

# Bethany Lutheran Church

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

## June/July

### Important Dates

6/11 Outdoor Worship 9:30 AM  
6/12 Council meeting 6:30 PM  
6/25 4th Sunday meal 5-6:00 PM  
7/9 Outdoor Worship 9:30 AM  
7/18-7/21 Vacation Bible School  
7/23 4th Sunday meal 5-6:00 PM

Jesus  You!

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Church (ELCA) West Branch, Iowa" on  
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FIND US ON TWITTER!

Search @blcwestbranch

Links to websites are built into the  
digital version of this newsletter.  
Click on words highlighted in blue  
(e.g. [www.wbbethany.org](http://www.wbbethany.org)) or images



Dear People of God,

Grace and peace to you from God our Father, and from our  
Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

As most of you may know there are annual assemblies held  
every year as each of the 65 synods of the [Evangelical Lutheran in Church in  
America](http://www.elca.org) (ELCA) gather together. It's somewhat like our annual meeting but on a  
much larger scale. The [Southeastern Iowa Synod](http://www.elca.org), of which Bethany is part ,  
held its assembly May 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>. I would like to thank our voting delegates,  
Dave Bahnsen and Laura Twing, for their participation and representation of our  
congregation at the assembly. I would like to add that Pastor Mark Holmes, re-  
cently retired and son of Dorothy Holmes, was acknowledged for the 35<sup>th</sup> anni-  
versary of his ordination. Congratulations Pastor Holmes!

Additionally, the ELCA holds a churchwide assembly every three years. The  
most recent assembly was held this past August in Columbus, OH. Dave  
Bahnsen was appointed to serve as a voting member and representative of the  
Southeastern Iowa Synod and travelled to Columbus with Bishop Amy Current  
and many other voting delegates from across our synod.

Upon returning, Dave made the council aware of a memorial passed by the  
gathered assembly pertaining to the acknowledgement of the ELCA's  
"[Declaration to American Indian and Alaska Native People](http://www.elca.org)." You are invited to  
read this document by clicking on the link embedded in the title above. Or visit  
[www.elca.org](http://www.elca.org) and do a search of the document.

At its core, in the above-mentioned document and the memorial at the 2022  
Churchwide Assembly the church confesses its sins toward Indigenous peoples.  
The memorial encourages ELCA members and entities to support creative  
programs of restorative justice in partnership with Indigenous peoples. It also  
encourages ELCA members and entities to make land acknowledgements a  
part of its gatherings, which has been done in other countries for some time.

As such, the council has approved the following land acknowledgement that will  
be read during outdoor worship on June 11<sup>th</sup>. It will then be printed in our  
worship bulletins.

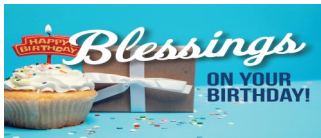
*Bethany Lutheran is located in the original and ancestral homelands of the Iowa,  
Sauk, Fox, Kickapoo and Oceti Sakowin peoples, and we give thanks for their  
presence here since time immemorial. We also wish to recognize and honor all  
our Indigenous siblings who have and continue to call this land their home.*

In peace,



## 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  
 6/30 Sue Hughes



## July Birthdays

07/02 Diane Hougen, Leo Burnette  
 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  
 07/15 Claudia Beyer, Dale Swenson  
 07/16 Dan Haub  
 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



### Books For Adults

Research indicates that spending time in a natural setting provides many benefits from lower blood pressure, to increased immunity, and to a greater feeling of well-being and happiness. People who appreciate nature tend to experience more moments of joy and are more innovative. Being connected with nature helps us be more fully human. Unfortunately, the pace of our lives often leaves little room for connecting with nature. The book *Collisions Of Earth And Sky: connecting with nature for nourishment, reflection, and transformation* by Heidi Barr is an invitation to live in a way that is attuned to nature. It is paying attention to what is going on inside ourselves. It is a journey of self-inquiry, for digging into our origins and roots and figuring out what it means to be a good community member. We need to integrate these truths and lessons so we can add to the healing of the world. Barr shows us a way to let nature be an ally in living well. This book is a collection of reflections, poetry, and invitations that call to celebrate what it is to embrace wildness and a part of being fully alive. I came across this book in the March/April 2023 issue of *Living Lutheran*. It has a two page article *Rewilding Spirituality* that is a modified excerpt from the book.

I think that most all of us are familiar with the song *Amazing Grace*. We often sing it during our church services as we did in Bethany on March 19th. It is also sung at special occasions, especially funerals. Our second book *Amazing Grace* by Bruce Hindmarsh and Craig Borlase is about the life of John Newton and the surprising story behind his song. John Newton was like the prodigal son who does everything wrong. His early life is not one to be envied. He partakes of every vice that crosses his path. He eventually becomes the captain of a slave ship. That is, a ship that transports people from the continent of Africa to be slaves in the New World. During this time he rejects God repeatedly. The lyrics to the song take on a new meaning through the lens of Newton's life. He was a man who truly understood wretchedness and the transformation from blindness to sight that we find in this song and his experiences. His change (or evolution) is a testament to the power of grace. We discover that the need for grace is universal and

?? ? Bible Quiz ? ??

What did Jesus say brings greater joy in heaven than 99 righteous people?

A. The singing of angels  
 B. One sinner who repents  
 C. 100 righteous people  
 D. None of the above

**JOY**

Answer: B (See Luke 15:7.)



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## Synod Assembly Recap

*By Dave Bahnsen*

On May 15th and 16th, the Southeast Iowa Synod held its Synod Assembly.

Attending this meeting were Laura Twing, Dave Bahnsen, and Pastor Whaley.

There were no elections, resolutions, or amendments this year.

The regular business meeting of the Synod was presented and was approved with unanimous consent.

In addition to the assembly, a "Synod Revival" was held on the campus of Grandview University in Des Moines. It was a beautiful day at an excellent venue attended by between 300 and 400 people. Bishop Amy Current led music, entertainment, and fellowship. A great time was had by one and all.



**Southeastern Iowa Synod**  
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America  
God's work. Our hands.



Thank you to all who donate to the Hope Chest. Thank you to Neil and Chris Korsmo for their assistance in keeping the Hope Chest organized and welcoming to those who use it. Thanks also to Paula who, with Neil and Chris, also frequently sorts bags of donated clothing.

## Hope Chest News

May is the time of transition from fall/winter to spring/summer at the HOPE CHEST.

**We are now accepting new or gently used SPRING/SUMMER clothing and athletic shoes for all ages.**

**We do not have the space to accept fall/winter clothing.**

**Also, we do not accept non-clothing items**

(Pillows, sheets, blankets, clothes hangers of any kind, etc).

All these items may be donated to Goodwill, Salvation Army, or The Crowded Closet in Iowa City.



## Lutheran Services in Iowa (LSI) News

### Happy Father's Day!

At LSI, we strive to empower and celebrate fathers and father figures in every stage of their life. This Father's Day, take some time to celebrate and show appreciation to all the male role models in your life. Through our Early Childhood Services, we provide fathers with the education and resources they need to become the best parents and caregivers they can be. In our Clinical Services Department, we support fathers and father figures by providing individuals with mental health counseling and the tools they need to create bright futures for their families.

Many Iowa children entering foster care need a positive male role model in their lives. In our Foster Care and Adoption services, we support male individuals through the process of expanding their families, or becoming a new parent altogether.

We are able to provide these services to fathers of young children with the generous support from people like you! Thank you for responding to the love of Jesus Christ through compassionate service!

For more information, please contact Deb Whitford, LSI's Senior 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](http://LSIowa.org) and [facebook.com/LSI.iowa](https://facebook.com/LSI.iowa).*

### Providing Support for First-Time Parents

Brandon and Nevaeh first heard about LSI's Early Childhood services at the hospital, following the birth of their first child. As many first-time parents, they were looking for support and guidance through this exciting time in their life.

"I'm really glad that we took the leap and chose to participate in LSI's Early Childhood program. This program has taken a lot of stress off of us by providing us with resources that walk us through the developmental process, and to know where our baby is at through each stage," said Brandon. Brandon and Nevaeh work with Erica, an LSI Family Support Worker in our Early Childhood department. "The home-visits with Erica have been extremely beneficial," expressed Brandon. "The resources and educational materials she [provides](#) us help us to understand the developmental milestones that we should be expecting at every stage of our child's life."

"Our baby is 10 months old now, and we are still learning a lot through LSI's Early Childhood program. Having support groups and people that you can reach out to with questions is essential," said Brandon. "To any first-time parents, I'd definitely recommend LSI's Early Childhood program."



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Our hands.**

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**HOLY HIKING**  
**SATURDAY, JUNE 24**  
**8:00 AM**  
**PLEASE RSVP**

YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN US FOR ANOTHER HOLY HIKE IN THE BEAUTY OF GOD'S CREATION. THIS HIKE WILL BE AT THE CORALVILLE DAM RECREATION AREA. WE WILL MEET AT BETHANY AND THEN CARPOOL. PLEASE RSVP TO PASTOR CHAD (PASTOR@WBBETHANY.ORG) OR (515) 249-8071. THANK YOU!



This hike is a bit more strenuous. The trail is well marked and heavily trafficked, but there are still roots and rocky terrain to traverse at times. There are moderate elevation changes. Appropriate footwear is recommended. Also, plan to bring water. The trail is listed at 5 miles but as a group can collectively decide how far we want to go. To learn more about this trail visit: <https://tinyurl.com/>



*Summer  
Scripture  
Series*  
 Growing Closer to  
God through the  
word of God

## Coming Soon!


You are invited to participate in the *Summer Scripture Series*, which will include 40 cards with a well-known Bible passage on one side and 3 reflection questions and short prayer on the other. Be on the lookout for more information when the cards are available.



WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS


JILL BARNHART  
 EVIE WHITE  
 JOANN BROOKSHEAR  
 HEIDI CHRISTENSEN  
 WAUTHENA NOE





## Thank you!

The above photo is of our old camera. The photo to the right is our new camera. The difference is amazing and will help enhance worship for our online viewers. Praise be to God! Thank you for your gifts to make this possible!



Please join us in worship June 4th as we celebrate and give thanks to God for our new members. There will be cake, refreshments and fellowship following.

## Assistance Needed Summer Food Program

This summer, the congregations of West Branch and Springdale have been asked to assist with the assembly and distribution of bags of food supplies for students in the West Branch Community School District. Currently, there are nearly 100 students signed up for the program. Every Monday, volunteers will gather to pack the bags and then distribute them at three locations in town. Each congregation is asked to provide 4-6 volunteers. Bethany will be assisting on June 19 and August 14 from 3:30—5:30 PM. Packaging of the food will be done at the old middle school. If you are interested and available please contact Pastor Chad as soon as possible.





at **BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH**

**July 18-21**

**5:30-8 PM**

**Dinner served @ 5:30 pm**

**Preschool- Grade 6**

**MORE INFO**

**[bit.ly/bethanyvbs23](https://bit.ly/bethanyvbs23)**



This summer we're going wild for Jesus during our Wild Life Vacation Bible School at Bethany Lutheran Church!

Come join us for a four-day adventure this July 18-21 from 5:30- 8:00 pm each day (*dinner served at 5:30 pm*) and learn about how special you are to God!

All incoming Preschool through Grade 6 kids are invited.

Be on the lookout for registration and volunteer information that will be coming soon to your email and our Facebook page.

Bethany's VBS Committee  
Courtney Heid, Kristen Van Scoyoc,  
Amber Marsh, Kristin McElhinney

## Council Minutes — April 2023

**Call to Order** at 6:27pm by President Dave Poppen

**Members Present:** Cindy Knoop, Jon Twing, Jill Taylor, Dave Poppen, Sue Hughes, Howard Moss, Kristen Van Scoyoc, Courtney Heid, Kent Kaufman, Pastor Chad

**Members absent:** None

### Opening Prayer & Discussion

#### Pastor's Report

Joys and thanksgivings to many during this busy Holy Week.

Thank you to all who played a part in making this week happen in many roles, for attending in person or viewing.

Easter worship was well attended, the choir was excellent, and it was a joy-filled morning.

Palm/Passion Sunday – palm parade and scavenger hunt with children and youth helping. Thanks to Phil H., Dave B. and Deb A. for help reading the gospel. Thanks to Kristin M., Courtney H. and Kristen V. for organizing.

Wednesday Lent worships – the last one with laying of the hands and anointing was special. Thanks to all who helped with meals, Jill B. for her work and Pat C. for having the space clean.

Thanks to:

Howard for coordinating with the city to get potholes filled.

Korsmos for all their work with the food pantry and recruiting volunteers to help with this as well as with the Hope Chest.

Acolytes: London, Shelby, Alexa, Arik and others.

Bonnie C. for Easter flower spray

Jill T. on her work with financials.

Pastoral duties:

Visits: 23

Funerals: Herb Friis and James Butch Pedersen

Wednesdays during Lent

Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter worship preparation

Wednesday Men's Group

Newsletter preparation

Social media, website upkeep and promotions

Bulletin prep

Sermon and study prep

Crestview worship – thanks to Pam G. for assisting

Attend Angel Meals – thanks to Alex P., Klabos,

Poppens and all who assist and support.

Sit in on Pre-K – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday School classes

#### Secretary's Report - Courtney

March Council Meeting Minutes

Kent moved to approve; Howard seconded. Motion approved.

#### Treasurer's Report - Jill

March Treasurer's Report

Howard moved to approve; Kent seconded. Motion approved.

This was a pretty "normal" month with no unusual expenditures.

Mission Investment Fund (MIF) – ELCA entity – works like a bank, they use their income to start new mission churches. Money in this account isn't designated to anything.

#### Committee Reports

##### Building and Grounds -Howard

Emailed Matt Goodale about potholes and dead tree – on city's property. A couple potholes were filled, not the big one, the city says it's on our property. Waiting for tree removal.

John Black helped – new locks on parsonage, dead bolts for back door to office. Overhead garage door repair.

Kitchen flooded – leak around garbage disposal. Steve Lynch coming this week.

Meeting happening soon to assess grounds needs.

The water bill total is \$270. Meters are not combined yet – Pastor talking to Mayor Laughlin about this still. Change front one to landscaping meter and not have water to the office bathrooms – something to consider.

Solar Panels on great hall discussions. Grants for non-profits. Howard will talk to Alliant and get more information.

##### Education & Youth – Kristen V & Courtney

Palm Sunday Parade and scavenger hunt went well.

Working on finding curriculum for VBS

Kristen purchased supplies for senior gift baskets – likely May 21<sup>st</sup> Blessing of graduates (5 graduates)

Courtney will make "invitations" for graduates to come to service.

Thinking about how we will split Sunday School and Faith Formation this fall.

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## Council Minutes

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Continue pre-3<sup>rd</sup> or change to pre-2<sup>nd</sup> with the numbers we plan to have  
Will discuss need for tables and chairs for Sunday School room

### Evangelism & Missions- Jon

Hospitality event? A lot of new residents in town.

### Fellowship- Sue

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday dinner – need volunteer for April  
Assistant to bishop coming April 23<sup>rd</sup>  
Poppens doing fellowship – planning to have a breakfast before church.  
Have good fellowship sign ups  
Cake for Blessing of Graduates on May 21<sup>st</sup> - Costco

### Stewardship- Kent

Updates to stewardship piece in bulletin

### Worship and Music – Cindy

Holy week services went well  
Planning “Hymn Sing Sunday” – message around music – April 30<sup>th</sup>

### **Old Business**

Awaiting update from Pastor regarding next steps in BLC’s recognition of the 2022 ELCA Synod initiative regarding Land Acknowledgement to American Indian and Alaska Native People.  
Pastor has not met with Dave Bahnsen yet

### **New Business**

Casper’s Lawn Maintenance contract for 2023  
Jill moved to approve; Sue seconded. Motion approved.  
Outdoor services  
Historically have planned for 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays, June through September.  
2022 ended up doing less than half of what was planned d/t weather, etc.  
Cindy proposed doing one Sunday a month this summer – plan for 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday, June through September

Sue moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:38pm, Jill seconded. Motion approved.

**Closed** with the Lord’s Prayer

Next Regular Meeting – May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023

## 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.

### *Genesis 1:1*

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth

- Caring for creation...
- Proud creators hope others...
- Religion and science...



### *Revelation 21:3-4*

And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away."

- God among us...
- My images of heaven...
- Death, mourning, crying and pain...



**God loves you!!!**

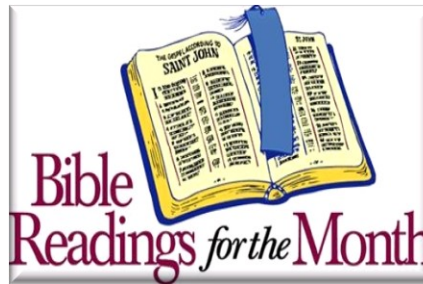




## June/July Sunday Bible Readings

The passages below are the assigned readings for June/July. You can click on each reading and be taken to the passage on "[Bible Gateway](#)."  
May this be one more way we can hear and study the word of God.

June 4  
[Genesis 1:1—2:4a](#)  
[Psalm 8](#)  
[2 Corinthians 13:11-13](#)



June 11  
[Hosea 5:15—6:6](#)  
[Psalm 50:7-15](#)  
[Romans 4:13-25](#)

June 18  
[Exodus 19:2-8a](#)  
[Psalm 100](#)  
[Romans 5:1-8](#)

June 25  
[Jeremiah 20:7-13](#)  
[Psalm 69:7-18](#)  
[Romans 6:1b-11](#)



July 2  
[Jeremiah 28:5-9](#)  
[Psalm 89: 1-4, 15-18](#)  
[Romans 6:12-23](#)



July 9  
[Zechariah 9:9-12](#)  
[Psalm 145:8-14](#)  
[Romans 7:15-25a](#)

July 16  
[Isaiah 55:10-13](#)  
[Psalm 65:1-13](#)  
[Romans 8:1-11](#)

July 23  
[Isaiah 44:6-8](#)  
[Psalm 86:12-25](#)  
[Romans 8:12-25](#)

July 30  
[1 Kings 3:5-12](#)  
[Psalm 119:129-136](#)  
[Romans 8:26-39](#)



## June 2023

View Calendar on our [website](#).

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>28</b> 9:30am Worship (Also streamed live on Facebook) 10:30am Fellowship Hour	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> 9:00am Prayers with Pastor & Paula	<b>31</b> 7:00am Men's Study Group	<b>1</b> 6:00am Women's Study 1:00pm Quilters	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>
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## Monetary Gifts Report

Submitted by Jill Taylor

	April 2023		YTD	
Total Gifts	Actual 14,567	Budget 14,334	Actual 54,075	Budget 57,336
Total Expenses	Actual 16,070	Budget 14,786	Actual 59,283	Budget 59,152
Net Revenue	(1,503)		(5,208)	

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## Ministry Assistants

### June

#### Ministers of Proclamation (Lectors)

6/4 Jon Twing  
6/11 Kami Poppen  
6/18 Patsy Ernst  
6/25 Jill Barnhart

#### Ministers of Technology

6/4 Dave Poppen  
6/11 Paula Casper  
6/18 Cole Crosthwaite &  
Tate Frantz  
6/25 Dave Poppen

**Ministers of Altar Care:**  
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### July

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7/2 Toni Dodds  
7/9 Jon Twing  
7/16 John Black  
7/23 Wayne Frauenholtz  
7/30 Dave Bahnsen

#### Ministers of Technology

7/2 Jill Taylor  
7/9 Dave Poppen  
7/16 Cole Crosthwaite &  
Tate Frantz  
7/23 Paula Casper  
7/30 Jill Taylor

**Ministers of Altar Care:**  
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