

HOPE
PEACE
JOY
LOVE

***Welcome to Bethlehem
We are glad to see you!***



Bethlehem Lutheran Church

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Organist: Cheryl Reader: Alyssa Acolyte: Alex
December 12, 2021, 9:30AM
Third Sunday of Advent

Mission Statement:

“Faith, Hope and Love make us available for our neighbors near and far.”

Order of Service

Prelude and Bell

Quiet Time for Silent Prayer

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Opening Prayer

Opening Hymn- **“Prepare The Royal Highway”** Vs. 1,3-4 LBW 26

Brief Order of Confession and Forgiveness-Psalm 130

*Prayer of the Day: ***God of righteousness, give your children eyes to see and ears to hear so that we might recognized the signs of your kingdom as it comes among us. Teach us to rejoice in your presence and work among us; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.***

First Lesson: Zephaniah 3:14-20 Bible pg. 940

Psalm: 85

Second Lesson: Philippians 4:4-7 Bible pg. 1166

*Gospel: Luke 7:18-28 Bible pg. 1026

Noisy Offering

Children’s Sermon

Hymn of the Day- **“ Beautiful Savior”** LBW 518

Message- **“Show And Tell Time”** Pastor Eric

*Apostles Creed LBW 65

Offering brought forward

Offertory-Sung

“Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow LBW 565

Announcements:

Sunday School @10:30 every Sun. and Confirmation every Wed.@ 7pm

Today: NIB Night of Lights Drive Thru -Live Nativity at Bethlehem, 5-7:30.

Dec. 13 Church Council @ 6pm

Dec. 14 Quilting @ 9am

Worship Committee @ 9:30pm

Dec. 18 Tiarra and Calebs Wedding

Dec. 19 Sunday School Program @ 5pm.

Soup Supper and fellowship to follow

Dec 22 Confirmands Caroling @ 5pm. End of the year party to follow.

Dec. 24 Christmas Eve Service @ 5pm.

Christmas Caroling and Fellowship/Meal to follow.



The Giving Tree is up and running for 2021 in our community.

In addition, this year there is an online option at www.northiowagivingtree.com.

Please return a gift or monetary donation to the banks by Dec. 13th -- or the Giving Tree stop on the Buffalo Center Tour of Lights on Dec.12th. Thank you for your tremendous support! We are grateful for the kindness of our communities!

On Christmas Eve there will be a chance to gather with your church family to do some Christmas Caroling. Join us after for a Soup Supper and an evening of fellowship. This is open to all ages. Invite a friend. Caroling is not mandatory. If you are available, please join us. You can let Lorie Bierle or Jen McGrady know.

The Annual Meeting is scheduled for Sunday January 16th, 2022, following the church service. We will have one-3 year position and two-1 year positions to be filled. If this is something you would consider doing, please talk with Cassie. We ask that all of you prayerfully consider how you can continue to serve your church family, as we have many roles and jobs to do. Thank you.

Coffee fellowship

Please sign up to serve for a Sunday. Our members enjoy this extension of our day together. There is a sheet in the narthex. It works best if you have 2 people to serve. Thank You.

Commemorative items: Bethlehem has a variety of items for sale. We have ornaments, postcards, coffee tumblers and mugs, and NEW "Oh Bethlehem" t-shirts. A table will remain set up in the fellowship hall. This is a fundraiser for Bethlehem. All funds will go to the General fund to support future fellowship and evangelism opportunities and outreach.

Prayers of The Church

Prayers for Healing and Strength:

Harlan M, Connie M, Randy M, Isaac and Christina C.

Those in our Care Centers:

Carolyn B, Claire S, Deloris S. and Dick S.

The Lord's Prayer

Pg. 71

The Blessing

Closing Hymn - **"Hark The Glad Sound"**

LBW 35

Bethlehem Lutheran Church has moved to Tier 0 for our pandemic plan.

While there are no special conditions at Tier 0, as always BLC will:

Respect others by allowing them the dignity to protect themselves, as well as others to have the dignity of risk.

- We will follow the guidance, as directed, by IDPH when appropriate.
- We will clean areas with reasonable care.
- As always, if they are sick, please take care and stay home.

Poinsettias are available to purchase in honor of or in memory of a loved one.

Please give what you can. Let Amy Walk or Jen McGrady know by Dec. 17th. Thank You.

Food Bank Needs for Dec: Can Fruit, Tomato Basil Soup, Chicken Noodle Soup, Cereal, Juice, Tuna, Tuna Helper, Frosting and Cocoa Mix.

All donations can be dropped off in the marked box in the Narthex. Thank You.

Bethlehem will be participating in the Night of Lights sponsored by NIB of Buffalo Center. We will have a live Nativity set up and acted out by our Confirmation class at this destination on the route. We will have some special effects also. So please come on by! **The drop off for canned goods will be at the Post office park this year.**

Are you alone on Christmas Eve?

Or would you like to do an event with your family on this night?

After the Candlelight service on Friday, Dec. 24th, Members and guests will be getting together to go Caroling. We will then gather for homemade soups, bread and goodies. If you would like to participate or help with keeping the soup warm, please let Lorie Bierle or Jen McGrady know. **Come and Join us!!!**

Giving last week:	Offering-2155.00
	Vanco- 453.53
Attendance: 68	Online: 8

