

## Prayer Page

### Entrusting into God's Care

- Victims of natural disasters
- Mission Central

### Healing

- Carolyn Zimmerman - recovering after surgery
- Ethel Doehrmann - recovering after hospitalization
- Connie (relative of Doug Demlow) - heart issues
- John Hamm - recovering after broken arm
- Lorna Fischer - recovering after hospitalization
- Sue Kroemer - recovering after hospitalization
- Linda Patten - recovering after surgery
- Relative of Kim Neuhaus - health issues
- Cherie Miller - health issues
- Abi Clark - health issues
- Phyllis Landis - cancer treatment
- Kelly Johnson - life issues
- Tom Larson - health issues
- Dave Christian - cancer treatment
- Deb Heitland - health issues

### Homebound

- Elda Joyner - at home

### Mourning, friends and family of

- Ken (friend of Pete Larson) - died 9/16
- Wade Ramsey (husband of Sharon) - died 9/15
- Barb (daughter of Sharon Easler) - died 9/13
- Harry (relative of Mark Elias) - 8/31

### Serving Our Country

- Charles Clark - IA National Guard
- Hunter (husband of Sarah Ealy) - IA National Guard
- Eli (brother of Ashton Berberich) - Marines
- 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** are given by Mark & Laura Holt in celebration of their 34th wedding anniversary.

## Servants of Worship

	Sunday, September 21	Sunday, September 28
<b>Elder</b>	Rick Foreman	Mark Holt
<b>Usher (8:30)</b>	Dave Karsten, Mark Bornemann	Tyler Steggall
<b>Usher (11)</b>	Dick & Karen Hass, Aiden Erickson	Chuck Kroemer
<b>Greeter (8:30)</b>	Cherie Miller, Kay Karsten	Mark & Julie Elias
<b>Greeter (11)</b>	Jim & Lissa Novitch	Mickie Sjullie, Donice McDonald
<b>Lector (8:30)</b>	Pete Larson	Nicholas Williams
<b>Lector (11)</b>	Chuck Kroemer	Dave Johnson
<b>Video (8:30)</b>	Mitch Myers	Chris Frampton
<b>Video (11)</b>	Charles Clark	Mike Diers
<b>Sound (8:30)</b>	Karl Hoech	Nicholas Williams
<b>Sound (11)</b>	Aaron Moffett	Phil Hedtke
<b>Acolyte (8:30)</b>	Evie Zimmerman	Addy Stackhouse
<b>Acolyte (11)</b>	Lucas Heller	Sydney Wilson
<b>Nursery (11)</b>	Natalie Steggall Susan Schoen	Maren Elm Rebecca Ballstaedt
<b>Coffee</b>	Knutsons	

### Church Staff

<b>Pastor:</b> Rev. Michael Erickson	*On Sabbatical
<b>*Interim:</b> Rev. Doug Francik	Contact church office (319-364-6026)
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<b>11:00 Music:</b> Luke Viertel	music.bethanycr@gmail.com



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**September 21, 2025**  
**Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**8:30 a.m. Service**

*Living and Sharing God's Love*

## Order of Service

### Divine Service III

Welcome and Announcements	
Hymn of Invocation	LSB #786
<i>Lord of All Good</i>	
Invocation, Confession and Absolution	LSB pg. 184
Introit	Psalms 119
Kyrie	LSB pg. 186
Gloria in Excelsis	LSB pg. 187
Salutation and Collect of the Day	LSB pg. 189
Old Testament Reading	Amos 8:4-7
Epistle Reading	I Timothy 2:1-15
Alleluia and Verse	LSB pg. 190
Holy Gospel	Luke 16:1-15
Nicene Creed	LSB pg. 191
Hymn of the Day	LSB #690
<i>Hope of the World</i>	
Sermon	Rev. Doug Francik
Prayer of the Church	
Preface and Sanctus	LSB pg. 194
Lord's Prayer	
The Words of Our Lord	
Pax Domini, Agnus Dei	LSB pg. 197
Distribution	
<i>By Grace I'm Saved</i>	LSB #566
<i>All Depends on Our Possessing</i>	LSB #732
Nunc Dimittis, Thanksgiving	LSB pg. 199
Salutation, Benedicamus, Benediction	LSB pg. 201
Closing Hymn	LSB # 784
<i>Take My Life and Let It Be</i>	

## Notes and Announcements

Today is **Stewardship Sunday!** Stewardship packets are available for Bethany members. Please find your envelope on the table outside the sanctuary, take it home, and prayerfully consider your tithes and offerings for 2026. Plan to return your pledge card to Bethany by October 5. Pastor Francik will lead a Bible study on stewardship today and next Sunday, 9:45-10:45 a.m.

Join us for a **fall church-wide picnic** on Sunday, September 28 at 12:15 p.m. at the Meadowlark Shelter in Wanatee Park (2001 Big Bluestem Circle, Marion)! Please sign up at the Welcome Center if you plan to attend, and if you can bring a side dish, chips, or a dessert (sandwiches and drinks will be provided). Feel free to bring yard games, and if a group is interested, we'll take a hike!

Our pantry supporters are appreciated! Thank you to everyone who has served **Bethany Lutheran Food Pantry** in any capacity over the years—volunteering, donating, etc.—it takes an army! All are invited to a pantry appreciation breakfast on Thursday, October 9. Please plan to join us at Bethany at 10:30 a.m. for breakfast and a presentation to celebrate how God is at work.

The American Red Cross will host a **blood drive** at Bethany on Tuesday, October 7. To make an appointment to donate blood, please visit [bethanycr.org/signup](http://bethanycr.org/signup) or call 1-800-RED-CROSS.

Every Tuesday morning, a group goes to Greene Square in downtown Cedar Rapids to hand out the sack lunches and to pray for our neighbors. We could use volunteers! If you are interested in serving with Bethany's **Prayer in the Square** ministry, please visit [bethanycr.org/serve](http://bethanycr.org/serve) to sign up.

Join Bethany friends to serve at **Orphan Grain Train** in Clemons, Iowa! We'll carpool from Bethany on Tuesday, September 30. Our group will leave at 6:30 a.m., serve 8:00-noon and return around 2:00 or 3:00. Please sign up at the Welcome Center.

All ladies are invited to the **Cedar Rapids Zone LWML Fall Event** on Saturday, October 11 at Zion Lutheran Church in Hiawatha. Join us for fellowship, brunch, Bible study, a special guest speaker and business meeting. There will be an ingathering for His Hands Free Clinic. Registration is at 8:30 a.m. and the program begins at 9:00. Please sign up at the Welcome Center if you plan to attend!

## Our Calendar This Week

<b>Today</b>	8:30 am Divine Service (Traditional) w/ Comm
	9:45 am Sunday School
	9:45 am Adult Bible Study
	11:00 am Divine Service (Contemporary) w/ Comm
	1:00 pm Bethany Lutheran Food Pantry Open
<b>Monday</b>	10:00 am Women's Small Group
	4:00 pm Stephen Ministry Continuing Ed.
	7:00 pm Adult Bible Study
<b>Tuesday</b>	8:00 am Prayer in the Square - Greene Square
	9:00 am Walking for Exercise
	1:30 pm Prayer Group
	6:00 pm Handbells Rehearsal
<b>Wednesday</b>	6:00 am Men's Bible Study
	6:00 pm Confirmation Class
	6:00 pm High School Youth
	6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal
<b>Thursday</b>	9:00 am Adult Bible Study
	9:00 am Walking for Exercise
<b>Saturday</b>	9:00 am Holy Yoga - Lower Level
<b>Next Sunday</b>	8:30 am Divine Service (Traditional)
	9:30 am Blood Pressure Checks
	9:45 am Sunday School
	9:45 am Adult Bible Study
	11:00 am Divine Service (Contemporary)
	12:15 pm Fall Church-Wide Picnic
	1:00 pm Bethany Lutheran Food Pantry Open

### DIRECTORY PHOTO STATION AVAILABLE UNTIL SEPTEMBER 28

**Want your photo in the online member directory?** Stop by the photo station in the Gathering Area after service TODAY (9/21) OR NEXT SUNDAY (9/28) and we'll take a picture for you! A help desk is also staffed if you need help using the online portal.

### PASTOR'S SABBATICAL

**Pastor Erickson is currently on sabbatical through November 10.** For pastoral needs, contact the church office at 319-364-6026.