

The Bethlehem Star

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Annual Congregation Meeting Sunday, January 28, 9:45 a.m.

(immediately following worship)

At this meeting, the congregation will:

- Review Committee reports
- approve the proposed 2024 Congregation and Endowment budgets
- election of new office positions will be held.

Reports need to be to the office by Tues., Jan. 9.

Community Quilting to Resume



Lost Nation's Community quilters will begin their new year on Monday, January 8 between the hours of 8:30 am-3:30 pm. A noon potluck is planned. We invite anyone interested in this project to join us for a day or just a few hours. We are still accepting fabric and sheets for liners! See you on January 8!

BWELCA HILITES

BWELCA Board meeting will be Sunday Jan. 7 after fellowship.

Joint Circle Mtg. Sat. Jan. 13 at 9 a.m. H/L: Ellen Pithan

UPCOMING EVENTS:

The Cheer Brunch on Sat. Feb.3 with special guests/ Speaker Dalton Barrier, Camp Courageous Adventure Director and handler of Skye, the Camp's certified therapy dog, so bring the kids to meet Skye and enjoy a delicious brunch.

Also mark your calendars for the Friendship Party on Sunday Feb.18 and World Day of Prayer Noisy Offering will be Sunday, Feb. 25

We will be collecting and packing Personal Care and Baby Care Kits during Lent.

Bethlehem is next in line to serve.

Ash Wednesday is Wed., Feb 14, information for the Lent Season will be announced at a later date.

Worship Assistants

January

Usher: Tom Gerdes

Communion Assistant: Enos Ihns

Lectors:

7- Pastor

14- Ellen Pithan

21- Connie Kleppe

28- Elsa Sullivan

Bread Maker: Connie Kleppe

Altar Care: Kelly Schroeder, Jody Holtz

Teller: Brent Ihns
Coffee Makers:
7- Marlene Hicks
14- Diana Ihns
21- Connie Kleppe

28- Joan Kleppe

February

Usher: Connie Kleppe

Communion Assistant: Jone Paarmann

Lectors:

4- Pastor

11- Tim Thiede

18- Jone Paarmann

25- Brent Ihns

Bread Maker: Jone Paarmann **Altar Care:** Sue Zeller, Ellen Pithan

Teller: Brent Ihns
Coffee Makers:
4- Jone Paarmann
11- Ellen Pithan
18- Friendship Party
25- Kathy Becker

College Scholarships

Scholarship applications for all Bethlehem college students are available in the church office. All students who plan to enroll in college for the Spring 2024 term must complete an application form and return it to the office on or before January 25th. Students must be confirmed members of Bethlehem and must maintain academic eligibility. Scholarship money will be sent directly to your college.

January

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Sat	9	13 Joint Circle 9 AM H/L: Ellen Pithan	20	27	
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Thu	4 Pastor's Office Hours 1-3 PM	11 Pastor's Office Hours 1-3 PM	18 Pastor's Office Hours 1-3 PM	25 Pastor's Office Hours 1-3 PM	
Wed	8	Confirmation at BLC following early out	17	24 Confirmation at BLC following early out	
	7	6	16	23	30
Mon		Quilting Starts 8:30 – 3:30 PM	1.5 Quilting 8:30 – 3:30 PM	21 Quilting 8:30 – 3:30 PM	29 Quilting 8:30 – 3:30 PM
Sun		7 Worship 9 AM Lector: Pastor Sparks/Fellowship 9:45	14 Holy Communion 9 AM Lector: Ellen Pithan Fellowship 9:45	21 Holy Communion 9 AM Lector: Connie Kleppe Fellowship 9:45	28 Council after mtg Worship 9 AM Lector: Elsa Sullivan Fellowship 9:45 AM

February

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Sat	S Cheer Brunch 9 AM H: BWELA Bd Assemble Cheer Plates	10 Joint Circle 9 AM H/L:	17	24	
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Thu	Pastor's Office Hours 1-3 PM	8 Pastor's Office Hours 1-3 PM	15 Pastor's Office Hours 1-3 PM	Pastor's Office Hours 1-3 PM	29 Pastor's Office Hours 1-3 PM
Wed		7 Confirmation at BLC following early out	14 Ash Wednesday Worship at BLC 10:30 AM	21 Lenten Soup Supper at BLC 6 PM Midweek Worship 7 PM	28 Confirmation at BLC following early out Lenten Soup Supper At BLC 6 PM Midweek Worship 7 PM
Tue		9	13	20	27
Mon		5 Quilting 8:30 – 3:30 PM	1.2 Quilting 8:30 – 3:30 PM	Quilting 8:30 – 3:30 PM NEWSLETTER ITEMS DUE for March/April	26 Quilting 8:30 – 3:30 PM
Sum		4 Worship 9 AM Lector: Pastor Sparks/Fellowship 9:45 AM	11 Holy Communion 9 AM Lector: Tim Thiede Fellowship 9:45 AM	18 Holy Communion 9 AM Lector: Jone Paarmann Friendship Party 5:30PM	25 Worship 9 AM Lector: Brent Ihns Fellowship 9:45 AM Noisy Offering

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January Birthdays

- 9 Brent Willimack
- 12 Josie Petersen
- 16 Josh Holtz
- 22 Trisha Feuss
- 23 Katie Fields
- 27 Jessica Willimack
- 31 Jory Sullivan

January Anniversaries

- 22 Herold and Betty Rehmke
- 27 Melissa and Cameron Ford

February Birthdays

- 6 Pat Hansen
- 8 AJ Schroeder
- 9 Betty Rehmke
- 11 Ed Sheldon
- 13 Darla Fields, Callie Petersen
- 22 Jenna Holtz, Clara Ihns
- 23 Becky Ihns-Petersen

February Anniversaries

8 Joan and Bruce Von Sprecken

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Sunday Schedule

Worship 9:00 a.m.

Sunday School: 1st Sunday of the month Fellowship 9:45 a.m.

Office Hours:

Pastor Daniel

Thursdays 1:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Can be reached by a call or text to his cell phone.

Secretary Hours:

Tuesday: 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Thursday: 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

If you need to enter the church and do not have a key, always call ahead to be certain someone is there.