

## Prayer Page

### Thanksgiving

- Raina (infant daughter of Kieran & Jordyn Robuck) born 4/7

### Entrusting into God's Care

- Orphan Grain Train  
- Kelly Johnson— life issues

### Healing

- Brandon (son of Nick & Joleen Trent)- recovering after surgery  
- Mike Raymond— recovering after surgery  
- Vern Happel - recovering after surgery  
- Janelle Dunbar— recovering after procedure  
- Tammy— cancer  
- Lorna Fischer— recovering after hospitalization  
- John- (relative of Donna Stranathan)- health issues  
- Larry Kroemer— recovering after hospitalization  
- Philip Hackbardt— recovering after surgery  
- Jeannine Robinson— recovering after surgery  
- Vern Piering— recovering after surgery  
- Tom Larson - recovering after surgery  
- Linda Patten - recovering after surgery  
- Abi Clark - health issues

### Homebound

- Marge Grovert— Ridgeview Assisted Living

### Grief (family and friends of)

- Judy (aunt of Joleen Trent) died 4/12  
- Bob (husband of Carolyn Sternowski) died 4/4  
- Donna (aunt of Karen Pfeffer) died 3/28

### 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  
- Mitchell & Benjamin (relatives of Schoens & Smiths) - US Navy -

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

## Servants of Worship

### Sunday, April 19

**Elder** Steve Hanchera  
**Usher (8:30)** Dathan Hinrichs  
Dave Karsten  
**Usher (11)** Greg Dunn  
Ben Mims  
**Greeter (8:30)** Duane & Karen  
Pfeffer  
**Greeter (11)** Donice McDonald  
Mickie Sjullie  
**Lector (8:30)** Rick Foreman  
**Lector (11)** Lissa Novich  
**Video (8:30)** Greg Dunn  
**Video (11)** Greg Dunn  
**Sound (8:30)** Karl Hoech  
**Sound (11)** Phil Hedtke  
**Acolyte (8:30)** Evie Zimmerman  
**Acolyte (11)** Addy Stackhouse  
**Nursery (11)** Rachel Zittergruen  
Susan Schoen  
Coffee Freese

### Sunday, April 26

Mark Holt  
Mark Bornemann  
Dick & Karen Hass  
Barry & Amy Smith  
Colby & Janine Schmitt  
Pete Larson  
Chuck Kroemer  
Mitch Myers  
Charles Clark  
Nicholas Williams  
Aaron Moffett  
Carter Oja  
Clare Brusius  
Amy Smith  
Natalie Steggall  
Schmith

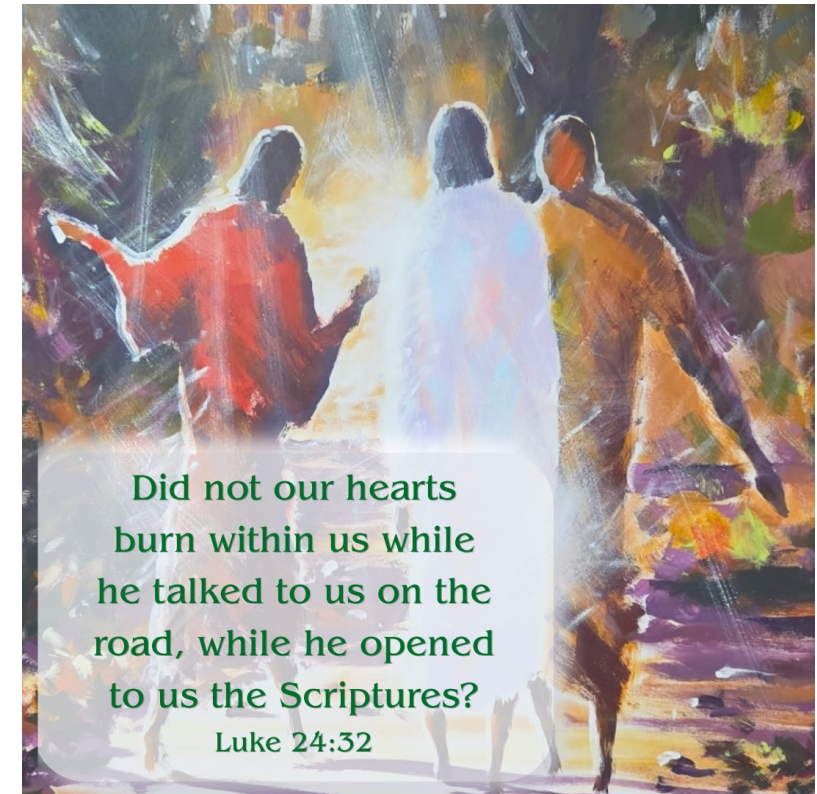
### Church Staff

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**11:00 Music:** Luke Viertel music.bethanycr@gmail.com



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Did not our hearts  
burn within us while  
he talked to us on the  
road, while he opened  
to us the Scriptures?  
Luke 24:32

**April 19, 2026**  
**The Third Sunday of Easter**  
**8:30 a.m. Service**

*Living and Sharing God's Love*

## Order of Service

Divine Service III

Organ Prelude and Ringing of the Bells	
Welcome and Announcements	
Hymn of Invocation	LSB# 483
<i>With High Delight Let Us Unite</i>	
Invocation, Confession and Absolution	LSB pg. 184
Introit	Psalms 133
Kyrie	Mark 10:47
Gloria in Excelsis	LSB pg. 187
Salutation and Collect of the Day	LSB pg. 189
First Reading	Acts 2:12a, 36-41
Epistle Reading	I Peter 1:17-25
Alleluia	LSB pg. 190
Holy Gospel	Luke 24:13-35
Nicene Creed	LSB pg. 191
Hymn of the Day	LSB #476
<i>Who Are You Who Walk in Sorrow</i>	
Sermon	
Prayers of the Church	LSB pg. 193
Preface, Sanctus	LSB pg. 194
Lord's Prayer	LSB pg. 196
The Words of Our Lord	LSB pg. 197
Pax Domini, Agnus Dei	LSB pg. 197
Distribution Hymns	
<i>Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness</i>	
<i>At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing</i>	
Nunc Dimittis, Thanksgiving	LSB pg. 199
Salutation, Benedicamus, Benediction	LSB pg. 201
Closing Hymn	LSB #474
<i>Alleluia! Jesus is Risen</i>	

## Notes and Announcements

A representative from **Orphan Grain Train** Central Iowa Branch in Clemons will join us today during the Bible Study Hour in the Family Life Center. They will share more about the important work that their organization does.

A new session of **Christian Faith Class** will be starting **May 5 at 7:00 PM**. While this class is designed for those interested in joining the congregation, Bethany members who would like to deepen their understanding of the Christian faith are also welcome and encouraged to attend. **All adults are invited!** If you are interested in attending or would like more details, please contact Pastor Erickson at 319-364-6026 or [pastor.bethanycr@gmail.com](mailto:pastor.bethanycr@gmail.com)

The Trustees will host a **"Serve the Lord Day"** on **Saturday, May 16**. Please join us from 8:00-11:30 a.m. for indoor and outdoor work projects to help care for the maintenance of our facilities.

Our **Garden Ministry** is looking for volunteers to lend a hand! The fresh produce grown in our garden helps support our Bethany food pantry and makes a meaningful difference in our community. Interested in getting involved? **Sign up at the Welcome Desk**. Contact Sheryl Knutson to learn more!

Registration for **Vacation Bible School 2026** is now open for participants and volunteers! "Tropical Trek" VBS will be held at Bethany **June 22-25** (Monday-Thursday). Meals will be served at 5:00 and **the** program will run from 6:00-8:00 p.m. VBS is for all students in PK-5th grade. Register now at [bethanycr.org/vbs](http://bethanycr.org/vbs), or by scanning the QR code.



Our **Food Pantry** is collecting **12 oz cans of tuna** for the months of **April and May**. Tuna is a great source of protein and a much-needed staple for the families we serve. Donations can be dropped off at the church during regular hours or on Sundays. Thank you for helping us care for our community in a simple, meaningful way!

**Chancel flowers given by Charlie Schwarz in memory of Cynthia Broadwater.**

## Our Calendar This Week

<b>Today</b>	8:30 am Traditional Service 9:30 am Education Hour 9:30 am Orphan Grain Train Speaker 11:00 am Contemporary Service 1:00 pm Food Pantry Open
<b>Monday</b>	6:30 am Coffee & Cocoa 10:00 am Women's Small Group
<b>Tuesday</b>	8:00 am Green Square Outreach 9:00 am Walking for Exercise 1:00 pm Prayer Group 6:00 pm Handbells Practice
<b>Wednesday</b>	6:00 am Men's Bible Study 6:00 pm Confirmation Class / H.S. 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 Traditional Service 9:30 am Education Hour 9:45 am Confirmands Public Examination 11:00 am Contemporary Service 1:00 pm Food Pantry Open

**Save the date: Blood Drive Friday, May 29, 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.**  
On Friday, May 29 an American Red Cross blood drive will be held at Bethany. The drive will take place 12:00-5:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center. Sign up via the poster on the bulletin boards.

**Stewardship Note: 1 Peter 1:18-19 – "You were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot."**  
Christ ransomed us and bought us back from the slavery into which we were born. We do not belong to ourselves, to the devil or to the world. We belong to Jesus. Therefore, we live our lives not in accordance with our own wisdom, but in line with God's Word.