

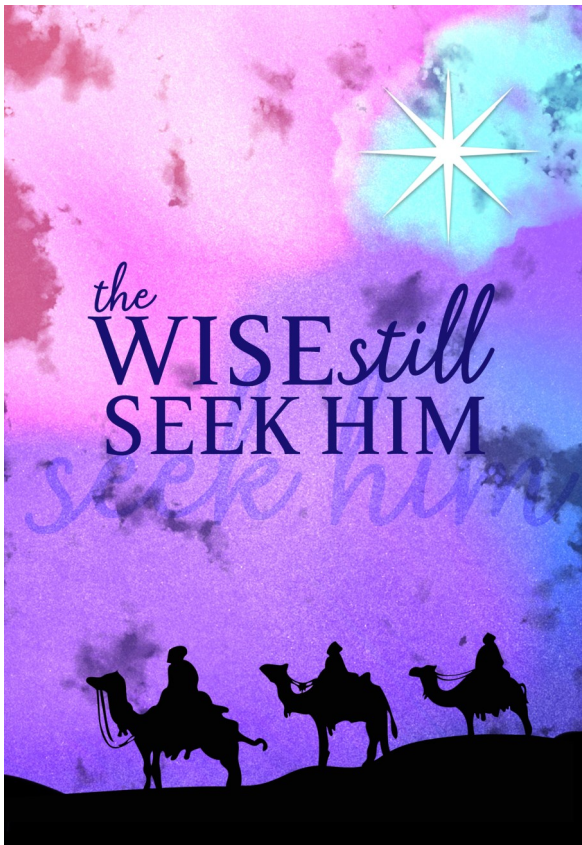
Celebrating 135 Years of Making Jesus Known

THE BETHEL NEWS



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SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

9:00	Children's Choir
9:30	Sunday School
10:30	Inside w/communion (and streamed on FaceBook & Youtube)



Christmas Eve Sunday Services:
10:30 a.m. (Advent Unwrapped)
5:00 p.m. Candlelight Service

Pastor's Page

Grace and peace to you from God our Father and our Lord Jesus Christ!

John 1:14

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

We are taking a break from my series on the Augsburg Confession for The Advent and Christmas season! Advent is a time of waiting, expecting and celebration! Advent is overshadowed by all the commercial holidays. It is like right after Thanksgiving you start hearing about Black Friday and all the sales and the Christmas music is already started but somehow, it's used as a promotion to buy something than its proper function to point us to the reason for the season. Sadly, the Church calendar has been replaced by the marketing calendar that uses holidays for sales and promotions. During Advent we look forward to Christ' second coming but we also celebrate the fact that God became flesh as a baby in his first coming. God's own Son Jesus our Lord and Savior put on human flesh and grew up like one of us! This is the Christmas miracle! The miracle of the Incarnation! The fact that God would put on fragile flesh and be vulnerable like a child is a wonderful mystery but it shows us who God is. God so loved the world that He gave his Son for us! God knows what it is like to be vulnerable, small, dependent, living and suffering on this earth. If this does not give you hope and faith, I don't know what will? This is God's love in action and we celebrate his birth every year in December. The story of the Christ child gives us hope! Hope for salvation for us and the world! This Christmas is a time to gather and worship the Light that has come into our world. The Light came to us on that Christmas Morning as a child but now lives in all those who trust their lives in him as their Lord and Savior! This month we will continue to have our St. Lucia/Childrens service on Dec 10th, Christmas Cantata on Dec 17th, 4th Sunday in Advent/Christmas Eve morning at 10:30 am come see Advent unwrapped with Isaiah to the holy Family, and our Christmas Eve candlelight service at 5 pm with Holy Communion. O come O come Emmanuel!

Blessed Advent and Merry Christmas,

Pastor Richard Kidd



On Going Prayers including occasional homebound folks

Deanna Brannigan	Johnny Conti
Peggy Shaw	Lynn Henry
Janet Phelps	Audrey Wylie
Nancy Kissel	Linda Martin
Eleanor Laise	Cora Dixon
Arlene McAtee	Sharon Chase
Berta McGuire	John Beggs
Barney Davidson	Janice John
Teresa Krasinski	Joyce Fowler
Ron Kinnick	Doris Gluck
Alice Ogden	Joe DeArcangelis
Debbie Wilson	JJ&Helen LoSasso
Lou & Ruth Schenker	Elva Evans
Nicole Gettman Wells	Marie Klase



A Look at our Loyalty

The Church is a gift...assembly required.

General Operations Fund

To cover our 2024 approved budget, We need to bring in \$23,484 per month to our general fund.

Total received in October \$17,810

Capital Improvement Fund

Total received in October \$4,765.00



Join us for a beautiful celebration of music by our Senior Choir, on December 17th during the 10:30 worship service.



St. Lucia Celebration on December 10th during the 10:30 worship service. Come to church to find out who the St. Lucia will be this year!



Our children will be performing a Christmas pageant on December 10th during the 10:30 worship service! Please join us for this very special program.

Dear Members:



Contact for our e-mail for the **Prayer chain** is Nancy Kuivila. Her email is nkuivila@zoominternet.net

If you would like to be a part of the e-mail prayer chain, contact Nancy. ~Thank you Nancy!!~

NOTES TO THE CONGREGATION:



If you have **Altar Flowers** or a **Candle**: Please pay when you reserve your flower date. Make checks payable to the church **\$25.00** for flowers and \$8.00 for a candle, and mail to the church or put in the offering plate.
 If you have a **date you want**, let Susan know 330-758-4283
Thanks, Altar Flower Committee



The First Sunday in Advent is December 3rd. Join us in celebrating Advent this year.

<u>2024 Church Council</u>	
President:	Tom Peterson
Vice President:	Gary Wollet
Secretary:	Linda Titus
Christian Ed:	Erin Conway
Communications:	Shelia Kidd
Finance:	Ed Rusinowski
Parish Life:	Candy Rusinowski
Property:	John Smiley
Outreach:	Karen Protzman
Worship:	Karen Marchese



Sunday, December 31st will
 Be Lessons & Carols at the
 10:30 a.m. worship service



All Council Committee Meetings: If you would like to attend a Committee Meeting, please contact the Chair person of that committee to find out when that committee meets. All committee members and associate members should attend monthly meetings.

Church Council Meeting on the 3rd Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. each month unless notified of changes. All council members should attend monthly meetings.

Mickey Schuster Meeting will be as meetings are scheduled.



BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES



DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Janet Liga
- 4 Linda Swanson
- 6 Art Marrie
- 8 David Griswold
- 9 Bill Klase
- 10 John Scacchetti
- 12 Tina Dunn
- 14 Eleanor Laise, Sandy Dorman
- 18 Katie Butcher
- 19 Leah Griswold
- 20 Erin Conway
- 21 Carter Stockman
- 22 Cliff Protzman, Rick Hungerford
- 23 JJ LoSasso
- 26 Kay Kish
- 27 Glenn Garwig, Jeff Kulow, Fred Noday, Sr.
- 28 Stan Huddleston
- 30 Lissa Bell
- 31 Marcie Lieb



DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 6 Anthony & Kari Harris
- 18 Donald & Donna Robinson (69)
- 27 Guy & Beth Applegate

**MISSION OF THE MONTH
FOR
DECEMBER IS
SECOND HARVEST FOOD BANK**



Let the office know of any changes,
corrections or additions,
or if celebrating a
“milestone” birthday or anniversary.
Thank you!

Bethel Lutheran Church

November 30, 2023

Dear Bethel Family:

In the spirit of giving during the Holiday Season, it has been customary to present our staff with a gift from the congregation. A "Christmas Purse" will be presented to each of our seven staff members the week of December 18, 2023

If you would like to provide a monetary gift, please use an envelope and mark "Christmas Purse" on the outside of the envelope and return to church by December 17, 2023.

Bethel Staff and Church Council wishes everyone a Blessed Christmas and a very Happy New Year!

Yours in Christ,

Bethel Lutheran Council

