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 9:30am 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 Believers Book Club 2025 dates: January 12th, February 9th & March 9th.



9th 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.

New Opportunities to Serve! Pastor Amy is working on forming two committees. A *personnel committee* to work on procedures, staff handbook updates, job descriptions, etc. A *staff support committee* that would work one-on-one with non-pastoral staff to encourage them & give them a place to feel heard. If either of these committees interest you, please talk to Pastor Amy.



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This week at Bethel: December 23 through December 29

Monday-12:00 Staff Meeting, 5:15 Bells Practice
Tuesday-4:00, 6:00, 10:00pm Christmas Eve Services
Wednesday-Building & Office Closed – NO Programming/Service
Thursday-Building & Office Closed
Sunday-10:00 Worship Service w/communion, NO Sunday School

Prayer list for healing:

Larry Hjelmstad	Jay Erickson	Jan Townsend
Brent Phelps	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 Jenson
Roberta Whitehead	Kristin Kellogg	Luckie Bethel
Carol Kratcha		

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

On Sunday, January 19, 2025, there will be only ONE service @ 10am for the installation of Pastor Amy! Please make plans to attend & also bring a dish to share for the potluck to follow!

Christmas Eve Service Times: we hope that you will come back on Tuesday to join us for Christmas Eve. Our service times are 4:00, 6:00 & 10:00. Come & join us as we celebrate the birth of our Lord!



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. 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.

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, 3rd through 12th, 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.

Join us Sunday, December 29th @ **10am for a service of** "Lessons & Laughter". Come ready to experience worship in a new way as we celebrate the joy that is found in Jesus our newborn king! P.S. If you are a creative soul who likes to think outside the box & want to help Pastor Amy with this service, let her know, it promises to be a lot of fun & laughter both in service & in the preparations for it!

Volunteers Needed

**Please sign up on the Volunteer Bulletin Board

**Advent Wreath Lighters are needed for December 24th. 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.

Baptism's 12/21/2024: Raydan Alan Dale Hildebrand

Parents: Brooke Kraft & Sean Hildebrand Sponsors: Megan Kraft, Macy Kraft, Noah Stolz

Lawrence Adolf Motley

Parents: Kaitlin & Caleb Motley

Sponsors: Brooke Kraft, Megan Kraft, Macy Kraft & James Motley

Baptism's today: Benjamin E. Buck

Parents: Patricia & Brad Buck

Sponsors: Bryan Buck, Anne & Kevin Fox Prayer Parents: Steph & Ryan Hoefs

Brody Andrew Buck

Parents: Patricia & Brad Buck

Sponsors: Katie Kohler, Kevin Veile & Bryan Buck

Prayer Parents: Steph & Ryan Hoefs

Barnes R. Buck

Parents: Patricia & Brad Buck

Sponsors: Bryan Buck, Kellie & Blake Buck

Prayer Parents: Steph & Ryan Hoefs