

WISWO FALL RETREAT will take place on Saturday, October 25 from 10 am to 2 pm at Lutheran Lakeside Camp in Spirit Lake. The theme this year is - *You are beautiful for you are fearfully and wonderfully made*. This fun day of fellowship and conversation will include Bible study, a camp tour, fall craft and assembling Personal Care Kits for LWR. Mark your calendars and plan to join us! Registration begins at 9:30 am and lunch is provided. October 13th is the registration deadline. Forms are located at the Welcome Center.

PRAYER CONCERNS & REQUESTS

Health Concerns

Kirk Andersen, Cindy Heiter, Donna Jones, Jill Meyer, Steve McAllister, Sylvia Moore, Don Moore, Jaci Schrier, Liz Vulk, Lee Youde, Deb Albert (Cheri Klemme's sister), DeAnna Bensen (Bill Bensen's mother), LuAnn Becker (Bob Becker's sister), Bill Boblit (brother of Tom Boblit), Kiki Marske (Doug and Mary Marske's sister-in-law), Sue Burg (Liz Essick's cousin), Bibi Sangho (Deb Mechler's friend), Shannon VanDaalen (Lois Becker's sister-in-law), and Rebecca Wolf (daughter of Revs. Erma & John Wolf)

CALENDAR

Sunday, September 28th Pentecost 16

9:00 am Worship followed by Fellowship Time

10:15 am Sunday Kidz

Wednesday, October 1st

9:30 am Bible Study & Prayer Group

6:00 pm Confirmation Class and Youth Group Fun

Thursday, October 2nd

4:00 pm Caring Friends

Saturday, October 4th

7:30 am Men of Bethany Bible Study

Sunday, October 5th Pentecost 17

7:50 am KICD "Christian Women Speaks" Broadcast featuring Denise Kramer Tolzmann

9:00 am Worship followed by Fellowship Time

10:15 am Sunday Kidz



A Christ-centered family who serves by sharing God's love and hope with all.
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PENTECOST 16 – September 28, 2025 – 9:00 A.M.

Prelude: "Give Me Jesus" arrangement by Mark Hayes,
a Traditional African American Spiritual

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship - Based on Psalm 146 – and Opening Prayer

Gathering Hymn: "Will You Let Me Be Your Servant" vv. 1, 2, 4, 5 ELW #659

Prayer of the Day

First Reading Amos 6:1a, 4-7

Second Reading I Timothy 6:6-19

Acclamation: "Open Your Ears, O Faithful People" v. 1 ELW #519

Gospel Luke 16:19-31

Message Denise Kramer Tolzmann

Hymn of the Day: "What is the World Like" vv. 1, 2, 3, 5 ACS #1047

Prayers of Intercession: God of grace, **receive our prayers.**

The Lord's Prayer

Offerings Received

Offerings Hymn: "God, Be the Love" vv. 1, 2, 4, 5 ACS #1084

Offertory Prayer

Call to Confession

Pardon/Forgiveness

Share the Peace of the Lord

Sending Hymn: "The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve" ELW #551

Blessing and Dismissal

Postlude: "Hymn to Our Protector" arrangement by Donna J. Krieger;
based on Tune: AR HYD Y NOS, a Traditional Welsh Melody

WORSHIP NOTES

Welcome to worship at Bethany Lutheran Church! It is our hope that you experience the love of Christ and His presence during our worship service this morning. If you are visiting today, please sign the guest book in the narthex.

Everyone please sign the Fellowship Pad in your pew. These can help you get to know the others in your pew and they can help us to keep in touch with you! Thank you!

Large-print bulletins and assistive listening devices are available. If you benefit from either of these, please speak with an usher.

Please take this bulletin home with you as a reference for this week's calendar of events, as a reminder of Bethany family and friends to keep in your prayers, and for other useful information.

About this Sunday's lessons -- Consideration of and care for those in need (especially those "at our gate," visible to us, of whom we are aware) is an essential component of good stewardship. It is in the sharing of wealth that we avoid the snare of wealth. It is the one whom death could not hold—who comes to us risen from the dead—who can free us from the death grip of greed. (Sundays and Seasons v.20240130.1140 Copyright © 2025 Augsburg Fortress. All rights reserved.)

Today's worship leaders are:

Denise Kramer Tolzmann & Elina Leander Ozolins, pianist-organist

Many thanks to our worship volunteers:

Greeter: Sue Metcalf; Reader: Mary Marske

Usher: Kent Baker; Count: Sue Boblit

Fellowship Hosts: Dave and Carol Anderson

Everyone in the Audio/Visual Booth



ONLINE GIVING IS AVAILABLE

If you would like to give online to support the ministries of Bethany Lutheran Church, scan this code for giving page on our website.

Worship is rebroadcast on SMU CH #2:

Tuesday-5pm, Wednesday-10am

or can be found on YouTube® (Search Bethany Lutheran Church, Spencer IA)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FELLOWSHIP will be after worship in the parlor. This gathering time is a great time to chat over a cup of coffee and sweet treat; to meet new friends or catch up with old ones. All are welcome for fellowship and lively conversation! May this time of sharing in Christ's love be a blessing to us all. Hope to see you there!

FALL SUNDAY SCHOOL Kidz Time starts today after worship! We are excited that the Ministry team from Lutheran Lakeside will again be leading Kidz Time. Bethany looks forward to welcoming them back!

CONFIRMATION CLASSES will be on Wednesday evenings at **6 pm** beginning **Wednesday, October 1st**. Confirmation class is a time for students to learn more about the Bible, Small Catechism and about their own faith life. We are also looking to starting youth group fun again after class on first and third Wednesdays. Lynn Egesdal will be leading confirmation and youth group this year.

ONLINE DISCUSSION GROUP This fall you can participate or listen in on seven online discussion sessions based on Krista Tippett's "Hope Portal" series. Tippett is the award-winning NPR host of the OnBeing podcast who interviews authors, artists, scientists, poets, etc. on the spirituality of being human together. Deb Mechler will facilitate the sessions on Sunday nights, October 5-November 16, 6-7:30 p.m. Please contact her to receive the Zoom and Hope Portal links before October 2 at dsmechler@gmail.com.

THE SPENCER MESSIAH BOARD, made up of your friends and neighbors of local congregations, will be presenting "Selections from Handel's Messiah" with chorus, soloists and orchestra on Sunday, Dec. 7th at 7:00 pm at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Spencer.

Rehearsals for Handel's "Messiah" begin October 19th at 6:00 p.m. at Sacred Heart Church.

OCTOBER'S ST LUKE RESIDENT BIRTHDAY PARTY will take place on Monday, October 20th. It is Bethany Lutheran Church's turn to help out with this event. We will be providing napkins and plates as well as birthday cake or cupcakes for the residents. Volunteers are needed to present a short program of music, special entertainment, devotional readings or anything you think the residents would enjoy. Sign-up to help at the Welcome Center!

ROOM AT THE TABLE Bethany has helped raise funds to cover the cost of milk for elementary kids for many years making sure all kids get milk. There are milk cans on the table in the narthex where you can drop your donations to help with this. Thank you all for your donations over the years. - Faith in Action Team