

Welcome to Bethlehem
We are glad to see you!

"IT IS MY PRAYER
THAT YOUR LOVE MAY
ABOUND MORE AND MORE,
WITH KNOWLEDGE
AND ALL DISCERNMENT,
SO THAT YOU MAY APPROVE
WHAT IS EXCELLENT,
AND SO BE PURE
AND BLAMELESS
FOR THE DAY OF CHRIST"
PHILIPPIANS 1:9-10



Bethlehem Lutheran Church

Pastor Eric Hullstrom,
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Organist: Mary Reader: Acolyte: Brendan
December 5, 2021, 9:30AM
Second Sunday of Advent



Mission Statement:

“Faith, Hope and Love make us available for our neighbors near and far.”

Order of Service

Prelude and Bell

Quiet Time for Silent Prayer

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Prayer

Opening Hymn- **“Oh Come, Oh Come Emmanuel”**

LBW 34

Brief Order of Confession and Forgiveness

*Prayer of the Day: ***God of righteousness, refine and purify our lives through the power of your Holy Spirit so that we might boldly and faithfully prepare the way for the coming of your Son, Jesus, our Savior and Lord; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. Amen.***

First Lesson: Malachi 3:1-7

Bible pg. 954

Psalm: 66

Second Lesson: Philippians 1:2-11

Bible pg. 1164

*Gospel: Luke 3:1-20

Bible pg. 1020

Noisy Offering

Children’s Sermon

Hymn of the Day- **“Break Now The Bread Of Life”**

LBW 235

Message- **“To Be A Fruit Tree”**

Pastor Eric

*Apostles Creed

LBW 65

Offering brought forward

Offertory-Sung

“Let The Vineyards Be Fruitful Lord”

LBW 66

Prayers of The Church

Offering last week 11.28.21	\$1655.00
Vanco	\$
Attendance last week:	62 in church

Announcements:

Sunday School @10:30 every Sun. and Confirmation every Wed.@ 7pm

Today: Communion Sunday
Dec. 7 BLCW meets @ 9 AM
Dec. 13 Church Council @ 6 PM
Dec. 14 Worship Committee @ 9:30 Pm
Dec. 19 Sunday School Program @ 5 PM.
Meal and fellowship to follow
Dec. 24 Christmas Eve Service @ 5pm.
Christmas Caroling and Fellowship/Meal to follow.

The Giving Tree is up and running for 2021 in our community. To select and purchase a gift for a child, the banks in Buffalo Center, Rake, Thompson, and Lakota and the Buffalo Center Post Office have the familiar tags to select. In addition, this year there is an online option at www.northiowagivingtree.com. Please return a gift or monetary donation to the banks by Dec. 13th -- or the Giving Tree stop on the Buffalo Center Tour of Lights on Dec.12th. Thank you for your tremendous support! We are grateful for the kindness of our communities!

On Christmas Eve there will be a chance to gather with your church family to do some Christmas Caroling. Join us after for a Soup Supper and an evening of fellowship. This is open to all ages. Invite a friend. Caroling is not mandatory. If you are available, please join us. You can let Lorie Bierle or Jen McGrady know.

The Annual Meeting is scheduled for Sunday January 16th, 2022, following the church service. We will have one-2 year position and two-1 year positions to be filled. If this is something you would consider doing, please talk with Cassie. We ask that all of you prayerfully consider how you can continue to serve your church family, as we have many roles and jobs to do. Thank you.

Coffee fellowship

Please sign up to serve for a Sunday. Our members enjoy this extension of our day together. There is a sheet in the narthex. It works best if you have 2 people to serve. Thank You.

Commemorative items: Bethlehem has a variety of items for sale. We have ornaments, postcards, coffee tumblers and mugs, and NEW "Oh Bethlehem" t-shirts. A table will remain set up in the fellowship hall. This is a fundraiser for Bethlehem. All funds will go to the General fund to support future fellowship and evangelism opportunities and outreach.

Prayers for Healing and Strength:

Harlan M, Connie M, Randy M, Isaac and Christina C.

Those in our Care Centers:

Carolyn B, Claire S, Deloris S. and Dick S.

The Meal

*The Words of Institution Pg. 69
The Lord's Prayer Pg. 71
The Distribution
The Post Communion Prayer Pg.74

The Blessing
Closing Hymn - **"Sent Forth By God's Blessing"** LBW 221

Bethlehem Lutheran Church has moved to Tier 0 for our pandemic plan.

While there are no special conditions at Tier 0, as always BLC will:

Respect others by allowing them the dignity to protect themselves, as well as others to have the dignity of risk.

- We will follow the guidance, as directed, by IDPH when appropriate.
- We will clean areas with reasonable care.
- As always, if they are sick, please take care and stay home.

Poinsettias are available to purchase in honor of or in memory of a loved one. Please give what you can. Let Amy Walk or Jen McGrady know by Dec. 17th. Thank You.

Food Bank Needs for Dec: Can Fruit, Tomato Basil Soup, Chicken Noodle Soup, Cereal, Juice, Tuna, Tuna Helper, Frosting and Cocoa Mix. All donations can be dropped off in the marked box in the Narthex. Thank You.

Bethlehem will be participating in the Night of Lights sponsored by NIB of Buffalo Center. We will have a live Nativity set up at this destination on the route. The drop off for canned goods will be at the Post office park this year.

Are you alone on Christmas Eve?

Or would you like to do an event with your family on this night?

After the Candlelight service on Friday, Dec. 24th, Members and guests will be getting together to go Caroling. We will then gather for homemade soups, bread and goodies. If you would like to participate or help with keeping the soup warm, please let Lorie Bierle or Jen McGrady know. **Come and Join us!!!**

Giving last week:	Offering-1655.00
	Vanco- 450.53

Attendance: 62
