

## Bethlehem Lutheran Church

Pastor Eric Hullstrom  
201 4th Street NE, Buffalo Center, IA  
641-562-2552  
January 4, 2026 @ 9:30AM  
2nd Sunday after Christmas



## Mission Statement:

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

Welcome and Announcements  
Greeting Our Neighbors

Opening Prayer

Opening Hymn

***“O Little Town of Bethlehem”***

LBW #41

Brief Order of Confession & Forgiveness

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Kyrie

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Hymn of Praise

***“This is the Feast”***

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Prayer of the day:

**Almighty and everlasting God, direct our actions according to your good pleasure, that in the name of your beloved Son, we might be made to abound in good works. Grant this, we pray, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Scripture Reading - 1 Kings 3:4-15

Page 332 in pew Bible

Psalm 119:97-104

Gospel Reading: Matthew 19:16-26

Page 980 in pew Bible

Hymn of the Day

***“Infant Holy, Infant Lowly”***

LBW #44

Message

***“It’s not About the Rules”***

Pastor Dave Halverson

Nicene Creed

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Offering

Offertory

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Offertory Prayer

***“Let the Vineyard Be Fruitful, Lord”***

Prayers of the Church

The Great Thanksgiving

***“Holy, Holy, Holy Lord”***

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The Words of Institution

The Lord’s Prayer

Communion Hymn

***“Lamb of God”***

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The Distribution

Post-Communion Canticle

***“Thank the Lord”***

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Post-Communion Prayer

The Benediction

Closing Hymn

***“Give Me Jesus”***

WOV #777

**Thank you, Pastor Dave Halverson, 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

## 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

## Calendar of Events

### December/January:

Today - NO Sunday School  
Dec 25 - Jan 4: Pastor Eric on vacation  
Jan 6 - Bible Study at 2:00 pm with Pastor Eric  
Jan 7 - Confirmation - snacks 6:45 pm, class 7:15  
Jan 4 - Worship at 9:30 am, Sunday School 10:45  
\*\*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  
Jaya Fever  
Brian Bashans  
Christina Coughlin  
Roger Burnside  
Virginia Cooper  
Dawn Jensvold  
Penny Mitchell  
Curtis Vaudt  
Jason Christensen  
Cheryl Baumann  
Pastor Mark Neumann

Emmagene Silber  
Deloris Steffensen  
Claire Rustemier-Hinz  
Carolyn Bartz  
Joy Albert  
Karen Buss  
Harlan Melz  
Leroy Weaver  
Charlie Schaefer  
Marge Becker  
Dean Swenson

Annual  
Congregational  
Meeting,  
January 18, 2026,  
after worship

Please mark it on  
your calendar and  
plan to attend!

12.28.25  
(also includes  
12.24.25)  
Giving: \$4,504

Christmas Eve  
4:30 Attendance:  
**193**  
Online views: **42**

Christmas Eve  
9:00 Attendance:  
**12**

12.28.25  
Attendance: **28**  
Online views: **74**

## Fellowship Serving Rotation:

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

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.

## 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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