



Bethany Lutheran Church

Mission Statement

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

The Chimes



Welcome Pastor Misha

Pastor Misha comes to us as a 2024 Graduate from Wartburg Theological Seminary with an MDiv Degree with a concentration in rural ministry. She was recently ordained at First Lutheran Church in Pittsburgh, PA on May 24, 2024.

Misha and her husband Bruce are from the Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania area. In her spare time, Misha likes to take hikes, read, write poetry & songs, practice yin yoga, cook, and bake.

Welcome to Bethany Lutheran Church, Misha and Bruce! We are so glad you are here and look forward to getting to know you!

Bon Voyage, Pastor Pete

Our beloved Pastor Pete will be saying farewell to us here at Bethany Lutheran Church. Pastor Pete has been our Interim Pastor and a part of our Bethany Church family for a little over a year and a half. His last Sunday here at Bethany, will be June 9th. We are sad to see you go, but the memories of your time here at Bethany, will live on. We wish you the best of luck in your next adventure!

Furthermore, To say Thank you for his time here & to say goodbye, Church Life has set up a card shower for Pete, there is a couple baskets set up in the fellowship hall where you may place your cards for Pete.

Bethany Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Our Staff

Rev. Pete Hagglund, Interim Pastor
Cory Byrne, Choir Director/Organist
Kim Engle, Stephen Ministry Coordinator
Wendy Bell, Office Administrator
Michelle Huppenbauer, Temporary Financial Secretary
Pam Crable, Custodian

June 2024 – School is out, but LSI continues to serve

School may be out for the summer, but LSI continues to serve Iowans year-round. Our Early Childhood team continues their in-home visits, ensuring young families are supported and connected to their community as they raise the next generation of Iowans. Our therapists are talking and, most importantly, listening to individuals struggling with mental health challenges, difficult situations at home, and seemingly simple everyday problems. Children in our Foster Care and Adoption services are bonding with their foster parents as they grow and learn in their community. Immigrant and refugee learners gather at LSI offices in Des Moines, Sioux City, and Waterloo to attend class as they prepare for their citizenship test, learn how to become financially stable, practice their English skills, and more. Global Greens farmers are busy at the farm or selling their produce at the Global Greens Farmers Market in Des Moines.

Summer is a great time to get involved with LSI! Volunteer with our Immigrant and Refugee Community Services, check our social media pages to see what donations our services need most, or give a financial gift to support numerous services benefiting children and families across the state. Visit our website (LSIowa.org) to learn more about getting involved this summer.

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

Our Mission: Lutheran Services in Iowa responds to the love of Jesus Christ through compassionate service. LSI is an affiliated social ministry partner of the Iowa congregations of the ELCA (Evangelical Lutheran Church in America) and a member of LSA (Lutheran Services in America). We proudly serve people of all ages, abilities, religions, sexes, gender identities, national origins, ethnicities, races, and sexual orientations. Learn more at LSIowa.org and facebook.com/LSI.iowa.





Dear Friends in Christ,

A couple of weeks ago, as I was writing up a list of sermon titles, texts and sermon hymns for Debbie and Wendy (our two church secretaries), it dawned on me that I was doing the first of all the "last things" I'll be doing before I leave Bethany on the 9th and St. Paul on the 23rd. The pace of those "last things" has picked up considerably since then--last council meetings, last visits with people in their homes, and, of course, the Sundays of worship and fellowship are quickly being whittled down to a precious few. The last of *those* will soon be on us as well.

Over this past month I have received an incredible number of personal thanks and expressions of regret over the fact that our time together is coming to an end, and I have often told you how sorry I am to be leaving. The nine-plus years I've had in Ft. Madison and the year and a half-plus I've had at Bethany have been a "dream job", which, by the way, is something I've frequently told colleagues in zoom meetings I've been part of in these past few years.

I'll miss this "Florida of Iowa" (and the surrounding area) with all of its natural beauty and fascinating history, but it's all the people I've gotten to work and play with that have made it so easy to keep coming down here every two weeks for this long--the drive back and forth has never gotten old; I still love going home, and I still love coming down here. To all of you who have told me how much you'll miss me, please know that the feeling is mutual.

I'm sure you're familiar with the saying, "Don't be *sad* that it's over; be *glad* that it happened." Well, I for one can't do that. For one thing, it's not "over" quite yet, and for another, I will be sad when it's over, and I will *also* be very *glad* that it happened!

May the Lord bless and keep us all--for now, for the future, and forever.

With much love,
Pastor Pete

Ordination Ceremony

On Friday, May 24, 2024, in a beautiful ceremony at First Lutheran Church in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, Pastor Misha was ordained! Call Committee Chair members; Kim Engle from Bethany Lutheran and Brenda from Messiah Lutheran, were fortunate to be able to be in attendance at this lovely ceremony! Congratulations, Pastor Misha!



Pastor Misha and Bruce with Rev. Dr. Charlene Rachuy Cox (preacher)
(photo taken from Facebook)



Pastor Misha being ordained!
(photo submitted by Kim Engle)

Pastor Misha with Bishop Amy Current (presiding), along with Brenda from Messiah Lutheran and Bethany Lutheran's Kim Engle.

(photo taken from Facebook)



Meetings

The meetings for June, 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, June 13 @ 6:30 p.m.

Executive Committee
Thursday, June 13 @ 6:00 p.m.

Church Life Committee
Sunday, June 9 @ 10:15 a.m.

Property Committee
Monday, June 10 @ 6:30 p.m.

Church Council
Wednesday, June 19 @ 6:30 p.m.

Men's Breakfast
Saturday, June 15 @ 8:00 a.m.

Church Outreach
Sunday, June 2 @ 10:15 a.m.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

May ATTENDANCE

May 5	59
May 12	90
May 19	63
May 26	49

May GIVING

May 5	\$2,135.90
May 12	\$1,310.71
May 19	\$1,694.30
May 26	\$2,371.00
Total	\$7,511.91

April VANCO total: \$1,780.00



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

June 2024

June Usher: Susan Swanson

Communion Assistants

- 2 - Mark Rosenberg; Rachel Lindeen
- 9 - Teresa Morehead; Bill Mundt
- 16 - Mike Hopp; Julie Wischmeier
- 23 - Steve & Sue Rogers
- 30 - Scott & Jan Creighton

Lector

- 2 - Bill Mundt
- 9 - Michelle Huppenbauer
- 16 - Jessica King
- 23 - Judy Craven
- 30 - Dan Harken

Greeters

- 2 - Lynda Johnson
- 9 - Dan & Ruth Harken
- 16 - Ginny Mesecher
- 23 - Sharon Martindale
- 30 - Vicki Stoller

Flowers

- 2 - Pam Taylor
- 9 - Tony & Betty Stanley
- 16 - Bill Mundt
- 23 - Dirk & Betty Zaiser
- 30 - Jim & Sharon Martindale

Missionary Support

New Sign-up sheet is now available! Please stop on Sunday and choose your special date!

Altar Guild

- Carlene Woodside
- Bev Sherbondy



Announcements



David King's Graduation Open House will be on Saturday, June 1st from 11:00am-1:00pm in the Fellowship Hall.

There will be a meeting about the Ice Cream Social following worship on Sunday, June 9th.

If you have not signed up yet for Vacation Bible School, please do so! Ages run from 3 yrs old to 6th Grade and takes place June 10-14th at Messiah Lutheran Church. Interested in volunteering? Excellent! Just fill out the form that is provided here in this newsletter for both enrolling your child/grandchild and/or volunteering to help out! Have questions or need help with the form or registration, please contact Messiah Lutheran Church.

Outreach donations for June will be Canned Meats (i.e. canned tuna, chicken, etc...). Please, place your donated items in the cart located just inside the church foyer. Thank you everyone for your continued gracious donations that help our local food pantries!

Pastor Pete's last day at Bethany will be Sunday, June 9! We will have a "Card Shower" for him and have a couple baskets out in the fellowship hall for you to place your cards. We are sad to see him go but wish him luck on his next endeavor.

Pastor Misha and husband Bruce will be moving into the parsonage and will be starting in early June!

Please make sure to sign up to help with coffee and donuts on Sunday Mornings! We have a new sign up board, placed in this same spot, in between the kitchen windows in the Fellowship Hall! Please help us break it in by signing up! Any and all help will be greatly appreciated!



Vacation Bible School at Messiah Lutheran

June 10th-14th 9am-noon For children ages 3 years old– 6th grade.

This is a free ministry to our congregations and community provided by Messiah, Bethany, Faith, and Trinity Lutheran Churches.

Donations are very much appreciated!!

Child's Name: _____ **Grade last completed:** _____

Or Volunteer's Name: _____

Desired area to help: _____

Address: _____

Parent's name and phone number:

Emergency contact name and phone number:

Does your child have any allergies? _____

Photo release– I give my permission to Messiah Lutheran Church to use photographic pictures and portraits of my child and video of which he/she may be included in whole or in part, in color or in black and white, made through any media for promotional materials and publications.

Parent's Signature:



Use QR Code for online registration



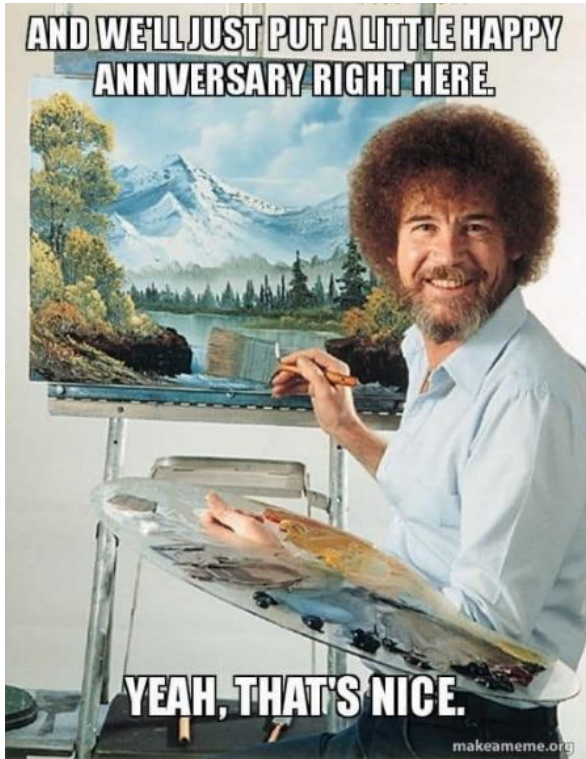
June Anniversaries

- 4 - Mark & Bonnie Rosenberg
- 7 - Tony & Betty Stanley
- 20 - Mike & Melissa Hopp
- 30 - Tim & Teresa Ruberg
- 30 - Derek & Savanna Evans



June BIRTHDAYS

- 1 - Sarah Loots
- 2 - Bill Mundt; Marilyn Ward
- 6 - Jessica King
- 8 - Eddison Newman; Wendy Bell
- 10 - Sam Banks; Sheri McCarthy
- 11 - Dylan McClurg
- 12 - Robin Milton; Teresa Ruberg
- 19 - Roger Gard
- 25 - Austin Cox





June 2024



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Paraments: Green: 2,9,16,23,30						1 David King Grad Party 11am-1pm Fellowship Hall
2 2nd Sunday after Pentecost 9:00 am Worship 10:15 am Church Outreach 10:55 am Hope Service	3	4 Vote 7am-8pm 	5 9:30a.m. Bible Study	6	7 Nurses Mtg @ Noon	8 
<i>Pastor Pete returns to the area</i>						
9 3rd Sunday after Pentecost 9:00 am Worship 10:15 am Ice Cream Social meeting 10:55 am Hope Service <i>Pete's Last Day</i>	10 Property Mtg @ 6:30pm	11	12	13 Exec. Committee mtg @ 6:00 pm Finance Mtg @ 6:30 pm	14 	15 8am Men's Breakfast
16 4th Sunday after Pentecost 9:00 am Worship 10:55 am Hope Service Happy Father's Day!! 	17	18 	19 Council Mtg. @ 6:30 pm (for June/July)	20	21 	22
23 5th Sunday after Pentecost 9:00 am Worship 10:55 am Hope Service	24 	25	26	27	28	29 
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