

Prayer Page

Thanksgiving

- Nashua - (infant son of Robby & Annie Russman) - baptism today
- Mitch Myers - recovered after surgery

Entrusting into God's Care

- Nathan & Sarah Federwitz - Lutheran Bible Translators
- Peace in Europe and throughout the world
- Project 24 students, Yvonne and Lorine

Healing

- Clyde (friend of Dave Johnson) - upcoming heart procedure
- Earlene Francik - medical tests
- Shannon (relative of Tim Potter) - cancer
- Darrell (friend of Barb Deetz) - health issues
- Carolyn (mother of Mary Vezina) - health issues
- Bernice Stonewall (former member) - recovering after surgery
- Ella (friend of Zimmermans) - recovering after surgery
- Harold Schoen - recovering after surgery
- Ron Prescott - recovering after surgery
- Tom Larson - health issues
- Everly Zimmerman - knee injury
- Dave Christian - cancer treatment
- John Hamm - recovering at assisted living in Waukee
- Deb Heitland - health issues
- Ethel Doehrmann - immunotherapy treatment

Homebound

- Verlyn & Paul LeFevere - at home

Mourning, friends and family of

- Colleen (friend of Kroemers) - died 2/18
- Charlotte (relative of E Kroemer) - died 1/23

Serving Our Country

- Aiden (grandson of Foremans) - US Army
- Mallory (friend of Abi Clark) - IA National Guard
- Amber (daughter of Ann Balvanz) - US Army, Germany
- Ben (son of Kroemers) - IA National Guard
- Devin (friend of Kroemers) - IA Army National Guard
- Mitchell & Benjamin (relatives of Schoens & Smiths) - US Navy
- Harrison (son of Siecks) - US Army, Germany

Chancel flowers today are given in celebration of Nashua Russman's baptism.

Servants of Worship

Sunday, February 23

Elder	Mark Elias
Usher (8:30)	Mark Borneman
Usher (11)	Dave Johnson
Greeter (8:30)	Ken Armbrecht, Bev Rasmussen
Greeter (11)	Donice McDonald, Dave & Kay Karsten
Lector (8:30)	Mark Borneman
Lector (11)	David Behrens
Video (8:30)	Mitch Myers
Video (11)	Charles Clark
Sound (8:30)	Karl Hoech
Sound (11)	Phil Hedtke
Acolyte (8:30)	Annest Hoech
Acolyte (11)	Jack Zimmerman
Nursery (11)	Drew & Carolyn Zimmerman
Coffee	Schmiths

Sunday, March 2

Mark Holt
Dathan Hinrichs, Pete Larson
Greg Dunn, Ben Mims
Rick & Marvelene Foreman
Rick & Erin Heller
Rick Thorington
Elaine Behrens
Nicholas Williams
Aaron Moffett
Lucas Heller
Ella Potter
Youth

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Be *merciful,*
even as your
Father is
merciful.

Luke 6:36

February 23, 2025

Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany

8:30 a.m. Service

Living and Sharing God's Love

Order of Service

Divine Service IV

Welcome & Announcements

Hymn of Invocation LSB #825

Rise, Shine, You People

Confession and Absolution LSB pg. 203

Introit Psalm 37

Kyrie LSB pg. 204

Gloria in Excelsis LSB pg. 204

Salutation and Collect of the Day

Old Testament Reading Genesis 45:3-15

Gradual

Epistle Reading I Corinthians 15:21-26, 30-42

Alleluia and Verse LSB pg. 205

Holy Gospel Luke 6:27-38

Apostles' Creed

Children's Message

Hymn of the Day LSB #851

Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us

Sermon

Prayer of the Church

Lord's Prayer

Luther's Morning Prayer

Benedicamus and Benediction LSB pg. 212

Closing Hymn LSB #820

My Soul, Now Praise Your Maker

Notes and Announcements

The Imposition of Ashes will be offered from 7:00-8:00 a.m. on **Ash Wednesday (March 5)**. This is not a service, but individuals are invited to enter the sanctuary to receive ashes and take time to read a devotion. Evening service will be held at 7:00 p.m.

Hands are used to heal, mend, build, teach, comfort, and so much more. Yet, as humans, our hands are sinful and unclean. Christ's hands are the ones that can transform our sinful and dirtied hands into beautiful, clean ones to carry out His plans. Spend this Lent exploring God's Word to see how His hands are used in both the New and Old Testaments, from creation to crucifixion and eternal life. Join us for *The Hand of the Lord: midweek Lenten services*. On Wednesdays in Lent (March 5 - April 9) we will have meals at 6:00 p.m. and services at 7:00 p.m.

Our congregation supports two Project 24 students through Christ's Care for Children: Kenya. Please see **updated photos and letters from Yvonne and Lorine** on the bulletin board outside the sanctuary! This sponsorship program provides students with food and shelter, Christian education, and necessary life skills. To learn more about this ministry, please visit www.lcms.org/ccck.

Bethany is transitioning to a new **online giving platform!** As of February 28, we will no longer be using Vanco. We have started using Connection Card Pro for online offerings. Current recurring gifts made through Vanco will automatically be canceled as of February 28 (no action required to cancel auto payments). If you wish to continue any recurring gifts or would like to set up new giving on Connection Card Pro, please do so on our website at **bethanycr.org/giving**. If you have questions about online giving, please call the church office at 319-364-6026 or contact Financial Manager Anne Railsback at financial.bethanycr@gmail.com.

The LWML has now collected all necessary ingredients for the **casserole kits!** Thank you, everyone, for donating items to bless our neighbors at Bethany Lutheran Food Pantry! Any additional items that are donated will be given out at the pantry.

All adults are invited to attend **Sunday Bible study** on Sundays at 9:45 a.m. Pastor Erickson will start a new topic today. Please join us for this study on Confession and Absolution.

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

Our Calendar This Week

Today	8:30 am	Divine Service (Traditional)
	9:30 am	Blood Pressure Checks
	9:45 am	Sunday School
	9:45 am	Adult Bible Class
	11:00 am	Divine Service (Contemporary)
	1:00 pm	Bethany Lutheran Food Pantry Open
Monday	6:00 am	Coffee & Cocoa Outreach
	10:00 am	Women's Small Group
	6:00 pm	Stephen Ministry Continuing Ed.
	7:00 pm	Adult Bible Study
Tuesday	8:00 am	Prayer in the Square - Greene Square
	9:00 am	Walking for Exercise
	1:30 pm	Prayer Group
	6:00 pm	Handbells Practice
Wednesday	6:00 am	Men's Bible Study
	6:00 pm	Confirmation Class
	6:00 pm	High School Youth
	6:30 pm	Vocal Choir
Thursday	9:00 am	Adult Bible Study
	9:00 am	Walking for Exercise
	7:00 pm	Christian Faith Class
Saturday	9:00 am	Holy Yoga - Lower Level
Next Sunday	8:30 am	Divine Service (Traditional) w/ Comm
	9:45 am	Sunday School
	9:45 am	Adult Bible Class
	11:00 am	Divine Service (Contemporary) w/ Comm
	12:15 pm	Youth Gathering Meeting
	1:00 pm	Bethany Lutheran Food Pantry Open

Stewardship Note: Luke 6:30–31 – *“Give to everyone who begs from you, and from one who takes away your goods do not demand them back. And as you wish that others would do to you, do so to them.”* Is it really possible to live like this? Would it really work to be so open-handed and generous? Our conscience often reminds us of our failures, and the Lord knows our frailty! But a life of faith is a life lived in imitation of Jesus — and every follower of Jesus knows that it is better to give than to receive.