

Bethlehem Lutheran Church

Pastor Eric Hullstrom
201 4th Street NE, Buffalo Center, IA
641-562-2552
December 14, 2025 @ 9:30 AM
Third Sunday of Advent



Mission Statement:

***"Faith, Hope and Love
make us available
to our neighbors
near and far."***

Welcome and Announcements
Greeting Our Neighbors
Lighting of the Advent Candle - Joy

Opening Song ***"Hymn of Joy"***

Brief Order for Confession & Forgiveness - Psalm 32

Prayer of the day:

Gracious God, the Alpha and Omega, our beginning and our end, may your Spirit kindle in us patience and strength and endurance in the face of suffering, as well as love and mercy toward our neighbors that reflects your own. We pray in Jesus' name, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Scripture Reading - Isaiah 35:1-10

Page 707 in pew Bible

Psalm 146

Noisy Offering/Children's Message

Song of the Day ***"He Made a Way in a Manger"***

Gospel - Matthew 11:2-15

Page 969 in pew Bible

Message ***"This Far, No Further"***

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Apostles' Creed

Offering

"Christmas Offering"

Offertory

"Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow"

Offertory Prayer

Prayers of the Church

The Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

The Distribution

"Your Name"

"What a Beautiful Name It Is"

Post-Communion Prayer

The Benediction

Closing Hymn Song

"Joy to the World"

Kids, join us for Sunday School at 10:45 am.

Adults, join us for coffee, treats, and fellowship time in the Fellowship Hall.

December Greeters & Ushers

*14 Elsa Adams Family and Tracy & Jodi Adams
21 Deegan Schroeder Family & Grant Jacobs Family
*24 Julian Ernster Family & Brayden Berggren Family
28 Julie Weaver, Colin Weaver, and Tanner & Anne Weaver

Calendar of Events

December:

Today - Sunday School at 10:45 am
Today - Worship at 1:30 pm at TMNH with Pastor Eric
Dec 16 - Worship Committee Meeting at 8:30 am
Dec 17 - Confirmation - 6:45 pm snack, 7:15 class
Dec 21 - Sunday School Christmas Program at 9:30 am
**Every Monday - Coffee Hour 9:30-10:30 am @ TMNH

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 Jensvold	Harlan Melz
Penny Mitchell	Leroy Weaver
Curtis Vaudt	Charlie Schaefer
Jason Christensen	Marge Becker
Cheryl Baumann	Pastor Mark Neumann

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.

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

Fellowship Serving Rotation:

Dec 14—Work Group #1
Dec 21 - Education/SS
Dec 28—Work Group #2
Jan 4 - Work Group #3
Jan 11 - Sunday School

12.07.25 General
Offering: \$2,633

Attendance: 76
Online views: 28

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!



Good News!

North Iowa Food for Families will be opening Dec. 15th at the United Methodist Church in Buffalo Center from 2:00 to 4:00 pm. They will be open on the 1st and 3rd Mondays of the month.

They are looking for volunteers. If you would like to help, please contact Amy Walk at 641-590-5845. They will need help on Monday mornings to bring food in and on Monday afternoons to help distribute food.

Thanks!

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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