



## Bethany Lutheran Church

### Mission Statement

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

# The Chimes

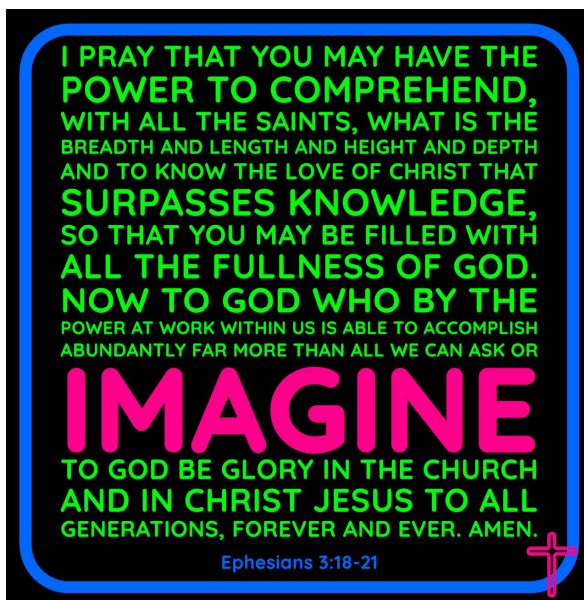
## SYNOD REVIVAL

The Southeastern Iowa Synod will hold a one-day event to nourish, connect, and reimagine. The revival will be held **Saturday, May 20**, at **Grand View University** from 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM.

This event is FREE and intended to be a joyful fun gathering for all ages full of inspiration, worship, and prayer. Bring your friends, neighbors, family, or anyone and watch what God does!

All us Lutherans in the area are going to arrange a carpool to make it easier to attend! If you would like to participate contact Lori Fry, the office admin at Trinity and Faith. Please let Lori know if you are willing to be a driver or if you would prefer to ride along. You can reach Lori by calling the office at 319-752-0687 or by email at [office@trinity-burlington.org](mailto:office@trinity-burlington.org).

Let's have a good Burlington contingency at the revival!



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## **May 2023, LSI Bulletin/Newsletter Article and Story**

### **Happy Mother's Day!**

Mother's Day is a time to celebrate and empower all the strong, loving women in your life. At LSI, we provide mothers, and soon-to-be mothers, with the education and resources they need to build the brightest future for their children.

LSI's Foster Care and Adoption Services work to bring families together and to help them throughout the process of becoming licensed for foster care and approved for adoption. Our Family Centered Services uses a strengths-based approach to keep Iowa families together by equipping parents with skills they need to be successful, independent and healthy.

As you celebrate Mother's Day this year, remember that your support helps empower Iowa moms. If you are looking for a way to help these moms, or to honor a mother in your life this year, please consider making a gift in her name to LSI. For more information, please contact Deb Whitford, LSI's Senior Director of Philanthropy and Church Relations, at [Deborah.Whitford@LSIowa.org](mailto: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 [LSIowa.org](http://LSIowa.org) and [facebook.com/LSI.iowa](https://facebook.com/LSI.iowa).*

### **Staying Connected to your Roots**

LSI Foster Care and Adoption is proud to be part of the Native Families for Native Children (NF4NC) project, which is a collaborative effort between the four native tribes of Nebraska, human services agencies and private agency partners in Nebraska and Iowa. As part of the project's efforts, we recruit, train, license and support Native American families in accord with the traditions, needs and resources of their communities.

Rebecca and Kirby expanded their family when they adopted their son in January. The couple had the opportunity to work with the Omaha Tribe and were able to participate in the second Customary Adoption in the State of Iowa.

Through their Customary Adoption, the family completed a culture plan with the tribe and will be able to keep their newly adopted son connected to his cultural roots with the Omaha Tribe. The new family also was able to keep their son connected to his biological siblings, so he can continue to be involved with them.

LSI is proud to help connect families, like Rebecca and Kirby, with the resources they need to continue to grow their families and build the brightest future for Iowa children.



Dear Friends in Christ,

Yesterday (April 21st) I had homebound visits to do on both sides of the river--one in Montrose, one in Nauvoo. I like to do it that way so that I can have a good reason to go down through Keokuk, and up that magnificent stretch of the Great River Road between Hamilton and Nauvoo. I also planned to participate in a Zoom meeting with bishop's assistant Pr. Dan Kuckuck and other "interim" pastors; for this meeting, and for the first time, I planned to participate by phone. After my Montrose visit, I went down to Keokuk, listening to the beginning of the meeting on my phone as I stopped briefly at Casey's. It began to rain, and rain pretty hard--hard enough that I could barely hear the other people at the meeting. I also got a SPAM call, the ringtone for which (my phone's ringtone is pretty obnoxious--note to self: I really should *change* that one of these days) was heard by all the other participants. So, I drove to the riverfront--that was my original plan, to park the car and enjoy the ambience while I listened and spoke. Unfortunately, it started raining much harder, so loudly that I couldn't hear *anything* over the phone. So, I ran out of the car through the downpour to a shelter; once I was inside, it started raining harder yet--the rain on that metal roof increased the decibel level even more. The tornado warning siren also went off. The rain slackened somewhat, but when that happened a BNSF coal train *very loudly* announced *its* presence about 150 feet behind me, and took a few minutes to *very loudly* go by.

Through it all I managed to hear the big majority of what my colleagues had to say, but I don't think I'm going to try to do that "phone thing" again any time soon.

One thing I *did* hear was something I think worthy of passing on to you. One of the pastors has been telling her congregation that they need to think of themselves--their church, that is--as a "dinosaur". A dinosaur which is in the process of evolving into something else. You've probably heard somewhere along the line that birds are the closest evolutionary descendants of the dinosaurs; this pastor has been teaching her people that the church of the future will be as different as a *bird* is from a *dinosaur*, though it will possess the same DNA. (I asked her jokingly if that's copyrighted, and she said no--"that's just my stuff", to which I said that I'll find a use for it myself one of these days.)



We all know by now that a lot of things are different from what they used to be, and that they're going to *continue* to be different. We're in the process of evolving, and as long as we don't try to alter or get rid of our "DNA" (reliance on God and God's Word), we'll be fine. Jesus said so, and that's good enough for *any* of us!

In Christ,  
Pastor Pete

# Meetings

The meetings for May, 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, May 11, 6:30 p.m.

Church Life Committee  
Sunday, May 14, 10:15 a.m.

Property Committee  
Monday, May 8, 6:30 p.m.

Church Outreach Committee  
Tuesday, May 9 5:30 p.m.

Executive Committee  
Tuesday, May 9, 6:30 p.m.

Men's Breakfast  
Saturday, May 20, 8:00 a.m.

Church Council  
Wednesday, May 17, 6:30 p.m.

## FINANCIAL UPDATE

### APRIL ATTENDANCE

April 2	71
April 9 - Easter	84
April 16	52
April 23	63

### APRIL GIVING

April 2	\$3,228.71
April 9 - Easter	\$4,400.40
April 16	\$2,621.87
April 23	<u>\$2,914.34</u>
Total	\$13,165.32

April VANCO total: \$1,655.00



### 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.

### ALSO!

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.

### 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!

Community Meetings this month...

Retired Nurses – Friday, 5, 9:30 a.m.

Retired Teachers – Monday, May 1, 12:00 noon

Boy Scouts – Tuesdays, 6:30 p.m.

## Human Trafficking

### Awareness presentation:

On Tuesday, May 9, at 7 pm Faith and Trinity Lutheran will host a presentation on human trafficking awareness at Faith Lutheran (3109 Sunnyside Ave., Burlington).

It's easy to think human trafficking is not an issue in Iowa, but, tragically, it does happen here. According to the Iowa Attorney General's Office, one out of every three runaway teenagers in Iowa is lured into commercial sexual exploitation within 36 hours of leaving home. Deb Oliver of Chains Interrupted will give the presentation.

This event is open to the public. Feel free to bring along someone who would like to know more about how we can make southeast Iowa a safer place for our youth. We will take a freewill offering to help Deb cover travel expenses.



The three ELCA Bishops in Iowa have decided to ride Ragbrai this year. The dates are July 22-29. It's the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the event, and they've committed to riding 50+ miles together, each day, celebrating and highlighting 50+ anti-hunger ministries in our three synods, and raising \$50K plus for ELCA World Hunger. This year's route will begin in Sioux City and in Davenport. All are welcome to ride with them; but if that's not something you want or are able to do, then what you can do is pray for them that they have a safe trip, and donate to World Hunger.

## 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention and Gathering Southeastern Iowa Women of the ELCA June 9 and 10, 2023

Convention and Gathering is always fun and exciting. We hope you have in on our calendar and plan to attend. Spread the word and bring another woman from your church or bring your mother, your sister, your daughter, a friend, or a cousin! This year's event will be held at the Stoney Creek Hotel Des Moines – Johnston.

### Having an active WELCA group isn't necessary!!

For more information, please check out the flier on the bulletin board in the hallway.

## CHOIR RETURNS!

The choir will rehearse on Sunday, May 14 and May 21. We'll sing in worship on Sunday, May 28. All are welcome!

# LAY LEADERS

## MAY 2023

May Usher: Susan Swanson

### Communion Assistants

- 7 - Scott & Jan Creighton
- 14 - Jim & Sharon Martindale
- 21 - Amy Unglaub; Shelley Wallace
- 28 - Mark Rosenberg; Rachel Lindeen

### Lector

- 7 - Rachel Lindeen
- 14 - Mitchell Huston
- 21 - Ron Kastner
- 28 - Carleen Woodside

### Greeters

- 7 - Bill Mundt
- 14 - Carol Dodge
- 21 - Ginny Mesecher
- 28 - Dan & Julie Wischmeier

### Altar Guild

- Kim Engle
- Lynda Johnson;
- Julie Wischmeier

### Flowers

- 7 - Mel & Judy Craven
- 14 - Arnhild Zaiser
- 21 - Bill Mundt
- 28 - Open

### Missionary Support

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

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- 10 - Mel & Judy Craven
- 11 - Jeff & Heidi Schreiner
- 18 - Scott & Jan Creighton
- 29 - Mark & Sarah Loots
- David & Jessica Tharp


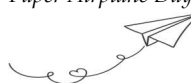



- 1 - David King; Sam Quam; Zoe Rogers
- 2 - Kara Roberts
- 4 - Peggy Schulz
- 5 - Brianna Hopp
- 7 - Erv Imm; Beth McCarthy
- 8 - Sue Rogers
- 9 - William Ward, Sr.
- 11 - Howard Burgus; Brett Morris; Brett Kuster
- 13 - Dalton McClurg
- 14 - Emily Bloomer
- 16 - Donna Edgington; Janice Peterson
- 18 - Drew McCarthy; Nancy Pilcher; Ed Roberts
- 19 - Robert Hornfeck; Lindsey Rice
- 20 - Bonnie Darrah
- 22 - Jacob Smith
- 26 - Elisabeth Chelf; Jordan Roy; Michelle Schoof
- 27 - Jessica Sherrill
- 28 - Matthew Hogaboom; Jacob Roy; Joshua Roy
- 29 - Alexander Whitmore
- 30 - Sharon Martindale; Lisa Murphy
- 31 - Shirley Henson; Michelle Le Kander

# May

# 2023

## Mental Health Awareness Month

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>Paraments</b> 7, 14, 21 - White 28 - Red	1 12:00 noon Retired Teachers  <b>MAY DAY</b>	2 6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts	3 9:30 a.m. Bible Study 7:00 p.m. Confirmation @ Faith	4	5 9:30 a.m. Retired Nurses  <b>CINCO DE MAYO</b>	6
		<i>Pastor Pete at Bethany Tuesday, Wednesday &amp; Thursday</i>				
7 <i>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter</i> 9:00 a.m. Worship 10:55 a.m. Hope Service	8 6:30 p.m. Property Committee	9 5:30 p.m. Church Outreach 6:00 p.m. Executive Committee 6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts	10 7:00 p.m. Confirmation @ Faith	11 6:30 p.m. Finance Committee	12	13 National Apple Pie Day 
14 <i>6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter</i> <b>MOTHER'S DAY</b> 9:00 a.m. Worship 10:15 a.m. Church Life 10:55 a.m. Hope Service	15	16 6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts	17 9:30 a.m. Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Church Council 7:00 p.m. Confirmation @ Faith	18 <b>ASCENSION DAY</b>	19	20 8:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast
		<i>Pastor Pete at Bethany Tuesday, Wednesday &amp; Thursday</i>				
21 <i>7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter</i> 9:00 a.m. Worship 10:55 a.m. Hope Service	22	23 6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts	24 7:00 p.m. Confirmation @ Faith	25	26 Paper Airplane Day 	27
28 <b>PENTECOST SUNDAY</b> 9:00 a.m. Worship 10:55 a.m. Hope Service	29 	30 6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts	31 7:00 p.m. Confirmation @ Faith	<b>REMINDER:</b> If you have something you want included in the June Chimes, the deadline for submitting your announcement is Saturday, May 20. You're welcome to drop off a note, send an email, or call. Thank you!		