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**CONFIRMATION – REFORMATION SUNDAY – OCTOBER 27, 2019 – 9:00 A.M.**

*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: *“Blessed Jesus, at Your Word”* – arr. Lyndell Leatherman Organ  
*“A Grand Processional”* – arr. John Leavitt Bells

Welcome & Announcements

Gathering Song: *“A Mighty Fortress is Our God”* ELW 504, vv. 1, 2, 4

First Reading Jeremiah 31:31-34

Psalm 46 Read responsively by verses

Second Reading Romans 3:19-28

Gospel John 8:31-36

Sermon: I Believe Pastor Jen Henry

Hymn of the Day: *“Precious Lord, Take My Hand”* ELW 773, vv. 1 & 2

Affirmation of Baptism

Prayer Response: *“Come and Fill Our Hearts”* Screen/ELW 528

Offering: *“Now Thank We All Our God”* – arr. Kristin Campbell

Offertory: *“Create in Me A Clean Heart”* Screen/ELW 186

Communion Hymn: *“How Firm A Foundation”* ELW 796, all verses

Sending Hymn: *“Built on A Rock”* ELW 652, vv. 1 and 5

Postlude: *“Forward Through the Ages”* – arr. Lindell Leatherman  
*“One Lord, One Faith, One Birth”* – Douglas Wagner

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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. A special welcome to visitors—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 in your pew and they can help us to keep in touch with you. Please be sure to mark this if you partake in Holy Communion. Thank you for filling out the Fellowship Pad. Large print bulletins and assistive listening devices are available. If you would benefit from either of these, please speak with an usher.

The liturgical color for Reformation Sunday is red. Red is the color of fire. Because of the Acts 2 scripture read on Pentecost Sunday, it has come to represent the Holy Spirit dancing on the heads of the first disciples in the form of tongues of fire, and thus, the Holy Spirit itself. It is the liturgical color for Pentecost, Reformation Sunday, festivals of the martyrs, Maundy Thursday, Palm Sunday, and for the ordination or funerals of ministers.

At our worship service to we celebrate the Rite of Confirmation, the public profession of faith prepared for by long and careful instruction. Also, called "affirmation of baptism", this is a mature and public profession of the faith, which marks the completion of Bethany's program of confirmation ministry. Individuals who will be affirming their baptism today are: Micah Bensen, Jacob Blume, Carly Borth, Cole DeVlaeminck, Aliza Huntoon, Karter Petzenhauser, Joshua Quail, and Ethan Stave.

Today's altar flowers are given by Judy Iverson in honor of her husband Bruce Iverson who celebrated his 80<sup>th</sup> birthday on October 24.

Many thanks to our worship volunteers helping with today's service:

Greeter: Laurie Conlon; Reader: Denny Peterson;

Acolyte: Jerra Merchant; Ushers: Kirby Schmidt, Judy Sorenson;

Communion servers: Lucille Huber, Francis Hiemstra, Marla Woelber;

Recorder: Susan Rohan; Projector: Lily Rohan; Sound: Randy Phillips;

### **PRAYER CONCERNS & REQUESTS**

Health Concerns: Lois Christensen, Steve DePauw, Connie Heien, Mary Rose Hemme, Mark Kahley, Andy Hermanson, George Kruger, Linda Kunzmann, Kim McCune, Sandy Manwarren, Sally Peterson, Dick Schmidt, Dave Spenst, Darlene Stough; Jaci Hermstad (*Colleen Hermstad's granddaughter*); Ruth Hage (*Darlene Stough's sister-in-law*); Lyle Youngdahl (*Brenda Miller/Tim Youngdahl's brother*); Dennis Phillips (*Donna Jones' brother*); Annabelle Hauck (*Kirby & Sandi Schmidt's granddaughter, Mary Schmidt's great-granddaughter*);

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**AFTER WORSHIP** All are welcome for fellowship in the parlor after worship. Stop by for coffee, goodies and lively conversation. Sunday school is in session for students aged three – grade 12. Preschoolers aged 3-4 through Kindergarten gather upstairs. Grades 1-12 gather for fellowship in the parlor before proceeding to Sunday School activities.

**ANNUAL SOUP SUPPER** All are welcome at the Lost Island Lutheran Church Annual Soup Supper on Sunday, October 27 (today) from 4-7pm. They are serving chili, vegetable beef, ham and bean, and chicken noodle soup with homemade bread and pies. Lost Island Lutheran is located between Graettinger and Ruthven on N26 at 3797 310<sup>th</sup> Street. While there shop their Guatemalan Fair Trade store and Nut Sale (almonds, walnuts and cashews).

**MENTOR MEETING** Have you been thinking about being a mentor for a confirmation youth, but not sure? Come to a meeting on Tuesday, October 29 at 5:30pm in the church parlor to find out more about what is involved.

**DST REMINDER** Don't forget – Daylight Saving Time comes to an end on Sunday, November 3. Remember to "fall back" and set your clocks back one hour at bedtime on Saturday night!

**ALL SAINT'S SUNDAY** At our worship service next Sunday, November 3 we will celebrate "All Saint's Sunday", a time to remember with thanksgiving those who have lived and died in the faith. We will remember the beloved saints who have gone before us in this past church year and are now resting in Christ. In addition, we will recognize the newly baptized at Bethany over this past year. Join in celebrating of all the saints, alive in Christ our Lord! Additionally, our service will include the installation of Lynn Egesdal, our new coordinator of Children, Youth & Family Ministries at Bethany.

**JENNIFER HENRY UNPLUGGED** Please join us for the first in a series of lectures featuring Pastor Jen – unplugged. Come to the Highlands Community Room (1211 St. Luke Drive) on Sunday, November 3 from 4-5:30pm. Bring questions you've always wanted to ask a pastor. Be prepared to laugh and BYOT (bring your own tissues).

**NAME TAGS** We'd like everyone to have a nametag (kids, too!). If don't have one, have misplaced yours or are a frequent visitor who would like one, we would be happy to make one for you. Look for a "Need a Name Tag" sign-up sheet at the Welcome Center and sign-up. Then, next time you are here for worship look in the name tag rack to find your new name tag. Visitors are encouraged to use adhesive name tags. A supply is kept available at the Welcome Center.

**THE BETHANY SWEET STOP** Plan to bring the kiddos to the Bethany "Sweet Stop" on Halloween! You'll get to see many of your Bethany friends (*if you can recognize them in costume*) and there'll be lots of candy and other treats. Be sure to stop by Bethany – from 5-7pm, Thursday, October 31. Reminder: You can still join the fun and run a treat station. Or, consider donating some wrapped candy for the event – lots is needed. See the table in the Narthex. Thanks to all who are helping with this outreach.

**THE FESTIVAL OF LESSONS AND CAROLS** will be held in Spencer on Sunday, December 8, 3pm at Sacred Heart Catholic Church. The community is invited to this annual program of music and the Christmas story. All singers in the community are invited to join one of the two community choirs with rehearsals being held on Sunday or Thursday nights, choosing which choir fits their schedule or singing in both. Rehearsals begin November 3 or 7 at 7pm and will be held at Sacred Heart Catholic Church. Rehearsals continue weekly until the event. For more information visit "Spencer Messiah" on Facebook.

**BLANKETED IN FAITH** Bethany's Faith-in-Action team invites you to help warm the heart of a child in the foster care system through the support of their year-end outreach project– "Blanketed in Faith" *How can you help?* Purchase fleece, bring it to church throughout October and November and leave in the specially designated collection basket at the Welcome Center. A blanket-tying social will be held on Thursday, December 12. Then at worship on December 15 the blankets will be blessed and given to Kaden's Closet and Lutheran Services in Iowa for children in foster care.

**CHRISTMAS AT BETHANY** We have a couple of Christmas at Bethany baking days coming up in November: Saturdays, November 2 (Lefse) and 16 (Norwegian Cookies). Come help bake for this biennial event at Bethany – coming up on Saturday, December 14! Enjoy fellowship and learn the secrets of making some of the Scandinavian goodies served at Christmas at Bethany.

**CURIOUS ABOUT FOSTER CARE?** Lutheran Services in Iowa is holding an orientation for folks who may be interested in becoming a foster parent and would like to find out more information about it. A meeting will be held at Bethany on Monday, November 18 (other locations, too–see poster on bulletin board by church office). To register, call 712-263-9341 or log on to [www.LSIowa.org](http://www.LSIowa.org).

**HOPE HAVEN** is an agency that provides disability services and support for children, adults and families in the area. Working to meet physical, mental, and intellectual needs as well as residential, vocational, and spiritual needs they offer a broad range of services and activities with the goal of making a positive, lasting impact on the lives of those they serve. On Saturday, November 9, Hope Haven is holding a spiritual retreat at Bethany from 9:00am to 1:00pm. Bethany members are invited to be involved. If you or your church group is interested in helping with this event, contact Beth Odor at 363-6048.

**IN THIS SEASON OF THANKFULNESS**, the Stewardship Committee is both giving you a gift and inviting you to a celebration. We will be hosting a **Thankfulness Potluck Sunday, November 10 at 11:15**. Bring your favorite potluck dish and join us in celebrating God's bounties. Also, the Stewardship Committee is giving you a reusable shopping bag with Bethany Lutheran Church on the front. The bags will both conserve earth's resources and advertise Bethany. We ask that you take the bag home and fill it with groceries and bring it back to the church for a blessing and thank offering on November 10. Groceries will be donated to Upper Des Moines and the bags will be returned to you to carry your own groceries.

#### **A NOTE OF THANKS...**

Dear members of Bethany's family,

Thank you so much for your kind words, cards, and prayers for Pastor Appreciation month. You are beyond generous, and you are loved.

*Pastor Jen*

#### **CALENDAR**

##### Sunday, October 27

- 9:00 am Reformation Sunday Worship and Confirmation
- 9:30 am St. Luke Round-Up
- 10:00 am Fellowship, followed by Sunday School

##### Monday, October 28

- 1:30 pm Stonecroft Bible Study
- 7:00 pm Companions in Christ

##### Tuesday, October 29

- 12:00 pm Pastors Text Study
- 2:00 pm Staff Meeting(MQ)
- 5:30 pm Mentor Information Meeting

##### Wednesday, October 30

- 10:00 am Bible Study & Prayer Group
- 7:00 pm Confirmation
- 7:30 pm Uke Group

##### Thursday, October 31

- 5:00 pm The Bethany Sweet Stop Halloween Outreach

##### Saturday, November 2

- 7:30 am Men of Bethany Bible Study
- 9:00 am Christmas at Bethany Baking Day: Lefse
- 10:30 am Steve Brons Funeral (at Warner Chapel, with lunch to follow at Bethany)

##### Sunday, November 3 – Daylight Saving Time Ends

- 9:00 am Worship
- 10:00 am Fellowship
- 10:15 am Sunday School