

First Sunday of Advent

December 1, 2024 – 10am

Modern Worship, ELW Setting 3



Prelude Music

Announcements

Practice of Offertory ELW #691 (1st Verse)

Lighting of the Advent Candle – Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah (1st verse only, below) ELW 240

Light one candle to watch for Messiah: let the light banish darkness.

He shall bring salvation to Israel, God fulfills the promise.

Confession and Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, alive in the world, reviving creation, arriving soon.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: God of mercy,

C: ... we confess that we have sinned. We trust earthly powers and human authority alone. We grow fearful. We cling to false comforts.

P: God of might,

C: ... we confess that we have sinned. We have turned away from our neighbors. We have trusted false promises.

P: God in our midst,

C: ... we confess that we have sinned. We plead: come to us. Bring your mercy to birth in us.

P: A righteous branch springs forth: it is Christ the Lord, our Savior, in whom we have forgiveness, life, and mercy. By the power of the Holy Spirit, receive the grace and forgiveness of God through † Christ Jesus, whose day draws near.

C: Amen.

Gathering Song:

Savior of the Nations, Come

ELW #263

Greeting

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all!

C: And also with you!

Kyrie

A: In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **C: Lord, have mercy.**

A: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord. **C: Lord, have mercy.**

A: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord. **C: Lord, have mercy.**

A: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

A: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. **C: Amen.**

Prayer of the Day

A: Let us pray together,

C: Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection alert us to the threatening dangers of our sins, and redeem us for your life of justice, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Children's Message

Pr Paul

First Reading: Jeremiah 33:14-16

In the Old Testament, "righteousness" often has to do with being faithful in relationship. God acts righteously both in punishing Israel for its sin and in having mercy. In today's reading, Jerusalem's future name—"The Lord is our righteousness"—proclaims that God is even now working salvation for Israel.

14 The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. 15 In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. 16 In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

L: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Gospel: Luke 21:25-36

God will fulfill God's purposes and, already, hidden signs of that fulfillment abound. On that great day there will be dismay, perplexity, confusion, and terror, but God's people shall be given strength to stand boldly and receive God's promised redemption.

P: A reading from... **C: Glory to You, O Lord.**

Jesus said: 25 “There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. 26 People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. 27 Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in a cloud’ with power and great glory. 28 Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.” 29 Then he told them a parable: “Look at the fig tree and all the trees; 30 as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. 31 So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. 32 Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. 33 Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. 34 “Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, 35 like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. 36 Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Pastor Paul Busekist

Song of the Day:

My Lord, What a Morning

ELW #438

Baptism of Layton Theodore Jones

Presentation

P: In baptism our gracious heavenly Father frees us from sin and death by joining us to the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. We are born children of a fallen humanity; by water and the Holy Spirit we are reborn children of God and made members of the church, the body of Christ. Living with Christ and in the communion of saints, we grow in faith, love, and obedience to the will of God.

Sponsors: I present Layton for baptism.

P: Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have your child baptized into Christ?

Parents: I do.

P: As you bring Layton to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with these responsibilities:

to live with him among God’s faithful people,
bring him to the word of God and the holy supper,
teach him the Lord’s Prayer, the Creed and the Ten Commandments
place in him hands the holy scriptures,
nurture him in faith and prayer,
so that your child may learn to trust God,
proclaim Christ through word and deed,
care for others and the world God made,
and work for justice and peace.

P: Do you promise to help your child grow in the Christian faith and life?

Parents: I do.

P: Sponsors, do you promise to nurture Layton in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God’s Spirit, and to help him live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

Sponsors: I do.

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P: People of God, do you promise to support Layton and pray for him in his new life in Christ?

C: We do.

(the assembly stands)

Profession of Faith

P: I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church. Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

C: I renounce them.

P: Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

C: I renounce them.

P: Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

C: I renounce them.

P: Do you believe in God the Father?

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

C: I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.

P: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

C: I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting.

Thanksgiving at the Font

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the water of the flood you delivered Noah and his family and through the sea you lead your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you set us free from the power of sin and death and raise us up to live in you.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of your living Word, that those who are washed in the waters of baptism may be given new life. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Baptism

P: Layton, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

C: You belong to Christ, in whom you have been baptized. Alleluia.

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P: Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life. Sustain Layton with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

C: Amen.

(Pastor makes sign of the cross on Layton's forehead three times with oil representing The Triune God)

P: Layton, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

C: Amen.

Welcome

A: Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven. Let us welcome Layton.

C: We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

Prayers of the Church / Sign of the Peace *(Let us give one another a sign of peace according to your comfort level.)*

Offering

Offering Song:

David Husser

Offertory:

Accept, O Lord, the Gifts We Bring

ELW #691

Offering Prayer

A: Let us pray together.

C: Creator God, you made the whole world, even the farthest stars, and you draw near to feed us. We praise you for these gifts of bread and wine. Strengthen us with this food that we may live in expectation for the advent of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Communion *(Please note: gluten-free wafers and white grape juice cups are available)*

Communion Songs:

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel *(verses 1 – 4)*

ELW # 257

Christ Be Our Light

ELW # 715

Final Blessing

P: God of endings and beginnings, God in the darkness and the light, God, our hope for the journey, † bless and keep you now and forever.

C: Amen.

Sending Song:

Give Me Oil in My Lamp

Give me oil in my lamp, keep me burning; Give me oil in my lamp, I pray.
Give me oil in my lamp, keep me burning; Keep me burning 'til the break of day.

Sing hosanna, sing hosanna, sing hosanna to the King of kings! Sing hosanna, sing hosanna, sing hosanna to the King!

Give me joy in my heart, keep me praising; Give me joy in my heart, I pray.
Give me joy in my heart, keep me praising; Keep me praising 'til the break of day.

Sing hosanna, sing hosanna, sing hosanna to the King of kings! Sing hosanna, sing hosanna, sing hosanna to the King!

Give me peace in my heart, keep me resting; Give me peace in my heart, I pray.
Give me peace in my heart, keep me resting; Keep me resting 'til the break of day.

Sing hosanna, sing hosanna, sing hosanna to the King of kings! Sing hosanna, sing hosanna, sing hosanna to the King!

Give me love in my heart, keep me serving; Give me love in my heart, I pray.
Give me love in my heart, keep me serving; Keep me serving 'til the break of day.

Sing hosanna, sing hosanna, sing hosanna to the King of kings! Sing hosanna, sing hosanna, sing hosanna to the King!

Dismissal

A: Go in peace. Prepare the way for Emmanuel.

C: Thanks be to God.



Bethlehem December 1, 2024
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

12/1—John Halstead
12/2—Bart Duzenberg
12/3—Frank Wall

12/5—Craig Bauer
12/5—Dave Peppler
12/7—James Hinds

12/7—Denice Bossardet
12/8—Clark Rasmussen

Join us next Sunday for our Traditional Service at 10:00am

**Today we welcome by Baptism: Layton Theodore Jones, son of Gary & Britney Jones
and grandson of Tim & Peggy Goebel**

Worship Servants for December 1

Assisting Minister—Doug Cunningham

Lector—Tim Goebel

Musicians: David Husser, Phil & Denice Bossardet, Pr. Paul

Today's altar flowers are donated:

By Craig & Maureen Bauer in Celebration of Craig's 70th Birthday

Hospitality—Tom Fink / Deb Hissong

A/V—Dale Wentzloff / Paul Ton

Cookies/Coffee— VOLUNTEER / Mary Ann Tanis

Welcome Table— VOLUNTEER

Bell Ringer— Tim Goebel

Front Door Monitors— John Halstead

Altar Guild—Patty Leibenguth / Erin Word

Tech Support—Julia Acker

Counters—Barb Graf / Laura Hahn



The Worship and Music committee's Pecan Sale. The pecans have arrived and have been distributed to most of those who pre-ordered. As of this past Wednesday, we have a limited amount of Caramel Clusters (1 bag), Milk Chocolate (2 bags) and Cinnamon Glazed (5 bags) left to sell for those who did not order. As in the past, we truly appreciate the support of Thrivent in this fundraiser.

CHOIR NEWS: Choir rehearsals be on Tuesdays at 7:00 –December 3, 10. If you are interested in joining the choir, give your contact information to Cindy Monroe or any member of the choir and have them pass it on to our choir director, Tony Bero and he will get in touch with you directly. Or you can simply arrive at choir rehearsal on Thursday and we'll figure out how best to use your talents.

Are you grieving something from a death or something else? It could be any kind of loss, and it hurts. **We have a place for you here at Bethlehem on the 1st Monday of the month from 3:30 to 4:30 and the 3rd Monday of the month from 5:30 to 6:30 in the Youth Room.** The December dates are December 2nd and December 16th. If you have any questions, please contact Peggy Burns at 231 392-6913.

COOKIES FOR HOMEBOUND! We will be frosting and decorating cookies on Thursday, December 5th to send with the carolers to the homebound members of Bethlehem. We will be ready to frost before 5PM that day so that we are finished before our meal. We hope you can come early - remember: many hands make faster work!! Blessings! Christian Education Committee

CHRISTMAS TEA IS COMING! Our annual Christmas Tea will be held on Sunday, December 8th from 2-4pm. Our theme this year is 'Angels Unaware'. If any of you have angel decorations you would like to share with us that day, please let Nancy Ammann know. (946-8433) There is a poster and signup sheet in the Narthex with more information. A wonderfully blessed way to usher in the Advent Season!

December's XYZ meeting will be on Friday, December 13th, at 12pm noon. We will be having a ham, so bring sides and desserts to go along with it! Our presenter in December will be Annie Solem from Thrive Medical Clinic (formerly the Pregnancy Care Center), sharing their most recent patient story video and their newly developed education resource for the faith community, "How to Be a Safe Place for Someone in An Unplanned Pregnancy." We hope you can join us for lunch and a great presentation! All adults are welcome!

The December issue of the STAR is now available. If you receive the weekly email, your December issue will be emailed on December 1st. The shut-ins will receive an issue by mail. There will also be a few copies available on the counter by the mailboxes. You may also contact the office at 947-9880 to request that mail delivery continues. For current issues of the Star, feel free to check online at www.bethlehemtc.org < About Us > "The Online Bethlehem Star" or type this URL to get these directly: <http://www.bethlehemtc.org/the-bethlehem-star-newsletter>.

Join us on Saturday, December 14th from 10am-12pm in the library at the end of the hall for a cozy morning of arts & crafts! Alanna will be teaching how to make origami gift boxes out of old Christmas/greeting cards. This is the perfect way to make something new with those beautiful cards that you just can't throw away, or find a use for that pile of unused cards that you may have lying around. The gift boxes are the perfect size for holding jewelry or other small trinkets to keep for yourself or gift to others. All ages welcome! Bring some cards to use (or if you prefer, we will have plenty of extras to use!) and a pair of scissors, and a snack to share if you wish. The Fellowship Committee is generously providing coffee, ice tea, and lemonade! Everyone is welcome to join us! There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex so we know how many chairs to set up.

Project Feed the Kids is looking for some help this season to help families with kids to be able to have a Christmas. The need is great, they already have had 700+ families ask for help. That is almost double from last year. If you can or are able to help, please text with "I want to help" 231-409-9227. You can drop unwrapped toys at J&S Hamburg on S Airport off Garfield.

Advent Meals BLC will be having meals prior to Advent Worship services. The meal for December 5th will be Chili with hot dogs rolled in crescent rolls, salad, chips, dessert and beverages.

December 12th meal will be baked potato bar with all of the fixings, salad, dessert and beverages.

December 19th will be Blue Christmas and Phil Bossardet will be making a wonderful Christmas dinner.

The Fellowship Committee could use more help in providing the meals. If you would like to help please talk to Gail Goldsmith or call her at 231-633-2630.



Advent and Christmas Services

December 5: 7:00pm Holden Evening Prayer

December 12: 7:00pm Advent/Christmas Hymn Sing

December 19: 7:00pm Blue Christmas Service (will be Live-streamed)

December 24: 4:00pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Service with emphasis on Children (will be Live-streamed)

December 24: 7:00pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Time to join in singing Christmas Carols: This is the opportunity to bring BLC to some of our members who cannot easily come to BLC. We will go out in small groups to sing Christmas carols to those who have not been able to join us at church. Even if you feel you cannot sing, others have described this as one of the most meaningful activities of their Christmas season. Please set aside time after the service on Sunday December 22. We will plan to have a light meal before we venture out to share out carols.



Christ In Our Home: Did you know that there is a large print version of Christ in Our Home? We are considering ordering this version along with our regular size but need to know if there is a need here. If you or someone that you know would benefit from using large print, please call the church office at 231-947-9880 or email Barbara at admin@bethlehemtc.org

BOOK CLUB NEWS: The book club will NOT be meeting in December to discuss a book. The next meeting will be Wed, Jan 15 at 5:30. We will be reading "The River We Remember" by William Kent Krueger. The book club has previously enjoyed books by this author. Please join us in the Fellowship Hall if you like to discuss good books. Any questions can be directed to Cindy Monroe at cmonroe@chartermi.net.

BLC ANNUAL BUDGET MEETING SCHEDULED FOR JAN 5 AFTER THE SERVICE: Please attend if you can. It is critical for you to be involved in knowing the financial status of our congregation and in voting to approve the budget for 2025. Copies will be available in church as soon as the proposed budget is approved by church council at its meeting on 12/17. If the service has to be cancelled due to bad weather on Jan 5, the meeting will be postponed to the following Sunday.

CHECK YOUR MAILBOX: The photo sheet of new members is now available as a loose insert for your directory if you took the time to have your photo taken. Please check your BLC mailbox and carry the sheet safely home to place inside your directory. Be sure to check the reverse side for more names.

Coffee and Cookies on Sunday: Remember that treats and a drink on Sunday are appreciated by all. **The sign-up sheet has many BLANK spaces so please take a moment to sign up to bring cookies or some other tasty treat on the Sunday that works best for you.** Or sign up to prepare the coffee to give our loyal volunteer Mary Ann Tanis a day off.

CHAIR YOGA: Chair Yoga continues every Monday at 3:00 in the Fellowship Hall. Cost is \$5.00 per person. It is slow paced stretches that helps with balance, flexibility and relaxation. Come and try it out.

Christian Care Giving Visitation 1 Thessalonians 5:11 Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as you are doing. As a Ministry we are called to take care of each other. Our goal is to provide care for all of those in need and to make sure no one feels alone and not cared for by our congregation. You are loved and wanted by all of your church family. If we can help you or you know of anyone who has a need, please let me know. Peggy Burns cobaltblues2003@yahoo.com or 231 392 6913 If you would like to be a caregiver please let me know.

Next Month at Safe Harbor! As the holidays move closer, I want to thank you all again for the gifts of time and food you are planning for our Safe Harbor effort in the New Year. We'll be serving Safe Harbor guests on Saturday, 25 January; Sunday, 26 January; Tuesday 28 January. Kitchen Teams will be led by Cindy Monroe, B.J. Christensen, and Tina Dohm and the crews they have recruited. Zeke will be entertaining one night and we are seeking more talent-guitar, keyboard, other... We will welcome congregational "treat" support from you with sign-ups right after Christmas. This is needed community outreach. This is heeding Christ's command to serve our neighbors. All volunteers have been pleased with their experiences. Please contact me with any questions. Tom Rockne Bethlehem Safe Harbor Coordinator M.231.631.0040



Food pantry news: The food pantry was recently re-stocked with funding of a Thrivent grant. Each month when the baby pantry is open, we also provide food and cleaning items to families. We are just about out of cleaning products and are in desperate need of. Some of the things that are most appreciated are laundry soap, dish soap, bleach, and disinfectants. Consider picking up some of these items on your next shopping trip and drop them off at church. We appreciate your continued support of our community members. In God's peace, Kathie and Suzanne

You are Invited to Sunday Morning Adult Education: it is that time again, time to power up our learning and sharing of Scripture. Adult Education has resumed as of this morning. We will meet in the Youth Room from 9:15 to 9:45 each Sunday to discuss the lessons for the day. This is a relaxed venue, with inquisitive sharing, practical application, and an opportunity to get better acquainted with your brothers and sisters in Christ! We hope you will join... All Are Welcome!!!!

Spotlight on Zeke: So many of us enjoy Zeke's talents with religious music, but did you know that he plays other kinds of music at various locations in the Traverse City area? Here is a list of his engagements in the next month that are close to TC:

Wed 12/4—The Pub, Traverse City 7:00pm **Sat 12/07**—Hotel Indigo Traverse City 6:00pm

GET A TREAT AND TAKE A SEAT!!! Remember that on the final Sunday of month, we are moving our coffee hour into the Fellowship Hall. This allows each person to sit for a moment and perhaps visit with someone new. So, on that Sunday each month be sure to take a turn into the Fellowship Hall. We will have a reminder sign on the counter in the Gathering Space to help you remember. Thank you!

Volunteers for Watching the Front Door During Worship: The Safety and Security Committee has the new sign up sheets available. We need volunteers who can be available to stay in the Gathering Space to lock the doors and let in late comers for Sundays. We appreciate all of the volunteers. If you have any questions, the committee members are Gail Goldsmith, Maureen Bauer, Jana Rockne and Jan Stretlien

PROTECT OUR CARPET: spills always happen, but we now have a consistent way to deal with them. If you cause one or see one, please grab the spot cleaner in the squirt container over by the triple sinks in the kitchen. Just follow the directions on the bottle and we should be able to keep our carpet in good condition. Thank you!!

Building and Office Hours are: 9:00am – 2:30pm, Monday – Thursday. Office Phone #: 231-947-9880

Please Note:

Barbara Oster/Administrative Assistant works 9:00am-2:30pm on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday

Phil Anderson/Bookkeeper works 8:30am-12:30pm on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

Alanna Steffunick-Boomer/Ministry Coordinator works 9:00am-2:30pm – in the office on Tuesday and Thursday and from home on Wednesday

Looking for a link to last month's full Council minutes? Type this address/url into your web browser to get the latest approved minutes from Council: bethlehemtc.org/Council-Minutes OR you may call the office to request a copy.

Prayer Requests:

- Prayer Chain: Please contact Jan Stretlien at jstretlien@gmail.com or 231-947-3265
- Prayers read from the altar: Please call Administrative Assistant in the church office 231-947-9880 or admin@bethlehemtc.org

Celebrate a new child in your life with a rose on the baptismal font!

Cost \$10.00 per rose. Contact Barbara Oster at beo6475@yahoo.com or 231.668.7038.



Norm Fred has helped a previously homeless couple for a few years. They are proud people and do not like to be given charity but they will accept help in the form of donated cans that they can recycle for money. Please bring in your recyclables in for them. **Leave them in plastic bags by the garage.** These are nice people. There, but for the Grace of our God, go we.

Are you looking for the Caring Table for your donations? It has been moved inside the coat room to the right. Your donations are very much appreciated.

LOST AND FOUND: If you lose something in the church building, please check our new Lost and Found box located in the Coat Room. Also, if you find something, please put it in the box.

Yarn Available: There is yarn available free for the taking located in the cabinets located under the mailboxes in the Narthex. Take what you need.

Name tags: Your name tags are in your mailboxes. Please retrieve them so you can proudly wear them on Sunday mornings. We often have visitors and with so many recent new members it helps them if they can see a friendly face and attach a name to it.

A big thank you to all who have turned in Olesons' slips. On August 29th, we received a check from Olesons for \$190.86 for a year-to-date total of \$397.46. Olesons' slips never expire. Please continue to turn in your Olesons receipts to Bethlehem. Thanks so much!!! **Also, the area for the Oleson receipts is in the lower cabinets below the mailboxes (under the A-B-Cs...).** The cabinet door is marked with the receptacle inside. Unfortunately, we are no longer collecting the receipts from Family Fair.

Have something important going on at Bethlehem that you'd like others to know about? Maybe a Small Group? A Club Event? Feature it on the Screen Announcements, weekly emails and on our Facebook Events Page! If there is something you'd like featured or included in any of these, please reach out to alanna.steffunick@bethlehemtc.org If you are not getting the weekly emails for any reason, please contact Alanna.

Please consider signing up for Altar Flowers for a Sunday service. Please use the sign-up poster in the Narthex by signing on the date you request. Then fill out a pink slip with the necessary information and place it and a check for \$40 (payable to Bethlehem Lutheran Church or BLC) in the offering plate on Sunday morning (Preferable) or during the week, in the Administrative Assistant's mailbox near the church office entrance. You may select either "in honor" or "in memory" or "to celebrate". If someone has already signed on the date you would like, feel free to add your name – we welcome more than one on a Sunday.

The church calendar is below. Please be sure to notify the office (admin@bethlehemtc.org or 231.947.9880) to be sure that your group is of the calendar.

Sunday, December 1

9:15am—Sunday School
9:15am—Adult Education (YR)
10:00am—Worship Service (S)

Monday, December 2

3:00pm—Chair Yoga (FH)
3:30pm—Grief Group (YR)

Tuesday, December 3

Bulletin articles due today

9:00am—Property Work Group
9:00am—LWR Quilters (FH)
9:00am—Summit Inspection
10:45am—Staff Meeting
7:00pm—Choir Rehearsal (S)

Wednesday, December 4

9:30am—Adult Bible Study
11:30am—Music Rehearsal (S)

Thursday, December 5

5:30pm—ACA (Library)
5:45pm—Advent Meal (FH)
7:00pm—Advent Service (S)

Saturday, December 7

10:00am—Christmas Tea Set-up

Sunday, December 8

9:15am—Sunday School
9:15am—Adult Education (YR)
10:00am—Traditional Worship Service (S)
12:30pm—Youth Discipleship / Confirmation Class (YR)
2:00pm—Christmas Tea (GS)



Christmas Tea

"Angels Unaware"

Sunday
December 8th
2-4pm



X Y Z

EXtra Years of Zest

Fri
Dec 13th
12pm

Join us for a potluck lunch,
followed by a wonderful
presentation!

Thrive

MEDICAL CLINIC



Annie Solem

Arts & Crafts Morning

Origami Gift Boxes with Alanna!

Saturday, December 14th
10am - 12pm

Join us in the library for a cozy morning of crafting!

Find more details in your bulletin or weekly email!

