

Bethlehem Lutheran Church

Pastor Eric Hullstrom
201 4th Street NE, Buffalo Center, IA
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August 23, 2026 @ 9:30 AM
Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost



Mission Statement:

***"Faith, Hope and Love
make us available
to our neighbors
near and far."***

Pre-Worship Music
Welcome and Announcements
Blessings of the Backpacks
Greeting Our Neighbors

Opening Prayer
Opening Song

"Glorious Day (Living He Loved Me)"

Order of Confession & Forgiveness - Psalm 19

Prayer of the day:

Care for your Church, O Lord, with perpetual mercy. Since we totter and are sure to fall without your grace, remove what will harm us and arrange what will make us whole. Grant this, we pray, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Scripture Reading - Romans 12:1-8
Psalm 138

Page 1126 in pew Bible

Song of the Day

"I Thank God"

Gospel - Matthew 16:13-20

Page 977 in pew Bible

Message

"Here's Your Key"

Pastor Eric Hullstrom

Apostles' Creed
Offering
Offertory
Offertory Prayer

"Offering"
"Great Are You, Lord"

Prayers of the Church
The Lord's Prayer

The Benediction
Closing Song

"So So Good"

**08.16.26 Giving:
\$1,625**

**Attendance: 33
Online views: 27**



SAVE THE DATE!

September 13, 2026

Sunday School Begins

Third Grade Receives Bibles

Stompin' Grounds Coffee Truck Here

August Greeters & Ushers

*2 Travis & Patty Hassebrook and Rita Ellsworth
*9 Marty Schaefer Family and Josh Mathahs Family
16 Doug & Kim Ostermann and Amy Walk
23 Derek Thilges Family and Joe Angstman Family
30 Brad Kemnitz Family & Kim Thompson

Calendar of Events

Aug/Sept:

Aug 30 Worship at 9:30 am
Aug 30 Worship at TMNH with Pastor Eric, 1:30 pm
Sept 1 Bible Study with Pastor Eric, 2:00 pm
Sept 2 7th Grade Confirmation Orientation, 7:00 pm
Sept 6 Worship at 9:30 am
Sept 6 Worship at TMNH with Pastor Eric, 1:30 pm
Sept 7 Labor Day

Pray for our Members and Friends:

Brian Bashans	Emmagene Silber
Ruth Noren	Deloris Steffensen
Curtis Vaudt	Claire Rustemier-Hinz
Linda Abels	Carolyn Bartz
Roger Burnside	Joy Albert
Virginia Cooper	Karen Buss
Dawn Jensvold	Harlan Melz
Penny Mitchell	Leroy Weaver
Jason Christensen	Frances Ostermann
Dean Swenson	Delores Griffin
Randy Holstad	Marge Becker
Monica Tyler	Doug Hofbauer
Nicky Shackleton	Susan Jensen
Pastor Mark Neumann	

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Bethlehem Lutheran Sunday School



Parents, Guardians, Members, & Caregivers

The Sunday school year will soon begin. The 26/27 year will kick off w/ Rally Sunday on Sunday, September 13. Service @ 9:30 and SS @10:45.

Our theme this year: "Building Blocks of Faith".

Oh Bethlehem! Our youth is strong! Last year we averaged 50 kiddos. WOW! With these numbers, it will take many hands. Many hands make light work;)

These kiddos are our future of Bethlehem. They need love, encouragement & "building blocks" to grow their faith!

How can you help?

After experience, thought & input, I would love to create "teams" for each Sunday School class. (Ideally 2 or 3 teachers.) This will allow flexibility with personal schedules. As well as sharing of the workload- prepping & preparing. Lastly, forming teams will allow teachers to share their own talents & gifts with our youth. (Example: maybe you're great at crafts? Or organizing or creating the lessons. Or maybe you just love to be a helping hand?)

In addition, we will need subs & weekly snacks. Families are also needed to serve fellowship about 1x/month(side note-this is VERY easy, don't let it intimidate you:)

Having large numbers, the following teachers(2-3) would be needed:

3 year old, Preschool & Kindergarten, 1st, 2nd/3rd, 4th, 5/6 girls, 5/6 boys

Thank you for your time:) Please think & pray about the way you can help & support our youth. If it's on your heart to help (in anyway) please contact me! And, please know that I'm available for any questions, concerns or ideas that you may have.

We are blessed to have such a bountiful & vibrant youth. God is doing a thing!

Wonderfully stated, I quote Pastor Eric: "None of it happens without you, and without you, none of it will happen."

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