



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. **The deadline** to register was January 3rd, if your child is still interested, please reach out to Lisa. You will be put on our list for monthly meetings & fundraising. *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.

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

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

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.

Ongoing Prayer list:

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| 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 | |



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This week at Bethel: January 6 through January 12, 2025

Monday-12:00 Staff Meeting, 5:15 Bells Practice, 5:30 Board of Outreach Meeting

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

Wednesday-4:45 Supper Served, 5:30 Wednesday School, Confirmation & 9th graders, 6:35 Worship

Thursday-9:00 Quilters, 3:00 Helping Hands, 5:30 Staff Social

Sunday-9:00 Traditional Worship, 10:00 Praise Band Practice, 10:00 Coffee Hour, 10:10 Sunday School, 10:10 Itty Bitty Believers Book Club, 11:00 Contemporary Worship

Prayer list for the week:

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

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

Please keep the Kellogg family in your prayers as they grieve the loss of Kristin.

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

TODAY is \$ for Jesus Sunday!

Itty Bitty Believers Book Club 2025 dates: January 12th, February 9th, March 9th

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.

Hey kids! Join Lisa in the nursery 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!

End of the year statements will not be mailed out unless you request your statement to be mailed to you. Please contact Joyce @ 701-642-4472 or joyce@bethelwahpeton.com if you would like your statement printed & mailed to you, printed & you will pick it up in the office or need access to your statement Icon/CMO account.

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."*)



Volunteers Needed

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

****Pastor Amy** is leading nursing home services this week @ the following locations & is looking for someone to come along & help her find her way. If you are interested in coming, please talk to Pastor Amy or sign upon the board...

Tues @ 10:30 – Leach Home Worship Service

Weds @ 9:30 – St Francis Worship Service

Weds @ 10:30 – St Catherine's Worship Service

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

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



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

Your Bethel Staff would like to say a huge "thank you" to all of those of you who volunteered to help during the Advent & Christmas season! We are so blessed to have you as a part of our church family! Thank you, thank you & may God bless & keep you in the New Year!

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.

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.