Deborah.Whitford@LSIowa.org](mailto:Deborah.Whitford@LSIowa.org) or 563-676-2065.

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I am so glad to be here in Burlington, Iowa! I thought for my very first article for a church newsletter as a pastor, I would introduce myself and tell you all a little bit about myself and my family. I was born and raised in West Virginia. It is still the state that I name when people ask me where I'm from. I come from a large family. My mom, Jackie, was one of 13 children and my dad, Bill, was one of 11 children. Both of my parents have died – my mom in 2013 and my dad in 2019. I have so many cousins that I couldn't begin to name them all. I am the oldest of three. I have a brother named Erik and a sister named Joy who has two children (Maleah and De'Lance). Joy is married to Jason. I've been married to my husband, Bruce, for 10 years. His parents are alive and well (Allan and Nancy). Bruce has three brothers – Keith, Kirk, and Brian. We also have two sisters-in-law (Molly and Shaili) and four more nieces and a nephew.

I graduated from the Community College of Allegheny County with an AS in Accounting after Bruce, and I were married. Most recently, I graduated May 12th from Wartburg Theological Seminary with my Master of Divinity along with a concentration in Rural Ministry. On May 24th I was ordained at First Lutheran Church in Pittsburgh, PA. I have not received a date for my installation yet.

I was recently accepted into The Jordan Project this month. It is for women in rural and small-town ministry and their congregations. The Jordan Project has three goals: Provide radical hospitality. Equip pastors and congregational members with opportunities to explore the congregation's history, values and mission. And walk alongside congregations as they innovate.<sup>1</sup> The Jordan Project begins in August. I will be looking for 2-3 people from each congregation to join me in this opportunity. It is fully grant funded so there is no cost to either congregation for us to participate.

At the SEIA Synod Assembly, I was elected as a voting member to attend Churchwide Assembly in 2025! I am honored to be selected and look forward to learning more about our synod as well as churchwide. This year I am a chaplain at the Youth Gathering. It will be my very first time attending the Youth Gathering as well as being in New Orleans. I'm excited for this opportunity to serve the ELCA in this way as well as represent Messiah and Bethany at the Youth Gathering.

As far as things that I do for fun outside of church life, I love to read! I already have my Burlington Library card and signed up to be part of the Summer Reading Program! It's wonderful that they have activities for adults for summer reading! I also love to dance and be near the water. One of the first

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<sup>1</sup> [www.grandview.edu/the-jordan-project](http://www.grandview.edu/the-jordan-project)

things Bruce and I did when we moved here was walk along the riverfront. I also enjoy hiking and being outdoors, the theater, listening to live music, and writing songs. Spending Sunday evenings listening to the Burlington Municipal Band has been wonderful! I can't wait to go to a Burlington Bees game! Bruce and I both love learning about history, exploring small towns, and attending local festivals. Fridays are my day off. That's when I am able to partake in my love for cooking and baking.

I am looking forward to getting to know each of you better throughout what I hope are years and years together. If you know of an interesting place for me to explore, or a fun festival I should attend please let me know. If you know of local church recipes I should make I would love to have them!

Please know that I want to know your ideas about non-church things, and I also want to know your ideas about church things as well. I want us all to work together. Collaboration is the key to successful relationships and ministries.

Blessings,

Pastor Misha

# Brian Palmer Visit!

Let us give a warm welcome to our missionary, Brian Palmer, whom is coming for a visit on Sunday, July 14 and will be guest preaching for us that day! As many of you know, Brian is the missionary that Bethany Lutheran helps to support in his efforts in Liberia. Brian is also the author of the “Trying Small” newsletters that come out at various times throughout the year.

Come say Hello!



(Left to Right): Najohn, Norah, and Brian Palmer standing over a faucet that hasn't had water running through it for 4 years.

*(photo and info taken from the August 2023 issue of Trying Small)*



# Meetings

The meetings for July/August, 2024 that have been scheduled as of the publishing of this newsletter are listed below. Watch your bulletins for any date and time changes, or additional meetings that may be scheduled.

Finance Committee  
Thursday, July 18/ Aug. 15 @ 6:30 p.m.

Executive Committee  
Thursday, Aug. 15 @ 6:00 p.m.

Church Life Committee  
Sunday, July 7/Aug. 11 @ 10:15 a.m.  
*(will be meeting about the Ice Cream Social every 2 weeks on Sunday until August 11, next meeting is July 7, watch the calendar and also the calendar board in the fellowship hall.)*

Property Committee  
Monday, July 8/Aug. 12 @ 6:30 p.m.

Church Council  
Wednesday, August 21 @ 6:30 p.m.  
*(Council members watch for a date, if a joint council meeting gets scheduled, you will be notified via email, bulletin, and/or board in the Fellowship Hall.)*

Men's Breakfast  
Saturday, July 20/Aug. 17 @ 8:00 a.m.

Church Outreach  
Sunday, July 7/Aug. 4 @ 10:15 a.m.

## FINANCIAL UPDATE

### June ATTENDANCE

June 2	69
June 9	66
June 16	69
June 23	54
June 30	71

### June GIVING

June 2	\$3,127.00
June 9	\$2,498.50
June 16	\$1,465.40
June 23	\$1,386.00
June 30	<u>\$2,104.00</u>
Total	\$10,580.90

May VANCO total: \$1,760.00  
June VANCO total: \$1,730.00



### PLEASE NOTE

Because of Federal Privacy laws, if you or a member of your family are hospitalized and would like the Pastor to visit, you must contact the church and let us know.

# LAY LEADERS

July 2024

July Usher: Susan Swanson

## Communion Assistants

7 - Jim & Sharon Martindale  
14 - Mark Rosenberg; Rachel Lindeen  
21 - Teresa Morehead; Bill Mundt  
28 - Mike Hopp; Julie Wischmeier



## Lector

7 - Mike Hopp  
14 - Ron Kastner  
21 - Carlene Woodside  
28 - Jessica King

## Greeters

7 - Bill Mundt  
14 - Dan & Julie Wischmeier  
21 - Carol Dodge  
28 - Vicki Stoller

## Flowers

7 - Julie Wischmeier  
14 - Lynda Johnson  
21 - Vanette Wooldridge & Marlys McClurg  
28 - Bob & Deb Hoxie

## Missionary Support

7 - Open  
14 - Open  
21 - Open  
28 - Open

## Altar Guild

Marilyn Ward  
Kim Engle  
Mary Ann Schoof-Schleif

# LAY LEADERS

August 2024

August Usher: Susan Swanson

## **Communion Assistants**

4 - Steve & Sue Rogers  
11 - Scott & Jan Creighton  
18 - Jessica King; Bill Mundt  
25 - Mark Rosenberg; Rachel Lindeen

## **Lector**

4 - Rachel Lindeen  
11 - Todd Chelf  
18 - Michelle Huppenbauer  
25 - Pam Taylor



## **Greeters**

4 - Sharon Martindale  
11 - Marlys McClurg & Vanette Wooldridge  
18 - Mel & Judy Craven  
25 - Lynda Johnson

## **Flowers**

4 - Susan Swanson  
11 - Bill Mundt  
18 - Kathy Beach  
25 - Dan & Ruth Harken

## **Missionary Support**

4 - Open  
11 - Open  
18 - Open  
25 - Open

## **Altar Guild**

Kathy Beach  
Ginny Mesecher



# Announcements



Happy Fourth of July! The office will be closed on Thursday, July 4 in observance of the holiday.

Brian Palmer will be here to guest preach on July 14! Come say hello!

Pastor Misha will be traveling to the Youth Gathering in New Orleans and will be gone from July 14-July 21.

The Ragbrai team “Team Good Beer” will be parking in the back, west end of our parking lot for the week of Ragbrai. They will be there July 19-July 27. This same team has used our parking lot in previous years during Ragbrai.

Wendy will be out of the office on Monday, July 22 and Wednesday, July 24 due to the Des Moines County Fair week! If you get a chance, come out to the fair and see what all these 4-H kids have been working hard on all year!

The schedule for Bible Study is still being worked out and will resume in August. More information will be announced when available.

The Ice Cream Social will be on Wednesday, August 14 from 5pm-7pm. See front page for more details. Hope to see you there!

Outreach food pantry donations for July will be Cereal!

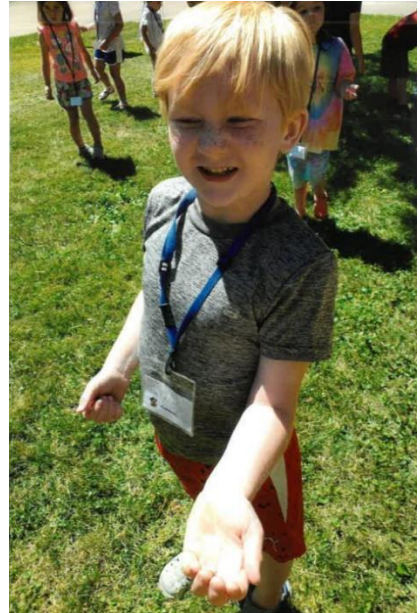
# Vacation Bible School!

Vacation Bible School at Messiah Lutheran Church was underway the week of June 10-14! Thank you to Carlene Woodside for doing the shopping for Bethany Lutheran's portion of the supplies/snacks and for volunteering to help with festivities. Also, many thanks to Kathy Beach for helping throughout the week and everyone who volunteered their time and who donated, monetarily, for the needed supplies to help make VBS week a success! Below are some photos taken by Carlene of the fun had all week long!





## VBS Continued







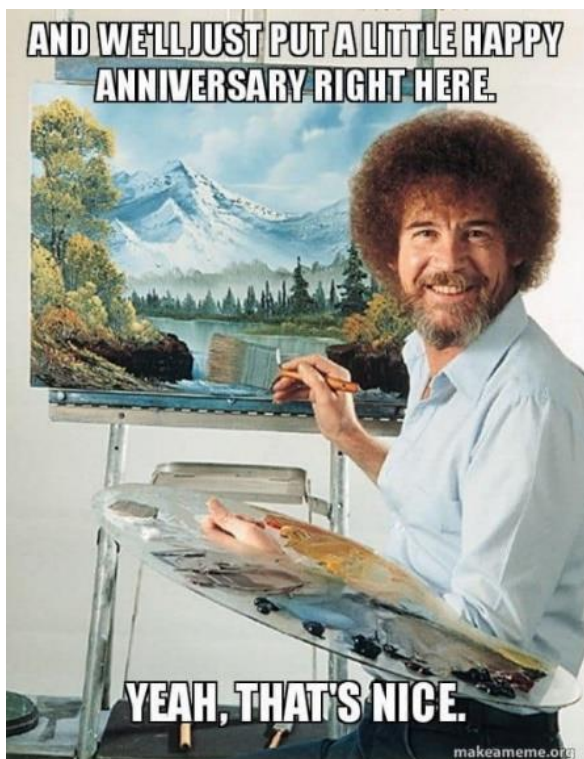
### *July Anniversaries*

14 - Art & Ginny Mesecher  
14 - Dan & Julie Wischmeier  
19 - Chris & Shelley Wallace  
28 - Jim & Sharon Martindale



### *July BIRTHDAYS*

1 - Jim Martindale; Paul Hermansen  
3 - Sydney Cox  
8 - Debbie Hoxie; Amy Bloomer;  
Angela Kain; Jackie Marion  
9 - Todd Morehead  
13 - Vanette Wooldridge  
14 - Brody Johnson  
25 - Carol Dodge  
26 - Jeff Engle  
28 - Kathy Beach  
30 - Bonnie Rosenberg; Melissa  
Hopp; William Ward, Jr.





### *August Anniversaries*

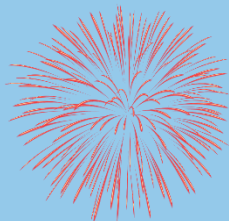
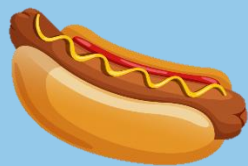
- 4 – Michael & Megan Rogers
- 6 – Todd & Teresa Morehead
- 11 – Bill & Marilyn Ward
- 21 – Paul & Sue Hermansen



### *August BIRTHDAYS*

- 1 – Bill Taylor
- 4 – Jane Ward
- 6 – Abbey Timberlake; Tara Rosenberg
- 7 – Ron Kastner
- 8 – Erin Mafra
- 12 – Laurenn Beach; Addison Shepherd
- 14 – Dorothy Hopson; Tim Ruberg
- 18 – Michael Rogers
- 22 – Lila Janssen
- 23 – Justin Ward
- 28 – Brenda Kastner; Tyler Bloomer





# July 2024



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>Parameters:</b> <b>Green:</b> 7, 14, 21, 28	1	2	3	4 <b>CLOSED</b> <b>4<sup>TH</sup> of JULY</b> IN OBSERVANCE OF INDEPENDENCE DAY	5	6
7 <b>7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</b> 9:00 am Worship 10:15 am Church Outreach 10:15 am Ice Cream Social meeting 10:55 am Hope Service	8 <b>Property mtg @ 6:30pm</b>	9	10 <b>National Kitten Day</b> 	11	12	13
14 <b>8<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</b> 9:00 am Worship 10:55 am Hope Service <b>Brian Palmer guest preaches!</b>	15  <b>CELEBRATION OF THE HORSE DAY</b> 15 <sup>th</sup> JULY <small>www.dhorsetoday.com</small>	16	17	18 <b>Finance Mtg @ 6:30 pm</b>	19 <b>Chimes Deadline</b> Ragbrai team arrives(parking lot)	20 <b>8am Men's Breakfast</b>
Pastor Misha at Youth Gathering in New Orleans 7/14-7/21						
21 <b>9<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</b> 9:00 am Worship 10:15 am Ice Cream Social meeting 10:55 am Hope Service	22 <b>Pastor Misha returns</b> <b>Wendy out of office(fair week)</b>	23	24 <b>Wendy out of office (fair week)</b>	25 <b>National Hot Fudge Sundae Day</b> 	26	27 <b>Ragbrai team Leaves parking lot</b>
28 <b>10<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</b> 9:00 am Worship 10:55 am Hope Service	29 <b>INTERNATIONAL TIGER DAY</b> 	30	31			





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