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Mission Statement:

***“Faith, Hope and Love***

***Make us available***

***To our neighbors***

***near and far.”***

***Bethlehem Lutheran Church***

Pastor Eric Hullstrom,

201 4th Street NE, Buffalo Center, IA

641-562-2552

Organist: Cheryl Baumann

May 5,2024 @ 9:30AM

6th Sunday of Easter

Prelude and Bell

Quiet Time for Silent Prayer

Welcome and Announcements

Sharing of Peace

Opening Prayer

Opening Hymn *-* ***“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”*** LBW #315

Brief Order of Confession and Forgiveness pg. 56

KYRIE pg. 57

Hymn of Praise **- “*Lord God Heavenly King*”** pg. 59

\*Prayer of the Day***: Holy and almighty God, how wonderful it is that you would deign to call us into relationship through your Son and he would call us friend. Enable us by your Holy Spirit to love you so fully that we love you above all things; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. Amen.***

Lesson: Acts 10:34 - 48 Pew Bible pg. 1092

Psalm: 98 Please read responsively

Noisy Offering/Childrens message

Hymn of the Day - ***“Blest Be the Tie That Binds”*** LBW #370

Preaching Text: John 15:1 – 8 Pew Bible pg.1071 Message ***“*Already and Not Yet”** Pastor Eric Nicene Creed pg. 64

Offertory/Offering brought forward: ***“Let The Vineyards Be Fruitful”*** pg. 66

Prayers of The Church

Prayers for Healing and Strength and those in our Care Centers

The Great Thanksgiving pg. 68

\*The Words of Institution pg. 69

The Lord’s Prayer pg. 71

Communion Hymn ***- ”Lamb Of God”*** pg. 72

Distribution with Communion Medley

Post Communion Canticle **- “Lord Now Let Your Servant”** pg. 73

The Blessing

Closing Hymn ***“Go, My Children, with My Blessing”*** WOV#721

 

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***Making ourselves available…***

**FOOD BANK**

***May****:* Frozen or canned Fruit, Cereal, Pancake Mix, Syrup, Hamburger Helper, and canned Meats.

*All donations can be dropped off in the Narthex*

*of the church. Thank You.*

**VANCO Giving**

**Today, weekly, or monthly. Check this out. Download the app or just scan here for giving. Many of us have found this to be an easy and useful way to give. For more info
or questions contact Thomas B Thanks.**



**When it rains, LOOK UP rather than down.**

**Without the rain, there would be no RAINBOW!**

**Giving**

Sunday, April 28

**$2,057.00**

**Attendance**

109

**Online views**

60

Budgeted weekly giving: $**2,943.00**

**2024 Church Council**

Derek Thilges ~ President

Lisa Berggren ~ Vice-president

Thomas Blodgett ~Treasurer/Technology

Courtney Boekelman ~ Secretary

Kelsey Bosma ~ Stewardship

Lisa Berggren ~ Education

Darryl Friest and Teresa Cooper ~

Evangelism & Fellowship

Darla Thompson ~ Worship

Larry Lawson~ Property



**Greeters and Ushers**

**MAY**

 5 Wyatt Olson(c) & Alex Olson(c) Family 12 Jeff Ostermann Family and Mark & Kim Ostermann 19 Derek Thilges Family and Josh Mathas Family

26 Amy Walk Family and Grant Jacobs Family

**JUNE**

 \*2 Chris Berggren Family and David & Renee Sachs

\*9 Irven & MaryAnn Olsen and Rita Ellsworth

16 Duane Cooper Family and Linda Berhow

23 Harlan Melz and Randy & Jill Melz Family

30 Laurie & Andy Sapp and Glenda Sapp

***Calendar of Events***

 **May**

 5-Worship @9:30am/SS @10:45

 8-No Confirmation

10-12 Confirmation Retreat

 12-Worship/Sr Recognition/SS kids sing

 Last Sunday School class.

 12-Brogyn Greensky Grad Party

 13-Council meets @6pm

 15-Baccalaureate @6:30pm

 SAwards Night to follow

 17-Sophia Hagen Grad Party

 18-Charlie Schaefer Grad Party

 19-Worship @9:30am

 21-Worship meets @8:30am

 23-Last day of school

 26-Worship @9:30am

 27-Memorial Day

**(Check the Narthex bulletin board for individual graduation open houses.)**

 **Pray for our Members and Friends:**

Harlan Melz Jaya Clarice Stonebreaker Lorie Bierle Deloris Steffensen Randy Melz

Brian Bashans Claire Hinz Christina Coughlin Carolyn Bartz Logan Sabin Caleb Cooper

Vince Johnson Debbie Jacobs Ivan Heidecker