

BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH

THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY FEBRUARY 10, 2019-8:30 & 11:00AM

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: *"Send Me, Jesus"* - South African Traditional

Gathering Hymn: *"Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty"* ELW 413

First Reading Isaiah 6:1-8 [9-13]

Psalm 138 Read responsively by whole verse

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Gospel Luke 5:1-11

Sermon Pastor Jen Henry

Hymn of the Day: *"Here I Am, Lord"* ELW 574

Offering: *"Send Me, Jesus"* - South African Traditional

Communion Hymn: *"In the Singing"* ELW 466

Sending Hymn: *"Send Me, Jesus"* ELW 549

Postlude: *"Send Me, Jesus"* - South African Traditional

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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. Also, be sure to mark the pad 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. If you have a prayer concern to share, please use a prayer request card located in the pew racks and place in the offering plate.

The liturgical color for the season of Epiphany is green. Green symbolizes the renewal of vegetation, living things and the promise of new life. It is used for the two seasons that focus most directly on continuing life in this world: Epiphany and Pentecost. Epiphany focuses on the life of Jesus as a human being, and Pentecost focuses on the life of the Church.

A special welcome and thank you to Ranger Z, our guest from Lutheran Lakeside Camp. He is visiting Bethany today to share about the camp's ministries and upcoming opportunities.

Members of the Bethany Bell Choir are providing our worship music today. We extend our thanks to the choir!

Many thanks to our worship volunteers helping with services today:

8:30am: Greet: Jana Phillips; Read: Judy Hiemstra; Acolyte: Sarah Wassom;
Communion servers: Mary Marske, Twila Henning, Francis Hiemstra; Usher: Doug & Pam Bjorklund, Gary Koenig, Donna Jones; Record: Matt Burns; Projector: Tim Youngdahl; 11:00am: Greet: Francis & Judy Hiemstra; Read: Becky Winterboer; Communion server: TBD; Projector: Tim Youngdahl;

PRAYER CONCERNS & REQUESTS

Health Concerns:

Jo Beving, Don Cowell, Maynard Dahl, Steve DePauw, Mary Rose Hemme, Pastor Jen Henry, Jamie Huber, Linda Kunzmann, Kim McCune, Sandy Manwarren, Bev Quail, LaRae Pemberton, Sally Peterson, Ida Syvertson, Gary Tolzmann; Miles Rohan (*Kevin Rohan's father*);

Those who mourn:

The family of Cole Millard

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ACTIVITIES BETWEEN SERVICES All are welcome to enjoy fellowship with refreshments in the church parlor between services. Sunday school is in session. Children age 3 years--grade 8 are welcome and encouraged to attend. Preschooler ages 3-4 years old gather in the nursery in the east wing, Kinder-kids through grade 6 gather in the Dining Room downstairs. Grades 7-8 meet in their room on the lower level.

FOOD DRIVE WEEK FOR UDMO Today kicks off our monthly food drive week for the Upper Des Moines Outreach food pantry here in Spencer. Some items most needed at this time include: soup, chili beans, Hamburger Helper and Tuna Helper, pancake mix and syrup, rice, dish soap and toilet paper. Thank you for your continued support!!

GRADES 7-8 LOCK IN Get ready for some fun on Friday, February 15! For starters we'll travel to Sioux Falls for some bouncing fun at SkyZone and then will return to the church for the overnight. Meet on Friday at Bethany at 5pm – pick up Saturday morning at 8am. The cost to go is \$20 (don't forget your orange socks if you need them!) Please RSVP to Katie Hare, 262-2327 by today!

FAITH IN ACTION FEBRUARY PROJECT During February you are called upon to help collect items used in “Birthday Kits” for Church on the Street in Sioux Falls. Each kit includes: one large bath towel, a full-size shampoo, conditioner and body wash. Items are rolled together and tied with a pretty bow and given at Church on the Street to individuals who have a birthday that month. Bring kit supplies or completed kits and place in the basket at the Welcome Center. Monetary donations are also accepted – the Faith in Action Committee will shop for you. Kits will be delivered in March.

70TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY Eugene & Lois Johnson will be celebrating 70 years of marriage on February 14!! Let’s shower them with good wishes & congratulations on their milestone event. Look for a banner to sign in the Narthex and cards may be sent to them at their home address: 1305 10th Ave SE here in Spencer.

LUTHERAN DAY ON THE HILL Lutheran Services in Iowa's Lutheran Day on the Hill is a day of advocacy for Iowa's most vulnerable populations. This year's event is on Tuesday, February 19. Join LSI in Des Moines at Capitol Hill Lutheran Church and learn about the social issues affecting Iowa and talk to your legislators about keeping the social safety net secure for all Iowans. Find details at the Welcome Center or to register visit www.LSIowa.org/LDH. (Register by Feb. 12).

LOVING SPENCER FEBRUARY PROJECT is “Warming Hearts with His Love – Hat and Mitten Collection.” To participate, purchase new winter hats, mittens or gloves and put them in the marked basket at the Welcome Center. Pray for the child that receives them to find the truth of God's word and grow to love Him. The hats & mittens will be given to Spencer Community Schools.

YEAR END GIVING STATEMENTS We would like to express our sincere gratitude to all who faithfully and generously support the mission and ministries of Bethany. Statements of giving to the general fund and capital campaign for the year ended 12/31/18 have been mailed. If you have not received yours please contact Financial Recorder, Denise Kramer Tolzmann at 712-363-3139.

ARCHIVE ROOM & COMMITTEE Bethany’s Archive Committee continues to sift and sort through pictures, papers, records and other items that have accumulated at Bethany over the years. More committee members are needed to help with this effort and interested parties are encouraged to become involved. Their recently scheduled meeting was cancelled due to weather another one is coming. Watch the calendar and check it out!!

FUN & FELLOWSHIP On Thursday, February 14 at 9 AM workers will gather in the dining hall to assemble school kits, personal care kits, baby care kits and fabric kits and to sew and tie quilts for Lutheran World Relief. Through this ministry we share the love of Christ with folks in need around the world. We’ll share a potluck lunch at noon. All are welcome!

EARLY BIRD DISCOUNTS If you are thinking about sending your child to camp this year and want to save money, now is the time to get registered. March 1 is the early bird deadline at Lutheran Lakeside & Ingham Okoboji Lutheran Camps. We'll have guests from both camps during February to share about their ministries and upcoming opportunities. Look for 2019 program brochures on the side table by the Welcome Center for more information.

MILESTONE MINISTRIES On Sunday, February 17 at our 8:30 worship service our milestone ministry team will recognize second grade students as they receive their first Small Catechism! The celebration continues with a special class in during the Sunday school hour as they get to know more about the small catechism. Second Grade Families: if you are unable to be here that Sunday, please contact Katie at the church office. Thank you!

THE GATHERING COMMUNITY MEAL will be serving dinner from 5-6pm on Thursday, Feb. 14 in the dining room at Bethany. Many thanks to everyone who has signed up to provide a cherry crisp for the dinner. This meal is free to everyone. Please pass the word if you know someone who would like to join us. We also appreciate your prayers and financial support.

NOTE OF THANKS

Many thanks to my Bethany family and friends for the cards, the wonderful banner, notes and prayers as I recently celebrated my 100th birthday. Such a nice surprise and I appreciate your thoughtfulness!

Elsie Mae Jones



CALENDAR

Sunday, February 10

Food Drive Week for UDMO February 10-17

- 8:30 am Worship—Camp Sunday with
Lakeside Lutheran
- 9:45 am Fellowship, Sunday School
- 11:00 am Worship
- 2:00 pm Winds of Hope Conference Mtg
at Bethlehem Lutheran Cherokee

Monday, February 11

- 6:30 pm Cub Scouts Pack 123 Den Meetings
- 7:00 pm Companions in Christ
Meeting in the Archive Room

Tuesday, February 12

- 12:00 pm Pastors Text Study
- 2:00 pm Staff Meeting
- 4:30 pm Weeknight Music
- 6:00 pm Faith in Action Committee

Wednesday, February 13

- 10:00 am Bible Study & Prayer Group
- 6:00 pm Choir
- 7:00 pm Confirmation
- 7:45 pm **Bethany Youth Group (BYG)**
- 8:00 pm Uke Club

Thursday, February 14

- 9:00 am Fun & Fellowship
- 12:00 pm Workday Potluck
- 5:00 pm “The Gathering” Community Meal
- 6:30 pm Cub Scouts Pack 123 Den Meeting

Saturday, February 16

- 7:30 am Men of Bethany Bible Study

Sunday, February 17

- 8:30 am Worship –
Grade 2 Milestone: Catechism
- 9:45 am Fellowship, Sunday School
- 11:00 am Worship