

**Taking Down the Decorations:** We will put away the Christmas decorations on Saturday, January 14. If you're able to help, please join us at 9:00 AM.

**Coffee Hour:** If you are able to serve coffee and treats after worship, please use the sign-up sheet in the Lounge. Thanks!

**Helping Our Afghani Friends:** The mission organization, POBLO, is partnering with Jehovah Lutheran and Bethel to help the Afghani family we have been supporting and praying for. We are looking for a few Bethel members who will join this cooperative effort, which will include meeting periodically with the Afghani family and members of Jehovah. Please talk to Rich Gall for more information!

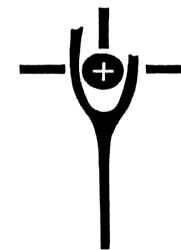
**New Recycling Program:** Bethel has a new hauler for trash and recycling. There is a large dumpster for trash as usual, but the recycling will be sorted a bit differently. There is a container for cardboard only and two blue, wheeled containers for all the rest of the recycling commingled. Please look over the recycling materials guidelines posted in the Lounge and in the church office to make sure we're recycling the correct items. Our recycling program will be a success if we all pay attention to the items that can go in each container! Thank you for helping us be good stewards of our resources.

**Food Closet:** We are accepting food donations for our food closet. We need pantry items like peanut butter, flour & sugar, pasta & rice, and canned chicken. If you have questions about donations, please talk to Kirsten Head.



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## Bethel Highlights



January/February 2023

# Happy New Year!

May the promises in God's Word bring you encouragement and peace as we head into 2023. Join us in praying for God's blessing, wisdom and direction for Bethel this coming year. Pray for comfort and encouragement for those isolated at home. Pray for healing for those who are sick; provision for those in need; and for grace for all of us to walk with Jesus and abide in Him.

### Zephaniah 3:17

"The LORD your God in your midst,  
The Mighty One, will save;  
He will rejoice over you with gladness,  
He will quiet you with His love,  
He will rejoice over you with singing."

### Psalms 34:3-4, 8-9

"Oh, magnify the Lord with me,  
And let us exalt His name together.  
I sought the Lord, and He heard me,  
And delivered me from all my fears.  
Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good;  
Blessed is the man who trusts in Him!  
Oh, fear the Lord, you His saints!  
There is no want to those who fear Him."

## January/February Birthdays and Baptisms

### Birthdays

Jan 03 Caleb Ruis  
Jan 03 Kage Luger  
Jan 14 Becky Luger  
Jan 22 Tim Schmalz  
Jan 25 Jennifer Brewer  
Jan 26 Rebecca Wilharm  
Jan 27 Betty Paulus  
Feb 02 Lynne Rustad  
Feb 03 Brian Ruis  
Feb 08 Dick Klemz  
Feb 09 Caleb Boll  
Feb 09 Bob Mueller  
Feb 11 Austin Murdock  
Feb 12 Nicholas Brewer  
Feb 15 Tim Goebel  
Feb 18 Alida Sorenson  
Feb 19 Martha Biggerstaff  
Feb 22 Lynne Holst  
Feb 23 Caitlyn Murray  
Feb 24 Barb Moeller  
Feb 25 Melissa Sorenson

### Baptisms

Jan 05 Madelyn Hartnett-Collister  
Jan 09 Keya Lopez  
Jan 12 Tee Fofana  
Jan 19 Sean Murray  
Jan 20 Annika Sorenson  
Jan 27 Isabella Wreh-Fofana  
Feb 13 Rich Gall  
Feb 14 Tim Schmalz  
Feb 19 Betty Paulus  
Feb 21 Lynne Rustad  
Feb 23 Bob Mueller  
Feb 27 Andrew Prin

## Worship Team Schedule

January 1: Search & Rescue—*Communion service*  
January 8: Share the Joy  
January 15: Praise Him, Proclaim Him—*Communion service*  
January 22: 1 Timothy  
January 29: Search & Rescue  
February 5: Share the Joy—*Communion service*  
February 12: Praise Him, Proclaim Him  
February 19: 1 Timothy—*Communion Service*  
February 26: Search & Rescue

### Calendar

#### Sundays:

9:30 Worship  
11:00 Education Hour  
11:00 African worship

#### Tuesdays:

9:30 Prayer group  
10:00 Bible Study

#### Wednesdays:

6PM Handbells  
7PM Women's Bible Study  
7PM Confirmation

### Events

Taking down Christmas decorations—Saturday, January 14, 9:00 AM  
Ash Wednesday—February 22