

Bethlehem Lutheran Church

Pastor Eric Hullstrom
201 4th Street NE, Buffalo Center, IA
641-562-2552
December 28, 2025 @ 9:30AM
1st Sunday after Christmas



Mission Statement:

***"Faith, Hope and Love
Make us available
To our neighbors
Near and far."***

Pre-Service Music
Welcome and Announcements
Greeting Our Neighbors

Opening Prayer
Opening Hymn

"Angels, from the Realms of Glory"

LBW #50

Confession & Forgiveness—Psalm 19

Prayer of the day:

Almighty God, you have given us your only-begotten Son to take our nature and be born of the Virgin Mary. Grant that we, having been redeemed and made your children by grace, may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit; through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

First Reading - Isaiah 63:7-14

Page 739 in pew Bible

Psalm 111

Second Reading - Galatians 4:4-7

Page 1156 in pew Bible

Noisy Offering/Children's Sermon

Hymn of the Day

"From Heaven Above"

LBW #51, Verses 1-4

Gospel Reading: Matthew 2:13-23

Page 960 in pew Bible

Message

"God is in Control"

Darla Thompson

Apostles' Creed

Offering

Offertory

"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

Prayers of the Church

The Lord's Prayer (sing)

The Benediction

Closing Hymn

"Go Tell It on the Mountain"

LBW #70

Thank you for joining us today!

Thank you, Darla, for preaching today!

January Greeters & Ushers

*4 Derek Thilges Family & Joe Angstman Family
*11 Aurora and Lily Pentico Family
18 Logan Willmert Family & Dawn & Denny Meinders
25 Bailey Newton Family & Mark & Kim Ostermann

Calendar of Events

December/January:

Today - NO Sunday School
Dec 25 - Jan 4: Pastor Eric on vacation
Jan 4 - Worship at 9:30 am, NO Sunday School
Jan 6 - Bible Study at 2:00 pm with Pastor Eric
Jan 7 - Confirmation - snacks 6:45 pm, class 7:15
**Every Monday - Coffee Hour 9:30-10:30 am @ TMNH

Please consider joining church council in January. This is a vital ministry that helps guide our congregation, support our pastor, and ensure we're faithfully living out our mission.

We're looking for 3 members who feel called to lead. All you need is a heart for Jesus and being willing to serve. Please speak with Council President Derek Thilges, Pastor Eric, or any of our current council members.

Pray for our Members and Friends:

Emily Schulz	Emmagene Silber
Jaya Fever	Deloris Steffensen
Brian Bashans	Claire Rustemier-Hinz
Christina Coughlin	Carolyn Bartz
Roger Burnside	Joy Albert
Virginia Cooper	Karen Buss
Dawn Jensvold	Harlan Melz
Penny Mitchell	Leroy Weaver
Curtis Vaudt	Charlie Schaefer
Jason Christensen	Marge Becker
Cheryl Baumann	Dean Swenson
Pastor Mark Neumann	

2025 Church Council

Derek Thilges ~ President
Kelsey Bosma ~ Vice President/Stewardship
Thomas Blodgett ~ Treasurer/Technology
Kim Ostermann ~ Secretary/Education
Darryl Friest ~ Evangelism
Katie Mathahs ~ Fellowship
Darla Thompson ~ Worship
Larry Lawson ~ Property

**Annual
Congregational
Meeting,
January 18, 2026,
after worship**

**Please mark it on
your calendar and
plan to attend!**

Fellowship Serving Rotation:

Dec 28—Work Group #2
Jan 4 - Work Group #3
Jan 11 - Sunday School
Jan 18 - Church Council
Jan 25 - Work Group #1

**North Iowa Food for
Families will be open on
the 1st & 3rd Mondays,
from 3-5 pm. Pick-up is
on the west side of the
Methodist Church in
Buffalo Center.**

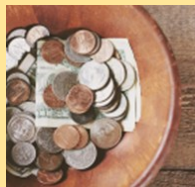
**12.21.25
Giving: \$2,957**

**YTD Actual:
\$125,391**

**YTD Budget:
\$156,213**

**YTD Deficit:
-\$30,822**

**Attendance: 202
Online views: 22**



VANCO Giving

Weekly, monthly, and on-demand giving is available through Vanco's app or you can scan here. Many of us have found this to be an easy and useful way to give. For more info or questions, contact Thomas B or Susan. Thanks.



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