

We are a gathering called by God and empowered by the Holy Spirit to be the very presence of Jesus Christ both here and everywhere.

BETHANY

WELCOMES YOU

DECEMBER 18, 2022

The Christmas Story

Luke 2:8-12

⁸ And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. ⁹ An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰ But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. ¹¹ Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. ¹² This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger."

Giving

FINANCIAL GIFTS MAY BE GIVEN AT THE BACK OF THE SANCTUARY OR AT OUR WEBSITE. CLICK THE "GIVE" TAB.

GENERAL FUND (LOCAL OUTREACH)

3RD SUNDAY OFFERING:

BUILDING FUND-RESTROOM REMODEL

PRAYER NEEDS.

Bruce Hinrichs | Deanna Meints

Ettie Goeman | Oliver Koenen

Winter Travelers | Gary Slagter

Joel & Deb Folkerts family



UPCOMING EVENTS

Worship / KIDS CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Sunday, December 18, 9:30 am

Coffee Time 10:45 am

NO SUNDAY SCHOOL

Joy Fellowship

Monday, December 18, 9:30 am

Family Room

Mission Quilters

Monday, December 18, 1:00-5:00 pm

Basement

Deacon's/Elder's Meeting/

Consistory Meeting

Monday, December 18, 7:00/8:20 pm

Family Room / Library

Wednesday Night Meal

December 21, 6:15 - 7 pm

Basement

Wednesday Night Class

December 21, 7:00-8:00 pm

Grades 1-6 and 9-11

Youth Groups

Wednesday, YA 7:00pm/AFC 8:00 pm

Youth Room

Christmas Eve Service

Saturday, December 24, 5:00 pm

Worship Service

CHRISTMAS DAY

Sunday, December 25, 9:30 am

Coffee Time 10:45 am

NO SUNDAY SCHOOL

PLEASE JOIN US AFTER THE SERVICE IN THE HUB FOR COFFEE & CONVERSATION!

CONSISTORY TERMS BEGINNING IN 2023

Deacons: Joe DeGrote, Ryan Epema, Nathan Torkelson
Elders: Todd Henker, Randy Janssen, Lane Schwitters

THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO SERVED TERMS THAT END THIS YEAR!

Deacons: Riley Aeikens, David Hinrichs, Cory Sietsema
Elders: Chuck DeGrote, Calvin Harms, Roger Knapper

Wi-Fi Guest Password: HellsRisen

BETHANY CHURCH

DECEMBER 18, 2022

YOUTH NEWS...

7-12 grade 90's Christmas Party on Wednesday, December 21st from 7 - 9 pm. \$10 white elephant gift.

NO WEDNESDAY NIGHT ACTIVITIES ON DECEMBER 28TH!

Starting January 4 - The 6th graders will join YA (JR High) Youth Group at 7 pm on Wednesday's!!

WORSHIP NEWS...

This Christmas we have the privilege of welcoming an "Alumni Praise Team." Sunday, December 25th, the following vocalists will lead us through the carols of the season: Brooks Asche, Ben Henker, Olivia Ruitter, Parker Ruitter, Drue Schwitters, Sydney Schwitters, Carter Wrede, and possibly more. Lindsay Grussing will be sharing the Ministry in Music - singing, "Let Me Tell You About My Jesus!" For me, this is a Christmas wish come true. Grateful for these young people and the joy they have brought to us over the years. . . and continue to bring us. Celebrating in music with you! Merry Christmas! PAM

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

Sound: Jaden Dirksen

Projector: Graysen Dirksen

Luke 1:46 & 47

"And Mary said, 'My soul magnifies the Lord, and my Spirit rejoices in God, my Savior!'"

THANK YOU...

Thank you so much for your \$300 donation to The Well. We are blessed to be a part of such a generous & welcoming community! We look forward to serving the women that God brings to us. Please continue to pray for this ministry. God bless you! ~ Valerie Ferguson - The Well

No Sunday School

**December 18 & 25 and January 1
Christmas Break**

Classes will resume on January 8th!!

TODAY

COFFEE SERVERS: Wade & Shannon Buss

WELCOME CENTER: John & Rachel

NURSERY: Hailey Berghuis

PROJECTOR: Logan Dirksen

SOUND: Austin Sweep/Sawyer

VIDEO: Dean Jansen

DEACON GREETER: Kim Sandry

ELDER GREETER: Ron Thomson

NEXT WEEK

David & Mindy Hinrichs

John & Rachel DuHoux

NO NURSERY

Nikki Niemeyer

Jerry Schwitters

Dylan & Kelly Johnson

Jeremy Aeikens

Jeff Asche

WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEAL

December 21 - Taco in a bag

Helpers: Carol Thomton / Mary Ahrenholz
Jim & Gloria Hilbrands

Bars: Carol Thomton / Diann Dirksen
Ashlie Wubben / Kristy Enger

GYM HELPER: RACHEL DUHOUX



BETHANY'S 2022 ANNUAL MEETING RESULTS

Thank you to all who participated in the denominational transition vote last Sunday and by absentee.

**The vote to transfer from the RCA to the ARC
passed by a margin of 127 - 7.**

**THE MN CLASSIS WILL VOTE TO RATIFY OUR
DECISION AT HE SPRING MEETING.**



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REACH. SERVE. LOVE.

"For the Son of Man came to seek
and to save the lost." Luke 19:10

