



Bethel Lutheran
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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.

January Noisy Offering will go towards the ELCA Good Gifts program. Last year we sent money to build a well & purchase animals for families around the world. At the Board of Outreach's January meeting, we will vote on what gifts we hope to purchase & will communicate that further with the congregation. We appreciate the generosity of our Bethel Community as we collect this offering to help support important & valuable causes both locally & around the world.

9th Grade Confirmation Students Schedule: February 5, March 5, April 2, April 27 – Confirmation Rehearsal, May 4 – Confirmation

New Opportunity to Serve! Pastor Amy is working on forming a *personnel committee* to work on procedures, staff handbook updates, job descriptions, etc. If this committee interests you, please talk to Pastor Amy.

Ongoing Prayer list:

Larry Hjelmstad	Jan Townsend	JoAnn Klein
Ardeith Richter	Esther Krause	Connie Sletten
Arlo & Janice Kilber	Marcia Pederson	Joan Hardie
Peterson Family	Gwenda Carlson	Sawyer Bertelson
Howard Jenson	Roberta Whitehead	Luckie Bethel

The Board of Lay Ministry is looking for 4-5 kitchen volunteers on Sunday January 19th for the potluck in honor of Pastor Amy's installation. They will help get food organized & help clean up after the potluck. Please contact the church office (642-4472) if you would like to volunteer.

End of the year statements will not be mailed out. Please contact Joyce @ 701-642-4472 or joyce@bethelwahpeton.com if you would like your statement.

Itty Bitty Believers Book Club 2025 dates: February 9th & March 9th

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This week at Bethel: January 13 through January 19

Monday-10:00 Daytime Book Club, 12:00 Staff Meeting, 5:15 Bells Practice, 5:30 Board of Property, 6:00 Cub Scouts

Tuesday-10:30 Bible Study, 12:00 Ministerial, 5:30 Exec Meeting

Wednesday-9:30 Circle 5, 10:00 Wahpeton MOM's, 4:45 Supper Served, 5:30 Wednesday School, Confirmation & 3rd Grade Bible Class, 6:35 Worship

Thursday-9:00 Helping Hands, 12:00 Conference Mtg, 5:30 Planning Council

Sunday-ONE SERVICE @ 10am – Pastor Amy's Installation, 11:00 Coffee Hour, 2:00 Cub Scouts

Prayer list for the week:

Jay Erickson	Brent Phelps	Peterson Family
Sharon Deichert	John C. Carlson	

Please keep the family of Karen Ostgarden in your prayers.

Please keep the Scott (Kayla Rovig) family in your prayers as they grieve the loss of Tony.

Please keep the Kratcha family in your prayers as they grieve the loss of Carol.

If you have any prayer requests, please see an usher & fill out the prayer request form.

Hey kids! Join Lisa in the nurse's office on January 26 for our Second Annual Kids' Animal Meeting! While the grown-ups are busy with their annual meeting, we'll have our own fun time talking about all the exciting things you'd like to do @ church. Don't forget to bring your favorite stuffed animal & get ready for some fun activities & games! We can't wait to see you there!

Mark your calendars! Sunday, January 26th will be the Bethel Annual Meeting. We will have **one** service @ 10:00am with the meeting to follow. After the meeting, everyone is invited for fellowship & a potluck lunch.

Prayer station: *Blessing the Home in Epiphany.* God of light, bless our home. Make it a haven of rest for all in need of your warmth & care. When we go out from this place, may we never lose sight of Christ's light. We mark our door with the symbol of blessing. May all who enter, through the year, find love & light, for Christ has come to dwell in this home & in these hearts. Amen. **20 + C + M + B + 25** (*The numbers represent the year, 2025. The letters represent both the names of the Magi – Caspar, Melchior & Balthasar & also the phrase "Christus Mansionem Benedicat" which is Latin for "May Christ Bless the House."*)

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!

Meeting Notice: Please take note that a vote will be taken @ the Annual Meeting on January 26th @ 10am to decide whether Bethel Lutheran should borrow funds to replace the flat roof sections & upgrade controls on our HVAC system in 2025.

Check 'em out! Pastor Amy's mom, Marian Eisenmann, kindly donated her 2 books to our library! "*Grace for Today Hope for Tomorrow*" & "*Discovering the Call to Ministry in Daily Life*" A special thanks for her kindness!

3rd grade Bible class for 3rd graders & parents will be held January 15th & 22nd @ 5:30 in the Centennial room.

Parent Information Event! Join us on Wed. Jan 29th from 5:30-6:30 in Fellowship Hall. Office Page & Becky DeVries will be presenting information for all adults who want to keep our kids safe. They will present & answer questions you may have regarding things happening in Wahp/Breck & Healthy Relationships. Recent events show that sexual predators do make their way to Wahpeton & surrounding areas. What can we do to protect our children? What are signs of an unhealthy relationship? We can be a village to protect our children! This event is open to the public so invite your family & friends to attend with you.

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.

Bethel water bottles (\$20) & **Bethel t-shirts** (\$15) are available, t-shirts are variety colors/sizes. Contact Lisa for one or both items!



Volunteers Needed

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

****Also, if you** are willing to go & visit shut-ins with Pastor Amy—sign up!

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

****January Discussion & Dessert!** We are doing something different for this Discussion & Dessert. We will be meeting on Thursday, January 30th from 5:30-6:30. The topic for this month will be "***The 4 truths about Long Term Care***". This topic is geared for anyone who is between the ages of 45-70 years of age. This workshop shows attendees how developing a long-term care strategy can help them:

- Preserve Independence
- Protect income & assets
- Reassure family about the future

Thrivent will be providing a meal so please sign up so we can plan accordingly!