

BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH

THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – APRIL 29, 2018 – 8:30 & 11:00 AM

*Please take this bulletin home with you... as a reference for this week's calendar of events,
a reminder of Bethany family and friends to keep in your prayers and other useful information.*

Prelude: *"Let the People Praise"* - Grace Hawthorne (Choir, Bells, & Ukuleles 8:30)
"Many and Great, O God" - Dakota Traditional (K-4 Weeknight Music 11:00)

Gathering Hymn: *"After Darkness, We Hope for Light"*- Chloe & Cole Deike, Isaac Brockshus
(Ukes, 8:30) (7-8 Weeknight Music 11:00)

Hymn of Praise: *"Lord, Be Glorified"* ELW 744, (A cappella 8:30, K-4 Weeknight Music 11:00)

First Reading Acts 8:26-40

Psalm 22:25-31 - Chanted, Tone I (Ukuleles & Bells 8:30, K-4 Weeknight Music 11:00)

Second Reading 1 John 4:7-21

Special Music: *"I Will Lift Mine Eyes"* - Cathy Moglebust (Bells 8:30)
"Sawmill Creek" - Bruce Pearson (5-6 Weeknight Music 11:00)

Gospel John 15:1-8

Music Appreciation Message Stephen Baker, Director of Music

Hymn of the Day: *"When in Our Music God Is Glorified"* ELW 851

Milestone Recognition: Kindergarten and First Grade Memory Work

Offering: *"The Voice of God"* - Lily Rohan (Choir & Ukuleles 8:30, 5-8 Weeknight Music 11:00)

Dedication and Blessing of LWR Kits & Quilts

Blessing Song: *"Bless These Kits and Quilts We Pray"* - MaryAnn Quail

Sending Hymn: *"Living Water"* – Mary Ann Quail, Stephen Baker

Postlude: *"Let Us Talents, Tongues Employ"* - Michael Helman (Bells 8:30)
"The Fifth Day" - Zoey Metcalf (Stephen, 11:00)

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Welcome to worship at Bethany Lutheran Church! It is our hope that you experience the love of Christ this morning and His presence during our worship service. If you are visiting today, please sign the guest book in the narthex. Everyone please sign the Fellowship Pad in your pew. These can help you get to know the others around you. Thank you for taking time to fill out the Fellowship Pad! Large print bulletins and assistive listening devices are available. If you would benefit from either of these, please ask an usher.

The liturgical color for Easter and the Easter season can be either white or gold or both. White symbolizes purity, holiness, respect and reverence. White is also used for the season of Christmas. Gold symbolizes what is precious and valuable, and so symbolizes majesty, joy, and celebration. Because of its brightness, metallic gold also symbolizes the presence of God.

Bethany's Kindergarten and First Grade students mark a milestone in their faith journey at our 8:30am worship service today for their memory work efforts learning the Lord's Prayer and the Ten Commandments. Bethany Milestone Ministry presents them with a gift as a visible and physical reminder of this milestone moment. Kinderkids/Kindergartners being recognized are: Cecelia Burns, Joslynn Bendlin, Tyson Davis, Kathryn Manwarren, Aleyah Falline, Ava Metcalf, Bentley Finkbeiner, Eli Nitzchke, Jazlyn Hauschen and Hunter Salton. First grade students are: Ella Borth, Lisa Harman, Brecken Johnson, Lauren Koenig, Rylee Manwarren, Brandy Merey, Micayla Salton and Isaac Storley.

Today's worship service also includes a special dedication and blessing of kits & quilts that our Fun & Fellowship ladies have sewn and assembled for Lutheran World Relief missions. Over this past year the fruits of their labor along with the generous donations of many have yielded many quilts, school kits, baby care kits, personal care kits and fabric kits. These items will be distributed around the world, providing basic necessities to those living in adverse conditions, like refugee camps and poverty-stressed regions and in the wake of natural disasters. Thanks be to God!

And, today is Music Appreciation Sunday! We recognize the many, many musical talents that have been shared at Bethany over this past year. A special thank you to everyone who gives of their time and talent in making a joyful noise unto the Lord at our worship services!

Many thanks to our worship volunteers today: **8:30:** Greeter: Dick & Betty Schmidt; Reader: Mary Marske; Acolytes: Zoey Metcalf, Corrine Stave; Ushers: Dale Witt, Donna Jones; Recorder: Sandi Witt; Projector: Emily Baker; **11:00:** Greeter: Cindy Heiter; Reader: Susan Rohan; Projector: Emily Baker;

REMINDER: Each worship service comes together through the work of many people. There are numerous opportunities to assist. Please consider being a worship volunteer. We need readers, greeters, communion servers, recorders and projector operators. If you want to help, but are not sure what to do, we will train you (put a note by your name when you sign up and we will contact you). Look for the May sign-up forms are at the Welcome Center and sign up to help!

PRAYER CONCERNS & REQUESTS

Health Concerns:

Ben Heien, Mary Rose Hemme, Jamie Huber, Dean Kalvig, Linda Kunzmann, Sandy Manwarren, Mike Palm; Barbara Wood (*Betty Lee's sister*); Gladys Wilcox (*Sherrie Green's mother*); Sue Hauck (*Rachel Schmidt Hauck's mother-in-law*); Roseana Titterington (*Sheryl Thu's mother*);

Those who mourn:

The family of Joyce Albers (*Sandy Manwarren's mother*);

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BETWEEN SERVICES All are welcome for fellowship in the church parlor between services. Please stop by for coffee, a cookie or doughnut & lively conversation. Today is the last day of Sunday School for the 2017-2018 season. Kindergarteners through grade 8 will gather in the Dining Room downstairs. They will be enjoying fellowship and games together. Preschoolers 3-4 years will gather in Room 9 upstairs.

PHOTO DIRECTORY Time is running out to get signed up for Bethany's 130th Anniversary photo directory. Sittings happen Tuesday – Friday May 1-4 from 2pm-9pm, Saturday, May 5 from 9am-4pm, and Sunday May 6 from 12pm-5pm. Our goal is to have everyone be a part of this photography event. If you haven't already done so, please sign up in the Narthex today.

HANDBELL CHOIR CONCERT The Iowa Lakes Community College Handbell Choir will present a concert at First Presbyterian Church, 3501 Hill Avenue, in Spirit Lake at 7pm this evening. A freewill donation will be taken with proceeds going toward the purchase of new handbells and chimes for the ILCC Dept. of Music.

YOUTH RUMMAGE SALE The Bethany Youth annual fundraiser rummage sale will be held in conjunction with the Spencer Citywide Sales on May 4-5. This effort is always a huge success thanks to your donations! While doing your spring-cleaning remember to set aside items for the Bethany Youth sale. You may bring them to the Youth Room downstairs through May 3. Thanks your support!

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER This observance happens each year on the first Thursday of May. People from all religions in the US will lift our nation in prayer. Locally, the Daybreaker Kiwanis group hosts a Prayer Breakfast. All are welcome, Thurs, May 3, 7am at Spencer Area Activity Center (104 E. 4th St).

FUN & FELLOWSHIP A new year of sewing/tying quilts and packing kits begins Thursday, May 10. Newcomers are always welcome! Join us in the church room at 9am as we begin again, setting new goals, opening new vistas, and asking God to use us for His glory and the welfare of His people. We'll share a potluck lunch at noon. Please come for fun & fellowship!

COMMUNITY MEAL "The Gathering" is winding down another year (Oct-May) of service. This month's meal happens on Thurs., May 10. We're need help with salads. If you can provide a salad (your choice) please sign up at the Welcome Center. Many thanks to everyone who has contributed to this great mission – in serving, providing food or cash donations. This program could not exist without you!

MAY WE HELP YOU? One of the projects of the annual Love Spencer event was cleaning yards for those in need. To help fill this void, the Faith in Action Committee is recruiting volunteer teams (no age restrictions) who would like to put their faith in action and share the Love of Christ by helping clean yards of sticks, garbage, leaves, dead flowers, and other outdoor tasks. This yardwork event is planned for Saturday, May 12. Look for more information & sign-up at the Welcome Center.

FOOD DRIVE AT BETHANY The second full week of each month is our food drive (May 13-20). Consider making a donation to UDMO Food Bank. Bring your gifts and leave them in the baskets at the Welcome Center. We will deliver them to Upper Des Moines Pantry. Thanks for your help and support of this mission!

GRADUATION MILESTONE On Sunday, May 13, we will recognize 2018 High School graduates at our 8:30am worship service and at a brunch between services for graduates and their families in the church parlor. Graduates will be presented with a gift as they celebrate their graduation milestone. Bethany members from the class of 2018 include: Tori Cooper, Zoe Fiedler, Scott Hoy, Colby Pemberton, Keeley Petzenhauser, Hunter Wassom and Alex Winterboer.

YOUTH FUNDRAISER Starting on Thursday May 17, Bethany Youth will be helping out in the concession stands at the softball & baseball diamonds. We'll be there every Thursday evening through June 28. Shift hours are from 5 PM-10 PM. Anyone in the congregation is welcome to help. Look for a sign up on the Youth bulletin board. Money raised goes towards Youth activities at Bethany.

PENTECOST SUNDAY On the fiftieth day of Easter we celebrate the Holy Spirit as the power of God among us that heals, forgives, inspires, and unites. Let us witness to the Spirit that unites us by wearing red on May 20 -- Pentecost Sunday! Also, we will keep with tradition and decorate the Sanctuary with red geraniums. These flowers are shared as memorials and in thanksgiving for loved ones. If you would like to share a geranium for Pentecost Sunday, look for information and a sign-up sheet at the Welcome Center. *(Take your plant home after services.*

ST. LUKE BIRTHDAY PARTY Bethany Women host "birthday party" at St. Luke on May 21. You can help: serve coffee, punch and cake, provide napkins, plates, and cake to serve 50. Also, we'll need to present a short program for the residents. Look for information on a sign-up sheet at the Welcome Center, and please sign up to help as you are able! Thank you!

CALENDAR

Sunday, April 29 *Music Appreciation Sunday*

- 8:30 am Worship – Blessing of Kits & Quilts & Memory Work Milestone
- 9:45 am Fellowship, Sunday School (Last Day)
- 11:00 am Worship – Blessing of Kits & Quilts
- 4:45 pm Longhouse/Northshire Worship

Monday, April 30

- 1:30 pm Stonecroft Bible Study

Tuesday, May 1 *Lifetouch photo sittings – 2pm – 9pm*

- 2:00 pm Staff Meeting
- 6:30 pm Parish Education Committee

Wednesday, May 2 *Lifetouch photo sittings – 2pm – 9pm*

- 10:00 am Bible Study & Prayer Group
- 5:30 pm Caring Friends
- 5:45 pm Youth Committee
- 6:00 pm Confirmation Memory Work Night

Thursday, May 3 *Lifetouch photo sittings – 2pm – 9pm*

- 9:00 am Spencer Ministerial Association @ SAAC

Friday, May 4 *Lifetouch photo sittings – 2pm – 9pm*

- 4:00 pm Bethany Youth Rummage Sale (thru 7pm)

Saturday, May 5 *Lifetouch photo sittings – 9am – 4pm*

- 7:30 am Men of Bethany Bible Study (library)
- 8:00 am Bethany Youth Rummage Sale (thru noon)

Sunday, May 6 *Lifetouch photo sittings – 12pm – 5pm*

- 8:30 am Worship
- 9:45 am Fellowship
- 11:00 am Worship