

**Bethlehem Lutheran Church**  
Pastor Eric Hullstrom,  
201 4th Street NE, Buffalo Center, IA  
641-562-2552  
May 12, 2024 @ 9:30AM  
Seventh Sunday of Easter



Mission Statement:

***“Faith, Hope and Love  
Make us available  
To our neighbors  
Near and far.”***

Pre-Service Music

Welcome and Announcements

Sharing of Peace

**HAPPY MOTHER’S DAY!**

**5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls – Mother’s Day Poem**

**Sunday School Students  
Prayer – Megan Holland**

Opening song ***“I Have Decided”***

Order of Confession and Forgiveness-Psalm 130

Prayer of the day: **Blessed Trinity, your deep desire for you people is that we may be one as you are one. You have made us one in Christ through the sacraments of Baptism and Holy Communion. Teach this gathering of Christ’s followers to live each day out of our true identity —children of God and one in Christ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**SENIOR VIDEO**

**Graduate Recognition/Scholarships**

Brogyn Greensky, Sophia Hagen, Charlie Schaefer

1<sup>st</sup> Reading- 1 Samuel 2:1-10

(Owyn Ostermann)

Page 267 in pew Bible

Psalm 1

(Wyatt Bosma)

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading- 1 John 5: 9-15

(Brayden Berggren)

Page 1213 in pew Bible

Noisy Offering/Childrens Message

Song of the Day ***“Open the Eyes of My Heart”***

Gospel-John 17: 11-19

Page 1073 in pew Bible

Message ***“This is Eternal Life”***

Pastor Eric

Apostles Creed

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Offering **Meditation Video**

Prayers of the Church

To those who need healing and to those in our care centers

The Meal

The Lord’s Prayer

Distribution-Songs

Communion Prayer

***“Amazing Grace”***

***“Come to the Altar”***

The Blessing

Closing Song

***“Praise to the Lord”***

## May

12 Jeff Ostermann Family and Mark Ostermann Family  
 19 Amy Walk Family and Brandon Thilges Family  
 26 Derek Thilges Family and Grant Jacobs Family

## June

2 Chris Berggren Family & David & Renae Sachs  
 9 Irvn & Mary Ann Olsen and Rita Ellsworth  
 16 Duane Cooper Family and Linda Berhow  
 23 Harlan Melz and Randy & Jill Melz Family  
 30 Laurie & Andy Buchs and Glenda Sapp

## Calendar of Events

### May

10-12 Confirmation Retreat  
 12-Worship/Sr Recognition/SS kids sing  
 Sunday School Teacher Appreciation  
 Last Sunday School class until fall  
**HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!**  
 13-Council meets @6pm  
 15-Baccalaureate @6:30pm  
 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.)**



"What a teacher writes  
 on the blackboard of life  
 can never be erased."

Bethlehem appreciates each and every one of you  
 who have helped with Sunday School this year!

We had a great drive-thru meal! About 170 meals were served. Special thanks to the church council for providing the food, several members who made bars, a great crew of youth and adults who served and cleaned up, Main Street Market for donating the buns, and several generous monetary donations!

~~Cassie and Kelsey

We had a profit of \$3,855 toward the electrical project!

### Giving

**05.05.24**

**\$1,343**

### Attendance

50

### Online views

15

2024 Budgeted  
 weekly giving:  
**\$2,943.00**

### Project Fund Update:

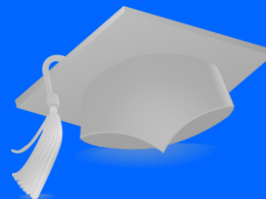
Our goal is to keep the project fund ongoing so that we will be able to address and take care of the unexpected and ongoing care of our church building and parsonage. This way we are not dipping into the general fund budget.

Please designate as "Project Fund."

**We are so Thankful.**

### 2024 Church Council

Derek Thilges ~ President  
 Lisa Berggren ~ Vice-president  
 Thomas Blodgett ~Treasurer/Tech  
 Courtney Boekelman ~ Secretary  
 Kelsey Bosma ~ Stewardship  
 Lisa Berggren ~ Education  
 Darryl Friest and Teresa Cooper ~  
 Evangelism & Fellowship  
 Darla Thompson ~ Worship  
 Property~ Larry Lawson



### CONGRATULATIONS

to our graduating  
 seniors!

**Brogyn Greensky  
 Sophia Hagen  
 Charlie Schaefer**

**BEST WISHES  
 from your  
 Bethlehem Church  
 Family!**

### Council President

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 monthly. Check  
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 giving. Many of us  
 have found this to  
 be an easy and  
 useful way to give.  
 For more info or  
 questions contact  
 Thomas B or Jen.  
 Thanks.



### 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