

**BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – MAY 6, 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: *"A Medley of Hymns & Spirituals"* - Lee Evans

Temple Talk: Ingham-Okoboji Lutheran Bible Camp

Gathering Hymn: *"We Are Called"* ELW 720

First Reading Acts 10:44-48

Psalm 98 Chanted, Tone I

Second Reading 1 John 5:1-6

Gospel John 15:9-17

Sermon Onalee Wright, Lay Visitation Minister

Hymn of the Day: *"When We Are Living"* ELW 639

Offering: *"Toccata"* - Gordon Young

Temple Talk: *"May We Help?"* Faith in Action

Sending Hymn: *"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"* ELW 631 (vs 1-2)

Postlude: *"Postludium"* - Gordon Young

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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.

Today's altar flowers are in memory of Henry Meyer given by Jill Meyer

Many thanks to our worship volunteers today: **8:30:** Greeters: Kirk & Sue Andersen; Reader: Judy Hiemstra; Acolytes: Payton Cooper, Kendel Schmidt Loehr; Ushers: Gary Halverson, Bruce Klenken, Francis Hiemstra; Recorder: Sandi Schmidt; Projector: Mary Ann Quail; **11:00:** Greeter: Gary & Kathie Halverson; Reader: TBD; Projector: Mary Ann Quail;

## PRAYER CONCERNS & REQUESTS

### Health Concerns:

Ben Heien, Mary Rose Hemme, Jamie Huber, Dean Kalvig, Linda Kunzmann, Sandy Manwarren, Jill Meyer, Mike Palm, Carole Peterson; 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*); Rick Dietrich (*Pam Bjorklund's brother*);

### Those who mourn:

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

## 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.

**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!

**THE ARTS AT ST. JOSEPH** Ryan Sather and Dave Rowley will be in concert with St. Joseph's Holy Rockin' Rollers, Sunday, May 6 as they present "That's What He Said" – when the message of the King of Kings crosses musical paths with the disciples of Rock & Roll! The free concert begins at 4:30pm at St. Joseph in Milford with a reception to follow. Free will donation will be accepted.

**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 Thursday, May 10. We're looking for 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.

**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. The Spencer High School Baccalaureate service is at Sacred Heart Church on May 13 at 7pm and Sioux Central High School Baccalaureate service is the Sioux Central High School gym on May 16 at 7pm. Baccalaureate services are a wonderful time to uplift all of the students graduating this May.

**YOUTH FUNDRAISER** Starting on Thursday May 17, Bethany Youth and friends 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. *(You may 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! Thanks!

**SEEKING WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS** 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. Look for the month of May sign-up forms at the Welcome Center and sign up to help! Want to help, but not sure what to do? Put a note by your name when you sign up and we'll contact you with more info.

**WISWO CONVENTION** The Western IA Synodical Women's Organization convention is Saturday, June 23 at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Atlantic. The keynote address is: Human Trafficking by Michael Ferjack, retired Iowa DOJ & DCI investigator. If you are interested in attending, look for more information and pick up a registration form at the church office. Questions? Please call Sue Boblit at 262-8244 or email: [tboblit@smunet.net](mailto:tboblit@smunet.net).

**THANK YOU** Many thanks to Francis Hiemstra & Doug Marske for painting Pastor Jen's office.  
*Randy Phillips, Properties*

**SYNOD ASSEMBLY** The Western Iowa Synod ELCA 2018 Assembly will be held at the Sioux City Convention Center June 8-10. Collections for an “in-kind” offering drive, “Blast Off for Books” will benefit the Houston Literacy Campaign. For details and to support the book drive, look for a poster on the bulletin board by the church office to find out how you can do this.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL** The 2017-2018 Sunday School season came to a close last Sunday. We had another great year and are thankful for the dedicated work of our Sunday School teachers who have enriched the spiritual lives of the children and youth of our congregation. Teachers this year were:

*Linda Manwarren, Sandy Manwarren, Jalyce Storley, Onalee Wright, Zoe Fiedler, Sara Falline, Teresa Martindale, Tasha Rutter, Becky Winterboer, George & Carolyn Kruger, Jim Keck, Gary Halverson, Jolene Hanson, Jamie Rusk Blume, Katie Hare*

Also, thanks to parents, mentors and other partners in faith who through their commitment, encouragement & support have helped our children experience God’s love and grow in faith this year.

## **CALENDAR**

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

8:30 am Worship

9:45 am Fellowship

11:00 am Worship

Monday, May 7

1:00 pm Dean Kalvig Funeral Service

1:30 pm Stonecroft Bible Study

Tuesday, May 8

2:00 pm Staff Meeting

6:00 pm Faith-in-Action Committee

Wednesday, May 9

10:00 am Bible Study & Prayer Group

7:45 pm Bethany Youth Group

Thursday, May 10

9:00 am Fun & Fellowship

12:00 pm Potluck Lunch

5:00 pm The Gathering Community Meal

Saturday, May 12

7:30 am Men of Bethany Bible Study

8:30 am “May We Help?” Yardwork Event

Sunday, May 13 – Happy Mother’s Day!!

8:30 am Worship with Milestone: HS Graduation

9:45 am Class of 2018 Senior Brunch, Fellowship

11:00 am Worship

7:00 pm SHS Baccalaureate (at Sacred Heart)