

## 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

- Lora Raymon - upcoming surgery on 12/20
- 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

- Cindy Broadwater - Harmony Cedar Rapids

### 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

### 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 17

Sunday, December 24

10:00 a.m.

<b>Elder</b>	Mark Holt	Karl Hoech
<b>Usher (8:30)</b>	Randy Schmith, Pete Larson	Darrell Chiaveta
<b>Usher (11)</b>	Darrell Chiavetta, Dave Johnson	
<b>Greeter (8:30)</b>	Mark & Julie Elias	Doug & Sheryl Knutson
<b>Greeter (11)</b>	Rob & Sheila Willms	
<b>Lector (8:30)</b>	Mark Bornemann	Sheryl Knutson
<b>Lector (11)</b>	Chuck Kroemer	
<b>Video (8:30)</b>	Mitch Myers	Jeff Gebert
<b>Video (11)</b>	Doug Knutson	
<b>Sound (8:30)</b>	Karl Hoech	Nicholas Williams
<b>Sound (11)</b>	Phil Hedtke	
<b>Acolyte (8:30)</b>	Annest Hoech	Sasha Knutson
<b>Acolyte (11)</b>	Nile Kroemer	
<b>Nursery (11)</b>	Dawn Mims & Rebecca Ballstaedt	
<b>Coffee</b>	Schmiths	Freeses

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



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**December 17, 2023**  
**Third Sunday in Advent**  
**8:30 Service**

*Living and Sharing God's Love*

Order of Service

Divine Service III

Welcome and Announcements	
Opening Hymn	
<i>Rejoice, Rejoice Believers</i>	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
<i>“A Shoot Shall Come Forth”</i>	
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	
<i>Comfort, Comfort Ye My People</i>	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	
<i>On Jordan’s Bank the Baptist’s Cry</i>	LSB #344

Notes and Announcements

**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.

*(There will be **no 8:30 or 11:00** services on Sunday, December 24.)*

**LWML is selling baked goods** before and after services today. Stock up on a variety of goodies! Proceeds from the bake sale will benefit LWML mission donations and church benevolence.

Join us for **caroling, chili, and cookies** after late service today. 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 one portion (either chili or caroling), please still attend!

The **children's Christmas program** is today at 4:30 p.m. 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 in the Family Life Center.

**Advent service will be held this Wednesday, December 20 at 7:00 p.m.** Please join us for a fellowship meal before the service at 6:00 p.m. This week Human Care will serve chicken and rice!

Help beautify the sanctuary for Christmas with **poinsettias!** Plants are \$10 each and may be given in memory of loved ones. Today is the last day to sign up for poinsettias at the Welcome Center.

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

**Men’s Bible Study** will meet this Wednesday, December 20 at 6:00 a.m. at Bethany. The group will not meet on December 27 and will resume on January 3.

**Stewardship Note: 1 Thessalonians 5:18** – *“Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.”* Christians express their thanks to God in many ways: in prayer, in giving to the Lord’s work, in acts of service to others, in faithful living in their daily callings. Everything we do to honor God in our lives is a means of returning thanks for the Lord’s gifts to us.

Our Calendar This Week

<b>Today</b>	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
<b>Monday</b>	6:30 am Coffee and Cocoa Outreach
<b>Tuesday</b>	8:00 am Greene Square Neighbor Ministry 6:30 pm Handbells Rehearsal
<b>Wednesday</b>	6:00 am Men’s Bible Study 4:00 pm Cottage Grove Devotion 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
<b>Thursday</b>	9:00 am Adult Bible Study 7:00 pm Christian Faith Class
<b>Saturday</b>	9:00 am Holy Yoga
<b>Next Sunday</b>	10:00 am Divine Service 1:00 pm Food Pantry Open 4:30 pm Christmas Eve Service 11:00 pm Christmas Eve Service
<b>Next Mon.</b>	10:00 am Christmas Day Service

Notes

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