

Midweek Advent: This year, we are excited to be celebrating Advent with our brothers and sisters from Emmaus and Jehovah Lutheran Churches. We will have two opportunities for midweek services: 11:30am at Emmaus Lutheran and 6:30pm at Jehovah Lutheran. Join us for "Response to the King – Advent 2022" as we consider the responses of four different people to the coming of Jesus the King.

Wednesday, November 30: "Faithful Israel Hails its King" (Joseph)

Wednesday, December 7: "Rejoicing in the King" (Mary)

Wednesday, December 14: "Rejecting the King vs. Departing in the King" (Herod vs. Simeon)

Giving Tree: Each December, we put up a "Giving Tree" at church, providing Bethel members an opportunity to bless other Bethel families and individuals at Christmas with gift cards for groceries and gas. Watch for future announcements with more details about this year's Giving Tree and helping Bethel members in need.

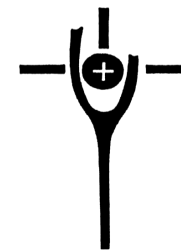
Looking Ahead to Christmas: Bethel will host a Christmas Eve service at 5:00 PM (candlelight, lessons and carols), and a Christmas Day service at 9:30 AM (traditional worship).



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Bethel Highlights

December 2022



The Season is BUSY - Join Us for Some "Heavenly Peace...On Earth."

A beloved Bethel tradition returns in a new way this Advent season, as we get together on December 10 from 5:30pm-7:30pm for "Heavenly Peace...On Earth." Relax from the busyness of the season with: a string trio (featuring Cara Wilson); reflective readings from Scripture; carol singing; the warmth of a hot beverage and treat, plus an outdoor fire complete with friends around it. We'll even feature a petting zoo with animals like those at the Lord's manger.

We are inviting the community to come enjoy this relaxed but meaningful celebration of Jesus' birth. We need help showing hospitality to all our guests! This will include donating cookies, set up and clean up, serving refreshments, helping with a kids' craft, greeting visitors and more. Please use the sign-up sheets to choose how you'd like to volunteer, or talk to Amy Ekberg, Bonnie Renner, or Alaina Gall.

December Birthdays, Baptisms and Anniversaries

Birthdays

Dec 2 Carolyn Weber
Dec 7 Geri Klemz
Dec 10 Mark Meier
Dec 25 Keya Lopez
Dec 27 Dave Bittner
Dec 28 Aubrie Lopez

Anniversaries

Dec 7 Dave & Karin Hagen
Dec 16 Sean & Susan Boll
Dec 29 Steve & Barb Moeller

Calendar

Sundays:

9:30 Worship
10:45 Coffee Fellowship
11:00 Education Hour
11:00 African worship
3rd Monday of each month:
1:00 PM Ladies Fellowship

Worship Team Schedule

December 4: Search & Rescue—*Communion service*
December 11: Share the Joy
December 18: Praise Him, Proclaim Him—*Communion Service*
Christmas Eve: Volunteers from each team
Christmas Day: 1 Timothy, Volunteers from each team

Baptisms

Dec 13 Sean Boll
Dec 14 Susan Boll
Dec 17 Geri Klemz
Dec 17 Carolyn Weber
Dec 19 Cathryn Johnston
Dec 25 Evie Stener
Dec 28 Karita Wienke

Tuesdays:

9:30 Prayer Group
10:00 Bible Study

Wednesdays:

6:00 PM Handbells

December Events at a Glance

Midweek advent worship with Jehovah and Emmaus
11:30 AM at Emmaus, 6:30 PM at Jehovah
November 30, December 7 & 14

Heavenly Peace on Earth: Christmas Outreach—Saturday,
December 10, 5:30-7:30 PM

VOA Staff Lunch: Tuesday, December 13, 12:00 PM

Christmas Eve Worship: 5:00 PM

Christmas Day Worship: 9:30 AM

African Watch Night: New Year's Eve starting at 9 PM

December Workshop for VOA

Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love. This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through Him. This is love: not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. 1 John 4:7-11

Sunday, December 11 will be our annual gift of love to the residents of the VOA-RRC (Volunteers of America-Residential Re-Entry Center) facilities in Roseville and Minneapolis MN. After worship, members will be encouraged to write a note on a Christmas card for each resident and then Christmas stockings will be filled with gift items.

Items for the stockings are needed. Are you willing to connect with a business to provide 120 items for the stockings? For example: toothbrush, toothpaste, floss, lanyard, post it notes, notebook, candy, microwave popcorn – others? If so, contact Lynne Rustad at 651-492-1240 or blessedrustads@aol.com. Please continue to pray for those coming out of prison – for them to know Jesus as their Lord and Savior!