

# Bethany Lutheran Church

"To grow so deep in Christ through worship, education,  
and fellowship that we celebrate by reaching out to others."



**June/July 2022**

**Jesus Wept.**  
John 11:35 NIV

## Important Dates

6/6 Council meeting 6:30 PM  
6/12 Outdoor Worship 9:30 AM  
6/26 Outdoor Worship 9:30 AM  
6/26 Fourth Sunday meal 5-6 PM  
7/10 Outdoor Worship 9:30 AM  
7/10-12  
Vacation Bible School  
6:00-8:00 PM.  
7/24 Fourth Sunday meal 5-6PM  
7/26 Outdoor Worship 9:30 AM

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digital version of this newsletter.  
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(e.g. [wbbethany.org](http://www.wbbethany.org)) or images.

Greetings Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

One of the shortest verses in the Bible, just 16 letters in its original Greek language, tells us so much about our Lord and Savior. Jesus, the Son of God, the Word made flesh, the One who was with God at the beginning of time and is God, wept at the tomb of his friend Lazarus. He was "deeply moved in spirit and troubled." (v.33)

A child peacefully sitting at her desk celebrating the joy of learning or a teacher living out his vocational calling. A black man shopping for his family at a grocery store or a woman commuting to work on the subway. Brooklyn, Winston Salem, Highland, Milwaukee, Buffalo, Uvalde. These are but six communities of a much longer list impacted this year alone by mass shootings that have killed dozens, injured hundreds, and left so many more grieving the loss of a loved one, friend, or neighbor. Each time, a nation asks the question, "When will this stop?"

Moments such as this we may be at a loss. What can be said? What can be done? We might be angry, saddened, frightened, and disturbed. We pray for an end or a solution for the lives lost, for those who mourn, and for all others affected by these tragedies. It can be easy to wonder where Jesus is, as one more bullet is fired at an innocent life. And "Jesus wept." He was "deeply moved in spirit and troubled." Jesus is most certainly present. He weeps with the wounded. He comes alongside those who grieve. We can only imagine he is troubled in the wake of these violent acts.

We may differ on a possible solution. We may struggle to see an end. We may even lose hope. But we cannot! For the sake of the hurting, we are compelled by the grace of God, the love of Christ, and the freedom we have been granted through the death and resurrection of our Lord and Savior to carry onward. Martin Luther, in one of his most well-known statements about Christian ethics, *The Freedom of a Christian*, written in 1520 states, "A Christian is a perfectly free lord of all, subject to none. A Christian is a perfectly dutiful servant of all, subject to all" (*Martin Luther's Basic Theological Writings* Second Edition; Copyright © 2005 Augsburg Fortress; p.386). Luther's point is the freedom we have obtained solely through Christ, freedom from the captivity to sin and death, frees us to respond in love and meet the needs of our neighbor.

Therefore, we continue to strive for the well-being of all. We continue to advocate for the lives lost and for the prevention of further loss of lives. We continue to be the presence of Christ in the world God so loves. We continue to comfort those in need of healing. We continue to proclaim hope. We continue to hear the word of God spoken through the prophet Micah and do our best, with God's help, to live out these words,

He has shown you, O mortal, what is good.  
And what does the LORD require of you?  
To act justly and to love mercy  
and to walk humbly with your God.  
(Micah 6:8 NIV)

Christ is risen! Alleluia! This joyful news has echoed loudly through our worship space throughout the Easter season. We trust wholeheartedly Jesus is alive. He is present. He is our hope. He is our strength to move forward! In Christ's peace! - Pastor Chad



## June Birthdays

- 06/01 Sarah Fischer, Phil Hougen
- 06/02 Ethan Fetzer
- 06/06 Gavin Hierseman, Stacy Beyer
- 06/07 Richard Madsen
- 06/11 Lee Cassabaum
- 06/13 Annika Olson, Lauren Whaley
- 06/15 Amanda Whaley
- 06/17 Jessica Harding
- 06/17 Curt Casper
- 06/18 Jennifer Leslie, Chad Whaley, William VanScoyoc
- 06/20 Lon Liebergen
- 06/22 Hazel Perkins
- 06/27 Eleanor White

HAPPY  
Birthday

## July Birthdays

- 07/02 Diane Hougen
- 07/05 Kim Colvin
- 07/07 Tara Langley, Mason Sweat
- 07/08 Lynn Snyder
- 07/09 Tim Shields
- 07/10 Jerry Dodds
- 07/12 Dan Holstad
- 07/13 Peggy Jeffries, June Madsen
- 07/14 Herb Friis
- 07/15 Claudia Beyer, Dale Swenson
- 07/16 Dan Haub
- 07/17 Anna Bruns
- 07/19 Roxanne Bahnsen
- 07/20 Matthew Paulsen, Kristin Black Casady
- 07/23 Kelsi Perkins, Emma Van Scoyoc
- 07/25 Patsy Ernst
- 07/30 Carol Roghair
- 07/31 Derek Fetzer

If you don't see your birthday listed, please contact Paula so we can update our database.



## Bethany Books

by Frank Frostestad

### Books For Adults

The first book this month is *When Christians Get It Wrong* by Adam Hamilton. A number of topics are covered including: politics, judgement, salvation, sexuality, tragedy, and science. This book seeks to address both the attitudes and actions of Christians who get it wrong and the beliefs that are most cited as problematic by non-Christians. Each of the areas that are discussed are formed into chapters. At the end of each chapter, the author also suggests what it looks like when Christians get it right. This book is intended for two audiences. The first is young adults who are turning away from Christianity in larger numbers than previous generations did at the same stage and age in life. Hopefully this will be read by college students and young adults who do not go to church and have been frustrated and turned off by what they have heard and experienced with Christians. The second audience is Christians themselves. They need to examine their actions, attitudes, and beliefs. The author offers a different way of understanding some serious theological issues. These include the nature of God, science and faith, the religions of the world, and homosexuality.

The second book is *The Last Lecture* by Randy Pausch. At the end of their academic career some professors will give a last lecture. This will sum up their career and give insights into what they think is important in life. Audiences who hear a last lecture cannot help but wonder what is important and what matters most to them. What would you like to leave to the world if this was your last chance? If you were to vanish tomorrow what would you want as your legacy? Randy Pausch, a computer science teacher at Carnegie Mellon, was asked to give such a lecture. He did not have to imagine it as his last lecture. It was not at the end of a long career. He had recently been diagnosed with a case of terminal cancer and was given 3 to 6 months to live. The lecture could have been a long speech about dying. The lecture was "Really achieving your childhood dreams". It really was not about dying but about life. It was about the importance of overcoming obstacles, of enabling the dreams of others, and of seizing every moment. Time we find is really all we have and a person might find one day that you have less than you think. The book is the summary of everything the author had come to believe. The lecture and subsequent book is about living.



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June 20 - August 12  
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pastor@wbbethany.org*

*Then you will call on me and come and pray to me,  
and I will listen to you.  
Jeremiah 29:12 NIV*

## Jesus loves you!

**Welcome, Child of God!**



Everett Scott Dlh, son of Braden and Miranda Dlh, was baptized May 15th during worship. Baptismal sponsors are Everett's grandparents, Scott and Nanci Wieneke. Let us rejoice for this precious child of God welcomed into the church.



### Happy Father's Day!

At Lutheran Services in Iowa (LSI), we strive to build up and empower Iowa kids and families. For us, Father's Day is a time to celebrate all the fathers and male role models we see every day.

Through our Early Childhood Services, young men are learning to become dads. They're becoming confident and active in their child's life, and they are creating loving, bright futures for their families.

Many Iowa children entering foster care need a positive male role model in their lives. And through LSI Foster Care and Adoption, our licensed foster dads are there to help guide them.

This is only possible through your support of LSI! If you would like to make a gift, please contact Deb Whitford, LSI director of philanthropy and church relations, at [Deborah.Whitford@LSIowa.org](mailto:Deborah.Whitford@LSIowa.org) or 563-676-2065.

Thank you for responding to the love of Jesus Christ through compassionate service!

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

### Therapy Provides a Solid Foundation

Dana and Jack have lots to look forward to. They are planning their wedding, Jack is hard at work finishing his college degree, and they share a growing baby boy, Levi.

But while they wanted to keep their sights set on the future, Jack struggled to cope with some of his past.

As an Army veteran, Jack found himself struggling with addiction after he returned home, and he found it difficult to process some of the emotions that came with it. He wanted to break free from those struggles and get help. Dana had been meeting with her LSI therapist, Andrea, for several years already and wanted her to connect with Jack too.

Now, after meeting with Andrea, Jack has learned to cope with his past in healthy ways. He has since been able to break his addiction and he now feels clear-headed whenever he needs to cope through the challenging days.


Jack and Dana also attend couples counseling with Andrea and through their sessions, they are able to ensure they have a happy, healthy home for Levi.

The couple says Andrea and LSI have been a "breath of fresh air," and they feel more empowered and in control of their life.

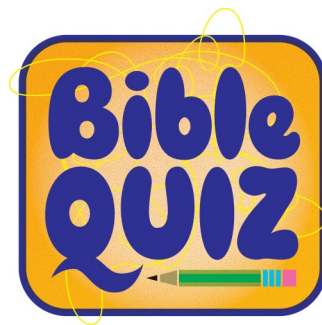
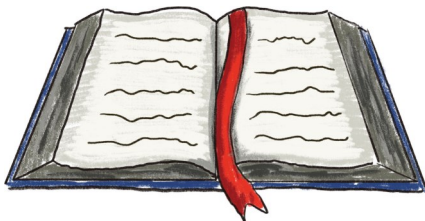
**Bible Quiz**

In Luke 15 Jesus tells three parables. Which of the following is not one of them?

- A. The Parable of the Lost Sheep
- B. The Parable of the Lost Son
- C. The Parable of the Lost Pearl
- D. The Parable of the Lost Coin




Answer: C (See Luke 15:1-32.)



**Bible Quiz**

Name the first three kings of Israel in the order of their reigns.

- A. Saul, David, Solomon
- B. Samuel, David, Saul
- C. Abraham, Isaac, Jacob
- D. Solomon, Jesse, David



Answer: A (See 1 Samuel 9:15-17; 1 Kings 1:28-30.)



### Volunteer Opportunities

We are excited to host VBS this summer. We are in need of many adult volunteers in order to have the program. Our VBS program is from **6:00- 8:00 pm each evening: Sunday through Tuesday (July 10-12)**. We are asking volunteers to arrive at 5:30 pm to help prepare your area(s) and review your activity responsibilities/directions. All lessons/supplies/directions will be provided for you.

After signing up, we will contact you about a background check to finalize your volunteer commitment if you have not completed one prior. It is a simple form that you complete and return back to the Church. *Bethany requires all adults to have a background check completed before volunteering with children per our Child Safety Policy and we appreciate your support with this.*

**We are using Sign-Up Genius** for the volunteer sign-up. Please review the available slots below to sign up. If you are able to volunteer for a portion of a shift, please let us know with a comment when signing up. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E094CA8AC2EA0FC1-bethany2>

Contact Kristin McElhinney ([mkmcelhinney@gmail.com](mailto:mkmcelhinney@gmail.com) / 319-930-0130), Amber Marsh ([amber.marsh.1983@gmail.com](mailto:amber.marsh.1983@gmail.com)), or the Church office with any questions.

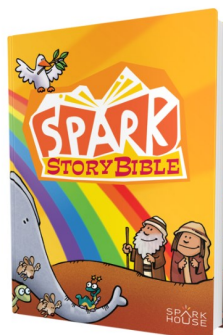
### Student Registration

Bethany Lutheran Church invites all children to join us for Vacation Bible School this summer! This year, our program will be held in the evenings. Our VBS 3-day program is from 6:00-8:00 PM for the days of Sunday, July 10 through Tuesday, July 12. Children will need to have completed Preschool through Grade 5 this Spring.

We have two ways to register: online or on paper. The online registration is at: [bit.ly/bethanyvbs22](http://bit.ly/bethanyvbs22) Paper copies are available at church. Please register by June 20<sup>th</sup>.

## Bible Presentation

Bibles were presented to children during worship on May 1<sup>st</sup>. Thanks to Kristin McElhinney for her assistance and teaching this group of God's precious children.



## Synod Assembly Recap

### Southeastern Iowa Synod Assembly – Go Tell the World

It was my honor to represent Bethany as a voting member at the SE IA Synod Assembly May 20 and 21 along with Pastor Chad and Dave Bahnsen. It was one and a half days of fellowship, worship, singing, tending to business matters, educational sessions and sharing of faith stories to introduce this year's theme, "Go Tell the World", based on Matthew 28: 18-20.

Highlights of the business matters included electing new members to the Synod Council and other Committees.

Thanks to this year's Nominating Committee, which was chaired by Pastor Chad, for their work in finding the nominees. We approved various reports and the Synod Budget for 2023. It was noted that 53.5% of the mission support revenue received from congregations goes to the churchwide mission outside of the SE IA Synod. We approved the proposed 2023 minimum compensation guidelines for rostered ministers, which included a 5% increase to the defined compensation for pastors and deacons. This is higher than recent previous years in an effort to help offset the effects of inflation and to stay in line with compensation in other regional synods.

Two resolutions were brought forward and approved by the assembly. 1) "RESOLVED, that the Southeastern Iowa Synod Assembly Memorialize the 2022 Churchwide Assembly of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America to endorse the Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividends Act or similar legislation and direct its lobbying personnel to advocate for such legislation." This will be submitted for consideration at the Churchwide Assembly later this summer. 2) "RESOLVED", that the Southeastern Iowa Synod at its 2022 assembly reaffirm its commitment to work on diversity, equity, and inclusion among all people, as well as to clearly denounce white supremacy as racism and condemn it, and to energize our efforts in our congregations and with the synod's Anti-racism Network."

There were two educational sessions on Friday afternoon. One was "Growing Young-er" based on a book geared towards engaging 15-29 year olds. The Synod will be hosting a book study via ZOOM at 7 pm on Tuesdays beginning June 14. The other was about Braver Angels, a group that hosts workshops to bring groups with opposing views together to discuss and listen to each other in a civil manner.

The faith statements that were shared were especially touching and inspirational. One pastor shared his journey through life and how his early involvement with the church kept him "grounded in God's love" and helped him through struggles. One church member from southern Iowa talked about finding a welcoming church and ministering to people battling issues such as addiction and homelessness. Through that ministry she met and helped one homeless gentleman who had lost a son and wife, but had Jesus. We heard from one pastor who was called to the ministry through dreams he could not ignore. Bishop Current shared stories from her first call at a church in a diverse neighborhood and how she became acquainted with families from her front steps which enabled her to walk with them in their time of need and show God's love. These stories reflect ways in which the Holy Spirit is at work. We are all encouraged to recognize the spirit at work in our lives and to share those stories with others. Recordings of many of the sessions, the videos, and election results and reports will soon be available on the Synod Assembly webpage: <https://seiasynod.org/assembly/>

I encourage you to visit that site and view some of the recordings and videos.

Respectfully submitted,  
Nancy Bruns



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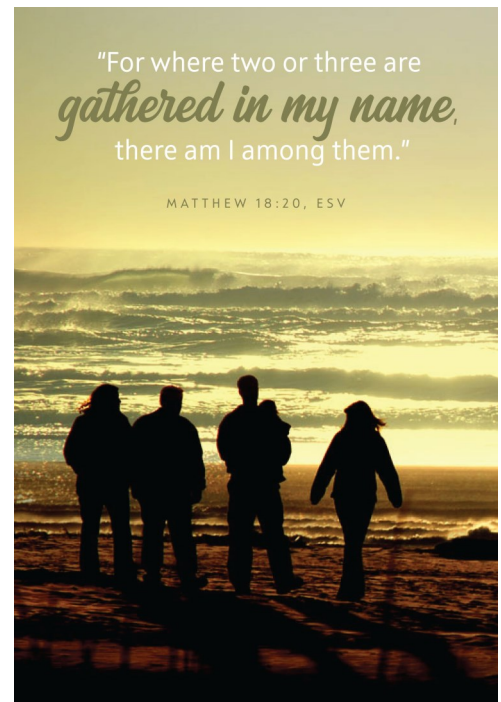


## Outdoor Worship



The council approved worshipping outdoors on the second and fourth Sunday of the month beginning in June.

Services will continue to be streamed live via Facebook. Please bring a chair. Any forecasted chance of precipitation during worship times will move worship indoors. Other factors such as temperature, humidity levels, and wind speeds will also be taken into consideration. A decision to move worship indoors will be made and communicated by 8:00 AM Sunday morning. Notification will be via email, our website, Facebook, and Twitter.



## Free Dinner and Fellowship Sunday June 23 and July 24th

Please join us for a cup of coffee and a free dinner. This is a great time to visit with people you know and to meet new people in our community.

**Dinner will be served  
from 5:00-6:00 PM in the Great Hall**

## Council Minutes

April 11, 2022

The meeting was called to order by President Dave Poppen at 6:34 p.m. with song, prayer, and the reading of Psalm 36: 5-11.

**All members present:** Patricia Ernst, Anne Fetzer, Kent Kaufman, Cindy Knoop, Amber Marsh, Kristin McElhinney, Howard Moss, Dave Poppen, Jill Taylor, and Pastor Chad Whaley

### **Pastor's Report – Pastor Chad Whaley**

Thanksgivings and Joys

- Choir sang with us and will sing on Easter
- All the children and more people returning to in-person worship
- In-person event with colleagues ... finally!
- Wednesdays in Lent
- Thanks to all who attended, provided treats, and the youth there every week

Ministry Happenings

- 13 Pastoral Visits
- Two Meetings with Kristin and Amber  
Family Prayer Night planning and preparation, and VBS discussions
- Attended Worship for Renewal in Bettendorf hosted by Bishop Current with other rostered leaders
- Synod Nominating Committee Meeting
- Pre-Marital Session for July wedding
- Technology - Continued testing, updating, along with postings to Facebook, website, and Twitter. Assisting Paula in posting worship videos and sending links to those who do not have Facebook and for Crestview residents.

Other Activities

- Newsletter preparation
- Planned and prepared for Wednesdays in Lent
- Assembled Holy Week Psalms Document, a devotional and spiritual tool to assist people this Holy Week.
- Text study, worship planning, and sermon preparation
- A week of rest and renewal
- Prayer - Time spent in sanctuary praying over the pews, praying for all our people, praying for guidance and vision
- Tuesday morning prayer group

Community

- Anti-Bullying Committee Meeting (WBCSD)
- Wrote two letters of recommendation for youth applying for scholarships, etc.

Upcoming Events

- Easter
- Bible Presentation (May 1)
- Baptism of Everett Dlh (May 14)
- Synod Assembly (May 20-21)

### **Secretary's Report – Anne Fetzer**

Kent moved to approve the March minutes, seconded by Cindy. Motion approved.

### **Treasurer's Report – Jill Taylor**

Howard moved to approve the report, seconded by Amber. Motion approved.

### **Committee Reports**

#### **Building & Grounds – Howard Moss**

Within two weeks both church furnaces and the parsonage furnace needed repairs.

Broken water line in the parsonage and broken valve.

Belltower light repaired and fitted with brighter LED light.

New faucet for great hall kitchen sink.

Volunteers for painting projects.

Looking for someone to transport an old piano to the transfer station.

#### **Education & Youth – Kristin McElhinney & Amber Marsh**

Three new families participating in Sunday School – averaging 13 students among eight families. Meeting three times a month.

Ten children participated in the Palm Sunday parade during worship.

Hosting a Family Prayer night on Wednesday, April 27 from 6:00-7:30 p.m. for preschool through grade 8.

Bible presentation on May 1. Distributing 12 Bibles.

VBS planned in the evening from July 10-12. A formal schedule, registration, and volunteer requests coming soon.

#### **Evangelism & Missions – Anne Fetzer**

No report.

#### **Fellowship – Patsy Ernst**

Increased fellowship attendance following worship. Exciting to see more families and children participating in the fellowship activities.

Signs for the Fourth Sunday Dinner posted around West Branch businesses & Facebook.

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## Council Minutes (April 11, 2022)

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### Stewardship – Kent Kaufman

Began reviewing Synod information for Stewardship ideas

### Worship & Music – Cindy Knoop

Lent services around the Cross were successful and busy with planning Easter activities.

More discussion on adding greeters and other ministry roles as we return to in-person worship services.

### Old Business

None to discuss.

### New Business

Outdoor Services Discussion

Patsy moved that we provide outdoor services on the second and fourth Sundays beginning in June, weather permitting. An extra Communion will be added and service to be condensed as done previously. Howard seconded. Motion approved. Worship committee to further discuss volunteer duties needed for outdoor setup and Communion schedule.

Also, looking at options for running electricity outdoors to simplify setup.

Dave moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 p.m. Howard seconded. Motion approved.

Council members closed the meeting by reciting the Lord's Prayer.

Next Regular Meeting – 05/09/22

## Faith at Home

These short Bible passages and reflection starters are one more way we are trying to spur conversation about faith at home and also absorb ourselves in the word of God. We hope you find them beneficial.

### Matthew 6:11

"Give us this day our daily bread."

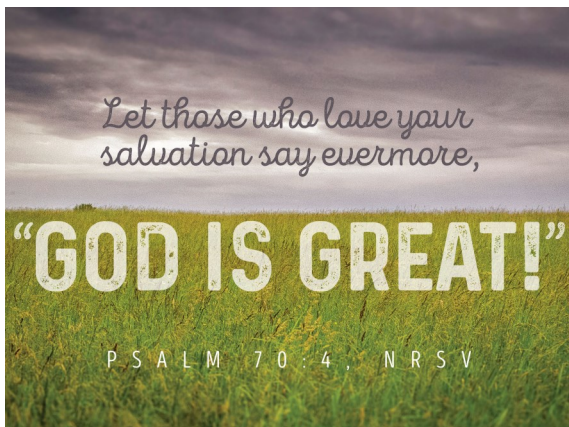
- To live life well, I need...
- What I want and what I need...
- When people don't have basic life needs...

## Scripture Talk

### Matthew 6:12

"And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors."

- When someone forgives me...
- I find it most difficult to forgive...
- I ask God to forgive me for...



**God loves you!!!**

## JUNE 2022

Click [here](#) for our online calendar.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29	30 Memorial Day	31	1	2 6:00AM Women's Study	3	4
5 9:30AM Worship in person and Online via Facebook	6 12:00PM Monday Gospel Gathering (via Zoom Meeting) 6:30pm Council Meeting	7	8	9 6:00AM Women's Study	10	11
12 9:30AM Worship (Outdoors and online via Facebook) 10:30AM Fellowship Brunch Great Hall	13 12:00PM Monday Gospel Gathering (via Zoom Meeting)	14	15	16 6:00AM Women's Study	17	18
19 9:30AM Worship in person and Online via Facebook	20 12:00PM Monday Gospel Gathering (via Zoom Meeting)	21	22	23 6:00AM Women's Study	24	25
26 9:30AM Worship (Outdoors and online via Facebook) 5-6PM 4th Sunday Community Meal	27 12:00PM Monday Gospel Gathering (via Zoom Meeting)	28	29	30 6:00AM Women's Study	1	2

## JULY 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27	28	29	30	1	2
3 9:30AM Worship in person and online via Facebook	4	5	6	7 6:00AM Women's Study	8	9
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God's work. Our hands.

As members of the ELCA, our faith in a loving God frees us to be generous and to boldly participate in God's work in the world. Stewardship is not simply about paying the church's bills. It is about how congregations can together live out God's call to love our neighbor. We are open to the Holy Spirit's invitation to participate in and contribute to God's work in the world using all of the gifts that God has entrusted to our care. Mission Support — the portion of offerings that ELCA congregations share with synods and the churchwide organization — unites us in this vital, life-giving work. See our 2021 Mission Spending Annual Report for more details about mission support. *(From the website of the Southeastern Iowa Synod.)*



The graphic above is from the 2021 Mission Spending Annual Report. A slideshow of the report and link to download the report can be viewed at the link below.

<https://seiasynod.org/ministries/mission-support/>



## Monetary Gifts Report

Submitted by Jill Taylor

	April 2022		YTD	
Total Receipts	Actual 11,465	Budget 13,838	Actual 54,150	Budget 55,352
Total Expenses	Actual 14,471	Budget 14,176	Actual 57,186	Budget 56,713

**Thank you** all for faithfully stewarding the gifts God has entrusted us with in fulfilling the ministry and mission of God here at Bethany Lutheran Church! In so many ways, not just monetarily, God is abundantly providing for our needs.



## June Ministry Assistants

### Ministers of Proclamation (Lectors)

6-5 Bruce Jeffries  
 6-12 Beth Kaufman  
 6-19 Jeni Schiele  
 6-26 Patsy Ernst

### Ministers of Technology

6-5 Cole Crosthwaite &  
 Tate Frantz  
 6-12 Paula Casper  
 6-19  
 6-26 Miley Shields

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 7-17 Del Hughes  
 7-24 Shawn Samuelson  
 7-31 Paula Casper

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7-3 Paula C  
 7-10 Cole Crosthwaite &  
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 7-17  
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