



## Bethlehem Lutheran Church

Pastor Eric Hullstrom,  
201 4th Street NE, Buffalo Center, IA  
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Contemporary  
May 7, 2023 @ 9:30AM  
Fifth Sunday of Easter

### Mission Statement:

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

Pre-Service music

Video

Welcome and Announcements

Opening song                    ***"Lord I Lift Your Name On High"***

***Teacher Recognition/Children's message***

Order of Confession and Forgiveness-Psalm 130

Prayer of the day: **Living God, your Son, Jesus Christ, is the way, the truth, and the life. Grant us the grace to follow him and live lives of servanthood and truth; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Scripture: Acts 6:1-15  
Psalm 146

Page 1086 in pew Bible

Song of the Day                    ***"You Are God Alone"***

Preaching text: 1 Peter 2: 1-10

Page 1204 in pew Bible

Sermon                                    ***"Cravings"***

Pastor Eric

Apostles Creed

Offering-                                ***"We Give You Thanks"***

Meditation Song

Prayers of the Church

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

The Meal

The Lord's Prayer

Distribution-

Communion Prayer

***"Come To The Altar"***

The Blessing

Closing Song                        ***"The Goodness Of God"***

***Have a great day! Join us in a celebration meal following the service.***

**Upcoming Events and Announcements:**

**May**

- 1-One G planning meeting @6pm-Congo Church
- 2-Bible Study with Pastor Eric @2pm
- 6-Women' Day out in Mankato
- 7-Communion /Teacher Recognition/Meal
- Pastor gone 8-11<sup>th</sup> for Leader Care Retreat
- 12,13,14- Confirmation Retreat in Okoboji
- 14-Graduating Sr's Recognition/SS Kids Sing and Last SS Class @9:30am
- 15-Last Elementary 1G.
- 16-Last High School 1G breakfast.
- 17-Last Middle School 1G.
- 21-Communion Worship @9:30am
- 28-Traditional Liturgy @9:30am

If you know of any of our members that would like communion on Sunday and cannot come to church, please let Pastor know.

**Prayers for our Members and friends:**

- Harlan Melz
- Clarice Stonebreaker
- Deloris Steffensen
- Randy Melz
- Brian Bashan
- Marcia Aukes
- Christina Coughlin
- Carolyn Bartz
- Logan Sabin
- Claire Hinz

**Giving**

04.30.23  
**\$1,260.00**  
 Attendance  
**87**  
 Online Views  
 25  
 Budgeted weekly giving  
**\$2,830.00**



**Ushers and Greeters**

**May**

- 7 Brooklyn Price(c) Family & Logan Willmert Family
- 14 Rande & Mary Geisking and Mark & Kim Ostermann
- 21 Amy Walk & Mary Badje  
Thomas & Amanda Blodgett
- 28 Chris Berggren Family

**June**

- \*4 Carter Wubben(c) Family and Shirley Hagenson
- \*12 Norah Blodgett(c) Family and Jeff Ostermann Family
- 18 Billy Jensvold Family and Marylys Dotseth
- 25 Dana Greensky Family and Linda Berhow

Our Confirmation students, Pastor and Leaders, will be at Okoboji this coming weekend for the Confirmation retreat. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers. Thank You.

Pastor will be gone this week for the LCMC Leader Care Retreat. Please keep him and the other leaders and pastors in your prayers.

**Agree with God**  
**Move with God**  
**End with God**  
**Never doubt God.**

We recognize and honor our Sunday School teachers and classroom helpers today.

Also,our Music leader Renae along with Kelsey and Lisa, our Education Chairs.

God has been so good to Bless us with a great group of committed and creative staff.

**THANK YOU**  
**THANK YOU**  
**AND GOD BE WITH YOU!!!**

We have a few options for your giving here at Bethlehem. If you are a Thrivent member, you can direct your dollars to the church. We also have a very easy and simple way with our online giving. This QR code will access our website and take you to the Vanco giving page. If you have any questions, please ask Jen or Thomas Blodgett. Thank you!



Direct your  
Thrivent Choice  
Dollars  
Today!



***Making ourselves available...***

***Food Bank for May: Can Chicken, Tomato soup, Can Veggies, Can fruit, Cereal and Cookie Mixes.***

***"Our numbers are increasing, so anything you donate will be helpful.***

***Thank You.***

***All donations can be dropped off in the Narthex of the church.***

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