



Bethany Lutheran Church

Mission Statement

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

The Chimes



He is Risen

3/28 Maundy Thursday:



Maundy Thursday will take place here at Bethany Lutheran at 5:00 p.m.



3/29 Good Friday:

The office will be closed for Good Friday

Good Friday Service will take place here at Bethany Lutheran at 6:30 p.m.

3/12 Lenten Renewal Event for rostered Ministers

From 10am-1pm, Bethany Lutheran will host a Lenten Renewal Event for area rostered Ministers and Southeastern Iowa Synod.

This will be a closed event.



Holy Week

Bethany Evangelical Lutheran Church

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March 2024, LSI Bulletin/Newsletter Article and Story

March is National Professional Social Work Month

March is National Professional Social Work Month, a time to recognize social workers and thank them for all they do. At Lutheran Services in Iowa (LSI), we are grateful for the many social workers who have dedicated their lives to serving our communities across the state!

At LSI, we believe every Iowan deserves the independence they need to thrive. LSI's Host Homes is an innovative way LSI is serving adults with disabilities. Through this program, an individual moves from Supported Community Living into a private family home with a carefully selected mentor. This program is built entirely around an individual's goals and interests, and LSI's extensive matching process ensures the mentor and mentee are a great fit.

Take a moment to read the following story from a Host Homes mentee:

"My journey with LSI's Host Homes started in early 2023. I've known my mentor for a few years while he provided hourly services to me. We learned about Host Homes and thought it would be a good fit for us. I moved into my mentor's home where he helps me maintain a daily routine with schoolwork, household tasks, daily living skills, improving independence, and more.

I attend a college nearby and go to classes a few days a week. I am able to navigate the local bus system to access my community to attend classes and visit friends. My mentor is always available to transport me into the community as needed.

This summer, I went on a trip across the country with one of my classes. While on this trip, I was able to maintain my independence with limited support, but I knew my mentor would be available by phone to assist me with my coping skills and problem solving. This trip was a big success for me knowing I had support only a phone call away.

I like LSI's Host Homes Program because my mentor supports me in the way I want to be supported, assists me with some daily tasks I struggle with, and understands me."

If you are interested in becoming a Host Homes mentor and helping a fellow Iowan achieve independence, please visit LSIowa.org/HostHomes for more information.

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,

To gauge how important, or central, Holy Week is to the Christian faith, consider that 1) the Gospel of **Matthew** has 28 chapters; the Palm Sunday account (the beginning of Holy Week) is told about in chapter 19. 2) **Mark** has 16 chapters: Palm Sunday is told about in chapter 11. 3) **Luke** has 24 chapters; the Palm Sunday account begins in chapter 19. And 4) **John** has 21 chapters; his Palm Sunday story is in chapter 12. The math isn't hard--the last week of Jesus' life takes up no less than a quarter and as much as almost half of each of the four Gospels. And if you start the Passion stories at the time Jesus "turns his face toward Jerusalem", half or more of the contents of each Gospel are focused on the nature and meaning of Jesus' *death*. No wonder that the cross became and remains the most enduring symbol of our religion!

By the time we get to Holy Week on March 24th, we will have heard this Lent about Jesus being tested and tempted in the desert wilderness; his telling his disciples for the first time that he was going to Jerusalem, where he would suffer, die, AND be resurrected; his "cleansing" of a temple courtyard because of his anger over the way "{his} Father's house" was being defiled; his conversation with a devout leader of the religious establishment, and a visit from some Gentiles who specifically wanted to see *him*, a visit that Jesus took as a sign that it was time to be "lifted up" and begin to "bring all people to Himself". When we get to Holy Week, we will have seen and heard from and about a Jesus who was determined to do *God's* Will, whether it was *his own* will or not. And when we get to Holy Week--and Maundy Thursday in particular--we'll hear that Jesus was still fighting his own desire *not* to be tortured and killed. In the end, Jesus trusted what he understood God's Will to be, and submitted to it *in the hopes* that he would be raised from death. We talk about our "faith *IN* Jesus" all the time, but we hardly ever think about "the faith *OF* Jesus". Just think of what it took for him to believe in God that much! It certainly helps answer the musical question, "What wondrous love is this, o my soul?"

As we prepare to observe Holy Week this year, let's be sure to add this dimension to our appreciation for what our Lord has done for us--as we commit ourselves to having faith in Jesus, may we be every bit as committed to having the faith of Jesus.

In Christ,
Pastor Pete

Meetings

The meetings for March, 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, March 14 @ 6:30 p.m.

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

Property Committee
Monday, March 11 @ 6:30 p.m.

Church Council
Sunday, March 17 @ 10:15 a.m.

Men's Breakfast
Saturday, March 16 @ 8:00 a.m.

Church Outreach
Tuesday, March 12 @ 5:30 pm

Executive Committee
Tuesday, March 12 @ 6:30 p.m.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

February ATTENDANCE

February 4	37
February 11	51
February 18	54
February 25	60

February GIVING

February 4	\$1,380.00
February 11	\$2,330.00
February 18	\$2,731.15
February 25	\$2,292.00
Total	\$8,733.15

January VANCO total: \$1,725.00



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.

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, where you'll experience enhanced content through videos and audio stories. Check it out!

LAY LEADERS

March 2024

March Usher: Susan Swanson

Communion Assistants

3 - Jessica King; Dan Harken
10 - Mark Rosenberg; Rachel Lindeen
17 - Teresa Morehead; Bill Mundt
24 - Scott & Jan Creighton
31 - Mike Hopp; Julie Wischmeier

Lector

3 - Todd Chelf
10 - Pam Taylor
17 - Bill Mundt
24 - Michelle Huppenbauer
31 - Jessica King



Greeters

3 - Mel & Judy Craven
10 - Lynda Johnson
17 - Dan & Ruth Harken
24 - Vicki Stoller
31 - Sharon Martindale

Flowers

3 - In memory of Amy Unglaub
10 - Bev Sherbondy
17 - Dan & Ruth Harken - Happy 50th Wedding Anniversary!
24 - Palm Branches
31 - Easter Lilies

Missionary Support

3 - open
10 - open
17 - open
24 - open
31 - open

Altar Guild

Vanette Wooldridge
Marlys McClurg
Lori Cox



Easter lilies with 5-7 blooms will cost \$18.00 each this year with purple foil and no bow.

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 10**.

Given by: _____

_____ Number of Easter lilies @ \$18.00 each

Amount enclosed _____

Envelope # _____

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

Announcements



Bethany Choir will be rehearsing at 8:00 a.m. on Sunday, March 10. The Choir will be preparing for singing an Anthem for Easter Sunday.

Easter Lily order forms, with payment, are due, no later, than March 10th and can be dropped in the offering plate on Sunday, mailed to Bethany, or dropped off to Wendy in the office during office hours. Order forms can be found in this newsletter, in bulletins on Sundays, on the website www.bethanyburlington.org, or in the office.

Boy Scout, Troop 25, will be hosting a lock-in here at Bethany on Friday, March 1st. They will start their activities at 6pm and they will end their lock-in by noon on Saturday, March 2nd. Have fun kids!

Church Outreach is collecting toilet paper for the Homeless Shelter and the disadvantaged, starting March 1st!

Maundy Thursday will be at 5:00 pm on March 28, here at Bethany. Good Friday will be March 29 at 6:30 pm, also here at Bethany.

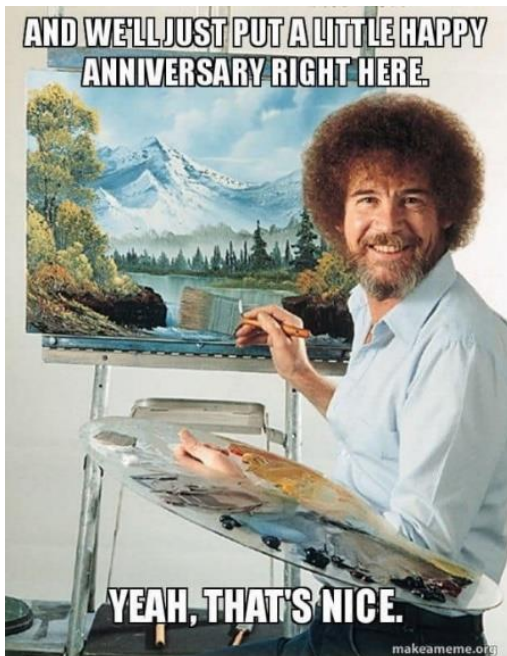
Lenten Renewal Event for rostered Ministers will be held on March 12 from 10am-1pm. This is a closed event. This was previously thought to be an all day event and open to the congregation on March 21, please disregard this original date and information. We apologize for any inconvenience or confusion this miscommunication of information may have caused. Please reach out to the office if you have any questions at all at 319-752-3621 during office hours.

First United Church of Christ is hosting a Donkey Walk on Palm Sunday, March 24! This event will start at 9:00am at the bottom of Snake Alley. Bring your palms, if you have them.



March Anniversaries

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





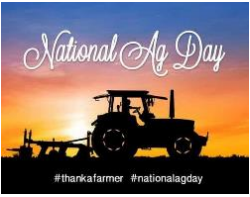


March BIRTHDAYS

- 1 - Jacob Cox
- 5 - Marlene Benninghoven
- 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; 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



March 2024



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Paraments: Purple: 3, 10, 17 Red: 24 White: 28, 31					1 Nurses meet @ 9:30am Boy Scouts Troop 25 lock-in 6pm	2 Boy Scouts Troop 25 lock-in ends by noon
3 3rd Sunday in Lent 9:00 am Worship 10:55 am Hope Service Lenten Film Club @ 5pm @ Faith/Trinity "Ida"	4 Retired School Personnels luncheon @ noon	5	6 Holden Service @ 7pm @ Messiah Lutheran Soup Supper @ 6pm	7	8	9 
10 4th Sunday in Lent 9:00 am Worship 10:15 am Church Life 10:55 am Hope Service Last day for Easter Lily orders Lenten Film Club @ 5pm @ Faith/Trinity "Au Hasard Balthazar"	11 Property @ 6:30 pm	12 Lenten renewal event for rostered ministers 10am-1pm Outreach @ 5:30pm Exec. Committee @ 6:30pm	13 9:30 am Bible Study Holden Service @ Messiah Lutheran @ 7pm; Soup Supper @ 6pm	14 Finance Committee @ 6:30 pm	15	16 8:00am Men's Breakfast
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17 5th Sunday in Lent 9:00 am Worship  10:15 am Council Meeting 10:55 am Hope Service Lenten Film Club @ Faith/Trinity @ 5pm "First Reformed"	18	19 	20 Holden Service @ 7 pm @ Messiah Lutheran Soup supper @ 6pm	21	22	23
24 Palm Sunday 9:00 am Worship 10:55 am Hope Service	25	26	27 9:30 am Bible Study	28 Maundy Thursday 5: 00pm 	29 Office Closed  Good Friday Service 6:30pm	30
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31 Easter Sunday 9:00 am Worship 10:55 am Hope Service						