Bethlehem Lutheran Church

Pastor Eric Hullstrom 201 4th Street NE, Buffalo Center, IA 641-562-2552 December 21, 2025 @ 9:30AM 4th Sunday in Advent



Mission Statement:

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

Pre-Service Music
Welcome and Announcements
Greeting Our Neighbors

Lighting of the Advent Candles - Love

Opening Song "He Made a Way in a Manger"

Confession & Forgiveness—Psalm 51

Prayer of the day:

Stir up your power, O Lord, and come. With your great might, give us your help, that whatever is hindered by our sins may be speedily accomplished by your grace; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

First Reading - Isaiah 7:10-17

Page 679 in pew Bible

Psalm 24

Message—Sunday School Kids

"Love Came Down"

Apostles' Creed

Offering

Special Music by students

Offertory

Offertory Prayer

"Praise to the Lord"

Prayers of the Church The Lord's Prayer

The Benediction Closing Song

"Hark! the Herald Angels Sing"

Thank you for joining us today!

Join us after worship for a pancake breakfast in the Fellowship Hall!

Thank you to the
Sunday School kids, teachers,
and helpers for your hard
work on this program!
Merry Christmas!

December Greeters & Ushers

21 Deegan Schroeder Family & Grant Jacobs Family*24 Julian Ernster Family & Brayden Berggren Family28 Julie Weaver, Colin Weaver, and Tanner & AnneWeaver

Calendar of Events

December:

Today - Pancake breakfast after worship

Dec 24 - Christmas Eve Worship at 4:30 pm

Dec 24 - Christmas Eve Worship at 9:00 pm

Dec 25 - Christmas!

Dec 28 - Worship at 9:30 am, NO Sunday School

**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

Emmagene Silber

Deloris Steffensen

Claire Rustemier-Hinz

Christina Coughlin Carolyn Bartz Joy Albert Roger Burnside 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

The Family of Paul Steffensen

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Bethlehem Lutheran Sunday School

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!

12.14.25 Giving: \$1,568

YTD Actual: \$122,434

YTD Budget: \$153,150

YTD Deficit: -\$30,716

Attendance: 69 Online views: 32



Fellowship Serving Rotation:

Dec 21 - Education/SS

Dec 28—Work Group #2

Jan 4 - Work Group #3

Jan 11 - Sunday School

Jan 18 - Church Council

Please join us for our Christmas Eve Worship Services at 4:30 pm and 9:00 pm. All are welcome! Bring your friends and family!



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