



The Bethlehem Star

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Maundy Thursday

with communion

April 2

at Bethlehem
6:30 p.m.

Good Friday

April 3

at Bethlehem
6:30 p.m.

The Resurrection of Our Lord

Easter April 5

Holy Communion

St. Mark In OJ 7 AM

Breakfast following worship

Easter Brunch 8 AM

Holy Communion

Bethlehem 9:00 a.m.



Lenten Soup Suppers

Lenten soup suppers are underway with Bethlehem circle on **March 4**, Council for **March 11**, Eve on **March 18**, and last but not least Bethlehem on **March 25**.

YOU ARE INVITED TO....

A SPRING QUILT DISPLAY
with

Bake Sale ~ LUNCHEON

Saturday, March 21

10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Bethlehem Lutheran Church

Lost Nation, Iowa

Creamed Turkey or Maid Rite Lunch

Tickets: \$10.00

Kids 5-10 \$5.00

Extra Sandwich \$3.00

DINE IN or CARRYOUTS

CARRYOUTS AVAILABLE

There is a sign-up sheet posted on the bulletin board in the entrance.



March Joint Circle Meeting

I AM: God's holy name and promise,"

Rev. Hannah Hawkinson

Session one—Bread, vine and light: Abiding with us
We begin this session by rooting and grounding ourselves in the story of Moses at the Burning Bush, learning about God's holy name, I AM—a name that holds all of time and space, all that was and all that is and all that will be, past, present and future.

Saturday, March 14 at 9:00 a.m.

Hostess/Leader: Jone Paarmann

All are Welcome

BWELCA HiLites

World Day of Prayer Noisy Offering is March 1. The theme is "I will Give You Rest: Come" Matthew 11:28-30. Nigeria is the featured country.

BWELCA board meeting is Mar.3 at 6:00pm.

Joint Circle is March 14, H/L: Jone Paarmann

Lenten Soup Suppers are Feb.25=Eve C, Mar. 4=Bethlehem C, Mar.11 = Council, Mar. 18 = Eve C, Mar.25 = Bethlehem C

Spring Bazaar is Mar.21- sign up on bulletin board

We are collecting and will be packing Baby Care and Personal Care Kits TBD.

Eve is next in line to serve.

Shepherding Thoughts

“As disciples of Jesus, we are called to a discipline that contends against evil and resists whatever leads us away from love of God and neighbor. I invite you, therefore to the discipline of lent – self-examination and repentance, prayer and fasting, sacrificial giving and works of love. Let us continue our journey through these forty days to the great Three Days of Jesus’ death and resurrection.”

These words are a part of the Ash Wednesday service we had on February 18th. Hopefully you were able to be with us that evening. If not, I hope you are able to come to our Wednesday evening Lent soup suppers and worship. These began on February 25th and continue on March 4, 11, 18, and 25. Please come and be with us as we journey with Jesus to the cross. The confirmation students have worked hard to put together the worship services. They would love to see you there to support them.

The journey with Jesus is finalized on April 2nd and 3rd. On Thursday we will be with Jesus and his disciples at the Last Supper and on Friday we will witness the death of Jesus. That brings us to Easter Sunday when we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord.

I know how tempting it is to skip the journey with Jesus so you don’t have to remember his suffering and death, but how can you come on Easter to celebrate if you have not been there to mourn? What are you celebrating? To be able to celebrate the fact that Jesus has risen from the dead we should be there at the cross to see him die.

Lent is the time to not only remember what Jesus is going through as he makes his way to Jerusalem, it is a time for us to reflect on our own lives and how Jesus’ influence has impacted all that we do. However you choose to go through Lent, I pray you find your journey meaningful and I hope to see you in worship.

Pastor Roberta

Worship Assistants

Ushers: Brent Ihns

Lectors:

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



Coffee Makers:

- 1- Kathy Becker
- 8- Rochelle Busch
- 15- Marlene Hicks
- 22- Diana Ihns
- 29- Connie Kleppe



Acolytes:

- 1- Henry Ihns
- 8- *volunteer*
- 15- Johann Ihns
- 22- *volunteer*
- 29- Elsa Sullivan

Birthdays - Anniversaries

- 6 Joan Kleppe
- 7 Lary Becker
- 18 Cora Lubitz
- 20 McKenna Doll
- 21 Bill Pithan
- 23 Colt Doll
- 24 Allan Smith
- 27 Coy Petersen

12 Jody and Jim Holtz

Communion Assistant:

Tom Gerdes

Bread Maker:

Tim Thiede

Altar Care:

Sue Zeller, Ellen Pithan



Teller: Jone Paarmann



Sunday March 8, 2026

March

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Holy Communion 9 AM Fellowship 9:45 AM WDP Noisy Offering	2 Quilting 8:30 AM- 3:30 PM	3 BWELCA Bd. 6 PM	4 Midweek Lenten Soup Supper 6 PM Worship 7 PM	5	6 World Day of Pray	7 
8 Daylight Savings Worship 9 AM Fellowship	9 Quilting 8:30 AM- 3:30 PM	10	11 Midweek Lenten Soup Supper 6 PM Worship 7 PM	12	13	14 Joint Circle 9 AM H/L: Jone Paarmann
15 Council 8 AM Holy Communion 9 AM Fellowship 9:45 AM	16 Quilting Ends 8:30 AM- 3:30 PM	17	18 Midweek Lenten Soup Supper 6 PM Worship 7 PM	19	20	21 PRH Spring Bazaar 10 AM - 1 PM
22 Worship 9 AM Fellowship 9:45 AM	23 Newsletter Items Due	24	25 Midweek Lenten Soup Supper 6 PM Worship 7 PM	26	27	28
29 Palm Sunday Holy Communion 9 AM Fellowship 9:45 AM	30	31	April 1	2 Maundy Thursday Worship at Bethlehem 6:30 PM	3 Good Friday Worship at Bethlehem 6:30 PM	4

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Sunday Schedule

Worship 9:00 a.m.

Fellowship 9:45 a.m.

Office Hours:

Pastor Roberta

No office hours during Lent

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

Secretary Hours:

Thursday: 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

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