



Bethany | Newsletter

January Sermon Series

Sundays at 11:00 am

As believers, we need to learn what God expects of us as we face all the evil in the world. Join us this month as we explore Romans Chapter 12.

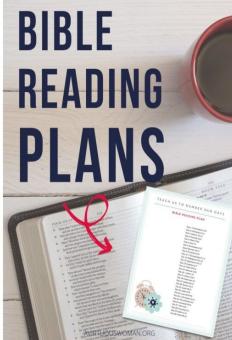


BETHANY

Core Values
Obey Scripture
Serve Others
Worship God
Value Everyone
Live Generously
Build Community

Bible Reading Plans

Reading plans are available at the Welcome Center. We hope and pray that you will read the Word of God regularly and encourage someone else to join you in growing this year.



January Verse

*Do not be overcome by evil,
but overcome evil with good.
Romans 12:21*

Chili Cook-Off and Family Game Night

January 17th - Starting at 4:00 pm



Calling all Chili Lovers and Chili Chefs: Invite your family and friends to join us for a time of camaraderie on Saturday, January 17th for five hours of fun! Come the whole time or just stay for a while.

4:00 pm with Volleyball

6:00 pm Chili Cook-off and dinner

7:00 pm Share in Table Games (bring your favorite!)

7:00 pm Euchre Tournament

Sign-up for the Euchre Tournament will start at 6:00 pm on the night of the event and will be limited to the first 16 people who sign up. Childcare for those 2nd Grade and younger will be provided. Please sign up at the Welcome Center or on the church center app.

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Newborn - 5th graders

We have classes for newborn - 5th grade on both Sundays and Wednesdays. Starting at 9:45 am on Sundays, Nursery, Preschool, and Elementary students are invited to join in the fun with other kids as we study God's Word. Wednesday Kids Connection starts at 7 pm after dinner for the whole family. Come join us!

Family Bowling Night

Join us **Sunday, January 11th** at 6:30 pm for an evening of bowling with the family. Any student in 1st-5th grade and their family are encouraged to register for this night at Sterling Lanes. Cost is just \$15 per person or \$40 per family for 2 hours of bowling, pizza, and pop. You can register using the QR code on the right by Wednesday, January 7th.



Winter Retreat - February 6-8th, 2026



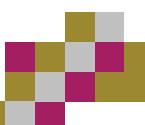
For students in 3rd-5th grade

Register now for "Snow Zone" Winter Camp Weekend at Center Lake Bible Camp. Kids Connection leaders will take students to camp after school on February 6th through Sunday early evening. In between we will have tons of fun tubing, cross country skiing, playing broomball, building snow sculptures, and recovering from the snow with hot chocolate. Indoor games, worship, and meals will be planned as well. Registration is due no later than January 21st! Camp Scholarship Dollars can be used for this up to \$75, but the total cost is \$129. See Dawn W if cost is a concern. Register by picking up & returning a form at the Kids Connection desk.

What's Next:

- Wed, Dec 31 No Clubs - Happy New Year!
- Wed, Jan 7 Wednesday Dinner & Clubs start again
- Wed, Jan 11 Family Bowling Night
- Fri-Sat Feb 6-8 Winter Retreat for 3rd - 8th Graders
- Sat, Mar 14 Boys Nerf Wars
- Sat-Sun, Mar 14-15 Girls Overnighter





Middle School 6-8th Grade High School 9-12th Grade

Souled Out Wednesday Nights

Join us every Wednesday for a time to build relationships with each other and with the God who not only made us but loves us so much. Each night has some crazy games, a time to learn about God's Word, and gym time. Middle School meets upstairs in the Fireside Room and High School meets in the Teen Room from 7-8:30 pm.



Sunday Morning Student Bible Study

Students in 6th-12th grade are encouraged to join us at 9:45 each Sunday morning as we dig deeper in God's word. This is the time to really grow and stretch our knowledge of Christ and His Word while spending time with peers. To kick off lessons in January, we will take a closer look at Spiritual Disciplines that draw us closer to Christ such as prayer, Bible reading, and fasting.

Souled Out Winter Retreats

High School - January 23-25, 2026 ** Middle School - February 6-8, 2026

Students, you won't want to miss this year's winter retreat. We are heading to Center Lake Bible Camp to enjoy all things winter such as tubing, cross country skiing, and broomball, all while praising God together! We will leave each weekend on Friday at 4:00 pm and return on Sunday around 3:30 pm. The cost of each weekend is \$129, but if you sign up prior to December 31st you will get \$10 off. Bethany Camper points can also be used to discount this cost up to \$75. Registration is due for High School students no later than January 11, 2026. For Middle School students, registration is due by January 21, 2026. If you have any questions, see Barb S. You can register for camp using the QR codes below:



High School Code



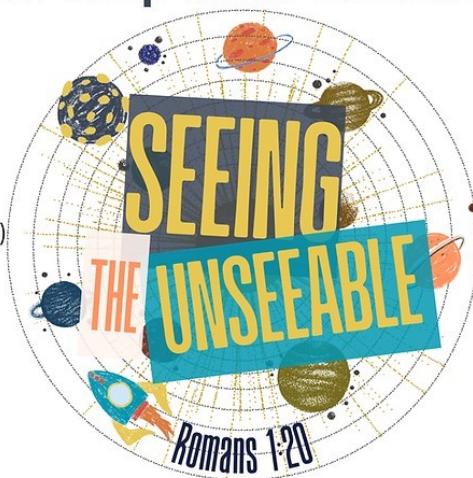
Middle School Code

Center Lake Bible Camp Winter Retreats

Fire and Ice
(High School)
January 23-25, 2026

Snow Zone
(Middle and Elementary)
February 6-8, 2026

\$129 per person



Update on our friends – January

Ondrej & Milina : We did not have heating for 2 weeks but Praise the Lord it is fixed and we did not get sick. I have been preaching in several churches and will be teaching Hermeneutics in three churches starting in January. They are eager to learn how to interpret the Scriptures properly.

Lee & Lonna : November was a fun month with family birthdays and visits. Melissa (daughter) is living with us as she sends out applications and prays for God's wisdom in her planning. TWR is working through changes in leadership. Lonna has taken on more work since the administrative assistant retired. However, another employee has agreed to join the executive team and is helping Lonna. Lee's job continues to be busy with end of year IT software contracts coming up for renewal. Hardware supplies need to be evaluated and replenished. Software issues need solving. Please pray for Lonna's mom as she is very weak.

Alex & Megan : Alex attended a missions' conference in Michigan last month where missionaries were flown in from all over the world. "I felt out of place as they were church planters and ministry leaders and I make software." I strived to explain in nerdy detail all the ways I am connected to what people think of as "real work," justifying my position. During a closing panel I learned that more than half the missionaries depended on Paratext for some aspect of their ministry. They told stories of how the software is woven into their daily translation work. At that moment, something clicked. I wasn't outside the real work-I was a part of an invisible chain connecting thousands of translators around the world through the tool we make. Paratext is used by more than 14,000 translators in nearly 3,800 languages. Let's honor the ways that God has wired each of us to play a part in spilling His overflowing love into the world. Please pray for wisdom as the design team remakes the 30-year-old Paratext into the new Paratext 10 Studio.

*****Note:** If you would like to receive the full letters our missionaries send to us, please sign up at the Welcome Center. We can only share via your email. Thank you, your Mission Team***



Operation Christmas Child 2025 Wrap Up

As we close out 2025, we could definitely see God's hands working throughout the year. One thousand boxes were packed and shipped to different places around the world. When the kids receive their boxes, they will also hear the Good News about Jesus, who loves them and their families. This past year, God provided many helping hands as our church family stepped up to serve in many ways. Many of you worked project days at church, some of you worked at home with sewing projects such as totes, sanitary pads and marble bags. Others bought items, built and filled shoeboxes, and gave generously to help send them on their way.



As we begin 2026, we will be collecting calendars and Christmas card fronts to be used inside our boxes, and clean used T-Shirts to be used in making jump ropes. Please remember January is a good time to shop Christmas Clearance sales for toys and fillers. Thank you for having a heart for missions. We hoped you received a blessing from serving. Remember all we do, we do for **HIM**.





Mission 2911

Mission 2911: What is it?

Mission 2911 is Bethany's attempt to raise money for projects around Bethany that are not included in the yearly operations budget. One project that the Leadership would like to address is the Sanctuary. The windows were recently done, and the Leadership would like to continue to address and update other parts of the Sanctuary in different phases. At the Annual Business Meeting in November, the Deacons with the support of the Trustees and Finance Committee recommended **the challenge of raising \$60,000 to begin the next phase of replacing the flooring and seating in the Sanctuary.** The hope is to raise the money over the next several months enabling us to complete this project during the summer of 2026.

The Challenge

To replace the carpet and provide comfortable, beautiful new seating, the estimate shared at the Annual Meeting was approximately **\$60,000**. While that sounds like a large number, it is one of the most attainable goals we have—especially compared to the cost of a new parking lot or an elevator.

The Next Step: "260 - 260 - 26"

The equation is simple: We have right around 300 regular attendees. If **260** people contribute **\$260** over the next **6** months, the project would be fully funded and completed in **2026**. That's only \$1.50 per person per day. Thus the formula: 260-260-26. As always, we are committed to walking with you and we lean on the promise of God found in the namesake of this endeavor:

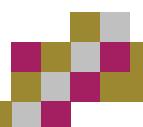
*"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord,
"plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."*
Jeremiah 29:11

Once funds for this project begin to accumulate a subcommittee will be formed to look into the different options available for flooring & seating to recommend to the Congregation.

If you have any questions, please see any member of the Deacons, Trustees or Finance Committee. All funds towards this project should be addressed to Mission 2911. If you would like to help in this, you can designate your giving to include Mission 2911. To give to Mission 2911, go to the giving page on the connect2bethany.org website or use an envelope in the church lobby.

More information about Mission 2911 and this project are available at the Welcome Center.





Women's Ministry

Deaconess Ministry

Our Deaconess Ministry is led by Toni A, Chris C, Katherine D, Patti D, Jane M, and Kelly W, with our newest members Liz K and Monica L. These ladies serve in many ways: coordinating ladies' bible study classes, managing kitchen supplies, funeral meals, and Wednesday dinners. Together these women keep things running smoothly. They lead events like "Daughters of the King," host Senior luncheons, help behind the scenes with baptisms, and organize fitness classes, Bethany's volleyball outreach, and college care packages. We're grateful for them and their dedication to our Bethany Family, along with Calvin W, our Deacon liaison.



Faithfully Fit - Starting Again January 8

Katherine D will once again be doing a session of Faithfully Fit this January. This is a ladies only circuit style class and can be adapted for any fitness level. Class begins at 6:30 pm, Thursdays in Room 108

Prime Timers Upcoming Events

January 21 at Noon - Game Day

Join the PrimeTimers (50+) for a relaxing afternoon of fun, food, and fellowship. We will be playing a variety of table games and possibly cornhole. We will also enjoy a sloppy joe lunch with all the trimmings. Please bring your own beverage. The cost is \$5 per person. Sign up at the Welcome Center.



New Growth Group Topic!

Ladies Tuesday Morning Bible Study - January 20th at 9:30 am

Our Tuesday morning Ladies Bible Study will be starting a new topic called "Stronger than Stress" by Barb Roose on January 20th at 9:30 am. Come for coffee and fellowship at 9:30 am a time in the Word and Bible study will follow.

STRONGER
than stress

A Jesus
Shaped Life



Ladies Monday Evening Bible Study - January 26th at 7:00 pm

This Ladies study meets on the 2nd and 4th Monday of the month and is starting a new topic "A Jesus Shaped Life" by Lisa Harper. This is a great time to join either group.

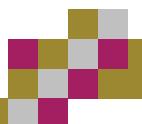
Your Donations to Bethany - 2026

Annual giving statements will be generated electronically in mid-January and sent via email. **(If you'd like a paper copy, please let the office know.)** In order to more effectively manage the funds donated to Bethany, here are some suggestions that allow us to be better stewards of what God has entrusted to us as there are costs incurred with the collection of funds.



- For those using online payment methods, switching from debit card to ACH would save a substantial amount of money. The fee for debit cards ranges from 2.2% for larger amounts up to 32% for smaller amounts. For a person donating \$200, Bethany only receives \$195 and the bank gets \$5. For 2025 (thru Nov), the total fees for debit cards incurred by Bethany were over \$400.
- With the exception of debit card usage, aggregating donations as much as possible would generate some cost savings. For example, for each donation via ACH, there is a .30 fee per transaction. If someone donates \$100 per week, the fees for the year would total \$15.60, whereas if the donations were once per month, the fees would only be \$3.60 for the year.

If you have any questions or need assistance switching from debit card to ACH, contact Dan S.



January 2026

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
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		COLOR CODE				
■ For Everyone ■ For Women ■ For Men ■ For Committee	■ For 1st-5th Graders ■ For 6th-12th Graders ■ For 18-29 Year Olds ■ For PrimeTimers (50+)					
9:45 am 4 Growth Groups & Kids Connection 11:00 am Worship Service Communion 1:00 pm Griefshare	6:30 pm 5 Deaconess Meeting	5:00 pm Youth Committee Meeting	11:00 am Missions Meeting 6:15 pm Wednesday Dinner 7:00 pm Wednesday Night Groups Wednesday Bible Study Prayer Meeting	12:30 pm Single Senior Luncheon at Applebees 6:30 pm Faithfully Fit		9:00 am Men's Bible Study
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Center Lake						

Drop-In Volleyball

Tuesdays, 6:30-8:30 pm (January 13 & 27)

For those 16+, we invite you to come play volleyball. No fees, no equipment, just a night of fun and a time to build relationships. Questions? Contact Katherine DeKeyser.



January Birthdays and Anniversaries

4 Kristin D, Arya N
 5 Christina D, Reese D
 6 Pat J, Jazmine S
 7 Toni A, Chelsea B, Rod H, Alex M
 8 Betty G, Yong H
 9 Kevin M
 10 Ed C, Summer P, Linda B
 12 Bonnie G, Ken W, Clark M, Cindy S
 13 Leichelle M
 15 Nicole K
 17 Aribella S
 19 Randy H, Rachael S
 22 Shannon B
 23 Don Q
 23 Markwon B
 25 Elvira B, Jennifer B, Amanda D
 27 Darlene M
 28 Christopher R, Miara L
 29 Dave K, Mary Ann B
 30 Stacy H, Jordan L, Emma Q
 31 Amelia B, Carolyn M

13 Yaser & Darlene M
 30 Al (Butch) & Ann S



COLOR CODE

Friends of Bethany **Shut-In** **No Mailbox**
 To ensure those whose names are color-coded
 receive their cards, please use the postal service.

Single Senior Luncheon

Thursday, January 8th at 12:30 pm

All Single senior men and women are welcome to enjoy a meal together. We will meet at **Applebees** located at 31653 Gratiot Ave, Roseville, MI 48066 at 12:30 pm
 Sign up at the Welcome Center.



Men's Luncheon

Wednesday, January 14th at 11:30 am

All men are welcome to enjoy some food and fellowship as we gather together at **Michael's Kitchen** located at 35481 Groesbeck, Clinton Township.



Search Committee Update

After discovering that our last Candidate accepted a position at another church the Search Committee took some time off during the month of December. Please pray for them as they resume our search in January. Also pray for our Young People and Youth Leaders as they continue to press on at this time.

Membership Class

9:45 am Sundays beginning January 18

Are you ready to take the NEXT step in your walk with Christ. Check out this 4-week class on Membership, Sundays at 9:45 am in the Conference Room. Sign up at the Welcome Center.



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Bethany has been established on the corner of 15 Mile Road and Beaconsfield since **1956**, and has a rich heritage that involves Christ followers who are devoted to seeking the will of God. We know it is no accident that we have been placed on this corner and we strive to reach out to our community with the love of Christ.