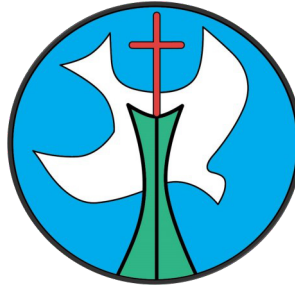


Bethlehem Lutheran Church

Pastor Eric Hullstrom
201 4th Street NE, Buffalo Center, IA
641-562-2552
October 4, 2026 @ 9:30 AM
Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost



Mission Statement:

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

Pre-Worship Music

Welcome and Announcements

Greeting Our Neighbors

Opening Prayer

Opening Hymn

"My Hope is Built on Nothing Less"

LBW #294

Brief Order for Confession & Forgiveness

Kyrie

Hymn of Praise

"This is the Feast"

Prayer of the day:

Generously pardon and give peace to your faithful people, O Lord, that being cleansed from every sin, we may be free and glad to serve; 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 - Philippians 3:1-11

Page 1165 in pew Bible

Psalm 80:7-19

Noisy Offering/Children's Message

Hymn of the Day

"If You but Trust in God to Guide You"

LBW #453

Gospel - Matthew 18:21-35

Page 979 in pew Bible

Message

"Doing the Math"

Pastor Eric Hullstrom

Nicene Creed

Offering

Offertory

"Let the Vineyards be Fruitful, Lord"

Offertory Prayer

Prayers of the Church

The Great Thanksgiving

The Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

Communion Hymn

"Holy, Holy, Holy"

The Distribution

"Lamb of God"

Post-Communion Canticle

"Thank the Lord"

Post-Communion Prayer

The Benediction

Closing Hymn

"Great is Thy Faithfulness"

WOV #771

Thank you for joining us today!

Oct Greeters & Ushers

*4 Jase Lawson Family & Aubri Wubben Family
*11 Joel Boekelman Family and Bailey Newton Family
18 Wyatt Bosma Family and Jen McGrady
*25 Riley Price Family & Owyn Ostermann Family

Calendar of Events

October:

Oct 4 Sunday School at 10:45
Oct 4-7 Pastor Eric at LCMC Annual Gathering
Oct 7 Confirmation – snacks 6:45, class 7:15 pm
Oct 11 Worship with Communion at 9:30, SS at 10:45
Oct 11 Harvest Soup Supper, 4:30-6:30 pm
Oct 12 Church Council Meeting at 6:00 pm
Oct 13 Bible Study with Pastor Eric at 2:00 pm

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	Berneice Maass
Nicky Shackleton	Susan Jensen
Harvey Rossmiller	Doug Hofbauer
Nancy Scalisi	Mark Beenken
Dave Kakacek	Pastor Mark Neumann

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Bethlehem Lutheran Church

Bethlehem Lutheran Sunday School



Dear Bethlehem Lutheran Church,

I am calling a special congregational meeting to discuss and consider matters related to Pastor Eric accepting a part-time pastoral role serving a nearby startup congregation while continuing to serve our church.

The purpose of this meeting is to present the proposed arrangement and provide an opportunity for questions and discussions. I encourage all voting members to attend as this is an important matter affecting the ministry.

Meeting to be held October 18 following worship.

Sincerely,
Derek Thilges, Council President



Apple Pie and Apple Crisp
(Fresh or Frozen)
FOR SALE \$15 each

Looking for bakers and customers!

Baking Days – October 30 & 31

Pickup Day – November 1

Contact Amy Walk with questions.



Please see the bulletin board in the narthex for additional details on the Apple Pie and Apple Crisp Fundraiser! Amy Walk's cell phone: 641-590-5845

North Iowa Food for Families Needs for October:

Chili or kidney beans,
cream of chicken or
mushroom soup,
creamed corn, hot
chocolate mix packets

Donations can be dropped
off in the church narthex
or the BC Library during
business hours.

Fellowship Serving Rotation:

Oct 4 - Sunday School

Oct 11 - Church Council

Oct 18 - Work Group #1

Oct 25 - Work Group #2

09.27.26 Giving:
\$1,829

Attendance: 59
Online views: 45

"I, even I, am he who blots out your transgressions, for my own sake, and remembers your sins no more."

- Isaiah 43:25



Harvest Drive-Thru Soup Supper
Sunday, Oct 11, 4:30-6:30 pm

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.

