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# 2023 Vacation Bible School at Messiah Lutheran Church 2411 West Avenue

This year's event will be held June 12 – 16 from 9AM – 12 noon. This is a free ministry to our community and the Bethany, Faith, Messiah and Trinity Lutheran churches. It's open to young people ages 3 – 6<sup>th</sup> grade.

There are registration forms on the table just outside the sanctuary, so stop and pick one up today. There's always a need for volunteers and supplies, so if you'd like to donate items, contact Messiah Lutheran Church. If you'd be interested in volunteering, the same form used for registration can be completed for volunteering.

#### Bethany Evangelical Lutheran Church

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#### **Our Staff**

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#### **June 2023, LSI**

#### Happy Father's Day!

At LSI, we strive to empower and celebrate fathers and father figures in every stage of their life. This Father's Day, take some time to celebrate and show appreciation to all the male role models in your life.

Through our Early Childhood Services, we provide fathers with the education and resources they need to become the best parents and caregivers they can be. In our Clinical Services Department, we support fathers and father figures by providing individuals with mental health counseling and the tools they need to create bright futures for their families.

Many Iowa children entering foster care need a positive male role model in their lives. In our Foster Care and Adoption services, we support male individuals through the process of expanding their families, or becoming a new parent altogether.

We are able to provide these services to fathers of young children with the generous support from people like you! Thank you for responding to the love of Jesus Christ through compassionate service!

For more information, please contact Deb Whitford, LSI's Senior Director of Philanthropy and Church Relations, at Deborah. Whitford@LSIowa.org or 563-676-2065.

Our Mission: Lutheran Services in Iowa responds to the love of Jesus Christ through compassionate service. LSI is an affiliated social ministry partner of the Iowa congregations of the ELCA (Evangelical Lutheran Church in America) and a member of LSA (Lutheran Services in America). We proudly serve people of all ages, abilities, religions, sexes, gender identities, national origins, ethnicities, races, and sexual orientations. Learn more at <a href="LSIowa.org">LSIowa.org</a> and facebook.com/LSI.iowa.

#### **Providing Support for First-Time Parents**

Brandon and Nevaeh first heard about LSI's Early Childhood services at the hospital, following the birth of their first child. As many first-time parents, they were looking for support and guidance through this exciting time in their life.

"I'm really glad that we took the leap and chose to participate in LSI's Early Childhood program. This program has taken a lot of stress off of us by providing us with resources that walk us through the developmental process, and to know where our baby is at through each stage," said Brandon.

Brandon and Nevaeh work with Erica, an LSI Family Support Worker in our Early Childhood department. "The home-visits with Erica have been extremely beneficial," expressed Brandon. "The resources and educational materials she provides us help us to understand the developmental milestones that we should be expecting at every stage of our child's life."

"Our baby is 10 months old now, and we are still learning a lot through LSI's Early Childhood program. Having support groups and people that you can reach out to with questions is essential," said Brandon. "To any first-time parents, I'd definitely recommend LSI's Early Childhood program."





Dear Friends in Christ,

Lately I've been getting the urge to go on another visit to where my dad's hometown *used to be.* He was born in a town called Buxton, which was located roughly in the middle of a triangle made by the towns of Oskaloosa, Albia, and Eddyville. It was established by the Consolidation Coal Company in the 1890s, and by 1922 it was completely gone--literally, off the face of the map. But thanks to the Monroe County Historical Society, the grounds on which Buxton's downtown area stood have been cared for so that, with a photograph or two from Buxton's heyday, the few remaining foundational structures can be identified, along with what stood around them. Buxton today is as much an archaeological site as any site hundreds of years older.

What makes Buxton special goes beyond its being where my dad spent the first five years of his life, and it even goes beyond the fact that it's a historical reminder of the days when southeast Iowa was one of our nation's biggest suppliers of coal. It's hard to believe, when you look out at what used to be Buxton, that you're looking at a place that once had as many as 8,000 people living in it. But more remarkable than that, *you're looking at a place where roughly half of those 8,000 people were of the "Caucasian Persuasion", and the other half were black.* And more remarkable yet, *those people lived in total racial harmony in a state of total equality.* 

Unfortunately, the *town* lasted only as long as the coal outside *its immediate area* lasted. As the coal supply dried up, people had to find other places to live, and as you might guess, the black folks, especially the ones who had known no home *but* Buxton, had a rude awakening when they discovered what the rest of America was like, even in places like Ottumwa, Des Moines, and Cedar Rapids.

How Buxton came about and lived out its short existence is quite a story, a story far bigger than I can relate to you on this page. But I *do* know where you can immerse yourself somewhat *in* that story, and I'd like you to go there with me later this month.

I'll make arrangements with the Monroe Co. Historical Society for a Buxton visit on one of the Saturdays in June. Having gone there with a few people a couple of years ago, I can tell you that the people who run the Society will bend over backwards to show us what they have to offer. First, we'll go to the museum in Albia, where we'll see a lot of neat stuff, including a section of exhibits having to do solely with Buxton. And then, having just gotten a good history lesson and some orientation as to what we'll see and what used to be there, we'll go out to the actual Buxton site.

I think we should leave from Bethany, since from Burlington it's a straight 4-lane shot to Albia on Highway 34.

I'll let y'all know ASAP the date I've arranged to schedule our visit. And as you consider taking part in this, please know that racial harmony--*even in America*--is possible. However briefly, <u>it has actually happened</u>--and you'll be standing and walking on the ground WHERE it happened!

In Christ, Pastor Pete

# Meetings

The meetings for June, 2023 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 8, 6:30 p.m.

Church Life Committee Sunday, June 11, 10:15 a.m.

Property Committee Monday, June 12, 6:30 p.m.

Church Outreach Committee Tuesday, June 13 5:30 p.m.

Executive Committee Tuesday, June 13, 6:30 p.m.

Church Council Wednesday, June 14, 6:30 p.m.

Men's Breakfast Saturday, June 17, 8:00 a.m.

## PLEASE NOTE

Please be sure to update your address and/or phone number with the office. A new church directory will be published soon, and we'd like to have current information.

#### <u>ALSO!</u>

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.

# FINANCIAL UPDATE

## <u>MAY</u> <u>ATTENDANCE</u>

April 30	59
May 7	49
May 14	53
May 21	44

# <u>MAY</u> GIVING

April 30	\$2,458.74
May 7	\$2,225.20
May 14	\$1,342.00
May 21	\$3,284.00
Total	\$9,309.94

May VANCO total: \$1,675.00



# **DID YOU KNOW?**

Have you ever noticed the long, plastic tube stuck in the wood block that sits on the table in fellowship hall? Ever wondered what it was for? It's Quarters for World Hunger. If you have quarters to spare, drop them in. Once the tube is full, we'll empty it and deposit the quarters. Then we'll send the money on to the Synod office for World Hunger. Simple as that!

# **COMMEMORATIONS**

Armed Forces Day – Third Saturday in May

This day pays tribute to men and women currently serving in the United States Armed Forces

Memorial Day – Last Monday in May

This day commemorates all who have died in military service for the United States.

Flag Day – June 14

This day commemorates the adoption of the United States Flag

Independence Day – July 4

This day commemorates the independence of the United States

Patriot's Day – September 11

This day pays tribute to those who were injured or died during the terrorist attacks on the United States on September 11.

Veteran's Day – November 11

This day is set aside to recognize military veterans for their service. It is also the anniversary date of the signing of the armistice that ended World War I.





REMINDER: As has been our practice, there will be a combined July and August newsletter that will be mailed/emailed out on June 28. All submissions are due by June 20 for the two months it will cover. Thank you for your cooperation.

# **CONGRATULATIONS!!**

Congratulations to Sam Morehead, our 2023 high school graduate. On Sunday, May 21, Mr. John Flaherty, who's led the Fellowship of Christian Athletes group at BHS for the last few years, was in worship to present a scholarship to Sam. Sam was awarded The Joey Schlader Memorial Scholarship, which is awarded to 3 scholar athletes in the FCA Mississippi Valley region. Sam has been involved with FCA throughout high school, and has been in a leadership role for the last two years.

He also received a leather bound E3 Discipleship Bible--Engage, Equip, Empower.



John Flaherty talks about the award and what it means for Sam to receive it.



John Flaherty explains the Bible Sam is being presented.



Congratulations!!

On Monday, May 22, Sam received a scholarship from Bethany Lutheran Church. Sarah Loots, representing the Scholarship Committee attended the awards ceremony at Burlington High School to present the certificate.



Please join us in celebrating Samuel's high school graduation during an open house on Friday, June 2 from 5-9 p.m. here at Bethany. The Bethany family has been a big influence on Samuel's upbringing. We very much appreciate all you have done for our family. Thank you! Now come celebrate this milestone in Sam's life!

~~~~ The Morehead Family

Community Meetings this month...

Boy Scouts - Tuesdays, 6:30 p.m.

The Retired Nurses will meet Friday, June

Retired Teachers will be taking a break over the summer months. They'll be returning in the Fall.



#### 3rd Grade Bibles

We have four, 3<sup>rd</sup> graders that we'll be presenting Bibles to. Because summer schedules tend to get a little crazy, we'll be giving the students their Bibles in September. The families will be contacted with the date once it's been chosen.



## **Community Public Announcement**

What: School's Out! Summer Food Drive -7th Annual

When: Saturday, June 10, 2023 - 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

**Where:** Faith Lutheran Church, 3109 Sunnyside Avenue, Burlington

<u>Details:</u> Faith and Trinity Lutheran Churches will be hosting a school's out food drive to combat childhood hunger. All food donations will be collected and given to the Des Moines County Community Action food pantry. Monetary gifts are welcome to be able to purchase perishable food items.

# The event will take place rain or shine.

Contact person: Cyndy or Al Fabel - Phone #319-752-0735

# LAY LEADERS JUNE 2023

June Usher: Susan Swanson

#### **Communion Assistants**

4 - Teresa Morehead; Bill Mundt

11 - Mike Hopp; Julie Wischmeier

18 - Steve & Sue Rogers

25 - Rachel Lindeen; Mark Rosenberg

#### Lector

4 - Todd Chelf

11 - Pam Taylor

18 - Bill Mundt

25 - Michelle Huppenbauer

#### **Greeters**

4 - Marlys McClurg & Vanette Wooldridge

11 - Mel & Judy Craven

18 - Sharon Martindale

25 - Lynda Johnson

#### **Flowers**

4 – Tony & Betty Stanley

11 - Carol Dodge

18 - Susan Swanson

25 - Jim & Sharon Martindale

# SERVING THROUGH SERVING OTHERS

#### **Altar Guild**

Bev Sherbondy Carlene Woodside

#### **Missionary Support**

The new chart for May – August is up now. Stop and pick your date to recognize a special event happening in your life, or your family's life.



# JUNE BIRTHDAYS

1 - Sarah Loots

2 – Bill Mundt; Marilyn Ward

6 - Jessica King

8 - Eddison Newman

10 - Sam Banks; Sheri

McCarthy

11 - Dylan McClurg

12 – Robin Milton; Teresa Ruberg

19 - Roger Gard

25 - Austin Cox



# JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

4 - Mark & Bonnie Rosenberg

7 – Tony & Betty Stanley

20 - Mike & Melissa

Hopp

30 - Tim & Teresa Ruberg

30 - Derek & Savanna

**Evans** 

# **June 2023**

# Alzheimer's Awareness Month

| Sunday                                                                                                                    | Monday                                               | Tuesday                                                                                       | Wednesday                                                  | Thursday                            | Friday               | Saturday                                         |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------------------------------|
| January                                                                                                                   |                                                      |                                                                                               | ,                                                          | 1                                   | 2 National Donut Day | 3                                                |
|                                                                                                                           |                                                      | Pastor                                                                                        | Pete at Bethany Tues                                       | day, Wednesday & T                  | hursday              |                                                  |
| 4 Holy Trinity<br>Sunday<br>9:00 a.m. Worship<br>10:55 a.m. Hope<br>Service                                               | 5<br>6:30 p.m. Property<br>Committee                 | 6<br>5:30 p.m. Church<br>Outreach<br>6:00 p.m. Executive<br>Committee<br>6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts | 7<br>National Chocolate<br>Ice Cream Day                   | 8<br>6:30 p.m. Finance<br>Committee | 9                    | 10                                               |
| 11 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of<br>Pentecost<br>9:00 a.m. Worship<br>10:15 a.m. Church<br>Life<br>10:55 a.m. Hope<br>Service | 12<br>6:30 p.m. Property<br>Committee                | 5:30 p.m. Church Outreach Committee 6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts 6:30 p.m. Executive Committee        | 14 FLAG DAY 9:30 a.m. Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Church Council | 15                                  | 16                   | 17<br>8:00 a.m. Men's<br>Breakfast               |
|                                                                                                                           | Pastor Pete at Bethany Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday |                                                                                               |                                                            |                                     |                      |                                                  |
| 18 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of<br>Pentecost<br>FATHER'S DAY<br>9:00 a.m. Worship<br>10:55 a.m. Hope<br>Service              | JUNETEENTH                                           | 20<br>6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts                                                                    | 21                                                         | 22                                  | National Pink Day    | 24                                               |
| 25 4th Sunday of Pentecost 9:00 a.m. Worship 10:55 a.m. Hope Service                                                      | 26                                                   | 27 6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts Sunglasses Day                                                        | 28                                                         | 29                                  | 30                   | Paraments:<br>4 - White<br>11, 18, 25 -<br>Green |
|                                                                                                                           | Pastor Pete at Bethany Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday |                                                                                               |                                                            |                                     |                      |                                                  |