



BETHLEHEM
LUTHERAN
CHURCH

BETHLEHEM NEWS DECEMBER 2024

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BETHLEHEM'S MISSION...

"To share the Living Water of Jesus Christ with all who thirst."

WORSHIP

5:00 p.m. Saturday - Traditional
8:00 a.m. Sunday - Traditional
10:30 a.m. Sunday - Contemporary at BCMC

HOLY COMMUNION - 1st & 3rd Sundays

FELLOWSHIP TIME - 9:10 a.m.

SUNDAY SCHOOL - 9:15 a.m.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY - 9:30 a.m.

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PASTOR'S MESSAGE - December, 2024

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Grace to you and peace from God our heavenly Father and His son Jesus Christ.

The Evangelist Luke writes:

And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with great fear. And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying,

"Glory to God in the highest,

and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!

Luke 2:8-14

Behold! The angel said, behold! The angel was impressing heavily upon the shepherds to come and look closely because the Messiah was born. Come look and see, this thing of great importance, the Savior. We also are urged to behold, look closely this Christmas for the coming of our Savior, Christ the Lord. What signs do we behold pointing the way to the baby wrapped in swaddling cloths, lying in a manger?

During this Advent and Christmas season, in worship we will be focusing our attention by looking into what Christmas really means and what it accomplished, in a sermon series titled "Looking Closely at Christmas."

Each week we will explore a "Behold" of prophecy and fulfillment of Christ's coming. Individual focuses are:

12/1 "Behold: My Promise" - Jeremiah 33:14-16

12/8 "Behold: My Messenger" - Malachi 3: 1-7

12/15 "Behold: My Restoration" - Zephaniah 3:14-20

12/22 "Behold: My Fulfillment" - Luke 1:39-45

Christmas Eve "Behold: My Son" - Luke 2:1-14

Christmas Day "Behold: Grace and Truth" - John 1:1-14

I encourage you to make a special effort to worship together this Advent and Christmas season as we look closely at Christmas.

God's Christmas Blessings to You,

Pastor Joe Glombicki

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VERSE OF THE MONTH FOR DECEMBER John 1:14

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

🎄 Christmas Eve Worship

Tuesday, December 24, 4:00 pm at Bethlehem

Tuesday, December 24, 9:00 pm at Bethlehem

🎄 Christmas Day Worship

Wednesday, December 25, 10:00 am at Bethlehem

VOTERS' MEETING

A voters' meeting will be held Sunday, December 1 at 9:30 am in the Bethlehem fellowship hall. The purpose is to approve the 2025 proposed budget.

ELDERS' UPDATE

By Lynn Petersen

To the fellow members of Bethlehem

I would like to introduce the current members of the Board of Elders: James Dawson, Robert Kaup, Dale Ihssen, Will Koeppl and Lynn Petersen. The Board of Elders met with Pastor Glombicki during November. We had positive discussion on possible activities for Bethlehem Lutheran Church. One topic was "how to get Bethlehem members back after being inactive from us for a while." The Board and Pastor also discussed the 61st Northern Illinois Convention at Concordia River Forest on March 7-8th, 2025. Pastor and a voting lay delegate will attend the convention.

However, the Board is still down members, so we will need to update the Bethlehem directory and reassign member families. We ask your patience during this process. If you have a concern for yourself, family, or a fellow member, please reach out to any of the Board members or me for a visit.

Respectfully,

Lynn Petersen

OFFERINGS FOR NOVEMBER

Date	General	Other	Total
11/3/2024	\$4,581.38	\$ 261.00	\$4,842.38
11/10/2024	\$5,262.19	\$ 450.00	\$5,712.19
11/17/2024	\$2,961.19	\$ 425.00	\$3,386.19
11/24/2024	\$3,960.19	\$1,125.95	\$5,086.14

2025 CHURCH COUNCIL BOARD UPDATE

SCHEDULE

January: Chairman	February: Treasurer
March: Trustees	April: Elders
May: Financial Secretary	June: Education
July: Deacons	August: Trustees
September: Treasurer	October: Education
November: Financial Secretary	December: Elders

🎵 CHOIR - SINGERS WANTED 🎵

The Senior Choir is looking for singers. If you are interested in singing with the choir, please contact Mary Pieper or Nancy Petersen.

Choir will be practicing each Thursday in December at 10:00 am. All are welcome!

BETHLEHEM CHRISTMAS CONCERT

The Bethlehem Christmas concert is scheduled for 4:00 PM Sunday, December 8. It will feature performances by the Bethlehem choir, the Sunday School children, the Bethlehem praise band, and others.

Please bring along family and friends!

SUNDAY SCHOOL UPDATE

By Karen Lawson

We hope you enjoy the pics of the children building their Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes. They had a lot of fun building 35 boxes that will soon be headed to a far away country and placed into the hands of young children in time for Christmas. Thank you again for everyone's support of the OCC program. The Sunday School children and teachers wish everyone a Blessed Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year!



😊 WOMEN'S FRIENDSHIP GROUP

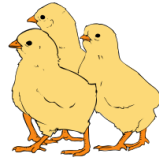
All are welcome! Mondays at 10:00 am in the Fellowship Hall.

HELPING HAND MINISTRY

Helping Hand Ministry at Bethlehem is accepting donations of used medical equipment for our lending closet. We are looking for wheelchairs, walkers, crutches and other mobility aids. We will also accept other medical supplies.

This lending closet will serve our area and offer people free rentals of the medical equipment they need. This is a great community outreach for Bethlehem.

Please contact the church office if you have any donations or want more information.



LUTHERAN CHICKS BIBLE STUDY

We continue our Bible study "Spiritual Gifts." This study looks at spiritual gifts and how to use them. We will only meet one time in December on Tuesday the 10th from 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm in the library. All ladies are welcome. If you have any questions, please contact Deb Hopp by phone/text 224-247-9427.

PILATES "Let's Get Moving"

Classes are offered every Friday at 9:00 am in the Fellowship Hall. Please arrive 15 minutes early and bring water. We'll be meeting on December 13, 20, and 27. Everyone is welcome! Experience the fun of exercise and good health! Questions? Linda Bryant 630-338-6515

HAPPY BIRTHDAY - December

12/1 Mike Albach	12/21 Jeremy Pate
12/2 Kate Skibley	12/21 Paul Schif
12/2 Sue Wilbrandt	12/22 Bev Ides
12/10 Marilyn Meyer	12/23 Tami Kraus
12/10 Laura Robinson	12/24 David Isles
12/16 Dan Lee	12/25 Daniel Schmerber
12/18 Erich Korosec	12/27 Haley Schaffer
12/18 Marcus Robinson	12/27 Caitlin Strong
12/19 Hunter Grimoldby	12/28 Sofia Wilbrandt
12/19 McKenzie Grimoldby	12/30 Edith Brink
12/20 Bob Kaup	12/31 Penny Christiansen

CALLED HOME

Norman A. Schilf, March 11, 1930-November 23, 2024
<https://memorials.millerfuneralhomedundee.com/norman-schilf/5517038/index.php>

DECEMBER MISSION OF THE MONTH

COMMUNITY CRISIS CENTER



Since 1975 the Crisis Center (CCC), a nonprofit social service agency located in Elgin, has provided emergency services to individuals and families dealing with the trauma of domestic/sexual violence, homelessness, and other life crises. Available 24/7, services include: emergency shelter for women and children, 24-hour crisis hotline, financial assistance, individual and group counseling, court and hospital advocacy, a children's program, abuser treatment program, emergency food and personal care items pantry, community education, and information and referrals for other services. Services are cost-free to victims and unduplicated within their service area which includes Northern Kane and far NW suburban Cook Counties.

During the past year, CCC provided service to a total of 3,201 clients — via hotline, walk-in or shelter. They have provided 22,501 emergency meals to 624 households, 87 families received holiday food baskets, 631 winter coats went to 217 families. In addition, they provided shelter to many people for different reasons: 33 adults along with 10 children spent 903 nights in the shelter due to homelessness; 155 adults and 78 children spent 4,088 nights in the shelter fleeing domestic violence; and 154 families received rental and utility assistance to prevent homelessness.

Dickens in Dundee

IS COMING! ❄️

Please join us here at Bethlehem for our celebration of Dickens in Dundee on Saturday, December 7.

Our doors open at 9:00 am with a bake sale and bazaar, featuring home baked goodies and handmade specialty items. The sales will continue until 3:00 pm.

At 10:30 am we will offer a homemade soup and sandwiches luncheon to benefit the Carpentersville FISH Food Pantry. The luncheon will run until 1:30 pm.

The Dundee Historical Society will also host their annual "Dickens of a Sale" from 9:00 am-3:00 pm in the Sunday School room. All things Christmas will be sold to benefit the Historical Society.

Please plan on joining us for a fun-filled day...and invite a friend or two!

If any questions arise, let us know by contacting by phone or text Dorothy Pigors at 224-489-3000, Denise Korosec 847-828-0391 or Cindy Weinert 847-217-5674.

DICKENS DROP OFF TIMES

If you have baked goods for the Dickens in Dundee Bake Sale or craft items for the Bazaar, please drop off items at church during the following times:

Thursday, Dec. 5: 9:00 am-6:00 pm (*baked goods*)

Friday, Dec. 6: noon-6:00 pm (*baked goods*)

Volunteers are much appreciated!

If you have any questions, contact Martha Lehman at 847-476-9935.

LWML CHRISTMAS PARTY & BINGO

All women are cordially invited to the Lutheran Women's Missionary League Christmas party with bingo on Thursday, December 12 at noon. Bring a white elephant prize for bingo. Please sign up on the sign-up sheet in the Mothers' Room, or the sheet at BCMC.

GIVING TREES ARE UP!

Our "Giving Trees" are up with names and gift suggestions. The gifts go to the residents at Association for Individual Development (AID) – an organization which provides services to individuals who have developmental, physical and/or mental disabilities and those who have suffered a trauma or those at risk. Some of these residents have no family. These are merely suggestions. You can purchase just one of the items or as many as you choose. If you are unable to shop and still would like to participate, please let me know and I would be happy to shop for you.

If you take a card, sign your name on the sheet so we know who has that name. Thank you so much for your generosity, it is greatly appreciated. The gifts are due back Sunday, December 8, and should NOT be wrapped. If you would like to donate wrapping paper they will gladly accept that. Questions? Contact Debbie Smith at 630-939-3731 or debbiesm@aol.com

THANK YOU TO BETHLEHEM

Dear Bethlehem. We received this Good News letter from Lutheran Church Charities thanking us for our support, prayers and service for the Clendenin Family as they moved into the hospitality house in Carpentersville over the summer. Many of you donated time and money to help get their new home ready for the family as the father recovered from a severe illness. The letter is below. Please consider sending a card to the family wishing them well. Thank you - Karen Lawson

Thank you for all your help and support in preparing the hospitality house for the Clendenin family. Because of your prayers, service and support Paige and her 5 children were able to move into a fully furnished home in July. For the children (aging from 1 to 21) moving to a new house after living in hotel accommodations for four months was a big and welcomed adjustment. After a week of settling in their stress levels were greatly diminished. However, for Paige the stress continued because she now had to adapt to a two-hour trip to and from the hospital 3 days a week.

After eight months of being in the hospital and 4 additional surgeries, I am excited to share with you the good news that God has answered our prayers. David will be joining his family for the holidays.

Continue to praise the Lord for answered prayers and for the blessings He still has for the Clendenin family and for the Hospitality Ministry of Faith. On Monday, Nov. 18th David will be discharged and able to join his family at the Hospitality House at Faith Carpentersville. Monday, David will be discharged from Shirley Ryan Rehab. This is likely to take an hour or more after which David will be taken by wheelchair, two blocks away to Northwestern Memorial Hospital where he and Paige will be attending some special training classes for four to six hours.

Monday is likely to be a long exhausting day, especially since David and Paige may not be picked up until late in the afternoon or early evening by their daughter Brooklyn and the kids. Due to the long exhausting day and not knowing just when the training will end and the fact that David's immune system is compromised, the welcome home celebration will be scaled down to just the immediate family.

In place of people visiting or phone calls, we encourage you to send words of welcome via text messages, emails, or cards sent through the postal system. Below are listed the various means of contacting the family.

David's Text # 618-262-3773

David and Paige's Email: pmcdlc@gmail.com

Mailing Address: 2501 Helm Rd

Carpentersville, IL 60110

Thank you all for your prayers, support and Christian service you have provided for this family.

The LCC Human Care Team

KEY UPCOMING CHRISTMAS RELATED DATES

Christmas Concert Sunday, December 8 at 4 pm

Christmas Eve Service Tuesday, December 24, at 4 pm & 9 pm

Christmas Day Service Wednesday, December 24, at 10 am