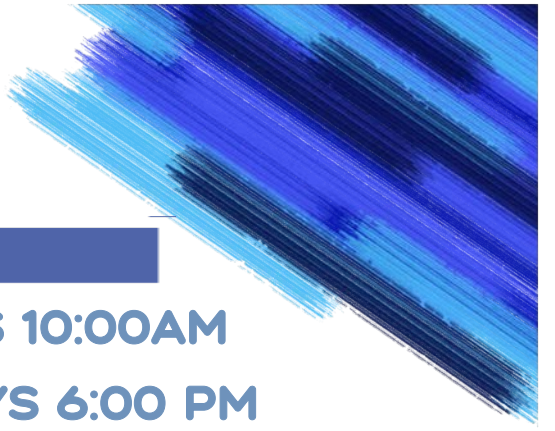




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December 13, 2024

Worship
Schedule:

SUNDAYS 10:00AM
WEDNESDAYS 6:00 PM



Note from Children's Ministry



See pictures on page 1

...And from Grand Rapids Michigan, Lynn Schulte shared:

“Happy St. Lucia Day!

Here is our St. Lucia (Maren) and Star Boy (Bergen. My mom would be so proud to see the tradition continue.”



The shepherds, angels, animals and holy family are ready for their Christmas debut.

Join us on Sunday December 22 to see the Christmas Pageant Slideshow during the worship service.

Borealis Orchestra & Chorale

Christmas Concert

Friday, December 13

and

Saturday December 14

7:00 PM

Bethlehem

Lutheran Church



Come to enjoy this marvelous Advent experience, where our community comes together for a fabulous night of marvelous music that will warm your hearts and soul as you prepare for Christmas.

Prayer Requests

Hillary Freeman

Recovering from accident

Darold Rosbacka

In GM hospital 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?



Hey Sunday School Kids!

Did you miss the photo shoot last Sunday? If you want to be in the Christmas Pageant slideshow, track down Hilja Iverson at church and she'll get your picture. This Sunday, Dec 15, is the last day to be included.

HOLDEN EVENING PRAYER



Wednesdays
in Advent

5:30 pm

Community
Meal

6:00 pm

Worship Service

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Last Advent
Service:

Wednesday
December 18th

Please come
and worship
with us.



O come, o come
Emmanuel

December 15th

**10:00 am Worship &
Sunday School**



Readings and Psalm for Sunday December 15th:

Zephaniah 3:14-20 Rejoice, the LORD is in your midst

Isaiah 12:2-6 In your midst is the Holy One of Israel.

Philippians 4:4-7 Rejoice, the Lord is near

Luke 3:7-18 One more powerful is coming, baptizing with fire



WORSHIP
with us!
CANDLELIGHT
SERVICE

**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.





Christmas Poinsettias

We are decorating the sanctuary with poinsettias on Christmas Eve. 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.

“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>

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Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

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

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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*

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!**

Did you fill out and return your commitment card? We'd sure appreciate your help to develop next year's budget. Please fill out the form and drop it off.



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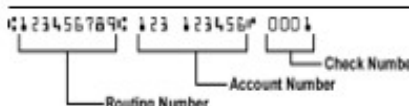
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If using a checking account, please attach a voided check or account verification letter to the bottom of this page.



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