

BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH
215 3rd Ave SE, MINOT, ND, 58701

Pastors: Janet Hernes Mathistad & Gerald Roise
Organist: Deacon Kari Files, Pastor Intern David Myers

3rd Sunday after Epiphany

January 26, 2020

* Standing, for those who are able

PRELUDE

ANTHEM: Sanctuary Choir (8:30), Sanctuary Choir (10:30)

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*** CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, the eternal voice from heaven, the anointed and beloved one, the Spirit moving over the waters. **C: Amen**

P: As we approach the mystery of God, let us come in confession, trusting the love of Christ crucified and risen.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: God who searches us and knows us,

C: you have shown us what is good, but we have looked to other lights to find our way. We have not been just in our dealings with others. We have chosen revenge over mercy. We have promoted ourselves instead of walking humbly with you. With what shall we come before you? Forgive us our sin, and show us your salvation in the face of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen

P: Beloved of God, you have not received the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, poured out for you in the faithfulness of Jesus Christ. Receive the promise of baptism: You are God's child; + your sins are forgiven. Rejoice and be glad, for yours is the reign of heaven. **C: Amen**

GATHERING

*** INVOCATION**

P: In the name of God the Creator of the world In the name of Christ the Son In the name of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen... Amen

*** ENTRANCE HYMN: "Make a Joyful Noise"**

*** PRAYERS FOR PEACE**

*** SONG OF PRAISE: "Glory to God"**

*** SALUTATION**

*** PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Lord God, your lovingkindness always goes before us and follows after us. Summon us into your light, and direct

our steps in the ways of goodness that come through the cross of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen

WORD

FIRST READING: Isaiah 9:1-4

Psalm 27:1, 4-9

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 1:10-18

*** GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: "Alleluia"**

*** GOSPEL: Matthew 4:12-23**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON: Pastor Janet

HYMN: "Will You Come and Follow Me" Hymn 798 (1,3-5)

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*** THE PRAYERS**

*** PEACE**

MEAL

PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS

Offering

Anthem

*** Offertory: "What Have We to Offer" (1,3)**

*** PRAYER**

P: God of wonder, **C: you formed us in our mother's womb, and from mother earth you bring forth this bread and wine. We place them on your table, together with our lives and all that you have made. Open the heavens to us and pour out your Spirit. We wait for your mercy; we long for your peace; we hunger and thirst for Jesus Christ, our banquet of life. Amen**

*** GREAT THANKSGIVING**

*** HOLY**

*** WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

*** LORD'S PRAYER**

Distribution, "Lamb of God," Anthem Hymn 574

*** BLESSING**

*** POST COMMUNION CANTICLE**

*** POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

P: Faithful God, you have kept your promise to us in this meal, nourishing us with the gift of salvation. Now send your servants forth in peace, that we may testify to your goodness and share the hope that is ours in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **C: Amen**

SENDING

*** BENEDICTION**

P: May Christ, the wisdom and power of God, and the source of our life together, keep you united in mind and purpose. And the blessing of almighty God, the Father, the + Son, and the Holy Spirit, be with you always. **C: Amen**

*** HYMN: "You Have Come Down" Hymn 817 (1-3)**

POSTLUDE

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WELCOME TO WORSHIP! Personal hearing devices are available from the ushers. Please sign a worship/communion card. (Take one from the pew rack.)

COLORED ENVELOPES are for kids offering in our kid's church.

COMMUNION PRACTICE at Bethany: We offer bread or gluten-free wafers and either wine or white grape juice. All the baptized are welcome at the Lord's Table. If you are a guest and commune in your home church, we invite you to share in the Lord's Supper with us. If you do not yet commune, please come forward to receive a blessing.

PRAYER CONCERNS: Lenhart Mindt, Betty Niemann, Terry Price, Jeff Price, Brad Ness, Arnie Semchenko, Harold Harmon, Shirley Harmon, Roger Lee, Vicki Amon, Jean Rollman, Leon Turner, Peggy Schumaier, Alisa Tran, Duane Halvorson, Val Swenson, Jody Selberg, Alma Lee, Myron and Kathy Feist, Stacy Abrahamson. Physicians, Nurse Practitioners, Midwives, Radiologists, Hospital Employees
Trinity: Amy Towrey,

DEVOTIONAL BOOKLETS are available in the narthex for January, February & March.

ACTIVITY BAGS (paper, toys, etc.) are to enjoy and return.

BLOOD PRESSURE CHECKS will be done the 3rd Sunday of the month.

PRAYER CONCERN POLICY: Names will be carried for up to two months. After two months, you may call to re-enroll a name for another two months

CAUSE OF THE MONTH: Our cause of the month is mission support for **Central African Republic Village Education Project (Our Companion Synod)**. Please use the global mission envelope in your offering box to support this cause.

BETHANY'S WEBSITE: bethanylutheranminot.org

BETHANY'S STREAMING: bethanylutheran.tv

BULLETIN & NEWSLETTER DEADLINES: The deadline for input and articles in the *Messenger* newsletter is the **20th of each month**, unless otherwise noted. The deadline for **bulletin** items is **2:00pm on Wednesdays** for that following weekend. Thank you!

PLEASE SAVE UPC BAR CODE labels from your purchases of Our Family Brand Products. The Lord's Cupboard food pantry gets five cents per label. There is a container for collection in the narthex.

Bethany Lutheran Foundation
 To benefit the ministry of
 Bethany Lutheran Church
 now and to sustain it for
 future generations
A GIFT THAT KEEPS ON GIVING

ANNUAL MEETING
 Annual meeting is scheduled for today,
Sunday, January 26th. Reports available in the
 office and the Narthex.



The LYO has a few pans of Take'n'Bake Caramel Rolls for sale! \$8.00 for a pan of 4. Please stop by the office if you would like to get some!

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF Jan 26th:

TODAY	8:30am	Worship
	9:30am	Annual Meeting
	9:30am	Fellowship
	10:30am	Worship
WED	9:30 am	Staff Meeting
	5:30pm	Rhubarb Fest
	6:45 pm	Worship
	7:45pm	LYO God's Work, Our Hands
	7:30pm	Sanctuary Choir
THUR	9:00am	Men's Coffee
SAT	7:15am	Breakfast Boys
SUN	8:30am	Worship
	9:30am	Coordinating Council
	9:30am	Fellowship
	10:30am	Worship



Please put magazines for train station in the new baskets under the pew by the elevator. No magazines over 6 months old and no catalogs!

FAITHFUL CHRISTIANS – EXPRESSING THANKS

Coordinator (8:30) Deb Lee (10:30) Judy Anderson

Altar (8:30)

(9:30)

(11:30) Claire Larson

Ushers (8:30) Larry Walter

(10:30) Allen Hirzel

Greeters (8:30)

(10:30)

Lector (8:30)

(10:30) Sue Taft

Communion Assistants (8:30)

(10:30) Claire Larson, Kathryn Swanson

Coffee Hour Treats Nancy Hoiland

Altar Guild Judy Anderson, Kathryn Swanson



Please remember as you do your annual cleaning, that the BLCW will be hosting their annual spring rummage sale at Bethany on May 2nd, 2020. Your unwanted items are another's treasure!

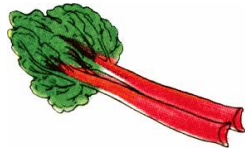
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**Thank you to all of you who volunteer!
 You are greatly appreciated!**



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If you Amazon, PLEASE consider using amazon.smile.com This is a secure website that is a part of Amazon but donates 0.5% of your purchase back to Bethany Lutheran Church. The link is on our Bethany Facebook page or enter the link:
<https://smile.amazon.com/ch/45-0248857>



Rhubarb Fest 2020

Plans are well under way for the 2020 Bethany Rhubarb Fest! We hope you'll be able to join us on Wednesday, January 29th, for the **potluck** meal which begins serving at 5:30, and the festivities to follow. For those who wish to enter the bake-off, we'll have frozen rhubarb available after church to take home with you on January 26th. There is musical entertainment and other excitement planned. Come for a night of fun and fellowship, as well as supporting a worthy local cause in our community with the free will offering given.

Home quilt top stitchers – we need your help!

The quilters are digging into the stash of quilt tops, so we need more sewed. There are a variety of styles of tops to stitch many of which do not require matching corners. We're trying to make it as easy as possible! We also need several more cut ups – umm, people to cut blocks. We provide on-the-job training, great pay (what's better than knowing you are helping people in need?) coffee breaks with good goodies and a fun working atmosphere. Please come any first and third Wed from 9am to noon. No experience necessary.



Bus Passes for Minot Students

In the past we have participated with other Minot churches to help with bus passes for students who do not have transportation to school. The response was so great that we had the program covered for more than a year. Now they need to replenish this fund, and so we will be "Passing the Bus" during church in January. School counselors verify which students need the passes and notify the Bus Pass Ministry. They are grateful for any help you can give.

Pictorial Directory for 2020

Coming in 2020 – a brand new venture for our next pictorial directory. Rather than a paid company (with their hard-sell and expensive portrait packages), we will be creating our own online directory for Bethany members. We have been in conversation with Christ Lutheran Church who went to this format and they are very pleased with the results.

Look for opportunities to have your picture taken on Sunday mornings or Wednesday evenings. We will have a professional-looking studio set up and be able to quickly take pictures.

These will be posted online in a private webpage, accessible to Bethany members only. For those who don't have access to a computer, we will print hard-copies to take home, with a fee to cover printing costs.

Photography will be offered at various times throughout the year so it will be easy to add new members in, or to re-take your picture. You may also submit your own family picture, as long as it is not a copyrighted portrait.



CWS Blanket Sunday February 9

Blanket Sunday at Bethany will be February 9th. Church World Service, an organization similar to Lutheran World Relief, provides blankets – both here in the U.S. and overseas to shelter and give comfort to people who have been displaced or are affected by disaster. The BLCW will be sending \$500.00 for blankets. We will not be handing out special envelopes so donations to help with this may be given at the church office. Thank you!