

**BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH – 15 W 14<sup>TH</sup> STREET – SPENCER, IA**  
**THE ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST, SUNDAY, AUGUST 5, 2018**  
**SERVICES AT 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: *"Herzlich tut mich verLangen"* – Johannes Brahms

Gathering Hymn: *"All My Hope on God Is Founded"* ELW 757

First Reading Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15

Psalm 78:23-29 Chanted Tone II

Second Reading Ephesians 4:1-16

Gospel John 6:24-35

Sermon Pastor Jen Henry

Hymn of the Day: *"Will You Come and Follow Me"* ELW 798

Offering: *"Herzliebster Jesu"* – Johannes Brahms (8:30)  
*"Trio Sonata"* - J.S. Bach (11:00)

Communion Hymn: *"Trio Sonata"* - J.S. Bach (8:30)

Sending Hymn: *"God Be With You Till We Meet Again"* ELW 536

Postlude: *"Postlude for the Office of Compline"* – Jehan Alain

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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. Please be sure to mark this if you partake in Holy Communion. Thank you for taking time to fill out this information! 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 the season of Pentecost is green. Green is the color of vegetation, living things and the promise of new life. It is used for the Seasons of Epiphany and Pentecost. As we speak of Pentecost Sunday as the "birth of the Church," so the lengthy Pentecost season reflects the life and growth of the Church.

Many thanks to our worship volunteers helping with services to day:

**8:30:** Greet: Gary & Kathie Halverson; Read: Judy Hiemstra;

Acolyte: Hallie Rusk, Kendel Schmidt-Loehr; Communion servers: Donna Jones, Gary & Kathie Halverson; Usher: Gary Halverson, Bruce Klenken; Recorder: TBD;

Projector: Emily Baker; **11:00:** Greet: Gary & Kathie Halverson; Read: Gary Halverson; Projector: Matt Kuehler;

### **PRAYER CONCERNS & REQUESTS**

#### Health Concerns:

Jo Beving, Don Cowell, John Fogarty, Ben Heien, Mary Rose Hemme, Jamie Huber, Sandy Manwarren, Kim McCune, Keith Orr, Gordon Quail, Steve Salts, Gayle Simons; Rick Dietrich (*Pam Bjorklund's brother*); Collynn and Kayson Cameron (*Mark & Sharon Cameron's grandchildren*);

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**BETWEEN SERVICES** Everyone is invited and welcome to stay for fellowship in the church parlor between services. Please join us for coffee, refreshments and lively conversation.

**TRAVELOUGE: JORDAN AND ISRAEL** The Bethany Lutheran Church family is invited to two *different* presentations highlighting pictures and stories of Pastor Jen and Jerry's recent travels to Jordan and Israel. Come to the Sanctuary on Sundays, August 5 and August 11 from 5-6pm to hear tales of their travels. Light refreshments will be served. All are welcome – bring your family and friends!

**LOVING SPENCER AUGUST** Loving Spencer is focusing this month on "Filling the Storehouses". Tuesday, August 7 presents an opportunity to help with the Mobile Food Pantry sponsored by Spencer Seventh Day Adventist Church and Food Bank of Iowa. There are a number of ways to help on that day. See more information at the Welcome Center. Also, throughout August we will work to help "fill the storehouse" by making donations of non-perishable food items or toiletries to Upper Des Moines Outreach Food Pantry. You can either leave donations in the baskets marked "Food Pantry" at the Welcome Center or you can take your donations directly to the UDMO pantry at 714 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue E, Suite 2. August can be an exceptionally difficult month for families to make ends meet, sometimes having to choose between registering kids for school and buying groceries. Thanks for helping!

**LONGHOUSE/NORTHSHIRE WORSHIP** On Sundays, August 5 & 26, Bethany will lead worship services for residents at Longhouse & Northshire homes. Services begin at 4:45pm at Longhouse and 5:15pm at Northshire. Anyone is welcome to join in worship with the residents and it is always nice to have extra voices to join in singing. If you are able, come to worship at Longhouse & Northshire Homes on Sundays, August 5 & 26. Meet at the main entrance at 4:30pm!

**MANY HANDS MARKET** Bring your hands and talents and become part of the team! There are numerous opportunities for volunteers to share their skills. If interested, stop by the store at 1019 S Grand Avenue or call 712-580-4563 to find out how you can help. Thank you!!

**LWR KITS – JOIN THE EFFORT!** There are some super sales going on with back-to-school supplies! Now is a great time to join in the efforts for Lutheran World Relief school kit missions. To the children who receive these school kits, it can mean the difference between getting an education or not. A complete list of supplies used in the kits is available at the Welcome Center. Donations may be left in the collection basket at the Welcome Center. The Women of Bethany's Fun & Fellowship group meet this week – Thursday, August 9 at 9:00am in the Dining Room – to work on Lutheran World Relief kits and quilts. All are welcome to join in this work day for world missions. A potluck lunch is shared together at noon.

**CALLING ALL GOLFERS** The Western Iowa Synod invites you to enjoy a day of golf in support of the Church of Damascus Road prison congregation at the annual Bishop's Charity Open on Wednesday, August 15 at Okoboji View Golf Course in Spirit Lake. Play is a 4-person best shot tournament with a shotgun start at 9am. Cost is \$50/person which includes cart, 9 holes of golf and lunch. For more information or to register visit the synod website at: <http://www.wisynod.org/synod-events.html>. Join the fun and support a great cause, too!

**130TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION** Come, celebrate the 130<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of Bethany Lutheran Church! Our Jell-Oration celebration is planned for Sunday, August 19 between services in the basement dining room. We invite members of the congregation to bring their favorite Jell-O to be judged on most creative, most colorful, best display, most ingredients and tastiest. While the judging is going on we will play Jell-O Trivia. Surely you can't wait to find out what denomination eats the most Jell-O or what role Jell-O played in a major spy ring! Bring your favorite stories of Bethany's history and find out what essential home utility one couple gave up to fund the building of Bethany's first church building. Everyone is welcome!!

**SUMMER BIBLE STUDY & SALAD SUPPER** The Gather Magazine summer bible study "Let Us Pray" concludes with the third and final session on Monday, August 20 at 5:30pm. The expressions of prayer is the topic of this study. Pastor Jen will lead. We'll begin with a fellowship salad supper. Please bring a favorite salad to share. Copies of the study are available at the Welcome Center. Invite a friend and plan to join us! *(Please note: It is not necessary to have attended the other sessions.)*

**YOUTH PROGRAMS RESUMING** A confirmation orientation meeting for students and parents has been set for Wednesday, August 29 at 6pm. Mark your calendar and watch your mailbox toward the end of this month for a letter with additional information for Confirmation families regarding the 2018-2019 class year. Bethany Youth Group will meet that evening at 7:45pm for a time of fellowship.

**THREE SIDES PODCAST** Three Sides is a monthly podcast featuring stories from the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). As a church that believes God is calling us into the world – together, Three Sides will present diverse voices from across the ELCA. Log on to [www.livinglutheran.org](http://www.livinglutheran.org) and click on “Podcast” and listen unique stories from across this church are shared. In the introductory episode, Shanna Crawford, Philip LaDeur and Andrew Steele talk about why they’re excited to co-host the ELCA’s new podcast and give listeners a sneak peek of the first episode, “Women who lead,” which launches in August.

**SHARE A PIC!** You’ve probably noticed over the past several months we’ve had some pictures of various happenings interspersed in the Sunday on-screen announcements. For the remainder of the summer we’ll feature some snapshots provided by you! If you have a favorite shot that you’d like to share, please email it to: [bethany@bethluthspencer.com](mailto:bethany@bethluthspencer.com) or bring it to the office and we will scan a digital image. Thanks!

## **CALENDAR**

### Sunday, August 5

- 8:30 am   Worship
- 9:45 am   Fellowship
- 11:00 am   Worship
- 4:45 pm   Longhouse/Northshire Worship
- 5:00 pm   Ah-AH Moments of Jordan & Israel Trip (Pr. Jen & Jerry presenting)

### Monday, August 6

- 2:30 pm   St. Luke Auxiliary Meeting

### Tuesday, August 7

- 12:00pm   Pastors Text Study
- 2:00 pm   Staff Meeting
- 3:30 pm   Mobile Food Bank at Seventh Day Adventist
- 6:00 pm   Faith in Action Committee

### Wednesday, August 8

- 10:00 am   Bible Study & Prayer Group

### Thursday, August 9

- 9:00 am   Fun & Fellowship
- 12:00 pm   Work Day Potluck

### Saturday, August 11

- 7:30 am   Men of Bethany Bible Study

### Sunday, August 12 - *Food Drive Week for UDMO through 8/19*

- 8:30 am   Worship
- 9:45 am   Fellowship
- 11:00 am   Worship
- 5:00 pm   Ah-AH Moments of Jordan & Israel Trip (Pr. Jen & Jerry presenting)