

Bethel Lutheran Church

December 2023 Announcements

This Month's Events

December Noisy Offering –
Salvation Army Red Kettle
Campaign

Coffee with Pastor Jaime –
Each Tuesday from 1-2 pm at
Vintage Grounds Coffee,
except December 26

December 9 – Faith Family
Fun, Noon-2 pm. We'll wrap
gifts for the Friends of Jesus
toy collection. These gifts will
go to children in need, ages
infant through 18, through
churches in central Milwaukee.
We are collecting toys and
games valued at \$15 or more.

December 10 – Service of
Advent Longing (with
Heritage), 6:30pm at Bethel

December 12 – Senior Dinner,
4:30-6 pm

December 12 – Evening
Advent worship with Holy
Communion at 6 pm

December 17 – Confirmation,
4-5:30 pm

December 19 – Council,
6-7:30 pm

December 24 – Christmas Eve
Worship, 7 pm

December 31 – Service of
Lessons and Carols, 8:30 am

A Message from Pastor Jaime

This month, I just want to share with you some Advent and Christmas worship opportunities – of course our worship here at Bethel, but also some services online and even outdoors.

First, here at Bethel!

On Christmas Eve, even though it is Sunday, we will have just one service, our Christmas Eve worship at 7 pm.

We will not have a Christmas Day worship service.

On Sunday, December 31, we will have a Service of Lessons and Carols at 8:30 am.

Our monthly evening worship service will begin at 6 pm on Tuesday, December 12, right after senior dinner. Join us for a service centered on the Advent message of hope.

A quieter opportunity (also here at Bethel)

If you need some time to reflect and remember amid all the joy and festivities of this season, join our friends in Christ from Heritage Presbyterian Church for a Service of Advent Longing on the evening of Sunday, December 10. The service will be a quiet, meditative one, and will begin at 6:30 pm here at Bethel (note the change in location).

Online options

Our partners in ministry at Gloria Dei will have a midweek worship service at 11:15 am on Wednesdays in Advent: December 6, 13, and 20. You can join in person, or worship online once the recordings are posted. If you join in person, stay for a light lunch after worship!

Another online option is a Blue Christmas service presented by Women of the ELCA on Thursday, December 21, from 7-8 pm. This service offers a safe place to bring your grief, fear, and loss. It includes brief readings, quiet and reflective music, and prayers. Everyone is welcome. Register at <https://tinyurl.com/3vr5cd55>.

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Worship Schedule

Worship with Holy Communion

8:30 am Sundays (except Christmas Eve, when we will worship at 7 pm)

Evening Worship with Holy Communion

6 pm on the second Tuesday, following Senior Dinner

Christmas Eve: 7 pm

Please keep in your prayers ...

Albert and Donna – parents of Jeff and Gerald; Barb; Betty; Cheryl; Carol, Ed, and Debbie; Courtney; friends and family of Danny – friend of Teri and John; Dan; Dennis; Dick – friend of Dan; family of Dennis, Debbie's brother-in-law; Doris; Edna; family and friends of Erv, Jean P.'s father; Ginny; George – Heidi's brother; family and friends of Jean – Jean P.'s mother; family and friends of Jim – son of Ginny; Ken; Landon; Lauren; Madaline – daughter of a friend of Teri; Mitch; Paige – granddaughter of Ginny; family and friends of Richard – Dave's father; Ron; Sharron R.; Teri; Terry; Todd – brother of Teri. Confirmation students: Casey, Grayson, Landon, Liam, and Ryder.

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Outdoor worship

Or if you're up for outdoor worship on the 21st, the Wild Church Nature Spirituality network invites us to a unique event at 3:30 pm at Faith Community Church in Franklin. They have quite a few acres of land just south of South Ridge Mall, including a bonfire pit, a pond and forest land. Their address is 7700 West Faith Drive, just off of 76th Street. The service will reflect on Jesus as the one who brings light to the darkness. The group will build a nature altar, light a bonfire, and celebrate worship with Holy Communion, singing, and praying together until the sun sets. There will be refreshments and fellowship time afterwards. If the weather does not cooperate, worship will take place in Faith's chapel. Find more information at www.faithcc.us/events.

Offering envelopes update

We have not ordered preprinted offering envelopes for 2024, in case you have been looking for them. You may place offerings in the plate without using an envelope or using any envelope you have from home. If you make a cash offering that you wish to have recorded on your giving statement, please place it in an envelope, and write your name on the envelope. Thank you! And thank you to Diane Conner for helping us make this shift to conserve paper and be better stewards of our resources.



We crafted Christmas trees on Craft and Wine Night, and we crafted personal pies at Faith Family Fun.