

Prayer Page

Thanksgiving

- Kris Larson - recovered after hospitalization
- Jack Zimmerman - recovered after surgery
- Duane Pfeffer - recovered after surgery

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

- Mitch Myers - upcoming surgery on 1/13
- Harold Schoen - recovering after surgery
- Ron Prescott - recovering after surgery
- Paul LeFevere - recovering after hospitalization
- Tom Larson - health issues
- Everly Zimmerman - knee injury
- Phillip Hackbardt - recovering after surgery
- Dave Christian - cancer treatment
- John Hamm - recovering at assisted living in Waukee
- Deb Heitland - health issues
- Ethel Doehrmann - immunotherapy treatment

Homebound

- Cindy Broadwater - Harmony Care Center

Mourning, friends and family of

- Kenton Zenor - died 1/4
- Fred Henkelmann - died 12/25

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

Servants of Worship

Sunday, January 12

Elder	Rick Foreman
Usher (8:30)	Dave Karsten
Usher (11)	Dave Johnson
Greeter (8:30)	Randy & Joni Schmith
Greeter (11)	Dick & Karen Hass
Lector (8:30)	Rick Thorington
Lector (11)	Sheryl Knutson
Video (8:30)	Jeff Gebert
Video (11)	Charles Clark
Sound (8:30)	Karl Hoech
Sound (11)	Phil Hedtke
Acolyte (8:30)	Claire Brusius
Acolyte (11)	Addy Stackhouse
Nursery (11)	Rachel Zittergruen, Amy Smith
Coffee	Doug & Sheryl Knutson

Sunday, January 19

Mark Holt
Mark Borneman, Dathan Hinrichs
Steve Hanchera, Dave Johnson
Pete & Kris Larson
Rita Tiedt, Karen Schmidt
Rick Foreman
Karen Swanson
Greg Dunn
Stephanie Chittick
Nicholas Williams
Aaron Moffett
Jack Zimmerman
Ella Potter
Emily Kroemer, Abi Clark
Kirkpatrick

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“YOU ARE MY
BELOVED SON;
WITH YOU I AM
WELL PLEASED.”

Luke 3:22

January 12, 2025
The Baptism of Our Lord
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 & Announcements	
Opening Hymn	LSB #405
<i>To Jordan's River Came Our Lord</i>	
Invocation, Confession & Absolution	LSB pg. 151
Introit	Isaiah 42 & Psalm 2
Kyrie	LSB pg. 152
Hymn of Praise	LSB pg. 155
Salutation and Collect of the Day	LSB pg. 156
Old Testament Reading	Isaiah 43:1-7
Gradual	Ryanne Molinari
<i>"I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"</i>	Piano Solo
Epistle Reading	Romans 6:1-11
Alleluia and Verse	LSB pg. 156
Holy Gospel	Luke 3:15-22
Children's Message	
Hymn of the Day	LSB #590
<i>Baptized into Your Name Most Holy</i>	
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 #394
<i>Songs of Thankfulness and Praise</i>	

Notes and Announcements

Our congregation's **annual meeting** will be held next 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 **Pete and Kris Larson** are being honored as recipients of the Corda Heart of the Community Award for their dedicated service to Bethany Lutheran Food Pantry! They will be awarded before the 7:05 p.m. Rough Riders game on Saturday, January 25. Be sure to arrive early for the presentation. Please sign up for tickets at the Welcome Center by January 12 (today)! Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$5 for children under 18.

The LWML will tie **quilts for Lutheran World Relief** this Tuesday, January 14. Please join us 9:00-noon in the Family Life Center.

This Wednesday, January 15, the **Men's Bible Study** group will resume their study on Luther. All men are welcome to be part of this group on Wednesdays at 6:00 a.m. at Bethany.

Senior Worship will be held this Thursday, January 16 at 11:00 a.m. followed by a fellowship luncheon. All are welcome! Please call the office at 364-6026 if you plan to attend senior worship.

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.

A new session of **Monday adult Bible study** starts on February 3. DCE Kierra will lead a LifeLight study on the topic of prayer, Mondays at 7:00 p.m. All adults are welcome! If you plan to participate, please sign up at the Welcome Center by January 26.

On Mondays during the school year we serve free coffee, cocoa, and smiles for Washington students and our neighbors. This unique ministry is well received by the community, and some days we serve over 100 drinks! If you would like to serve on a Monday morning, please **sign up at www.bethanycr.org/serve**.

Our 2025 giving envelopes are available outside the sanctuary. Please find your box of envelopes to take home.

Our Calendar This Week

Today	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
Monday	6:30 am Coffee & Cocoa Outreach 6:00 pm Stephen Ministry Supervision 7:00 pm Elders Meeting
Tuesday	8:00 am Prayer in the Square - Greene Square 9:00 am Quilting for Lutheran World Relief 1:30 pm Prayer Group 6:00 pm Handbells Practice 7:00 pm Council Meeting
Wednesday	6:00 am Men's Bible Study 4:00 pm Cottage Grove Devotion 6:00 pm Confirmation Class 6:00 pm High School Youth 6:30 pm Vocal Choir
Thursday	9:00 am Adult Bible Study 11:00 am Senior Worship
Saturday	9:00 am Holy Yoga - Lower Level
Next Sunday	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 12:30 pm Annual Voters' Meeting 1:00 pm Food Pantry Open

Stewardship Note: Luke 3:21 – *"Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying ..."* We know why the people were baptized, but why was Jesus baptized? He didn't need repentance or forgiveness. The answer is that He did it for us. The reason God sent His Son into the world is to fulfill all righteousness for us, to do what we could not do. With our righteousness fulfilled in Jesus and given to us in Baptism, hearts overflow with thanksgiving and praise