



Bethlehem Lutheran Church

Pastor Eric Hullstrom,
201 4th Street NE, Buffalo Center, IA
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December 18, 2022 @ 9:30AM
4th Sunday of Advent

Mission Statement:
*"Faith, Hope and Love
Make us available
To our neighbors
near and far."*

Prelude and Bell
Quiet Time for Silent Prayer

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Prayer

Brief Order of Confession and Forgiveness

Psalm 51

Opening Hymn- ***"What A Beautiful Name"***

Prayer of the Day: **Gracious God, the Alpha and Omega, our beginning and our end, may your Spirit kindle in us patience and peace as we wait for the coming of your Son, and the humility and boldness to proclaim his reign. We ask this through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

*First Reading: Isaiah 7:10-17

Pew Bible pg. 678

*Psalm 24

Children's message/Noisy Offering

Song of the day-***"What Child Is This"***

LBW #40

Preaching text: Romans 1:1-7

Pew Bible pg.1116

Message- ***"Set Free To Be A Slave Of Christ"***

Pastor Eric

Offertory- ***"Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow"***

Offering brought forward:

Prayers of The Church

Prayers for Healing and Strength

The Blessing

Closing Song- ***"He Made A Way"***

Have a Great Week!

As we are in preparation for Christmas and waiting for the Christ Child, We quiet our minds and search our hearts to see where it is that God can work through us. In our community alone, we have many opportunities to make this time to be a season of giving. Here are some great and needed areas: Food Pantry, Bison Pantry at NI School, Bare Bags for school, Giving tree, 1G Network, Riding Light Ministries, Dress A Girl, Smile Organization and NI Ministerial Assoc. Missions are ongoing and can look like many different things. Where can give of yourself this Season?

SUNDAY SCHOOL

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM TODAY! at 5pm.

Come enjoy our SS kids in the sanctuary and then join us for fellowship and supper.

We have a wonderful meal of Soups planned with Christmas Goodies to top it off!

BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN
CHRISTMAS EVE
CANDLELIGHT SERVICES

Traditional Communion

Service at 4:00pm

Contemporary Communion

Service at 10:00pm

Come and see...the Angels are calling...

A baby to be born...

Jesus Christ our newborn King!

<<<Calendar of Events>>>

December

18-Sunday School Christmas Program at 5pm

-Worship comm. Meets @10:45am

21-Confirmation Caroling and Pizza, 6:30

24-Christmas Eve service @4pm/ 10pm

25-Christmas Day service

of Lessons and Carols-9:30am

26-Jan.2nd office closed

January

1- Worship with Darla Thompson

Prayers for our Members and friends:

Harlan Melz

Clarice Stonebreaker

Deloris Steffensen

Randy Melz

Brian Bashan

Marcia Aukes

Isaac

Bev Larson

Christina Coughlin

Cindy Larson Doyle

Carolyn Bartz

God has been and is on the move here in Buffalo Center. We are seeing anywhere from 54-62 kids coming. God has brought the increase. And with that increase I have two requests: **(1) Pray, pray and pray some more (but you are probably already doing that, so please keep it up)** **(2) You. We need people to BE WITH KIDS.** We are not asking you to plan a lesson or a craft, we need adults who love kids to love on kids. Plain and simple. We need you to be present and show them Jesus. Will you answer the call? Just show up on a Monday at 3:15 PM and we will get you started. It's that easy and that important.

1G Middle School is going well and Sr. High is also getting off to a good start, we ask also that you would pray for this.

God is doing a thing here. **Praise be to God!**

Making ourselves available...

Food Bank for December:

Juice, Cereal, Cookie Mix, Pancake Mix, Syrup,
Toilet Paper, Large cans of Fruit for our larger families.

"Our numbers are increasing, so anything you donate will be helpful. Thank You and Merry Christmas!"

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



Direct your
Thrivent Choice
Dollars
Today!



Weekly Giving

12.11.22 \$1,042.00

Vanco (12/1-12/14) \$1,354.00

Attendance 62

Online Views this week 40

Budgeted 2022 \$3,077.00

We have a few options for your giving here at Bethlehem. If you are a Thrivent member, you can direct your dollars to the church. We also have a very easy and simple way with our online giving. This QR code will access our website and take you to the Vanco giving page.

If you have any questions, please ask Jen or Brian Blodgett.

Thank you!

ANNUAL MEETING IS SUNDAY, JAN 15

We will have the annual meeting after our service, please join us for coffee and treats and the meeting will begin promptly at 10:45.

TIME AND TALENTS SURVEY

We would like all members to take the time to fill out the survey and get it back to the church drop off or the office. You can also access it by using this link or by scanning the QR code. <https://bit.ly/3Fktkei>



