

Vibrantly open to the Spirit, Bethel Lutheran Church serves God and its neighbors by joyfully living and sharing the Good News!

BETHEL NEWS for the week of November 26, 2017



This week @ Bethel

Today! 10:15a coffee & fellowship;
Sun. school hour; Adult Forum:
Welcome Baskets & Prayer
Shawls; Christmas decorating

Monday 10a-5p office open

Wednesday 10a-5p office open
5:30p worship & music mtg.
6:30p choir
6:30p caregiver support group

Saturday 6-9p WMM

Sunday 9:00a worship
10:15a coffee & fellowship;
Sun. school: Daniel 6:6-23;
Adult Forum

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

Save the date!

The **Secret Pal Reveal** is scheduled for Sat. morning, **December 2**. All those who have participated in the Secret Pal program this past year are invited to bring a small gift (not to exceed \$15 value) for her Secret Pal. We will end the morning by doing something fun together, with details still to be determined.

Christmas Treat Bags

We are accepting cash donations for **Treat bags** to be given to the children on the day of the Sunday School Christmas program, Dec. 17. 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.

Christ the King Sunday & Advent Season

Christ the King Sunday is a day celebrating the reign of Christ and is the last Sunday of the church year. We begin the start of a new church year with Advent season.

Mid-week Advent services will be on **Wed. evenings, Dec. 6, 13, 20**, time tbd. Join us!

Bethel Movie Night Out will be on Sat., Dec. 2, at the Hutchinson CineMagic Century 9 Theatre, for a 3:20 matinee of *The Star* (an animated movie about the Christmas story). Email bethellp.edu@gmail.com if you are interested in attending.

"The Birth of Jesus" will be performed by the Sunday School children on Sun., Dec. 17, during our worship service.

McLeod County Giving Tree

Bethel has received gift requests from families that need help providing Christmas gifts for their children. This effort helps to fulfill the wishes of the children in our county who may not otherwise have the opportunity to experience the feeling of receiving Christmas gifts. **You are invited to take a tag [or two] from the Giving Tree, purchase the gift, and bring the unwrapped gift, with the slip attached, to church by Dec. 10.** We have a Thrivent Action Grant for this project.

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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Lector: Cathy Houg

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Easy online 2018 volunteer sign-up:

Go to 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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