

# 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 December 13, 2009 The Third 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.

## Recap of December 6 Voters Assembly Meeting

Thanks to the 80 plus voters who attended the quarterly Voters Assembly meeting last Sunday as well as those who stated their intent to become voters at this meeting. Here is a brief summary of what took place on December 6.

- Reports were given by our Board of Elders, Finance, Trustees and Day School.
- We elected new leaders and re-affirmed one elder.
- The motion to modify the Constitution and Bylaws to establish an Emergency Expenditure Committee was approved.
- A motion to replace the carpeting in our Sanctuary and Narthex was approved.
- A motion to allocate Freed to Connect mission funds from the 2008/09 fiscal year was approved.

A supply of voter packets is still available in the Narthex. Installation of our new leaders will take place in January. For a complete list of Bethany Officers and Board members, please see page 6.

## 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 (1 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

- In the Narthex
- Via Bethany website

## Calendar

DATE	TIME	DESCRIPTION
Sunday 12/13	7:45AM 9:00 10:15  10:30 11:15 3:00PM	Service of the word no/communion Divine Service w/communion Sunday School, High School, Adult, Catechumenate Classes Sunday School (PreK-K) Christmas Program Service of the word no/communion Sunday School (Gr 1-8) Christmas Program
Monday 12/14	3:35 to 4:30PM 6:45 to 8:00 7:00 to 9:00 7:00 to 9:00	Vocal Ensemble—Sanctuary Praises Ring—Sanctuary Day School Policy Board Meeting—Conf Rm Trustees Meeting—Library
Tuesday 12/15	6:30 to 8:00PM 6:30 to 8:00 7:00 8:00 to 9:00	7th/8th Grade Confirmation ROCK Study Group—Library BLS Christmas Program—Sanctuary Lutheran Confessions—Conf Rm
Wednesday 12/16	8:50AM 9:30 9:45 to 11:00 3:35 to 4:30PM 7:15	BLS Chapel—Sanctuary BLS Geography Bee—PAC Wednesday Morning Bible Study—Conf Rm Schola—Sanctuary Advent Vespers—Sanctuary
Thursday 12/17	5:00 to 6:00PM 7:15 to 8:35	Bartelt/Wood Wedding Rehearsal Proclaim
Friday 12/18	4:30PM	No Women's Lifelight Bible Study Bartelt/Wood Wedding—Sanctuary
Saturday 12/19	7:00 to 10:00AM 9:00 5:00PM	Saturday Morning Men's Basketball—PAC Trustees Work Day Divine Service w/communion
Sunday 12/20	7:45AM 9:00 10:15  11:15	Service of the Word no/communion Divine Service w/communion Sunday School, High School, Adult Classes, Catechumenate Service of the Word no/communion

## Bethany Summaries

Date	Attendance	Unified Offering	Budgeted Contributions
11/08	496	\$14,557	\$18,572
11/15	576	\$11,873	\$18,572
11/22	620	\$12,649	\$18,572
11/29	485	\$12,589	\$18,572
11/06	540	\$18,046	\$29,426

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

## Christ Lutheran Academy High School



### CLA News

**Academic Competition** on November 2, six of the brightest academic students from CLA, led by Bethany member Beth Guebert, traveled to Concordia University—Chicago to compete against other Lutheran high schools in the Math Science Bowl. They proudly came home with a 3rd Place trophy, the best finish in CLA history!

**CLA Is Accredited**—It was recently announced that CLA has been accredited by the National Lutheran School Administration.

CLA is 20 minutes from Bethany—23756 W 127th St. Plainfield, IL. 815-487-4140. [www.CLA-Plainfield.org](http://www.CLA-Plainfield.org).

### Baptisms



#### **Charlotte Giada Wolfgram**

daughter of Mark and Kristin (Hunkel) Wolfgram will be baptized at the 5 p.m. service this weekend. Charlotte's godparents are Lindsey Severson, Stephanie Hackman and Aaron Hackman.

#### **Katharine Grace Kowalski,**

daughter of Christopher and Vicki (Stepanek) Kowalski will be baptized at the 11:15 a.m. service. Katharine's godparents are Tricia Tomczyk and Leslie Karasch.

**Benen Andrew Bizup,** son of Brian and April (Lawrence) Bizup will also be baptized at the 11:15 a.m. service. Benen's godparents are Karla Bizup and Keith Lawrence.

## In Our Prayers (as of 12/10/09)



**All of our Members, especially:** Landon Bailey, recovery from broken leg; Louise Bolt, cancer treatments; Mike Broggi, recovery from back surgery; Greg Buck, chemo treatments; Gerry Corbino, recovery from shoulder surgery; Mari Gundersen, recovery from Lyme Disease; John

Jaworski, recovery from surgery; Marissa Josupait, awaiting bone transplant for right knee; Eleanor Kerth, cancer; Kelleigh Kuehl, recovery from sinus surgery; Dwight Morrow, recovery from shoulder surgery; Art Neumann, recovery from infection; Nadine Payne, ill health; Saige Pilgrim, tests; Beth Purpur, ill health; Bill Schoen, ill health; Simpson Family, family difficulties; Elmer Tonne, ill health; Ray and Peg Van Ham, ill health; Ed Warner, ill health; Tricia Weber, recovery from infection. *(please renew/update prayer requests after four weeks)*

### All of our Family Members & Friends, especially:

Sandy Anderson, (friend of Glenn Sonlitner) cancer treatments; Katie Beres, (niece of Brian/Sheril Hagie) cancer/chemo treatments; Linda Bredehoft, (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; Kim Cawi, (sister-in-law of Fred Hardin) cancer treatments; Betty Cummuta, (mother of Mark Cummuta) recovery from eye surgery; Terry Gallagher, (friend of David Brouch) cancer/chemo treatments; Carol Nerroth, (mother of Lisa Cummuta) recovery from surgery; Lee Schmitt, (father of Jill Kline) hospitalized with infection; Karla Segreti, (sister of Dean Smart) ill health; Adam Vanderwiel, (15 year old nephew of Dave/Sue Sreniawski) medical tests. *(please renew/update prayer requests after two weeks).*

For Brian and Cyndi Niccolai on their 17th wedding anniversary.

## 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, December 13.**

*The birth of Jesus as recorded in Luke 2 is today's Sunday School lesson. A Savior has been born to you. He is Christ the Lord! You may wish to discuss as a family Luke 2:1-20 and talk about the details of Christ's birth. Discuss how our sin causes us to fear God like the shepherds did and also that God's Son, Jesus, takes away our fears and offers us true peace, rescuing us from sin and death..*

## Bethany's Sunday School Christmas Program is Today!



*Our Sunday School Christmas Programs are today. 1st grade through grade 8 will have their program at 3:00 p.m. and preschool through kindergarten is at 10:30 a.m. during the Sunday School time. Both programs are in the*

*sanctuary*

***Everyone is invited to join us as the Sunday School children tell the story of Jesus' birth!***

# Bible Study Page

## Parish Education Opportunities

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

**All Sunday Classes will take  
a two week recess and will resume  
on Sunday, January 3.**

### 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. We will then take a two week recess (December 20 and 27) and will resume the study of Ephesians on January 3.**

#### Sunday Morning Adult Catechumenate Class

**We are receiving new members this weekend and are then taking a two week recess. A new class will begin on Sunday, January 3.**

### **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. 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, [kperry@wowway.com](mailto:kperry@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

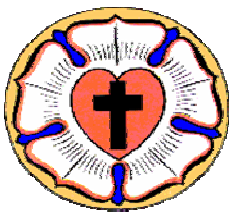
LWML Bible Study will once again be meeting on the third Monday of each month. However, we will not meet in December, **but will resume on Monday, January 18 at a new time—9:30 a.m.** We hope to see you there. Contact Barb Etter (630-420-0626) or Ina Johnson (630-369-6074) for more information.

## Evangelism and Assimilation

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

### *God Blesses Us With New Members*

*This week we welcome the following new members*



#### **Confirmation (November 22)**

*Sylvie Goutas*

#### **Reaffirmation**

*Laurie Velasquez and daughter, Abbie Zimmerman*

#### **Transfer**

*Rolf Otten*

*Mark Bethke*

*Harold & Traci Downs II, Harold III,*

*Christina, Katie*

# 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.

**A Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from the students and staff of Bethany Lutheran School.**



**Bethany Lutheran School and the office will be closed December 20 through January 3 for Christmas break. School will resume \*Monday, January 4, 2010.**

### **Preschool and Kindergarten Registration**

Preschool and Kindergarten Registration information for the 2010/11 school year was mailed to all families in the congregation who have children eligible for these programs. Registration will begin Saturday, January 9 from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. If you would like a tour of the classes, please call the School Office to set up an appointment. If you did not receive a packet in the mail and would like to have information, please stop by the School Office or call at 630-355-6607.

### **National Geography Bee**

Students (gr. 4-8) took class qualifying tests on U.S. geography, cities, continents and world geography as well as historical and cultural geography to determine two class champions. These champions will meet before the student body to determine the school champion and representative on Wednesday, December 16 after Chapel.

4th Grade—M. James/T Buwick, L Curfs, runner-up.

5th Grade—J Dietz/D Mackey, C Wilder, runner-up.

6th Grade—K Kuehl/ R Dierking, S Balla, runner-up.

7th Grade—M Carroll/D Mackey, C Esposito, runner-up.

8th Grade—M Patterson/C Bailey, K Bick, runner-up.

### **BLS Basketball Schedule**

The 7/8 Grade boys/girls have home games on Thursday, December 17 against St. John Wheaton. Our girls play at 4:30 p.m. and the boys at 5:30 p.m. If you enjoy junior high basketball, stop by and cheer on our teams!

### **"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*

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

Rock Study Group Meets  
Tuesday Evenings at church  
December 15—6:30-8 p.m.  
Rock Culver's Bible Study  
This evening—6:30-8 p.m.

### **Attention Koinonia & Oasis Here's the January 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.

**January 8—Balloon Mania**

### **December Confirmation Schedule at a Glance**

Tuesday, December 15—7th & 8th Public  
School Confirmation—6:30-8:00 p.m.  
Tuesday, December 22 & 29—  
NO CLASS

**MERRY  
CHRISTMAS**

## Bethany to Host Dave Ramsey Program

### Register Online Now

Member Care can include, especially in current economic times, advice on financial matters. Financial Peace University (FPU) is a 13-week program that teaches you to achieve your financial goals by eliminating debt, saving for the future, and giving. You will be challenged and motivated to make a plan for your money and change your family tree. Bethany will host a preview session on **Tuesday, January 12 at 6:30 p.m.** The regular 13-week program begins on **Tuesday, January 19 at 6:30 p.m.** To sign up for the Bethany sessions, go to: <http://www.daveramsey.com/fpu/locate-class/> Use Bethany's zip code of 60565 to search. The cost of the 13-week program is \$99 (**lifetime membership**) but those who sign up by 12/21/09 will pay only \$93. **Lifetime membership (\$93) highlights: (1) You and your spouse can attend as many FPU classes as you wish, throughout the country, at no extra charge. (2) You receive all 13 lessons in an Audio CD Library. (3) You get study materials and access to other online resources.** You are encouraged to register for the class now but **wait to purchase a membership** until our bulk discount has been determined. Contact Nate Teske with questions ([nateteske@comcast.net](mailto:nateteske@comcast.net) or 630 750-7341) or Aaron Clasen ([aclasen22@aol.com](mailto:aclasen22@aol.com) or 630-357-4778).

## Invite a Friend to a Christmas Service at Bethany Postcards Available

What could be a better Christmas gift for a friend without a church than to invite them to join you at one of Bethany's fantastic Christmas services? At Bethany's Christmas our beautiful sanctuary is filled with rich music and sermons that work together to focus on the real meaning of Christmas. **Pick up a postcard at the Welcome Center** and give it a friend or relative to invite them to join you at worship this Christmas. Or fill out the address of someone you'd like to invite and Bethany will mail the postcard for you.

## Complete List of Bethany Officers and Board Members

### Voters Board

Tom Mueller, Chairman/Voters Assembly  
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Don Lohrentz, Head Elder  
Austin Eisemon, Head Trustee  
Shelly Quinn, Head/Day School Policy Bd  
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Pastor Schumacher  
Pam Mueller, Principal

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Dennis Johnson  
Rob Johnson  
Mike Kronemann  
Phillip Magness  
Brad Perry  
Chris Thilk  
Pastor Rossow  
Pastor Schumacher

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Cheryl Buwick  
Paul Calhoon  
Debbie Clasen  
Scott Collins  
Judy Fick  
Chuck Kuehl  
Joyce Lohrentz  
Dina Schreader

### Board of Finance

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Nancy Eisemon  
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Bill Hahn  
Sam Harris  
Pam Kolzow  
Tim Koopman  
Keith Luhrs  
Linda Ratliff  
Dominic Salvino  
Rich Sutis

### Board of Trustees

Austin Eisemon, Head Trustee  
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Dave Dierking  
Dave Dumford  
Sue Dumford  
John Holecsek  
Tim Lieb  
Steve Lindenmeyer  
Mike Walsh

# Feature Pages

## Advent, Christmas & New Year's Worship Schedule

### Advent Vespers

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

### Sunday School Christmas Program

Sunday, December 13—preschool-K at 10:30 a.m.

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

### Christmas Eve Family Nativity Service

Congregation Family Carol Sing 4:40 to 5 p.m.

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

Congregation Family Carol Sing 8:45 to 9:00 a.m.

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

### New Year's Eve

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

## News to Note

### Did You Have Your Photo Taken?



If you participated in the picture taking for Bethany's Pictorial Directory and chose to have your photos sent to church, please stop by the church office to see if your order has arrived.

### "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.

### Volunteers Needed to Improve Bethany Connections

During our directory photo process we gathered information from our members as to how they would like to be contacted by Bethany. We now have about 200 forms that need to be entered into our church database files. If you are able to spend a few hours doing this data entry task, please contact Sandy Wischmeyer in the church office (swischmeyer@bethanylcs.org or 630-355-2198). This task can be done now or in January.

### 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.

## *A Wonderful Time to be Brothers and Sisters in Christ*

Advent is a wonderful time of year for the Church. It is filled with expectation. There is anticipation for Christmas and the celebration of the Incarnation of our Lord. But we know that there is coming also the day when Jesus comes back again in glory. This is our great expectation. He will come again and receive us all into the new heaven and new earth.

We live in Advent in such great hope. And our hope can be deeper as we realize the biblical truth that we are brothers and sisters in Christ. The bible is clear that God has made us blood relatives, related by the blood of Jesus. Jesus calls us His brothers and sisters as well. When we realize that we are family together, we realize that Jesus is coming back for the whole family.



EDUCATING A NEW GENERATION OF LUTHERANS.....Issues, etc. is a radio talk show hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken and produced by Lutheran Public Radio. Topics include: End of Life Decision-Making, Homosexuals & Their Families, The Advent Hymn "Life Up Your Heads, You Everlasting Doors," Original Sin and more. You can listen to what you want when you was at [www.issuesetc.org](http://www.issuesetc.org).

## 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 Wendrejczyk..... 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 Sonlitner..... 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 Pedigo..... Confirmation/Sunday School Coordinator/Yth Support  
 Phyllis Rossow..... Worship Secretary/Yth Support  
 Pam Splitt..... News & Notes Editor  
 Sandy Wischmeyer..... Evangelism/Membership Secretary

To e-mail any staff member: First initial of first name last name  
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## Voters Board

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## The Back Page

### Saturday and Sunday, December 19 & 20

Next week's readings: Micah 5:2-5a, Hebrews 10:5-10, Luke 1:39-56

### Next week's services:

Saturday 12/19	5:00	Vespers no/communion
Sunday 12/20	7:45	Divine Service w/communion
	9:00	Matins no/communion
	11:15	Divine Service w/communion

### Acolytes:

Advent Vespers Wednesday 12/16—7:15 p.m.—E Hahn, J Grimes  
 5:00 H Wentz, S Parr  
 7:45 C Collins, K Schreader  
 9:00 B Gundersen, S Schumacher  
 11:15 C Johnson, B Koka

### Building Opener:

S Lindemeyer

### Altar Guild:

J Kronemann

### Communion Care:

7:45 D Carlson  
 11:15 L Cade

### Sacristans:

7:45 R Fick  
 11:15 J Burke, H Novak, F Hardin, M Walsh

### Ushers:

Advent Vespers Wednesday 12/16-7:15 p.m.—S Freitag, D Splitt, M Herrick,  
 R Grimes

Saturday 12/19	5:00	S Schiewe, K Mooney, D Webb, D Bartelt
Sunday 12/20	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 Prangley, J Wasson, L Buntrock

### Greeters:

7:45 B & C Niccolai  
 9:00 B & B Hahn  
 11:15 R & S Lenich

### Welcome Center:

5:00  
 7:45 J & E Dunwell  
 9:00 B Dymacek  
 11:15 L Cade

Nursery (all Sunday Services): P Graszer

Coffee Fellowship: No coffee fellowship

The deadline for the December 20 News & Notes is  
 Tuesday, December 8.

### Bethany Lutheran Church & School

1550 Modaff Road Naperville, IL 60565  
 Church: (630) 355-2198 School: (630) 355-6607  
 www.bethanylcs.org

### 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.