



Welcome to
Our New
Pastor

A note from Pastor Amy...thank you, thank you for the warm welcome you have given to Adalee & me. From gift cards to pantry items, to kind words & warm hugs, you have surely made our transition one of joy & gratitude. Thank you!

Would you like to get to know Pastor Amy better? She has a sign-up on the bulletin board for some chances to grab coffee or lunch together. Sign up with your name, phone number, & email. She looks forward to getting to know ALL of you better!

Next to the bulletin board you will find a tree with fall leaves. On the leaves are items that can be brought to church to be given to Pastor Amy to fill her Pan"tree". Let's give her a warm Bethel Welcome. BE.THE.Love.



Quilting Date Changes: Quilters will meet December 12th & 19th.



**Youth
Mission
Trip**

Are you in 7th-12th grade this fall? Come join us next summer as we go on a mystery mission trip July 20-24. Registration for the trip is available online along with a \$100 deposit. **Deadline** to register is January 3rd. You will be put on our list for monthly meetings & fundraising. Questions, contact Lisa. *January 29th meeting @ 7:15pm.*

Facebook post reminder: Please have any items you would like to have posted on Facebook for the next week to Lisa by 5pm on Wednesday.

End of Year Giving - Monday, December 30th by 9:30 am is the last day to donate for 2024. Donations need to be turned into the office so it can be counted & included in the last deposit of 2024.

Bethel shirts are here! They are \$15/each, variety of sizes & colors. Please let Lisa know if you are interested in one.

December Noisy Offering will go to Bethel's Technology Fund.



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This week at Bethel: December 2 through December 8

Monday-5:15 Bells Practice, 5:30 Budget Meeting

Tuesday-10:30 Bible Study, 1:15 Staff Meeting, 6:30 Cub Scouts, 7:00 Evening Book Club

Wednesday-9:30 Bethel Coffee @ Fryn Pan, 10:00 Wahpeton MOM's, 1:00 Friends of St. Catherine's, 1:30 Library Committee, 4:45 supper served, 5:30 Wednesday School, Confirmation & 9th Grade Class, 6:35 Worship service

Thursday-9:00 Helping Hands

Sunday-9:00 Worship Service, 10:00 Mutual Ministry Team, 10:00 Praise Band Practice, 10:10 Sunday School, 11:00 Contemporary Worship, 1:00 Cocoa, Cookies & Caroling, 5:50 Community Choir Practice

Prayer list for healing:

Larry Hjelmstad	Jay Erickson	Jan Townsend
Doug Peterson	JoAnn Klein	Brent Phelps
Esther Krause	Connie Sletten	Arlo & Janice Kilber
Marcia Pederson	Joan Hardie	Peterson Family
Gwenda Carlson	Sharon Deichert	John C. Carlson

Please keep Ruth Larson & family in your prayers as they grieve the loss of Ruth's sister, Joyce Nord.

Going south for the winter? Please make sure the office has the best address for you.

Itty Bitty Believers Book Club dates: TODAY!

2025: January 12th, February 9th & March 9th.



December Prayer Station – Take a few minutes to ponder which of these gifts Jesus brings to the world – *HOPE, PEACE, LOVE, JOY*. Which of these gifts do you feel you are most called by God to share with others right now?

As you ponder, offer a prayer to God, asking him to bless you with the gifts you need & those gifts you need to share with others. Then take a card with that gift(s) on it & place it on the tree.

A Congregational Information Meeting will be held on December 15th between services to discuss the building repairs here @ Bethel.



9th Grade Confirmation Students Schedule

December 4, January 8, February 5, March 5, April 2, April 27 – Confirmation Rehearsal, May 4 – Confirmation

Advent Fair – December 18th @ 5:30. We will have crafts, games, prizes and fun! Stay for church & hear the Gospel of the according to the Grinch!

When dropping kids off on Wednesday night please remember we don't have people to watch your kids before Wednesday school & confirmation starts. We start serving supper @ 4:45, no one should be dropped off before that time.

The Morning Book Club will meet @ Fryn' Pan on December 9th @ 9:00am.

The Communion Committee needs your help! Two of our communion bread makers will be gone for the winter. Your help is greatly appreciated to help make communion bread throughout the winter. It is easy to do & Kathy Johnson will work with you. Please contact the church office if you are interested.

Volunteers Needed

****Please sign up on the Volunteer Bulletin Board**

****Advent Wreath Lighters** are needed for December 15th, 22nd & 24th. Be part of this great tradition.

****Volunteers are needed for the Live Nativity** on Sunday, December 15th from 3:30-4:30.

****The Bethel Quilters** need volunteers to iron fabric before they can cut it into quilt blocks & to use the rotary cutters to cut the squares.

****We still need** ushers, readers, communion helpers & coffee servers.

****Join us to spread Christmas Cheer @ St. Catherine's!** We will be helping residents send out Christmas cards. Please join us during the weeks of December 2 to the 13th, from 1-2pm. If we have enough volunteers, we may get it done in one week. Questions contact Joyce.

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Join Bethel's team to help deliver Meals-on-Wheels! Joyce will call members on the list when Bethel fills in to help deliver meals. It is one hour of your time & it is greatly appreciated by the recipients! Talk to Joyce if you are interested.

Please join us on December 15th starting @ 3:45pm for the *Live Nativity* & our *Children's Christmas Program* @ 4:30pm.



Cocoa, Cookies & Carols is on Sunday December 8th, from 1-4pm. Meet here @ Bethel to decorate cookies & get to know Pastor Amy before caroling @ area nursing homes & in the Bethel neighborhood. We will end with cookies & warm cocoa @ Bethel.

Circles 1 & 5 will be meeting on **Wednesday, December 18th** @ 10:30am @ the Fryn' Pan for their Christmas Brunch.

Bethel water bottles are available for \$20. Contact Lisa if you want one!