

Bethlehem Lutheran Church

Pastor Eric Hullstrom
201 4th Street NE, Buffalo Center, IA
641-562-2552
August 17, 2025 @ 9:30 AM
Tenth Sunday after Pentecost



Mission Statement:

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

Welcome and Announcements
Greeting Our Neighbors
Opening Prayer

Opening Hymn ***“Come, Thou Almighty King”***

LBW #522

Confession & Forgiveness - Psalm 51

Prayer of the day:

Almighty, eternal God, increase in us your gifts of faith, hope and love; and in order that love may abide in us, help us to celebrate what your love has done for us. 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 - 2 Corinthians 5:11-21

Page 1147 in pew Bible

Psalm 119:81-88

Children's Message

Hymn of the Day ***“He Leadeth Me: Oh, Blessed Thought!”***

LBW #501

Preaching Text - Genesis 37:18-36

Page 37 in pew Bible

Message: Genesis Summer Survey ~ **“Wrestling With God”**

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Apostles' Creed

Offering

Offertory

“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”

Offertory Prayer

Prayers of the Church

The Lord's Prayer

The Benediction

Closing Hymn

“You Are the Way”

LBW #464

Dismissal

Thank you for joining us today!

August/September Greeters & Ushers

17 - Amy Walk, Mary Badje, & Jackie Larson
24 - Logan Willmert Family & Ray Bosma & Vonnie Pilgrim-Bosma
31 - Brad Kemnitz Family & Kim Thompson
*7 - Derek Thilges Family & Deb and Mark Landheer

Calendar of Events

August:

Aug 19 Worship Committee Meeting at 8:30 am
Aug 24 Outdoor Worship with Blessing of the Backpacks at 9:30 am
Aug 31 Worship at 9:30 am
Aug 31 Worship at TMNH with Pastor Eric at 1:30 pm
**Every Monday - Coffee Hour 9:30-10:30 am @ TMNH

Pray for our Members and Friends:

Emily Schulz	Emmagene Silber
Jaya Fever	Deloris Steffensen
Brian Bashans	Claire Rustemier-Hinz
Christina Coughlin	Carolyn Bartz
Roger Burnside	Joy Albert
Virginia Cooper	Karen Buss
Dawn Jensvold	Harlan Melz
Penny Mitchell	Marge Becker
Curt Vaudt	Leroy Weaver
Charlie Schaefer	Jason Christensen
Pastor Mark Neumann	Joan Sunde
Pastor Larry Gruis	

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 consider giving and designate it as "Project Fund." Thank you!

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2025 Church Council

Derek Thilges ~ President
Kelsey Bosma ~ Vice President/Stewardship
Thomas Blodgett ~Treasurer/Technology
Kim Ostermann ~ Secretary
Grant Jacobs ~ Education
Darryl Friest ~ Evangelism
Katie Mathahs ~ Fellowship
Darla Thompson ~ Worship
Larry Lawson ~ Property

The North Iowa Food Bank has closed.

We will provide an update if anything changes.



Reminder:

**Blessing of the Backpacks
during Outdoor Worship**

Sunday, August 24th

9:30 am

**Kids: Don't forget to bring
your backpacks!**

**08.10.25 General
Offering: \$3,764**

**YTD Actual:
\$83,592**

**YTD Budget:
\$98,016**

**YTD Deficit:
-\$14,424**

**Attendance: 34
Online views: 23**

Fellowship Serving Rotation:

Aug 3 - Work Group #2
Aug 10 - Work Group #3
Aug 17 - Sunday School
Aug 24 - Church Council
Aug 31 - Work Group #1

VANCO Giving

Weekly, monthly, and on-demand giving is available through Vanco's app or you can scan here. Many of us have found this to be an easy and useful way to give. For more info or questions, contact Thomas B or Susan. Thanks.

