



## Bethany Lutheran Church

### Mission Statement

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



## Upcoming Shared Ministry Dates

Many of you have been asking when we will be worshipping with the other churches again. Well, without further ado, here is a few upcoming dates we have for shared Ministry.

Nov. 26: Messiah Lutheran & Faith/Trinity Lutheran @ Bethany Lutheran Church

December 31: Bethany Lutheran & Messiah Lutheran @ Faith/Trinity Lutheran Church



## Poinsettia Christmas Orders

As you know, Christmas is fast approaching, so you know what that means! It is time for the Poinsettia orders! This year we are going with the gold foil color and no bows on the plants. This makes the price of the plants \$17.50 including sales tax and delivery. I have included an order form a few pages down and forms will also be available in your Sunday bulletins starting November 12. Deadline for order forms will be December 3 as they MUST be ordered by December 5. If you misplace your form and want to order, please come see me (Wendy) during office hours (or call) and we can get you all set up with an order form.



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### Our Staff

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## **November 2023, LSI Bulletin/Newsletter Article and Story**

### **National Adoption Month**

November is National Adoption Month, a time to honor families who have opened their hearts and homes to children and teens. This month at LSI, we celebrate the families we support through Foster Care and Adoption and raise awareness for the hundreds of Iowa children needing a safe, healthy home.

Iowa foster families, like the Smiths\*, raise the bar by opening their loving households to children and teens in need of a place to call home.

At LSI, we understand the importance of keeping youth in their communities to help maintain connections and stability during times of transition. So, when our staff received a referral for a teenage girl needing foster care placement, they looked inward toward the community.

At the time, homes in the area were either full or not open to accepting teenage placements. Coincidentally, the Smiths were present at a meeting the same night the referral came in. When they heard about Rebecca's\* situation, they immediately knew who the child was and wanted to help in any way they could.

The Smiths were already over their licensing capacity, having been granted a variance to accept a sibling group. To be able to bring Rebecca into their home, they would need to be given another variance, which was almost unheard of.

"It was by chance, or the grace of God, that the Smiths were able to accept another child, and give Rebecca a stable placement with a family in her community," said Dawn Luetje, LSI Director of Resource Family Licensing and Support, working in conjunction with Four Oaks Family Connections.

Thanks to the combined support of the Smiths, LSI staff, and the community, Rebecca was placed in the foster home, where she could maintain her daily activities with the teachers, coaches, and friends she was comfortable with. Rebecca continues to thrive in a stable, loving foster home environment and a caring community.

Stories like these are possible through our many community partners and generous donors. To learn more about supporting Iowa children in foster care, visit [LSIowa.org/Foster](https://LSIowa.org/Foster), or contact Deb Whitford, LSI's Senior Director of Philanthropy and Church Relations, at 563-676-2065 or [Deborah.Whitford@LSIowa.org](mailto:Deborah.Whitford@LSIowa.org).

***\*Names have been changed to protect client privacy.***

*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).*





A couple of Fridays ago my wife Betty and I went to see the Winston Tunnel, which is near the towns of Elizabeth and Galena, Illinois. The tunnel was built by and for what became known as The Chicago Great Western railroad, which was eventually bought out by the Chicago and Northwestern in 1968, and ceased to exist at all within a few years after that. The nearly half-mile long tunnel--finished in 1888--took two years to build by 350 men (all working only by hand, because of the troublesome rock, which wasn't nearly as stable as originally thought--one man was killed during the construction). Though it was used continuously from its *first* day of use until its *last* day in 1971, the Winston Tunnel was always problematic, and expensively so, especially during the steam locomotive era, when train crews had to wear wet handkerchiefs over their mouths and noses while in the tunnel because of the heat and smoke, and looked like boiled lobsters when they came out.

Despite its many problems, the tunnel was nonetheless a great feat of human engineering, and it *did* serve to help what was in its day a busy main line to save time, if not money.

When Betty and I walked the trail recently, I was impressed by a couple of things, both having to do with observing "the ravages of time". The last part of the trail is on what was the roadbed itself. The rails were taken up in the 1970s, but the ties were left in place. Although you can still *see* a few of them as you walk over them, you can definitely *feel* them underfoot--*but*, it has taken nature only *50 years* to cover the roadbed so that it now looks like any other wooded straight-line trail! The other thing that impressed me so much was how much of what was built around the western portal is no longer there--you would have to know what it looked like in the Chicago Great Western's heyday to notice any remnants of it. There once were two good-sized buildings outside the portal, one of which was a "fan house"--it powered an enormous fan that was put at the entrance/exit of the tunnel to blow the heat and smoke of steam engines out the other end (full disclosure: it didn't work--it took dieselization in the late 1940s to finally solve *that* problem). Other than a few cinder blocks lying around, there's no signs of those buildings--there's nothing to indicate "what once was" in the halcyon days of the CGW, and in all the little towns along its main line.

Along with feeding my insatiable interest in history in general and railroad history in particular, my visit to the western portal of the Winston Tunnel reminded me of the temporary nature of all things human. There's nothing "permanent" about us or anything we create, a truth which holds not only for that which is *good*, but for all the *bad* as well--thank God!

Another Day of Thanksgiving is nigh upon us, and I hardly need to remind anyone of how much terrible stuff is going on in our world, both far and near. It's getting to the point (if the point hasn't been reached already), that feeling "thankful" has to be qualified--*muted*, because what we're thankful for is being at the same time denied to so many other people. I'm grateful for all the things and all the people I have in my own life, but as I'm sure I say every year at this time, that feeling of being thankful FOR them doesn't mean much of anything if I'm not thankful TO the One who has given them to me.

So, I am thankful TO God FOR all of the usual things we're thankful FOR, but I'm also thankful to God for the temporary nature of all things human, because, in addition to the pain we always feel at the loss of people and things we hold dear, that awareness

also includes the knowledge and the *assurance* that all human suffering will one day *end* forever, and that God has provided a path for life to *continue* forever. This is why there is always good reason--even in the worst of times--to sing or say, "Now Thank We All Our God"!

Gratefully yours,  
Pastor Pete

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## *You are all invited to Faith Lutheran Church for Advent Services*

### **Midweek Advent Services:**

We will gather for midweek Advent services at 6:30 pm on the Wednesdays of Advent (12/6, 12/13, 12/20). As usual, we will use Holden Evening Prayer for our vesper service. Holden is a unique and beautiful service. It only takes about 30 mins. So we should be done by 7 pm. Messiah and Bethany have also been invited so we can all worship together. Please let Pr. Ryan know if you are interested in helping lead the service. Thank you!

### **Advent Book Group:**

We will read W. H. Auden's long poem, "For the Time Being; a Christmas Oratorio" during Advent. We will meet before the vesper service on Wednesday evenings at 5:30 pm. Contact the office or Pr. Ryan if you are interested in participating.

### **ELCA National Youth Gathering**

The ELCA National Youth Gathering is a wonderful opportunity for youth who were in 8th-12th grade in the fall of 2023. Every three years, thousands of high school youth and their adult leaders from across the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America gather for a week of faith formation known as the ELCA Youth Gathering.

Through days spent in interactive learning, worship, Bible study, service and fellowship, young people grow in faith and are challenged and inspired to live their faith in their daily lives.

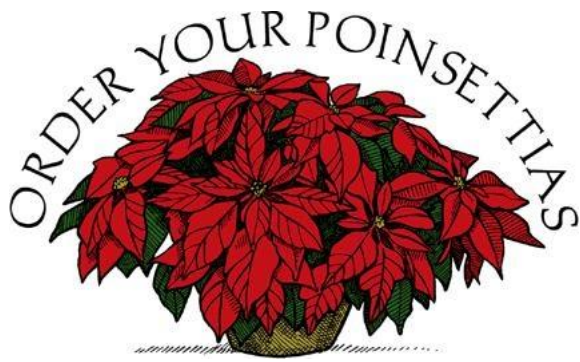
If you are interested in learning more about this, please contact the church office asap.

### **Faith-Trinity Lutheran Church-Office Contact**

Web: Visit us online: [www.trinity-burlington.org](http://www.trinity-burlington.org)

Phone: 319-752-0687

Address: 3109 Sunnyside Ave. Burlington, IA. 52601



Poinsettia plants with 4-7 blooms will cost \$17.50 each this year.

If you would like to help us decorate the church for Christmas with one or more of these Poinsettia plants, fill out the information below and return it to the church office (or drop it in the offering plate) by December 3rd.

Given by: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Number of Poinsettia plants @ \$17.50 each

Amount enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

Envelope # \_\_\_\_\_

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

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

# Meetings

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

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

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

Church Council  
Wednesday, November 15 @ 6:30 p.m.

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

Church Outreach  
Tuesday, November 14 @ 5:30 p.m.

Executive Committee  
Wednesday, November 8 @ 6:30 p.m.

## PLEASE NOTE

Please be sure to update your address and/or phone number with the office. A new church directory will be published soon, and we'd like to have current information.

## 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

### October ATTENDANCE

October 1	57
October 8	<i>At Messiah</i>
October 15	44
October 22	48
October 29	63

### October GIVING

October 1	\$2,536.50
October 8	\$772
October 15	\$1,913.31
October 22	\$2,115.50
October 29	<u>\$2,162.00</u>
Total	\$9,499.31

September VANCO total: \$1,655.00



## **LIVING LUTHERAN**

You may have read in the March issue of Living Lutheran, the magazine will cease its print publication with the November/December 2023 issue. You can still read the magazine at the online platform [LivingLutheran.org](https://LivingLutheran.org), where you'll experience enhanced content through videos and audio stories. Check it out!



## Amy Unglaub



This past week, Bethany lost a very dear member in Amy Unglaub. Amy had a big heart for her church and took every opportunity to help out where needed. She was always at church early on Sunday mornings to get the coffee started, and you could count on a big smile and hug when she greeted you. She enjoyed working with youth and did children's sermons during worship several times as well as holding Sunday School classes.

Amy's big heart will surely be missed by so many. Her services will be held on Thursday, November 9, 2023 here at Bethany. Visitation will start at 9:30 a.m. with funeral service to follow at 10:30 a.m. and a pot luck luncheon after the funeral service. Carol Dodge has a sign up sheet she will have at the church for anyone that would like to bring a dish. For any questions about the pot luck luncheon, please call Carol Dodge at 319-759-7793.



## Congratulations to David King and classmates Ashi Pennaka and Jia Quian Lui on your accomplishment!

BCSD celebrates students awarded with academic honors from College Board National Recognition Programs

Three students at Burlington High School have earned academic honors from the College Board National Recognition Programs. Seniors Ashi Pennaka, David King, and Jia Quian Lui were named recipients of the honors by CBNRP in August.

These programs celebrate students' hard work in high school and showcase their strong academic performance. The academic honors for rural area, Black, Indigenous, and/or Latino students are an opportunity for students to share their strong academic achievements with colleges and scholarship programs that are seeking to recruit diverse talent.

The criteria for eligible students include:

- GPA of 3.5 or higher.
- PSAT/NMSQT or PSAT 10 assessment scores that are within the top 10% of assessment takers in each state for each award program or earned a score of 3 or higher on 2 or more AP Exams in 9th and 10th grade.
- Attend school in a rural area or small town, or identify as African American/Black, Hispanic American/Latino, or Indigenous/Native.

“We are very proud of Ashi, Jia, and David for receiving this well deserved recognition,” said BHS Principal Monica Myers. “These three young people are wonderful examples of the students at BHS. They are motivated to learn and are involved in areas outside of the classroom as well. Our teachers and administrators are beaming with Grayhound pride.”

From left to right: Ashi Pennaka, David King, and Jia Quian Lui (Photos submitted)



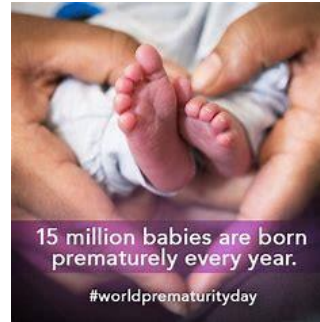




Dominick Orion  
3lbs 14oz born  
6/15/2007



Corbin Alan  
2lbs 14 oz  
born  
12/20/2017



## Prematurity Awareness Month!

November is Prematurity Awareness Month! November 17 is also World Prematurity Day! This is something that is near and dear to my family and myself. My two boys, Dominick and Corbin, were both born prematurely via C-Section due to severe preeclampsia at University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics. Dominick at 32 weeks gestation weighing in at 3lbs 14oz 17.5in long and Corbin at 30 weeks gestation weighing in at 2lbs 14oz 15.5in long. Dominick was born with an undeveloped tissue mass in his left lung, for which he had surgery to remove at 5 months old at University of Iowa Children's Hospital. Corbin had a PDA, which is a valve in your heart that snaps shut when your born typically, as it allows fluid to flow through the lungs inside the womb. Sometimes this valve does not close like it should with a premature baby as it isn't supposed to be outside the womb yet, so it just needed a little help closing. Both boys had NICU stays, Dominick was in the NICU for roughly a month and a half and Corbin was 57 days, so just shy of 2 months. Both my boys are happy and healthy children and you wouldn't know by looking at them that they were preemie babies, especially my oldest, Dominick, who stands at 5'10" and has always been a tall kid.

What ways can one help with this awareness month? You can always donate to the NICU in UIHC Children's Hospital, information is on their website. This can be a monetary donation, they can always use sleepers, or if you sew, they have patterns for crocheted baby hats or crib sheets, as the dimensions of their beds is much different than a normal baby crib. Gift cards to families for the hospital's café is also something that is appreciated from families. March of Dimes is also another good organization you can give to. This organization helps with research into knowing more about why some babies are born early.

Wendy Bell

# LAY LEADERS

## November 2023

November Usher: Susan Swanson

### Communion Assistants

5 - ; Shelley Wallace  
12 - Mark Rosenberg; Rachel Lindeen  
19 - Teresa Morehead; Bill Mundt  
26 - Mike Hopp; Julie Wischmeier

### Lector

5 - Rachel Lindeen  
12 - Mitchell Huston  
19 - Ron Kastner  
26 - Carleen Woodside



### Greeters

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

### Flowers

5 - Bev Sherbondy  
12 - Lynda Johnson  
19 - Deb Hoxie  
26 - Vickie Stoller for Earl's Birthday

### Missionary Support

5 - Dan & Ruth Harken  
12 - Open  
19 - Open  
26 - Open

### Altar Guild

Laurie Chelf  
Ruth Harken  
Jessica King



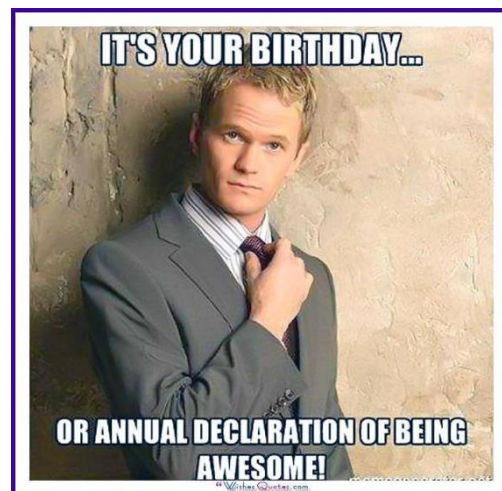
## *November Anniversaries*

7 - Jeffrey & Annette Peterson  
8 - Bob & Debbie Hoxie  
17 - Pat & Kelli Reichelt  
21 - Emmerich Jr & Sharon  
Adam  
24 - Warren & Valerie Sanford  
26 - Kenneth & Ellen Shepherd



## *November BIRTHDAYS*










2 - Amanda Shepherd  
3 - Mark Rosenberg  
6 - Warren Sanford  
7 - Ron Mower  
11 - Deana Lawson; Mary Ann  
Schoof-Schleif  
13 - Rex Zaiser  
14 - Julie Chubb; Ginny  
Mesecher  
15 - Madison McClurg  
16 - Chris Morris  
17 - Mark Morris  
18 - Jan Creighton; Jordan  
Howell  
23 - Valerie Burgus; Brian  
Peterson  
25 - Carlean Hogaboom  
26 - Donna Miller  
27 - Nate Taylor  
30 - Rosalind Peterson





# November 2023



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 	2	3 9:30 a.m. Retired Nurses	4 1p.m. Jessica King Fellowship Hall, private event
5 9:00a.m. Worship 10:15a.m. Church Life? 10:55 a.m. Hope Service	6 1pm Retired Teachers Luncheon 	7 7am-8pm City/School Election <div>Pastor Pete returns to the area</div>	8 9:30 am Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Exec. Committee	9 Amy Unglaub Funeral service luncheon to follow <div>6:30 p.m. Finance</div> 	10	11 
12 9:00 a.m. Worship 10:55 a.m. Hope Service Stewardship Drive	13 6:30 pm Property Committee	14 5:30pm Church Outreach	15 6:30 p.m. Church Council	16	17 	18 8:00am Men's Breakfast
19 9:00 a.m. Worship 10:55 a.m. Hope Service Thanksgiving Concert	20 	21 <div>Pastor Pete returns to the area</div>	22 9:30 am Bible Study	23 	24 Office Closed 	25
26 9:00 a.m. Worship 10:55 a.m. Hope Service Thanksgiving Concert	27	28 #GIVING TUESDAY	29	30		<b>Paraments:</b> White: 5, 19, 26 Green: 12