



Bethany Lutheran Church

Mission Statement

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

The Chimes

What is Lent? Why is Lent?

Lent is a 40-day season of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving that begins on Ash Wednesday and ends at Sunday on Maundy Thursday. It's a period that culminates in the celebration of the Lord's Resurrection at Easter. It is not just the six Sundays preceding Easter, but includes Ash Wednesday as well as everything that comprises "Holy Week": Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter. Lent is a time for reflection, a time for examination, a time for confession.

Our weekly Lent services will be held here at Bethany on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. We'll do the Holden Evening Prayer each week, and we'll be joined by members and friends of Faith/Trinity.

Maundy Thursday will be held at 4:00 p.m. and Good Friday will be held at 7:00 p.m., both here at Bethany.



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March 2023, LSI Newsletter Article and Story

March is National Professional Social Work Month

March is National Professional Social Work Month! Take time this month to recognize social workers in your life and thank them for all they do. At Lutheran Services in Iowa, we want to give thanks to all our social workers who do such important work every single day. Without you, LSI wouldn't be able to provide the essential services that Iowa families need.

Our social workers provide a variety of services to families in Iowa, such as crisis child care, in-home programs and classes for parents. These services provide families the support and education they need to care for their young children.

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.

Social Work is Rewarding Work

A child saying "mom" for the first time at 3 years old, a parent getting a job that brings them joy - these are successes that are important to Mallory Berkenpas, Service Coordinator in LSI's Early Childhood department in Sioux City.

Mallory has been an employee of LSI for more than a decade, and has held many different roles in supporting children and families. "My heart lies in working with children and families and prevention work, because I've seen the value in it. I see how important it is. I wish more people knew and understood and valued the work that is done in the early childhood period because it is so crucial," said Mallory.

She expressed that one of the most rewarding parts of her job is being able to see, experience and walk this journey alongside these families, who along the way, make these small or big strides - whatever that means for them.

"Maybe the child says 'mom' for the first time at 3 years old, which is something that has happened in our program. That's a big win for this child that didn't speak from zero to three years old, and did because of the interventions we helped that family find," said Mallory. "All of those successes are so important to me and also my staff - being able to see them grow, build their skill set and feel good about their work."

"Social work can be so hard... so I think being able to see those small and big wins along the way is important," said Mallory.



Dear Friends in Christ,

Not long ago I was returning to Fort Madison from the Keokuk National Cemetery on the Illinois side of the river. That cemetery is an impressive place; I've probably been there four or five times, and I never cease to be impressed by the beauty of all those identical gravestones in perfect formation--no matter what direction you look at them, they're in straight lines. Throw in the rolling terrain on which the cemetery is laid out and the history of how it got to be where it is, and we've got a national treasure right in our relative back yard! I crossed the river into Hamilton, Illinois, and was treated to a display of waterfowl wildlife, the likes of which can be seen only in places like we have around here. There were the occasional eagles in the trees and over the water; already there were some migrating ducks in noticeable numbers. But the "stars of the show", so to speak, were two separate groups of white pelicans, each of which numbered *in the thousands*--what a sight! The spectacle I was treated to lasted all the way to Nauvoo. I've never got to the point where that drive between Hamilton and Nauvoo has become "ho-hum"; there's always something breathtakingly beautiful or unusual about each trip up and down that road.

That day was one of many over the past 8 years when I've been caused to thank God for the opportunity I've had to be down here in "the Florida of Iowa". This area--and I'm giving credit to Illinois and Missouri as well when I say this--has got to be one of the very finest areas of the country *that hardly anybody knows about*, or for that matter, that people *in Iowa* don't know about! Natural beauty and fascinating history make Burlington, Ft. Madison, Keokuk, and the surrounding area a special place to be. For the record, I tell people who don't live around here about it *a lot*.

I realize, too, that *workwise*, this is for the most part *not* a land of opportunity for *younger* people, but perhaps something can be done about *that* as time goes by.

Such are my thoughts as I prepare to spend my ninth Lenten season in Ft. Madison, and my first in Burlington. May the time we share this Lent make the celebration of our Lord's resurrection all the more meaningful and joyous.

In Christ,
Pastor Pete



Meetings

The meetings for March, 2023 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, March 9, 6:30 p.m.

Church Life Committee
Sunday, March 12, 10:15 a.m.

Property Committee
Monday, March 13, 6:30 p.m.

Church Outreach Committee
Tuesday, March 14 5:30 p.m.

Executive Committee
Tuesday, March 14, 6:30 p.m.

Men's Breakfast
Saturday, March 18, 8:00 a.m.

Church Council
Sunday, February 19, 6:30 p.m.

PLEASE NOTE

The deadline to submit information for the monthly Chimes is the 20th of the month. You're welcome to email your submissions, leave a note on the desk in the office, or call the church office.

ALSO!

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.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

FEBRUARY ATTENDANCE

February 5	54
February 12	61
February 19	66
February 26	53

FEBRUARY GIVING

February 5	\$2,079.40
February 12	\$2,560.40
February 19	\$2,829.40
February 26	<u>\$1,959.00</u>
Total	\$9,428.20

February VANCO total: \$1,625.00





Community Meetings this month...

Retired Nurses – Friday, March 3,
9:30 a.m.
Retired Teachers – Monday, March
6, 12:00 noon
Boy Scouts – Tuesdays, 6:30 p.m.

The three ELCA Bishops in Iowa have decided to ride Ragbrai this year. The dates are July 22-29. It's the 50th anniversary of the event, and they've committed to riding 50+ miles together, each day, celebrating and highlighting 50+ anti-hunger ministries in our three synods, and raising \$50K plus for ELCA World Hunger. This year's route will begin in Sioux City and in Davenport. All are welcome to ride with them; but if that's not something you want or are able to do, then what you can do is pray for them that they have a safe trip, and donate to World Hunger.

Oak View will be hosting a get together on Monday, March 27 at 2:00 PM. All are invited. This event is held on the last Monday of every month. This is a chance to visit with the homebound that are residents there. Pastor Pete will be attending, so plan to join him!!

Daylight Savings Time

Don't forget to turn your clocks forward one hour before heading to bed on March 11. Daylight Savings Time begins on March 12.

CHOIR REHEARSAL

The choir will be singing a few more times this year, and all are welcome to come and make a joyful noise unto the Lord. Our rehearsal schedule is...

March 5 – 8:00 a.m./sing in worship
March 26 – 8:00 a.m.
April 2 – 8:00 a.m./sing in worship
April 9 – 8:00 a.m./sing in worship

Scholarship Applications

It's that time of year again when applications for scholarships from Bethany are due. For an application or questions, please contact Carlene Woodside.

LAY LEADERS MARCH 2023

March Usher: Susan Swanson

Communion Assistants

5 - Rachel Lindeen; Mark Rosenberg
12 - Teresa Morehead; Bill Mundt
19 - Julie Wischmeier; Mike Hopp
26 - Steve & Sue Rogers

Lector

5 - Carleen Woodside
12 - Todd Chelf
19 - Pam Taylor
26 - Bill Mundt

Greeters

5 - Dan & Julie Wischmeier
12 - Marlys McClurg; Vanette Wooldridge
19 - Mel & Judy Craven
26 - Sharon Martindale

Altar Guild

Marlys McClurg; Vanette Wooldridge;
Lori Cox; Michelle Cox

Missionary Support

5 - Carol Dodge
12 - Bill Mundt
19 - Dan & Ruth Harken
26 - Lynda Johnson

Flowers

5 - Lynda Johnson
12 - Marlys McClurg; Vanette Wooldridge
19 - Michelle Huppenbauer
26 - Jim & Sharon Martindale



1 - Jacob Cox
2 - Richard House
5 - Marlene Benninghoven
6 - Amy Unglaub
7 - Dan Wischmeier
8 - Sterling Tharp
9 - Ron Woodside; Laurie Chelf
10 - Marian Chaddock; David Nuebel; Steven Quam
14 - Mike Reichelt; Rylee Morris
17 - Darrin Timberlake
17 - Lori Cox
18 - Doreen Roy
19 - Isaac Morehead
20 - Nancy Kern; Tiffany Huppenbauer
24 - Tony Stanley; Alexis Oetken; Rachel Lindeen
25 - Shawn Adam; Robert Etchison
27 - Cameo Mundt
29 - Elizabeth Loots; Aaron Morehead; Joe Engle
31 - Mike Hopp; Tyler Schramm



13 - Steve & Sue Rogers
19 - Ron & Brenda Kastner
23 - Dan & Ruth Harken
29 - Robert & Julie Etchison



Easter lilies with 5-7 blooms will cost \$18.00 each this year.

If you would like to help us decorate the church for Easter with one or more of these plants, please fill out the information below and return it to the church office, or drop it in the offering plate by **March 19**.

Given by: _____

_____ Number of Easter lilies @ \$18.00 each

Amount enclosed _____

Envelope # _____

Plants purchased in memory/honor (circle one) of:

Lent:

*Forty chalices to be used or abused
Forty appeals to be responded to
or resisted.*

*Forty battles to be lost or won
Forty days to be utilized or
wasted.*

*and then the account to be closed
and the result registered.*

Lent: a loan of forty days:

*but such a loan is terminable
at the pleasure of the Lender.*

*Lent: a loan of unguaranteed
duration:*

*the beginning by God's mercy,
ours;
the end not assured to us.*

*Lent: a period sent to us wherein
specially to prepare for eternity;
forty days long at the longest:
Can forty days be accounted
long when eternity is at stake:*

*In the Day of Judgement,
Good Lord, deliver us.*

*~ Christiana Rosetti
(1830-1894)*



March

2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>PLEASE NOTE: Monday, March 20 is the deadline for submissions to the April Chimes. You're welcome to leave a note on the desk in the office, send an email or call and leave your information. Thank you!</p>			1	2	3 9:30 a.m. Retired Nurses	4
<p>5 2nd Sunday in Lent 9:00 a.m. Worship 10:55 a.m. Hope Service</p>	6 12:00 noon Retired Teachers	7 6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts	8	9 6:30 p.m. Finance Committee	10	11 <i>Don't forget to turn your clocks forward one hour before heading to bed.</i>
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