Prayer Page

Entrusting into God's Care

- Prudy Petersen hospice care at Cottage Grove
- Nathan & Sarah Federwitz Lutheran Bible Translators
- Peace in Europe and throughout the world
- Project 24 students, Yvonne and Lorine

Healing

- Ron Prescott upcoming surgery 12/13
- Virginia (relative of Nancylee Siebenmann)- health issues
- Fred Henkelmann hospitalization
- Kris Larson recovering after hospitalization
- David (father of Chris Frampton) recovering after surgery
- Jamie (daughter of Larsons) health and wellbeing
- Paul LeFevere recovering after hospitalization
- Phillip Hackbardt recovering after surgery
- Duane Pfeffer recovering after surgery
- Dave Christian cancer treatment
- Faye Sieck recovering after hospitalization
- Elda Joyner recovering at home after surgery
- John Hamm recovering at assisted living in Waukee
- Angela Yuza recovering after surgery
- Deb Heitland health issues
- Elaine Cook recovering at home after fall
- Ethel Doehrmann immunotherapy treatment

Homebound

- Carol Grimminger - Cottage Grove

Mourning, friends and family of

- Ken (brother of Karen Schmidt) - died 11/19 - Sandra (sister of Karen Hass) - died 11/17

Serving Our Country

- Mallory (friend of Abi Clark) IA National Guard
- Amber (dght of Ann Balvanz) US Army, stationed in Germany
- 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 8	Sunday, December 15
Elder	Phil Hedtke	Rick Foreman
Usher (8:30)	Mike Goerdt	Pete Larson, Aiden Erickson
Usher (11)	Ben Mims	Greg Dunn, Doug Knutson
Greeter (8:30)	Lorna Fischer, Norma Fillmore	Darrell & Naomi Chiavetta
Greeter (11)	Jim & Lissa Novitch	Aaron & Tracy Moffett
Lector (8:30)	Pete Larson	Rick Foreman
Lector (11)	Chuck Kroemer	Dave Johnson
Video (8:30)	Chris Frampton	Greg Dunn
Video (11)	Jack Zimmerman	Michelle Hedtke
Sound (8:30)	Nicholas Williams	Tyler Steggall
Sound (11)	Karl Hoech	Phil Hedtke
Acolyte (8:30)	Ella Potter	Annest Hoech
Acolyte (11)	Claire Brusius	Jack Zimmerman
Nursery (11)	Emily Kroemer, Abi Clark	Erin & Natalie Heller
Coffee	Kirkpatrick	Schmith

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"FOR I THE LORD DO NOT CHANGE; THEREFORE YOU, **O CHILDREN OF JACOB, ARE NOT** CONSUMED.

December 8, 2024 Second Sunday in Advent 8:30 a.m. Service

Living and Sharing God's Love

Order of Service

Divine Service I

Organ Prelude & Ringing of the Bells	
Call to Worship and Announcements	
Opening Hymn	LSB #348
The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns	
Invocation, Confession and Absolution	LSB pg. 151
Introit	Luke 3 & Psalm 81
Kyrie	LSB pg. 152
Salutation and Collect of the Day	LSB pg. 156
Old Testament Reading	Malachi 3:1-7b
Gradual	Ryanne Molanari
"Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming"	Piano Solo
Epistle Reading	Philippians 1:2-11
Alleluia and Verse	LSB pg. 190
Holy Gospel	Luke 3:1-14
Children's Message	
Hymn of the Day	LSB #344
On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry	
Sermon	
Offertory	LSB pg. 192
Apostles' Creed	LSB pg. 159
Prayers of the Church	
The Lord's Prayer	
Luther's Morning Prayer	
Benediction	LSB pg. 166
The Closing Hymn	LSB #337
The Night Will Soon Be Ending	

Notes and Announcements

Midweek Advent services will be held December 11 and 18. 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. This Wednesday the Board of Education will serve Sloppy Joes for dinner. **Advent devotionals** are available at the Welcome Center.

Our **children's Christmas service** will be held at 4:30 p.m. on Sunday, December 15. Please join us for service at 4:30 followed by our Birthday Party for Jesus for dinner and cake!

Join us for **caroling, chili, and cookies** on Monday, December 16! We'll meet at church at 5:15 and walk over to Cottage Grove for caroling from 5:30-6:30. Then we'll return to Bethany for chili and fellowship. Feel free to come to either caroling, the meal, or both! Please sign up at the Welcome Center if you plan to attend.

The **December evangelism challenge** is to write Christmas cards to send to Harmony Cedar Rapids residents! Please stop by the table outside the sanctuary to fill out a card to bless and live and share God's love with a local nursing home resident.

Help beautify the sanctuary for Christmas with **poinsettias**! Plants cost \$10 each and may be given in memory of loved ones. Please place your order at the Welcome Center by December 15.

The LWML (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. Donations will be collected in a basket at the back of the sanctuary through December 15.

Joy the Comfort Dog (and her people!) will be honored as the recipient of the Corda Heart of the Community Award. Joy will be recognized before the Rough Riders hockey game on Sunday, January 5. Let's go to the game for fellowship and to support our comfort dog ministry! Tickets for Bethany members are \$15 per adult and \$5 per kid under 18. Please sign up at the Welcome Center by December 15. Tickets will be distributed starting December 18. Arrive at the game by 3:30 to see the presentation.

Family Faith Night is this Wednesday, December 11. Families can come for a meal at 5:30, then we'll have an abbreviated program 6:00-6:45 before Advent service. All families are welcome!

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

Our Calendar This Week

Today	9:45 am 9:45 am 11:00 am 12:15 pm 1:00 pm 2:00 pm	Divine Service (Traditional) Sunday School - Lower Level Adult Bible Class - Family Life Center Divine Service (Contemporary) Board of Education Meeting Food Pantry Open LWML General Meeting High School Christmas Party - at Kierra's
Monday	6:00 pm 6:00 pm 7:00 pm	Coffee Outreach Trustees Meeting Stephen Ministry Supervision Elders Meeting Adult Bible Study
Tuesday	9:00 am 1:30 pm 6:00 pm	Prayer in the Square - Greene Square Walking for Exercise - Lower Level Prayer Group - Bethany Library Handbells Council Meeting
Wednesday	5:30 pm 6:00 pm 6:00 pm 7:00 pm	Men's Bible Study Family Faith Night Meal Family Faith Night Advent Meal Advent Service Vocal Choir
Thursday		Adult Bible Study Walking for Exercise - Lower Level
Saturday		Children's Christmas Service Practice Holy Yoga - Lower Level
Next Sunday	9:45 am 9:45 am 11:00 am 1:00 pm	Divine Service (Traditional) w/ Comm Sunday School - Lower Level Adult Bible Class - Family Life Center Divine Service (Contemporary) w/ Comm Food Pantry Open Children's Christmas Service

Tuesday, December 24 - Christmas Eve Service at 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, December 24 - Christmas Eve Service at 11:00 p.m. Wednesday, December 25 - Christmas Day Service at 10:00 a.m.