

BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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✝ Ministers: All the People of Bethany ✝

Pastors: Casey Zesch, Kevin Haug, & Ray Tiemann

Children, Youth & Family Director: Kiesha Priem

3rd Sunday after Epiphany ✝ January 26, 2025

INFORMATION FOR TODAY: (1) A **Cry Room** is available in the back of the sanctuary for Traditional Worship. A **Nursery** is located upstairs in Room 208 for parents & children (No Attendant). Worship is live-streamed in the nursery. (2) Children's bulletins & activity bags (take & return to rack), & home devotionals are available. (3) **Offerings are collected in Offering boxes at the entrances. We do not pass an offering plate.**

KEEP IN PRAYERS: Diana Blount, Florine Bruns, Donald Eckhardt, Audrey Gold, Mary Heath, Nic Jones, Dorothy Klier, Jackie Kneese, Charles Kuenemann, Ron Kunz, Wilfried Mazanke, Jordan Nimitz, Kiesha Priem, Madeline Sagebiel, Jarrod Stokes, Stacey York, & Korey Zenner.

OUR SYMPATHY to Peggy Sue Sagebiel at the passing of her mother, Victoria Sultemeier.

BELLS TROOPS will gather this Thursday, January 30th at 8:30 am to assemble the monthly newsletter.

A NEW FLOWER CALENDAR is posted in the work room. If you would like to provide Altar or Hymn Board flowers to honor or remember a loved one, please sign up.

January Special Offering: Der Stadt Friedhof

Der Stadt Friedhof Cemetery is overseen by a board of representatives from Bethany, Zion, & Holy Ghost Lutheran Churches. If you wish to contribute, you may use your Special offering envelope or a pew envelope, and make checks payable to Bethany Lutheran – noted "Cemetery".

MATCHING GRANT: The Hal & Charlie Peterson Foundation offers \$100k matching funds for businesses (not individuals) that donate to our Preschool Building Fund. If you or someone you know has a business that could make a donation, contact financial secretary Becky Dittmar, campaign chair Jody Donovan, or a pastor. To date we have been gifted \$52,850 towards this grant.

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Today! In the fellowship hall after late services.

Annual reports are available near the entrances.

Nominees are listed for church council, Bethany Foundation, Bethany Preschool Board, and the Nominating Committee.

Summaries of ministry and mission in 2024 are presented by committees and staff. Financial reports are included.

ALL COMMITTEE MEETING

Next Sunday, February 2nd

Would you be willing to commit to one year of service via committee organization & ministry planning? If so, we'll have a meeting for committees in the Fellowship Hall, Sunday February 2nd at 11:45am. We'll share info & discuss 2025.

Committees available to serve:

Children Youth & Family (CYFM)

Evangelism

Social Concerns

Stewardship

Fellowship

Property Management

BOAT

Traditional Worship

Praise & Worship

Preschool Board members are elected and Finance Committee members are appointed; otherwise, all committees are open to volunteers.

GriefShare class is now in session. Class is each Thursday at 10:00am in the Trinity room (205). Contact Pastor Ray or the church office for more information:

churchofficeblc@gmail.com | 830-997-2069

Preschool Director: a search team will meet this week to begin advertising for a new Bethany Preschool Director. Our thanks to interim director Ariana Cisneros for her daily guidance.

New Members Classes & Lunches

For those interested in joining Bethany or just wanting to know more about the congregation, we'll be offering 2 "lunches with the pastors" on these Sundays in February:

Feb 16: "**Discover Bethany**" focuses on the history & mission of the congregation.

Feb 23: "**Discover Lutherans**" focuses on the history, major teachings, and mission of the Lutheran Church.

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8:15 Traditional Worship – includes livestream

9:00 Breakfast Bar

9:15 Sunday School & Adult Classes

10:30 Praise & Worship – Includes livestream

10:30 Traditional Worship in Sanctuary

11:45 Annual Meeting

6:00 Church Council Supper

Mon Jan 27	Facebook Prayer
Tue Jan 28	9:00 Staff Meeting 4:00 Faith Foundations 5:15 Bell Choir
Wed Jan 29	4:00 Jumpstart 6:00 Confirmation
Thur Jan 30	8:30 Bells Troops 9:15 Preschool Chapel 10:00 GriefShare – room 205 4:00 Faith Foundations 4:30 Chancel Choir
Fri Jan 31	
Sat Feb 1	Council Retreat – off campus – Cherry Spring Church
Sun Feb 2	8:15 Traditional Worship – includes livestream 9:00 Breakfast Bar 9:15 Sunday School & Adult Classes 10:30 Praise & Worship – Includes livestream 10:30 Traditional Worship in Sanctuary 11:45 All Committee Meeting

WORSHIP LEADERS

Worship Leaders: Pastor Casey Zesch & Pastor Kevin Haug

Organists / Pianists: Marjorie Ottmers, Annabel Wilkinson

Chancel Choir Director: Chrissy Stuewe **Bell Choir Director:** Alicia Elrod

Praise & Worship Leader: Matt White

P&W Leader: Ken Smith **Kids Sermon:** Ken Smith