

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

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

Second Sunday of Christmas **January 5, 2020**

* Standing, for those who are able

PRELUDE

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

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*** CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, Love from the beginning, Word made flesh, breath of heaven. **C: Amen**

P: Let us confess our sinfulness before God and one another, trusting in God's endless mercy and love.

Silence for reflection and self-examination

P: Merciful God, **C: we confess that we are not perfect. We have said and done things we regret. We have tried to earn your redeeming grace, while denying it to others. We have resisted your call to be your voice in the world. Forgive us, loving God. Give us your righteousness, the strength to put aside our failures, and the courage to try again. Amen**

P: Dear people of God, hear the good news: Christ the Savior is born! You are loved and forgiven in the name of + Jesus, who has come among us. You are freed from proving that you deserve to be loved, because God's love is given to you as the most precious gift of all. Rejoice in this love and share it with the world. **C: Amen.**

GATHERING

* **HYMN:** "*Angels From the Realms of Glory*" Hymn 275

*** GREETING**

*** PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Almighty God, you have filled all the earth with the light of your incarnate Word. By your grace empower us to reflect your light in all that we do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

WORD

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 31:7-14

Psalms 147:12-20

SECOND READING: Ephesians 1:3-14

*** GOSPEL: John 1:1-18**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON: Pastor Janet

* **HYMN:** "*Word of God, Come Down*"

Hymn 510

APOSTLES' CREED

p. 105

* **THE PRAYERS**

* **PEACE**

MEAL

PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS

Offering

Anthem

* **Offertory:** "*Infant Holy, Infant Lowly*"

Hymn 276

* **PRAYER**

P: Generous God, C: You have given us life, this community, and these gifts of the earth that become the meal of your grace. Move in our hearts, that we might use your gifts to bring hope and blessing wherever we go, through Christ our Lord. Amen

* **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

* **LORD'S PRAYER**

Distribution, "*Lamb of God*" (p. 135)

Anthem, Hymn 293

* **BLESSING**

* **POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

P: Emmanuel, God with us, you grace us with life and breath and give us bread for the journey. Send us out in service to this world that you love, telling the amazing news of your coming to be Savior and Lord of all. **C: Amen**

SENDING

* **BENEDICTION**

P: Grace from God's own heart, peace from the Child in the manger, and strength from the Spirit of life be blessings for you today and forever. In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen**

* **HYMN:** "*Love Has Come*"

Hymn 292

* **MISSION STATEMENT**

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.

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

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

PRAYER CONCERNS: Lenhart Mindt, Betty Niemann, Terry Price, Jeff Price, Brad Ness, Brian Amundson, Larry Walter, Arnie Semchenko, Harold Harmon, Archie Kress, Roger Lee, Jim Sundley, Vicki Amon, Jean Rollman, Leon Turner, Peggy Schumaier, Knute Roise, Family of Charles Bovee.

Librarians, Authors, Musicians, Journalists, Artists.

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

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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**. 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



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!

We still have 2 full boxes of meatballs. If you would like to purchase a full box the cost is \$44.00. There are also 4 bags of gravy left for \$8.00 per bag. Please contact the office.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF Jan 5th:

TODAY	8:30am	Worship
	9:30am	Coordinating Council
	9:30am	Fellowship
	10:30am	Worship
WED	9:00am	Sewing
	9:30 am	Staff Meeting
	4:45pm	Carol Choir
	5:00pm	Supper
	5:15pm	Chapel Choir
	5:45pm	Church School
	5:45pm	Confirmation Service Project
	6:00pm	Adult Forum
	6:45 pm	Worship
	7:45pm	LYO This Little Light of Mine
	7:30pm	Council Meeting
	7:30pm	Sanctuary Choir
THUR	9:00am	Men's Coffee
	10:30am	Soup Kitchen
	2:00pm	Miriam Bible Study
FRI		Deadline for Annual Reports
SAT	7:15am	Breakfast Boys
SUN	8:30am	Worship
	9:30am	Sunday Morning Circle
	9:30am	Fellowship
	9:45am	Bible Study for Dummies
	10:30am	Worship

Coordinator (8:30) Deb Lee (10:30) Allen Hirzel
Altar (8:30) Don & Joyce Anderson (9:30)
(11:30) Pat Walz
Ushers (8:30) Brian Mathson, Norman Jacobson, Larry & Sharyl Roth
(10:30) Duane Olson
Greeters (8:30)
(10:30) Jaxson Thompson, Christine Thompson
Lector (8:30) David Alvin (10:30)
Communion Assistants (8:30) Judy Mathson, Crystal Schlag, Kathryn Swanson, Mary Jordahl (10:30) Rick Watson
Coffee Hour Treats
Altar Guild Judy Anderson, Kathryn Swanson

Offering Envelopes

Offering envelopes are in the Narthex! Please pick yours up. If you contribute on-line, there will still be a box of envelopes for you. Thank you!



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!

Stewardship Cards!

Remember to fill out and return your pledge card! They are located at the back of the church or you can pick one up at the office! Thank you!!

FAITHFUL CHRISTIANS – EXPRESSING THANKS



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!

BLCW is looking for a laptop computer with the ability to run Quickbooks. Perhaps someone has a **Windows 10 laptop** that they would be willing to donate. Please contact June Stroklund at 509-7063.



Quilting Wednesday, January 8th!

ANNUAL MEETING

Deadline for turning in annual meeting reports is Friday, January 10th! Annual meeting is scheduled for Sunday, January 26th.

END OF YEAR FINANCES:

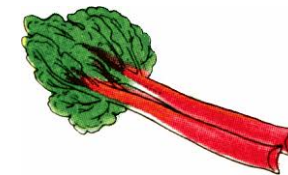
As 2019 is coming to a close, we are into our last few days of financial recording. It is appearing that we have reached our anticipated pledge amounts but are still behind on the special offerings and events. All of our bills are paid to date, but we still have borrowed money that we have not paid back in full for ending 2019. As we prepare our annual budget for 2020, please turn in your stewardship cards to help with this planning. We are anticipating the annual report to be available for your viewing on January 16th. Again, Bethany wants to thank you all for your support! Have a Happy New Year!

Our Giving Tree Day raised \$593. This will be distributed to local areas of need, namely the Northern Plains Children's Advocacy, Men's Refuge, Domestic Violence, and the YWCA. These four areas are also listed on the Twice Blessed Website by the St. Joseph's Community Health Foundation, so our donation will be matched by them! Thank you for helping support our local community.



GOD'S GLOBAL BARNYARD PIGGY BANK:

Bethany raised \$1,122.53 for God's Global Barnyard by passing the piggy bank on Wednesday's and Sunday's. Along with our mission cause of the month donations so far \$605 additional has been raised! What a blessing for this cause of the month!



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 15th, 19th, 22nd, and 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.



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.