

Prayer Page

Thanksgiving

- Eight students Rite of Confirmation
- Kierra Penney - Concordia University graduation

Entrusting into God's Care

- Marje (sister of Luci Stoelting) - hospice care
- Persecuted Christians and refugees
- Those suffering after storms and during the pandemic
- Peace in Europe and throughout the world
- Project 24 students, Yvonne and Lorine

Healing

- Larry Easler - recovering after fall at Hiawatha Care Center
- Tom Stock - health issues
- Margaret (relative of Karl Hoech) - recovering after fall
- Karen Schmidt - recovering after surgery
- Lee Rathje - recovering after surgery
- Colton Kelgord - recovering after surgery
- Dave Johnson - recovering after surgery
- Stephen Stepanek - brain cancer treatment
- Mickie Sjullie - recovering after broken ankle
- Janelle Dunbar - recovering after surgery
- Doug Knutson - immunotherapy treatment
- Bonnie Bubke - personal issues
- Chuck Stoelting - recovering at Garnet Place
- Rick Foreman - recovering at home after fall
- Deb Heitland - health issues
- Ethel Doehrmann - cancer treatment
- Abi Clark - health issues

Homebound

- Shirley Kellogg - Terrace Glen Village, Marion

Mourning, friends and family of

- Hellen (relative of Karl Hoech) - died 4/28
- Aiden (cousin of Kierra Penney) - died 4/16
- Michele (sister of Melissa Loney) - died 4/10
- Glen (brother of Rob Sieck)- died 3/30

Serving Our Country

- Ben (son of Kroemers) - serving IA National Guard
- Devin (friend of Kroemers) - serving IA Army National Guard
- Mitchell & Benjamin (relatives of Schoens & Smiths) - US Navy
- Harrison (son of Siecks) - US Army, deployed to Poland

Servants of Worship

	Sunday, May 7	Sunday, May 14
Elder	Mark Elias	Rick Foreman
Usher (8:30)	Wade Ramsey, Ed Schumacher	Mike Goerd
Usher (11)	Dick & Karen Hass	Dave Johnson
Greeter (8:30)	Lorna Fischer & Cherie Miller	Rick & Marvelene Foreman
Greeter (11)	Rick & Erin Heller	Jim & Lissa Novitch
Lector (8:30)	Mark Elias	Rick Foreman
Lector (11)	Sheryl Knutson	Lori Dohrmann
Video (8:30)	Greg Dunn	Jeff Gebert
Video (11)	Doug Knutson	Michelle Hedtke
Sound (8:30)	Ken Cook	Karl Hoech
Sound (11)	Phil Hedtke	Aaron Moffett
Acolyte (8:30)	Elder	Alex Theriault
Acolyte (11)	Elder	Madison Rinderknecht
Nursery (11)	Annie & Robby Russman	Amy Smith & Susan Schoen
Coffee	Karstens	Schmiths

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May 7, 2023
Confirmation Sunday
8:30 Service

Living and Sharing God's Love

Order of Service

Divine Service Setting III

Welcome and Announcements	
Hymn of Invocation	
<i>Amazing Grace</i>	LSB #744
Invocation	
Confession and Absolution	LSB pg. 184
Introit	Psalms 149 and 30
Kyrie and Gloria in Excelsis	LSB pg. 186
Salutation and Collect of the Day	LSB pg. 189
First Reading	Acts 6:1-9; 7:2a, 51-60
Handbell Gradual	<i>"Holy, Holy, Holy"</i>
Epistle Reading	I Peter 2:2-10
Alleluia	LSB pg. 190
Holy Gospel	John 14:1-14
Nicene Creed	LSB pg. 191
Hymn of the Day	
<i>Christ is Risen, Christ is Living</i>	LSB #479
Sermon	
Prayer of the Church	
Preface and Sanctus	LSB pg. 194
Lord's Prayer; Words of Our Lord	
Pax Domini and Agnus Dei	LSB pg. 197
Distribution	
Handbells	<i>"O Waly Waly"</i>
<i>At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing</i>	LSB #633
<i>Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness</i>	LSB #636
<i>Nunc Dimittis, Thanksgiving</i>	LSB pg. 199
Salutation, Benedicamus, Benediction	
Closing Hymn	
Saints, See the Cloud of Witnesses	LSB #667

Notes and Announcements

Confirmation - God's blessings to our confirmands Tristan Bond, Ella Bricker, Camden Brusius, Natalie Heller, Landon Oja, Evan Ranbarger, Madison Rinderknecht and Alex Theriault. Please keep these students in your prayers as they continue to grow in their faith as confirmed members of the church!

We sponsor two students, Yvonne and Lorine, through Christ's Care for Children: Kenya. If you would like to **write a letter to Yvonne and Lorine**, submit it to the church office by this Tuesday.

Paper-Palooza for Bethany Lutheran Food Pantry - Help fill the pantry shelves with paper products! Please donate paper towels, toilet paper, facial tissues and 13-gallon garbage bags by May 28.

Each Sunday we need **volunteers in the food pantry**. If you would like to serve, please sign up at bethanycr.org/food-pantry.

On Mondays we serve free cocoa and coffee to our neighbors at 6:30-8:00 a.m. We could always use more servers! **Please sign up for Monday morning outreach ministry at bethanycr.org/serve.**

Family Faith Night will be held this Wednesday, May 10. A meal will be served at 5:30, and the program is held 6:00-7:30. Families with children in preschool through high school are welcome! For details and to sign up, visit bethanycr.org/children-youth.

Adult Bible study is held on Sundays at 9:45-10:45 a.m. Pastor Erickson is currently leading a study on "A Chaste and Decent Life: An Update to 'Human Sexuality' 1981." This document has been published by our synod this year as an update of its first writing on human sexuality in 1981. While perceptions of human sexuality may change, God's design for it does not.

Stewardship Note - 1 Peter 2:9 - *"But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light."* God has called us to be His own. He has chosen us out of love, out of mercy, out of sheer, divine joy. The apostle Peter says that God chose us so that we might share in His glory and "proclaim the excellencies of Him" who has made us His own. And truly, this is our delight! His joy brings joy to our hearts as well.

Our Calendar This Week

Today	8:30 am Divine Service (Traditional) w/ Comm 9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Divine Service (Contemporary) w/ Comm 1:00 pm Food Pantry Open
Monday	6:00 am Coffee Outreach 10:00 am Women's Small Group 6:00 pm Stephen Ministry Supervision 7:00 pm Elders Meeting
Tuesday	9:00 am Quilting for World Relief 9:00 am Walking for Exercise 6:30 pm Handbells Practice 7:00 pm Council Meeting
Wednesday	6:00 am Men's Bible Study 5:30 pm Family Meal 6:00 pm Family Faith Night 6:30 pm Vocal Choir
Thursday	9:00 am Adult Bible Study 9:00 am Walking for Exercise 1:00 pm Leah Circle 6:30 pm Naomi Circle 7:00 pm Christian Faith Class
Friday	9:00 am Rebekah Circle
Saturday	9:00 am Holy Yoga
Next Sunday	8:30 am Divine Service (Traditional) 9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Divine Service (Contemporary) 1:00 pm Food Pantry Open

Notes

Church Office Hours: Monday - Thursday, 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.