



Bethlehem Lutheran Church

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December 19, 2024

Worship
Schedule:

SUNDAYS 10:00 AM
WEDNESDAYS 6:00 PM



GETTING A CHRISTMAS TREE TO BETHLEHEM IS QUITE A PRODUCTION!

Thank you to our tree crew!

*Kent & Lyndsay Anderson, Aaron,
Lindsay, Oscar & Ty Mielke, Sam,
Cori & Rhett Wallner, Stephanie &
Bristol Radloff, Brooke & Mark
Youngdahl, and Kendra Berglund.*



THANK YOU!



***Christmas Poinsettias
are in and awaiting the
Celebration of
Jesus' Birth***

*We are decorating the sanctuary with poinsettias on Christmas Eve. **We could use more people to sponsor plants!** If you would like to have a poinsettia placed in the sanctuary for the Christmas Eve services, please fill out a form and bring it to the church office or place it in the offering plate no later than **Sunday, December 22nd 2024**. Cost is \$12.00.*

You can call the office to reserve one, 218-387-2227.

Christmas Poinsettias

If you would like to have a poinsettia placed in the sanctuary for the Christmas Eve services, please fill out the following information and bring this form to the church office or place it in the offering plate

By Sunday, December 22nd 2024

The cost for each poinsettia is \$12.00



Your Name: _____

In Memory of _____

In Honor of: _____

I will pick up my poinsettia after worship

I wish to leave my poinsettia in the sanctuary

Prayer

Requests



Vera Finn

recovering from hip surgery after a fall

Leslie Donek

in GM hospital

Matt Gwash (Vera Finn's grandson)

Struggling with life-threatening illness

Hillary Freeman

Recovering from accident

Darold Rosbacka

Living with liver & kidney failure

Dick Kayser

Recovering from successful knee replacement surgery

Kati Kristenson Stieler & family

Living with painful cancer

Barb Coe

Dealing with health issues

Gene Erickson

Dealing with health issues.

Cathy Hawkinson

Continues to recover from neck surgery

*How can we
pray for you?*

Private and discrete pray requests

may be made directly to

Pastor Calvin at

blcpastor@boreal.org or

763-226-5425;

PRAYER



CHAIN

or through the Prayer Chain

chaired by Laura Popkes,

laura@birchlake.us or



LET US BE

your home
FOR THE HOLIDAYS

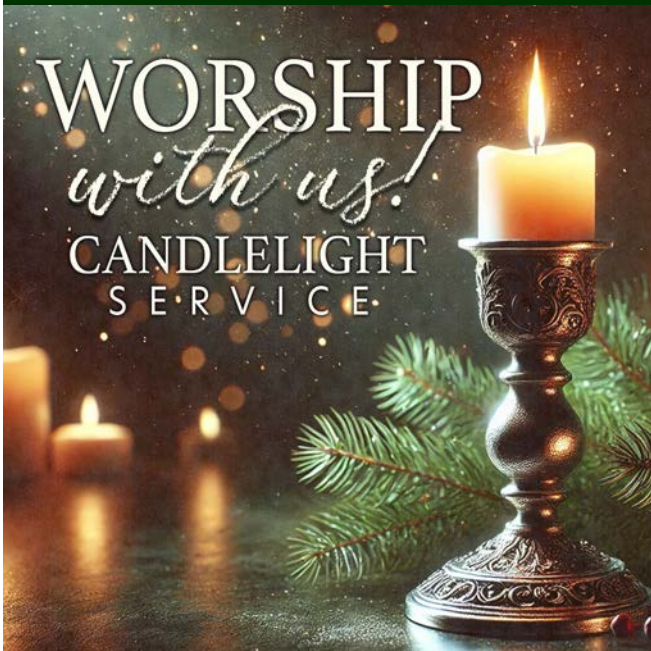
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=38NwSf9GYdE>



SUNDAY
DEC. 22ND
FOURTH
SUNDAY OF
ADVENT
Join us at
10:00am for
Worship and
Sunday School

Readings and Psalm for Sunday December 22nd:

Micah 5:2-5a From Bethlehem comes a ruler
Luke 1:46b-55 You, Lord, have lifted up the lowly.
Hebrews 10:5-10 I have come to do your will
Luke 1:39-45 Blessed are you among women
My soul magnifies the Lord



**Christmas
Eve Worship**

Services:

3:00 and 5:00 pm

**Candlelight
Lessons & Carols**



Care for our neighbors experiencing homelessness and poverty by supporting Chum (Churches United in Ministry), our December Mission of the Month. Chum is "People of faith working together to provide basic necessities, foster stable lives, and organize for a just and compassionate community," serving people from the Duluth area and beyond with Stabilization Services (drop-in center, medical clinic, helping people in crisis transition), Food Distribution Services (operating Duluth's largest food shelf), Housing Services, and Congregational Outreach, Advocacy, and Organizing. In addition to financial contributions, we encourage you to consider supporting Chum's mission by volunteering, joining Chum's advocacy efforts, or donating warm winter hats and mittens to the tree in the narthex.

Chum Is Made Up Of 4 Big Parts



Stabilization Services
Helping those in Crisis transition



Food Distribution Services
Making sure everyone stays fed



Congregational Outreach, Advocacy, and Organizing

The backbone of our organization



Housing Services
Responding to the housing shortage in the area

DECEMBER

MEMBER

CHALLENGE:



Warm Winter

The season of snow and cold is upon us! Please help our neighbors stay warm this winter by filling up the tree in the narthex with hats, mittens, scarfs and warm socks. Collected donations will be shared with CHUM and Damiano Center in Duluth. The tree will be up until Epiphany, January 5, 2025.





Home For The Holidays Free Concert by Steven Curtis Chapman

“Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!”
2 Corinthians 9:15

In the hustle and bustle of the season, we pray that you will be renewed in faith, encouraged by hope, and filled with the love of God.

To celebrate together, we invite you to join us for a special virtual Christmas concert – **Home for the Holidays** featuring Steven Curtis Chapman. Take time with family and friends to enjoy the sounds of this joyous season.

On-demand Dec 10-24, 2024

<https://www.thrivent.com/member-network/events/steven-curtis-chapman>

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

If you have any questions, please contact
goodsteward@thrivent.com

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I know many of you live out of city limits, but it's important that we all observe these parking rules. Think of those that have to live here and may have to hike over the mounds of snow drifts left on our street because parking rules aren't considered when in town.—Thanks so much, Denise.

WINTER PARKING ORDINANCE CHANGES

WINTER IS HERE, AND SO ARE THE NEW PARKING RULES TO KEEP OUR STREETS CLEAR AND SAFE! HERE'S WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW TO AVOID GETTING SNOWED IN OR TOWED:

NEW HOURS FOR OVERNIGHT PARKING:

Remember, parking on Highway 61 is now prohibited from 2 AM to 7 AM. Give those plows room to work their magic!

CALENDAR PARKING IN EFFECT:

Starting November 15 at 12:01 a.m. through April 15 at midnight, follow this rule daily:

- **Odd days:** Park on the side with odd-numbered addresses
- **Even days:** Park on the side with even-numbered addresses

ADDITIONAL RESTRICTIONS:

Some areas will be off-limits for parking all winter long.



**Thank you
for your help keeping our
roads cleared and safe!**



MidWeek Services, Meals, and Confirmation Resume January 8, 2025

Did you fill out and return your commitment card?

Please fill out the form and drop it off.

All responses help with our budgeting process.



BECAUSE OF
GOD'S GREAT MERCY



In support of the ministry of Bethlehem Lutheran Church:

I/We will give \$_____ per week/month/year for the coming year. (circle one)

- This represents an increase of at least ½ of 1% or more of our household income. (check box if this is true)
- I/We would like offering envelopes. ___ Weekly ___ Monthly ___ Holiday (check your choice)
- I/We do not need envelopes. I will send or place my offering in the plate at church.
- I/We would like to set up automated giving. (Complete the Authorization Form.)
- Please update my/our automated giving to reflect the above amount. I already have an authorization form on file.

Name/s _____ Signature/s _____

Mailing Address _____

This commitment can be changed at any time by contacting the church office.



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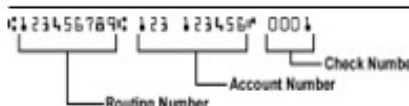
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AUTOMATIC CONTRIBUTIONS AUTHORIZATION FORM

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Last Name		First Name	
Address			
City		State	Zip
Email Address			
DATE OF FIRST DONATION: ____ / ____ / ____		FREQUENCY: <input type="checkbox"/> Monthly on the 1 st <input type="checkbox"/> Monthly on the 15 th <input type="checkbox"/> Weekly – Mondays	FUNDS: <input type="checkbox"/> General/Operating <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____
		AMOUNTS: \$ _____ \$ _____ Total \$ _____	
CHECKING / SAVINGS	Please debit my donation from my (check one): <input type="checkbox"/> Savings Account (contact your financial institution for Routing #) <input type="checkbox"/> Checking Account (attach a voided check or account verification letter below)		Routing Number: Valid Routing # must start with 0, 1, 2, or 3 Account Number: 
	I authorize the above organization to process debit entries to my account. I understand that this authority will remain in effect until I provide reasonable notification to terminate the authorization. Authorized Signature: _____ Date: _____		
FOR OFFICE USE ONLY		ENVELOPE/DONOR #	DATE
Effective date of authorization: ____ / ____ / ____			
Type of authorization: <input type="checkbox"/> New authorization <input type="checkbox"/> Change donation amount <input type="checkbox"/> Change donation date <input type="checkbox"/> Change banking information <input type="checkbox"/> Discontinue electronic donation			

If using a checking account, please attach a voided check or account verification letter to the bottom of this page.



On-line giving is encouraged using this QR Code or through automatic transfer using this form.