***The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost***

***August 10, 2025***

**Bethel Lutheran Church**

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**Holy Communion 1st, 3rd, & 5th Sundays of the Month**

**Worship Hours**

**Summer Hours**

**9:30 am Worship Service**



We welcome all of our worshipers this morning. We pray that the Holy Spirit will bless this time with an increase of faith in Jesus and love for one another. Please join us again in worship and fellowship.

**Our Worship** We follow Divine Service Setting 1 on page 151.

Hymns of Praise to the Lord: 728, 504, and 352.

**Our Response to God’s Love:**

**With our attendance last Sunday: 47 Communed 44**

Offerings to the Lord: Loose $395, General $1,660, Mission $27, IDW $50, Care Pkg. $10, College Care Pkg $25, Total $2,167.

Our adopted mission project for 2025 is $2,400 ($200 per month) for Noah’s Ark Daycare in Sutherland. They have need to help with their budget due to the renovations of the new location and inspection fees. **The second Sunday of the month we take an offering for this mission project.**

With our prayers for the sick and hurting: Truel Bailey, Linda Nellis, Beverly Durst, Roman Fulkerson, Sara Sickelka, Janie Ebel, Ron Waggoner, Marilyn Fiddelke, Elaine Waggoner, Delmar Sickelka, and Brian Hohbach.

**Hospitalizations:** Please call Rev. David Matthews Jr. if you or someone from the congregation is in the hospital.

**Looking Forward to The Coming Week**

**Today:** **9:30 am – Family Worship – Mission Offering Sunday**

6:00 pm – 8:00pm – Vacation Bible School

Monday: 6:00 pm – 8:00pm – Vacation Bible School

Tuesday: 6:00 pm – 8:00pm – Vacation Bible School

Wednesday: 6:00 pm – 8:00pm – Vacation Bible School

6:00pm – Christian Outreach

7:30pm – Elders Meeting

8:00 pm – Church Council Meeting

**Friday:** Pastor’s Day off

Saturday: 8:30am – “Bible and Bacon” Men’s Bible Study

**Next Sunday****:** **9:30 am – Holy Communion**

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| Lutheran Hour Ministries  Sundays at 8am on 102.9FM or 8:30am on KSCJ 94.9FM  August 17th Airing  **"The Stuttering Man of Destiny"** Guest Speaker: [Dr. Oswald Hoffmann](https://www.lutheranhour.org/speakers/hoffmann.asp) Archives August--Dr. Oswald Hoffmann recounts the story of Moses. (Exodus 4:10-12) | Iowa District West  August 17th Airing  **This Is the Life** – Two Weeks to Eternity” – A man who lives life to the fullest faces uncertainty with an upcoming surgery.  Worship Service – Rev. Martin Hill of Trinity Lutheran Church in Ponca, NE, delivers the message Not Peace, But Division” based on Luke 12:49-53.  Additional information is available on the web site:[www.mainstreetliving.com](http://www.mainstreetliving.com/). |
|  | **Bethel Lutheran Church** will be live streaming our worship services on our Bethel Lutheran Church Sutherland Facebook page  @ 9:30 am on Sundays.  You can view the service afterwards on the Facebook account for up to 30 days before it is deleted. |
| **Building Healthy Families:** Much of today’s media reflects values that we wouldn’t want our family to see or use as a model for life, but there are notable exceptions! Why not plan a weekly movie night with your family or friend group, intentionally choosing films that are both entertaining and faith-affirming? Here’s an idea to get you started: “Where Hope Grows” (streaming on many online platforms) tells the story of Calvin, a former baseball player who struggles with addiction and loss who befriends Produce, a young man with Down Syndrome who works at the grocery story. God uses their relationship to help Calvin rediscover hope and faith. Among the unwholesome story lines out there are some that shine light and challenge us to change our opinions in helpful ways…like remembering the value of people born with Down Syndrome! **Lutheran Family Service** [www.LutheranFamilyService.org](http://www.LutheranFamilyService.org) | |



* **Aug 10-13 – VBS @ Bethel 6:00pm-8:00pm**
* **August 10 – Concordia League – going to Sunday Service in Marcus – Paullina Lake Concession for lunch**
* **August 13 – Christian Outreach @ 6:00 pm**
* **August 13 – Elders Meeting @ 7:30 pm**
* **August 13 – Church Council @ 8:00pm**
* **August 16 – “Bible & Bacon” Men’s Group**
* **August 17-19 – PALS Retreat for Pastor**
* **August 26 – New Pastor Orientation – Pastor gone**
* **August 31 – Labor Day Food Stand @ 11:00am – 2:00pm**
* **Sept. 1 – Labor Day Parade @ 10:30am**

**\*\*Calendar Change: Sunday August 31st – Church Service will be here at Bethel Lutheran @ 9:30am\*\***

**Church Council Meeting:** Wednesday at 8:00pm is the Church Council Meeting after VBS. Please have agenda items to Bridget by Wednesday afternoon. Thank You.

**Note:** Please be aware that Wednesday is a very busy evening with church groups meeting and VBS going on. Be prepared to meet in a side room that is not being used for VBS. Council Members, we may be helping Georgette tear down some from VBS before we have our meeting. Thank you all for being patient with the busy evening.

VBS is Sunday Aug 10-13, from 6:00-8:00 pm.  Our theme this year is **'Epic Australian Adventure'**.  An unforgettable journey with Jesus.





Cody & Dani Rehder

Robie & Rita Schau

