

News & Notes

*Connecting People to Christ the Vine
And Keeping them Connected*

Bethany's Purpose Statement—The Church's mission is to build herself up in faith and love, connecting more and more of fallen humanity to Christ, to the praise and glory of God, by and for the transmission of the forgiveness of sins, life and salvation through the Holy Gospel and sacraments of Christ and to keep her members connected to Christ through the same.



Welcome November 29, 2009 The First Sunday in Advent

On behalf of the family of Bethany Lutheran Church & School, we welcome our members and especially our guests and visitors in the name of Jesus Christ, our Risen Savior. If you are a visitor to Bethany, we ask you to fill out the yellow guest registration card in the pew rack. **We also invite our visitors to stop by our welcome center** in the Narthex for an information packet about our church.

Voters Assembly Meeting is Next Sunday, Dec. 6

Our regular quarterly meeting of the Voters Assembly is set for next Sunday, December 6 at 1 p.m. A light lunch will be provided for voters who attend the 11:15 a.m. service. Others may begin the registration process at 12:30 p.m. Childcare will be provided. The agenda and information packets for the meeting are available in the Narthex this weekend and the Special Orders for this meeting include election of officers and board members along with re-affirmation of elders. Those being considered for office and board positions are posted in the Narthex. All confirmed members of Bethany age 14 and older are eligible to become members of the Voters Assembly. To become a voter, it is necessary to attend one meeting where you sign your intent and sign our Constitution and Bylaws. You are then able to vote at the next meeting you attend within one year of signing your intent. To maintain your voting status, you must attend at least one meeting per year. Our quorum number is 36

Advent Series: Meditation in a Busy World

God's Word is precious and life-giving. We pray that we may "read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest it." In other words we need to meditate on God's Word, pondering the depths of even single passages. One way we do that is to remember the texts of what we sing at church. We often remember what we sing better than what we read. Each week during our Advent Mid-week Services, we will focus on how we can meditate on God's Word.

The Six Chief Duties of the Church

Drawn from Scripture and Recorded in C.F.W. Walther's Book: *The Proper Form of the Christian Congregation*

Duty 1 - See to it that the Word of God Dwells Richly in your Midst (Colossians 3:16)

Duty 2 - Keep the Gospel Pure and Practice Church Discipline (Romans 16:17)

Duty 3 - Look after the Temporal Needs of the Church Members (Galatians 6:10)

Duty 4 - Do all Things in Good Order (I Corinthians 14:33)

Duty 5 - Band Together with Other Right Teaching Churches (Synod) (Ephesians 4:3)

Duty 6 - Expand the Kingdom of Christ (Missions and Evangelism) (Amos 6:6)

***Advent Devotional Booklets
are available today.***

Calendar

DATE	TIME	DESCRIPTION
Sunday 11/29	7:45AM 9:00 10:15 11:15	Matins no/communion Divine Service w/communion Sunday School, High School, Adult, Catechumenate Classes Matins no/communion
Monday 11/30	9:00 to 10:30AM 3:35 to 4:30PM 6:45 to 8:00	Counters (Harris Team) - Conf Rm Vocal Ensemble—Sanctuary Praises Ring—Sanctuary
Tuesday 12/01	6:30 to 8:00PM 6:30 to 8:00 8:00 to 9:00	7th/8th Grade Confirmation ROCK Study Group—Library Lutheran Confessions—Conf Rm
Wednesday 12/02	8:50AM 9:45 to 11:00 3:35 to 4:30PM 7:15	BLS—Chapel—Sanctuary Wednesday Morning Bible Study—Conf Rm Schola—Sanctuary Advent Vespers—Sanctuary
Thursday 12/03	9:00 to 12:00PM 6:30 to 8:00 7:15 to 8:35	Bethany Ladies Guild—Nursery 6th Grade Confirmation Proclaim
Friday 12/04	9:00 to 11:00AM 6:00 to 7:30PM 7:30 to 9:00	Women's Lifelight Bible Study Koinonia Event—PAC Oasis Event—PAC
Saturday 12/05	9:00 to 10:00AM 5:00PM	Market Day—PAC Service of the Word no/communion
Sunday 12/06	7:45AM 9:00 10:15 11:15 1:00PM	Divine Service w/communion Service of the Word no/communion Sunday School, High School, Adult Classes, Catechumenate Divine Service w/communion Voters Assembly—Sanctuary

Bethany Summaries

Date	Attendance	Unified Offering	Budgeted Contributions
10/25	503	\$11,774	\$18,813
11/01	568	\$14,632	\$18,572
11/08	496	\$14,557	\$18,572
11/15	576	\$11,873	\$18,572
11/22	620	\$12,649	\$18,572

Monthly Simply Giving Auto Withdrawal Receipts—\$3,353 (not included in above).

Christ Lutheran Academy High School



Upcoming Event December 11

You're invited to: **"A Knight Before Christmas"** on December 11. Join us for a festive evening with refreshments, live auction, raffle baskets, cookie contest and vendors offering ideas for holiday gift giving at St. Luke's Lutheran Church, Montgomery, 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. with admission of \$10 at the door or see Chuck Guebert. Come support Lutheran education.

CLA is 20 minutes from Bethany—23756 W 127th St. Plainfield, IL.
815-487-4140. www.CLA-Plainfield.org.

It's Time to Order Poinsettias!



If you would like to order a red and/or white poinsettia to decorate the chancel this Christmas, please sign your name to the sheet at the flower chart in the narthex. The cost is \$10 per poinsettia and envelopes are available for payment. The deadline to order is Sunday, December 6. You may take your poinsettia home after church on Christmas Day.

Lutheran Annual is a Great Resource

Each year the LCMS publishes an Annual that lists all churches, schools, rostered workers, service organizations and more. Bethany will place an order for the Lutheran Annual on December 1. If you would like to order a copy for \$17, please contact Donna Linnemeyer in the church office at 630-355-2198 or dlinnemeyer@bethanylcs.org.

In Our Prayers (as of 11/26/09)



All of our Members, especially: Louise Bolt, cancer treatments; **Mike Broggi**, continued recovery from back injury; **Greg Buck**, chemo treatments; **Mari Gundersen**, ill health; **John Jaworski**, recovery from surgery; **Marissa Josupait**, awaiting bone transplant for right knee; **Eleanor Kerth**, cancer; **Art Neumann**, recovery from infection; **Nadine Payne**, ill health; **Saige Pilgrim**, medical tests; **Beth Purpur**, ill health; **Bill Schoen**, ill health; **Elmer Tonne**, hospitalized at Edward; **Ray and Peg Van Ham**, ill health; **Ed Warner**, ill health. (*please renew/update prayer requests after four weeks*)

All of our Family Members & Friends, especially: **Sandy Anderson**, (friend of Glenn Sonlitter) cancer treatments; **Katie Beres**, (niece of Brian/Sheril Hagie) cancer/chemo treatments; **Linda Bradehoit**, (friend of the Cummuta/Bolt Families) cancer; **Suzanne Brandenburg & Laura Parker** (sisters/friends of the Pilgrim family) fighting breast cancer; **Anne Broggi**, (mother of Mike Broggi) hospice care; **Lori Crivolio**, (sister of Brian Niccolai) recovery from surgery; **Terry Gallagher**, (friend of David Brouch) cancer/chemo treatments; **Dale Gustafson**, (former member) for successful surgery and healing; **Shirley Pedigo**, (mother of Clinton Pedigo) recovery from heart surgery; **Chuck Roubal**, (brother-in-law of Kim Vertuno) recovery from hip replacement surgery; **Joseph Stang**, (son-in-law of Gert Braun) recovery from cancer surgery; **Adam Vanderwiell**, (15 year old nephew of Dave/Sue Sreniawski) medical tests; **Peter Williams**, (cousin of Mariana Cassell) brain and spinal tumors. (*please renew/update prayer requests after two weeks*).

Prayers for **Maria Simpson and Family** at the death of her uncle, **Roy Sansano** on November 18.

Military Prayers

All men and women serving in the military, especially **Nathan Awis, Sean Benson, Kurt Bevente, Clint Burnell, Sean Haggerty, Luke Harms, Jim Heim, Matthew Hinze, Peter Johnson, Michael Kato, Jeremy Klinger, Jim Kolzow, Joe Krefft, Matt Nelson, Jason Skeen, Nicholas Camm Williams, Joshua Zyskowski**.

Prayer Chain Requests: Please call Sheri Luhrs at 630-637-3877.

Worship At Bethany

Does Bethany offer contemporary worship? Does Bethany have traditional services? Worship at Bethany is both - and neither. Like many parishes, Bethany seeks to unite God's family in worship that rises above stylistic preferences.

Christian worship begins with the crucified Christ, who comes to us in Word and Sacrament. He brings to the people of God forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation. We in turn extol these gifts with joyful thanksgiving and praise, proclaiming the story of God's love through His Word. This celebration is done in concert with the Church throughout the world, and finds its expression in the liturgy. Lutheran worship is therefore traditional in that it is part of the timeless culture of the Church, and contemporary in that it communicates the Gospel in ways that are appropriate to a given place and time. Since worship is the vocation of all baptized Christians, Lutheran liturgy calls for all individuals to do their parts, that faith may be increased among all who worship, and that Christ may be most strongly confessed before the world.

Providing worship that achieves these noble ends is the responsibility of any Christian congregation. Continuing in the tradition of the evangelical Lutheran communion, the Divine Service at Bethany seeks therefore to involve all who gather in the name of the Lord in the proclaiming, confessing, singing, and praying of God's Word.

Sunday School



What we're learning in Sunday School this morning, November 29. Today's Sunday School lesson is the foretelling of the birth of John the Baptist (Luke 1:5-25).

The children learned that God in His mercy promised to send John to prepare sinful people for the coming of the Lord. God in His Word calls us (sinful people) to repentance, declaring us righteous because of His Son Jesus. You may wish to discuss with your children the story they learned and then talk about times when you doubted God's Word and how because of Jesus, God forgives our doubts, granting us faith to believe through the power of the Holy Spirit.



Bethany's Sunday School Christmas Program

Our Sunday School Christmas Programs will be on **Sunday December 13**. 1st grade through grade 8 will have their program at 3:00 p.m. and preschool through kindergarten will have their program at 10:30 a.m. during Sunday School time. Both programs will be in the sanctuary. Rehearsal for the 1st-8th grade program will be Saturday, December 12 (9 to 10:30 a.m.).

Bible Study Page

Parish Education Opportunities

“They devoted themselves to the apostles teaching.” Acts 2:42

All Sunday Classes begin at 10:15 a.m.

Join us today for the following Sunday Classes

Sunday School—Patty Pedigo, SS Superintendent

All children from age 2 (2 year-olds must attend with a parent) through grade 8 are invited to Sunday School at Bethany. The classes take place in our school wing and the grade levels are marked on the doorways. No pre-registration is necessary but if you have questions, feel free to stop in the church office at 10:15 a.m.

High School Bible Study

High School Bible Study classes led by Bethany Elder and parent, Brad Perry, meet in the Library.

Feature Sunday Morning Adult Bible Study Class

This week we continue the study of Ephesians

Join us during November and December as we study the book of Ephesians. This study will take us to the heights of heaven with the glorious prayers of Paul in the opening chapters and also bring us down to earth with advice on how to care for our spouses, discipline our children and wear the armor of God in spiritual warfare. It is both an eloquent book and a simple one. The overarching theme is the unity of the church, something that God has blessed us with richly here at Bethany. Our study of Ephesians will show us how to continue to live in the God-given unity of faith and baptism.

Sunday Morning Adult Catechumenate Class

Regular Members Get a “Twofer” at

The Catechumenate

A twofer is when you get two for the price of one or accomplish two objectives with one action. When you attend the Catechumenate you will gain/accomplish these two things: You will receive the blessing of reviewing the Small Catechism. As an adult you will learn to truly appreciate the Catechism and begin to use it in your daily life.

You are a blessing to the Catechumens. They are new to Bethany and your presence at the Catechumenate makes them feel more of a part of Bethany from the very beginning.

Join us in the Conference Room!

Weekday Bible Classes

Tuesday Evening Teachings of the Lutheran Church

Pastor Rossow’s class on the Teachings of the Lutheran Church and the Scriptures meets each Tuesday at 8 p.m.

Wednesday Morning Bible Study

This class is a repeat of the Sunday morning feature class and meets at 9:45 a.m.

Wednesday Evening Bible Study

Wednesday Evening Bible Study has two branches. **Both branches are taking time off for the holidays and will start up again on Wednesday, January 6.** For more information call Sandy Wischmeyer (home group) or Pam Mueller (coffee shop group) 630-355-2198. This year we are studying the Bible readings that are assigned for the worship services for the coming weeks. Join us!

LifeLight for Women

The Friday morning Ladies LifeLight group is studying the LifeLight Foundations study of Baptism Books (\$10.00) are in the church office. This is an in-depth topical study of what the Bible teaches about Baptism from Genesis to Revelation. 20 women regularly attend this Friday morning (9-11 a.m.) study and we would love to have more! Come join us! Contact Karen Perry for more info (630-904-1043, ksperry@wowway.com).

Saturday Men’s Bible Breakfast

Pastor Schumacher teaches a Bible Study the 1st and 3rd Saturday of each month in the multi-purpose room at 7:30 a.m. for men of all ages. On a typical Saturday, about eleven or so men gather for coffee, doughnuts, prayer and study. Men from their early 30’s to 80’s meet to grow in Christ and to build each other up. We are currently studying Luther’s *A Simple Way to Pray*. New members are warmly welcomed!

LWML Bible Study

LWML Bible Study will once again be meeting on the third Monday of each month. However, we will not meet in December, **but will resume on Monday, January 18 at a new time—9:30 a.m.** We hope to see you there.

Evangelism and Assimilation

“And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved” Acts 2:47

Are You Interested in Joining Bethany?

If you are, there are two paths to membership. If you are not a confirmed Lutheran, then you would join by coming to the catechumenate. In the Catechumenate you will learn what it is to be a Lutheran by joining with others and studying the Catechism and the Bible. If you desire to join the Catechumenate, contact Pastor Schumacher to schedule an appointment so he may get to know you before the first catechism class which begins January 3. If you are already a Lutheran, you will join by transfer or by reaffirmation of faith*. If you are desiring to join by transfer or reaffirmation of faith, please fill out the membership forms so that you will be part of our next new member orientation. The new member orientation is required to all transfers or people joining by reaffirmation of faith. At the new member orientation you will review the basics of our Lutheran faith and be oriented to how Bethany is structured, and how you can fit into the life of the congregation and help to serve Christ here. The next new member orientation begins after the first of the year. If you are curious about Lutheranism and undecided about joining, please come to the Catechumenate. Those with questions about the faith are welcome. Also, if you have not formally reviewed the basic teachings of the catechism in the last 5 years, you should come to the Catechumenate. You will rejoice as you learn the depth of the Catechism again. *Reaffirmation of faith refers to those who join from another Lutheran body such as Wisconsin Synod, ELCA or those whose LCMS membership has lapsed.

Ministry Pages

Day School

"They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching." Acts 2:42

The Role of Our School

We are committed to connecting children to Christ and keeping them connected to Him through education, and so we operate a Pre-K through 8th grade school. Our school is a major priority for us, along with preaching and teaching the Word in our regular services.

Theme for the 2009-10 School Year

"Keep Your Eyes on the Goal"

"I press on toward the goal, to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus."

Philippians 3:14

Parents Wall of Fame

Check out our new Parents Wall of Fame above the gym doors. BLS requires families to donate a minimum of 15 service hours to the school. Hours served must be school related and benefit the school directly. Many of our families have already completed their "PIP" hours. When their sheets are turned in, they receive their very own sports ball on the wall and we add them to the Parents Wall of Fame. Thank you so much for all you do. Bethany has the best parents!

Basketball Season is Underway

Basketball season is underway with all teams practicing for their first game. The first home game of the season is Tuesday, December 1, with our 7/8 grade teams playing Trinity Roselle. The girls will play at 4:30 p.m. and the boys at 5:30 p.m.

Manna

Please note—

Manna will be sold all school days from 8:40 to 9:00 a.m. for the month of December. Stock up now for Christmas gifts and avoid backorders later in December.

Beginning the week of November 30, manna orders will still be due on Tuesdays at 9:00 a.m., but for the month of December (only) all orders will be filled on THURSDAYS not Wednesdays. This is part of the Manna Group's holiday schedule

"O Come, The Symbols of Advent"



On Tuesday, December 15, at 7 p.m. Bethany Lutheran School will present **"O Come, The Symbols of Advent"**. This program will include students in Preschool through grade 8 and will feature an evening filled with choirs, instrumentalists and visual arts. Mark your calendars to join us for this wonderful Christmas event.

Youth

"They devoted themselves to the apostles teaching and they ate together with glad and sincere hearts" Acts 2:42.46

December Confirmation Schedule at a Glance

Tuesday, December 1—7th & 8th Public School Confirmation—6:30-8:00 p.m.

Thursday, December 3—6th Grade Bible Class—6:30-8:00 p.m.

Friday, December 4—Koinonia/Oasis Fellowship—6:00-7:30 p.m. and 7:30-9:00 p.m.



Attention Koinonia & Oasis Here's the December Event

Koinonia (4th/5th grades) and Oasis (6th/7th/8th grades). Koinonia meets from 6-7:30 p.m. Oasis meets from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m.

Dec. 4—Christmas Party,

Come and Join Our ROCK Study Group AND Culver's Bible Study!

Rock Study Group Meets
Tuesday Evenings at church
December 1—6:30-8 p.m.

Rock Culver's Bible Study
Sunday, December 13—6:30-8 p.m.

ROCK Caroling and Christmas Party!

When: Sunday, December 6

Meet: Promptly at 2 p.m. at church

Return: To church around 4:30 , please plan on staying for the party until 6:30 p.m.

We will be caroling at three of our area nursing homes and then head back to church for food and fun in the PAC, so come dressed festive, but comfortable. Sign up in Bible Class or stop by the church office or e-mail Pastor at sschumacher@bethanylcs.org. Guys bring a dessert (cookies, brownies, etc), girls bring chips/nuts.

Treasurer's Report

	Oct 31, 2009			4 month 2008/09
	4 month 2009/10	Budget 2009/10	Difference	
Contributions	247,000	279,300	-32,300	239,400
Tuition, Fees	247,700	250,200	-2,500	219,000
Matching	12,900	6,300	6,600	1,000
Interest	200	2,200	-2,000	800
Bequest/Transfers	0	0	0	46,800
School Fund Raiser	0	0	0	1,600
Other	3,300	0	3,300	2,500
Total Income	511,100	538,000	-26,900	511,100
Sal./Ben.	459,400	478,700	-19,300	452,700
Program	84,300	87,100	-2,800	88,600
Properties	69,000	79,500	-10,500	88,000
Mortgage	23,300	23,000	300	23,300
Total Expense	636,000	668,300	-32,300	652,600
2009/2010				
Surplus/Deficit	-124,900	-130,300	5,400	-141,500

Freed to Connect

Total Dollars Committed	1,055,934
Number of Commitments	211
Total Dollars Received as of 10-31-2009	835,163
Total Dollars Received in Oct	5,784

	FY 2009-10	FY-2010/11
Available to spend during		
Missions	23,842	2,183
Bethany Programs	30,674	3,274

LCEF Mortgage Loan Balance	6/30/06	6/30/07	6/30/08	10/31/09
	2,427,443	814,062	650,341	236,039

What's Worth 10 Cents?



Each and every "Boxtops for Education" coupon cut from a participating box is worth 10 cents in cash to Bethany Lutheran School. It's such a little thing to do to help raise money for our school. During this school year we have already earned \$503! Over \$100 of that came from our churchgoers who deposited their boxtops in the collection box on the school kiosk in the narthex.. Keep your eyes open for those box-tops on any General Mills product, especially now through the holidays. Sometimes the boxtop coupon is printed very small so look your items over very carefully so you don't miss any. Some grocery chains also print out boxtop certificates for extra boxtops at their registers so keep your eyes open for those also. Thanks for you continued support of this fundraiser. Any questions please call Karen Calpin at 630-961-9263.



Help Us Fill A Basket!

"Staying in for a Movie" is the theme for Bethany's basket for this year's CLA benefit, "A Knight Before Christmas." The event is December 11 from 6:30-9:30 p.m. at St. Luke's Lutheran Church in Montgomery. Cost is \$10 per person and tickets may be purchased at the door. Items needed for our basket are: DVD's, movie candy, popcorn, popcorn toppings, anything movie related or themed such as popcorn/candy/soda scented items or movie themed gift sets. Contact Patty Pedigo at 815-577-7452 for more information.

A Team Effort!



The renovation of our Church Nursery was certainly a team effort. Thanks to the painting skills of Mike Walsh, Don and Joyce Lohrentz, Tim and Timmy Lieb we have a freshly painted nursery. Phyllis Rossow was instrumental in organizing, cleaning and rearranging the nursery. It looks GREAT! If you haven't peeked into the nursery for a long time.....be sure to take a look the next time you are in the building.

Feature Pages

Nominating Committee Announces Slate of Candidates for December Voters' Meeting

The next regularly scheduled Voters' meeting, to be held after the 11:15 a.m. Divine Service on December 6, will elect members to serve on Bethany's various boards. Terms are staggered at Bethany, so each year about one third of the Board members are either elected or re-elected. Or, in the case of the Elders, affirmed or re-affirmed. This year's candidates, nominated by the Nominating Committee and approved by the Elders, are as follows (* notes incumbents):

Voters Board: Tye Fox (Vice Chairman)*

Board of Trustees: David Dierking, Steve Lindenmeyer, Tim Lieb*, Sue Dumford*

Board of Finance: Richard Sutis, Nancy Eisemon*, Rick Grimes*, Bill Hahn*, Dominic Salvino*

Day School Policy Board: Scott Collins, Paul Calhoon, Judy Ficke, Shelly Quinn*, Rick Allmon*

Board of Elders: Rob Johnson*

The Nominating Committee was chaired by Cantor Magness and included Dave Bodenstab, Dennis Johnson, Tim Koopman, Chuck Kuehl, Chris Thilk, Gretchen Brouch and Pastor Schumacher.

Come to a Holiday Recital



Reserve Saturday, December 12 on your calendar from 6 to 6:45 p.m. to relax, reflect and rejoice at the Flute Ensemble Holiday Recital.

Enjoy songs of the season arranged for multiple flautists under the directions of Cindy Fiene-Curfs immediately following the 5 p.m. church service on December 12.

Reserve these 45 minutes to Be Still and Know that Jesus is the Reason for the Season!



"O Come! The Symbols of Advent"

Come and be a part of Bethany Lutheran School's Christmas program on Tuesday, December 15 at 7 p.m. Join us for an evening filled with choirs, instrumentalist and visual arts.

Turkey Dinner a Great Success!

The youth and many other volunteers from Bethany put on a wonderful turkey dinner for our seniors last Sunday. Thank you to the youth for setting up the PAC, serving the meal and bringing the entertainment. Thanks also to those who cooked or brought food and to all parents who helped in the kitchen and with set-up and clean-up. This annual event is one of our best!

Live Nativity at St. Peter in Joliet

St Peter Lutheran Church and School (310 North Broadway St. Joliet) is presenting a live nativity on Saturday, December 19 at

6 p.m. Come for this wonderful Christmas story, which will include carol singing and live animals. Refreshments will also be served and admission is free.

While You're Out Shopping....



When you're out and about shopping in downtown Naperville, stop by Barnes and Noble Booksellers at 47 East Chicago Ave. on Saturday, December 5 from 2 to 6 p.m. Bethany Lutheran's youth will be wrapping customer purchases at that time. Come on out and show your support!

Next 55 Plus "Get-Together"

Reserve Thursday, December 10 for the next 55 Plus lunch and fellowship event. We will meet at Crème de la Crumb (2035 So. Washington) at 11:30 a.m. Please RSVP by December 8 to Iris at 630-961-0628

Pictorial Directory Success

Thank you to all Bethany members who had their picture taken for the pictorial directory. The response was great and this will help us to get to know our brothers and sisters in Christ. Special thanks also to those who helped register people for the directory. If you did not have your picture taken, contact Sandy Wischmeyer in the church office as soon as possible to find out how your picture can be submitted for the directory. The directories will be available

Advent, Christmas & New Year's Worship Schedule

Advent Vespers

Wednesday, December 2—7:15 p.m. "Psalms"

Wednesday, December 9—7:15 p.m. "Hymns"

Wednesday, December 16—7:15 p.m. "Spiritual Songs"

Sunday School Christmas Program

Sunday, December 13—preschool-K at 10:15 a.m.

Sunday, December 13—grade 1-8 at 3:00 p.m.

Christmas Eve Family Nativity Service

Thursday, December 24—5:00 p.m.

Christmas Eve Festival of Lessons & Carols

Thursday, December 24—7:15 p.m.

Christmas Eve Divine Service

Thursday, December 24—11:00 p.m. (w/communion)

Christmas Day Divine Service

Friday, December 25—9:00 a.m. (w/communion)

New Year's Eve

Thursday, December 31—5:00 p.m. (w/communion)

Bethany Staff

Program Staff

Rev. Timothy Rossow Pastor (Team Leader, Administration)
 Rev. Stephen Schumacher.....Pastor (Evangelism, Assimilation)
 Pam Mueller..... School Principal
 Phillip Magness.....Cantor
 vacant Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministries

Faculty

Louise Bolt Pre-Kindergarten
 Aimee Walsh Admissions Director/Pre-Kindergarten
 Jennifer Gutzwiller.....Pre-Kindergarten Aide
 Cynthia Niccolai.....Kindergarten
 Marnie Esposito.....Kindergarten Aide
 Erin Thompson.....First Grade
 Sharon Lenich.....First Grade Aide
 Charlene Fiene.....Second Grade
 Kirk Bolt.....Third Grade
 Chad Baganz.....Fourth Grade
 Nancy Yendrejczyk.....Instructional Aide/Library
 Erin Dunwell Fifth Grade
 Terry Dierking.....Instructional Aide/Math
 Angeline McKissick PreK-6th Phys. Ed.
 Michelle Stehle..... Sixth Grade
 Rob Johnson Seventh Grade
 Glenn Solnitner..... Eighth Grade
 Holly Spooner.....Special Education
 Carole Stauch..... Art
 Mike Vasilie.....Band Director
 Erin Dunwell.....Athletic Director

Administrative/Support Staff

Angie Blaesner Finance Administrator
 Laurie Cade..... School Administrator
 Donna Linnemeyer.....Program Administrator
 Dennis Bartelt.....Printer
 Georgia Bevente.....Nursery Coordinator
 Susan Keller.....Associate Cantor
 Mikaela Kolany.....Music/Worship Apprentice
 Deanne Lieb.....School Secretary
 Patty PedigoConfirmation/Sunday School Coordinator/Yth Support
 Phyllis Rossow.....Worship Secretary/Yth Support
 Pam Splitt.....News & Notes Editor
 Sandy Wischmeyer.....Evangelism/Membership Secretary

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Voters Board

Tom Mueller Chairman
 Tye Fox..... Vice Chairman
 Harry Novak Treasurer
 Austin Eisemon..... Head of Board of Trustees
 Shelly Quinn Head of Day School Policy Board
 Don Lohrentz.....Head of Board of Elders
 Elaine GavinRecording Secretary
 Pastor Rossow.....Pastor
 Pastor Schumacher.....Pastor
 Pam Mueller.....Principal

Board of Elders

Don Lohrentz, Head Elder

Tim Benecke	Rob Johnson	Brad Perry
Gregg Berger	Phillip Magness	Chris Thilk
Dennis Johnson		Mike Kronemann
Pastor Rossow		Pastor Schumacher

The Back Page

Saturday and Sunday, December 5 & 6

Next week's readings: Malachi 3:1-7b, Phil 1:2-11, Luke 3:1-20

Next week's services:

Saturday 12/05 5:00 Service of the Word no/communion
 Sunday 12/06 7:45 Divine Service w/communion

9:00 Service of the Word no/communion
 11:15 Divine Service w/communion

Acolytes:

5:00 K Kolany, S Pilgrim
 7:45 A Quetsch, J Syers
 9:00 B Gundersen, C Collins
 11:15 J Kronemann, T Magness

Building Opener:

R Tatar

Altar Guild:

J Kronemann

Communion Care:

7:45 G Bartha
 11:15 J Buntrock

Sacristans:

7:45 C Guebert
 11:15 H Novak, T Mueller, D Buckman, M Cummuta

Ushers:

Advent Vespers

Wednesday 12/2 7:15 M Cummuta, G Berger, D Dierking, H Novak
 Saturday 12/05 5:00 M Kuba, J Godshall, D Dumford, W Fischer
 Sunday 12/06 7:45 T Witkowski, R Krachenfels, S Harris

9:00 D McKissick, T Lieb, B Hahn, E Gundersen,
 B Gundersen, T Lieb

11:15 R Knosher, W Cade, C Prangle, J Wasson,

L Buntrock

Greeters:

7:45 D & B Lusk
 9:00 R & C Fiene
 11:15 M & L Cummuta

Welcome Center:

5:00
 7:45 G Bartha

9:00

11:15 B Rufo

Nursery:

(all Sunday Services)

P Graszer

Coffee Fellowship:

A Airhart, J Brown

The deadline for the December 6 News & Notes is
 Tuesday, December 1.

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Service Times

Saturday 5 p.m.
 Sunday 7:45, 9:00, & 11:15 a.m.

Communion 1st & 3rd Sunday 7:45 & 11:15 a.m.
Schedule: 2nd & 4th Sunday 5 p.m. & 9:00 a.m.
 5th Sunday 9:00 & 11:15 a.m.

Nursery The nursery is staffed by Pat Graszer and volunteers on Sunday mornings. You are welcome to use it as a cry room at the 5 p.m. service.

Adult Classes & Fellowship In addition to our four worship services, Sunday morning classes are held weekly at 10:15 a.m. and are open to all members and friends. We enjoy coffee and fellowship before and during our study hour in the Parish Activity Center. All are welcome.