



## Bethany Lutheran Church

### Mission Statement

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

## Pastoral Candidate Meet & Greet

The Call Committee is very pleased to invite you to stop by on Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup> between 1:00pm-2:30pm to meet Ms. DaMisha McFarland-Pollock, whom the Council has approved to be presented to the congregation as our next permanent pastor in conjunction with Messiah Lutheran. A Congregational Vote will immediately follow Worship Service on Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup>, led by Deacon Schuman from the SE Iowa Synod.



The Chimes



### Bethany Evangelical Lutheran Church

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### Our Staff

Rev. Pete Hagglund, Interim Pastor  
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Pam Crable, Custodian

## May 2024 - Give a Gift to LSI: Support Mothers across Iowa

Mother's Day is Sunday, May 12. Did you know LSI brings hope and healing to mothers in each of our service lines? Here are just a few examples:

The Child Care Business Development program in our Immigrant and Refugee Community Services prepares women, often mothers, to run an in-home childcare business. This small business opportunity allows them to provide for their family and ensure their children receive culturally appropriate care.

Many mothers benefit from our Foster Care and Adoption services, whether they be mothers who are blessed with a child through adoption or foster mothers who provide love and guidance to children from all paths of life.

Early Childhood Services prepares mothers-to-be for birth and raising a child. Additionally, home visitation programs help ensure a strong support system for young parents across the state.

These are just three examples of how LSI serves mothers in Iowa. This Mother's Day, we encourage you to give a gift in honor of your mother or motherly figure to ensure mothers around the state receive the care and support they deserve.

Donate online at [lsiowa.org/donate](https://lsiowa.org/donate) or send a check to Lutheran Services in Iowa, PO Box 848, Waverly, IA 50677-0848.

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.

*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](https://LSIowa.org) and [facebook.com/LSI.iowa](https://facebook.com/LSI.iowa).*





Dear Friends in Christ,

According to John 15:13, Jesus said to his disciples on the night before he was crucified, "Greater love has no one than this; to lay down your life for your friends." That verse has over and over again been quoted and referred to in connection with many acts of self-sacrifice ever since, and especially those that have been done in the midst of armed combat. Heroism in war has always been a fitting subject for use of that verse, and Lord knows, there's been enough war through the years to have plenty of heroes to honor with it!

A truism about war is that "the longer the casualty lists, the greater the need to justify the slain". Sometimes I think that this is what gave birth to our routinely saying that people killed in battle "gave their lives". Please don't consider me to be disrespectful when I say, "*No, they didn't give their lives.*" None of those people *wanted* to die; their lives were *taken* from them. To say otherwise is to, in my opinion, give "glamour" to war that it doesn't deserve--read any account of combat given by the people in the thick of it, and you'll readily see what I mean by that.

I've digested literature about war all my life, even from childhood (it really is, as any war correspondent will tell you, "the world's most powerful narcotic"--no matter how horrifying it is, one keeps being drawn back to it). There are war stories about people smothering live hand grenades with their bodies, so as to save other nearby comrades from death or serious injury--*they* can truthfully be said to have "*given* their lives". And yet, even *they* were involved in something that they'd rather not be doing, in a place where they'd rather not be.

Several years ago I met a very young Marine at a funeral I was doing. He came to the funeral in his dress blues, and as one of the pallbearers, he rode to the cemetery with me and the other pallbearers. At one point in the conversation he said that he really, really wanted to be deployed; I recall responding with something like, "And if and when you are, I hope that it's worthy of your commitment to it." And it struck me that I had just heard an example of why the big majority of fighting men are around the age of 20--in great physical shape, and not yet old enough to see a very big picture of the world around them; in other words, relatively easy to *mold into* fighting men (and these days, fighting *women*).

As we draw closer to another Memorial Day, let's by all means give some love and honor to all those who served our country in our nation's military, who either died in battle or who died a more natural death. And come to think of it, let's give some love and honor to all who in this life served their country in ways *other than* the military.

By definition, "Memorial" Day is about "remembering". As Lutheran Christians, it's a good time to remember that God rules two kingdoms--the everlasting Kingdom of God, and the temporary "kingdom" of earthly governments and institutions. In the Kingdom of God, there's no need for a military or a police force, or for that matter, a government; but in the "Kingdom" of this world, there *is*, and always will be. So, for us who are godly people, there is always good reason to say, not only to veterans, but to all who honorably work for the good of God's world, "*Thank you for your service.*"

In Christ,  
Pastor Pete

## From Our Friends At Unity Church (formerly Faith/Trinity Lutheran church)

### **Summer-long study of the church throughout the ages:**

The world is changing underneath our feet. These changes have had an enormous impact on the church. But how do we know how to respond if we don't know who we are? And how do we know where to go if we don't know what paths are open?

As the church faces changing times, the temptation is to define our path in narrow terms. Usually, these are membership, finances, and cultural influence. But what if these goals are unrealistic? What if they were never all that faithful?

The church does not make itself up as it goes. The church has a history. Many Christians before us have faced devastating challenges. We have a lot to learn from them. And they have inspiration to offer us about how to face an uncertain future with faith and hope, too.

The church also has a theological heritage. And the Lutheran church is no exception. In fact, the Lutheran church may be one of the modern forms of Christianity that is most defined by its theological heritage. The Lutheran confession offers us a way of thinking about the church and the world that is both realistic and doggedly Christian. So, let's spend the summer examining the history of the church!

First, we will survey the history of the church up to the Reformation. After that, we will study the history of Lutheranism in North America. While we study that, we will also read Martin Luther himself! In our reading of Luther, we will examine how our founder navigated tremendous change on the ground. Lastly, we will have presentations focusing on historical moments when the church had to address major issues in real-time. And all the while, we will consider how all this relates to us right now.

We will get started at the end of April. To sign-up, contact the Unity Church office (319/752-0687, [office@trinity-burlington.org](mailto:office@trinity-burlington.org)). You can also contact Pr. Ryan for more details ([pastor@trinity-burlington.org](mailto:pastor@trinity-burlington.org)). Thank you.

# Meetings

The meetings for May, 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, May 9 @ 6:30 p.m.

Executive Committee  
Thursday May 9 @ 6:00 p.m.

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

Property Committee  
Monday, May 13 @ 6:30 p.m.

Church Council  
Wednesday, May 22 @ 6:30 p.m.

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

Church Outreach  
Sunday, May 5 @ 10:15 a.m.

## FINANCIAL UPDATE

### April ATTENDANCE

March 31 87

April 7 55

April 14 57

April 21 53

April 28 58

### April GIVING

March 31 \$2,607.00

Full March Total \$10,805.74

April 7 \$2,634.40

April 14 \$1,548.00

April 21 \$1,689.90

April 28 \$2,358.00

Total \$8,230.30

March VANCO total: \$1,760.00

*\*March 31<sup>st</sup> attendance and full giving total for March has been included in this issue due to time constraints last month.*

### 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

## May 2024

May Usher: Susan Swanson

### Communion Assistants

5 - Mike Hopp; Julie Wischmeier  
12 - Steve & Sue Rogers  
19 - Scott & Jan Creighton  
26 - Jessica King; Dan Harken

### Lector

5 - Rachel Lindeen  
12 - Carlene Woodside  
19 - Todd Chelf  
26 - Pam Taylor



### Greeters

5 - Vicki Stoller  
12 - Sharon Martindale  
19 - Marlys McClurg & Vanette Wooldridge  
26 - Mel & Judy Craven

### Flowers

5 - Lynda Johnson  
12 - Mel & Judy Craven - Happy 60<sup>th</sup>!  
19 - Arnhild Zaiser  
26 - Mark & Bonnie Rosenberg

### Missionary Support

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

### Altar Guild

Julie Wischmeier  
Lynda Johnson

# Announcements



Congratulations to our High School Graduates, David King, Jonathon and Benjamin Chelf! Good luck to you all in your next ventures!

Meet and Greet with our Pastoral candidate will be from 1:00pm-2:30pm on Saturday, May 4! Come introduce yourself and say hello to Ms. DaMisha McFarland-Pollock! Please stay after worship service on Sunday, May 5 for a congregational vote, led by Deacon Schuman from the SE IA Synod.

Outreach donations for May will be canned fruits and soups! Please, place your items in the cart in the church foyer. Your donations are greatly appreciated and go to help area food pantries.

Volunteers are needed for Vacation Bible School! The form, down a couple pages, has information on dates and times and also a QR code for online registration. Donations are needed and a list will be provided at a later date. For any questions, please contact Messiah Lutheran Church.

There are still a few spots left for Summer Camp at Lutheran Lakeside Camp in Spirit Lake, IA. Please see the following page for more information if you are interested.

Please make sure to sign up to help with coffee and donuts on Sunday mornings! We need at least 2 volunteers every Sunday! Sign up board is on the counter in the Fellowship Hall, between the kitchen “windows”.

The office will be updating the Church Directory soon for 2024. If you have a different phone number, new address, new email or would like to add your email, please contact the office! You may call the office at 319-752-3621, leave a note on the office desk, or email your updated information to [bethanyburlington@msn.com](mailto:bethanyburlington@msn.com). We like to try to update our directory every so often to try and stay current.





Lutheran Lakeside Camp

# Summer Camp 2024

7 WEEKS AVAILABLE

DAY CAMPS | HALF WEEKS  
FULL WEEKS | FAMILY CAMPS

**Still Time to REGISTER!**

Sibling and Multiweek discounts  
Church Sponsorships

**Invite a friend, register, and  
enjoy the BEST WEEK EVER!!**



2491 170th St, Spirit Lake IA  
712-336-2109

[www.lutheranlakeside.com](http://www.lutheranlakeside.com)

Visit our website for more  
information and to register or scan  
the QR code

\*Will accommodate dietary  
restrictions and medication needs





**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:**

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Use QR Code for online registration



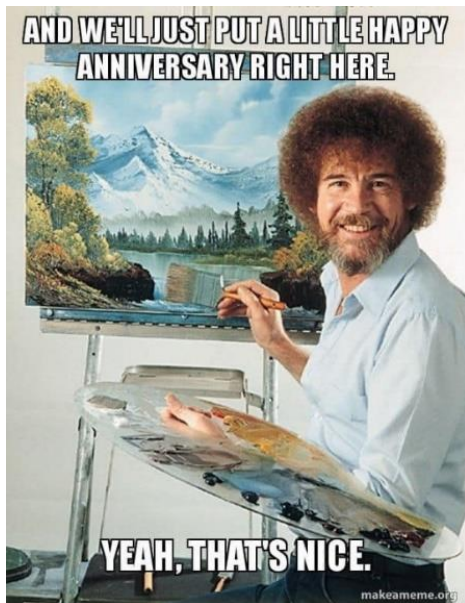
### *May Anniversaries*

- 10 - Mel & Judy Craven - Happy 60<sup>th</sup>!
- 11 - Jeff & Heidi Schreiner
- 18 - Scott & Jan Creighton
- 20 - Wendy & Aaron Bell
- 29 - Mark & Sarah Loots; David & Jessica Tharp



### *May BIRTHDAYS*

- 1 - David King; Sam Quam; Zoe Rogers
- 2 - Kara Roberts
- 4 - Peggy Schulz
- 5 - Brianna Hopp
- 7 - Beth McCarthy
- 8 - Sue Rogers
- 9 - William Ward, Sr.
- 11 - Howard Burgus; Brett Morris; Brett Kuster
- 13 - Dalton McClurg
- 14 - Emily Bloomer
- 16 - Donna Edgington; Janice Peterson
- 18 - Drew McCarthy; Nancy Pilcher; Ed Roberts
- 19 - Robert Hornfeck; Lindsey Rice
- 20 - Bonnie Darrah
- 22 - Jacob Smith
- 26 - Elisabeth Chelf; Jordan Roy; Michelle Schoof
- 27 - Jessica Sherrill
- 28 - Matthew Hogaboom; Jacob Roy; Joshua Roy
- 29 - Alexander Whitmore
- 30 - Sharon Martindale; Lisa Murphy
- 31 - Shirley Henson; Michelle Le Kander





# May 2024



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>Paraments:</b> <b>White: 5,12,26</b> <b>Red: 19</b>			<b>1</b> 	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> <b>Nurses Mtg @ 9:30 a.m.</b>	<b>4</b> <b>Meet &amp; Greet</b> <b>Pastoral candidate</b> <b>Ms. DaMisha McFarland-Pollock</b> <b>1:00pm-2:30pm</b>  <b>May the 4<sup>th</sup> be with you</b>
<b>5 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter</b> 9:00 am Worship 10:15 am Pastoral Candidate Congregational Vote 10:15 am Church Outreach 10:55 am Hope Service	<b>6</b>  <b>NATIONAL NURSES DAY</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8 9:30a.m. Bible Study</b>	<b>9</b> Exec. Committee mtg @ 6:00 pm Finance Mtg @ 6:30 pm	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> <b>8:30 a.m Parking Lot Sealing</b>
<i>Pastor Pete returns to the area</i>						
<b>12 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter</b> 9:00 am Worship 10:15 am Church Life 10:55 am Hope Service 	<b>13</b> <b>Property Mtg @ 6:30pm</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> <b>7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17 National Mushroom Hunting Day</b> 	<b>18</b> <b>8am Men's Breakfast</b>
<b>19 Day of Pentecost</b> 8:00 am Choir Rehearsal 9:00 am Worship 10:55 am Hope Service	<b>20</b> <b>Chimes Deadline</b>	<b>21</b> 	<b>22 9:30 a.m. Bible Study</b> <b>6:30 p.m. Council Mtg.</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> <b>Chelf Graduation Party Noon-5pm</b>
<i>Pastor Pete returns to the area</i>						
<b>26 Holy Trinity</b> 9:00 am Worship 10:55 am Hope Service	<b>27</b>  <b>Memorial Day</b> · Office Closed ·	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	