

## Matthew 4:12-23 NRSVUE

<sup>12</sup> Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. <sup>13</sup> He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, <sup>14</sup> so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: <sup>15</sup> “Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the gentiles—<sup>16</sup> the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned.” <sup>17</sup> From that time Jesus began to proclaim, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” <sup>18</sup> As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishers. <sup>19</sup> And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fishers of people.” <sup>20</sup> Immediately they left their nets and followed him. <sup>21</sup> As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. <sup>22</sup> Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him. <sup>23</sup> Jesus went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

*This is the Word of God, for the people of God!  
Thanks be to God!*

January 31, 2026



*Mission Statement  
Knowing Christ, Growing in Faith, and Showing God's Love*

*Vision Statement  
Bethel United Methodist Church continues its unchanging heritage of faith, striving to be a sacred place to know Christ fully, grow spiritually, and show God's love through compassion, service, and generosity.*

# Worship

Celebration of

January 31, 2026  
10:00 a.m. Service

## GATHER IN GOD’S NAME

Prelude: “Be Thou My Vision” arr. McKibben

Greeting & Announcements

## GIVE PRAISE TO GOD

\*Opening Hymn: “Lord, Be Glorified”.....See Page 3

Opening Prayer: *Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

Invitation: Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another. Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

Confession: *Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

Words of Pardon

Leader: Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God’s love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.  
**People:** *In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!*  
**All:** Glory to God. Amen.

Children’s Message: “We all a have part”

## JANUARY 31—FEBRUARY 7

<b>Saturday</b>	10:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	Combined Worship Live - Sanctuary Sunday School - Various Rooms
<b>Sunday</b>		<b>Worship Online Only</b>
<b>Monday</b>	6:30 p.m.	<b>Joyce Mentzer’s Sabbath</b> Cemetery Committee Meeting - PMH
<b>Tuesday</b>	9:30 a.m. 1:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Sue Sprague Bible Study - PMH Elizabeth Circle Meeting - BFH “J” Crew - Music Room YM <sup>2</sup> - Music Room
<b>Wednesday</b>	12:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Mary Martha Circle Meeting - PMH King’s Kids - Music Room First Towne Ringers - Music Room
<b>Thursday</b>	10:00 a.m. 6:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:15 p.m.	The Gospel of Matthew Bible Study - PMH Miracle Singers - BFH Wyldlife - PMH Chancel Choir - Music Room
<b>Friday</b>		<b>Pastor Jim’s Sabbath</b> <b>Ray Davis’s Sabbath</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	8:00 a.m. 9:15 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Traditional Worship Live - Sanctuary Contemporary Worship -Come Alive Time - Sanctuary Sunday School - Various Rooms Traditional Worship Live - Sanctuary

Church Livestream Available Online Sundays  
9:15 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.  
Or anytime after the services on YouTube

BFH - Bethel Fellowship Hall  
PMH - Parsonage Meeting House



**Key:** ***Bold, Italicized & Underlined*** type indicates a request new this week

**Rehabilitation:** David Hurlock, Bobby Lane, Paul Webb

**Hospital:** Dwayne Henry, Dottie Mckain

**Hospice:** Gary Arrell, Norah Atkins, Rosemary Bouvier, Jim Kardas, Brenda Keith, Sharon Messinger, Peter (Brother of Pauline Powell), Mrs. Sample, Jim Smith, Jim Willhite

**General Concerns:** Meg Anderson, Andy Baker, Marilyn Battiste, Bryce, **Donna Carr**, Paula Carridan, Tracy Carson, John & Linda Catanzaro, **Danielle Cook**, **Joelle Criswell**, Kathy Crowley, Cathy Crown, Scott Dailey, Jessi Ferree, Bridget Fowler, Bill Gibbons, Giovanna (Sister of Mauro De Mederios), **Howard Family**, Ida ( Sister in-Law of Tina Eaton), Jessica, Kelly Jones, Kelsea, Kelly Lahorcek, Paulette Lazzarro, Al Lopez, Paige Lucas, Lucca, Pat McMillen, Ann Miller, Whitney Murray, June Myers, Jennifer Nobles, Xavier Nobles, Kelly Pinsky, Beth Rampson, Naomi Rickards, Cindi Flahive-Sobel, Danny & Debbie Summers, Linda Sydell & Family

**Long Term:** Ansalvish Family, Bryan Attix, Rev. Gloria Attix, Fran Baker, Matthew Baker, Ruth Ann Baker, Ginny Barney, Wesley Beam, Dave Beddle, Nancy Bektolino, Betty, Gavin Birl, Daryl Bradley, Inez Brengle, **Dale Buckwalter**, Liz Carrier, John Caycedo, Janette Clavette, Clawson Family, Victor Colon, Rev. Charles Covington, Bill Dell, Jay Dentino, Bob Dickey, Richard Dickey, Bonnie Ekas, Jim Emanuel, Marilyn Emanuel, Pat Emmett, Trish Emmett, Tom Engel, Susie Eveland, Olga Fitch, Frank Fitzgerald Sr, Gayle Gibbons, Danny Gillespie, Hazel Gillespie, Junie Grant, Jude Gray, Alex Grove, George Hammond, Kelly Harp, Heather & Indy, Nancy Hecker, Lou Henderson, Sharon Henderson, **Jack Henriksen**, Jim Hooban, Kayla Hottinger, David Jones, Erika Jones, Chubby Joseph, Deb Kellenbenz, Adam Kent, **Faye Kintz**, Kathy Kroley, Norm Kugel, Janice Kulp, Paulette Lazzarro, Nancy Logan, Bill Lyons, Rob MacArthur, Madison MacElrevey, Matt, Kortlyn, & Bodi, Dr. Jim Marvel, Patty Marvel, Janet McGinnis, Medhi, Claranne Meitrott, Stephen Metler, Marsha Miller, Stephanie Miller, Rev. Charles Moyer, Chuck Naspinsky, Curt & Melinda Newsome, Ted Niemczyk, Lori O'Day, Brian O'Dell, **Mike O'Neill**, Thom Pemberton, George Pepper, Earl Peters, Jodi Potter, Steve Rellihan, Beth Rinker, Carla Robinson, Tom Schaich, Mary Louise Scott, John Schulze, Joe Seay, Bill Seitz, Betty Sheats, Logan Smith, Tricia(Spangler)Gracey, **Chet Sprague**, Judy Stevenson, Bonnie Stevlingson, Margaret Stockslager, Dale Stough, James Taylor, Bonnie Tedesco, Peggy Thomas, Dave Trout, Bob Turcovski, Dawn Vandegrift, Michael Walker, Wanda, Kathy Watson, Kathy Wetherhold-Parrott, Hilda Williams, Trish Wilson, Woody Wilson, Theresa Wise, Jim & Jolie Woodward, Lucretia Y., Glenn Yetter, Marge Zayatz

**Up Coming Procedures:**

**Recovering From Procedures:** Bobbie Flynn, June Rose Futchter, Margaret Hitchens

**Other:**

- **The people of Iran and Venezuela.**
- **The ongoing Situation in Minneapolis.**
- All those caring for family and friends, especially spouses and those that have lost a child.
- Delaware Firefighters, EMS, and State Troopers.
- For racial justice in the United States.

**Sympathy to:**

- **Family & Friends of Sam Comly, Uncle of Ray Davis, Who passed away suddenly.**
- Family & Friends of Delores, Roommate of Nancy Hecker, who passed away.

## LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

Joys & Concerns and Pastoral Prayer

God's Tithes and our Offerings

Offertory: *"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"* arr. Raney  
Lauren Mentzer, clarinet

\*Doxology:.....#94 UMH

\*Gospel Lesson: Matthew 4:12-23

Message *"Gathering The Crew"* Pastor Jim Penuel

## CELEBRATE THE SACRAMENT

Service of Word and Table 1.....Page 9 UMH

The Lord's Prayer (sung)

Music For Communion: *"Be Known to Us In Breaking Bread"* by Althouse

Prayer After Communion: *Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen*

## GO FORTH IN GOD'S NAME

\*Closing Hymn: *"Here I Am, Lord"* .....#593 UMH

\*Benediction & Final Blessing

Leader: As we depart, may the Peace of Christ be with you.

**People:** *May the Peace of Christ be with you.*

(All are invited to pass the Peace of Christ to all as you exit during the Postlude)

\*Postlude: *"Jubilant Ringing"* by Lehembauer

*\*Those who are able, please stand.*

*The flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of God*

*Hearing assistance devices are located at the sound booth.*

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## HYMN

### Lord Be Glorified



1. In our lives, Lord, be glo-ri-fied, be glo-ri-fied.  
 2. In our hearts, Lord, be glo-ri-fied, be glo-ri-fied.  
 3. In Your church, Lord, be glo-ri-fied, be glo-ri-fied.  
 4. In Your world, Lord, be glo-ri-fied, be glo-ri-fied.



In our lives, Lord, be glo-ri-fied to - day. (interlude)  
 In our hearts, Lord, be glo-ri-fied to - day. (interlude)  
 In Your church, Lord, be glo-ri-fied to - day. (no interlude)  
 In Your world, Lord, be glo-ri-fied to -



day. Be glo - ri - fied to - day.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS



### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR BOTH CODE PURPLE @THE CAPE SHELTERS

Shelter Season is Mon Dec 1, 2025 – Sat Mar 15, 2026



This vital resource is dependent on volunteers as Code Purple @ the Cape is a 100% volunteer run.

Both of their emergency winter shelters, at St Jude the Apostle and the Lutheran Church of Our Savior, are open every night from December 1st until March 15th.

Volunteer spots include overnight Hosts, intake Assistants & bus Drivers.

They serve single adult men and women. Provided services include a hot meal, a warm, safe and secure bed, weather appropriate clothing, and hygiene. Each guest is uniquely homeless...each vulnerable...each one matters!

To view the descriptions and dates open for each job on their *SignUp.com* page just copy and paste this address into your browser:

<https://signup.com/go/xeVKqQw>

If you have questions about volunteering email Mike Agnew at [codepurple@stjudelewes.org](mailto:codepurple@stjudelewes.org)

Thank you



### Love Inc-Code Purple Shelters:

Our friends at Love INC could also use some helping hands at the **Georgetown** and **Milford** Code Purple shelters. They're looking for overnight volunteers!

If you're able to serve, you can sign up at:

<https://40484.people.myamplify.io/external/form/807a9e0b-3191-48c1-bc4c-f6864db51097> Thank You!!



# Bethel is Pleased to Announce The New Board of Trustees for 2026



Chairperson: Tom Santaferra

Vice-Chair: Bill Powell

Recording Secretary: Susan Monroe

Our members consist of:

Walt Tydings

Cindy Cunningham

Bob Wotring

Dennis Leebel

Bill Shook

Phil Fitch



## BETHEL INFORMATION

### To our guests...

Welcome to Bethel! Thank you for worshipping with us. We invite you to experience the love and grace of God in Jesus Christ today. During the announcements we would like to give you a welcome packet—just raise your hand and an Usher will bring you one. We value your feedback. Please fill out the Information Card in the mug and place it in the offering plate. For more information about Bethel, visit our website at [www.bethellewes.org](http://www.bethellewes.org) or call the Church Office. Thank you.

### Worship Opportunities

Traditional Sunday Worship in the Sanctuary, 8:00 a.m.  
Contemporary Worship in Fellowship Hall, 9:15 a.m.  
Traditional Sunday Worship in the Sanctuary, 11:00 a.m.  
Church Livestream Watch Online Sundays @ 9:15 or 11:00  
Or anytime after the services on YouTube

### Bethel Ministry Staff Contact Information

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Leaders for Today’s Service

Greeters: 10:00  
Ushers: 10:00  
Liturgists: 10:00 Cathie Wagner  
Audio Visual Techs: Ray Davis, Ed Emmett, Norm Macturk,  
Mauro Medeiros, Todd Mentzer, John Roman Nehrbas

Weekly Statistics

Contributions for January 18, 2026

weekly deposit	\$ 14,110.45
weekly budget	\$ 16,915.18
YTD collection	\$ 49,406.49
YTD budget	\$ 50,745.54



To enroll, click on the “Giving” tab on the Church’s website.



ANNOUNCEMENTS



Bethel’s Food Ministries

Cold Weather Sheltering programs will begin 12/1/25  
Contact for both programs is Cathie Wagner at  
ccwgr@aol.com

Anyone interested in providing food can access the sign-up sheets for the two programs by following these steps:

- Go to: [www.bethellewes.org](http://www.bethellewes.org)
- Click on Information at the top of Bethel’s home page.
- Select “Bethel Food Ministries” from the drop down menu. This will bring you to a page that contains the direct links to the two programs and important information for each program, (so read through carefully).
- Click on the link for the program you want and you will be linked to the sign-up sheet for that program.

The CRC sign up has a separate link for each month.



**Love Offering:** The February Love Offering will benefit Camp Pecometh. Camp Pecometh mission is to provide sanctuary for Christian hospitality and programming that promote God-inspired, life-changing experiences through camp and retreat ministries. Love Offerings may be given throughout the month in the “designated” plates found at the back of Fellowship Hall & the Sanctuary or online by clicking “Choose a Fund” and then by clicking “Communion/Love Offering” in the drop down menu. If donating by check please remember to make payable to Bethel UMC and note love offering.

**Lenten Cantata Rehearsals Start Soon!** Our Lenten Cantata, “Who Is This King?” by Larson/Martin, will be presented on Good Friday, April 3 at 7:00 pm. Rehearsals will be starting soon! If you are interested in joining with the Chancel Choir to sing this musical re-telling of the ministry and final days of Jesus’ life, please contact Joyce Mentzer for more information.

**Save the New Date!**

## **Missions First Annual**

### **Opportunity to Serve Fair & Chili Tasting**



**Sunday, March 15, 2026**

**4 to 5:30pm in Fellowship Hall**



Our commitment to the Methodist faith calls for our “prayers, presence, gifts, service and witness.” To help us meet that commitment several non-profit organizations are coming to the Fair so they can explain their mission and the work that must be completed to achieve that mission. It is an opportunity to understand the purpose of the organization and to volunteer for a single day or on an ongoing basis.

In addition, existing Bethel groups will be present to share their opportunities to volunteer. The Fair gives everyone an opportunity to volunteer for an existing church activity or project well as reach beyond the walls of the church.

To entice you to come, attendees will have an opportunity to taste different chili recipes. Chili makers are asked to contribute a crockpot of their favorite chili. So that the Missions Team can prepare, please email George Phillips (retiredman2017@gmail.com) to let him know you want to share your great chili with others. Please include your recipe in the email so the Team can make copies to share with everyone attending the Fair.

The Missions Team looks forward to seeing you at the Fair. Thank You!

## **NOTE SHEET**

Note Sheet

Gathering The Crew

Matthew 4:12-23

1/31/26

1. God doesn't call the \_\_\_\_\_, He \_\_\_\_\_ the called.
2. Greek word, “Eutheos” means \_\_\_\_\_.
3. The most important thing that Jesus was looking for was \_\_\_\_\_.
4. Matthew 11:28:30, “Come to me, all you who are weary and carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is \_\_\_\_\_ and my burden is \_\_\_\_\_.”
5. Jesus took what was difficult and burdensome and made it \_\_\_\_\_.
6. Jesus can use \_\_\_\_\_ of us as his disciples.
7. Remember: \_\_\_\_\_ have gifts and graces that God can use to build His kingdom and bless and impact lives for the better.

Scripture reading for further reflection: Matthew 11:25-30, Matthew 22:34-40.

Note: You may access the Digital Sermon Note Page by scanning the QR Code







**FOLLOW ME, AND I WILL  
MAKE YOU FISHERS OF MEN**

**MATTHEW 4:19**



## **Our Bethel Cookbook is returning after 15 years!**

The Bethel Cookbook is returning after 15 years! Recipe submissions will be accepted now until Feb. 15th. Forms are available in the lobby and attached to the e-blast. A collection basket is in the lobby for your completed forms. Send us your favorites to share with your church and friends. We have amazing cooks and bakers at Bethel! Sponsored by the Elizabeth Circle.

## **Altar Committee**

We have had great success with the new members on our committee, however, we are in need of a few more people. Our goal is to have another 8am person and another 11am person. This is to handle communion for two months of the year and any color changes for funerals and weddings. Both would work together as the need arises. I would like to have a meeting in March for all members. If you have any questions I am happy to answer by phone 302-236-5684 or email charbastian@aol.com.

Thanks, Charlotte

**The Elizabeth Circle Meeting:** Will be held on Tuesday, February 3, 2026, at 12:45 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. We welcome all women of Bethel to join us. For further information contact Donna Fleischauer (djmarin@yahoo.com) or any circle member.

**Financial Support:** Thank you for your weekly support. We thank everyone who has provided funds to keep Bethel's ministries going.

**There are six ways you can get your gift to Bethel:**

1. **Drop off your donation** through the mail slot in the front door of the Parsonage Meeting House at 130 W. 4<sup>th</sup> St.
2. **Mail donations** to BUMC, 129 W. Fourth St., Lewes, DE.
3. **E-giving:** Go to Bethel's Website [www.bethellewes.org](http://www.bethellewes.org) and at the top right of the home page and click on the word, 'Giving.'
4. **Text Giving** is a newest option for donations, using a cell phone or hand-held device. Call (302) 202-6625, text the word "GIVE"
5. **IRA Distribution.** Those who are over 70½, can donate part of their mandatory distribution to Bethel. Please speak to your financial advisor before doing this.
6. **QR Code:** Scan the QR Code located on bottom right corner.

