

The 2018 Ruth Cluster meeting of the Western Iowa Synodical Women's Organization will be held Saturday, April 14, at the United Lutheran Church in Ringsted. Gathering time is at 8:30 AM with the program & meeting to begin at 9 AM. Please RSVP to Ilomae Meling at 712-298-1435 or Elaine Nauss by April 10.

6-12th graders: Mark your calendars for Sunday, April 29, 5-8 PM. Okoboji Outreach-Capture the Flag. This will be the last monthly night for the school year. Bring \$3 for food. See Kristin.

Spring is on its way! There is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board for volunteers to sign up for mowing of the church lawn when the time is right! Thank you.

Noisy Offering for April will be April 8th. Your donations will be given to Cherish House in Milford. The youth really do appreciate all the "Noise" is made when your giving hits the cans! Thank you so much for your giving!!

Please remember Ladies—there will be a WELCA meeting directly following Church Services next week (4/8/2018).

Save Local Lives—Emmetsburg Community Blood Drive is Wednesday, April 4, 2018 from 1–5:30 pm at the Holy Family Parish (2003 Broadway Avenue) Emmetsburg.  
To make an appointment, please contact LifeServe Blood Center at 800-287-4903 or visit [www.lifeservebloodcenter.org](http://www.lifeservebloodcenter.org).

The Riviera Theatre has notified our church that the movie titled, **"IMAGINE"** will be playing here in Emmetsburg beginning Friday, April 6 until Thursday April 12, 2018.  
Shows every evening at 7 pm with a Sunday Matinee at 2 pm.

Bethany Lutheran Church  
703 Broadway- Emmetsburg, IA  
Worship 10:30 AM  
Resume SS 4/08/18 at 9:30 AM

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

Rev. F Peter Morlock and Vicar Sarah Schilcher

**RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD: EASTER DAY**

We welcome you to worship today

April 1, 2018 6:30 and 10:30 am Service

*This year may be the one in which John's resurrection account is likely to be chosen over Mark's, perhaps because Mark's gospel ends so abruptly, with astonishment and fear rather than joyful proclamation. Yet Mark may speak to our experience more directly than the other gospels. Corinthians and Acts fill out the story by telling of appearances of the risen Christ. Peter says we "ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead." And so do we, in a foretaste of the mountaintop feast where death will be no more.*

**6:30 Service**

We wait in Silence outside around the fire on the greenspace. (See Insert)  
Hymn: LBW 92 "Were You There"  
**Announcement of Jesus' Resurrection!!**  
Response: **He is risen indeed, Alleluia!**  
Enter the Church singing Hymn #151  
"Jesus Christ is Risen Today"

**8:45 and 10:30 Service**

We enter and wait in silence  
Hymn: LBW #92 "Were You There"

**\*PROCLAMATION OF EASTER**

\* Those who are able, please stand

P: Grace and peace to you from who is, and who was, and who is to come, from the Lord, Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

P: Christ is risen! Alleluia!

**C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia! (spoken boldly)**

P: And all the creatures of the earth shout:

**C: Amen! (spoken boldly)**

P: And all the saints and angels shout:

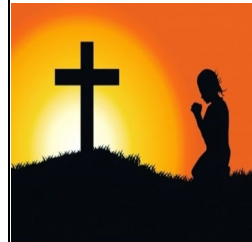
**C: Amen! (spoken boldly)**

P: And the people of the Lamb shout:

**C: Amen and Amen! (spoken boldly)**

**\* HYMN: LBW #135 "The Strife is O'er, The Battle Done" (6:30 Service)**

IN OUR PRAYERS: We remember those in special need of God's love and care including: Linda Umbrell, Fiona Millican, Janis Campbell, Marilyn Eglund, Deb Zanfes, Curt Ackerman, Kort Freeman, Jim & Bonnie Anderson, Bill Ortman, Fern Schmidt, Heide Rienhardt, Margaret Sloan, 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.

Logan Murray—Thank you for the special music today at the 6:30 Service.



Yesterday morning, Aubrie Jane Firkins, was baptized here at Bethany Lutheran Church in a private service. Her parents are Jacob Firkins and Alesha Olson. Sponsors for Aubrie were Josh, Jeremy and Justin Firkins and Danielle Elbert and Amanda Mugge.



**WELCOME AUBRIE into the FAMILY OF GOD!**

Today, Kemper Ryan Veldboom will be baptized at Bethany Lutheran Church at the 10:30 service. His parents are Ryan and Mollie Veldboom. Sponsors for Kemper are Jason & Alison Munn, Austin Veldboom and Jennifer Veldboom.



**WELCOME KEMPER into the FAMILY OF GOD!**

Thank you for sharing Easter lilies with us:  
In loving memory of my husbands, Lyle Schipull and Wayne Warmbier from Evelyn Warmbier.  
In loving memory of Dave's parents: Helen & Lawrence Sidles from Dave & Elaine Sidles.  
In loving memory of Elaine's father & step-father, Lyle Schipull and Wayne Warmbier from Elaine & Dave Sidles  
In loving memory of Carol Andersen from Bob and their family.  
In loving memory of Carroll and Wilma Olson from their family.  
In memory of relatives & friends from Brian & Janis Campbell and Kim, BriAna & Phoenix Campbell.



P: Do you renounce the devil and all his evil works and ways? Do you renounce your old, dead, self?

**C: Yes, for once we were dead in our sins, but now we are alive in Christ Jesus!**

P: Is it your desire to live as an Easter Alleluia?

**C: It is! We will continue to celebrate the presence of God's love in our lives. We will continue to grow with each other in Christ, our Risen Lord. We will live as Easter Alleluias!**

**\*THE PRAYERS-**respond with "hear our prayer"

**\*SHARING OF THE PEACE**

Please be seated while the offering is received

**\*OFFERING/OFFERTORY:** LBW Pg. 66 **Let the vineyards be fruitful...**

**\*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 GREAT THANKSGIVING:** LBW Pg. 68

**\*WORDS OF INSTITUTION:** Pg. 69

**\*THE LORD'S PRAYER:** Pg. 71

**HOLY COMMUNION:** Pg. 72 **"Lamb Of God..."**

HYMNS DURING DISTRIBUTION: LBW #147 (vs 1-4) #518, #221

**\*BLESSING:** P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **C: Amen.**

**\*POST COMMUNION:** Pg. 73 **"Lord, now you let your servant ..."**

**\*PRAYER AND BENEDICTION:** Pg. 74

**\*SENDING HYMN:** LBW #352 *"I Know My Redeemer Lives"*

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

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## ORGAN POSTLUDE

Easter breakfast will be served by the youth following the Sunrise Service today at Bethany. A free will offering will be accepted to go towards the Youth fund.



We invite all who are baptized to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion with us. We ask that you believe that Christ is present in the bread and wine and that you desire the benefits He offers. If you would like to come forward for a blessing and not receive Holy Communion, please indicate by crossing your arms. If you are not able to come forward, please indicate to the usher and we will serve you at the pew. Grape juice is present in the center of the tray. Gluten free wafers are also available. Page 5

**\*GATHERING HYMN:** LBW #151 *"Jesus Christ is Risen Today (8:45 & 10:30)*

**\*GREETING & KYRIE:** Pg. 57 **Lord, have mercy.**

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE:** Pg. 60 **This is the feast...**

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

**\*PRAYER OF THE DAY:** Pray together

Risen Savior, we come before you today, amazed at the miracle of your resurrection and hopeful for our own eternal life which you have won for us. As we go about our Easter celebration, let your life giving power be a constant reminder to us of how we are to use our lives in service to you, in thanksgiving for that which you have done for us. In your name we pray. Amen

**\*FIRST READING:** Acts 10:34-43

*Peter's sermon, delivered at the home of Cornelius, a Roman army officer, is a summary of the essential message of Christianity: Everyone who believes in Jesus, whose life, death, and resurrection fulfilled the words of the prophets, "receives forgiveness of sins through his name."*

<sup>34</sup>Then Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, <sup>35</sup>but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. <sup>36</sup>You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ — he is Lord of all. <sup>37</sup>That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: <sup>38</sup>how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. <sup>39</sup>We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; <sup>40</sup>but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, <sup>41</sup>not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. <sup>42</sup>He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. <sup>43</sup>All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

**\*PSALM 118:1-2, 14-24**

Read responsively by verse

*This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.*

<sup>1</sup>Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good; God's mercy endures forever.

<sup>2</sup>Let Israel now declare, "God's mercy endures forever."

**\*PSALM 118:1–2, 14–24 (cont’d.)**

<sup>14</sup>The LORD is my strength and my song, and has become my salvation.

<sup>15</sup>**Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents of the righteous:  
"The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!**

<sup>16</sup>The right hand of the LORD is exalted! The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!"

<sup>17</sup>**I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the LORD.**

<sup>18</sup>The LORD indeed punished me sorely, but did not hand me over to death.

<sup>19</sup>**Open for me the gates of righteousness; I will enter them and give thanks to the LORD.**

<sup>20</sup>"This is the gate of the LORD; here the righteous may enter."

<sup>21</sup>**I give thanks to you, for you have answered me and you have become my salvation.**

<sup>22</sup>The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

<sup>23</sup>**By the LORD has this been done; it is marvelous in our eyes.**

<sup>24</sup>This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

**SECOND READING: COLOSSIANS 3:1-4**

*Easter means new life for us as it first meant new life for Christ. His resurrection reshapes the entire focus and motivation for our lives, since we are now hidden with the risen Christ in God.*

<sup>1</sup>If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. <sup>2</sup>Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, <sup>3</sup>for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. <sup>4</sup>When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

**Here ends the reading. Please stand for the Alleluia response.**

**\*RESPONSE:** Pg. 62 Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

**You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

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

**\*GOSPEL: MARK 16:1-8**

*The resurrection of Jesus is announced, and the response is one of terror and amazement.*

<sup>1</sup>When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint [Jesus’ body]. <sup>2</sup>And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. <sup>3</sup>They had been saying to one another, “Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?” <sup>4</sup>When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back.

**\*GOSPEL: MARK 16:1-8 (cont’d.)**

<sup>5</sup>As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. <sup>6</sup>But he said to them, “Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. <sup>7</sup>But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you.” <sup>8</sup>So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

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

**\*CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

<p><b>6:30 am Service</b>  <b>*SERMON</b>—Youth  <b>*HYMN OF THE DAY:</b> LBW #143  <i>“Now All The Vault of Heaven Resounds”</i></p>	<p><b>8:45 and 10:30 am Services</b>  <b>SERMON</b>—Let’s listen in as two of Jesus’ disciples converse after returning from the empty tomb.  <b>*HYMN OF THE DAY:</b> LBW #143  <i>“Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds”</i>          (Baptism at 10:30 Service)  <b>*HOLY BAPTISM</b>—LBW Pg. 121          Kemper Ryan Veldboom          Proceed to <b>“The Prayers,”</b> Pg. 5</p>
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**\*CREED (6:30 and 8:45 am Services)**

**P:** Here is water, the place where your life in the Lord began. Once you were no people; now you are God’s people. Do you believe in God the Father?

**C: Yes, I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of Heaven and Earth.**

**P:** Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

**C: Yes, I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day He rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**P:** Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

**C: Yes, I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**