

Prayer Page

Thanksgiving

- Jesus' birth
- Kierra Penney - accepted the call to be Bethany's DCE
- Bonnie Breiholz - recovered after surgery
- Jan (friend of Joni Schmith) - improved health
- Pat (mother of Karen Swanson) - recovered after falls

Entrusting into God's Care

- Persecuted Christians and refugees
- Peace in Europe and throughout the world
- Project 24 students, Yvonne and Lorine

Healing

- Kathy (sister of Mark Holt) - health issues
- Kim Neuhaus - upcoming surgery on 12/27
- Ellie (4-yr-old relative of Madsens) - recovering after surgery
- Lora Raymon - recovering after surgery
- Carolyn Johnson - recovering after surgery
- Diane (relative of Brenda Heims) - health issues
- Rodney (relative of Betty Happel) - cancer
- Cindy Broadwater - recovering at Harmony after hospitalization
- Lee Heims - recovering after surgery
- Karl Hoech - recovering after surgery
- Kelly Johnson - healing
- 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

- Candi Engel - Heritage Care Center

Mourning, friends and family of

- Del Block - died 12/21
- Lee Rathje - died 12/19
- Shirley Kellogg (mother of Lynn Kellogg) - died 12/17
- Loretta (relative of Barb Rocarek & Tyler Steggall) - died 12/4
- Denny (relative of Brenda Heims) - died 12/3

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

Servants of Worship

Sunday, December 24 **Sunday, December 31**
10:00 a.m.

Elder	Rick Foreman	Karl Hoech
Usher (8:30)	Darrell Chiaveta	Dave Karsten
Usher (11)		Dick & Karen Hass
Greeter (8:30)	Doug & Sheryl Knutson	Joy the Comfort Dog
Greeter (11)		Joy the Comfort Dog
Lector (8:30)	Sheryl Knutson	Rick Foreman
Lector (11)		Emily Kroemer
Video (8:30)	Jeff Gebert	
Video (11)		
Sound (8:30)	Nicholas Williams	Ken Cook
Sound (11)		Phil Hedtke
Acolyte (8:30)	Sasha Knutson	Carolina Rinderknecht
Acolyte (11)		Sasha Knutson
Nursery (11)		Brooke Oja & Carolyn Zimmerman
Coffee	Freeses	Freeses

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December 24, 2023
Fourth Sunday in Advent
10:00 Service

Living and Sharing God's Love

Order of Service

Divine Service IV

Welcome and Announcements

Invocation

Opening Song

Joy to the World LSB #387

Introit Isaiah 45 & Psalm 19

Kyrie

Song We Three Kings (Kings of Orient)

Salutation and Collect of the Day

Old Testament Reading II Samuel 7:1-11,16

Epistle Reading Romans 16:25-27

Alleluia and Verse

Holy Gospel Luke 1:26-38

Apostles’ Creed

Children’s Message

Song What Child Is This?

Sermon

Prayer of the Church

Lord’s Prayer

Luther’s Morning Prayer

Benedicamus and Benediction

Closing Song For God So Loved

Notes and Announcements

Bethany Christmas Services

Tonight - Christmas Eve Service at 4:30 p.m.

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Tomorrow - Christmas Day Service at 10:00 a.m.

Contribution envelopes for 2024 are now available. Please pick up your box from the table outside the sanctuary. You may start using these envelopes after January 1.

Willis Dady Homeless Services is an emergency shelter providing shelter, case management, homeless prevention, and veteran support for Cedar Rapids and the surrounding area. Willis Dady currently has a great need for blankets of any size (not sheets) and towels of any size. Bethany will collect these items through January 14. Please place new or gently used blankets and towels in the collection area located just outside the sanctuary.

We are excited to announce the commissioning and installation of Kierra Penney as Director of Christian Education at Bethany on Sunday, January 14 during both services. A potluck will follow the second service in celebration of this special day. Please bring a side dish to share. Arby's roast beef, drinks, and cake will be provided. A card basket will be available at the potluck. Cards may also be mailed to church. We thank God for you, Kierra!

Family Faith Night will meet on Wednesday, January 10. Dinner is served at 5:30, and the program is 6:00-7:30 p.m. All families are invited to join us for a fun evening of activities, connecting with Bethany friends, and learning a Bible lesson together as a family. Be sure to arrive with our Bible verse memorized! The verse for January 10 is “And now, O Lord God, You are God, and Your words are true” - 2 Samuel 7:28.

Men’s Bible Study will resume on January 3. The group meets on Wednesdays at 6:00 a.m. and all men are welcome to join.

The December donation item of the month is soap. Please donate bar soap and liquid hand soap for Bethany Lutheran Food Pantry. The pantry is open every Sunday at 1:00-3:00 p.m. If you would like to serve in the pantry, sign up at bethanycr.org/food-pantry.

All members of the congregation are encourage to attend the annual voters’ meeting on Sunday, January 21 at 12:30 p.m.

Our Calendar This Week

Today 10:00 am Divine Service
1:00 pm Food Pantry Open
4:30 pm Christmas Eve Service
11:00 pm Christmas Eve Service

Monday 10:00 am Christmas Day Service

Tuesday 8:00 am Greene Square Neighbor Ministry

Saturday 9:00 am Holy Yoga

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

Next Mon. Office Closed - New Year’s Day

Stewardship Note: 2 Samuel 7:4–5 – “But that same night the word of the LORD came to Nathan. “Go and tell my servant David, ‘Thus says the LORD: Would you build me a house to dwell in?’” Nathan thought David’s idea was great, so he blessed it with the Lord’s name. But later that night, the Word of the Lord set him straight. The Word of the Lord, not our own desires or whims, must be the basis of what we think, say and do in God’s kingdom.

Notes

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