



## Bethany Lutheran Church

### Mission Statement

Reaching out in Worship, Fellowship, Learning, and  
Love - We Are God's People.



## Summer Campfire Worship Services



Summer Campfire Worship Service will kick off on Wednesday, June 11! This first service will be held at Messiah at 7:00pm! The next service will be held at Bethany on Wednesday, July 9 at 7:00pm! We will be singing songs out of the With One Voice worship hymnal for these services.

Come join us around the firepit this summer!



### Bethany Evangelical Lutheran Church

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### Our Staff

Rev. Misha McFarland-Pollock, Pastor  
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LSI proudly serves Iowans in all 99 counties through our services of Mental Health, Early Childhood, Foster Care & Adoption, Global Greens, People with Disabilities, and Immigrant & Refugee Community Services. We serve individuals of all ages, from families with newborns navigating the early stages of parenthood, to Refugee and Immigrant elders, as well as children at every stage of development. Our heart beats for the people we serve. We empower families and communities by recognizing and honoring the strengths and gifts of every individual.

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### ***A Father's Day Reflection: Amanda's Journey of Hope and Stability***

This Father's Day, we're honored to share the powerful story of Amanda, a young woman whose life has been transformed over the past 13 years through the unwavering dedication of LSI's Host Home program and the compassionate care of Megan D.

Amanda came to LSI with many challenges. With a limited IQ and emotional struggles rooted in past trauma, she had difficulty connecting with others and managing daily life. Before LSI, she lived in institutional settings, heavily medicated, and unable to thrive. Her life was a series of difficult chapters, until she found her match in LSI and Megan.

Megan has been a steady and committed presence in Amanda's life. With unmatched patience, professionalism, and deep care, Megan helped guide Amanda from a place of instability to one of emotional balance. What was once a life of uncertainty is now one of structure, safety, and growth thanks to the loving environment of a Host Home.

Today, Amanda lives with "Momma Mavis," her dedicated Host Home provider, who gives her 24/7 care and inclusion in family life, appointments, and even special needs art classes. The flare-ups that once led to hospital visits are now a thing of the past. Amanda is thriving, living proof that compassion and commitment can change a life.

As Bruce C., Amanda's adoptive father, says: *"LSI and Megan never wavered. I call this stabilization in Amanda's life. The individual care from a non-family member is needed beyond words. Thanks to Mavis and Megan, Amanda's quality of life would not be possible without the LSI Host Home program."*

Amanda, the 25th foster child welcomed by the C. family and their third adoption, is still on her journey and we're honored to walk alongside her.

This Father's Day, we celebrate all the fathers, families, caregivers, and advocates who believe in second chances, and who help make stories like Amanda's possible.





*The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad; the desert shall rejoice and blossom like the crocus; it shall blossom abundantly and rejoice with joy and singing. --  
Isaiah 35:1-2*

Summer is basically here! The community garden is in full swing at Bethany. My own personal garden has been planted, and we will see what actually decides to grow lol! By the time you receive this newsletter, Bruce and I will have gone on vacation and returned. May was full of activity. The ending of The Jordan Project which was a grant project both churches were involved in, the beginning of Faith Forward which is a grant project Bethany will be involved in and Messiah will have access to the resources as well, my ordination and church anniversaries, and Bruce's graduation from seminary all occurred last month.

My vacation was wonderful. Bruce and I took a weeklong cruise to Bermuda. We kayaked, snorkeled, and explored a beautiful cave. There was plenty of time spent resting as well. We met some wonderful people on the ship and look forward to visiting them in Boston when I am there in November for a conference. While I loved my time away, it is so delightful to be back in Burlington with all of you!

I mentioned Faith Forward earlier and now I want to tell you a little more about it. Faith Forward will empower rural and small congregations to work with parents, grandparents, and faith mentors through normal routines of congregational life to help them hand down their Christian faith to the next generation. We will receive a website, materials, and resources free of charge to assist with this along with a \$500 grant. I am very excited about this opportunity.

With summer being here, I thought it would be nice to have a couple outdoor worship services. We will have campfire worship services in June and July. They will take place on the second Wednesday of the month. June will be held at Messiah and July will be held at Bethany. These are joint worship services and people from both congregations and the community are welcome to join us. The services will be based on material from With One Voice.

I pray you all have safe and enjoyable vacations this summer! I look forward to Vacation Bible School and all the fun it brings!

Blessings,

Pastor Misha

# Meetings

The meetings for June, 2025 that have been scheduled as of the publishing of this newsletter are listed below. Watch your bulletins for any date and time changes, or additional meetings that may be scheduled.

Finance Committee  
Thursday, June 12 @ 7:00 p.m.

Executive Committee  
Thursday, June 12 @ 6:00 p.m.

Church Life Committee  
Sunday, June 15 @ 10:15 a.m.

Property Committee  
Monday, June 9 @ 6:30 p.m.

Church Council  
Wednesday, June 18 @ 6:30 p.m.

Men's Breakfast  
Suspended until further notice.

Church Outreach  
Sunday, June 1 @ 10:15 a.m.

## FINANCIAL UPDATE

### May ATTENDANCE

May 4	59
May 11	45
May 18	43
May 25	38

### May GIVING

May 4	\$2,519.55
May 11	\$1,521.90
May 18	\$1,662.18
May 25	<u>\$1,549.78</u>
Total:	\$7,253.41

May VANCO total: \$1,560.00



### PLEASE NOTE

Because of Federal Privacy laws, if you or a member of your family are hospitalized and would like the Pastor to visit, you must contact the church and let us know.

# LAY LEADERS

## June

June Usher: Susan Swanson

### Communion Assistants

1 - Jim & Sharon Martindale  
8 - Mark Rosenberg; Rachel Lindeen  
15 - Mike Hopp; Julie Wischmeier  
22 - Steve & Sue Rogers  
29 - Teresa Morehead; Bill Mundt



### Lector

1 - Ron Kastner  
8 - Aaron Morehead; Todd Chelf  
15 - Judy Craven  
22 - Pam Taylor  
29 - Todd Chelf

### Greeters

1 - Carol Dodge  
8 - Bill Mundt  
15 - Vicki Stoller  
22 - Mel & Judy Craven  
29 - Mark & Bonnie Rosenberg

### Flowers

1 - Mark & Bonnie Rosenberg  
8 - Dan & Ruth Harken  
15 - Susan Swanson  
22 - Dirk & Betty Zaiser  
29 - Jim & Sharon Martindale

### Missionary Support

1 - Open  
8 - Open  
15 - Open  
22 - Open  
29 - Open

### Altar Guild

Carlene Woodside  
Bev Sherbondy



# Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School will kick off on Monday, June 16 through Thursday, June 19, 2025! Starting at 9am and ending at 12pm for youth 3yrs old to 6<sup>th</sup> grade at Messiah Lutheran Church! You still have time to register if you have not already! Use the QR code below to register online, or pick up a registration form on the table in the Fellowship Hall! Volunteers will use the same registration form to sign up! Also on the table in the Fellowship Hall is a list of supplies items that are needed, there are still a few items that are needed.

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

**ROAR** and spread the good news about Jesus!

June 16-19, 2025 at Messiah Lutheran Church  
9am-12pm Monday-Thursday  
3 yrs old to 6<sup>th</sup> grade

**REGISTRATION FORMS ARE ALSO AVAILABLE IN THE CHURCH OFFICES**

# Announcements



There will be a few times this month that Wendy will be out of the office for a little while or in the office late or leaving early. This is due to some appointments, mostly for her son's Physical Therapy for his ankle. Please see the calendar for these times. An email will be sent out as a reminder of these occurrences also. Thank you for your patience.

There is a joint service on Sunday, June 8 for Day of Pentecost @ Bethany!

Campfire Worship Services are on Wednesday, June 11 @ Messiah and Wednesday, July 9 @ Bethany @ 7:00pm. These will be around the firepit and using With One Voice as the worship hymnal.

Pastor Misha will be away at a Women's Retreat in Iowa City on Monday, June 9, she will return by Tuesday, June 10. She will also be away at 1<sup>st</sup> Call Cohort beginning late afternoon on Sunday, June 15 and will return sometime in the afternoon on Tuesday, June 17.

Church Life will not be meeting on Sunday, June 8. Instead they will meet on the following Sunday, June 15. This will be the start of the Ice Cream Social meetings.

Sunday, June 15 is Father's Day! Happy Father's Day!!

Vacation Bible School is June 16-19 from 9am-12pm for youth 3yrs old to 6<sup>th</sup> grade. Still time to register for participation or for volunteers! See page above for more information.

Messiah will be sending youth to camp at Camp EWALU at Strawberry Point, IA from July 27-Aug. 1. Any Bethany youth is invited to join with them! Just register online at [www.Ewalu.org/Summer-Camp](http://www.Ewalu.org/Summer-Camp). Place Messiah in the "camp buddy" spot on the form. Then contact Laura Carruthers at Messiah to let her know who is going and she can also coordinate with you on carpooling up to camp and back home if needed. Feel free to contact her with any questions also. Laura can be reached at 319-759-4377.



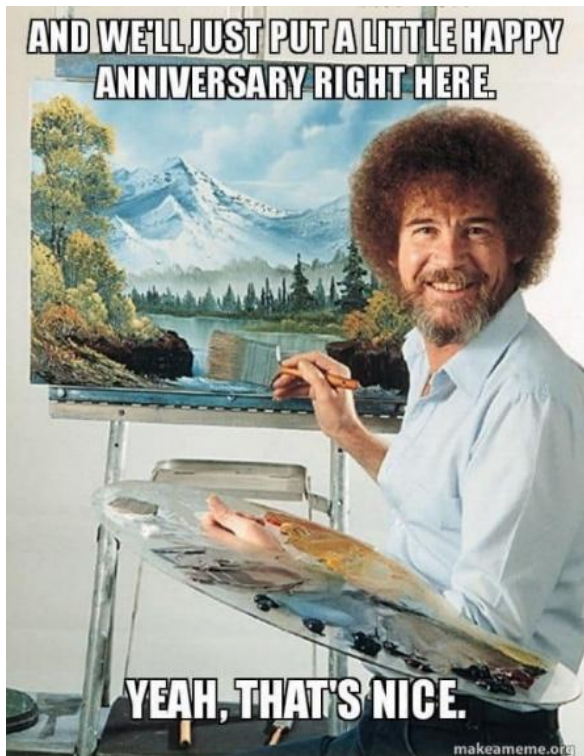
### *June Anniversaries*

- 4 - Mark & Bonnie Rosenberg
- 7 - Tony & Betty Stanley
- 20 - Mike & Melissa Hopp
- 30 - Tim & Teresa Ruberg
- 30 - Derek & Savanna Evans



### *June BIRTHDAYS*

- 1 - Sarah Loots
- 2 - Bill Mundt; Marilyn Ward
- 8 - Eddison Newman; Wendy Bell
- 10 - Sam Banks; Sheri McCarthy
- 11 - Dylan McClurg
- 12 - Robin Milton; Teresa Ruberg
- 19 - Roger Gard
- 25 - Austin Cox












# June 2025



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1 Rogation Sunday</b> 9:00 a.m. Worship 10:15 a.m. Church Outreach 10:55 am Hope Service	2 	3	4	5 Bible Study @ 9:30am @ Messiah	6 Nurses mtg @ Noon	7
<b>8 A Pentecost Service of Word and Song</b> <b>Joint Service @ Bethany</b> 9:00 a.m. Worship 10:55 am Hope Service	9 Wendy out of office 9am-10am  Property mtg. @ 6:30pm Pastor Misha @ Women's Retreat in Iowa City	10 Pastor's Book Club @ 7pm	11 Campfire Worship Service @ Messiah @ 7:00pm 	12 Bible Study @ 9:30am @ Messiah Office open late @ 3:15pm  Exec. Comm mtg @ 6:00pm Finance Mtg. @ 7:00pm	13 Office closed @ 10:30am	14 NATIONAL Strawberry SHORTCAKE DAY  JUNE 14th
<b>15 The Holy Trinity</b> 9:00 am Worship 10:15 am Church Life/Ice Cream Social mtg. 10:55 am Hope Service Pastor Misha leaves afternoon for 1 <sup>st</sup> Call Cohort <i>Happy Father's Day</i>	16 Wendy out of office 9:45am-10:30am	17 Pastor Misha returns from 1 <sup>st</sup> Call Cohort in afternoon	18 Council Mtg @ 6:30pm	19 Bible Study @ 9:30am @ Messiah 	20 <b>Chimes Deadline</b>	21
<b>22 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Pentecost</b> 9:00 am Worship 10:55 am Hope Service	23 	24	25	26 Bible Study @ 9:30am @ Messiah	27	28
<b>29 Peter and Paul</b> 9:00 am Worship 10:55 am Hope Service	30				<b>Office Hours</b> Mon.-Wed.-Fri.: 9:00am-1:00pm Tues. & Thurs.: 1:30pm-4:30pm	<b>Paraments:</b> White: 1, 15 Red: 8, 29 Green: 22

Vacation Bible School June 16-19 @ Messiah