

BETHEL NEWS for the week of December 17, 2017



This week @ Bethel

Today! 10:15a coffee & fellowship, S.S.
Christmas party, Bible study;
11a Caroling at Cedar Crest

Monday 10a-5p office open

Wednesday 10a-5p office open
6p choir practice
7p Advent service

Saturday 6-9p WMM

Sunday 9:00a worship
10:15a coffee & fellowship
5p Christmas Eve Candlelight
service

Events are subject to change. For up-to-date calendar events, see our online calendar: <http://www.lpbethel.org>

Advent services & Christmas Eve

Join us on Wed. evening **Dec. 20 at 7 pm!**

Christmas Eve Candlelight service will begin at **5:00 pm**.

2018 Volunteer Sign up sheets

Volunteer opportunities are available for the coming year! Please, consider how you can **serve God by sharing your talents in 2018!** Sign up sheets are located on the bulletin board next to the secretary's office. **No experience is necessary-there is always someone willing to help out and show you how!** Sign up alone, with someone else, or as a family! The group chairpersons are listed on the back of this page to answer any of your questions. And, if you want to sign up from home go to www.lpbethel.org, click on **Worship**, and then **Worship Volunteer Sign Up**.

Christmas Caroling

Today, after Bible study, the choir will be going to Silver Lake to sing **Christmas carols for the residents at Cedar Crest**. We plan to be at Cedar Crest at **11:15 am**. All are welcome to join in the group!

Bethel Book Club

Today, **December 17** at 5:00 pm the Book Club will meet at Nancy Krull's house to **watch *The Shack* and to finalize the 2018 book selections**. Please, bring book ideas and a potluck dish to share. The book selected for January is ***Turquoise Table* by Kristin Schell**. We will meet for the January book discussion **at Bethel on Wed., Jan. 17, 7:15 pm**. All are welcome to join us on Movie Night and for Book Club discussions! Two copies of *Turquoise Table* will be available in Bethel's library soon.

Endowment Fund Grants

Endowment funds are available for a wide variety of grant requests. Application forms are located on the narthex table for anyone interested in applying for a grant. **The Endowment Committee members are:** Dick Kiekhaefer, Nancy Krull, Sally Krull, Tim Smith, and LuAnn Weisenburger. Completed applications can be put in the Endowment Committee mailbox. **Applications are due December 31.**

Secret Pal Sign-up

If you're looking for some **spiritual support**, some **surprises**, and some **sneakiness**-this is for you! **Any woman of any age is welcome**. We encourage you to remember your assigned Secret Pal from time to time during the year with a card, a note, or a small remembrance. It's not meant to be expensive or time consuming. Saying a little prayer for her and letting her know you are thinking of her is all it takes, [although, getting a little gift in your church mailbox is a lot of fun, too.] **Sign up on the bulletin board by today** so that 2018 assignments can be made. **Questions?** Ask Judy Angvall or Jill Duncan. (We already have 12 women signed up-and there's room for about 50 more!)

Welcome to Bethel!

Worshipping together as the Children of God.

Christ has claimed all of us as children of God, we encourage children of ALL ages to participate in worship, each to their ability.

To our youngest worshippers: we believe children are not the future of the church: they are the church present! We welcome your wiggles, giggles, cries and curious bodies and voices. Parents: encourage your child to sing, clap, wiggle, drop coins in the offering, and receive communion. A [non-staffed] toy room is available just outside the sanctuary.

To our “young at heart”: we welcome your enthusiasm and voices, too! If hearing assistance is needed, see an usher for a device.

For all: we strive for worship that is intergenerational and welcoming to the whole body of Christ. Communion is served every Sunday. We invite all persons who seek God’s grace through the bread and wine to share this meal, regardless of age or denominational affiliation. You are welcome at Christ’s table! Grape juice and gluten-free options are available, too.

Bathrooms are located just outside the sanctuary. Fellowship Hour happens immediately after worship. Join us for coffee, treats and conversation! During the school year, children are invited into the basement for Sunday School. Communication cards are located on the back of the pews, we’d love to hear from you or leave your name and email in our guestbook!

Serving in December

Altar Guild: Jill Duncan

Lector: Nancy Krull

Ushers: Steve Klobe

Greeter: Ron Foust

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You*

Committee Chairpersons

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Easy online 2018 volunteer sign-up:

Go to www.lpbethel.org, click on **Worship**, and then **Worship Volunteer Sign Up**.

Women of Faith

This event will take place at Bethel on **Saturday, January 6, 2018 from 10:00 am-12:00 pm**. A light brunch will be served (free will donation) with a brief **“Women of Faith”** testimonial from Cheryl **Smith** on her journey with Neurofibromatosis. At 10:30, following brunch, Jean Hallberg, Financial Representative, will be speaking on **“Financial Strategies for Women.”** Women of all ages are welcome to attend. Please call the church to R.S.V.P. Childcare is available, please pre-register by the 3rd of January so we have enough volunteers to welcome your child.

Thank You

Thank you **Iris Rognli** for your fine quilting on the Nativity banner. You transformed a lovely banner into a **beautiful banner!** Well over 40 hours of stitching was put into the project!