

Prayer Page

Thanksgiving

- Nash (infant son of Russmans) - born 12/29

Entrusting into God's Care

- Nathan & Sarah Federwitz - Lutheran Bible Translators
- Peace in Europe and throughout the world
- Project 24 students, Yvonne and Lorine

Healing

- Harold Schoen - upcoming surgery 1/8
- Cindy Broadwater - hospitalization
- Jack Zimmerman - recovering after surgery
- Ken Zenor - hospitalization
- Kris Larson - recovering after hospitalization
- Ron Prescott - recovering after surgery
- Paul LeFevere - hospitalization
- Tom Larson - health issues
- Everly Zimmerman - knee injury
- 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

- Candi Engel - Heritage Care Center

Mourning, friends and family of

- Fred Henkelmann - died 12/25
- Virginia (relative of Nancylee Siebenmann) - died 12/10

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 Douglas and Janet Demlow in celebration of their 55th wedding anniversary.

Servants of Worship

Sunday, January 5

Sunday, January 12

Elder	Mark Elias	Rick Foreman
Usher (8:30)	Mike Goerdt, Aiden Erickson	Dave Karsten
Usher (11)	Chuck Kroemer, Doug Knutson	Dave Johnson
Greeter (8:30)	Ed & Gloria Schumacher	Darrel & Naomi Chiavetta
Greeter (11)	Mary Nanke	Dick & Karen Hass
Lector (8:30)	Mark Bornemann	Rick Thorington
Lector (11)	Elaine Behrens	Sheryl Knutson
Video (8:30)		
Video (11)		
Sound (8:30)	Tyler Steggall	Karl Hoech
Sound (11)	Aaron Moffett	Phil Hedtke
Acolyte (8:30)		
Acolyte (11)		
Nursery (11)	Maren Elm, Sarah Potter	Rachel Zittergruen, Amy Smith
Coffee	Youth	Doug & Sheryl Knutson

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January 5, 2025
Epiphany Sunday
8:30 a.m. Service

Living and Sharing God's Love

Order of Service

Divine Service III

Musical Prelude & Ringing of the Bells	
Welcome & Announcements	
Hymn of Invocation	LSB #896
<i>Now Greet the Swiftly Changing Year</i>	
Invocation, Confession & Absolution	LSB pg. 184
Introit	Psalms 45
Kyrie, Gloria in Excelsis	LSB pg. 186
Salutation and Collect of the Day	LSB pg. 189
Old Testament Reading	Isaiah 60:1-6
Epistle Reading	Ephesians 3:1-12
Alleluia	LSB pg. 190
Holy Gospel	Matthew 2:1-12
Nicene Creed	
Hymn of the Day	LSB #397
<i>As with Gladness Men of Old</i>	
Sermon	
Prayer of the Church	
Preface, Sanctus	LSB pg. 194
Lord's Prayer	
Words of Our Lord	
Pax Domini, Agnus Dei	LSB pg. 197
Distribution	
<i>The People That in Darkness Sat</i>	LSB #412
<i>Arise and Shine in Splendor</i>	LSB #396
<i>Let Us All with Gladsome Voice</i>	LSB #390
Nunc Dimittis, Thanksgiving	LSB pg. 199
Salutation, Benedicamus, Benediction	LSB pg. 201
Closing Hymn	LSB #411
I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light	

Notes and Announcements

Bethany youth are hosting a **cornhole tournament** this 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 also be welcome on the day of the tournament. See you there!

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

Bethany servant-leaders are being 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 today's Rough Riders hockey game. If you would like to sit with our group today, purchase tickets in Section O, rows 8-11 at the box office. Then, **Pete and Kris Larson** will be honored for their service to Bethany Lutheran Food Pantry! They will be awarded at 6:30 p.m. before the Rough Riders game on Saturday, January 25. Let's go to the game together! Please sign up for tickets at the Welcome Center by January 12. Tickets are \$15/adult and \$5/kid.

This Wednesday, January 8, the **Men's Bible Study** group will meet for breakfast at Lucky's on 16th. Their study on Luther will resume next Wednesday, January 15 at Bethany. All men are welcome to be part of this group on Wednesdays at 6:00 a.m.

This Wednesday families are invited to **Family Faith Night!** This ministry is for all students in preschool through 12th grade and their parents. A meal is served at 5:30, and the program is 6-7:30.

Bethany will participate in the **"Baby Bottle Boomerang"** for Bridgehaven Pregnancy Support Center! To participate, please pick up a bottle from Bethany January 19 - February 2, use the bottle as a reminder to pray for Bridgehaven, fill the bottle with cash or checks, and return the bottle to Bethany by February 9.

Our 2025 giving envelopes are available outside the sanctuary.

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

Our Calendar This Week

Today	8:30 am Divine Service (Traditional) w/ Comm 9:45 am Sunday School 9:45 am Adult Bible Class 11:00 am Divine Service (Contemporary) w/ Comm 1:00 pm Food Pantry Open 3:30 pm Joy's Award at Rough Riders Game
Monday	6:30 am Coffee & Cocoa Outreach 6:00 pm Trustees Meeting 6:00 pm Stewardship Meeting
Tuesday	8:00 am Prayer in the Square - Greene Square 1:30 pm Prayer Group 5:00 pm LWML Board Meeting 6:00 pm Evangelism Meeting 6:00 pm Handbells Practice
Wednesday	6:00 am Men's Bible Study - Lucky's on 16th 5:30 pm Family Faith Night 6:30 pm Vocal Choir
Thursday	9:00 am Adult Bible Study 1:00 pm Leah Circle 6:00 pm Naomi Circle
Friday	9:00 am Rebekah Circle
Saturday	9:00 am Cornhole Tournament 9:00 am Holy Yoga - Lower Level
Next Sunday	8:30 am Divine Service (Traditional) 9:45 am Sunday School 9:45 am Adult Bible Class 11:00 am Divine Service (Contemporary) 12:15 pm Board of Education Meeting 1:00 pm Food Pantry Open

Stewardship Note: Matthew 2:11 – "And going into the house they saw the child with Mary His mother, and they fell down and worshiped Him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered Him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh." Worship and the giving of gifts go together. This makes sense because God is the great Giver of every good gift, and we worship Him and desire to grow into His image. We receive His gifts, then imitate His generosity.