

Prayer Page

Entrusting into God's Care

- Andrea - (relative of Steggalls) teaching in Bulgaria
- David - (friend of Angela Yuza) cancer
- Students and staff as they return to school
- Michelle Hedtke - employment search
- Those in nursing homes/care centers
- Persecuted Christians and refugees
- Peace in Europe and throughout the world
- Project 24 students, Yvonne and Lorine

Healing

- Tom (friend of Dave Johnson) - cancer
- Charlie Stoelting - health issues
- Donna Stranathan - recovering after surgery
- Natalia (friend of Karstens) - cancer
- Wendell (friend of Larsons) - health issues
- Cindy (friend of Larsons) - hospitalization
- Lucie (7-yr-old relative) - seizures, in drug induced coma
- Philip Hackbardt - recovering after surgery
- Dale Stonewall - recovering after fall
- Prudy Petersen - recovering at home
- Ethel Doehrmann - immunotherapy treatment
- Tom Stock - health issues
- Doug Knutson - immunotherapy treatment
- Rick Foreman - recovering at home after fall
- Deb Heitland - health issues
- Abi Clark - health issues

Homebound

- Dorothy Freese - Keystone Place, Cedar Rapids

Mourning, friends and family of

- Francis (friend of Larsons) - died 8/18
- Priscilla (sister of Prudy Peterson) - died 8/13

Serving Our Country

- Ben (son of Kroemers) - IA National Guard
- Devin (friend of Kroemers) - IA Army National Guard
- Jordan (grandson of Kim Neuhaus) - Army, deployed to Poland
- Mitchell & Benjamin (relatives of Schoens & Smiths) - US Navy
- Harrison (son of Siecks) - US Army, stationed in TX

Chancel flowers are given by Madi, Abi, and Charles Clark in memory of their Papa.

Servants of Worship

	Sunday, August 27	Sunday, September 3
Elder	Mark Holt	Rick Foreman
Usher (8:30)	Pete Larson	Mark Borneman, Dathan Hinrichs
Usher (11)	Dave Johnson	Ben Mims, Chuck Kroemer
Greeter (8:30)	Darrell & Naomi Chiavetta	Ken Armbrrecht, Bev Rasmussen
Greeter (11)	Dick & Karen Hass	Ben & Dawn Mims
Lector (8:30)	Nicholas Williams	Mark Elias
Lector (11)	Karen Swanson	Lissa Novitch
Video (8:30)	Jeff Gebert	Greg Dunn
Video (11)	Mike Diers	Doug Knutson
Sound (8:30)	Nicholas Williams	Nicholas Williams
Sound (11)	Aaron Moffett	Ken Cook
Acolyte (8:30)	Tristan Bond	
Acolyte (11)	Landon Oja	
Nursery (11)	Amy Smith & Rebecca Ballstaedt	Carolyn Zimmerman, Dawn Mims
Coffee	Schmiths	

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August 27, 2023

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

8:30 Service

Living and Sharing God's Love

Order of Service

Divine Service IV

Welcome and Announcements

Hymn of Invocation

Built on the Rock LSB #645

Confession and Absolution LSB pg. 203

Introit Psalms 2 & 115

Kyrie LSB pg. 204

Gloria in Excelsis LSB pg. 204

Salutation and Collect of the Day

Old Testament Reading Isaiah 51:1-6

Gradual Handbell Solo

Abide With Me

Epistle Reading Romans 11:33-12:8

Alleluia LSB pg. 205

Holy Gospel Matthew 16:13-20

Apostles' Creed LSB pg. 207

Children's Message

Hymn of the Day

Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me LSB #761

Sermon

Prayer of the Church

Lord's Prayer

Luther's Morning Prayer

Benedicamus and Benediction LSB pg. 212

Closing Hymn

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise LSB #802

Notes and Announcements

Evangelism is starting a new ministry serving the Cedar Rapids homeless community. We are delivering sack lunches in Green Square Park on Tuesdays at 8:00 a.m. If you would like to get involved, please attend an informational meeting today at 12:15.

On Mondays when school is in session, we serve coffee, cocoa, and friendly smiles to Washington High School students and neighbors who walk or drive by. Each week we need about four people to volunteer at 6:30-8:00 a.m. If you would like to serve in this ministry, please sign up at www.bethanycr.org/serve.

Women's group will start at Bethany on Monday, September 11. All women are welcome to join us Mondays at 10:00 - 11:30 a.m. for fellowship and study! We will read the book "Matchless" by Angie Smith. For details, email nurse.bethanycr@gmail.com.

We are back with our **Monday night Bible study resuming on September 11.** The 9-week session will be an in-depth Bible study on the parables of Jesus, to read and discuss a different parable each week. All are welcome to attend this study on Mondays at 7:00 p.m. Please sign up for this study at the Welcome Center by September 6 or contact Kierra at intern.bethanycr@gmail.com.

Handbell Ensemble will start back up on September 12. The group rehearses on Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. and plays at 8:30 a.m. service once per month. If you are interested in joining handbells or would like more details, contact Tom Mills or the church office.

Family Faith Night will start on Wednesday, September 13. Join us for dinner at 5:30 followed by the program at 6:00-7:30 p.m. Family Faith Night is a monthly ministry for children in preschool through high school and their parents to attend together!

Lutherans for Life will host "Issues As We Age" at Bethany on Saturday, September 16. "Issues As We Age" will be a workshop giving information on coping with the spiritual, physical, medical, legal, and ethical aspects of the latter years of life. Registration forms are available at the Welcome Center, or find details and print a form online at www.bethanycr.org/lutherans-for-life.

Bethany t-shirts and sweatshirts are available for purchase! Please sign up at the Welcome Center to order. T-shirts are \$18, crewneck sweatshirts are \$20, and hooded sweatshirts are \$25.

Our Calendar This Week

Today	8:30 am Divine Service (Traditional)
	9:30 am Blood Pressure Checks
	9:45 am Sunday School
	11:00 am Divine Service (Contemporary)
	1:00 pm Food Pantry Open
	5:00 pm Emerging Adults
Monday	6:30 am Coffee & Cocoa Outreach
	6:00 pm Stephen Ministry Continuing Ed.
Tuesday	9:00 am Walking for Exercise
	5:00 pm LWML Board Meeting
Wednesday	6:00 pm Confirmation Orientation
	6:00 pm High School Youth
	6:30 pm Vocal Choir Practice
Thursday	9:00 am Adult Bible Study
	9:00 am Walking for Exercise
Saturday	9:00 am Holy Yoga
Next Sunday	8:30 am Divine Service (Traditional) w/ Comm
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	1:00 pm Food Pantry Open
	5:00 pm Emerging Adults

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

Stewardship Highlight: Today's video features Bethany's comfort dog ministry. Joy the Comfort Dog is a golden retriever who is certified through the Alliance of Therapy Dogs. Her handlers take her to schools, nursing homes, hospitals, etc. to minister to those in need of peace, comfort, and joy. To request a visit from Joy or to follow her on Facebook, visit bethanycr.org/comfort-dog.

Stewardship Note: **Matthew 16:27** – "For the Son of Man is going to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay each person according to what he has done." Bottom line: your good works can't buy you heaven, but in Christ your good works do matter. They are pleasing to your Heavenly Father, and they will be rewarded. Your sacrifices for the Lord's kingdom are not in vain and do not go unnoticed by your Father.