

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
Kyrie
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

Psalms 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

"Let the Vineyard Be Fruitful, Lord"

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Offertory Prayer

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

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	Emmagene Silber
Jaya Fever	Deloris Steffensen
Brian Bashans	Claire Rustemier-Hinz
Christina Coughlin	Carolyn Bartz
Roger Burnside	Joy Albert
Virginia Cooper	Karen Buss
Dawn Jenvold	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!**

**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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Bethlehem Lutheran Sunday School**

