

**Bethany Lutheran Church**

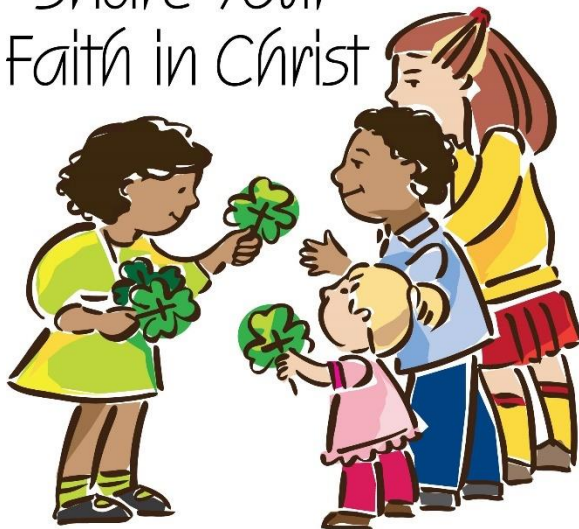
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Faith in Christ



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*Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. Matthew 6:28*

This past week I drove home to Amboy to my parent's farm to see my folks. While I was there, I gave my mom a Mother's Day present, a digital picture frame with a hundred plus pictures of all of her grandchildren and great grandchildren. After she opened the gift and I showed her how the picture frame worked, we sat together a good number of hours looking at the many pictures and sharing stories about each that were being highlighted.

What was so enjoyable about the day, was that each picture brought a smile, a giggle, and/or a fond memory to my mom that she so lovingly shared. Then she followed up her initial response with a word or two more about whatever she understood from the photo. I loved being with my mom as I listened to her share her thoughts, especially now as she has come to a time in her life where she is slowing down a bit. It seems that now she sees so many things in life as a blessing. No longer does she worry about things, no longer does she have concerns about what others think, rather she is able to just appreciate and willingly share her appreciation.

It's in the middle of his [Sermon on the Mount](#), that Jesus turns to the topic of anxiety or worry, encouraging his disciples to trust in God as their provider. He asks all those that are gathered, "Why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith?" There are so many things to be anxious about, and if you don't have anything that gives stress, just turn on the news and someone else can find something to create anxiety. But, instead of living in a world that creates angst, maybe we could take a little advice from my 93 year old mom and "Stop worrying ~ for God is near." So take time and just enjoy life.

Blessings to you as we enter June and remember to consider the lilies and so much more of God's goodness that is on display.

In Christ,

Pastor Carl

# June 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 8:00-3:00 Garage Sale
2 9:00 AM Worship w/Holy Communion 10:00 AM Fellowship/Stain Equipment Pastor Chris	3	4	5	6	7	8 5:00 PM BBQ 6:00 PM Outdoor Worship Svc Pastor Chris
9 No Sunday Service	10	11	12	13	14	15
16 9:00 AM Worship 10:00 AM Fellowship Pastor Chris	17	18 9:00-12:00 Quilting & Prayer Shawls 6:00 PM Church Council Meeting	19	20	21	22
23 9:00 AM Worship 10:00 AM Fellowship Pastor Carl	24	25	26	27	28	29
30 9:00 AM Worship w/Holy Communion 10:00 AM Fellowship Food Shelf Sunday Pastor Chris						

## June 2024

**Team Bueckers:** Norb & Jan Bueckers, Ken & Judy Shorter, Roxie Flicek, Charlie & Anna Hansen, John & Phyllis Nelson, Don & Heddie Wolbeck, Wade & Kayla Sandbakken, Rick & Donna Lundgren

## July 2024

**Team Oberton:** Elizabeth & Jim Oberton, Gary & Pam Bellamy, Tom & Patty Crawford, Harvey & Helen Bloom, Arnie Akkerman, Tracy Kjeldergaard, Steve Poole



June 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Jim & Elizabeth Oberton
June 5 <sup>th</sup>	Chris & Erin Mathiason
June 20 <sup>th</sup>	Glen & Amanda Bramstedt
June 20 <sup>th</sup>	Carl & Carol Larson
June 24 <sup>th</sup>	Ken & Judy Shorter
June 27 <sup>th</sup>	Dave & Sharon Cina

June 4 <sup>th</sup>	Marilyn Mueller
June 10 <sup>th</sup>	Dave Cina
June 13 <sup>th</sup>	Theresa Welters
June 21 <sup>st</sup>	Tom Sullivan
June 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Helen Bloom
June 24 <sup>th</sup>	Mike LuConic
June 25 <sup>th</sup>	Tom Crawford

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**Vacation Bible School:** This year's VBS theme is hometown Nazareth, where Jesus was a kid. Kids will travel back in time to learn about Jesus' hometown and what his childhood was like! We'll learn how people stood up for their faith among people who doubted that a carpenter's son could really be God's Son. Sounds like an exciting week! Dates are August 12-15, 4:30 – 7:30 PM. VBS is for ages four through sixth grade and we welcome older kids as helpers. If you know of a child who has not attended our VBS in the past and would like an invitation, please contact Roxie Flicek. Also, if you're interested in being a part of this fun week, talk with Roxie and we'll find a job for you. Talk with Wendy Richmond if you want to help in the kitchen. Thanks!

**2024 Quilt Raffle:** The quilt is on display in the fellowship hall. Tickets are being sold for \$1.00. See one of the Women of Bethany if you would like to sell tickets to friends and family.

**Outdoor Worship:** The dates of the Saturday evening outdoor worship are June 8 and August 17. There will be a BBQ supper at 5:00 PM and worship at 6:00 PM.

**Playground Equipment:** Sunday, June 2, we will be staining the playground equipment, after the service/fellowship. Anyone willing to help out should bring work clothes.

**Landscape Project:** As a finishing touch to our solar project, Bethany's council is planting a tall grass prairie, pollinator ground cover seed mix on the two acres that surround the solar array. Using a Pheasants Forever seed mix and a planter lent to us by Crane Meadows Wildlife Area, we will first remove the existing grass cover and then plant a nice mix of various native prairie plants. A cover crop of oats will be put in along with the seed mix to protect the soil and new plants. By early summer of 2025 we should have a beautiful native mix that is maintenance free except for cutting every few years. If you want to know what is being planted, please see the list on the table in the fellowship hall.



Confirmation May 19, 2024  
Emily Oberton & Wyatt Petersen



First Communion for Ben Hansen and Austin  
and Augustus Hendrickson, May 19, 2024