

Bethlehem Lutheran Church

Pastor Eric Hullstrom
201 4th Street NE, Buffalo Center, IA
641-562-2552
January 11, 2026 @ 9:30AM
Baptism of Our Lord



Mission Statement:

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

Pre-Service Music

“Holy Forever”

Welcome and Announcements

Greeting Our Neighbors

Opening Prayer

Opening Song

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

Confession & Forgiveness - Psalm 32

Prayer of the day:

Almighty and everlasting God, by the baptism of your beloved Son you manifested your Triune nature and your will to save us. May we remember our own baptism so that we may daily die to sin and walk in newness of life; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Scripture Reading - Romans 6:1-11

Page 1120 in pew Bible

Psalm 29

Noisy Offering/Children's Message

Song of the Day

“No Longer Slaves”

Gospel Reading: Matthew 3:13-17

Page 961 in pew Bible

Message

“A Light Bulb Moment”

Pastor Eric Hullstrom

Apostles' Creed

Offering

Offertory

Offertory Prayer

Prayers of the Church

“Everlasting God”

“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”

The Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

The Distribution

Post-Communion Prayer

“O Come to the Altar” “Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)”

The Benediction

Closing Song

“Holy Water”

Thank you for joining us today!

Please stay after worship for the baptism of Ivy Marie Ostermann.

January Greeters & Ushers

*11 Aurora and Lily Pentico Family
18 Logan Willmert Family & Dawn & Denny Meinders
25 Bailey Newton Family & Mark & Kim Ostermann

Calendar of Events

January:

Today - Sunday School 10:45
Jan 13 - Quilting
Jan 14 - Confirmation - snacks 6:45 pm, class 7:15
Jan 17 - Men's Bible Study at 7:00 am
Jan 18 - Worship at 9:30 am, NO Sunday School
Jan 18 - Annual Meeting after Worship

**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
Christina Coughlin
Roger Burnside
Virginia Cooper
Dawn Jensvold
Penny Mitchell
Curtis Vaudt
Charlie Schaefer
Jason Christensen
Cheryl Baumann
Jen McGrady

Emmagene Silber
Deloris Steffensen
Claire Rustemier-Hinz
Carolyn Bartz
Joy Albert
Karen Buss
Harlan Melz
Leroy Weaver
Frances Ostermann
Delores Griffin
Marge Becker
Dean Swenson
Pastor Mark Neumann

Congratulations to Ivy Marie Ostermann on her baptism today!

Ivy's parents are Jeff and Megan Ostermann. Her sponsors are Tyler & Allison Amy and Brant & Courtney Boekelman. Her grandparents are Mark & Kim Ostermann and Chuck & Marilyn Vaske. Ivy's siblings are Owyn, Mya, and Zoey.

Her baptism will take place following worship.

All are welcome to attend.

The 2025 North Iowa Giving Tree Committee would like to express a heartfelt thanks for your tremendous support of our project this year. Thank you to all the church members who volunteered and helped; purchased a gift; donated quilts or blankets, hygiene items, socks, mittens, hats or gloves; or gave a monetary donation.

Eighty-five children in our North Iowa School District were helped by your goodwill and kindness. You have set a wonderful example by reaching out in Christian love, compassion, and generosity. We are so very grateful to you all. You have made a difference in the lives of many children in these past twenty-seven years.

God Bless,
The North Iowa Giving Tree

Annual
Congregational
Meeting,
January 18, 2026,
after worship.

Please mark it on
your calendar and
plan to attend!

Fellowship Serving Rotation:

Jan 11 - Sunday School
Jan 18 - Church Council
Jan 25 - Work Group #1
Feb 1 - Work Group #2
Feb 8 - Confirmation

VANCO Giving

01.04.26 Giving:
\$3,647

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Attendance: 38
Online views: 31

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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