

Prayer Page

Entrusting into God’s Care

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

Healing

- Kim Neuhaus - recovering after surgery
- Derek (son of Hackbardts) - recovering after hospitalization
- Ruth (relative of Karl Hoech) - hospice care
- Martin (friend of Hedtkes) - health issues
- Lora Raymon - recovering after surgery
- Carolyn Johnson - recovering after surgery
- Cindy Broadwater - recovering after hospitalization
- Lee Heims - recovering after surgery
- Kelly Johnson - healing
- 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

- Dorothy Freese - Keystone Place

Mourning, friends and family of

- Todd (friend of Rick Foreman) - died 12/23
- Del Block - died 12/21
- Lee Rathje - died 12/19
- Shirley Kellogg (mother of Lynn Kellogg) - died 12/17

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, January 7	Sunday, January 14
Elder	Phil Hedtke	Rick Foreman
Usher (8:30)	Wade Ramsey, Ed Schumacher	Mark Bornemann
Usher (11)	Ben Mims, Steve Hanchera	Greg Dunn
Greeter (8:30)	Wade & Sharon Ramsey	Rob & Sheila Willms
Greeter (11)	Rita Tiedt & Karen Schmidt	Randy & Joni Schmith
Lector (8:30)	Rick Thorington	Pete Larson
Lector (11)	Sheryl Knutson	Lori Dohrmann
Video (8:30)	Greg Dunn	
Video (11)	Greg Dunn	
Sound (8:30)	Tyler Steggall	Nicholas Williams
Sound (11)	Ken Cook	Phil Hedtke
Acolyte (8:30)	Ella Potter	Nile Kroemer
Acolyte (11)	Wynne Kroemer	Annest Hoech
Nursery (11)	Brooke Oja & Susan Schoen	Annie & Robby Russman
Coffee	Mission Trip Youth	Schmiths

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January 7, 2024
The Baptism of Our Lord
8:30 a.m. Service

Living and Sharing God’s Love

Order of Service
Divine Service I

Opening Hymn	
Now Sing We, Now Rejoice	LSB #386
Invocation, Confession and Absolution	LSB pg. 184
Introit	Isaiah 42 & Psalm 2
Kyrie	LSB pg. 186
Gloria in Excelsis	LSB pg. 187
Salutation and Collect of the Day	LSB pg. 189
Old Testament Reading	Genesis 1:1-5
Gradual	Bethany Handbells
Epistle Reading	Romans 6:1-11
Alleluia	LSB pg. 190
Holy Gospel	Mark 1:4-11
Nicene Creed	
Hymn of the Day	
Brightest & Best of Stars of the Morning	LSB #400
Sermon	
Prayer of the Church	
Preface, Sanctus	LSB pg. 194
Words of Our Lord	
Pax Domini, Agnus Dei	LSB pg. 197
Distribution Hymns	
Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face	LSB #389
To Jordan Came the Christ, Our Lord	LSB #406
Nunc Dimittis, Thanksgiving	LSB pg. 199
Salutation, Benedicamus, Benediction	LSB pg. 201
Closing Hymn	
As with Gladness Men of Old	LSB #397

Notes and Announcements

In 2024 we will read through selected Bible passages together as a congregation. These reading plans are used by permission from CPH from The Lutheran Reader’s Bible. In January we will read ten passages that teach us about God’s plan of salvation. Please pick up a copy of the January reading plan from the Welcome Center!

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!

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

Family Faith Night will meet this 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 fellowship, games, and a Bible lesson!

The LWML will tie quilts for Lutheran World Relief this Tuesday, January 9. All are welcome to join us for sewing in the Family Life Center at 9:00 a.m. to noon. If you plan to stay until noon, bring a sack lunch and stay after sewing for lunch and fellowship!

Monday evening Bible study will start on January 22 at 7:00 p.m. We will use the CPH LifeLight study to review Timothy, Titus, and Philemon. Sign up at the Welcome Center if you plan to attend.

Willis Dady Homeless Services is an emergency shelter in Cedar Rapids. Willis Dady currently has a great need for blankets (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.

The LWML hosts Bingo at the Winslow care center and is in need of stuffed animals for Bingo prizes! Please donate stuffed animals that are the size of Beanie Babies (about 8 inches).

The sanctuary will be re-decorated for the season today after 11:00 service. Please stay after service if you are able to help.

The pantry donation item of the month is 13-gallon trash bags.

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 1:00 pm Food Pantry Open
Monday	6:30 am Coffee & Cocoa Outreach 6:00 pm Stewardship Meeting 7:00 pm Elders Meeting
Tuesday	8:00 am Greene Square Neighbor Ministry 9:00 am LWML Quilting for World Relief 9:00 am Walking for Exercise 6:30 pm Handbells Practice 7:00 pm Council Meeting
Wednesday	6:00 am Men’s Bible Study - at Bethany 5:30 pm Family Meal 6:00 pm Family Faith Night 6:30 pm Vocal Choir Rehearsal
Thursday	9:00 am Adult Bible Study 9:00 am Walking for Exercise 1:00 pm Leah Circle 6:00 pm Naomi Circle 7:00 pm Christian Faith Class
Friday	9:00 am Rebekah Circle
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) 12:30 pm Potluck for Kierra’s Installation 1:00 pm Food Pantry Open

Stewardship Note: Mark 1:7 – “And [John] preached, saying, ‘After me comes he who is mightier than I, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie.’” John is right — Jesus is immensely greater than any of us, yet behold how He came to serve! That is the upside-down, outlandish grace of God: the innocent Jesus takes our sinner’s place. This is the greatest act of giving the world has ever known or will know: the Father gives His Son to die in the place of sinners.