



BETHLEHEM
LUTHERAN
CHURCH

BETHLEHEM NEWS JANUARY 2025

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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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VOTERS' MEETING

Special Congregation Voters Meeting on January 12th at 12:00 pm in the fellowship hall. The Call Committee would like to bring a candidate's name forth to fill the open Pastoral Office to the Congregation.

CALL PROCESS UPDATE

By Matthew Schmidt - Council Chairman

Please join us on January 12th at 12:00 pm in the fellowship hall to vote on extending a call to a potential new Shepherd that the Call Committee will be bringing forward. This has been a long-awaited journey, but we should all be proud of the work that the Call Committee has been doing over the past 16 months. The committee has met at least once a month over the past year working through the call process. During this time, we kept reminding each other that God had already picked out Bethlehem's new Shepherd and it was our job to listen to him. The Call Committee feels like this candidate meets the 5 key characteristics that the congregation set some 16 months ago. As a reminder, the official duty of the Call Committee is to recommend a well vetted candidate for the congregation to officially extend a call. It will be up to the congregation to make the decision on who to call.

Please continue to keep the Call Committee members and process in your prayers. It is the Holy Spirit that is guiding the process and timelines.

PASTOR'S MESSAGE - January, 2025

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

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

The Lord says through the prophet Isaiah:

Behold, I am doing a new thing;

now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?

I will make a way in the wilderness

and rivers in the desert.

Isaiah 43:19

As we make our way into the new year, let us be reminded that God is a God of new things. He makes all things new. When Adam and Eve sinned, the whole world was cursed. Nothing on the earth was the same after the fall. All offspring of Adam and Eve are sinners through them, you and me. But God being the God of new, promised to put a new spirit within us, to remove our hearts of stone and give us a heart of flesh. His New Covenant in the blood of His son, made the way possible for us to be renewed.

And now, as a new creation in Christ, we live our lives out in this new year patiently waiting for Christ to return and create His new heavens and new earth for you and me.

As we wait in anticipation of the return of Christ, may we do as the Psalmist writes:

“Oh, sing to the Lord a new song,

for he has done marvelous things!

His right hand and his holy arm

have worked salvation for him.” Psalm 98:1

May the God of the new year, fill your new year with his peace, mercy, and grace!

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VERSE OF THE MONTH FOR JANUARY Psalm 96:8

Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name;

bring an offering, and come into his courts!

OFFERINGS FOR DECEMBER

Date	General	Other	Total
12/1/2024	\$9,872.19	\$1,267.45	\$11,139.64
12/8/2024	\$5,921.19	\$7,071.00	\$12,992.19
12/15/2024	\$3,465.19	\$ 210.00	\$ 3,675.19
12/22/2024	\$7,510.19	\$1,540.00	\$ 9,050.19
12/29/2024	\$3,005.19	\$ 150.00	\$ 3,155.19

Your giving envelopes for 2025 can be picked up in the Mother's Room in BLC. Giving statements for 2024 will be available later in the month.

CHURCH COUNCIL UPDATE

By Matthew Schmidt - Council Chairman

The church had some wonderful events in December, and I would personally like to thank everyone for organizing and making the Church look beautiful. The season started off with a wonderful luncheon and bazaar during the Dickens in Dundee celebration. Our Bethlehem Christmas concert was a huge success. Our Choir, Sunday School children, and the band's performance was amazing. Huge thanks to all of our musicians to make this a wonderful concert. Not to be outdone, we went into Jesus's birthday celebration with a performance from our Sunday School children. They acted out the story of Jesus' birth. It was AMAZING. We are already talking about bringing this event back and having it in the sanctuary next year. With all these great events going on, the congregation held our bi-annual meeting to approve the 2025 budget. We know that this isn't the most exciting thing to discuss, but it is extremely important that everyone knows our current financial health and upcoming expenses.

We pray for a happy and healthy New Year but more importantly, we pray that each one of us grows closer in their relationship with God in 2025.

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 rehearses Thursdays 9:30 am. All are welcome!

SUNDAY SCHOOL UPDATE

By Karen Lawson

Happy New Year! The Sunday School children and teachers want to thank you all again for your love and support in 2024 and we look forward to sharing our Love for Jesus with all of you in 2025. We just received word of where our (35) Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes were sent!...**Eswatini** in Southern Africa, **Suriname** on the Northeast Coast of South America, **Malawi** in Southeastern Africa and **Guyana** in South America. We are so happy that children in these far away countries were able to receive some joy this Christmas and feel the love of Jesus!

Lastly, the children performed the Christmas Story - Birth of Jesus for the 9:30 am Bible Study Class on December 22. The children really enjoyed dressing up, performing, and sharing the true meaning of Christmas with all of you. 😊 Happy New Year and God's Blessings to everyone.

😊 WOMEN'S FRIENDSHIP GROUP

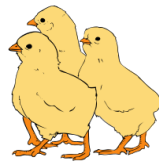
All are welcome! Mondays at 10:00 am in the Fellowship Hall.

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.

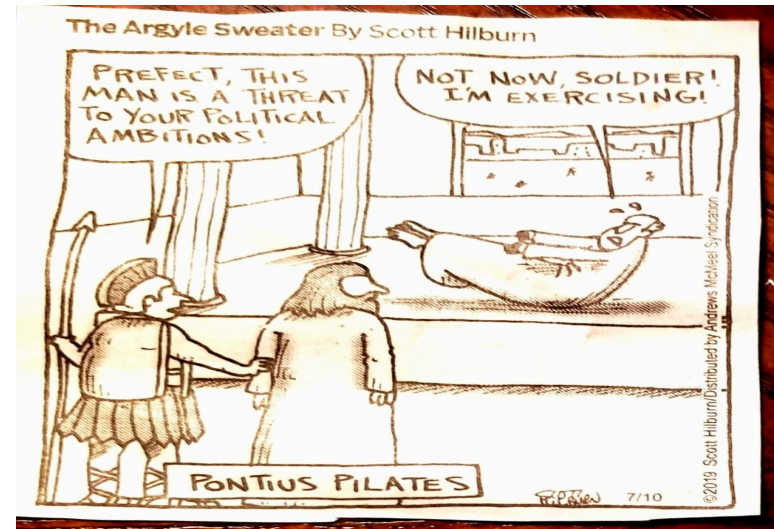


LUTHERAN CHICKS BIBLE STUDY

We continue our Bible study "Spiritual Gifts." This study looks at spiritual gifts and how to use them. We meet from 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month. In January we will meet on January 14th and 28th. 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. Everyone is welcome! Experience the fun of exercise and good health! Questions? Linda Bryant 630-338-6515



BETHLEHEM CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

A HUGE HEARTFELT THANK YOU!! to everyone who worked on the 2024 Christmas Bazaar. Denise, Cindy and I would like to thank all those who worked hard on the many fantastic hand made items we had for sale. We even had to add an extra table this year to display all the beautifully crafted items. Thank you to everyone who came to help with the pricing and displaying everything so beautifully. Thank you to those that helped with the very successful sale on Saturday. And also thank you to those who came on Monday to help us dismantle everything and pack away things saved for our next bazaar in December 2025. With best wishes for a Happy New Year!

- Dorothy, Denise and Cindy

HAPPY BIRTHDAY - January 🎂

1/1	Audrey Bockenbauer	1/11	Lois Schmerber
1/1	Dave Davitz	1/12	Brendan Hopp
1/2	Carol Kalanges	1/17	Ginny Baker
1/2	Becky Korosec	1/18	Scott Lehman
1/4	Kris Sakowicz	1/19	Stephanie Grimoldby
1/5	Rita Ingo	1/23	Rich Maliszewski
1/8	Ken Gullickson	1/28	Logan Goskowicz
1/8	Betty Jo Hoebbel	1/28	Alan Kois
1/10	Ty Ingo		

❤️ HAPPY ANNIVERSARY ❤️

1/25/2003	Rich & Kris Maliszewski	22 years
1/28/2012	Andy & Margaret Skibley	13 years

JANUARY MISSION OF THE MONTH



(Public Action to Deliver Shelter)

PADS provides safe shelter, support services, and advocacy to homeless individuals in Northern Kane County and Hanover Township.

At PADS, they meet the basic needs of homeless individuals first. They first provide a safe place to sleep, meals, showers, laundry facilities and personal hygiene products.

PADS offers 24/7 shelter for men, women, and children 365 days a year. They offer day shelter, lunch, and every evening operate a safe overnight shelter which provides an evening meal and breakfast. They also have shower and laundry facilities and a clothing closet.

Comprehensive case management services are also provided that assist with finding employment, financial planning, and if necessary, referrals to mental health or substance abuse counseling. Action plans are tailored to each individual.

Homeless doesn't have to mean Hopeless.

To donate, please mark your donation on your giving envelope.

~ H.I.S. "Hearts in Service" Ministry/Missions