

The Star

Newsletter of Bethlehem Lutheran Church



Through God's abundant love we invite, welcome, and serve as a light in the world.

December

DEC 15

Annual Meeting & Lunch

Lunch starts at 11:30 a.m.

Meeting at 12:30 p.m.

DEC 22

Living Nativity

5:00 - 8:00 p.m.

DEC 24

Family Worship Service

4:00 p.m.

Candlelight Worship Service

6:00 p.m.

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Rev's Revelations

Welcome, friends, to the season of Advent, Year C. This year, December 1 marks the beginning of our new year in the church—which means we will be preparing for the annual congregation meeting, planning for holidays and vacations, practicing for Christmas Eve performances, and probably dealing with taxing situations—too many people, too much pressure. In the middle of it all, you're invited to pause. Stop doing so darn much. Let this new year begin. Listen to the stories of the season. Find yourself in them. Hear the promises: God is born into this world in a person just like you, God blesses normal people just like you, and God does miraculous things through people just like you.

Our theme this Advent is called Words for the Beginning from A Sanctified Art. Our Wednesday Table Talks (at 12:00 p.m.) and Sunday Worship will be centered around this theme. If you'd like a devotional booklet for this season, please contact the church office.

Joy and Celebration

Poem by Rev. Sarah A. Speed | A Sanctified Art LLC | sanctifiedart.org

You are a blessing.
If you hear nothing else,
if the wind howls,
if your brain runs amok,
if rebuttals and denials line up like little toy soldiers,
then hear this—
you are a blessing.

I knew it the first moment I met you / heard your name / learned there are 7 billion of us
on this planet.
I knew it in my bones,
the way my feet know the way home.
You are a blessing.

For our creating God
breathed life into your being.
And there is simply no way that,
along with that life,
some of God's goodness
didn't slip right in.

So tell the rebuttals to rest.
Tell the toy soldiers to find another hill,
because this one is reserved for joy and celebration.
You are a blessing.
Breathe it in.

Peace,

Rev Kc



*by Lisle Gwynn Garrity
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December 1 – 1st Sunday in Advent

Mary is described as “blessed among women” (Luke 1:28). She is neither wealthy nor powerful, and yet she is chosen to bear God’s child. Her story begins with blessedness and so does ours, for the prophet Isaiah declares that we are claimed by a God who calls our name. We are a blessing because we belong to God. When blessedness is our beginning, we begin to see the world—and others—through the eyes of a God who says: “You are precious in my sight” (Isaiah 43:4). © A Sanctified Art LLC

December 8 – 2nd Sunday in Advent

One of life’s most essential lessons is that we are never meant to go alone. And yet, modern culture pushes us more and more into lonely silos. If Ruth had followed her culture’s norms, she would have gone home to her family of origin after her husband died, but instead, she commits herself to her mother-in-law, Naomi. Together they form a new family and covenant. Ruth and Naomi travel together to Bethlehem at the beginning of the barley harvest, foreshadowing the journey Mary and Joseph will one day take to be counted in the census. Both Ruth and Naomi as well as Mary and Joseph are unconventional pairs, but if God can bring unlikely people together, God can form us into a covenant community too. © A Sanctified Art LLC

December 15 – 3rd Sunday in Advent

As John the Baptist is teaching about bearing good fruit, the crowds, tax collectors, and soldiers ask him, “What, then, should we do?” His answer to each group is slightly different, but ultimately the same: “Do the good that is yours to do.” We can each bear good fruit through acts of justice and righteousness. We can all be what Isaiah calls “repairers of the breach” by satisfying the needs of the afflicted. © A Sanctified Art LLC

December 22 – 4th Sunday in Advent

Hope is vulnerable and can feel like a tremendous risk, especially if you’ve experienced loss or trauma. But Mary shows us a resilient\ hope that takes risks—she risks her body to bear a son who will become the hope of her people. Similarly, Joseph makes a risky choice to stay with Mary; dismissing her quietly would have kept him safe. But instead, he chooses hope. He chooses to trust the angel, and it makes all the difference. It can feel safer and easier to be a cynic, but the world doesn’t need more cynics. It needs people who say, “It can be better,” and make it so. © A Sanctified Art LLC

Tuesday, December 24 – Christmas Eve Family Service at 4:00 p.m.

Candlelight Service at 6:00 p.m.

Christ’s birth makes the vastness of God personal. The God who made the seas and the stars is also the God who made your beautiful hair and your striking eyes. The God of creation takes on flesh, which means you are fully known. When the angels visit the shepherds in the fields, their message is global but also personal: “To you ... a savior is born.” This birth is good news for everyone, especially those who are ignored or disenfranchised. On this night, God is born, and this God of love knows your name. © A Sanctified Art LLC

December 29 – Sunday After Christmas

The birth of Christ brings good news of great joy to all people, which is cause for celebration. On this Sunday after Christmas, we encourage you to be playful, to not take yourself too seriously, to laugh. For laughter is like hope—it has a ripple effect. It’s one of many ways we live and share good news. © A Sanctified Art LLC

Worship

Time to step up to the plate!

Volunteer to help with worship! There are many positions available. Just reach out to Sabrina at worshipchair@bethlehem-lutheran.net or the church office.

December signup at tinyurl.com/BLCDEC2024



BLC Nursery

Open 10:10–11:30 a.m. Ages from birth to 3 years. If you would like to bring your little one, there will be two volunteers each Sunday. We will be located in the preschool area. Please contact Sabrina Lee or Sue Smith if you have any questions. Also, if you would like to volunteer and rock a baby for a service, talk with Sue Smith. Thanks!



Poinsettias will be for sale December 1, 8, and 15 in the narthex before and after services. Please note there is a limited number of poinsettias available.

Advent Devotional: You can request a printed copy from the church office or you can access the digital devotional at <https://online.flippingbook.com/view/811735764/18/>

*Please refrain from sharing this link as its copyrighted material. Thank you.

2024 Advent & Christmas

Wednesday, December 4

Advent Midweek Celebration Starts!

- Potluck Dinner (Italian food), 5:30 p.m.
- Evening Prayer, 6:30 p.m.
- Activity & Fellowship, 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 8

- New Member Class, 9:15 a.m.
- Children's Christmas Program during 10:15 a.m. service

Wednesday, December 11

Advent Midweek Celebration

- Potluck Dinner (Mexican food), 5:30 p.m.
- Evening Prayer, 6:30 p.m.
- Activity & Fellowship, 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 15

- Nicaragua Bake Sale Fundraiser
- Annual Meeting Luncheon, 11:30 a.m.
- Annual Congregational Meeting, 12:30 p.m.

Wednesday, December 18

- Caroling & Bring your own dinner, 5:30 p.m.

Saturday, December 21

- Longest Night Service, 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 22

- Living Nativity & OUR Center Food Drive, 5:00–8:00 p.m.

Tuesday, December 24

- Christmas Family Service, 4:00 p.m.
- Christmas Candlelight Service, 6:00 p.m.
- LOC Christmas Mass, 8:30 p.m.

***The church office
will be closed from
December 25–January 1***



From the Desk of the Faith Formation

Director, Gary: Our Word/Theme for the year is “Serve” and it represents our mission statement of who we are as a congregation.

(Serve) Matthew 25:35–40 For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.’ Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?’ And the king will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.

Romans 12:10–39 Love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor.

1Peter 4:10–11 Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received. Whoever speaks must do so as one speaking the very words of God; whoever serves must do so with the strength that God supplies, so that God may be glorified in all things through Jesus Christ. To him belong the glory and the power forever and ever. Amen.

Children’s Sunday School

will be on December 8, 15, and 22. *We only will have one service at 9:15 a.m. on December 1.* We will start at 9:15 a.m. each week in the south Sunday School room. We are practicing our Christmas program on December 8 and will perform during the 10:15 a.m. service on December 8.

Confirmation 2024–25

will be on break for December. We ask all families to participate in Wednesday night Advent activities: Dinner at 5:30 p.m., Holden prayer at 6:30 p.m., and Activity at 7:00 p.m. We are learning about World Religions this year and we will dive into other faith communities and learn what they are about.

Family/Traditions Sunday’s

will meet on December 8 to bake and exchange Christmas cookies. *We will not meet on December 1 since it’s the first Sunday during Thanksgiving break.*

High School Youth Group

will have high school youth group time on December 15 from 4:00–6:00 p.m. We are going to do a white elephant gift exchange for our time together. We will meet for fellowship, faith conversations and talk about our summer 2025 mission trip. We will have snacks, games and have a great time in discussions. ALL high school youth are invited.

The 2024–25 year Ministry Calendar of Events

is located on the wall next to the youth room. Please see it for information of dates and times of activities.



Finances



Month of October

Income: \$ 30,527.11
Expenses: \$ 36,258.26
Net: \$ -5,731.15

YTD to Date

Income: \$ 335,724.24
Expenses: \$ 365,088.70
Net: \$ -29,364.46

Financial Summary Reports Presented to Council are Available: Contact Greg S. (treasurer@bethlehem-lutheran.net) for more information or with questions or suggestions. Printed copies of all the reports are available for review in the Fireside Room library.

Year End Giving Deadlines:

- If you are planning to **drop off** your donation at the church please do so by **Tuesday, December 24** as the church office will be closed December 25–January 1
- If you are **mailing** your donation please make sure it will be delivered to the church by **Monday, December 30**
- If you are going to make an **online** donation bethlehem-lutheran.net/donate (click on "Online Giving" icon) please do so by **Wednesday, December 25** to assure it will process by the end of the year
- If you are attending worship service on December 24 or December 29 place your donation in the offering plate

If you have any questions or concerns please contact Linda, financial secretary (financialsec@bethlehem-lutheran.net, 563-370-8464)

Important Upcoming Items

New Member Welcome

We will hold a class for anyone interested in church membership on December 8 between services and we will welcome new members in service on December 15. If you have questions or are interested, contact Pastor Katie at katie@bethlehem-lutheran.net.

Annual Meeting and Lunch

We'll meet Sunday, December 15 at 11:30 a.m. for lunch and meeting at 12:30 p.m. We will review the year, vote on constitutional changes, and vote on a 2025 budget.

Changes to the BLC Constitution and Bylaws

Find the binders in the narthex or visit bethlehem-lutheran.net/#changes to view the proposed changes to the church's constitution and bylaws. These changes will be voted on at the December 15 Annual Congregational Meeting.

Living Nativity

If you'd like to volunteer please sign-up in the narthex. The Living Nativity will be December 22 from 5:00 p.m.–8:00 p.m. by the stables. You can view it by driving thru or by walking up. During the event we'll be collecting donations for the OUR Center (*more info on page 10*)



December Events

- Worship Service: Sundays, 8:00 a.m. & 10:15 a.m.
- Sunday School: Sundays, 9:15 a.m.
- Choir Practice: Sundays, 9:15 a.m.
- Manna Bible Study: Mondays, 9:00 a.m.
- Table Talk: Wednesdays, 12:00 p.m.
- BLC Quilters Group: Thursdays, 9:00 a.m.
- Men's Group (Promise Keepers): Saturdays, 8:00 a.m.
- Choir Practice: December 1, 8:00 a.m.
- Worship Service: December 1, 9:15 a.m.
- Advent Midweek Dinner: December 4, 5:30 p.m.
- Holden Prayer: December 4, 6:30 p.m.
- Advent Midweek Activity: December 4, 7:00 p.m.
- First Friday: December 6, 6:00 p.m.
- Men's Group (LMM): December 7, 9:00 a.m.
- Children's Christmas Program, December 8, 10:15 a.m. service
- Music Ambassadors: December 8, 11:30 a.m.
- Family Sunday, December 8, 11:45 a.m.
- Brewsday: December 10, 8:00 a.m.
- Naomi Circle Christmas Party: December 10, 10:00 a.m.
- 11th Hour Project: December 11, 11:00 a.m.
- Advent Midweek Dinner: December 11, 5:30 p.m.
- Holden Prayer: December 11, 6:30 p.m.
- Advent Midweek Activity: December 11, 7:00 p.m.
- Book Club: December 12, 9:00 a.m.
- Nicaragua Bake Sale: December 15
- Annual Meeting Lunch: December 15, 11:30 a.m.
- Annual Congregational Meeting: December 15, 12:30 p.m.
- High School Youth Group: December 15, 4:00 p.m.
- Prayer Shawl: December 17, 10:00 a.m.
- Evangelism Meeting: December 17, 6:00 p.m.
- Council: December 17, 7:00 p.m.
- Christmas Caroling; December 18, 5:30 p.m.
- Gardinier Memorial: December 21
- Longest Night Worship: December 21, 7:00 p.m.
- Living Nativity; December 22, 5:00 p.m.
- Christmas Eve Family Service: December 24, 4:00 p.m.
- Christmas Eve Candlelight Service: December 24, 6:00 p.m.
- Church Office Closed; December 25–January 1



Gather & Connect

First Friday

will be **December 6 at 6:00 p.m.** at Kathy and Dave Lobergs home. Their address is 1818 W. County Road 6, Berthoud. Please bring an appetizer and beverage to share. For questions call Shirley at 303-775-6928.

Naomi Circle

Naomi Circle, Manna Bible Study and the Quilters are having a Christmas Brunch **Tuesday December 10**, 10:00–11:30 a.m., in the Fellowship Hall. Our membership is open to all who are interested. Please contact Linda H (holstell@outlook.com) or Sue S (suesmith521@msn.com) for more information.

Bethlehem Book Club

We will meet on Zoom on **Thursday, December 12** at 9:00 a.m. Everyone is invited to participate in the discussion of *Interpreter of Maladies* by Jhumpa Lahiri. This acclaimed set of stories treats the cultural divide experienced by Indian immigrants or expats with their children when establishing new lives in the United States. Email Mary Jane at mjvoogt2003@yahoo.com to be placed on the contact list and receive reminders and zoom links for the meetings.

Manna Bible Study

We meet each **Monday morning** at 9:00 a.m. for discussion and would love to have you join us. Please contact Phyllis W. (pkwright1360@gmail.com) if you have any questions.

Quilting Group

We meet on **Thursday mornings** at 9:00 a.m. and would love to see you there! You don't need any experience. Join us for an enjoyable morning and perhaps to learn something new!



Brewsday Morning

Join us at BLC on **December 10 at 8:00 a.m.** and enjoy a warm beverage and good conversation. We will not be meeting on December 24.

First Friday

Friday, December 6, 6:00 p.m.

Ambassadors at the Atria

Sunday, December 8, 11:30 a.m.

Naomi Circle

Tuesday, December 10, 9:15 a.m.

Book Club

Thursday, December 12, 9:00 a.m.

Prayer Shawl

Tuesday, December 17, 10:00 a.m.

Manna Bible Study

Every Monday, 9:00 a.m.

Table Talk

Wednesdays, 12:00 p.m.

Quilting Group

Every Thursday, 9:00 a.m.

Men's Group (LMM)

Saturday, December 7 9:00 a.m.

Men's Group (LMM)

Our next meeting is **Saturday, December 7** at 9:00 a.m. We invite ALL men to participate in this ministry. We will model our group after the Lutheran Men in Mission (LMM) group that is nationwide in the Lutheran church. We will have breakfast, fellowship time and a short devotion. Please let Gary know if you are interested so that we have enough food for breakfast.



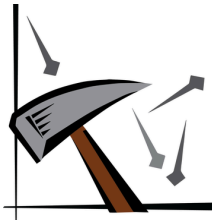
To Serve

Carols at the Atria

On **December 8** at 11:30 a.m. bring some holiday cheer to people in memory care at the Atria. Right after second service (or leave early if need be) we'll meet inside the lobby of the Atria to check in. Others will lead the way. Christmas carols will be sung and scriptures read. See you there!

Habitat Build Day

Our final build day for 2024 will be **Saturday, December 7**. We will be working INDOORS at the Sugar Mill site with 10 homes built. Work starts at 9:00 a.m. We will go for lunch at Panera. Please sign up on the sheet at "Bob's Corner" in the narthex. Thank you. Bob Cotton



Our Center Lunch Thank You

Thank you to everyone who helped with shopping, cooking the meal, setup, check in, serving the meal, dish washing, clean up and helping out where needed at the Our Center Lunch Sunday, November 17.

Thank you to Thrivent Financial for the \$250 Thrivent Action Team card to help buy food for the meal.

- The next Our Center lunch served by BLC is Sunday, May 4, 2025.
- 2025 meal dates for Bethlehem are Sundays: May 04, June 29, September 28, November 16, 2025



Thank you to Bethlehem Cub Scout Pack 65

They collected over 1000 cans and packages of food for the Little Pantry on Saturday, November 16. Bethlehem is grateful and blessed for this and are happy to sponsor the Pack.

December 10


COLORADO GIVES DAY
Presented by 1-TBANK

ColoradoGivesDay.org

Donate to
Rainbow Trail Lutheran Camp
on Colorado Gives Day!
When the value of your dollar will go further!



Find us on coloradogives.org/rainbowtrail
OR
On our website at rainbowtrail.org

ColoradoGives.org

We'll be ringing bells again

for the Salvation Army with money going to the OUR Center. As many are aware Bethlehem Lutheran has been among the top contributors for a number of years and I'm hoping that many of you will be able to ring again this year. The dates for bell ringing will be **December 12, 14, and 17**. Bell ringing shifts will be 1 hour. If interested please sign up in the Narthex or contact Duane Penny at 970-290-2220, or e-mail; duane.penny@cbrealty.com



To Serve

Our Center Food & Toiletries Drive

During the **month of December** and the Living Nativity (5:00–8:00 p.m.) **Sunday, December 22** we are collecting food, toiletries and monetary donations to benefit the Longmont Our Center.

Please drop off items in the baskets in the narthex anytime in December or during the Living Nativity. Email if you have a donation you would like picked up.

You can also make monetary donations via check or online at <https://secure.myvanco.com/L-YXX6/home>.

Please contact Mark H. (holstemarka@outlook.com) with questions.



OUR CENTER Shopping List

- Canned Protein (tuna, chicken, peanut butter, etc.)
- Cereal, hot & cold
- Dried or canned beans
- Canned soups & stews, preferably low salt
- Canned fruits, preferably low sugar
- Canned vegetables, preferably low salt
- Granola bars, healthy snacks
- Pasta, rice, etc.
- Pasta sauce, canned tomato products
- Toiletries (soap, shampoo, conditioner, body wash, deodorant, lotion, toothbrush, toothpaste, toilet paper, tampons, maxi pads)
- Baby diapers- size 4-6 most needed (no adult diapers)
- Baby wipes
- Dish soap, Laundry Detergent, Cleaning Products
- Grocery gift cards & Cash

Bakers and Donors Needed to Provide Shoes for Children in Nicaragua!

"Make a treat, put shoes on a child's feet" is happening again!!

BEFORE DECEMBER 15, sign-up to bake an item for the sale, package it for sale, and bring to the church clearly marked "Bake Sale" by 9:00 a.m. December 15. A sign-up is on the Mission bulletin board in the narthex, or Email Cathy G. at cegood47@aol.com

ON DECEMBER 15, purchase baked items! Every donation will purchase shoes for children in abject poverty in our children's project in Somoto, Nicaragua.



Hope for the Holidays

A HUGE THANK YOU to all who have signed cards for detained immigrants this year through the Hope for the Holidays effort.

Music

Choir Invitation

There are a few weeks left of our Seasonal Choir. It's not too late to join your voice with the group for the Advent/Christmas season. Choir rehearses at 9:10 a.m. in the sanctuary on Sundays and alternates singing for the 8:00 a.m. and 10:15 a.m. worship services. You can start at any time and participate through Christmas Eve in the services that work for you. Every voice is welcome!

CHOIR SCHEDULE

December 1: warmup/rehearsal 8:00, sing at 9:15 service
December 8: rehearsal/warmup 7:30. sing at 8:00 service
December 15: rehearsal/warmup 9:10. sing 10:15 service
December 22: rehearsal/warmup 7:30. sing 8:00 service
December 24: Christmas Eve service and warmup time TBA



Community



Lutheran Choral

Christmas Concerts

There are two concerts on
Sunday, December 8, 2024.

5:00 p.m. – Covenant Living of Colorado,
9153 Yarrow Street, Westminster, CO

6:45 p.m. – Concordia Lutheran Church,
13371 W Alameda Pkwy, Lakewood, CO





SOLAR AT BLC

*"Empower and Protect the World with the
Light of the Sun"*

- To start the solar project installation that was approved by the congregation, we need to raise \$58,900 plus all additional fees.
- We are getting close! We have pledges of \$47,000.
- You have the opportunity to help BLC reach the goal and start installation.
- We encourage those who can to donate panels at \$1000 a piece.
- Any donation is appreciated and will make a great difference!
- To make a pledge contact Linda Holste at financialsec@bethlehem-lutheran.net.
- To make a donation, place a check marked for Solar Energy and place it in an envelope very clearly marked for "Solar Energy" or donate online at bethlehem-lutheran.net/donate
- If you are making a donation in honor of someone please contact Pr. Katie.



Council Meeting Minutes - Approved

November 12, 2024

Respectfully submitted by Cindy Thompson, Secretary

CALL TO ORDER: Mark Holste called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

ATTENDING: Pr. Katie Chullino, Mark Holste, Brian Carlson, Greg Schumann, Cindy Thompson, Cathy Goodman, Sabrina Lee, Paul Puebla, Mike Smith, and Jaime Updegraff. Absent: Glenn Summers.

DEVOTIONS AND PRAYER: Pr. Katie shared "For Yours Is The Kingdom And The Power And The Glory Forever" from *May It Be So: Forty Days with the Lord's Prayer* by Justin McRoberts & Scott Erickson.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: approved via email and posted.

FINANCIAL REPORT: General Fund giving was below budget by \$4,788 in the month of October. General Fund expenses were above budget by \$1,257. This month's giving was approximately \$2,454 above last October's giving.

REPORT HIGHLIGHTS: See each ministry's monthly report for details.

- **Pastor/Staff:** Pr. Katie suggests that we don't budget for the Agape Fund but accept donations. She also suggests Executive Council distribute these funds.
- **Worship:** Poinsettias will be delivered on December 20th. Sabrina will begin selling them on December 1st. Ushers at 2nd service are needed. Please encourage members to sign-up.
- **Missions:** Hope for the Holidays will have card signing Sundays on November 17th and 24th. The bake sale on December 15 is to raise funds to provide shoes for children at the Children's Center in Somoto.
- **Faith Formation:**
 - **Sunday School:** On December 8th, the youth will be presenting a Christmas program during the second service. No Sunday school on Dec. 22nd or 29th during winter break from school.
 - **Lutheran Men and Mission:** Next meeting is scheduled for the first Saturday, December 7th.
 - Our next **Family Tradition event** is the first Sunday in December 12/1. We will be making Christmas cookies!
 - **Advent Wednesday night** activities will be throughout the month of December: 12/4 - Italian food and holiday craft, 12/11 - Mexican food and Christmas movie trivia/games, 12/18 - Caroling - Bring your own dinner, and we will provide hot chocolate before we go caroling.

Council Notes (con't)

- **Property:** See Glenn's report.
- **Stewardship:** Pledges are still being accepted.
- **Evangelism:** The Djembe Growing Gardens fund raiser took place on October 20th. We collected \$383 in donations.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Nursery:** Sabrina shared the plans for a nursery beginning Sunday, November 17th. **Sabrina moved that we approve opening a nursery in the preschool area beginning 11/17 from 10:10-11:30 with two volunteers present-one being over the age of 18. Greg seconded. Motion passed.**
- **Agape Fund:** Greg moved that the Agape Fund go back to its' original intent which is to assist members of Bethlehem. Sabrina seconded. Motion passed.

DISCUSSION:

- **Clothes collection bin:** Council said not at this time.
- **Solar Energy Project special congregation meeting:**
 - Approved
 - Fund raising in progress
- **Ministry descriptions changes and bylaws changes for annual meeting:**
 - Announced
 - Some printed copies in the narthex
- **Music Director:** Sabrina Lee met with music group and we don't have the funds to hire a music director at this time. October 20th to end of 2024 - Mary Jane Voogt will direct choir.
- **Altar Flowers / Arrangements:** Sabrina said people aren't paying for altar flowers - she will send reminders.
- **Sabrina reminded Council of Kroger funds/groceries.**
- **December council meeting** changed from 10 Dec to 17 Dec – New and old council
- **Staff reviews:** in progress
- **Church ReKey project:** Matt is working on getting quotes-simplified version. Key zones have been identified.
- **Annual Meeting : December 15th.** Reports due November 17th.
- **Pastor Katie gone Sunday December 1st.** One Service - Gary will preach on 12/1 - no communion.
- **Sundays currently planned for One Service:**
 - Thanksgiving Weekend (Dec 1)
 - Sunday after Christmas and New Years (Dec 29, Jan 5) – do we want one service on Jan 5? **Yes**
- **Christmas Eve:** Services will be held at **4pm** (Family Service), **6pm** (Candlelight), **8pm** Light of Christ



Council Notes (con't)

- **A list of all known fundraisers for 2025:** Council will be asked to approve the 2025 fundraising calendar at the January meeting.
- **Facility Use:** New building use contracts will be given out in January.

PRAYER CONSIDERATIONS & LORDS PRAYER

ADJOURNMENT: Mark adjourned the meeting at 8:30pm.

Upcoming Dates: next Council meeting will be Tuesday, December 10th.
Executive session at 6.30pm and Council at 7:00pm.

Member Milestones

Birthdays

Dec 1 Michael Kasperbauer Jr
Dec 1 Kyle Buck-Gengler
Dec 2 Jill Haney
Dec 5 Doris Cotton
Dec 5 Kirk Moors
Dec 8 Lilah Corner
Dec 9 Ethan Hebbert
Dec 10 DeEtte Eikenberg
Dec 11 Pam Bischoff
Dec 12 Brittany Pate
Dec 12 Brooke Lahman
Dec 13 Dennis Koch
Dec 13 Jeff Ditillo
Dec 13 Viviana Jurkovich
Dec 13 Reegan Zigler
Dec 16 Gail Schurman
Dec 16 Barbara Wedemeyer
Dec 16 Ella James
Dec 16 Mackenze Spendlow
Dec 17 Ruby James
Dec 19 Duane Larsen
Dec 19 Jakob Cook
Dec 21 Laurie Parker
Dec 21 Jeff Hopp
Dec 21 Carrie Crespo
Dec 22 Jerry Phipps
Dec 23 Mason Watts

Birthdays

Dec 24 Lynda Coonrod
Dec 24 Dale Grindeland
Dec 24 Nolan Zigler
Dec 25 Mary Fjeld
Dec 26 Ruth Tilson
Dec 27 Carol Wissink
Dec 30 Beatriz Ramos
Dec 30 Roxanne Kessler
Dec 30 Levi Davis
Dec 31 DJ Christian

Anniversaries

Dec 2: Gerry Cole & Sharon Kirby-Cole (30)
Dec 19: Cindy & Byron Thompson (32)
Dec 27: Jenny & Michael Kelley (49)
Dec 28: Carrie & Brandon Crespo (6)



Keep those in your prayers

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