



Lost Island will be collecting items for the personal and school kits during Lent

INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING IN EACH SCHOOL KIT

- FOUR 70-sheet notebooks of wide- or college-ruled paper approximately 8" x 10 ½"; no loose leaf paper
- ONE 30-centimeter ruler, or a ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other
- ONE pencil sharpener
- ONE pair of blunt scissors (safety scissors with embedded steel blades work well)
- FIVE unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers; secure together with a rubber band
- FIVE black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink); secure together with a rubber band
- ONE box of 16 or 24 crayons
- ONE 2 ½" eraser
- ONE sturdy drawstring backpack-style cloth bag, approximately 14" x 17" with shoulder straps (no standard backpacks)

Bethany Lutheran Church
703 Broadway- Emmetsburg, IA
Worship 10:30 AM
Sunday School 9:30 AM
Rev. F. Peter Morlock

Lost Island Lutheran Church
3797-310th St. - Ruthven, IA
Worship 8:45 AM
Sunday School 10:15 AM
Vicar Sarah Schilcher

We Welcome You to Worship Today
February 25, 2018
SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

The second covenant in this year's Lenten readings is the one made with Abraham and Sarah: God's promise to make them the ancestors of many, with whom God will remain in everlasting covenant. Paul says this promise comes to all who share Abraham's faith in the God who brings life into being where there was no life. We receive this baptismal promise of resurrection life in faith. Sarah and Abraham receive new names as a sign of the covenant, and we too get new identities in baptism, as we put on Christ.

ORGAN PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS/ SIGNING OF FRIENDSHIP SHEETS

We invite everyone to please sign the attendance sheets in the black notebook located at the end of pew. If you are a visitor, we would like to get to know you better, please include your address and phone number. We welcome you to come again.

ORDER OF SERVICE-LBW SETTING ONE-NO COMMUNION

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS:** LBW Pg. 56

*Please stand if you are able

***GATHERING HYMN:** LBW #104, *In The Cross of Christ I Glory*

***GREETING AND KYRIE:** LBW Pg. 57 (green hymnal)

***HYMN OF PRAISE:** Pg. 58 **Glory to God...**

***SALUTATION:** P: The Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.**

***PRAYER OF THE DAY** Let us pray together.

O God, by the passion of your blessed Son you made an instrument of shameful death to be for us the means of life. Grant us so to glory in the cross of Christ that we may gladly suffer shame and loss for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. AMEN

FIRST READING: GENESIS 17:1-7, 15-16

As with Noah, God makes an everlasting covenant with Abraham and Sarah. God promises this old couple that they will be the ancestors of nations, though they have no child together. God will miraculously bring forth new life from Sarah's old womb. The name changes emphasize the firmness of God's promise.

¹When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to Abram, and said to him, "I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless." ²And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous." ³Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, ⁴"As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. ⁵No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. ⁶I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. ⁷I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you."

¹⁵God said to Abraham, "As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. ¹⁶I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her."

PSALM 22:23-31 Please read responsively

All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD. (Ps. 22:27)

²³You who fear the LORD, give praise! All you of Jacob's line, give glory. Stand in awe of the LORD, all you offspring of Israel.

²⁴**For the LORD does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty; neither is the LORD's face hidden from them; but when they cry out, the LORD hears them.**

²⁵From you comes my praise in the great assembly; I will perform my vows in the sight of those who fear the LORD.

²⁶**The poor shall eat and be satisfied, Let those who seek the LORD give praise! May your hearts live forever!**

²⁷All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD; all the families of nations shall bow before God.

²⁸**For dominion belongs to the LORD, who rules over the nations.**

²⁹Indeed, all who sleep in the earth shall bow down in worship; all who go down to the dust, though they be dead, shall kneel before the LORD.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Bethany Sarah Circle will be putting Lutheran World Relief Kits together. We would like the congregation to help. Cash donations can be given to Pat Vician, Elaine Nauss or the church office. Please pay special attention to the size & color of the items-they are picky!

Hand towel-dark colored, 15"x 25"

Diaper Pins

Cloth Diapers-FLAT FOLDED

Bath size soap bar, 4-5 oz.-gentle

Bath towels-dark colored, 27"x 52"-light to medium weight

Adult size toothbrush

Large Tooth Comb

Metal nail clippers.

Sarah Circle would like to thank you for your help.

Lent began with Ash Wednesday, February 14th. There will be weekly midweek services at 5 PM and 7 PM with a light lunch served following the 5 o'clock service at Bethany. All are welcome. Servers are as follows:

Feb 28-Men's Bible Study group

March 7-Youth

March 14-Confirmation Youth

March 21-Mary Martha and Ruth Circle.

The youth have challenges for you (the congregation) during lent..... Please participate...it helps the youth but more importantly it is for you! See your challenge on the table at the back of the sanctuary.

If any youth are interested in helping with the Maundy Thursday Stripping of the Altar Service at Lost Island, please let Karyn Leininger or Diane know ASAP. If students want to have a reading part, we need to know your age to choose an appropriate reading part . Confirmation students are expected to help.

Wilma Nielsen has asked that her friends call her on her landline rather than her cell phone. **Her Land-Line Number is 712-852-2664.** Thank You!

TODAY, February 25	BETHANY	NEXT SUNDAY, March 4
Organist:	Janis Campbell	
Altar Guild for February		Dianne Hough
Altar Guild for March		Kathy Mehan
Lector: Joe Neary		Darca Saxton
Greeters: Amanda Murray Family		Ben & Leslie Hofstad Family
	*Tim & Molly Rodemeyer	*Sharon Sobkoweit, Barb Haack
Communion Asst:	Brian Campbell, John & Stephanie Larson	
Ushers: David Sidles, *Ron Chapman		Michael Jacobson, *Dave Cole
	Willard & Parker Schmeling	Jordan & April Cole
Acolytes: Nolan Gustafson, Quinton Ort		Parker Schmeling, Luke Carter

TODAY February 25	LOST ISLAND	NEXT SUNDAY, March 4
Organist:	Tim Nielsen	
Altar Guild for February		Linda Pitt, Lavonne Mason
Altar Guild for March		Karyn Leininger, Pat Henningsen
Reader: Tim Nielsen		Jonah Hackbart-Morlock
Communion Asst:		Jonah Hackbart-Morlock
Acolytes: Olivia Sorenson		Kate Sorenson

OPPORTUNITIES

Monday, February 26	9 am Quilting
Tuesday, February 27	10:00 am Prepare March Newsletter All are welcome! 5:00 pm Tip Night at Pizza Ranch (Youth) 6:30 pm Scouts
Wednesday, February 28	8:00 am WIC Clinic in the Basement 12 noon Men's Bible Study, lunch 3:30-5 pm SACK (grades 2-5) 5:00 pm Lenten Service (Men's Group) 7:00 pm COOL Group meets 7:00 pm Lenten Service 8:00 pm LIFE (grade 6-12)
Sunday, March 4	8:45 am Lost Island Worship, Communion 10:15 am Lost Island Sunday School 9:30 am Bethany Sunday School 10:30 am Bethany Worship, Communion 5:00 pm Outreach

**** The Confirmation Students are to attend
one of the two Lenten Services each week****

PSALM 22:23-31 (cont'd.)

³⁰**Their descendants shall serve the LORD, whom they shall proclaim to generations to come.**

³¹They shall proclaim God's deliverance to a people yet unborn, saying to them, "The LORD has acted!"

SECOND READING: ROMANS 4:13-25

Paul presents Abraham as the example for how a person comes into a right relationship with God not through works of the law but through faith. Though Abraham and Sarah were far too old for bearing children, Abraham trusted that God would accomplish what God had promised to accomplish.

¹³The promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. ¹⁴If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. ¹⁵For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. ¹⁶For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, ¹⁷as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations")—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. ¹⁸Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become "the father of many nations," according to what was said, "So numerous shall your descendants be." ¹⁹He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. ²⁰No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, ²¹being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. ²²Therefore his faith "was reckoned to him as righteousness." ²³Now the words, "it was reckoned to him," were written not for his sake alone, ²⁴but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, ²⁵who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

Here ends the reading. Please stand for the Lenten response:

***RESPONSE:** LBW pg. 63 *Return to the Lord, your God,.....*

***GOSPEL ANNOUNCED and RESPONSE:** *Glory to you, O Lord.*

GOSPEL: MARK 8:31-38

After Peter confesses his belief that Jesus is the Messiah, Jesus tells his disciples for the first time what is to come. Peter's response indicates that he does not yet understand the way of the cross that Jesus will travel.

³¹[Jesus] began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³²He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things." ³⁴He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ³⁵For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. ³⁶For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life?

³⁷Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? ³⁸Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

***GOSPEL RESPONSE: Praise to you, O Christ.**

***SUNDAY SCHOOL CHILDREN SING/CHILDRENS MESSAGE**

***SERMON**

***HYMN OF THE DAY:** LBW #482, *When I Survey The Wondrous Cross*

***THE NICENE CREED:** Pg. 65

***THE PRAYERS—** Please respond with "Hear Our Prayer."

***SHARING OF THE PEACE—**in this cold & flu season you may wish to refrain from shaking hands and just extend the greeting

Please be seated while the offering is received

***OFFERING/OFFERTORY:** LBW Pg. 75 "Create in me a clean heart...."

***OFFERTORY PRAYER:** LBW Pg. 67

Merciful Father, **we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us-ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

***THE LORD'S PRAYER:** Pg. 76

***BENEDICTION**

***SENDING HYMN:** LBW #453, "If You But Trust in God to Guide You"

***DISMISSAL:** P: Go in peace to love & serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

ORGAN POSTLUDE

IN OUR PRAYERS:

We remember those in special need of God's love and care including:



Marilyn Eglund, Janis Campbell, Wilma Nielsen, Curt Ackerman, Bill Ortman, Deb Zanfes, Bonnie Anderson, Kort Freeman, Fern Schmidt, Sherrie Mandsager, Heide Rienhardt, Margaret Sloan, Rhonda Bakken, Garwin

Anderson, Lois Quam, Pastor Trudy Peterson, Karyn Davis, Rod Snavelly, Nancy Zeigler, Bob & Janet Mortenson, Lucille Anderson, Norma Larson, Richard Omundson and those we name in our hearts.

*Our missionary: Courtney Davis in Papua New Guinea

*Our companion synods: The Southern Diocese of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania-Yakobi Parish, companion with Lost Island and the Evangelical Lutheran Church Laz-Paz Parish in Chile, companion with Bethany.

Don't forget that we still have some almonds and pecans in the Overflow Room for sale. One bag costs \$11. The money received will go to Missions.

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