

Prayer Page

Thanksgiving

- Advent Season

Entrusting into God's Care

- Persecuted Christians and refugees
- Those suffering after the storm and during the pandemic
- The homeless & the unemployed
- Workers in the Church, at Bethany and throughout the World

Healing

- Fred Schuchmann - hospitalization
- Burt & Jan (friends of Bonnie Bubke) - health issues
- Randy (friend of John Hamm) - hospitalization
- Charlotte (granddaughter of Karen Swalley) - health issues
- Cindy Broadwater - recovering after surgery
- Tracy Donels - recovering after surgery
- Emily Kroemer - back pain
- Ryan Urban - recovering after surgery
- Marcia (mother of M Rinderknecht & E Heller) - health issues
- Lee Rathje - broken wrist, recovering after fall
- Sharon Ramsey - recovering after surgery
- Faye Sieck - recovering after hospitalization
- Dale Stonewall - recovering at home after surgery

Shut-Ins

- Wayne Schilling - Linn Manor Care, Marion

Mourning

- Pastor Dana (brother of Melissa Loney) - died 11/25
- Bob (relative of Luci Stoelting & Melinda Crow) - died 11/13

Serving Our Country

- Ben - serving in the Iowa National Guard
- Mitchell & Benjamin (relatives of Schoens & Amy Smith)- serving in the U.S. Navy
- Tailor & Charlie (grandsons of Kim Neuhaus) - serving in U.S. Armed Forces
- Harrison (son of Rob & Faye Sieck) - serving in U.S. Armed Forces

Servants of Worship

	Sunday, December 12	Sunday, December 19
Elder	Rick Foreman	Jim Novitch
Ushers (8:30)	Dathan Hinrichs	Dave Karsten, Pete Larson
Ushers (11:00)	Steve Hanchera	Dick & Karen Hass
Lector (8:30)	Arlen Breiholz	Rick Foreman
Lector (11:00)	Lori Dohrmann	Lissa Novitch
Video (8:30)	Greg Dunn	Jeff Gebert
Video (11:00)	Stephanie Chittick	Mike Diers
Sound (8:30)	Darin Elm	Ken Cook
Sound (11:00)	Phil Hedtke	Darin Elm
Acolyte (8:30)	Charles Clark, Alex Theriault	Kellen Volden, Jackson Rinderknecht
Acolyte (11:00)	Tristan Bond, Bryce Wilson	Carter Kirkpatrick, Taylor Theriault
Coffee	Doug & Sheryl Knutson	Melinda Crow

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December 12, 2021
Third Sunday in Advent
8:30 a.m. Service

Living and Sharing God's Love

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Order of Service

Welcome and Announcements

Hymn

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus LSB #338

Invocation

Confession and Absolution

Introit Psalm 146

Kyrie

Salutation and Collect of the Day

Old Testament Reading Zephaniah 3:14-20

Gradual

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice Melinda Crow

Epistle Reading Philippians 4:4-7

Alleluia

Holy Gospel Luke 7:18-28

Hymn of the Day

Arise, O Christian People LSB #354

Sermon

Apostles' Creed

Prayers of the Church

Lord's Prayer

Luther's Morning Prayer

Benediction

Closing Hymn

Hark! A Thrilling Voice is Sounding LSB #345

Notes and Announcements

A **Children's Christmas Program** will be next Sunday, December 19 at 4:30 p.m. After the program, celebrate with us at a "Birthday Party for Jesus" in the Family Life Center.

Advent Midweek Services "Advent Answers to Hard Questions" are held on Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. This Wednesday, December 15 will be Blue Christmas service, and we will look into the question, "Why Would Jesus Cry?" A meal will be served before service at 5:45-6:45 p.m. in the Family Life Center. This week the meal will be served by Stephen Ministry.

Christmas Eve services will be held at 4:30 p.m. and 11:00 p.m. (communion at 11:00) on Friday, December 24.

Christmas Day service with communion will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, December 25.

Angel Tree provides Christmas gifts to children whose parents are incarcerated. If you participated, please return your gift today!

Food Pantry - Current items needed are toilet paper, paper towels, liquid hand soap, laundry detergent, tissues, and shampoo. The donation table is located outside the sanctuary.

Christmas Giving - The Women's Guild is distributing Christmas gifts (Hy-Vee gift cards) to bless Bethany members. Please consider contributing to your fellow members at Christmas by placing your donation in the offering plate in the back of the sanctuary marked "LWML Christmas Giving."

The **general meeting** for the Women's Guild will be today at 2:00 p.m. All women of the congregation are invited to join us for a hot chocolate bar, Christmas carols, and Christian fellowship as we prepare our hearts and minds for the birth of our Savior.

Prayer Partnership - If you have signed up to be part of a prayer partnership, please check your email early each week throughout the season of Advent. For more details, contact Jim Novitch, Ronda Anderson, or Pastor Erickson.

Our Calendar This Week

Sunday	8:30 am Divine Service (Traditional)
	9:45 am Adult Bible Study - FLC
	9:45 am Sunday School - Lower Level
	11:00 am Divine Service (Contemporary)
	1:00 pm Food Pantry Open
	2:00 pm LWML General Meeting
Monday	10:00 am Women's Small Group - Mr. Beans
	6:00 pm Stephen Ministry Cont. Ed.
Tuesday	6:30 pm Handbell Practice
	7:00 pm Council Meeting
Wednesday	6:00 am Men's Bible Study
	4:00 pm Cottage Grove Devotion
	5:45 pm Advent Meal
	6:00 pm Confirmation Class
	7:00 pm Advent Service (Blue Christmas)
Thursday	9:00 am Adult Bible Study
Saturday	9:00 am Children's Program Practice
	9:00 am Holy Yoga
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	4:30 pm Children's Christmas Program

Notes

Church Office Hours: Monday - Thursday, 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.