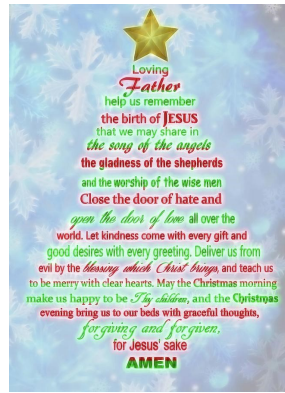


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WORSHIP TIMES
Sundays at 8:20 and 10:30 am and Wednesdays at 6:20 pm
with Communion on the 1st and 3rd Sundays and Wednesdays

OFFICE HOURS
Monday - Thursday
8:30 am- 12:00 pm and 1:00 pm - 4:30 pm


Friday
8:30 am - 12:00 pm


CHURCH STAFF
Senior Pastor:
Rev. Dr. Mark Skinner
Children, Youth & Family Pastor:
Rev. Sarah Marshall
Office Administrator, Worship Team Director and Organist: Cori Wrobel
Bell Choir Director: Stacy Erdal
Senior Choir Director: Al Albertson
Youth Choir Director: Nancy Albertson
Financial Administrator: Shelly Johnson
Children, Youth & Family Ministry Coordinator:
Joan Rosenow
Food Services Coordinators: Pat True and Sara Larson
Custodial Services: Ruth Unger



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Please let the church office know if you will be stopping your mail service for an extended period of time so we do not send you any publications. Thank you.

 Tune in to your cable provider's local access channel (try channel 8 or 181 in Brainerd) every Sunday at 2 pm to watch Bethlehem's worship service.

 Get updates, share pictures and RSVP for events on our Facebook page... www.facebook.com/bethlehem.brainerd

Our Mission Statement
We are called into compassionate community by the Holy Spirit through the confession of the Gospel of Jesus Christ to publicly confess the faith of the Triune God in, under, and with our daily callings in the community of God's world.



From the Senior Pastor

Advent 2019 sermon series

Join us for worship during the Advent season as we continue our annual theme of *Confessing the Faith in a Secular Age*. We will have the opportunity to think deeply and act intentionally regarding our potential role as Christians in an increasingly secularized society within North America. Noted Lutheran scholar Andrew Root writes in his book, *Faith Formation in a Secular Age*, regarding what Charles Taylor describes as *secular 3*, "Secular 3, then, looks sideways and skeptically at any definition or articulation of human experience that draws on anything other than the immanent ... Faith need not be defined because faith has been stripped of transcendence and has little to nothing to do with mystery, transformation, and ontological encounter." Join in Sunday mornings for worship at 8:20 and 10:30 am and also on Wednesday nights for a special Advent time of worship from 6:20-7:00 pm using the Holden Evening Worship liturgy.



Christmas Eve 2019

Join us as we celebrate the birth of Jesus at 2:00 pm, 4:00 pm, and 6:00 pm. Our 6:00 pm service this year will be a *Service of Carols* -very simple liturgy that is sung to traditional carols including holy communion and the lighting of candles. For those who may remember the liturgy at the 11:00 pm service – very similar! I look forward to our time together as we celebrate!

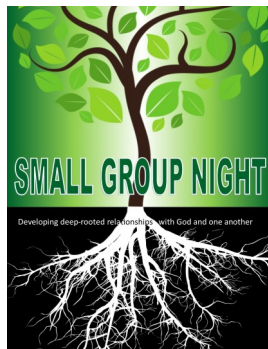
Lay Leader Network Yearly Intensive Series

On Saturday November 16th, Bethlehem hosted the NE MN Lay Leader Network Yearly Intensive Series. Pictured to the right is the Rev. Dr. Jim Bailey, New Testament Professor Emeritus at Wartburg Seminary. 50 lay leaders throughout our Synod gather four times a year at Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd in Duluth and BELC in Brainerd.



Small Group Night

Join us on Tuesday, January 14th as we begin the winter session for small group night. We will meet the second Tuesday of January- April of 2020 beginning at 5:30 pm with dinner followed by a large group teaching session with Pastor Mark as we study the book of Ephesians. Small group time follows from 6:30 pm -7:30 pm. If you are interested in childcare, please preregister on our website at www.belcnet.net. Small groups this session include: *movie group* watching "Hacksaw Ridge" and "Breakthrough;" *Creation Care* with Russ Schultz; *Nurturing Your Inner Child* with Camille Lang with the emphasis on outdoor fun - snowshoeing, sledding, time around campfire and an April bike ride; *A Conversation About Marriage* with Jeff and Cheryl Macejkovic utilizing resources from John Gottman and the Gottman institute; and new this winter session – the *Stand Alone Session* which introduces a new topic each month from Christian Mindfulness to Contemplative prayer and more. Sign up on the opportunities sheet or visit our website.



Blessing to you this Advent as we anticipate the birth of Christ among us!

Pastor Mark



Please remember these people in prayer on their birthdays.

- 1 ~ Sandy Nielsen, Ali Samp
- 3 ~ Kristi Holloway
- 4 ~ Matthew Rhoda
- 5 ~ Brandy Blum
- 6 ~ Charlie Johnson
- 7 ~ Alex Goedker, Chelsea Klinger
- 8 ~ Brad Bauer, Lilia Eidenshink
- 10 ~ Megan Heinrich, David Innes, Bernice E. Johnson
- 12 ~ Margaret Johnson, Jackie Stromback
- 13 ~ Jeff Emery, Sue Wiger
- 14 ~ Forrest Crocker, Nicholas Munsch, Carla Stall
- 16 ~ Megan Praught
- 17 ~ Tyler Hadrits, Alexis Laughton
- 18 ~ Carolyn Cole, Lynn Nelson, Marie Numedahl, Mike Stanek
- 19 ~ Jennifer Grimm
- 20 ~ Dave Johnson, Chris Lundgren, Doreen Olson, Matthew Olson, Cyndy Thompson
- 21 ~ Forrest Crocker Jr.
- 22 ~ Carly Almond, Lucas Brick, Marcus DeChaine, Goodie Johnson, Kirsten Rinke
- 23 ~ Aubriella Logelin, Reva Snell, Carlie Sweet, Gene Teufert
- 24 ~ Everett Stanek, Kristen Woods
- 25 ~ Jesus, Mary Ann Frisch
- 26 ~ Linda Anderson, Ryder Vanderschaaf
- 27 ~ Ben Reimers
- 28 ~ Carla Backstrom, Johonna Stanek
- 29 ~ Joanne Kampf, Maddie Klukas
- 30 ~ Henry Praska, Marlys Ray
- 31 ~ Myla Gilderman

We continue to update our contact information. If your birthday is missing or incorrect, please let the office know at 829-3330 or office@belcnet.net.

December Ministry of the Month: Board of Worship and Music

**CHRISTMAS EVE
WORSHIP ASSISTANTS**

2:00 PM
 Greeters: the Nelson family
 Ushers: the Embertson family
 Reader: Stacy Erdal
 Communion Preparation: Cheryl Severson-Nichols
 Communion Servers: **2 STILL NEEDED**
 Crucifer: Myia Nelson
 Torch Bearers: Hailey Nelson, **1 STILL NEEDED**

4:00 PM
 Greeters: the Hennessey family
 Ushers: Janis and Jim Peterson
 Reader: Stacy Erdal
 Communion Preparation: Barb DePaoli
 Communion Servers: **2 STILL NEEDED**
 Crucifer: John Unger
 Torch Bearers: Sawyer Hennessey, Logan Peterson

6:00 PM
 Greeters: Linda Schuster
 Ushers: Dave and Shelly Johnson
 Reader: Linda Schuster
 Communion Preparation: Linda Schuster
 Communion Servers: **2 STILL NEEDED**
 Crucifer: **STILL NEEDED**
 Torch Bearers: **2 STILL NEEDED**

Board of Worship and Music long-term strategic imperatives approved in 4/18:

*Increase weekly worship attendance by 10% by year-end 2020.

*50% of our members will be worshipping regularly each week by 2022.

From the Children, Youth and Family Pastor



**Itty Bitty
Book Club**

Listen to a story (take home the book),
do an activity, and play!

Designed for children (with an adult)
from birth to age 3 that are too young
for Sunday School or anyone who'd like
to participate.

December 8
1st Sunday of the month in the nursery
at 9:30 am from October - May

**HIGH SCHOOL
MISSION TRIP**

TRAVEL TO
NASHVILLE
FROM JULY 17-25 FOR
AN EXPERIENCE OF
A LIFETIME!
SIGN UP WITH
PR. SARAH
BY DECEMBER 1.

BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH

**CHRISTMAS
PROGRAM
DECEMBER 15 AT
THE 10:30 SERVICE**

And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth,
and laid him a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn. Luke 2: 7

BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH PRESENTS

**CHRISTmas
Journey II**

Carol together in NE Brainerd with
catechism groups and parents. Wrap up the
evening with cookies and hot beverages.

MEET AT BELC
DECEMBER 18 | 7PM TO 8PM



CALLING ALL 9TH - 12TH GRADERS
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CITY WIDE YOUTH GROUP
 ★ ★ ★
 A YOUTH GROUP HAS BEEN FORMED WITH YOUTH FROM BETHLEHEM, FIRST, LORD OF LIFE, LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE CROSS, AND TRINITY ON THE 3RD SUNDAY EVENING EACH MONTH.
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 The next meeting will take place at Trinity Lutheran Church on Sunday, December 15 from 7:00 - 8:30 pm. Talk to Pr. Sarah if you have any questions.

ATTEND BETHLEHEM'S
NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY
 KIDS OF ALL AGES ARE WELCOME
 POTLUCK. GAMES. MOVIES.
 BETHLEHEM BALL DROPS AT 9:00 PM AND 12:00 AM

DECEMBER 31 6:00 PM - 12:30 AM
 CELEBRATE WITH US!
 BRING A DINNER DISH, BOARD GAMES AND SNACKS TO SHARE.
 TALK TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION AND SPIRITUAL FORMATION FOR MORE INFORMATION.

BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH
ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS WORSHIP SCHEDULE

SUNDAY SERVICES	WEDNESDAY SERVICES
DECEMBER 1 8:20 AND 10:30 AM FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT	DECEMBER 4, 11, AND 18 6:20 PM WEDNESDAY ADVENT WORSHIP WITH HOLDEN EVENING PRAYER LITURGY
DECEMBER 8 8:20 AND 10:30 AM SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT	NO SERVICES ON DECEMBER 25 OR JANUARY 1
DECEMBER 15 8:20 AM THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT 10:30 AM CHRISTMAS PROGRAM	CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES 2:00 AND 4:00 PM TRADITIONAL CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT WORSHIP WITH COMMUNION AND MUSIC FROM THE BELL, SENIOR, AND YOUTH CHOIRS
DECEMBER 22 8:20 AND 10:30 AM FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT	6:00 PM SERVICE OF CAROLS CANDLELIGHT WORSHIP WITH COMMUNION
DECEMBER 29 9:00 AM 1ST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS SERVICE OF LESSONS AND CAROLS	

PASTOR MARK SKINNER PASTOR SARAH MARSHALL
WWW.BELCNET.NET 829-3330 OFFICE@BELCNET.NET

BETHLEHEM BOOK CLUB

ALL ARE WELCOME!



MEET 10:30 AM -12:00 PM

**DECEMBER 3-DISCUSS THE
REMAINDER OF "WAKING UP WHITE"
BY DEBBY IRVING**

**FUTURE DATES (NOT MEETING AGAIN
IN DECEMBER) AND BOOKS WILL BE
DISCUSSED AT THE MEETING ON
DECEMBER 3.**

**CONTACT MARGARET STEBLAY FOR
MORE INFORMATION.**

Bethlehem Lutheran Church

December Baptismal Calling Children of God

Receive a blessing at
services the week of

December 8. Join us at 9:30
am on December 8 for a light
breakfast in Fellowship Hall.

Please RSVP on the yellow
opportunities sheet or to
office@belcnet.net or

829-3330.

Bethlehem Lutheran Church 2019-2020

Looking ahead...

1/5: Semi-annual congregational meeting at 9:30 am to vote on 2020 budget; Epiphany Mission Conversation: Board of Stewardship and Properties immediately following meeting

1/12: Community Partner Fair from 9:30-10:30 am

1/14: Small Group Night session 2 kick off at 6:00 pm

1/19: Epiphany Mission Conversation: Board of Service and Evangelism

1/26: Teen Challenge to lead worship at both services and speak during Adult Forum at 9:30 am

Wednesday night meals are \$5 and are served from 5:30 pm until the food is gone. December menu:

12/4: baked penne; 12/11: enchiladas; 12/18: tater tot hotdish

The 80s+ Lunch Bunch will meet at
the Sawmill Inn on Tuesday,
December 17 at 11:45 am.



Young at Heart will meet on
Friday, December 13 at
12:00 pm at Northwind Grille.



If you have a prayer request for the Prayer Chain, you can either put it in the offering plate on Sunday or Wednesday or call Deloris Ebinger at 829-2333. Prayers will be kept on the chain for 3 weeks. If you'd like it to be kept on for longer, please let the office know. If you would like to be a member of the Prayer

COMMUNITY PARTNER FAIR

SAVE THE DATE · JAN 12, 2020 · 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM
BETHLEHEM'S FELLOWSHIP HALL

CELEBRATING OUR 30 COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS
MEET AND GREET OUR PARTNERS · REFRESHMENTS · DRAWINGS



Please keep these people in your prayers:

Sympathy: Cyndy Thompson on the death of her father; Becky Meyer on the death of her uncle
Ongoing: Barbara Miller; Paul Erdal; Lois Ashbrook; Julie Blanchard; Michael Zickuhr; Doris Lino; LeRoy Hill; LeRoy Bray; Jean Anhalt; Aletta Simonitch; Stefan True; Logan Stall; Joyce Sands; Brian Walker; Margie Burgstaler; Aldene Gosse; BriAnna Kruse; Bobbie Sayles; Clark and Clary Tollefson; Roy Cheney; those who are abused; all dealing with addiction; couples trying to have babies; everyone dealing with mental health issues; all caregivers; Chuck Dahl; Cheryl Johnson; everyone dealing with cancer

Service: Danny Peters in Peace Corps; Zac Myhre deployed to South Korea

Please note that we keep people on the prayer list for 3 weeks. If someone needs extended prayers, please let the office know.

Please keep the following Bethlehem households in your thoughts and prayer this month of December:

Randy and Tammy Praught and family; Darbie and Jeff Pulak; Betty Rademacher; Brian and Marlys Ray; Robin Reabe; Cody Rehberger; JoAnn and John Rehberger; Ben Reimers; Barrie and Bev Rempel; Janell and Kevin Rhoda; Paul and Sarah Rhoda and family; Laura and Shawn Roberts and family; Phyllis Roberts; Karen and Steve Rosenow; Mike Rosenow; Heather Saffell and family; Gail and Karl Samp; Diane and Lowell Scearcy; Russ Schultz; Linda Schuster; Carl and Solvejg Seamon; Stacy Sjoberg and family; Pr. Mark and Sue Skinner and family; Kayli Skinner; Brian and Geri Skogen; Dave and Sheila Skogen; Mark Skogen; Leslie Skone; Patrick and Teri Slough;

Jon and Margaret Steblay have many ways in which they lessen their impact on the environment. One way is by planting a 180' x 30' shoreline buffer of native plants to reduce erosion and runoff into the lake. They also put a brick in the toilet tank in one bathroom to reduce water usage and have a reduced flush toilet in another bathroom. In addition, they reuse plastic bags or use their own reusable bags for groceries, have LED lighting, use a 3 bin composting system, and have dual fuel and off-peak heating and hot water. They are in the habit of turning off lights when they leave a room. Their garden provides many of their garden provides many of their vegetables, some of which are organic. They recycle. Buying and using glass containers instead of plastic cuts down on their waste. They have two rain barrels and hang clothes on the clothesline to dry when weather permits. Finally they make and use their own window washing and cleaning solutions.



Please let the church office know if you will be **stopping your mail** service for an extended period of time (heading south for the winter, etc.) so we do not send you any publications. **We get charged \$0.57 for every item** we mail out during that time. Thank you.



Thank you!

Choir Music Fund

\$20 in memory of Chuck Johnson from friends and family

Due to privacy concerns, the Board of Stewardship and Properties has decided that names of donors of memorials will no longer be printed in the newsletter. Instead a total amount of money given in memory of each person will be listed.

Please extend our thanks to everyone who helped provide our family with Thanksgiving food. I was a single parents raising 2 children. I am now a single grandparent raising 2 grandsons. I left my job that I was passionate about in June to focus on these 2 boys that have been through a lot. My whole life I've been a helper, not a taker, so this is difficult for me but want to say thank you and it is greatly appreciated. ~Linnea

THANK YOU for your generosity! \$2916.71 was donated to Thanksgiving baskets this year through the noisy offering and individual donations! With your support, Carla Stall and her team were able to provide 34 baskets to needy families in our area and 16 pies to members that are shut in. Thank you to everyone who helped with deliveries. Additional money will go to Peggy's Pantry and other food-related ministries. May God continue to bless you as you bless others!



Thanksgiving Baskets

Blessing Needy Families in Our Community

CREATION CARE

Canada, following the example of the European Union, voted recently to ban 10 single-use plastics that most often end up in the ocean, including plastic cutlery, plates, and cotton-swab sticks. More than 8 million tons of plastic are dumped into the world's oceans every year, currently totaling 50 million tons of plastic that is being ingested by at least 331 species of animals. According to the *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*, by 2050 99% of all seabird species will have consumed plastic, leading to suffering from obstructions, stomach ruptures and starvation. While the US ranks 20th worldwide for producing plastic marine debris, the US has long been the world's biggest exporter of plastic waste to the poorer countries lacking waste management that generate nearly 60% of plastic pollution. US industry interests also benefit from selling plastics and products packed in non-recyclable plastic to developing countries, according to the Center for Oceanic Awareness, Research, and Education. **URGE OUR LEADERS** to be part of a shared global commitment to significantly reduce or phase out sing-use plastic, and **pledge to do so yourself.**

POINSETTIAS

You can honor or memorialize someone special by donating a poinsettia in their name. Any donations are welcomed and appreciated. Please fill out the information on a poinsettia sheet and place it in the offering basket or drop it off in the church office. Please make checks payable to BELC with "poinsettias" in the memo line.

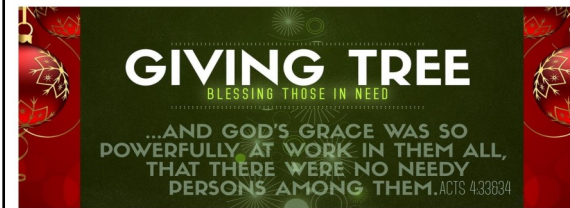
BELC CHRISTMAS TREE OF SHARING

Blue labels are for ISD 181 students.

Black labels are for LSS Homeless Youth.

Green labels are for Mid Minnesota Women's Shelter.

All items must be returned unwrapped by December 29.



Every penny counts! In November, \$241.50 was raised for our quilting ministry. This year, our quilters have given out 33 handmade quilts to Lutheran Social Service, Lutheran World Relief, World Hunger, The Center, Luther Crest Bible Camp, Hope 4 Youth, and Camp Knutson. They send their thanks to everyone who has donated to help purchase supplies. They continue to look for fabric yardage (no scraps) of 100% cotton material. Please contact Yvonne Kalahar if you'd like to donate or if you have any questions. Quilters meet on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays from 9:00 am—12:00 pm.



December and January Service Groups

Coordinators:

Jean Anhalt—829-4445; mjanhalt5@gmail.com

Bob and Jenny Johnson—764-2903; bobandjenny68@gmail.com

Mary Ketterling—829-4005; maryketterling@yahoo.com

Linda Schuster—829-2129; lindatas45@gmail.com

Bill and Judy Kallroos—829-3734; jkallroos@gmail.com

Assistants:

Kris Anderson	Pete and Sheri Olson	Craig and Tricia Warner
Shelly Birchem	Nancy Sweet	Dennis and Sandy Janssen
Deanna and Phil Jones	Casey and Doris Stengel	Curt and Sandy Nielsen
Cyndi Merrill	Rick and Deb Cole	Judy and John Jourdan
Doreen and Larry Olson	Deloris Ebinger	Art and Colleen Jentsch
Jean Listul	Brenda and Jayme Laughton	Kathryn and Sam Jourdan
Pat and Teri Slough	Cathy and Dan Lee	Jennifer Peterson
Pr. Mark and Sue Skinner	Karly and Mark Lillo	Ben Reimers
Corliss Smith	Deb and Jon Luhrs	Joan Rosenow and Troy Miller

December Worship Assistants

	8:20 am	10:30 am
Greeters	1: Deb Steuck 8: Kevin Goedker 15: Hailey and Myia Nelson 22: Kevin Goedker 29 at 9:00 am: the Wiger family	Gene and Lynn Teufert Bernice and Jim Finch Beth and Rob Larson Bev Gotti
Ushers	1: Carla and Scott Stall 8: Carolyn and Jim Cole 15: Marci and Mollie Nelson 22: Pete and Sheri Olson 29 at 9:00 am: Colleen and Kevin Goedker	Becky and Dave Meyer the Lindholm family Janis and Jim Peterson Becky and Dave Meyer
Readers	1: Laura Roberts 8: Bev Gotti 15: Pam Finch 22: Stacy Erdal 29 at 9:00 am: Kathleen Weisman	Joe Lindholm Bev Gotti Christmas Program Kathleen Weisman
Communion preparation	1: Shelly Birchem, Sasha Burgstaler 15: Marci and Mollie Nelson	the Lindholm family Christmas Program
Communion servers	1: Pam and Sydney Stock, Al Gardner, Ben Reimers 15: 2 STILL NEEDED	4 STILL NEEDED 2 STILL NEEDED
Assisting ministers	1: STILL NEEDED 8: Josh Klukas 15: STILL NEEDED 22: Kathleen Weisman 29 at 9:00 am: STILL NEEDED	
Coffee servers	1: Luke Meyer 8: Marcus, Jacob, and Camilla Lindholm 15: Emma True 22: Turner Person 29 at 9:00 am:	
Flowers	1: in celebration of Dale and Jackie Spaulding's 54th anniversary 8: STILL NEEDED 15: STILL NEEDED 22: STILL NEEDED 29 at 9:00 am: STILL NEEDED	
Flower Care	Krystal DeChaine	
Wednesday evening: ushers:	12/4, 12/11, and 12/18: Mike and Wendy Gindorff	



Christmas Eve worship assistants are listed on page 14.

December 18








WANTED: WORKER BEES

Meet once a month on the 3rd Wednesday from 9:00 - 11:30 am to work on small projects around the building. Sign up on the yellow opportunities sheet or contact Curt Nielsen at nielcurt@gmail.com or 330-9637 for more information.

DECEMBER



Wednesdays, 12/4, 12/11, and 12/18
 7:30 AM – Men's Bible Study/Breakfast
 5:00 PM – Bell Choir rehearsal
 5:30 PM – Dinner is served for \$5 until gone
 5:30 PM – Worship Team rehearsal
 5:45 PM – Youth Choir rehearsal
 6:20 PM – Worship Service
 7:00 PM – Catechism
 7:00 PM – High School Youth Group
 7:00 PM – Senior Choir rehearsal

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1st Sunday of Advent 1 8:20-Worship service with communion 9:30-Adult Forum: funeral planning 10:30-Worship service with communion 	2 5:00-Creation Care Team meeting 6:00-Board of Service and Evangelism meeting 7:00-Board of Education and Spiritual Formation meeting	3 9:00-LSS training 10:30-Bethlehem Book Club 5:00-Board of Worship and Music meeting	4 See schedule above 1:30-Woodland worship service 5:30-dinner for \$5: baked penne	5 9:00-Edgewood Brainerd worship service 9:00-Quilting Group 10:15-Edgewood Baxter worship service 5:30-Sr. Choir Potluck Christmas party	6	7 4:30-Circle of Change
2nd Sunday of Advent Consecration Sunday 8 8:20-Worship service 9:25-Sunday School music 9:30-Itty Bitty Book Bunch 9:30-Adult Forum: Baptismal Calling of children of God 10:30-Worship service 	9 4:00-BELC at the Sharing Bread Soup Kitchen	10 12:00-Nicodemus Group 6:00-Small Group Night: ham and scalloped potatoes \$5	11 See schedule above 11:30-Martha Circle at Family Restaurant 5:30-dinner for \$5: enchiladas	12 10:00-Stephen Ministry meeting 5:15-Board of Congregational Care and Community 6:30-CWCLFCCA	13 12:00-Young at Heart at Northwind Grille	14
3rd Sunday of Advent 15 8:20-Worship service with communion 9:25-Sunday School music 9:30-Adult Forum: Mission Investment Funds 10:30-Christmas Program 7:00-City Wide Youth Group @ Trinity 	16 10:00-Ruth Circle	17 11:45-80s+ Lunch Bunch at the Sawmill Inn 4:00-LSS training	18 See schedule above 8:00-LSS training 9:00-BELC Worker Bees 1:30-Woodland worship service 5:30-dinner \$5: tater tot hotdish 7:00-CHRISTmas Journey II	19 Newsletter deadline 8:00 and 3:00-LSS staff meeting 8:00-LSS training 8:00-Women's Leadership Fund 9:00-Edgewood Brainerd worship 9:00-Quilting Group 10:15-Edgewood Baxter worship 7:00-Mary Circle	20	21 4:30-Circle of Change 5:30-Worship Team Potluck Christmas party
4th Sunday of Advent 22 8:20-Worship service 9:30-Adult Forum: Make It Okay presentation 10:30-Worship service 	23	Christmas Eve 24 Office closes at 12:00 2:00 and 4:00-Christmas Eve candlelight services with communion 6:00-Christmas Eve candlelight service of carols with communion	Merry Christmas! 25 	26	27	28
29 9:00-Lessons and Carols service BELC Tree of Sharing items due	30	New Year's Eve 31 4:00-BELC at the Sharing Bread Soup Kitchen 6:00-New Year's Eve party	New Year's Day 1 Office closed 1:30-Woodland worship service	2 9:00-Edgewood Brainerd worship 9:00-Quilting Group 10:15-Edgewood Baxter worship	3	4 4:30-Circle of Change