



**Quilting Date Changes:** Quilters will meet December 19<sup>th</sup>.



**Are you in 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup>. You will be put on our list for monthly meetings & fundraising. Questions, contact Lisa. *January 29<sup>th</sup> 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 30<sup>th</sup> by 9:30am 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 water bottles** (\$20) & **Bethel t-shirts** (\$15) are available, t-shirts are variety colors/sizes. Contact Lisa for one or both items!

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

**Itty Bitty Believers Book Club 2025 dates:** January 12<sup>th</sup>, February 9<sup>th</sup> & March 9<sup>th</sup>.



**9<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation Students Schedule**

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

**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.

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



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***This week at Bethel: December 16 through December 22***

**Monday**-12:00 Staff Meeting, 5:15 Bells Practice

**Tuesday**-10:30 Bible Study

**Wednesday**-10:00 Wahpeton MOMs, 10:30 Circles 1 & 5 @ Fryn Pan, 1:00 Friends of St. Catherine's, 4:45 supper served, 5:30 Advent Fair, 6:35 Worship service

**Thursday**-9:00 Quilting, 3:00 Helping Hands

**Saturday**-11:00 Private Baptisms

**Sunday**-8:00 Choir Practice, 9:00 Worship Service, 10:00 Praise Band Practice, NO Sunday School, 11:00 Contemporary Worship, 12:00 Private Baptism

**Prayer list for healing:**

Larry Hjelmstad	Jay Erickson	Jan Townsend
Doug Peterson	JoAnn Klein	Ardeith Richter
Esther Krause	Connie Sletten	Arlo & Janice Kilber
Marcia Pederson	Joan Hardie	Peterson Family
Gwenda Carlson	Sharon Deichert	John C. Carlson
Sawyer Bertelson	Adonica Good	Howard Jensen
Roberta Whitehead		

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

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



**December Prayer Station** – Pastor Amy has chosen “Words for the Beginning” as the worship series theme for Advent–Epiphany. Each week has a different theme. The prayer station will use each of these themes each week with a word or two to depict the theme. The first week’s word is “Blessings”, the second week is “Not Alone” & so on each week. Check out the word each week & take a card with that word on it & place it on the tree as you pray about the word & how it applies to you & the gifts & blessings you have in your life. Also pray about how you can provide that gift for others in our community.

**A Congregational Information Meeting** will be held on TODAY between services to discuss the building repairs here @ Bethel.

**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.

**Youth Advisory Committee** – starting in January, Lisa will be forming this committee. We will meet once a month on the last Sunday @ 6:00pm in the youth room, with supper provided. She is looking for 2 students from each grade, 3<sup>rd</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup>, to join. These students will play a key role in deciding the activities & events we host here @ Bethel. If your child is interested in being part of this committee, please let Lisa know.

**Richland–Wilkin Food Pantry** needs the following: mini marshmallows, cranberry sauce, can or jar gravy, cake mix or frosting, hamburger or tuna helper. Please drop off your donation in the bin by the north entrance door.

**Our office has been receiving phone calls** from families who either missed the Christmas blessing deadline or initially thought they wouldn’t need help this year. However, circumstances have changed & they now find themselves in need of support for the Christmas season. We have been doing our best to assist these families, but we could use your help. If you would like to contribute, please consider bringing in cash or Walmart gift cards to the office. Questions contact Lisa.

## Volunteers Needed

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

**\*\*Advent Wreath Lighters** are needed for December 24<sup>th</sup>. Be part of this great tradition.

**\*\*Christmas Eve Volunteers Needed!** We will have a lot of visitors in the building on Christmas Eve. Please sign up to help usher, read or serve communion to help our services run smoothly.

**\*\*Bell Ringers Needed!** The Salvation Army is in need of bell ringers this holiday season @ Walmart. YOU WILL NOT BE STANDING OUTSIDE! Walmart allows the bell ringers to stand inside of the front doors. If you are interested in helping out with this wonderful cause, sign up. Confirmation students, this is a great service activity!

**\*\*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 13<sup>th</sup>, from 1–2pm. If we have enough volunteers, we may get it done in one week. Questions contact Joyce.

**We are excited to invite you to our Christmas program today @ 4:30pm!** Come & enjoy the Christmas story. Nothing captures the true spirit of the season than hearing the Christmas story told through the voices of our children. We look forward to celebrating with you!



# CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM