

Prayer Page

Thanksgiving

- Graduates
- Oliver (infant son of Lucas McCarley)- born 6/13
- Lorna Fischer– recovering after hospitalization

Entrusting into God's Care

- Elaine Cook- hospice care
- Mission Center
- Tracy (relative of Dathan Hinrichs)- brain tumor
- Kelly Johnson– life issues

Healing

- Linda Patten - health issues
- Elda Joyner - recovering after hospitalization
- Jeannine Robinson - recovering after surgery
- Leonard Tiedt– recovering at Cottage Grove after fall
- Larry Kroemer– recovering after hospitalization
- Cassandra (friend of the Urbans)– hospice care
- Beth Wright– recovering after surgery
- Karen Swalley– health issues
- Mike Raymon– recovering after surgery
- Vern Happel - recovering after surgery
- Janelle Dunbar– recovering after procedure
- Philip Hackbardt– recovering after surgery
- Vern Piering– recovering after surgery
- Tom Larson - recovering after surgery
- Abi Clark - health issues

Homebound

- Candi Engel– Heritage Care Center

Grief (family and friends of)

- Gerald (father of Joesph Railsback) - died 5/19
- Jeff (relative of Chuck Kroemer)- died 4/23

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
- Amber (daughter of Ann Balvanz) - US Army
- Ben (son of Kroemers) - IA National Guard
- Mitchell & Benjamin (relatives of Schoens & Smiths) - US Navy
- Jordan (grandson of Kim Neuhaus) - IA National Guard

Servants of Worship

Sunday, May 24

Elder	Randy Schmith
Usher (8:30)	Dave Karsten
Usher (11)	Ben Mims
Greeter (8:30)	Nancy Owens Carol Edwards
Greeter (11)	David & Elaine Behrens
Lector (8:30)	Mark Bornemann
Lector (11)	Elaine Behrens
Video (8:30)	Jeff Gebert
Video (11)	Mike Diers
Sound (8:30)	Nicholas Williams
Sound (11)	Ethan Petrik
Acolyte (8:30)	Carter Oja
Acolyte (11)	Brenna Godbey
Nursery (11)	Natalie Steggall Erin Heller
Coffee	Freese

Sunday, May 31

Rick Foreman
Mark Bornemann
Dick & Karen Hass
Joy the Comfort Dog
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Rick Thorington
Sheryl Knutson
Greg Dunn
Charles Clark
Karl Hoech
Phil Hedtke
Jack Zimmerman
Carson Theriault
Susan Schoen Amy Smith
Railsback

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

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*And they were all filled with
the Holy Spirit and began to
speak in other tongues as the
Spirit gave them utterance.*

Acts 2:4

May 24, 2026

Pentecost

8:30 a.m. Service

Living and Sharing God's Love

Order of Service

Divine Service IV

Musical Prelude- *To God the Holy Spirit* & Ringing of the Bells

Call to Worship and Announcements

Hymn of Invocation

Come Down, O Love Divine LSB# 501

Invocation, Confession and Absolution LSB pg. 203

Introit From Psalms 104 and a Liturgical Text

Kyrie LSB pg. 204

Hymn of Praise LSB pg. 204

Salutation and Collect of the Day LSB pg. 205

Old Testament Reading Numbers 11:24-30

Gradual - *The Spirit of the Lord* by Healy Willan

Second Reading Acts 2:1-21

Alleluia and Verse LSB pg. 205

Holy Gospel John 7:37-39

Apostles' Creed LSB pg. 207

Children's Message

Hymn of the Day
Holy Spirit, Light Divine LSB# 496

Sermon

Prayer of the Church LSB pg. 207

Lord's Prayer LSB pg. 209

Luther's Morning Prayer

Benedicamus & Benediction LSB pg. 212

Closing Hymn
Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord LSB# 497

Postlude - Fantasia on *Come, Holy Ghost* by JS Bach

Notes and Announcements

Help us bless the **military members** on our prayer list with a **special care package!** We are collecting snacks, toiletries, notes of encouragement, and other small items to remind our service members that they are loved, supported, and being prayed for by their Bethany family. The deadline **has been EXTENDED to Sunday, June 14** — giving everyone another opportunity to participate! Please check the sign-up sheets outside the sanctuary for needed items and return donations to Bethany by June 14. Let's come together to share Christ's love and encouragement with those serving our country.

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, or the link in the weekly email.

May is **New Helper Month for Green Square Outreach!** Are you looking for a way to serve others in our community? Have you thought about helping hand out meals at Green Square? **Sign up at the Welcome Counter to be paired with a "buddy"** to try it once and learn more about this meaningful opportunity to serve on a Tuesday morning from 8-9 am.

Vacation Bible School is right around the corner, and we're looking for **enthusiastic volunteers** to help make it an amazing week for our kids! If you are available **June 22–25 from 5:00–8:00 PM**, we'd love for you to consider serving in this fun and meaningful ministry opportunity. Whether you enjoy helping with games, crafts, music, snacks, small groups, or simply encouraging kids, there's a place for you! Questions about volunteering? Contact Kierra for more information. **Look for the sign up outside the Sanctuary.**

Last week, our amazing **Garden Ministry** volunteers came together to plant a vegetable garden that will help provide fresh, healthy **produce for our food pantry** guests all season long. From preparing the beds to planting each seedling, every helping hand is making a difference. They are growing habaneros, green peppers, tomatoes, cucumbers, herbs, acorn and summer squash this year. Thank you to everyone who gave their time and energy to help grow nourishment and community.

Altar Flowers given to the glory of God by Ashton & Adria Berberich celebrating their Anniversary on May 25.

Our Calendar This Week

Today	8:30 am Traditional Service 9:30 am Education Hour 11:00 am Contemporary Service 1:00 pm Food Pantry Open
Monday	Church Office Closed
Tuesday	8:00 am Green Square Outreach 9:00 am Walking for Exercise 1:00 pm Prayer Group 6:00 pm Handbells Practice
Wednesday	6:00 am Men's Bible Study 7:00 pm Christian Faith Class
Thursday	9:00 am Adult Bible Study 9:00 am Walking for Exercise
Friday	12:00 pm Blood Drive
Saturday	9:00 am Holy Yoga - Lower Level
Next Sunday	8:30 am Traditional Service 9:30 am Education Hour 11:00 am Contemporary Service 1:00 pm Food Pantry Open

Join your Bethany friends at the ballpark on **Sunday, July 12** to see the **Cedar Rapids Kernels** take on the South Bend Cubs at 1:05. Special ticket pricing for Bethany members of \$10 per ticket for adults and kids under 18 are free! Kids 12 and under also get a free hot dog, popcorn, and drink courtesy of the Kernels. **Please sign up at the Welcome Center by Monday June 22** to join us at the ballpark.

Stewardship Note: Acts 2:1 – “When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place.” Pentecost is the Old Testament harvest festival, taking place around the time when the wheat and oats are ready to be brought in. Of course, this was an image and foreshadowing of the great harvest of humankind that God means to carry out through the preaching of His Word. God gives the seed, and God brings about the harvest. From first to last, in things temporal and things eternal, we stand only by His grace.