



The Bethlehem Star

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Everyone Welcome

Community Coffee

Thursday June 18

9:00–10:30 a.m.

Bethlehem Lutheran

Church

Lost Nation



BWELCA HiLites

Thursday, June 18 is the Community Coffee from 9- 10:30 a.m. BWELCA Board is hostess.

Joint circle will be visiting Jeannette Schroeder on Sat. June 20 at Wheatland Manor. We will be carpooling and leaving from the church at 9 a.m. Please let Connie know if you plan on going.

We are again collecting items for the DVIP Shelter in Iowa City. A list will be posted in the near future in the basement and back bulletin board.

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 enrolled in college during the 2026 - 2027 school term must complete an application and return it to the office on or before August 1, 2026. 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.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Bethlehem Lutheran Church's Ice Cream Social



is coming up on

Sunday, June 28, 2026

4:00 - 6:30pm

Menu

Butter 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

Confirmation Students to donate Lent Soup Suppers Offerings

During the Lent soup suppers, and worship our confirmation students, Henrich Ihns, Johann Ihns, Addison Willimack and Elsa Sullivan were a big help and managed the worship services with Pastor Roberta that followed.

During those 5 events \$721 dollars was raised. At confirmation class the students were asked how they would like to donate the money. Several suggestions were made, but they ended up looking through a couple ELCA catalogs for "The Good Gifts". After some debating the final decision was made to donate 2- batches of chicks, 6 goats, 3 piglets, 2 honeybee hives, 4 school supplies for a kid, 3 fruit trees and 1 community garden. The check to the ELCA will be in the name of Bethlehem Lutheran Church and sent early May.



Shepherding Thoughts



Confirmation classes ended on May 6 with a year-end party. One of the competition games was to build a free-standing tower with 20 sticks of spaghetti, a yard of string, a yard of masking tape, and one large marshmallow. The marshmallow had to be placed on the top of the tower and the tower had to stand long enough for me to measure it. The winners were Elsa and Shelley with a tower of 28 inches. Coming in a close second were Addison and Jone with a tower of 27 inches. Unfortunately, for Johann and Barb and Henry and Al their towers refused to stand. We had a lot of fun and laughs

even though the competition was intense.

Confirmation will begin again in September. Elsa and Addison have completed their two years and were confirmed on May 24. Henry and Johann have one more year. If you know of youth who will be going into 6th or 7th grade in the fall, we would love to have them join us. Please let me know their names and I will contact them.



If you want more information on confirmation classes, I'd be glad to visit with you. Enjoy your summer!

See you in worship!
Pastor Roberta

June Worship Assistants

Ushers: Al Schroeder

Lectors:

- 7- Elsa Sullivan
- 14- Tim Thiede
- 21- Jone Paarmann
- 28- Connie Kleppe

Acolytes:

- 7- Henry Ihns
- 14- *volunteer*
- 21- Johann Ihns
- 28- Elsa Sullivan



Communion Assistant: Kelly Doll

Bread Maker: Jone Paarmann

Altar Care: Kelly Doll, Sue Zeller

Teller: Jone Paarmann

Coffee Makers: 7- Connie Kleppe

14- Joan Kleppe

21- Jone Paarmann

28- No Fellowship Ice Cream
Social Setup

June Birthdays

- 2 Haley Sullivan, Karisa Brown
- 5 Kelly Doll
- 12 Brandon Moore
- 14 Lola DeMoss, Roger Kleppe
- 20 Tim Thiede
- 21 Adler Schroeder
- 22 Katie Lubitz
- 24 Jimmy Hicks
- 26 McKenna Brown
- 28 Heather Moore

June Anniversaries

- 7 Kassidy and Scott Willimack
- 7 Kelly and Al Schroeder
- 9 Kathy and Lary Becker
- 15 Connie and Roger Kleppe
- 26 Lynn and Tim Thiede
- 27 Heather and Brandon Moore

SAVE THE DATE Lost Nation VBS July 13-17

from 9:00 AM- Noon at Union Presbyterian Church

There will be planning meeting June 25 at 1 PM at UPC.

Anyone interested please come with your ideas.

Registration forms will be available soon at the LN Library and local churches.

JUNE

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4 Pastors Office Hrs. 11 AM– 2 PM	5	6
7 Holy Communion 9 AM Fellowship 9:45 AM	8	9	10	11 Pastors Office Hrs. 11 AM– 2 PM	12	13
14 Worship at St. Mark 9 AM Fellowship 9:45 AM	15	16	17	18 Community Coffee 9-10:30 AM Pastors Office Hrs. 11 AM– 2 PM	19	20 Joint Circle Visit Jeannette at Wheatland Manor
21 Council 8 AM Holy Communion 9 AM Fellowship 9:45 AM	22 Newsletter Items Due	23	24	25 Pastors Office Hrs. 11 AM– 2 PM	26	27
28 Worship at BLC 9 AM NO Fellowship Ice Cream Social 4-6:30 PM	29	30	Joint Worship for June Worship will be shared with St. Marks June, July and August. Worship time will be 9:00 a.m. at both churches. When worship is at one church there will not be worship at the other. It is noted on the calendar where worship will be held. June 14 at St. Mark, June 28 at BLC.			

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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.- 2:00 p.m.

*She can also 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. – 2:30 p.m.

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