

# WELCOME TO BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH

#### Welcome

In the name of Jesus Christ, we welcome you as we gather to hear God's holy Word and celebrate the meal of Holy Communion. We are blessed by your presence. As God welcomes all people through the saving grace of Jesus, so do we seek to welcome all God's people to be together in Christ – to love, to grow, and to serve.

Should you have no church home, you are invited to consider Bethany. If you have questions for the pastor or church office, please call at 630.879.3444 or visit our website at <a href="https://www.bethanybatavia.org">www.bethanybatavia.org</a>. Welcome!

# Assistance in Worship

For those who find it difficult to stand or prefer to sit during any part of the service, please feel free to remain seated.

#### Children's Resources

Children's worship bulletins are available in the narthex and from the ushers.

## Nursery

While not yet staffed, the nursery is open for parents who may find it helpful. The nursery is located on the sanctuary level, where you will find a changing table, rocking chair and some toys. You can still hear the worship service through a speaker in the room. Ask an usher if you need assistance.

# Cell Phones and Pagers

Please silence all cell phones and pagers. Thank you.

# Holy Communion

In Holy Communion the crucified and risen Christ is present, giving his true body and blood as food and drink. All baptized Christians are invited to the table where Christ himself is host. If you desire to be baptized, or to learn more about Holy Baptism, please speak to the pastor.

#### As We Gather:

As on the first day of creation, during this Christmas time the Word illumines the world, shining forth to bring all things into being. Today we celebrate the incarnate Word, God becoming flesh to live among us in the person of Jesus Christ then and now. Emboldened by the good news of Christ's birth, along with the shepherds, Mary and Joseph, and all witnesses to the light of Christ, we declare to the world that we have indeed seen and been transformed by the arrival of "the salvation of our God." O come, let us adore!

# + GATHERING +

**PRELUDE**: He Shall Feed His Flock

Messiah-Handel

We stand.

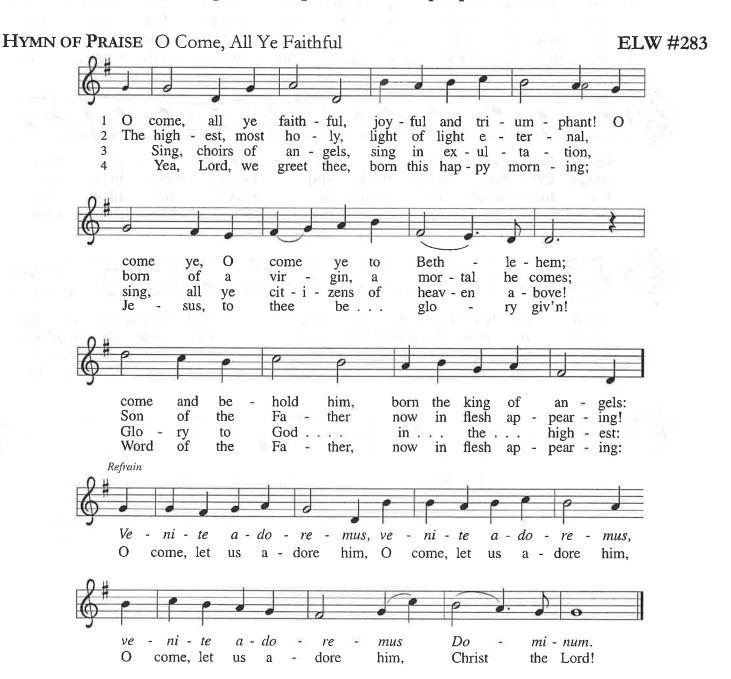


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Music: ANTIOCH, English melody, 18th cent.; arr. Lowell Mason, 1792-1872

#### CALL TO WORSHIP

- A Blessed is he who comes as king, who comes in the name of the Lord.
- C Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.
- A I will hear what the Lord God has to say –
- C a voice that speaks for peace.
- A Peace for all people
- C and those who turn to God in their hearts.
- A Help is near for those who fear the Lord,
- C and God's glory will live in our land.
- A Blessed is he who comes as king, who comes in the name of the Lord.
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## **APOSTOLIC GREETING**

- P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh, the Lord and giver of life, the love of God, our Heavenly Father, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C And also with you.
- P Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have made yourself known in your Son, Jesus, redeemer of the world. In his birth as a human child, we have been intimately connected to your divine grace and love. May we look upon this gift with the wonder of a child and the appreciation of Mary. We pray through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

# + LESSONS AND CAROLS +

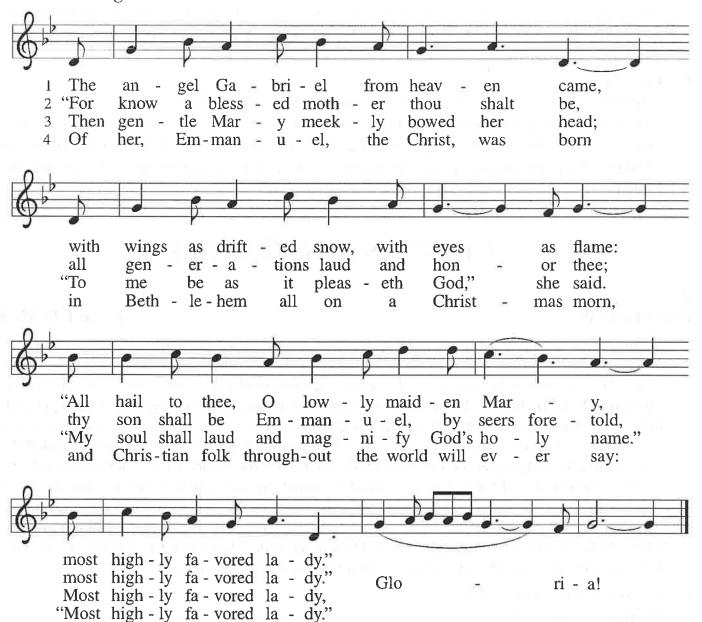
We sit.

FIRST LESSON

Luke 1:26-35, 38

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

- L Word of God, word of life.
- C Thanks be to God.



Text: Basque carol; para. Sabine Baring-Gould, 1834–1924 Music: GABRIEL'S MESSAGE, Basque carol

#### SECOND LESSON

#### Matthew 1:18-25

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: "Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and

they shall name him Emmanuel," which means, "God is with us." When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

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HYMN It Came Upon the Midnight Clear

ELW #282



- 1 It came up on the mid night clear, that glo rious song of old,
- 2 Still through the clo ven skies they come with peace-ful wings un furled,
- 3 And you, be neath life's crush-ing load, whose forms are bend-ing low,
- 4 For lo! The days are has-t'ning on, by proph-ets seen of old,



from an - gels bend - ing near the earth to touch their harps of gold: and still their heav'n-ly mu - sic floats o'er all the wea - ry world. who toil a - long the climb-ing way with pain - ful steps and slow: when with the ev - er - cir - cling years shall come the time fore - told,



'Peace on the earth, good will to all, from heav'n's all-gra-cious king."

A - bove its sad and low-ly plains they bend on hov-'ring wing, look now, for glad and gold-en hours come swift - ly on the wing; when peace shall o - ver all the earth its an - cient splen-dors fling,



The world in sol - emn still-ness lay to hear the an sing. gels ba - bel sounds the and ev - er o'er its bless-ed an sing. the wea-ry road and hear the an oh. be - side sing! rest the world give back the song which now the an and all sing.

Text: Edmund H. Sears, 1810-1876

Music: CAROL, Richard S. Willis, 1819-1900

THIRD LESSON Luke 2:21-24

After eight days had passed, it was time to circumcise the child; and he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb. When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, "Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord"), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, "a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons."

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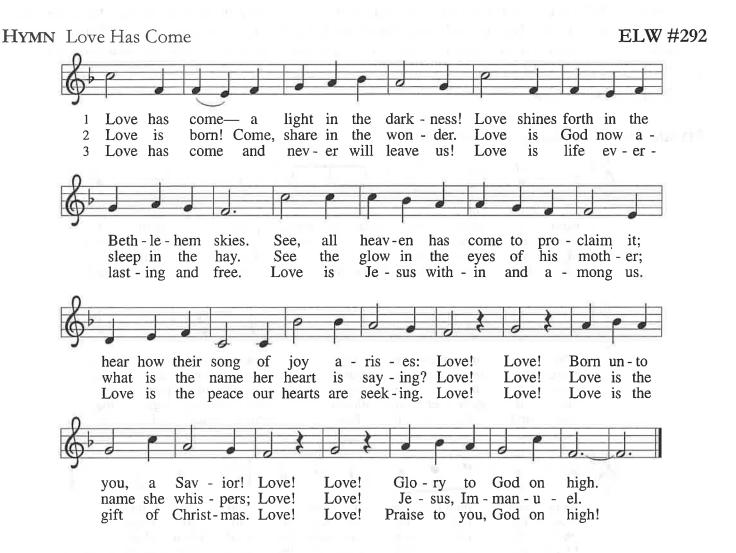
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FOURTH LESSON Luke 2:25-35

Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, "Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all

peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel." And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, "This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed--and a sword will pierce your own soul too."

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Text: Ken Bible, b. 1950
Music: UN FLAMBEAU, F. Seguin, Recueil de noëls composés en langue provençale, 1856
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# FIFTH LESSON Matthew 2:1-12

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: 'And you, Bethlehem, in the land of

Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel." Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage. When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road."

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## **HYMN** We Three Kings of Orient Are



We stand.

SIXTH LESSON John 1:1–14

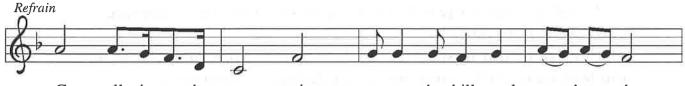
In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup>He was in the beginning with God. <sup>3</sup>All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being <sup>4</sup>in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. <sup>5</sup>The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. <sup>6</sup>There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. <sup>7</sup>He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. <sup>8</sup>He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. <sup>9</sup>The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

<sup>10</sup>He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. <sup>11</sup>He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. <sup>12</sup>But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, <sup>13</sup>who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. <sup>14</sup>And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

- L Word of God, word of life.
- C Thanks be to God.



**ELW #290** 



Go tell it on the moun - tain,

o-ver the hills and ev - 'ry - where;





- 1 While shep-herds kept their watch-ing o'er si lent flocks by night,
- 2 The shep-herds feared and trem-bled when, lo, a bove the earth
- 3 Down in a lone ly man ger the hum-ble Christ was born;



be - hold, through-out the heav-ens there shone a ho - ly light. rang out the gel cho-rus that hailed our Sav-ior's birth. sal - va - tion and God sent that bless-ed Christ-mas us morn.

### **OFFERING MUSIC:**

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- A Glory to God in the highest,
- C and peace to his people on earth.
- A Blessed are you, Prince of Peace. You rule the earth with truth and justice.
- C Send your gift of peace to all nations of the world.
- A Blessed are you, Son of Mary. You share our humanity.
- C Have mercy on the sick, the dying, and all who suffer this day.
- A Blessed are you, Son of God. You dwell among us as the Word made flesh.
- C Reveal yourself to us in word and sacrament that we may bear your light to all the world.
- A This we pray in the peace of presence in our new-born king, Christ the Lord.
- C Amen.
- P Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:
- C Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread;

and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

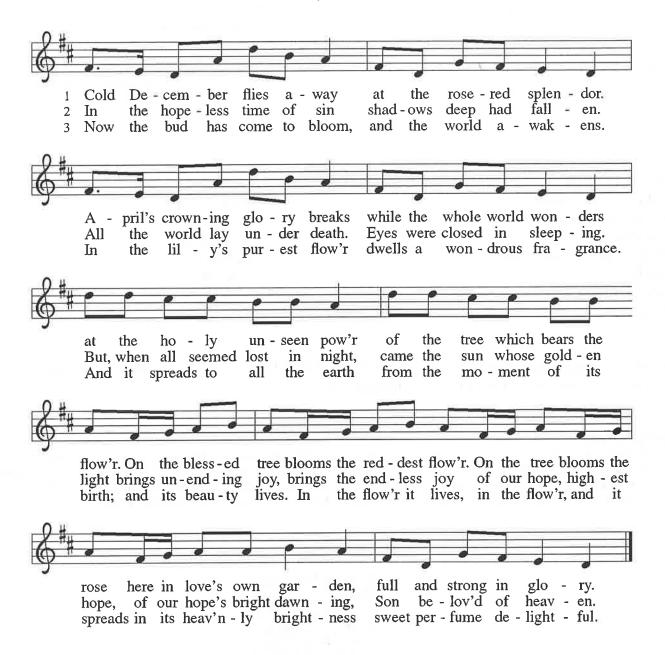
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

# + SENDING +

## BENEDICTION

- P May you be filled with the wonder of Mary, the obedience of Joseph, the joy of the angels, the eagerness of the shepherds, the determination of the Magi, and the peace of the Christ child.

  Almighty God: the Father, the + Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.
- C Amen.



Text: Catalonian carol; tr. Howard Hawhee, b. 1953 Music: EL DESEMBRE CONGELAT, Catalonian carol Text © 1978 Lutheran Book of Worship, admin. Augsburg Fortress.

#### DISMISSAL

- A Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE: Let All the Angels of God Worship Him

Messiah-Handel

#### LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

Doug Boehm, Assisting Minister Alan Spear, Organist Todd Toles, A/V Ben Toles, Acolyte

#### STAFF

Jeffrey Mikyska, Senior Pastor Mark Waldron, Director of Music Alan Spear, Organist Darlene Hutchens, Church Administrator Susan Jarocki, Administrative Assistant Ed McQuillan, Financial Secretary Emma Hess, Youth Director

### YOUR CONGREGATION COUNCIL MEMBERS

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#### LET US PRAY

We pray for all who are hospitalized in our greater community and for those who are serving them.

#### Please pray for those who are part of the life of Bethany who struggle with illness and other concerns:

Mary Bradtmueller, Robert Granquist, Delores Hoffman, Deb Hruby, Anna Jackson, Karin Johnston, Luke & Diane Land, Bill Lechnick, Bob Novy, Louise Pruitt, JoAnn Sargent, Val Schalk, **Marilyn Stanley**, George & Shirley Striedl, Pat Sullivan

Please pray for those who are homebound and those in a care facility:

Mark Anderson Silverado Memory Care, St Charles

Lois Elfstrom Aurora, IL
Bill Keele Heritage Woods
Pam Klingberg Heritage Woods

Wanda Krentz Harry J. Ekstam, Holmstad Mildred Miller Reserve of Geneva, Geneva

Joan Olson Michaelsen Health Center, Holmstad

Pat Quast Asbury Gardens

Jay & Carol Wierz Harry J. Ekstam, Holmstad

### Please pray for all those serving in the military, especially those who are connected to our congregation.

#### Please pray for our family and friends:

Lynne Morrow

Rebecca and family

Kenzie

Jeffrey Campbell
Nephew of Nan Phillips
Kate and Family
Friend of John & Karol Clark
Damon Schultz
Son-in-Law of Shyla Carbone
Sue S.
Friend of Bob & Sue Novy
Nicole
Friend of Linda Sullivan

Alice Hendrikson Friend of Lynn & Bill Dreymiller

Bigby Suddarth Friend of Allie Mikyska

Mary Rasori Sister-in-Law of Brian & Tara Shannon
Maureen Scollon Friend of Lois Benson & Dottie White

Lauren Hanson

Jaylene Lumpp

Acquaintance of Janice Reynolds

Pam Paszotta

Sister of Tom & Dee Schuman

Senaida Stafford

Niece of Tom & Dee Schuman

Friend of Tom & Dee Schuman

Chris Sidler Friend of Luke & Diane Land
Tina Motter Sister of Jackie Page
Derek McGrath Friend of Sue & Bob Novy
Lisa Friend of Beth Richard

John Son of Jan Bristow

Lynn Krambeer Stoddard Cousin of Pastor Jeff & Gail Mikyska

HeatherFriend of Schuman FamilyGretchen VanKempemaDaughter of Ann HolchLoy WilliamsFriend of Ann & Fred HolchRyan AndersonSon of Aaron Anderson

Linda Raish Friend of Kathy Richmond & Sandy Conn

Vic and Anne Lee Friends of Debbie Garrison

Friend and Colleague of Pastor Jeff & Gail

Friend of Katie Robertson

God-Daughter of Beth Lawniczak

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Josh Braun

Kate

Floyd Anderson Barbara Garrison

Paul Mazen

Ed Bonnes Bonnie Palshis

Heather Staudacher, Dr. Mark Staudacher & family,

Phil

Kathy Dee's Family Mary Jo Benstein's Family

Susan Sheley Bonnie Carole W. DeAnne & Gary

Rabbi Margaret Frisch Klein

Brad Blue

Megan Campbell
Diane Ekstam Johnson
Tampy English

Tammy English Jerry Martin Teri Prokes Tony Prokes Kelli Robertson

Wolfgang Smailus

Ed Stahl

Nephew of Pastor Jeff & Gail

Friend of Karol Clark Both Richard's Father Bill Garrison's mother

Cousin of John & Karol Clark Sister-in-Law of Doug Boehm Friend/Coworker of Beth Richard

Lynn Dreymiller's brother

Teri Figura Teri Figura

Daughter of Louise Pruitt Friend of Pastor Jeff Friend of Ann & Fred Holch Niece & Nephew of Shirley Grant

Friend of Pastor Jeff Friend of Lois Benson

Granddaughter of Scotty & Maureen Scollon

Mother of Mary Helen Ekstam Daughter of Shirley Streidl Father of Nicki McVey Sister of Sue & Bob Novy

Brother-in-law of Bob & Sue Novy

Daughter of Diane Schalk

Brother-in-law of Marty Offutt Gruber

Father of Dan Stahl

## Please pray for those who mourn the passing of:

Sharyn Collins John McKinnis Mike Harland Richard Franzen David Smith Cousin of Rick & Wendy McKinnis Cousin of Rick & Wendy McKinnis Co-Worker of Rick McKinnis

# January Anniversaries

- 22 Wirtz Andrew & Madeline
- 29 Kreis Rich & Nancy

January	<b>Birthdays</b>
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1	Beck Ralph	15	SargentJoAnn
1	Benson Karen	17	Hayes Carole
1	Gustafson Graham	19	Grant Shirley
2	Haug Morgan	19	Waterfield Beverly
2	Quast Pat	22	Peterson Shelley
3	Larson Mark	23	Clark John
4	Haug Henry	23	Freedlund Andrew
4	Haug James	23	Grashorn Keith
6	Koentop Jayna	25	Hirt Linda
6	Piccony Evan	25	Hodge Gregg
7	Phillips Ray	25	Kohlmeier Mark
7	Rader Rose	25	Smigo William
8	Couperus Christina	26	Hutchens Billy
10	Hecht Joshua	27	Schuster Jerome
10	Klitzkie Nicholas	27	Solberg Eric
11	Lopez Alise	27	Summerfield Joan
12	Richmond Kathy	29	Morrison Michael
13	Novy Sue	31	Offutt Hayley
13	Peterson John	31	Powell Connor
14	Henschler Judy	31	Rusev Mia
15	DeLong Suzanne		

## THIS WEEK AT BETHANY

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	Worship – Lessons and Carols	
	Coffee Hour	
10:30am	No Sunday School Today	Ministry Center
Monday, January 2		
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	Bethany Walking Group	
	Counters	
7pm	Property Committee	Conference Room
Tuesday, January 3		
	Bethany Walking Group	Ministry Center Gym
9am	Quilters	Fellowship Hall
	Organ Rehearsal Sign-Up	
6.20mm	Girls BSA Troop 6	Vinistry Center Gym
	Fox Valley Woodworkers	
/pm	Fox Valley Woodworkers	Fellowship Hall
Wednesday, January 4		
8:30am	Bethany Walking Group	Ministry Center Gym
	Organ Rehearsal Sign-Up	
	Men's Basketball	•
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Thursday, January 5		
8:30am	Bethany Walking Group	Ministry Center Gym
7pm	Boy Scout Troop 6	Ministry Center Gym/Vlahn Roon
Friday, January 6		
	Bethany Walking Group	Ministry Center Gym
	Organ Rehearsal Sign-Up	
	Fox Valley Chapter	
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	American Guild of Organists – 12 <sup>th</sup> Nigh	it Event
Saturday, January 7		
7:30am	Men's Basketball	Ministry Center Gym
10am	Al-Anon	Library
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Sunday, January 8		
	Worship	
	Coffee Hour	
10:30am	Sunday School	Minister Contac
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12:30pm	Troop 6 Eagle Scout Court of Honor	