

Bethany Lutheran Church

January 2024 Newsletter



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Office Hours

Wednesday 6 - 8 p.m

Worship Time

Sunday 10:30 a.m.

7 pm (First Sun of Month)

Sunday School

On hold

Contact Us:

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Upcoming Dates

Sunday, January 7

9 a.m. Immanuel with Communion

10:30 am Ebenezer with Communion

5:00 pm Church Council Meeting

7 p.m. Bethany Worship with Communion

Sunday, January 14

9 a.m. Ebenezer Worship

10:30 am Bethany Worship

1:00 pm Huot Hustler 4-H Club Meeting

4:00 pm RLF Girl Scouts

7 p.m. Immanuel Worship

Sunday, January 21

9 a.m. Immanuel with Communion

10:30 am Bethany with Communion

11:45 am Annual Meeting potluck & meeting

7 p.m. Ebenezer with Communion

Sunday, January 28

9 a.m. Ebenezer Worship

10:30 am Bethany Worship (Allen)

10:30 am Immanuel Worship (Pastor)

4:00 pm Red Lake County 4-H

All groups & committees handling funds or wishing to be included in the Annual Meeting must have financial reports emailed to the office by January 7th.

From Pastor Jonathan

Dear Friends in Christ,

“From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father’s heart, who has made him known.” John 1:16-18

Merry Christmas! Christ has arrived. I pray that this season was full of Peace and Joy for you. I am writing to you on Christmas Day as we each are taking some quiet time. It was amazing being with so many of you yesterday for all three of our Christmas Eve services! God has blessed us tremendously; truly grace upon grace.

I’m taking a break from Christmas Carols because I wanted to make sure to hold up some important events in the coming weeks. Starting with our joint service at Immanuel on December 31st at 10:30am. This is a 5th Sunday and we will have just one service in the one location, Plummer on New Years Eve.

In January we have our individual annual meetings, these are always great opportunities to reflect back and discern forward together as we follow God’s Way.

The annual meetings are:

January 21st

Bethany’s Annual Meeting following worship

Ebenezer’s Annual Meeting *before* evening worship

January 28th

Immanuel’s Annual Meeting following worship

Again Merry Christmas dear friends. Jesus is born, come let us adore Him!

Your in Christ,

Pastor Jonathan

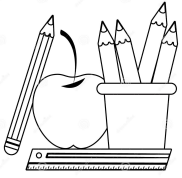


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EDUCATION



Sunday School classes will resume on Jan. 21st with classes being held during the second half of worship service.

Youth Group is open to all 6-12th graders.
They will meet on the following dates:
Wednesday, Jan. 10th

Confirmation classes for 8-9th graders will be
Wednesday, Jan. 3rd
Wednesday, Jan. 17th
Wednesday, Jan. 31st.
6-8:30 p.m.

First Communion classes for Fifth graders will begin **Sunday, Feb. 11, 2024.** Additional information has been sent to individual students via mail.



Sunday School Benevolence:

Thank you to all the generous donors at our Christmas Program Supper, we were able to donate kitchenware and toys to an entire family through the Red Lake County Giving Tree program.



The 2024 ANNUAL MEETING
is scheduled for January 21, 2024.

*All committees and organizations handling funds within the congregation shall submit accounts to the church office at least 14 days prior to the annual meeting, and the treasurer shall include such accounts in her report to the meeting.

NEW Beacon Books and Offering Books

Beacon Books - Every member of Bethany is given the opportunity to share and be a part of the congregational events and other worship services which Bethany offers to its members. These include ushering, lecturing, coffee host, communion assistants, potlucks, etc. 2024 Books will be available for each family in the fellowship hall.



2024 OFFERING BOOKS are also available in the fellowship hall. If you cannot find your name, please stop in the church office.

Direct Deposit Offering

Per congressional request- Automatic contributions are available to set up with Bethany Lutheran. A form is available in the office or via email request to set up weekly/monthly/bi-weekly/or bi-monthly contributions to be automatically withdrawn with your permission. Reach out to the office for more information.



Bethany Prayer Chain

Have a relative or concern that you want prayers for? Just call or email us!

PRAYER BLANKETS are blessed with prayers for healing and comfort, which are believed to hold those who receive them in prayer. Contact the office if you would like one.

1	Bobbi	Narlock	15	Chad	Larson
4	Marion	Bjorgan	17	Aiden	Hovland
4	Berkleigh	Largis	18	Olivia	Doyle
5	Mike	Lacina	18	Anthony	Knutson
8	Emily	Johnson	18	Daphne	Harmoning
8	Shandi	Nelson	19	Vicki	Guillemette
9	Elliot	Kuznia	19	Dano	Stephens
10	Halle	Seeger	22	Pam	Hopperstad
10	Gemma	Hovland	22	Jessica	Roff
11	William	Duden	24	Lorraine	Miller
11	Ethan	Johnson	28	Austin	Klipping
15	Debra	Piche	31	Dawn	Swenson

Happy Birthday



Blood Drive!

January 11-12, 2024
At Bethany Lutheran

Weekly Bible Studies

- The **Men's Group** meets for Breakfast and Fellowship on Thursdays, 9 a.m. at Memories. All men of various faiths are welcome to attend.
- **Women's Bible study** meets every Wednesday morning at 9 a.m. All women are invited to attend.

Where Are You, BETHANY

What does "church" mean to you?

For many people, the idea of "church" comes with a lot of baggage - and for good reason. Believe it or not, we've also been hurt by so-called "church people." We've wrestled with our faith. And we've felt anger when we've seen people hurt, excluded, or marginalized in the name of Jesus. But we're not here to "fix" church.

We're here to go back to the basics of what Jesus calls us to be. A vibrant, diverse community of people committed to following Jesus together. We're not perfect, and we don't have all the answers. Still, we answer the call to gather together online and at in-person Watch Parties to worship God, learn from His Word, and support each other on life's journey.

Find Community.

Even Jesus didn't go through life alone. We're here to help you find your people. Join a congregational committee, WELCA, Men's Group or Lighthouse.

Find Purpose.

Answer God's call to co-create a more just, peaceful, and joyful world. Join the Congregational Council- new terms begin in February.

Find Jesus.

Discover the real Jesus - his heart, his story, and his invitation to true life. Attend weekly bible studies or teach a Sunday School Class.

Try something new.

Can't find something you're interested in or wishing to start a new group? Reach out to the office to get started today.

We Are Bethany

Wherever you are on life's journey, you shouldn't have to go it alone. Even if your journey has taken you away from the Church, we're here to walk with you as we find our way together.

Come as you are, and you'll be welcomed with open arms.

By us, and - more importantly - by Jesus.

Annual Meeting

The 2024 Annual Meeting

for

Bethany Lutheran Church

Will be held

January 21, 2023

At 12:00 p.m.

*Meeting to follow a potluck lunch that will
be served immediately after worship.*

