

## BETHEL NEWS for the week of December 3, 2017



### This week @ Bethel

**Today!** 10:15a coffee & fellowship;  
Sun. school hour; Adult Forum;  
*Christian symbols*

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**Monday** 10a-5p office open

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**Tuesday** 6:30p W/ELCA meeting

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**Wednesday** 10a-5p office open  
6p choir  
6:30p caregiver support group  
7p Advent service

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**Saturday** 6-9p WMM

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**Sunday** 9:00a worship  
10:15a coffee & fellowship;  
Christmas program rehearsal;  
Adult Forum

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

### Mid-week Advent services

Join us on Wednesday evenings **Dec. 6, 13, 20,**  
**at 7:00 pm.**

### Christmas Program & Treat Bags

*The Birth of Jesus* will be performed by the Sunday School children on **Sunday, December 17,** during our worship service. **We are accepting cash donations for Treat bags** to be given to the children on the day of the program. Please give your donation to Diane Horsman. Thank you in advance!

### Order Your Poinsettias

**It's time to think about decorating our sanctuary for Christmas.** There is an order sheet on the bulletin board for purchasing poinsettias. The cost is \$5.00 for a 4" pot and \$10.00 for a 6". **Please place your order by Sun., Dec. 10.**

### McLeod County Giving Tree

We are in the process of collecting gifts for children in McLeod County whose families do not have adequate means to provide for them. Gift tags listing a child's age, gender, and gift request are available on a small tree located in the narthex. Please take one or more tags, shop for, and purchase gifts, then return the unwrapped gift with the tag to the church by **Sunday, December 10.** **Our W/ELCA unit is taking care of 10 gift requests and we challenge the rest of the congregation to triple that effort and take care of at least 30 more!** Let's make Christmas a little merrier for children in our area.

### Women of the ELCA meeting

The Women of the ELCA will meet on **Tues., Dec. 5 at 6:30 pm** at the church. Please consider joining this group if you would like to help with planning future **ministry projects, learning activities, and fellowship opportunities** for the women at Bethel. New ideas and new members are always welcome!

### Bethel Book Club

On **Sunday, 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!

### Endowment Fund

**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. An **Adult Forum in December** will give members an opportunity to ask questions and learn more about this new process at Bethel. **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.

# 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:**

**Greeter:** Ron Foust

*Thank  
You*

### Committee Chairpersons

**Altar Guild:** Judy Angvall

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### Easy online 2018 volunteer sign-up:

Go to [www.lpbethel.org](http://www.lpbethel.org), click on Worship, and then Worship Volunteer Sign Up.

### Holiday Celebration, Sunday, December 3

**Community Breakfast** from 9:00 am-noon, serving pancakes, eggs, sausage, toast, juice, and coffee, free will donation, the proceeds from this event help support community projects. **See the flyer on the bulletin board for more information!** From 10:00 am-noon Santa Claus, his reindeer & sleigh will be in town! Music will be provided by LPHS Music students.

### Thrivent Educational Event

Please join us for **Keeping the Farm in the Family**. Learn how to create a smooth transition plan to protect your assets now and in the future while maintaining family harmony at this event. **Wed., Dec. 13, 2017 at 8:30am**, McLeod County Historical Society & Museum, 380 School Road NW, Hutchinson, MN.

announcements due by Wednesdays @ noon ~ newsletter items due by the 25th of the month  
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