

Bethlehem Lutheran Church

Pastor Eric Hullstrom
201 4th Street NE, Buffalo Center, IA
641-562-2552
December 15, 2024 @ 9:30AM
3rd 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
Opening Prayer

Opening Song ***“Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel”***

Confession & Forgiveness—Psalm 51

Prayer of the day:

Lord Jesus Christ, give ear to our prayers, and lighten the darkness of our hearts by your gracious visitation; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

First Reading - Zephaniah 3:14-20

Page 940 in pew Bible

Psalm 85

Message—Sunday School Kids ***“The Joy of Christmas”***

Apostles' Creed

Offering ***“Christmas Offering”***
Offertory ***“Praise to the Lord”***
Offertory Prayer

Prayers of the Church
The Lord's Prayer

The Blessing
Closing Song ***“Hymn of Joy”***

Thank you for joining us today!

Join us after worship for
treats and coffee in the Fellowship
Hall. We also have a bake sale going
on so come and check out all the
Christmas goodies!

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

December Greeters & Ushers

15 - Grant Jacobs Family and Dawn & Denny Meinders
 22 - Julian Ernster Family & Rita Ellsworth
 *24 - Jesse Bosma Family & Jen McGrady
 29 - Billy Jensvold Family and Randy & Jill Melz

Calendar of Events

December/January

Dec 18 - Confirmation - snack 6:45 pm, class 7:15
 Dec 22 - Worship @ 9:30 am, NO Sunday school
 Dec 24 - Christmas Eve Services with Communion,
 4:30 & 9:00 pm
 Dec 25 - Christmas
 Dec 29 - Worship @ 9:30 am
 Jan 1 - New Year's Day
 Jan 5 - Worship with Communion @ 9:30 am
 Jan 5 - Sunday School @ 10:45 am
 Jan 5 - Worship @ TMNH with Pastor, 1:30 pm
 Jan 7 - Bible Study with Pastor @ 2:00 pm

**Every Monday - Coffee Hour 9:30-10:30 am @
 Timely Mission Nursing Home

Pray for our Members and Friends:

Ashley Cox	Emmagene Silber
Jaya Fever	Deloris Steffensen
Brian Bashans	Claire Rustemier-Hinz
Christina Coughlin	Carolyn Bartz
Roger Burnside	Joy Albert
Virginia Cooper	Darlene Hofbauer
Darlene Huston	Karen Buss
Penny Mitchell	Harlan Melz
Joan Sunde	

The Family of Burton Jordahl (Katy Greensky's Dad)

Pastor Mark Neumann (BLC's deployed pastor)

2024 Church Council

Derek Thilges ~ President
 Lisa Berggren ~ Vice-president
 Thomas Blodgett ~Treasurer/Technology
 Courtney Boekelman ~ Secretary
 Kelsey Bosma ~ Stewardship
 Lisa Berggren ~ Education
 Darryl Friest and Teresa Cooper ~
 Evangelism & Fellowship
 Darla Thompson ~ Worship
 Larry Lawson ~ Property

HATS * MITTENS SCARVES

We are collecting hats, mittens, and scarves until December 16 for The Giving Tree. Please leave donations in the basket in the narthex. We appreciate your generosity!

Annual Congregational Meeting, January 19, 2025, after worship

We are looking to fill 2 seats on the church council. Please see Derek Thilges or any council member if you're interested in hearing more about the position. Thanks!

Fellowship Serving Rotation for December:

Dec 15 - Church Council
 Dec 22 - Work Group #2
 Dec 29 - Work Group #3

12.08.24 Giving:
\$2,131

YTD Actual:
\$132,688

YTD Budget:
\$144,158

YTD Deficit:
-\$11,470

Attendance: 60
Online views: 30

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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