



The Messenger



"Sharing the Good News"

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"A Month of Remembering"

May is a month of remembering, of celebrating, of honoring others.

What are your memories?

On May 14th we will remember our mothers. At least I hope we will take the time to remember our mothers. Especially those who taught us how to live life. We will also be honoring our High School Graduates. Memories will abound. You will remember these young people as children growing up in the church. Most of us will stop along the way, and remember our own High School days. Do you remember the teacher(s) who made the greatest impression upon you?

On May 28th, we will celebrate Pentecost-the coming of the Holy Spirit upon all believers. Jesus told the early disciples that when the Holy Spirit came, he would bring 'all things' to their memory. This is the day we remember the founding of the church universal. It is also a good time to reflect upon the type of faith and church that we are leaving behind, realizing that it is the work of the Holy Spirit to empower and equip us in that ministry. This also happens to fall on Memorial Day weekend. A time that we remember those who gave their lives to give us freedom.

Maybe, just maybe, along with all these memories, we might just take a little time to commit ourselves to living out the lessons we have learned along the way. Maybe, just maybe, we might look for ways to pass on these lessons to others. It doesn't happen by chance, or accident.

~Pastor Cory

God
CARES A LOT MORE
ABOUT WHO WE ARE,
AND WHO WE ARE
becoming
THAN ABOUT WHO
WE ONCE WERE.

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We will be honoring our High School Seniors on May 14th. If you do not receive a letter in the mail from the church, please contact the office as it contains some important information!

**Graduation Open House for Jack & Holden Willrett
On May 6th from 10-2pm at the Round Barn Farms
14344 330th St, Mason City**

**Graduation Open House for Kendra Kinne
On May 20th from 12-3pm at
8374 338th St. Hanlontown**

**Graduation Open House for Ethan King
On June 3rd from 11-3pm at Bethel UMC**



3rd Grade Bible Presentation on April 16th (pictured are) Addison Meyer, Alana Stone, Autumn Coyle



Thank you to all the helpers and everyone that attended breakfast on Easter Morning



Wonderful Wednesday fun

Bethel United Women of Faith
Salad Luncheon and Program

Mark your calendars and plan on attending this event. June 7th at Noon serving assorted salads, rolls/crackers and a beverage. The luncheon will be followed by a special program by Rita Baird on "Estonia, Facts, Faith and Family". Rita's daughter, Angie and family are currently residing in Estonia and Rita has visited several times. Come and enjoy a fabulous luncheon and fellowship and learn about another part of the world.

NOTE: We Will be needing salads from our congregation. Look for a sign up table in the narthex or contact Shirley Fistler or Deb Meacham if you can furnish a salad for this event



Mowing Schedule

2023	contact
May 2 -8	Jeremia Erickson 507-402-5644
May 9-15	Tweeten
May 16-22	Holden
May 23-29	Enderson
May 30 -Jun 5	Moretz
Jun 6 - 12	Brunsvold
Jun 13 - 19	Haacke
Jun 20 - 26	Schipull 641.390.1677
Jun 27 - Jul 3	Schilling
Jul 4 - 10	Miles
Jul 11 - 17	Hill 641.430.2012
Jul 18 - 24	Lutz
Jul 25 - 31	Tweeten
Aug 1 - 7	Erickson
Aug 8 - 14	Holden
Aug 15 - 21	Enderson
Aug 22 - 28	Moretz
Aug 29 - Sep 4	Brunsvold
Sep 5 - 11	Schipull
Sep 12 - 18	Schilling
Sep 19 - 25	Miles
Sep 26 - Oct 2	Lutz
Oct 3 -9	Haacke
Oct 10 - 16	Tweeten
Oct 17 - 23	Erickson



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 2pm Trinity Family Mtg	3 8:30am Diner	4 Girl Scout Mtg	5 Pastor's Day Off	6
7 Communion Sunday 8am Bethel Worship 9:10 Trinity Worship 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Bethel Worship Bethel UWF Mtg after Church	8	9 10am Pastor Cory at Care Center Services	10 8:30am Diner	11	12 Pastor's Day Off	13
14 Graduate Recognition Sunday 8am Bethel Worship 9:10 Trinity Worship 10:30 Bethel Worship	15	16	17 8:30am Diner 2pm Trinity UWF	18 Girl Scout Mtg	19 Pastor's Day Off Secretary on Vacation	20 9am – Noon Pastor @ Circuit Leader Mtg.
21 8am Bethel Worship 9:10 Trinity Worship 10:30 Bethel Worship 4H	22	23 10am Pastor Cory at Care Center Services 6:30pm Special Called Annual Conference	24 8:30am Diner	25 10am Pastor Cory @ Circuit Mtg.	26 Pastor's Day Off	27
28 8am Bethel Worship 9:10 Trinity Worship 10:30 Bethel Worship	29 	30	31 8:30am Diner			



Bethel is using Zelle, an electronic way to give to the church. This does not cost the church, or the individual anything. This link takes you to their web-site: <https://www.zellepay.com/> The information to search for in order to send money is: bethelunited1@outlook.com

Iowa UM Camps: Summer Staff/Volunteers Needed

Know someone 18+ years old, interested in youth ministry? Summer-long paid positions providing fun, faith-filled experiences for youth and families.

Okoboji UM Camp:
Kali email: Program@okobojicamp.com
website: www.okobojicamp.com

Wesley Woods UM Camp:
Mikaela email: Program@wesleywoodsowa.org
website: www.wesleywoodsowa.org



- 1-May Doug Erdmann
- 1-May Hailey Krambeer
- 2-May Karen Krambeer
- 3-May Jim Benjegerdes
- 3-May Avery Brunsvold
- 4-May Justin Kruger
- 5-May Betty Lane
- 5-May Donna Fought
- 6-May Shirley Klemp
- 6-May Bruce White
- 7-May Wally Davies
- 7-May Kaitlyn Hrubetz
- 7-May Gretchen Stone
- 8-May Tom Holmes
- 8-May Natalie Kunz
- 8-May Cole Willert
- 10-May Rosella Ullestad
- 10-May Jean Torgeson
- 11-May Savanna Warburton-Davis
- 14-May Ciara Conley
- 14-May Collin Kilbourn
- 14-May Melissa Hungerford
- 15-May Matt Moretz
- 16-May Melinda Lanphere
- 16-May Larry Ausborn
- 17-May Kolton Kinne
- 18-May Dixie Stromley
- 18-May Romelle Enderson
- 18-May Janet Hanna
- 18-May Ryan Smith
- 19-May Shelby Akemann
- 21-May Mary Nagel
- 21-May Allie Carman
- 22-May Lemman Northway
- 22-May Austin Backhaus
- 22-May Hannah Hill
- 23-May Becky Hoff
- 23-May Mark Torgeson
- 24-May Shane Anderson
- 24-May Lisa Young
- 25-May Mary Wendt
- 25-May Madison Badker
- 26-May Jammie Pokorney
- 27-May Mackenzy Conway
- 27-May Autumn Coyle
- 28-May Steve Trebil
- 28-May Amy Durgin
- 28-May Benjamin Schipull
- 30-May Carol Kipp



- 3-May Brent & Megan Bagley
- 10-May Lemman & Eve Northway
- 11-May Mike & Shelley Romine
- 11-May Michael & Carol McCutcheon
- 11-May Donnie & Pam Anderson
- 14-May Dan & Erin Runde
- 18-May Brad & Jaren Ostercamp
- 26-May Scott & Natalie Kunz
- 28-May Evan & Jennifer Bartusek
- 28-May Ernest & Romelle Enderson
- 31-May Jordan & Amanda McLaughlin
- 31-May Cory & Allan Allard

Journey through the Psalms

Let us take time, pray over, and read through the Book of Psalms this year!

Journey with me!

- April 30 Psalm 51-54
- May 7 Psalm 55-58
- May 14 Psalm 59-63
- May 21 Psalm 64-67
- May 28 Psalm 68-69



Please accept our apologies if we have missed your birthday or anniversary as we are updating our files. And please remember us for any address, phone number or email changes too! Please contact the office with your information if we have missed you so we can correct our records. Thank you.

Trinity held a successful potato and homemade pie lunch, in their newly upgraded dining hall on Sunday, March 26. Funds will go toward replacing the outdoor church sign.

Part of the work crew, left to right: Kelsie Willert, Roger & June Erdmann, Chloe Hemann, Rita Ulve, Pam Anderson, Steve & Mary Wendt, Pam Wirtjes, Lori Willert, Sue Cowell, Vickie Flo

Working with the desserts: Rita & Pam

On Palm Sunday, special guests of the Erdmann family came all the way from Norway!

Roger & June's daughter Suzy, and her sons Peter & Terry

Peter provided a beautiful violin solo.



**VBS PRESS RELEASE
May, 2023**

Local churches invite families to get ready for "STELLAR, Shine Jesus' Light!"

Vacation Bible School will have an out-of-this-world theme, held in Bolan, Monday, June 19 through Friday, June 23, 2023, the week after the Worth County Fair. A free-will supper and program will be held Friday, June 23, 6:00 pm.

At STELLAR VBS, kids discover what it means to shine Jesus' light in everyday life. STELLAR is filled with awesome Bible-learning experiences kids see, hear, and touch! Sciency-Fun Gizmos, team-building games, unforgettable Bible songs, and tasty treats are just a few of the standout activities that help faith flow into real life. Kids will also participate in a mission project. VBS is for pre-schoolers through completion of 5th grade. Anyone older is welcome to participate as a volunteer! While this is FREE, we still need all participants to PRE-REGISTER, so we know amounts to order for supplies, materials and food, plus how to organize the crews. Transportation can be made available, contact one of the churches or Lori.

To be a part of all the STELLAR fun, contact the United Methodist Church in Bolan, Manly, Northwood, Plymouth, Rock Falls, Rudd, Nora Springs, or the Lutheran Church in Manly or Hanlontown for registration forms and information, or call Lori Willert at 641-903-9472, email at lwillert@wctatel.net or visit <http://www.bolaniowa.com> or <http://www.bethel-trinity.com/vbs-registration.html>



AREA VBS June 19 – 23, 2023
9:00 AM – NOON BOLAN, IOWA

(ONE FORM PER CHILD)

Participant's Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Age: _____ Birthdate: _____

Grade Completed: _____

Home Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Transportation Needed: Yes or No

Home Church: _____

To whom it may concern:

The undersigned do hereby give permission for our (my) child, _____, to attend and participate in activities sponsored by the area churches on June 19-23, 2023

We (I) authorize an adult, in whose care the minor has been entrusted, to consent to any x-ray examination, anesthetic, medical, surgical, or dental diagnosis or treatment, and hospital care, to be rendered to the minor under the general or special supervision and on the advice of any physician or dentist licensed under the provisions of the Medical Practice Act on the medical staff of a licensed hospital. The undersigned shall be liable and agree(s) to pay all costs and expenses incurred in connection with such medical and dental services rendered to the aforementioned child pursuant to this authorization. Should it be necessary for our (my) child to return home due to medical reasons or otherwise, the undersigned shall assume all transportation costs. The undersigned does also hereby give permission for our (my) child to ride in any vehicle designated by the adult in whose care the minor has been entrusted while attending and participating in activities sponsored by the area churches.

Emergency Contacts & Phone Numbers: _____

List all allergies or special medical problems your child may have: _____

Special friend your child might like to be with: _____

Shirt size (circle one) Youth: XS S M L XL

Parent / Guardian Signature: _____

Return form to a United Methodist **REGISTRATION FEE HAS BEEN PAID!**

Church in B Plymouth, F Nora Spring in Manly or Hanlontown
 You can also register online at:
<http://www.bethel-trinity.com/vbs-registration.html> TS

Or mail to:
 Lori Willert
 4211 Tulip Lane, Kensett, IA 50448
 Questions? Call 641-903-9472 or lwillert@wctatel.net



Bethel & Bolan's Attendance & Giving

2023	BETHEL	BETHEL	BETHEL	TRINITY	TRINITY
Sunday	Sunday School	Worship	Giving	Worship	Giving
March 12	-	11/	\$ 900	12	
March 19	-	6 / 55	\$ 919	12	
March 26	27	8 / 95	\$ 1,593.75	17	
April 2	25	4 / 107	\$ 4,967.61	17	
April 9	21	59 / 142	\$ 11,295.81	20	
April 16		8/92	\$ 2,695.64	11	



Bethel Finance Notes: Psalm 98:4 -- Make a joyful noise unto the LORD, all the earth: make a loud noise, and rejoice, and sing praise. As of April 9th, our proposed budget is \$49,686.15 and giving is \$47,634.20 (\$2,051.95). The continual work & giving of our church is remarkable! We have much to be thankful for in our church family. Wishing everyone a good spring & safe planting season for all our farmers. God Bless You All!

Prayer List for May 2023

Please keep this list to consult during your personal prayer time. Keep our families, our church, our community, our nation and those who serve in our military in your prayers through the week.

Our Sympathies to: family and friends of Sandy Call. And to Romelle & Ernie Enderson and Tim Enderson on the death of their son and brother Gary Enderson



Prayers for: Dean Cowell, TJ, Nicole & their baby Timothy John Sluik, Linda Crooks, Jerry Durner, Stella Odom, Art White, Jerry Howe, Connie Moretz, Kathy Meyer, Alexandria Schiff, Dean Meyer, Ann Sluik, Tim Sluik, Debbie Driscoll (Cheryl & Larry Sluik's great niece), Roger Faught, Rosella Ullstad, Becky & Freeman Duthie (nephew & niece of Cheryl & Larry Sluik), Donna Backhaus, Scott Shackleton, Ole Odom, Jill Krambeer, Earl Trenhaile (friend of Cheryl & Larry Sluik), Shirley Fistler, Dixie Stromley, Ashley Duthie (Cheryl Sluik's great niece), Mike Odom, Mary Nagel, and Teresa Corell.

Extended Care: Art White– St Ansgar, Dixie Stromly, Kay Backhaus–Good Shepherd, Jerry Howe – Mankato Assisted Living, Vern Dannen– Nora Springs, Rosella Ullstad-Mills Harbor-LM, Norita Smith, Pearl Woodiwiss Country Meadows Place, Lois Krumm, Gloria Groh, Ruth Benjegerdes, Roger Sutton at the Manly Care Center

Persons Fighting Cancer: Jerry Durner, Sue Trebil, Shirley Klemp, Kelyn Meyer, Mariah Barrett, Leman Northway, Harold Parker, Jodi Krambeer, Linda Lines, Brooke Runde, Kerry & Norm (Chris Smythe's relatives), Larry Dixon, Jason Johnson.

Persons in the Military: Mike Ullstad, Joshua Parker (son-in-law of Richard & Rita Baird), Robert Argo in Army, Stacy Hanna.

If you know of someone in need of a visit due to health issues or for any other reason, please contact the church office at 454-2427, or pastor's cell at 404-788-4997. You can also fill out a form on our web-site:

<http://www.bethel-trinity.com/prayer-requests.html>