

## Prayer Page

### Thanksgiving

- Joni Schmith - recovered after surgery
- Rick Foreman - recovered after surgery
- Shay Gutman & Eleanore Dusheck - wedding on 12/2

### Entrusting into God's Care

- Shirley Kellogg - hospice care at Terrace Glen, Marion
- Persecuted Christians and refugees
- Peace in Europe and throughout the world
- Project 24 students, Yvonne and Lorine

### Healing

- Diane (relative of Brenda Heims) - health issues
- Rodney (relative of Betty Happel) - cancer
- Jan (friend of Joni Schmith) - complications from chemo
- Carolyn Johnson - upcoming surgery 12/8
- Cindy Broadwater - recovering at Harmony after hospitalization
- Lee Heims - recovering after surgery
- Karl Hoech - recovering after surgery
- Del Block - recovering after hospitalization
- Kelly Johnson - healing
- Bonnie Breiholz - recovering after surgery
- Philip Hackbardt - recovering after surgery
- Ron Prescott - recovering after surgery
- Ethel Doehrmann - immunotherapy treatment
- Doug Knutson - immunotherapy treatment
- Deb Heitland - health issues
- Abi Clark - health issues

### Homebound

- Verlyn & Paul LeFevere - at home

### Mourning, friends and family of

- Lee Roesti (former music director) - died 11/18
- Darrel (father of Dawn Thomas) - died 11/11
- Aaron (friend of Linda Patten) - died 11/7

### Serving Our Country

- Ben (son of Kroemers) - IA National Guard
- Devin (friend of Kroemers) - IA Army National Guard
- Mitchell & Benjamin (relatives of Schoens & Smiths) - US Navy
- Harrison (son of Siecks) - US Army, stationed in TX
- Jordan (grandson of Kim Neuhaus) - IA National Guard

## Servants of Worship

### Sunday, December 3

<b>Elder</b>	Phil Hedtke
<b>Usher (8:30)</b>	Mike Goerd, Ed Schumacher
<b>Usher (11)</b>	Bens Mims, Steve Hanchera
<b>Greeter (8:30)</b>	Darrell & Naomi Chiavetta
<b>Greeter (11)</b>	Joseph & Anne Railsback
<b>Lector (8:30)</b>	Nicholas Williams
<b>Lector (11)</b>	Lori Dohrmann
<b>Video (8:30)</b>	Greg Dunn
<b>Video (11)</b>	Stephanie Chittick
<b>Sound (8:30)</b>	Ken Cook
<b>Sound (11)</b>	Aaron Moffett
<b>Acolyte (8:30)</b>	Nile Kroemer
<b>Acolyte (11)</b>	Sasha Knutson
<b>Nursery (11)</b>	Annie & Robby Russman
<b>Coffee</b>	Mission Trip Youth

### Sunday, December 10

Mark Elias
Dathan Hinrichs
Chuck Kroemer
Ken Armbrrecht & Bev Rasmussen
Ben & Dawn Mims
Mark Elias
Sheryl Knutson
Chris Frampton
Charles Clark
Nicholas Williams
Phil Hedtke
Annest Hoech
Ella Potter
Emily Kroemer & Abi Clark
Behrens

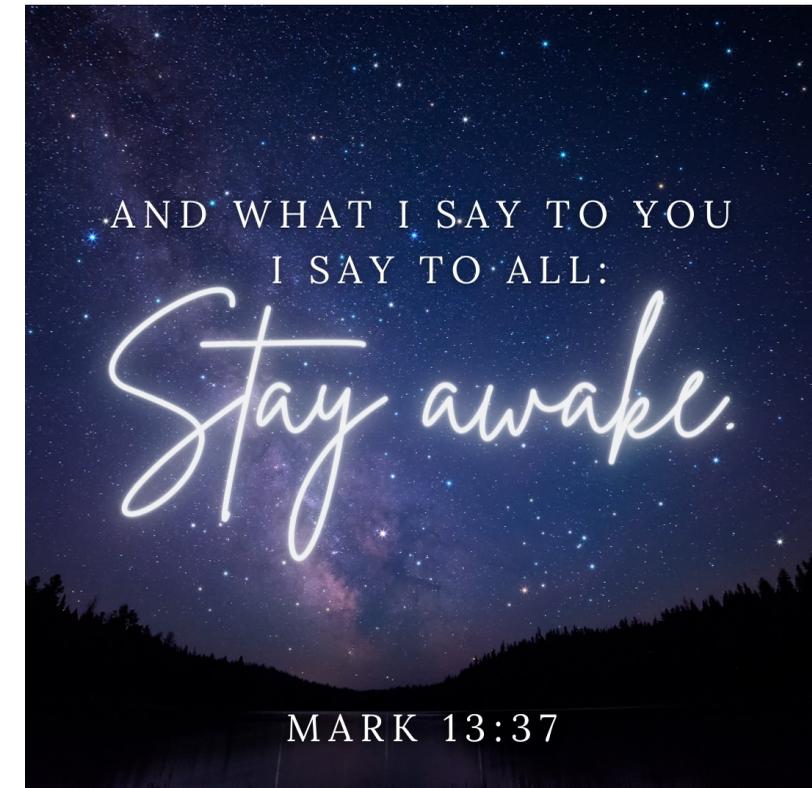
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<b>11:00 Music:</b> Luke Viertel	music.bethanycr@gmail.com



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**December 3, 2023**  
**First Sunday in Advent**  
**8:30 Service**

*Living and Sharing God's Love*

## Order of Service

Divine Service III

Welcome and Announcements

Hymn of Invocation

*The Advent of Our King*

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Invocation, Confession and Absolution

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Introit, Kyrie

Zechariah 9 and Psalm 25

Salutation and Collect of the Day

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 64:1-9

Gradual

Handbells

*“Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming”*

Epistle Reading

I Corinthians 1:3-9

Alleluia and Verse

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Holy Gospel

Mark 13:24-37

Nicene Creed

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Hymn of the Day

*Jerusalem, My Happy Home*

LSB #673

Sermon

Prayer of the Church

Preface, Sanctus, Lord's Prayer

Words of Our Lord

Pax Domini, Agnus Dei

Distribution

*“In The Bleak Midwinter”*

Handbells

*Now, My Tongue, the Mystery Telling*

LSB #630

*Savior of the Nations, Come*

LSB #332

Nunc Dimittis, Thanksgiving

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Benedicamus and Benediction

Closing Hymn

*Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*

LSB #338

## Notes and Announcements

**Midweek Advent services will be held December 6, 13, and 20.**

Please join us for these Wednesday Advent services at 7:00 p.m. Fellowship meals will be served before services at 6:00 p.m.

**Advent devotional** booklets are available at the Welcome Center.

Please pick up a copy of *“Peace Came to Earth”* to take home.

The **Women's Guild is collecting money for Hy-Vee gift cards** for

Bethany members in need. Please consider contributing to your fellow members at Christmas and donate by December 10. Please put donations in the basket at the back of the sanctuary.

**Angel Tree** is a ministry that provides gifts for children who have a parent who is currently incarcerated. If you took an ornament from our Angel Tree, please purchase a gift for the child listed, and bring a gift for the child to Bethany by Sunday, December 10.

Join us for **caroling, chili, and cookies** after late service on Sunday December 17. We'll meet in the Family Life Center for chili and cookies, then walk to Cottage Grove for caroling. If you can only make it to either chili or caroling, please still attend! Please sign up at the Welcome Center so we can plan accordingly.

The **children's Christmas program** will take place at 4:30 p.m. on Sunday, December 17. Please plan to attend this program as our Sunday School students share the story of the birth of Christ. Join us after the program for a “Birthday Party for Jesus” meal.

Help beautify the sanctuary for Christmas with **poinsettias!** Place your order at the Welcome Center by Sunday, December 17. Plants are \$10 each and may be given in memory of loved ones.

**Women's Guild will sell baked goods** before and after services on December 17. Stock up on a variety of goodies! Proceeds will be used for mission donations in the upcoming year.

**Stewardship Note: 1 Corinthians 1:9** – *“God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.”* The faithfulness of God is our great comfort. He has made promises to us, and He will keep them. He is kind and loving toward us and will not break faith with us. This gives us the confidence to step out in faith, to leave fear behind. So, when it comes to following the Lord's commandments for our daily lives, we know His will is best for us because He is faithful.

## Our Calendar This Week

**Today**

8:30 am Divine Service (Traditional) w/ Comm  
9:45 am Sunday School  
11:00 am Divine Service (Contemporary) w/ Comm  
12:15 pm Board of Education  
1:00 pm Food Pantry Open  
4:00 pm Pickleball

**Monday**

6:30 am Coffee and Cocoa Outreach  
1:30 pm LWML Board Meeting  
6:00 pm Stewardship Meeting  
6:00 pm Trustees Meeting

**Tuesday**

8:00 am Greene Square Neighbor Ministry  
6:00 pm Evangelism Meeting  
6:30 pm Handbells Rehearsal

**Wednesday**

6:00 am Men's Bible Study  
6:00 pm Human Care Meeting  
6:00 pm Advent Meal  
6:00 pm High School Youth  
6:15 pm Confirmation Class  
6:30 pm Vocal Choir Practice  
7:00 pm Advent Service

**Thursday**

9:00 am Adult Bible Study  
10:15 am Food Pantry Appreciation Event  
7:00 pm Christian Faith Class

**Saturday**

9:00 am Holy Yoga  
10:00 am Christmas Program Practice

**Next Sunday**

8:30 am Divine Service (Traditional)  
9:45 am Sunday School  
11:00 am Divine Service (Contemporary)  
1:00 pm Food Pantry Open  
2:00 pm LWML General Meeting

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

### Schedule of 2023 Bethany Christmas Services

**Sunday, December 24** - Sunday Divine Service at 10:00 a.m.

**Sunday, December 24** - Christmas Eve Service at 4:30 p.m.

**Sunday, December 24** - Christmas Eve Service at 11:00 p.m.

**Monday, December 25** - Christmas Day Service at 10:00 a.m.