

DECEMBER 2017

# BETHANY BEACON

BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH

MAKING CHRIST KNOWN.....

WELCOMING! GROWING! SERVING!



Christmas Eve Worship

6:00 pm. & 11:00 pm.

**No Sunday Morning Service**

Christmas Day Worship

10:45 am.

Christmas Community Dinner

Noon

Services of Readings and Carol

December 30-5:30 pm.

December 31-9:00 am.

“For Unto You A Savior Is Born”

Once upon a time—or before time, actually, before there were clocks or calendars or Christmas trees—God was all there was. No one knows anything about that time because no one was there to know it, but

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somewhere in the middle of that time before time, God decided to make a world. Maybe God was bored or maybe God was lonely or maybe God just liked to make things and thought it was time to try something big.

Whatever the reason, God made a world—this world—and filled it with the most astonishing things: with humpback whales that sing and white-striped skunks that stink and birds that filled the sky with color. The list is way too long to go into, but at the end when God stood back and looked at it all, God was pleased. Only something was missing. God could not think what it was at first, but slowly it dawned on him. Everything he had made was interesting and gorgeous and it was good, only there was nothing in the world that reflected God's image nothing that could return God's love. It was as if God had painted this huge masterpiece and then forgotten to sign it, so God got busy making something in God's own image, so that anyone who looked at it would know who the artist was.

God had one single thing in mind at first, but as he worked, God realized that one thing all by itself was not the kind of statement God wanted to make. So, God decided to make two things instead of one, which were alike but different, and both would be reflections of him—a man and a woman who could love each other and love God.

Flesh was what he made them out of—flesh and blood—a wonderful medium, extremely flexible and warm to the touch. God had made them, so God knew how fragile they were, but somehow that made them more touching to him. Watching his two creatures stretch and yawn, laugh and run, God found himself falling in love with them. God liked being with them better than any of the other creatures God had made, God especially liked walking with them in the garden, in the cool of the evening.

It almost broke God's heart when they did the one thing he had asked them not to do, and then hid from God—from GOD! Things were different after that. God still loved the human creatures best of all, but the attraction was not mutual. Birds were crazy about God. Dolphins and raccoons could not get enough of God, but human beings had other things on their minds. They were busy learning how to make things, grow things, buy things, sell things, the busier they got the less they thought about God.

Night after night God threw pebbles at their windows, inviting them to go for a walk, but they said they were sorry, they were busy. It was not long before most human beings forgot all about God. They called themselves "self-made" men and women, as if that were a plus and not a minus. They honestly believed they had created themselves, and they liked the result so much that they divided themselves into groups of people who looked, thought, and talked alike. Those who still believed in God, drew pictures of God that looked just like them, and that made it easier for them to turn away from the people who were different. You would not believe the trouble this got them into: everything from armed warfare to cities split right down the middle, with one kind of people living on that side of the line and another kind on the other.

God would have put a stop to it all right there, except for one thing. When God had made human beings, God made them free. For to truly love God, they had to be able to say no to God's love. That was built into them just like their hearts and brains were, and even God could not take it back. So, God left them free, and it almost killed God to see what they were doing to each other.

God shouted to them from the sidelines, using every means God could think of, including floods, messengers, and manna. God got inside people's dreams, and if that did not work, God woke them up in the middle of the night with his whispering. No matter what God tried he came up against the barriers of flesh and blood. They were made of it and God was not, which made translation difficult. God would say, "Please stop before you destroy yourselves!" but all they could hear was thunder. God would say, "I love you as much now as the day I made you," but all they could hear was a loon calling across the water.

Babies were the exception to this sad state of affairs. While their parents were all but deaf to God's messages, babies did not have any trouble hearing God at all. They were all the time laughing at God's jokes or crying with God when he cried. Babies did not go to war. They never made hate speeches or littered or refused to play with each other because they belonged to different groups.

They depended on other people for everything they needed, and a phrase like “self-made babies” would have made them laugh until their bellies hurt. While no one asked their opinions about anything that mattered, almost everyone seemed to love them, and that gave God an idea. Why not enter into their flesh as one of these little ones?

God tried the idea out on his cabinet of angels, and at first they were all very quiet. Finally, the senior archangel stepped forward to speak for all of them. He told God how much they would worry about God, if he did that. God would be putting himself at the mercy of God’s creatures, the angel said. People could do anything they wanted to God, and if God seriously meant to become one of them, there would be no escape if things turned sour. The baby idea was a stroke of genius, the angels said, it really was, but it lacked adequate safety features. Maybe God could be a super baby.

God thanked the angels for their concern, but said no, God would just be a regular baby. How else could God gain the trust of the people? How else could God persuade them that God knew their lives inside out, unless God lived one like theirs?

There was a risk.

God knew that.

Okay, there was a high risk, but that was part of what God wanted his creatures to know: that God was willing to risk everything even death to get close to them, in hopes that they might love God again.

It was a daring plan, but once the angels saw that God was dead set on it, they broke into applause—not the uproarious kind, but the steady kind, that goes on and on when you have witnessed something you know you will never see again.

While they were still clapping, God turned around and left the cabinet chamber, shedding his robes as he went. The angels watched as God’s midnight blue mantle fell to the floor, so that all the stars on it collapsed in a heap. Then a strange thing happened. Where the robes had fallen, the floor melted and opened up to reveal a scrubby brown pasture speckled with sheep and—right in the middle of them—a bunch of shepherds sitting around a campfire drinking wine out of a skin. It was hard to say who was more startled, the shepherds or the angels, but as the shepherds looked up at them, the angels pushed their senior member to the edge of the hole. Looking down at the human beings who were all trying to hide behind each other, the angel said in as gentle a voice as he could muster, “Do not be afraid; for see, I am bringing you good news of great joy for all people: to you is born this day in the city of David a savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord.”

Away up the hill from the direction of town, came the sound of a newborn baby’s cry.

Merry Christmas!

Pastor Tim

## **Council Meeting Minutes**

November 12, 2017

Members Present: Joel Weeks, Sara Kobe, Codi Buscher, Grace Jones, Jackson Kobe, Dave Jones,

Karlton Krause, Lisa Robison, Pastor Tim Maybee  
Members Absent: Mark Noll  
Also: Connie Moehlman  
Called to order at 12:09 PM by Joel Weeks  
Devotions: Pastor Tim Maybee

Reports:

- October Financial Report

Lisa Robison moved to move Pat Benson's \$220.00 to the National Youth Gathering. Sara Kobe seconded this motion. Motion carried.

Secretary:

- Sara Kobe moved to accept the minutes recorded on October 8, 2017, October 15, 2017 and the notes from the annual meeting on October 15, 2017. Lisa Robison seconded this motion. Motion carried.

Pastor's Report:

- Pastor Tim Maybee performed the funeral of Wallace James Gorder on November 4, 2017.

Unfinished Business:

- Sara Kobe motioned to add Kari Janes to council for the remaining year. Karlton Krause seconded this motion. Motion carried.

- Sign up sheets will be placed for families to sign up for the upcoming Cottage Meetings.

New Business:

- Christmas Events:

- Bethany Lutheran's Thanksgiving meal will be at 12:00 PM on November 23, 2017.
- Pick and Pass will be held on December 17, 2017.
- The Christmas Progm is December 16, 2017 at 5:30 PM, there will be a pot luck to follow.
- Christmas services will be as followed:
  - Saturday, December 23, 2017 at 5:30 PM- 4th Sunday in Advent
  - Sunday, December 24, 2017 at 6:00 PM and 11:00 PM Christmas
  - Saturday, December 30, 2017 at 5:30 PM Readings and Carols
  - Sunday, December 31, 2017 at 9:00 AM Readings and Carols

Next meeting to be held on December 10, 2017 at 12:00 PM. Meeting will dismiss at 1:00 PM.

The Lord's Prayer

Adjourned: Motion made to adjourn meeting by Sara Kobe. Motion seconded by Lisa Robison.

Motion

carried and meeting was adjourned at 2:04 PM.

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	<b>D</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>C.</b>		<b>1</b> 8:15 Exercise	<b>2</b> 7:30 Men's Breakfast 10:00-12:00 Christmas Program Rehearsal 5:30 Worship
<b>3</b> :30 Worship 9:45 Sun School 11:00 Worship 3:00-5:30 Maybe Open House- 633 Dale Drive	<b>4</b> 7:30 Devotions 8:15 Exercise 5:15 BLCW Meeting	<b>5</b> 7:30 Devotions 9:30 Women's Bible Study 11:30 IF Ministerial	<b>6</b> 7:30 Devotions 8:15 Exercise 5:15 7 & 8 Youth 6:00 Dinner 6:20 HS Dinner/ Confirmation 6:45 HS Youth 7:00 Choir 7:00 Ruth Circle	<b>7</b> 7:30 Devotions 11:00 Rebekah Circle-Salad Luncheon 1:00 Quilting 3:30 JAM 6:00 Ashbrook Worship 6:30 Scouts	<b>8</b> 8:15 Exercise	<b>9</b> Caring Callers 7:30 Men's Breakfast 10-12:00 X-mas Program Rehearsal 5:30 Worship Return Giving Tree Gifts
<b>10</b> 8:30 Worship 9:45 Sun School 11:00 Worship 12:00 Church Council 5-8:00 Celebrate the Season-Soup Supper & Music Fundraiser for Pick & Pass Party	<b>11</b> 7:30 Devotions  8:15 Exercise	<b>12</b> 7:30 Devotions 9:30 Women's Bible Study	<b>13</b> 7:30 Devotions 8:15 Exercise 5:15 7 & 8 Youth 6:00 Dinner 6:20 HS Dinner/ Confirmation 6:45 HS Youth 7:00 Choir	<b>14</b> 7:30 Devotions 1:00 Quilting 3:30 JAM 6:00 Ashbrook Worship 6:30 Scouts	<b>15</b> 8:15 Exercise 1:00-7:30 Friendship Club Christmas Party	<b>16</b> 7:30 Men's Breakfast 5:30 Christmas Program 6:30 Bethany Family Christmas Dinner
<b>17</b> 8:30 Worship 9:45 Sun School 11:00 Worship 1-3:00 Pick & Pass Party 5:00 Elderberries- Yankee Swap	<b>18</b> 7:30 Devotions 8:15 Exercise	<b>19</b> 7:30 Devotions 9:30 Women's Bible Study	<b>20</b> Free Meal @ Methodist Ch. 7:30 Devotions 8:15 Exercise 5:15 7 & 8 Youth Party 6:30 HS Youth Party 6:00 Caroling at the Care Centers	<b>21</b> 7:30 Devotions 1:00 Quilting 3:30 JAM 6:00 Ashbrook Worship 6:30 Scouts	<b>22</b> 8:15 Exercise	<b>23</b> 7:30 Men's Breakfast   5:30 Worship 4 <sup>th</sup> Sun of Advent
<b>24 Christmas Eve</b> No Morning Service 6:00pm Worship 11:00pm Worship	<b>25 Merry Christmas</b> 10:45 Worship 12:00 Community Christmas Dinner	<b>26</b> 7:30 Devotions 9:30 Women's Bible Study	<b>27</b> 7:30 Devotions 8:15 Exercise	<b>28</b> 7:30 Devotions 1:00 Quilting 3:30 JAM 6:00 Ashbrook Worship 6:30 Scouts	<b>29</b> 8:15 Exercise	<b>30</b> 7:30 Men's Breakfast  5:30 Readings & Hymn Sing
<b>31</b> 9:00 Readings & Hymn Sing	<b>MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM BETHANY!</b>					

## **BETHANY HAPPENINGS**

### **STEWARDSHIP PLEDGE CARD**

Please fill out your pledge card and place in the offering plate before December 10th. Also, don't forget to fill out your Simply Giving authorization so we can set up having your offering come directly out of your bank account - no need to worry about writing a check and/or finding your offering envelopes!!!

### **CHURCH GIVING**

Please make sure that all your year-end giving reaches the church by December 31<sup>st</sup>.  
Any offering received after that will go in the 2018 fund.  
Thank you, Connie Moehlman

### **THE MAYBEE ADVENT/CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE**

The Maybee Open House will be December 3<sup>rd</sup> from 3:00-5:30 pm. at their home at 633 Dale Dr. All are welcome.

### **GREENBELT BANK OPEN HOUSE -HELP BETHANY**

Greenbelt Bank is having their open house on December 4th from 9 am to 5 pm. Please stop in and have some goodies. Don't forget to register while you are there - the bank will contribute \$1.00 to Bethany Lutheran for every person that signs the register.

### **CARING CALLERS**

Caring Callers will be Saturday, December 9. Kits will be available either Saturday or Sunday.

### **CHURCH COUNCIL**

Church Council will be held Sunday, December 10th @12:00 pm.

### **CELEBRATE THE SEASON: GIVE AND IT WILL BE GIVEN**

December 10<sup>th</sup>, please plan to join us for a night of music, food, and fellowship. A free will donation meal of soups, bars and drinks will be offered. While you eat, enjoy the music of local Praise bands. The meal and praise bands will be from 5-6:45. At 7 pm we will enjoy the music of Brad and Kate. The proceeds will benefit our annual Pick and Pass Party and used to purchase Christmas gifts for families. We are also accepting new and gently used gifts for the event. For any questions; please call Jennifer Hill at [641-373-0892](tel:641-373-0892) or Robin Sampson [515-571-0997](tel:515-571-0997).

We have a sign-up sheet for soups, bars and gallons for milk.

### **THE GIVING TREE**

We have a tree on the narthex desk with ornaments for you to take and give a gift to a person from the Friendship Club. The Friendship Club is a center for socialization and educational opportunities for individuals with mental illnesses or developmental disabilities. How Can You Help: 1. Take an ornament from the tree 2. Purchase the gift {many would like a gift card from a local business - you designate the amount} or a gift wish. 3. Purchase the gift and wrap it! Tape the ornament with the name on the package. Bring it back to the church office. Deadline is December 9th - +++++ Very important!!! The gift will be placed under the tree at the party, Dec. 15. They will come to Bethany where they will be served soup, salads, and sweets! A very well-known Santa will come as they sing Christmas Carols.

### **THE BETHANY FAMILY POTLUCK**

The Children's Christmas Program will be December 16<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 with a Bethany Family Christmas Potluck to follow. Everyone is Welcome!

### **ELDERBERRIES**

Elderberries is a group for anyone 50 or older. Our December 17th potluck is at 5:00 p.m.  
We will have a Yankee Swap in December.

### **PICK & PASS PARTY**

**We are also looking for volunteers to make tie blankets for the children who come to the Pick and Pass Party. We would like 200.** The Pick & Pass Party is December 17 from 1-3:00 pm. Bring your Pick & Pass gifts for parents, teens and children any time before December 17th. If you need gifts for your family, please call the church at (641) 648-3555 and let us know the ages and gender of your children, so we can get age appropriate gifts.

### **FREE MEALS @ THE METHODIST CHURCH**

Bethany will help with the Free meals at the Methodist Church on Wednesday, December 20<sup>th</sup>.

### **BETHANY HOLIDAY CAROLING**

Bethany Lutheran will be taking a group to sing some Christmas Carols at Heritage Care Center, Scenic Manor, Ashbrook, and Cedar Ridge on Wednesday, December 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm. We will meet in the Fellowship Hall about 5:45 or so and leave right at 6pm with caroling beginning at Heritage at 6pm and then we will be traveling to the other three facilities afterwards. The choir will be leading the caroling, but we would LOVE to have some other Bethany folks join in the fun and fellowship!!

### **HEALTH KITS**

The Lutheran World Relief project is Health Kits. Each zip lock bag will need 1- wide tooth comb, 1- metal nail clippers with a file, and 2- (4-5 oz.) bars of soap. Please return them to the wooden box in the Friendship Room.

### **COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS DINNER**

Bethany Lutheran Church and St. Marks Catholic Church will again host the Community Christmas Dinner at Bethany Lutheran on December 25 at Noon. If you can bring a pie or more than one, we need pies. Please do not cut them. We need many hands to help with this event. We need help the night before, the day of and after the meal for clean-up. Please sign up to help where and with whatever you can. Remember to get your reservations in for your meal by calling the church at 641-648-3555.

### **NEW MEMBERS CLASSES**

We will have New Member Classes for those interested in finding out more about Bethany on January 21, 28 and February 4. We will have a welcome ceremony on February 11 for those who wish to join the Bethany Family.

### **WINGS OF REFUGE GIVING TREE**

**During the month of December, you can give the gift of restoration by locating the tree, and finding an ornament or a few that are meaningful to you and your family! You can enclose your gift, place it in the box provided, or mail it. These ornaments will provide lasting change for women in need.**

**To find out more about Wings of Refuge visit [www.wingsofrefuge.net](http://www.wingsofrefuge.net)**

### **CIRCLE NEWS**

December 4 – 5:15 BLCW Board Party @ Plaza Veracruz

December 6-5:45 Ruth Circle Party @ River Tap

December 7-11:00 Rebekah Circle Party- Salad Luncheon

## **POINSETTIA ORDER FORM:**

### **Winter Garden of Beauty**

Let's remember the beauty of the season as we remember, honor and celebrate our loved ones. Bethany invites you to share the celebration of joy and hope by purchasing a poinsettia to adorn the sanctuary during the Christmas season. Please complete this form and return it, along with the appropriate contribution, to the church office or in the collection plate.

The deadline is **December 10<sup>th</sup>**.

**DONOR (S)** \_\_\_\_\_

**IN MEMORY OF:**

**IN HONOR OF:**

**Total number of poinsettias ordered** \_\_\_\_\_

**At \$10.00 each = \$** \_\_\_\_\_ **Total**

**Make checks payable to Bethany Lutheran Church,  
noting "poinsettia" in the memo line.**



## **SUNDAY SCHOOL, CONFIRMATION & YOUTH PAGE**

### **CHRISTMAS PROGRAM & BETHANY FAMILY POTLUCK**

We will have rehearsal for the Christmas Program on Saturdays, December 2 & 9, from 10-12:00 with lunch provided. The program will be December 16<sup>th</sup> at the 5:30 with a Bethany Christmas Potluck to follow. The meat will be provided. Please bring a side dish to share. Everyone is Welcome!

**NO SUNDAY SCHOOL ON DECEMBER 24 OR DECEMBER 31.**

### **WEDNESDAY NIGHT SCHEDULE**

5:15	7 <sup>th</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup> grade youth group
6:00	7 <sup>th</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup> grade dinner
6:20	7 <sup>th</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup> Confirmation
6:20	High School Dinner
6:30	High School Youth Group

### **YOUTH & HIGH SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PARTY**

December 20<sup>th</sup> the Middle School and High School Youth Groups will have their Christmas Parties. Middle School 's party will be at 5:15 and the High School Youth Group will have theirs will have theirs at 6:30.

**NO WEDNESDAY NIGHT ACTIVITIES ON DECEMBER 27**

### **ELCA NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING**

Every three years the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) has a National Youth Gathering. At this gathering 30,000 students and their chaperones gather to serve, worship, learn, and have fun. This will be my sixth gathering and each one has been a time of fun and great joy. The Youth Gathering is taking place this coming summer on June 27-July 1, 2018 in Houston, Texas and I would love to have you join me this summer in Houston for a great time with God and our sisters and brothers in Christ.

# **FREE**

**Join Bethany Lutheran Church for a  
Community Christmas Meal,  
December 25 at noon.  
Dine in, carry out and delivery available.  
To reserve a meal,  
call the church office at 641-648-3555  
or email [bethanyiowafalls@gmail.com](mailto:bethanyiowafalls@gmail.com)**



**Bethany Lutheran Church  
2712 Washington Ave.  
Iowa Falls, Iowa 50126**

Dear Bethany Family,

Wow - time sure does fly! God has been so good to me over the past couple of years as I have attended the University of Northern Iowa. I have had incredible opportunities to learn more about myself as well as serve the Cedar Valley community. I am on the leadership team for BASIC, a College-Age ministry, which is sponsored by Orchard Hill Church and Nazareth Lutheran Church. Through this ministry I have had the opportunity to manage the blog, co-lead a Bible study for 12 young ladies in my home, and write and direct a Gospel Mime that was performed to over 1,000 audience members. I have also worked at Riverside Bible Camp in Story City the past four summers as a counselor and the ministry assistant. Not only did I love being at my home by the river, but I also enjoyed being able to help lead VBS at my home church in Iowa Falls. I am currently finishing my position as the Anti-Human Trafficking Intern at Friends of the Family in Waterloo which has been very eye-opening.

God's spirit has been alive and working and I could share story after story with you! (Please text or call me anytime. Really.) Not to mention the fact I will be graduating THIS December with a degree in Social Work and a certificate in Conflict Resolution. I am not exactly sure what the future holds for me, but I do know that I have fallen in love with the Cedar Valley area (which is where I will be living at least until May!) and I am leaning more towards pursuing a career in the ministry field.

I am sending you this letter because I've been given the opportunity to spend a week in March serving at a school for deaf children in Knockpatrick, Jamaica, through an organization called the Caribbean Christian Center for the Deaf. They have been doing ministry to the deaf in Jamaica for nearly 20 years. The trip has been sponsored through BASIC and I have decided to take advantage of this opportunity as I will still be leading and serving with this community this spring. I also am interested in learning more about other cultures and opening my eyes to the difficult realities of those who live in a world other than my own. I know that Jesus will use this trip to not only allow me to serve others, but to also grow in my own faith.

If you would be interested in supporting my trip, there are a couple ways in which you could help. First, and most importantly, you can support me through prayer. Prayers for meeting my financial needs and for life changing experiences for myself, the team I am traveling with, and for the people I will be so very privileged to meet. Second, you could support my trip financially. My trip will cost me \$1,850 total. I am working towards investing \$500 out of my own pocket and I am working towards fundraising the remaining \$1,350, which will cover all of my flights, food, lodging, and travel expenses.

If you would like to make a financial donation in support of my trip, a check can be addressed to Nazareth Lutheran Church. Please put "Knockpatrick Mission Trip" in the memo field. Please do not include my name on the check in any field. You may either send it to 2623 Walnut St. Apartment 95, Cedar Falls, IA 50613 or give it to Brian or Jan Sauerbrei. If you follow these instructions, a tax-deductible receipt will be sent to you for your gift.

Any extra funds raised will go directly to the school in Jamaica we are supporting and serving. If you would like more information about CCCD, you may visit their website at: [cccdjamaica.org](http://cccdjamaica.org). Upon returning from Jamaica, I will be sending out a letter describing my trip to those of you who were able to help support me both prayerfully and/or financially. If for some reason I am unable to go on this trip, your contributions will go directly to the school in Jamaica. Thank you in advance for all of your support. I am aware that this trip would not be possible without people like you!

In His Love

Kristin Sauerbrei

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641-640-0679

**REMEMBER THE BETHANY FAMILIES WITH PRAYER**

This month, ask God to protect, direct, and show favor to these members.

Give thanks for their presence in this community.

- Dec 1-8            Alt, Carol  
                      Anderson, Mike & Celene  
                      Ausenhhus, Sandy  
                      Bahr, Glen & Kay
- Dec 9-17           Barr, Mike, Ann, Kyle Marquis, Boyd Marquis, Mckenzie, Danielle  
                      Bauer, Sonja  
                      Becker, Matthew, Jayne, Lily, Lydia  
                      Beckman, Verle & Virginia
- Dec 18-25          Behrends, Marileigh, Lynn  
                      Bell, Shane, Sara, Codi, Allison, Cassie  
                      Bicknese, Ben & Joyce  
                      Bicknese, Todd, Jennifer, Ashley, Addalee, Andrew
- Dec 26-31          Borkowski, Tracy, Tami, Jordan, Justin  
                      Bottke, Paul  
                      Braga, James  
                      Brown, Natasha, Leiland

## Happy BIRTHDAY

12/01	Hanson	Kari		12/16	Robison	Ryan
12/03	Porath	Ryan		12/17	Hacker	Tommy
12/03	Porter	Douglas		12/17	Johnson	Alan
12/05	Hoversten	Merritt		12/19	Albrecht	Carla
12/05	Picht	Jillian		12/19	Choate	Micaela
12/06	Bauer	Sonja		12/19	Hanson	Joan
12/07	Bahr	Glen		12/20	Heetland	Andrew
12/07	Glade	Lydia		12/21	Hunt	Kirby
12/07	McDaniel	Emily		12/21	Rusley	Philip
12/07	Sundholm	Michele		12/22	Hoover	Joshua
12/08	Doering	Abigail		12/23	Janes	Logan
12/10	McWherter	Linda		12/23	Moravec	Neva
12/10	York	Linda		12/23	Sanders	Ivy
12/11	Lewey	Landyn		12/23	Tjarks	Frankie
12/11	Muilenburg	Troy		12/24	Harken	Michelle
12/11	Parker	Lorraine		12/25	Christ	Jesus
12/11	Sundholm	Alexander		12/26	Heitland	Rebecca
12/12	Mulford	Allyson		12/26	Hoversten	Paul
12/13	Barr	Mike		12/28	Brown	Leiland
12/13	Hartford	Grace		12/28	Weidemann	Paige
12/13	Krukow	Brenna		12/29	Doering	Zachary
12/13	Miller	Mike		12/29	Fevold	Mark
12/14	Doering	Lisa		12/29	Halladay	Jane
12/14	Nelsen	Fenton		12/29	Hamilton	Laura
12/16	Jensen	Shannon		12/29	Virchow	James
12/16	Lancaster	Marlee		12/30	Hoffman	Dylan
12/16	Meyer	Benjamin		12/30	Lehtola	Jerome
12/16	Meyer	Glenn		12/30	Mulford	Piper

## Happy Anniversary

12/06	Buscher, Cody & Codi
12/07	Jones, David & Susan
12/10	Thies, Tony & Mari
12/12	Dunphy, Tim & Renae
12/27	Hanson, Mark & Joan
12/28	Hansen, Randy & Darla
12/28	Koch, Kirby & Carolyn
12/29	Halladay, Matthew & Jane
12/30	York, Lester & Linda
12/30	Duit, Tyler & Sheli
12/31	Moehlman, Mike & Connie



# Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

God's work. Our hands.

## MISSION STATEMENT

Through God's love as revealed to us in Jesus Christ, it is the purpose of Bethany Lutheran Church to proclaim the gospel of that love throughout the world by creating and building a community of worship in the Lutheran tradition of Word and Sacrament, providing fellowship, encouraging growth through learning and reaching out in witness and service.

## WE ARE CALLED TO LIVE THE MARKS OF DISCIPLESHIP

As disciples of Jesus we will strive to:

**P**ray Daily

**O**

Worship Weekly

**E**

Read the Bible daily

Serve at and beyond Bethany Lutheran Church

Unite with and be in

Relationship with others

Give of our time, talents, and resources

**E**

## BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MEMBERS

**Joel Weeks - President**

**Codi Buscher – Secretary**

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**Karlton Krause**

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