



Bethlehem Lutheran Church

Pastor Eric Hullstrom,
201 4th Street NE, Buffalo Center, IA
641-562-2552
December 31, 2023 @ 9:30AM
First Sunday after Christmas

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

Preservice Music

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship
Opening Prayer

Opening song- ***“What Child Is This”***

LBW #40

Order of Confession and Forgiveness-

LBW pg.155

Prayer of the Day: ***God of majesty may your Spirit help us to know that in the midst of all that assails us your promise of light and presence through Jesus Christ remains constant and unchanging. Strengthen our faith, bring us your peace, and send us to share both with others. We ask this through your Son, Jesus Christ, Amen.***

Scripture- Isaiah 61:10-62:3

pew Bible pg.738

Psalm 111

Galatians 4:4-7

pew Bible pg.1156

Noisy Offering/Childrens Message

Song of the Day- ***“Shine Jesus Shine”***

WOV #651

Gospel- Luke 2: 22-40

pew Bible pg.1019

Message-

Darla Thompson

Apostles Creed

Offertory- ***“Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow”***

Prayers of the Church- **To those in need of healing and to those in our care centers**

The Lord's Prayer- ***Sing all together.***

The Blessing

Closing Song- ***“Angel From The Realms Of Glory”***

LBW #50/vs.1-3

Thank You to Darla for filling in for Pastor today.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Prayers for our members and friends:

Brian Bashans
Harlan Melz
Randy Melz
Carolyn Bartz
Clarice Stonebreaker
Deloris Steffensen
Claire Hinz Lorie Bierle
Logan Sabin William Jensvold, Sr.

Upcoming Events and Announcements:

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!

January

- 7-Worship/Communion @9:30am/ SS
- 8-ONE G resumes
 Council meets @6pm
- 9-Bible Study with Pastor Eric @2pm
- 10-Confirmation @6:45pm
- 14-Worship/Communion @9:30am/SS
- 16-Quilting @1pm
- 17-Confirmation @6:45pm
- 21-Worship/SS and Annual Meeting after services.

**Bethlehem Lutheran Church
2024 Annual Meeting**

- +Please join us after the service on January 21st.
- +This is an important time for ALL MEMBERS to attend.
- +All Committee reports are due January 12th. Please turn them into Jen.

Greeters and Ushers

January

- *7 Henry Schaefer(c) Family
 Denny & Dawn Meinders
- *14 Aurora Pentico (c) Family & Lori Bierle
 21 Ray & Vonnie Pilgrim
 Brooklyn Price(c) Family
- 28 Khloe Wubben(c) Family
 Ted & Darla Thompson

Making ourselves available...

FOOD BANK

January: Cereal (Cold or Hot), Can Fruit, Hot Chocolate Mix, Cookie or Cake Mix, Soup (Canned or Mixes), Jello and Pudding Mixes.

“Our numbers are increasing, so anything you donate will be helpful. Larger cans of food are needed for our larger families. Thank You.

All donations can be dropped off in the Narthex of the church. Thank You.

Our goal is to keep the Project Fund ongoing so that we will be able to address and take care of the unexpected and ongoing care of our church building and parsonage. This way we are not dipping into our property fund budget. As this does not cover bigger expenses that may come about.

We are Blessed and Thankful.

VANCO Giving

Today, weekly, or monthly. Check this out. Download the app or just scan here for giving. Many of us have found this to be an easy and useful way to give. For more info or questions contact Thomas B or Jen. Thanks.



Elementary: Monday @3:15pm
High School: Tuesday @7:30am
Middle and High School: Wed @2:15pm
We are in need of volunteers.
 Please consider making yourself available to our younger neighbors.
 Talk with Pastor Eric about it.
This is a Great Ministry!!!

Facebook:

Bethlehem Lutheran Church
Bethlehem Lutheran
Sunday School

bethlehemplutheranbc.com

email: pastor@blciowa.org
(641)-562-2553

email: office@blciowa.org
(641)562-2552

Giving

12.24.23
All services
\$2,919.00
 Attendance:
Total: 264
 Online views
 23
 Budgeted weekly giving:
\$2,830.00.

WANTED: Someone to help sew quilt tops for our quilting group. The material is at the church. Please contact Dawn Meinders or Shiley Hagenson. Thank You.

