

The Bethlehem Star

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June 2025

Join us for
Lost Nation Vacation Bible School 2025



June 23-24-25

5:30 p.m. — 7:30 p.m.

Hosted by: Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Lost Nation

Register By: June 16

Register On-line at

www.vbsmate.com/lostnationVBS2025

You may get a paper registration form at BLC, UPC,
OLHR churches, the bank, telephone office or library.

Or call Bethlehem Lutheran Church 678-2301 leave
a message, or Haley Sullivan at 319-213-0234.



Community Coffee



Thursday June 19

9:00–10:30 a.m.

Bethlehem Lutheran

Church

Lost Nation



Everyone Welcome

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Bethlehem Lutheran Church's

Ice Cream Social

is coming up on

Sunday, June 29, 2025

4:00 - 6:30pm

Menu

Butterfly Chop Sandwich-Chips-Cole Slaw
Baked Beans - Ice Cream - Pie or Brownie

Need workers & donations of the following items:

Hamburger buns - Bushes Baked Beans

Fruit Pies - Brownies - Condiments

(Monetary donations also welcomed)

Signup sheet will be posted in June on back bulletin board

Call Jone @ 563-579-5930 w/questions



College Scholarships

Scholarship applications for all Bethlehem college students are available in the church office or by contacting Jess Willimack. All students who plan to be enrolled in college during the 2025 - 2026 school term must complete an application and return it to the office on or before August 1, 2025. Students must be confirmed members of Bethlehem and must maintain academic eligibility. Scholarship money will be sent directly to your college at the beginning of each semester.

Shepherding Thoughts,

Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them; for it is such as these that the kingdom of God belongs.
(Luke 16)

Those words from Jesus are words we, too, should heed. The children of our congregation and our community are important; not only to the church but to the well-being of the world we live in. It has been said that Christianity is one generation away from extinction. If we are unable to pass the stories of Jesus Christ and his saving grace down to the next generation, how can we expect anyone to continue to share the Good News and keep Christianity alive.

I don't say this to scare you, but it does give us something to think about as we continue to find ways to reach out to the children and bring them into the church. On June 23, 24 and 25, Vacation Bible School will be happening at Bethlehem from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. This is a wonderful opportunity to invite those in the area to come and hear about Jesus. The theme is God Gives Good Gifts, and the best gift God gave us is Jesus Christ. That is a message the children should hear. If you know of children to invite, please do so. There are registration forms at the church or registration can be done online.

As we look forward to fall and the beginning of a new church program year, I wonder if we can think of other ways to reach out to the children. The first thought may be Sunday school, but is that something that is no longer viable because of the small number of children and families' schedules that often take them away from Sunday worship? Are there other ways to teach children? I don't have the answers, but I would love to talk to anyone who wants to share their ideas.

I have a real love for children, and I want them to grow up knowing that they are cared for by their Savior Jesus Christ. I want them to be able to enjoy life knowing that they are a member of God's family; they were created by God, and nothing can take God's love through Jesus Christ away from them. I hope you can help me find the best ways to reach out to them.

See you in worship!
Pastor Roberta

June Worship Assistants

Usher: Tom Gerdes

Communion Assistant: Al Schroeder

Lectors:

- 1- Henry Ihns
- 8- Johann Ihns
- 15- Connie Kleppe
- 22- Jone Paarmann
- 29- Elsa Sullivan

Acolytes:

- 1- McKenna Brown
- 8- Henry Ihns
- 15- Johann Ihns
- 22-
- 29- Elsa Sullivan

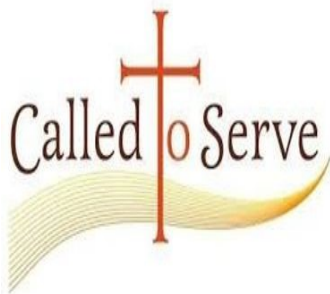
Bread Maker: Tim Thiede

Altar Care: Kelly Doll, Sue Zeller

Teller: Brent Ihns

Coffee Makers :

- 1- Connie Kleppe
- 8- Joan Kleppe
- 15- Jone Paarmann
- 22- Ellen Pithan
- 29- Ice Cream Social



BWELCA Hilights

Joint circle will be visiting Madge at Grand Living at Indian Creek in Marion on Sat. June 14. We will be carpooling and leaving from the church at 8:15 am, please let Connie know if you plan on going.

Thursday, June 19 is the **Community Coffee** from 9 - 10:30 a.m. BWELCA Board is hostess.

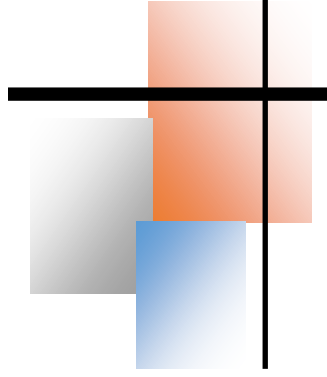


We are hosting the community **VBS** here on June 23, 24, & 25 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Our ladies will be serving the evening meal for the kids on Monday, June 23. The **Ice Cream Social** is Sunday, June 29 4:00 - 7:00 p.m.

We are again collecting the following items for the **DVIP Shelter in Iowa City**: Bath towels, twin sheet sets, notebooks (for kids and adults) and daily calendars/planners, Android and iPhone chargers, toilet paper, Batteries (AA, AAA, C, D), Gift cards (Kwik Star/ Kwik Trip, Casey's, HyVee, Walmart, Walgreens) As always , new or gently used clothing of all sizes from infant to adult. A list will be posted in the basement and on the back bulletin board.

Pastor Roberta's Office Hours

Beginning May 29, I will be in the office from 11 a.m.— 3 p.m. on Thursdays. I can come at other times if a person calls and makes an appointment with me.



June 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5 Pastors Office Hrs. 11 AM – 3 PM	6	7
8 Holy Communion 9 AM Lector: Henry Ihns Fellowship 9:45 AM	9	10	11	12 Pastors Office Hrs. 11 AM – 3 PM	13	14 Joint Circle visit Madge Meet at church at 8:15 AM to Car Pool
15 Worship 9 AM Lector: Johann Ihns Fellowship 9:45 AM	16 NEWSLETTER ITEMS DUE	17	18	19 Pastors Office Hrs. 11 AM – 23PM Community Coffee 9-10:30 AM	20	21
22 Council 8 AM Holy Communion 9 AM Lector: Jone Paarmann Fellowship 9:45 AM	23	24	25	26 Pastors Office Hrs. 11 AM – 3 PM	27 SE Iowa Gathering Grinnell	28
29 Holy Communion 9 AM Lector: Els Sullivan Fellowship 9:45 AM Ice Cream Social 4-7	30					

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Sunday Schedule

Worship 9:00 a.m.

Fellowship 9:45 a.m.

Office Hours:

Pastor Roberta

Thursdays 11:00 a.m.- 3:00 p.m.

She can be reached by a call or text to her cell phone.

Secretary Hours:

Tuesday: 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Thursday: 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

If you need to enter the church and do not have a key, always call ahead to be certain someone is there.