

Prayer Page

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

- Carolyn Johnson - recovering after surgery
- Pat (mother of Karen Swanson) - recovering after falls
- Diane (relative of Brenda Heims) - health issues
- Rodney (relative of Betty Happel) - cancer
- Jan (friend of Joni Schmith) - complications from chemo
- 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 Doehermann - immunotherapy treatment
- Doug Knutson - immunotherapy treatment
- Deb Heitland - health issues
- Abi Clark - health issues

Homebound

- Chuck Stoelting - Garnet Place

Mourning, friends and family of

- Loretta (relative of Barb Rocarek & Tyler Steggall) - died 12/4
- Denny (relative of Brenda Heims) - died 12/3
- Lee Roesti (former music director) - died 11/18
- Darrel (father of Dawn Thomas) - died 11/11

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 10	Sunday, December 17
Elder	Mark Elias	Mark Holt
Usher (8:30)	Dathan Hinrichs	Randy Schmith, Pete Larson
Usher (11)	Chuck Kroemer	Darrell Chiavetta, Dave Johnson
Greeter (8:30)	Ken Armbrecht & Bev Rasmussen	Mark & Julie Elias
Greeter (11)	Ben & Dawn Mims	Rob & Sheila Willms
Lector (8:30)	Mark Elias	Mark Bornemann
Lector (11)	Sheryl Knutson	Chuck Kroemer
Video (8:30)	Chris Frampton	Mitch Myers
Video (11)	Charles Clark	Doug Knutson
Sound (8:30)	Nicholas Williams	Karl Hoech
Sound (11)	Phil Hedtke	Phil Hedtke
Acolyte (8:30)	Annest Hoech	Sasha Knutson
Acolyte (11)	Ella Potter	Nile Kroemer
Nursery (11)	Emily Kroemer & Abi Clark	Dawn Mims & Brooke Oja
Coffee	Behrens	Schmiths

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December 10, 2023
Second Sunday in Advent
8:30 Service

Living and Sharing God's Love

Order of Service

Divine Service I

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Hymn

Rejoice, Rejoice Believers LSB #515

Confession and Absolution LSB pg. 151

Introit Psalm 80

Kyrie LSB pg. 152

Salutation and Collect of the Day LSB pg. 156

Old Testament Reading Isaiah 40:1-11

Gradual Bethany Vocal Choir

A Shoot Shall Come Forth

Epistle Reading II Peter 3:8-14

Alleluia and Verse LSB pg. 156

Holy Gospel Mark 1:1-8

Children’s Message

Hymn of the Day

Comfort, Comfort Ye My People LSB #347

Sermon

Offertory LSB pg. 192

Apostle’s Creed LSB pg. 159

Prayers of the Church

Lord’s Prayer

Luther’s Morning Prayer

Benediction LSB pg. 166

Closing Hymn

On Jordan’s Bank the Baptist’s Cry LSB #344

Notes and Announcements

Midweek Advent services will be held December 13 and 20. Please join us for these Wednesday Advent services at 7:00 p.m. Fellowship meals are served before services at 6:00 p.m. Advent devotional booklets are available at the Welcome Center.

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.

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 December Evangelism Challenge is to write a Christmas card for a Winslow House nursing home resident. Please stop at the table outside the sanctuary and write a card today!

The LWML will sell baked goods before and after services next Sunday, December 17. Stock up on a variety of goodies! Proceeds from the sale will benefit mission donations and benevolence.

The LWML is collecting money for Hy-Vee gift cards for Bethany members in need. Please consider contributing to your fellow members at Christmas and put donations in the basket at the back of the sanctuary. Today is the last day of collection.

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.

Thank you to everyone who purchased gifts for Angel Tree! Gifts for Angel Tree are due to Bethany today.

The December donation item of the month is soap. Please donate bar soap and liquid hand soap for Bethany Lutheran Food Pantry.

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.

Our Calendar This Week

Today 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

Monday 6:30 am Coffee and Cocoa Outreach
6:00 pm Stephen Ministry Supervision

Tuesday 8:00 am Greene Square Neighbor Ministry
6:30 pm Handbells Rehearsal
7:00 pm Council Meeting

Wednesday 6:00 am Men’s Bible Study
6:00 pm Advent Meal
6:00 pm High School Youth (serving meal)
6:15 pm Confirmation Class
6:30 pm Vocal Choir Practice
7:00 pm Advent Service

Thursday 9:00 am Adult Bible Study
9:00 am Angel Tree Family Gift Pick-Up
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) w/ Comm
9:45 am Sunday School
11:00 am Divine Service (Contemporary) w/ Comm
12:15 pm Chili and Caroling
1:00 pm Food Pantry Open
4:30 pm Children’s Christmas Program

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

Stewardship Note: 2 Peter 3:11 – “Since all these things are thus to be dissolved, what sort of people ought you to be in lives of holiness and godliness?” All the things of the earth have an expiration date: “Good until the last day.” On that day, all these things will be dissolved. The things that seem so important now will simply cease to be. Peter issues this to us as a challenge: Since this is so, what kind of life should we be living? What should your priorities be? On things? Or on the things of God?