Prayer Page

Thanksgiving
- Adult VBS week

Entrusting into God's Care
- Bethany youth & sponsors as they prepare for the Youth Gathering, New Orleans, July 19-23
- Pat (mother of Karen Swanson)- Parkinson's Disease
- Nathan & Sarah Federwitz - Lutheran Bible Translators
- Peace in Europe and throughout the world
- Project 24 students, Yvonne and Lorine

Healing
- Abi Clark - health issues
- Linda Patten - waiting for surgery
- Steve (brother of Jeff Madsen) - recovering after surgery
- Sue Kroemer - medical tests for back issues
- Phyllis Landis - cancer treatment
- Rick Foreman - recovering at home after surgery
- Kelly Johnson - life issues
- Tom Larson - health issues
- Dave Christian - cancer treatment
- Deb Heitland - health issues
- Ethel Doehrmann - immunotherapy treatment

Homebound
- Cindy Broadwater - Harmony Care Center

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

Chancel flowers today are given by Dave and Kay Karsten in memory of their son, Eric.

Servants of Worship

	Sunday, June 22	Sunday, June 29
Elder	Mark Elias	Karl Hoech
Usher (8:30)	Mike Goerdt	Pete Larson
Usher (11)	Steve Hanchera	Dick & Karen Hass
Greeter (8:30)	Rick & Marvelene Foreman	Joy the Comfort Dog
Greeter (11)	Jim & Lissa Novitch	Joy the Comfort Dog
Lector (8:30)	Pete Larson	Nicholas Williams
Lector (11)	David Behrens	Elaine Behrens
Video (8:30)	Jeff Gebert	Mitch Myers
Video (11)	Mike Diers	Michelle Hedtke
Sound (8:30)	Tyler Steggall	Karl Hoech
Sound (11)	Aaron Moffett	Aiden Erickson
Acolyte (8:30)	Carolina Rinderknecht	Lucas Heller
Acolyte (11)	Sydney Wilson	Brenna Godbey
Nursery (11)	Robby & Annie Russ-man	Erin & Natalie Heller
Coffee	Kirkpatricks	Schmiths

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"Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you."

LUKE 8:39

June 22, 2025
Second Sunday after Pentecost
8:30 a.m. Service

Living and Sharing God's Love

Order of Service

Divine Service IV

Call to Worship & Announcements	
Hymn of Invocation	LSB #825
Rise, Shine, You People	
Confession and Absolution	LSB pg. 203
Introit	Psalm 71
Kyrie, Gloria in Excelsis	LSB pg. 204
Salutation and Collect of the Day	
Old Testament Reading	Isaiah 65:1-9
Gradual	Ryanne Molinari
"And Can it Be"	Piano Solo
Epistle Reading	Galatians 3:23-4:7
Alleluia and Verse	LSB pg. 205
Holy Gospel	Luke 8:26-39
Apostles' Creed	
Children's Message	
Hymn of the Day	LSB #570
Just as I Am, without One Plea	
Sermon	
Prayer of the Church	
Lord's Prayer	
Luther's Morning Prayer	
Benedicamus and Benediction	
Closing Hymn	LSB #744
Amazing Grace	

Notes and Announcements

Students in preschool through 5th grade: join us for an "Epic Australian Adventure" at **Vacation Bible School THIS WEEK!**

- Held at Bethany June 23-26 (Monday-Thursday)
- Family dinners served from 5:00-6:00 (come anytime), and the VBS program will be held from 6:00-8:00 p.m.
- Dropping off the kids? Parents and caregivers are invited to join us to play cards and connect with other adults in the Gathering Area while the kids are at VBS.
- Find details and register your child at **bethanycr.org/vbs.**

Celebrate the end of VBS week with a **pool party**! All are welcome (not just VBS families) to join us from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at Ellis Pool (2000 Ellis Blvd. NW) this Saturday, June 28.

Interested in becoming a Bethany member? Want to refresh your knowledge on the Christian faith? Whether you are a lifelong Christian, or new to the faith, all are welcome to attend our **Christian Faith Class** this Tuesday, June 24 at 7:00 p.m. This session began last week, but it's not too late to join the class.

Join Bethany friends at the ballpark next Sunday, June 29 to see the Cedar Rapids Kernels take on the South Bend Cubs at 1:05. If you missed the signup but would still like to attend, please purchase your Kernels tickets in the top rows of section 110.

Pastor Erickson is currently leading a study on Pneumatology (the study of the Holy Spirit) in **adult Bible class**. All are welcome to attend on Sundays at 9:45 a.m. in the Family Life Center.

Support our youth ministry by recycling your redeemables! We are collecting plastic bottles and aluminum cans that have the "Iowa Refund 5¢" or "IA 5¢" refund indicator (they cannot be crushed). Please bring your recyclables the first Sunday of each month. Youth will collect them by the garage in our back parking lot on the first Sunday of each month, 8:15 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.

Join us July 26 from 9-10:30 a.m. for a **baby shower open house** hosted by our Women's Guild (LWML). We will honor seven Bethany mothers and babies born in 2024 and 2025. No need to bring gifts for each baby, the Women's Guild will be purchasing those. Please plan to come and shower these new families with God's love and encouragement from their church family!

Our Calendar This Week

Today	8:30 am	Divine Service (Traditional)
	9:30 am	Blood Pressure Check
	9:45 am	Adult Bible Class
	11:00 am	Divine Service (Contemporary)
	12:15 pm	Sunday School Teacher Meeting
	1:00 pm	Bethany Lutheran Food Pantry Open
Monday	6:00 pm	Vacation Bible School
Tuesday	8:00 am	Prayer in the Square - Greene Square
	9:00 am	Walking for Exercise
	1:30 pm	Prayer Group
	6:00 pm	Vacation Bible School
	7:00 pm	Christian Faith Class
Wednesday	6:00 pm	Vacation Bible School
Thursday	9:00 am	Adult Bible Study
	9:00 am	Walking for Exercise
	6:00 pm	Vacation Bible School
Saturday	9:00 am	Holy Yoga - Lower Level
	5:30 pm	Pool Party - Ellis Pool
Next Sunday	8:30 am	Divine Service (Traditional)
	9:45 am	Adult Bible Class
	11:00 am	Divine Service (Contemporary)
	1:00 pm	Bethany Lutheran Food Pantry Open
	1:05 pm	Kernels Game Fellowship

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

Stewardship Note: Luke 8:37 – *"Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked Him to depart from them, for they were seized with great fear. So He got into the boat and returned."* The Gerasenes are upset with Jesus because His ministry led to the loss of their pig herd—their wealth. They want Jesus to go away before He does any more damage to their bottom line. Their priorities are clear. What about our priorities? Is the work and ministry of Jesus worthy of our support and the sacrifice of our wealth?