



Bethany Lutheran Church

Mission Statement

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



Trunk or Treat!



Messiah Lutheran Church has invited us for their Annual Trunk or Treat event! Trunk or Treat will be held on Sunday, October 27 from 4-5pm. You do not need to sign up beforehand, just be parked in the parking lot at Messiah Lutheran by 3:30pm, in the row closest to the building, decorate your trunk however you would like to decorate and have your candy ready! Any candy is fine, 250+ is the suggested amount of candy to pass out to the little ghouls and goblins! Come join in the fun, it will be a ghoul of a time!



The Chimes



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Rev. Misha McFarland-Pollock, Pastor
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October 2024: Now through December 31, Double your Donation!

Consider giving a gift to Lutheran Services in Iowa to support Iowans from all walks of life. Until the end of December, all donations will be doubled! A handful of generous donors agreed to match donations up to \$80,000. Increase your impact by donating today at LSIowa.org/donate.

You may be able to increase your gift even more! See if your employer has a matching gift program.

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

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He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God? -- Micah 6:8

I have lived in Burlington and been your pastor for four months now! What a wonderful four months it has been indeed! I have met many new people and experienced lots of new things. There is so much to see and do in Burlington and the surrounding towns. I have explored restaurants and museums. I love walking on the trails in the park and along the river. Remembering the wonder times had in New Orleans during the Youth Gathering. Being a plenary speaker at the Conference of Worship, Theology, and the Arts at St. Olaf College. My first blessing of backpacks and my first Affirmation of Baptism. So many firsts!

I started an eight-week program called the Burlington Citizens Fire Academy. It is a wonderful program operated by the Burlington Fire Department. They put a great deal of time, energy, and effort into providing hands on opportunities for citizens to gain a better understanding of what it is like to be a firefighter in general and a Burlington firefighter in particular. The Burlington Fire Department is amazing! They handle hundreds of calls a month, go into burning buildings to rescue people, put out dangerous fires, attend to chemical spills, and many other dangerous scenarios. They protect the citizens of Burlington and the surrounding communities including crossing the river into Illinois.

By participating in this program, I have had the opportunity to drive both a fire truck and an ambulance. I have operated the spreaders and cutters (known by many as the jaws of life). I have been able to try my hand at (using training objects) intubation and placing an iv in a bone. I rappelled down the side of the fire station and I was 102 feet in the air in the bucket of the ladder truck. On September 16 we were recognized at the City Council Meeting. I earned a certificate and two collectible coins from the Burlington Fire Department. I have learned so much, made many new friends and connections. I continue to pray for the safety of our Burlington firefighters.

I have participated in several synod events during these first few months of my time with you. I attended Synod Assembly and was elected as a voting member to Churchwide Assembly. I participated in Narrative Budget training. I went to the New to the Synod Event at the Synod Office and recently returned from the Rostered Ministers Fall Gathering in Coralville. In November I will have boundary training in Muscatine and an Evening of Gratitude in Bettendorf hosted by the Synod Office.

Now that fall is finally here, I'm ready for all things pumpkin spice! Confirmation is also underway. Preparation is beginning for our fall and winter services - Reformation Sunday, All Saints Sunday, Thanksgiving Eve, midweek Advent services, and Christmas Eve! I love this time of year! I can't wait to make memories with each of you as we continue to journey together as I serve Bethany and Messiah.

Peace and Blessings,

Pastor Misha'

Meetings

The meetings for October, 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, Oct. 10 @ 6:30 p.m.

Executive Committee
Thursday, Oct. 10 @ 6:00 p.m.

Church Life Committee
Sunday, Oct. 13 @ 10:15 a.m.

Property Committee
Monday, Oct. 14 @ 6:30 p.m.

Church Council
Wednesday, Oct. 16 @ 6:30 p.m.

Men's Breakfast
Saturday, Oct. 19 @ 8:00 a.m.

Church Outreach
No Outreach meeting this month

FINANCIAL UPDATE

September ATTENDANCE

September 1	49
September 8	<i>At Messiah</i>
September 15	60
September 22	54
September 29	60

September GIVING

September 1	\$1,587.00
September 8	<i>At Messiah</i>
September 15	\$3,294.40
September 22	\$1,775.40
September 29	<u>\$3,107.90</u>
Total	\$9,764.70

August VANCO total: \$1,560.00



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

October

October Usher: Susan Swanson

Communion Assistants

6 - Mark Rosenberg; Rachel Lindeen
13 - Teresa Morehead; Bill Mundt
20 - Steve & Sue Rogers
27 - Mike Hopp; Julie Wischmeier

Lector

6 - Carlene Woodside
13 - Jessica King
20 - Rachel Lindeen
27 - Todd Chelf

Greeters

6 - Vicki Stoller
13 - Carol Dodge
20 - Mel & Judy Craven
27 - Marlys McClurg & Vanette Wooldridge

Flowers

6 - Ginny Mesecher
13 - Lynda Johnson
20 - Marlys McClurg & Vanette Wooldridge
27 - Lynda Johnson

Missionary Support

6 - Open
13 - Open
20 - Open
27 - Open

Altar Guild

Sharon Martindale
Pam Taylor
Julie Wischmeier



ORGAN CRAWL

The 9th Annual Organ Crawl is coming around the corner!

Join us for a tour of stained glass windows of 2 Burlington Churches, accompanied by music played by local organists on Sunday, October 6! Beginning at St. Paul's Catholic Church and walk down the hill to First United Methodist Church. Schedule and Organists are as follows:

2:00-2:30pm St. Paul's Catholic Church (508 N. 4th)

Cory Byrne
Hal Morton
Diane Mahoney

2:45-3:15pm First United Methodist Church (421 Washington St.)

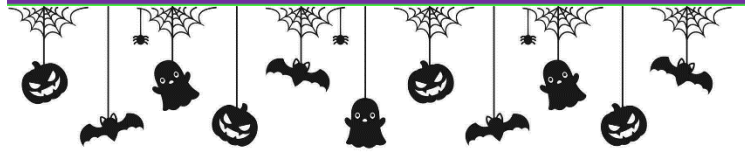
Roxy Riessen
Kimberly Bickel
Randy Webster

Freewill donations sponsor lessons for area organ students.

A Message from Aaron Morehead

“I’m going to give a quick presentation on Sunday, October 6th about my trip to the 2024 ELCA Youth Gathering in New Orleans. Thank you everybody for assisting me to go on this incredible faith journey, I’m so grateful and appreciative of my church family! Also, a huge thank you to Ron Kastner for donating food for the pancake breakfast I hosted!”

Announcements



Reminder that Pastor Misha will be installed during worship on Sunday, October 6th! Please join us beforehand for gathering and fellowship from 8:15-8:45am to celebrate this occasion! Deacon Jodi Schuman will be presiding!

Please join us for a joint service at Messiah Lutheran Church at the shelter house on Sunday, October 6th at 2:00pm for the Blessing of the Animals!

The 9th Annual Organ Crawl will also be on Sunday, October 6th. Starting at 2pm at St. Paul's Catholic Church on N. 4th St. and continues to First United Methodist Church at 2:45pm. This year will be a tour of stained glass windows. Please refer to the page above for more detailed information.

Trunk or Treat at Messiah will be on Sunday, October 27th from 4pm-6pm. Anyone interested in joining will need to be parked in the parking lot closest to the building at Messiah Lutheran Church by 3:30pm to set up your trunk and candy. Please refer to the front page for more detailed information.

Bethany's Choir will sing on Sunday, October 27 for Reformation Sunday! This is also a joint service at Bethany with Messiah Lutheran. Choir rehearsal will be at 8:00am on Sunday, October 20 and also at 8:00am on Sunday, October 27. Anyone from Messiah's choir may also join in the choir as well and may attend the 8:00am rehearsal on October 27.

Food Pantry donations for Church Outreach will continue into October with canned goods. The hat and mitten tree is now up in Bethany's foyer and awaiting your donations of hats and mittens to help keep children warm this fall and winter season.

Wendy will be out of the office and therefore the office will be closed on Tuesday, October 15 and Thursday, October 31.



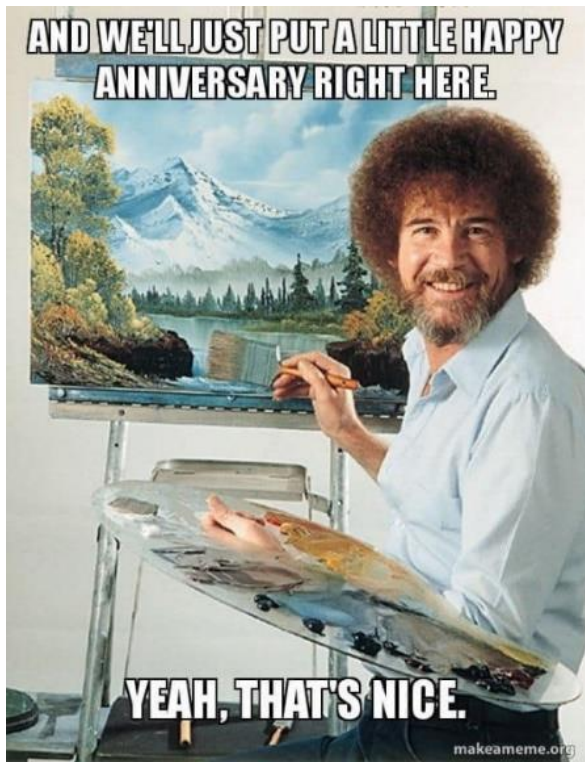
October Anniversaries

- 3 - Jeff & Kim Engle
- 6 - Dylon & Brett Kuster
- 7 - Michael & Hilary Kastner
- 8 - Tom & Michelle Cox
- 12 - Greg & Lynda Johnson
- 14 - Randy & Marlys Tharp



October BIRTHDAYS

- 1 - Joe Gerdes
- 2 - Kim Engle; Sidney Boyer
- 5 - Graham Oetken
- 7 - Bradley Howell; Shelley Wallace
- 8 - Teresa Morehead
- 9 - Annette Miller
- 11 - Sharyn Miller
- 12 - Joshua Bloomer; Ellen Shepherd
- 14 - Todd Chelf; Bev Sherbondy
- 15 - Mitchell Huston; Jeff Woodside
- 17 - Jamie Adam
- 18 - Marlys McClurg
- 21 - Eleonore Benninghoven; Teresa Staub
- 22 - Kelli Reichelt
- 26 - Eynne Bonar; Gerald Janssen
- 27 - Mel Craven; Rosemary Foster
- 29 - Pat Reichelt
- 30 - Shannon Oetken





October 2024



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Paraments: Green: 6, 13, 20 Red: 27		1	2  HAPPY NATIONAL PUMPKIN SEED DAY	3 Bible Study @ 9:30am @ Messiah Lutheran	4 Nurses mtg @ Noon	5
6 20th Sunday after Pentecost Pastor Misha to be Installed 8:15-8:45 am Gathering & Fellowship 9:00 am Worship 10:55 am Hope Service 2:00 pm <i>Blessing of the Animals Joint Service @ Messiah Lutheran</i>	7 Retired School Personnel mtg @ Noon	8	9	10 Bible Study @ 9:30am @ Messiah Exec. Comm. Mtg @ 6:00 pm Finance mtg @ 6:30pm	11	12  Universal Music Day
13 21st Sunday after Pentecost 9:00 am Worship 10:15 am Church Life 10:55 am Hope Service	14 Property mtg @ 6:30pm	15 Office Closed Wendy out of office	16 Council Mtg @ 6:30 pm	17 Bible Study @ 9:30am @ Messiah Lutheran	18 Chimes Deadline	19 8am Men's Breakfast
20 22nd Sunday after Pentecost 8:00 am Choir Rehearsal 9:00 am Worship 10:55 am Hope Service	21  NATIONAL APPLE DAY	22	23	24 Bible Study @ 9:30am @ Messiah Lutheran	25  NATIONAL BREADSTICK DAY	26
27 Reformation Sunday 8:00 am Choir Rehearsal 9:00 am Worship 10:15 am Adult Education 10:55 am Hope Service <i>Joint Service w/Messiah @ Bethany</i> <i>Choir sings!</i> <i>Trunk r Treat @ Messiah 4-6pm</i> <i>Set up @3:30pm</i>	28	29	30	31 Office Closed Wendy out of office  HAPPY HALLOWEEN		