

Prayer Page

Thanksgiving

- Confirmation
- Ruby (relative of Emily Kroemer) - recovered after surgery

Entrusting into God's Care

- Pat (mother of Karen Swanson) - Parkinson's disease
- Tony Dixon & family (King of Kings DCE) - house fire on 2/25
- Nathan & Sarah Federwitz - Lutheran Bible Translators
- Peace in Europe and throughout the world
- Project 24 students, Yvonne and Lorine

Healing

- Luci Stoelting - recovering at Garnet Place after fall
- LaVonne (mother of Steve Hanchera) - recovering after surgery
- Phyllis Landis - health issues
- Millie Zimmerman - recovering after surgery
- Abi Clark - health issues
- Linda Patten - recovering at Cottage Grove after surgery
- Rick Foreman - recovering at home after surgery
- Kelly Johnson - life issues
- Pat Krekeler - health issues
- Ron Prescott - recovering after surgery
- Tom Larson - health issues
- Dave Christian - cancer treatment
- Deb Heitland - health issues
- Ethel Doehrmann - immunotherapy treatment

Homebound

- Elda Joyner - at home

Mourning, friends and family of

- Rick (relative of Ann & Dan Balvanz) - died 4/16
- Linda (sister of Bonnie Breiholz) - died 4/16

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
- Jordan (grandson of Kim Neuhaus) - IA National Guard
- Harrison (son of Siecks) - US Army, Germany

Servants of Worship

Sunday, May 4

Elder	Mark Holt
Usher (8:30)	Wade Ramsey, Ed Schumacher
Usher (11)	Chuck Kroemer, Aiden Erickson
Greeter (8:30)	Darrell & Naomi Chiavetta
Greeter (11)	Dave & Elaine Behrens
Lector (8:30)	Rick Thorington
Lector (11)	Elaine Behrens
Video (8:30)	Greg Dunn
Video (11)	Greg Dunn
Sound (8:30)	Nicholas Williams
Sound (11)	Phil Hedtke
Acolyte (8:30)	Lucas Heller
Acolyte (11)	Sydney Wilson
Nursery (11)	Natalie Steggall, Susan Schoen
Coffee	Youth

Sunday, May 11

Mark Elias
Mike Goerd
Dave Johnson
Pete & Kris Larson
Colby & Janine Schmitt
Pete Larson
Sheryl Knutson
Jeff Gebert
Mike Diers
Tyler Steggall
Aaron Moffett
Brenna Godbey
Nile Kroemer
Amy Smith, Sarah Potter
Behrens

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May 4, 2025
Confirmation Sunday
8:30 a.m. Service

Living and Sharing God's Love

Order of Service

Divine Service III

Call to Worship & Announcements

Hymn of Invocation

Hail Thee, Festival Day

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Invocation, Confession and Absolution

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Introit

Psalm 145

Kyrie and Gloria in Excelsis

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Salutation and Collect of the Day

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First Reading

Acts 9:1-22

Gradual

Bethany Handbell Choir

“My Faith Looks Up To Thee”

The Epistle Reading

Revelation 5:8-14

Alleluia

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Holy Gospel

John 21:1-14

Hymn of the Day

LSB #483

With High Delight Let Us Unite

Sermon

The Rite of Confirmation

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Prayer of the Church

Preface, Sanctus

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Lord’s Prayer, The Words of Our Lord

Pax Domini, Agnus Dei

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Distribution

“How Firm a Foundation”

Bethany Handbell Choir

At The Lamb’s High Feast We Sing

LSB #633

Sent Forth by God’s Blessing

LSB #643

Nunc Dimittis, Thanksgiving

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Salutation, Benedicamus, Benediction

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Closing Hymn

Thy Strong Word

LSB #578

Notes and Announcements

To celebrate students memorizing the Lord’s Prayer this year, all families are invited to a **family party** this Friday, May 9! Join us at Bethany from 6:00-8:00 p.m. for pizza, board games, Mario Kart, movies, and more! Middle school and high school students: plan to stay 8:00-11:00 p.m. for some late night youth group fun!

Join Bethany friends for a **bike ride and ice cream** on Saturday, May 17! Meet us at 2:00 p.m. at the 2nd St./11th Ave. SE parking lot. We’ll bike south along the Cedar River Trail before returning to NewBo, then head to Almost Famous around 3:30 for ice cream (bring some money for your treat). If you prefer, feel free to meet us for ice cream only. As always, friends are welcome! Please sign up at the Welcome Center if you plan to attend.

Help us make **care packages for military members** on our prayer list! We are collecting some items to bless the service members we have been praying for. Please find sign-up sheets outside the sanctuary and bring your items to Bethany by Sunday, June 1.

“Epic Australian Adventure” **Vacation Bible School** will be held at Bethany June 23-26 (Monday-Thursday, 6:00-8:00 p.m.). VBS is for all students in preschool through 5th grade. Register your child online at bethanycr.org/vbs. If you would like to volunteer at VBS, please sign up today at the table outside the sanctuary.

The American Red Cross will host a **blood drive** at Bethany on Thursday, May 22, 1:30-5:30 p.m. Appointments can be made online at redcrossblood.org or by calling 1-800-RED CROSS.

Our youth are selling **Bethany coffee tumblers!** They cost \$20 each, and all proceeds will support our youth attending the LCMS Youth Gathering. Please sign up at the Welcome Center to order.

The LWML will tie **quilts for Lutheran World Relief** this Tuesday, May 6. Join us for quilting 9:00 - noon in the Family Life Center.

Bethany members can access our **new member directory** online by clicking “LOGIN” at www.bethanycr.org. Please contact the church office if you need help logging in.

Today we celebrate the **Rite of Confirmation** in our 8:30 service. God’s blessings to Annest Hoech, Sasha Knutson, Nile Kroemer, Wynne Kroemer, Ella Potter, and Carolina Rinderknecht!

Our Calendar This Week

Today

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
1:00 pm Bethany Lutheran Food Pantry Open
5:00 pm Young Adults Group

Monday

6:30 am Coffee & Cocoa Outreach
6:00 pm Trustees Meeting
6:00 pm Stephen Ministry Supervision

Tuesday

8:00 am Prayer in the Square - Greene Square
9:00 am Quilting for Lutheran World Relief
9:00 am Walking for Exercise
1:30 pm Prayer Group
5:00 pm LWML Board Meeting
6:00 pm Evangelism Meeting
6:00 pm Handbells Practice

Wednesday

6:00 am Men’s Bible Study
6:00 pm Youth Gathering Meeting
6:30 pm Vocal Choir

Thursday

9:00 am Adult Bible Study
9:00 am Walking for Exercise
1:00 pm Leah Circle
6:00 pm Naomi Circle

Friday

9:00 am Rebekah Circle
6:00 pm Family Party

Saturday

9:00 am Holy Yoga - Lower Level

Next Sunday

8:30 am Divine Service (Traditional)
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

Stewardship Note: John 20:19 – “...the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, ‘Peace be with you.’” There is no need to fear. No fear can keep us locked up. We have been set free by Jesus to declare His marvelous deeds!