

Prayer Page

Thanksgiving

- Angela Yuza - recovered after surgery

Entrusting into God's Care

- Fred Henkelmann - hospice care at Westridge Care Center
- Nathan & Sarah Federwitz - Lutheran Bible Translators
- Peace in Europe and throughout the world
- Project 24 students, Yvonne and Lorine

Healing

- Ridlee (1-year-old friend of Emily Kroemer) - leukemia
- Jill (friend of Emily Kroemer) - cancer
- Ron Prescott - recovering after surgery
- Paul LeFevere - hospitalization
- Tom Larson - health issues
- Everly Zimmerman - knee injury
- Kris Larson - recovering after hospitalization
- David (father of Chris Frampton) - recovering after surgery
- Jamie (daughter of Larsons) - health and wellbeing
- Phillip Hackbardt - recovering after surgery
- Duane Pfeffer - recovering after surgery
- Dave Christian - cancer treatment
- Faye Sieck - recovering after hospitalization
- John Hamm - recovering at assisted living in Waukee
- Deb Heitland - health issues
- Ethel Doehrmann - immunotherapy treatment

Homebound

- Elda Joyner - at home

Mourning, friends and family of

- Virginia (relative of Nancy Lee Siebenmann) - died 12/10
- Prudy Petersen - died 12/7

Serving Our Country

- Aiden (grandson of Foremans) - US Army
- 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, Germany
- Jordan (grandson of Kim Neuhaus) - IA National Guard

Chancel flowers today are given by Dave and Kay Karsten.

Servants of Worship

Sunday, December 22

Sunday, December 29

Elder	Mark Holt	Randy Schmith
Usher (8:30)	Mark Borneman	Wade Ramsey
Usher (11)	Dick & Karen Hass	Dave Karsten
Greeter (8:30)	Doug & Jan Demlow	Joy the Comfort Dog
Greeter (11)	Joseph & Anne Railsback	Joy the Comfort Dog
Lector (8:30)	Nicholas Williams	Mark Borneman
Lector (11)	Lissa Novitch	David Behrens
Video (8:30)	Mitch Myers	Jeff Gebert
Video (11)	Doug Knutson	Mike Diers
Sound (8:30)	Karl Hoech	Nicholas Williams
Sound (11)	Aaron Moffett	Phil Hedtke
Acolyte (8:30)	Brenna Godbey	Jack Zimmerman
Acolyte (11)	Sasha Knutson	Ella Potter
Nursery (11)	Natalie Steggall, Susan Schoen	Dawn Mims, Rebecca Ballstaedt
Coffee	Kirkpatrick	Behrens

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December 22, 2024
Fourth Sunday in Advent
8:30 a.m. Service

Living and Sharing God's Love

Order of Service

Divine Service IV

Musical Prelude & Ringing of the Bells	
Call to Worship & Announcements	
Hymn of Invocation	LSB #384
<i>Of the Father's Love Begotten</i>	
Invocation, Confession and Absolution	LSB pg. 203
Introit	I Samuel 2 & Luke 1
Kyrie	LSB pg. 204
Salutation and Collect of the Day	
Old Testament Reading	Micah 5:2-5a
Gradual	Organ Duet
<i>"Magnificat"</i>	Feat. Janet Hoech
Epistle Reading	Hebrews 10:5-10
Alleluia and Verse	LSB pg. 205
Holy Gospel	Luke 1:39-45
Apostles' Creed	
Children's Message	
Hymn of the Day	LSB #361
<i>O Little Town of Bethlehem</i>	
Sermon	
Prayer of the Church	
Lord's Prayer	
Luther's Morning Prayer	
Benedicamus, Benediction	
Closing Hymn	LSB #357
<i>O Come, O Come, Emmanuel</i>	vs. 1, 3-5, 7

Notes and Announcements

Join us this week as we celebrate the birth of our Savior:

Tuesday, December 24 - Christmas Eve Service at 4:30 p.m.

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Wednesday, December 25 - Christmas Day Service at 10:00 a.m.

In January, Bethany servant-leaders will be honored as recipients of the **Corda Heart of the Community Award!** Our **comfort dog ministry** (Joy and her people) will be awarded at 3:30 p.m. before the Rough Riders hockey game on Sunday, January 5. If you signed up for this game, see Becky McCarley or the church office for your tickets. If you did not sign up and would still like to sit with our group, additional tickets in Section O, rows 8-11 are available at the box office. Then, **Pete and Kris Larson** will be awarded before the Rough Riders game on Saturday, January 25 for their faithful service to Bethany Lutheran Food Pantry. Please look for details to come for tickets to the January 25 game.

Bethany youth are hosting a **cornhole tournament** on Saturday, January 11 to raise funds for the 2025 LCMS Youth Gathering! All ages welcome Registration starts at 9:00, and the tournament starts at 10:00 a.m. The fee is \$5/person, which will be collected the day of the tournament. Pre-registration is now open online at **bethanycr.org/cornhole**. Walk-in registrations will be welcome on the day of the tournament. See you there!

Our congregation's **annual meeting** will be held on Sunday, January 19. Plan to attend this meeting at 12:30 p.m. in the Family Life Center. Church leaders will review accomplishments of 2024 and look forward to plans for 2025. All members are encouraged to attend! Annual reports will be available in January.

The Bethany Lutheran Food Pantry donation items for December/January are **spaghetti and spaghetti sauce**. Please help us stock the shelves with these items for our neighbors! Donations will be collected on the table located outside the sanctuary.

Please note that any 2024 contributions should be postmarked or brought to the church office by December 31.

Our Calendar This Week

Today	8:30 am Divine Service (Traditional)
	9:30 am Blood Pressure Check
	9:45 am Sunday School - Lower Level
	9:45 am Adult Bible Class - Family Life Center
	11:00 am Divine Service (Contemporary)
	1:00 pm Food Pantry Open
Tuesday	8:00 am Prayer in the Square - Greene Square
	4:30 pm Service of Lessons and Carols
	11:00 pm Divine Service with Communion
Wednesday	10:00 am Divine Service with Communion
Saturday	9:00 am Holy Yoga - Lower Level
Next Sunday	8:30 am Divine Service (Traditional)
	9:45 am NO Sunday School
	9:45 am NO Adult Bible Class
	11:00 am Divine Service (Contemporary)
	1:00 pm Food Pantry Open

Stewardship Note: Luke 1:45 – “And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her from the Lord.” The Lord always fulfills what He promises. We can be certain of that, and He has proven it over and over again. This faith in the Lord's own faithfulness is what gives us the courage to follow the Lord's commands in the face of the world's anger and resistance, just as it gave Mary the courage to carry on in her seemingly embarrassed circumstances.

Notes

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