

HIGHLIGHTS

December 1 & 2, 2018

- **PASTOR GREG MOYER ACCEPTED GOD'S CALL**
Praise and Thanksgiving that Pastor Greg Moyer has accepted the call to be Bethel's Associate Pastor. HE WILL BE INSTALLED ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2 AT 4:00PM. All are invited to attend this special service.
- **SUNDAY ADULT EDUCATION – 9:30 – 10:30 am**
 1. **Breakfast Bible Class** **Room P1**
"Thoughts & Prayers"
 2. **First Place for Health "Be Free"** **Room P 3**
Will teach that freedom is neither perfection or permission. This study will help explore the freedom we have and at the end we will be able to boldly proclaim, "I know the truth, and the truth can set me free. Led by Carolynsue Wolf / Mary Lou Nichols
 3. **RLD in Action Group** **Room 111**
If you have taken the "Real Life Discipleship" class, this group focuses on putting in to action what was taught in that class.
- **NEW SUNDAY AM CLASS "Bible Basics 101"**. An Adult class for those new to Christian faith or new to Bible Study or would like to learn some basics about studying the Bible. We meet in Room 110, 9:30-10:30am, until 12/2.
- **DISCIPLESHIP GROWTH OPPORTUNITIES BROCHURE**
New brochure for October – December is available at the Connection Center. Please pick one up. This is where you will find out information about all classes, groups, and outreach activities available during these months.
- **AGAINST THE FLOW**
ATF will meet from 7:15-8:30 this Wednesday night in the youth room. *Note the late start due to Advent Service!*
- **KIC for 5th/6th GRADE STUDENTS**
KIC meets this Wednesday from 7:15-8:30pm in the school commons and gym! *Note the late start due to Advent Service!*
- **SUNDAY CHILDREN'S & YOUTH EDUCATION**
9:30 – 10:30 am All children and youth have classes that meet this weekend. If you have any questions about where these classes meet; please head to the Children's Sunday School Welcome Desk.
- **A NIGHT IN BETHLEHEM NATIVITY WALK IS ALMOST HERE!**
 - Date: Friday, December 7, from 6:00 pm to 8:30 pm
 - Set Up: Thursday, December 6 from 7:00 am to 7:00 pm
 - Come to the church on Thursday anytime between 7:00 am and 7:00 pm to set up your Nativity set(s). We will once again be in the three 'P' rooms with tables set up and ready with white tablecloths and white lights. It's not too late to reserve 'room'. Contact Amy Brennan (370-7434) or Cindy Powell (266-5415) for a space.
 - If you volunteered to provide cookies please bring them to the Kitchen on Thursday as well. There will be a sheet there to cross off your name.
- Nativities can go home on Friday night after the event or on Saturday morning from 9:00 to 11:00 am.
- Please invite your friends and neighbors to join us. A baby lying in a manger is nice.... But the important thing is to share the message that Christ brings: Love, Hope, Peace, Forgiveness, and Faith in a living God who cares deeply for us and provides eternal life.
- **COOKIES NEEDED FOR THE NATIVITY WALK**
If all you cookie bakers would like to donate homemade Christmas cookies for the Nativity Walk on Friday, December 7, please call our Cookie Queens, Nancy Zobrist 309-635-0655 or Lisa Carroll 309-360-8444. There is also a sign-up sheet in the church foyer. Please indicate how many dozen you will donate. We are asking for 25-30 dozen for this event that will be for our Bethel Family and all from the community who visit our church. Thank you in advance for your generous and delicious donation! Please have cookies in the church kitchen by 9:00am on Friday, December 7.
- **BETHEL STAR MAILING UPDATE**
With so many people requesting their Bethel Star and monthly calendar online, we ***will not be sending*** them through bulk mailing beginning with the January 2019 edition. The following options to receive the monthly Bethel Star will be:
 1. View on Bethel's website: blcmorton.org (click on Media)
 2. Limited paper copies will continue to be available at the Connection Center.
 3. Special delivery by volunteers (option for Senior Citizens and Shut-Ins) requested through the church office.
- **BETHEL'S BOOK CLUB**
Due to not meeting last week we will be meeting, this Monday, December 3rd at 7:00 pm at the church in the coffee area. Come join us as we discuss Wurmbrand (Tortured for Christ, the complete story). Richard Wurmbrand spent 14 years in prison for leading Christian worship and witnessing. Sabrina, his wife, spent 3 years in a labor camp. Your faith will be inspired by their unshakeable faith in Christ. (Founder of the Voice of the Martyrs.) Any questions, call Sheila Lovell 925-5347.
- **CHRISTMAS EXTRAVAGANZA!!**

JOIN US!
For
"THE CAROLS OF CHRISTMAS"
Saturday, December 15, 5:45pm
Sunday, December 16, 10:30am

Join us as we celebrate our Lord's birth with the Christmas Carols, enjoy music from various groups and soloists, and hear a great message. This is a great time to invite your friends and worship together.
- **PRAYER REQUESTS**
If you want your prayer request(s) included in the corporate prayers during services, you must give your permission through the church office.
- **HOLIDAY HOPE CHEST**
For several years, Bethel congregation has partnered with Lutheran Social Services of Illinois – Peoria office – in a program called **HOLIDAY HOPE CHEST**. This agency services both children

and adults. They provide 2 gifts per child/adult at Christmastime. One clothing item and one toy or miscellaneous gift with a \$30 limit for both. Bethel will again be reserving 40 names of both children and adults to provide gifts to this year. This is a special Christmas mission project opportunity for families, singles, or small groups to show God's love and our caring. Most of these families will have a very difficult time providing the individual with a blessed Christmas. We will be receiving the 40 names the beginning of November. If you are interested in participating in purchasing gifts for a child or adult – please contact either Pam Lawson (309) 369-1966 or Sandie Bruns – (309) 263-0865 to sign up. There will be a sign-up sheet posted in November at Sign-Up Central in the church foyer.

- **CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS**

If you would like to order Christmas poinsettias that will be used to decorate our sanctuary for the holiday season, please stop by Sign-Up Central in the church foyer. The plants will come from Johnson's Floral in Morton. Each plant will be \$17.95 and is complete with foil and a bow. *Checks should be made payable to Bethel Lutheran Church* and placed in the offering plate or turned into the church office. Please specify "poinsettia". We ask that you leave your plant in the sanctuary throughout the holiday services then take it home following the Christmas Service on December 25th. You may call the church office (263-2417) or Malena Rogers (387-2050) if you have questions.

- **PANAMA BAKE SALE**

The Panama Mission Team will sponsor a bake sale after and between services Saturday evening and Sunday morning, December 15/16. All donations received are greatly appreciated and will go to support Vacation Bible Schools at three mission sites in Panama. You may participate by supplying baked goods and/or purchasing these items. In past years, our contributions (combined with the Bethel VBS children's donations) have enabled over 200 children to participate in VBS during the month of January in Panama.

- **CHRISTMAS CARDS TO SUPPORT A PURPOSE**

The Women's Mission League will once again offer inspirational Christmas cards beginning November 1. They will be available in the library area where the greeting cards are displayed. Your donation may be placed in the slot bottom shelf or turned into the office. All gifts are used for Mission projects. Any questions please contact Linda Nash 309-346-8864.

- **LADIES BIBLE STUDY**

Tuesdays 9 – 11 am in Room 110. Childcare is available. We would love to have you join us. We are a friendly group of gals at all ages and stages of life, from new moms to grandmoms. The variety of ages / stages is very stimulating as we gather around God's word. For questions or to order materials, call Sheila Lovell at 925-5347.

- **ALTAR FLOWERS**

Thank you to all who have been so generous in providing the beautiful altar flowers for our services. Please contact Malena Rogers @ jr_mr@frontier.com or 309-657-2156 if you have a special occasion to celebrate or an important date to remember. For December, 1 & 2, 8 & 9, 29 & 30 are open

- **THIS WEEK'S BUILDING USAGE**

December 2 - Sunday - Communion

8:00 am Traditional Worship Service
 10:45am Blended Worship Service
 11:45am Hobson Small Group / Room 126 (1:00)
 4:00 pm Pastor Greg Moyer Installation Service
 Meal to Follow in Parish Hall
 6:00 pm Bisping Small Group / Room 110 (7:00)

7:00 pm ROOTED Information Meeting / Room 110

7:00 pm Men's Basketball / Gym (9:00)

December 3 - Monday

8:00 am Tellers / Room 110

9:00 am Spanish Class / Room 124/125 (9:45)

9:15 am Preschool Chapel

Christmas Program Rehearsal / Sanctuary (10:15)

10:00am Staff Meeting / Room 111

12:45pm Preschool Chapel / Sanctuary

1:00 pm Brummerstedt Small Group / Room 111 (3:30)

6:00 pm Lorentzen Small Group / Room 126 (8:00)

7:00 pm Bethel Book Club / Foyer

December 4 - Tuesday

8:30 am Bethel School Girls' Core / Room 126 (9:15)

9:00 am Ladies' Bible Study / Rooms 110; 122 (11:00)

9:15 am Preschool Chapel Christmas Program Rehearsal / Sanctuary (10:15)

10:00am Living Way Bible Study / Room P3 (11:00)

December 5 - Wednesday

6:00 am Bethel Brothers Bible Study / Room 111 (7:00)

8:30 am School Chapel / Sanctuary

8:30 am Parent Prayer / Room 126

10:30am Traditional Hymnal Service / Sanctuary (11:00)

6:30 pm Advent Service I / Sanctuary (7:15)

7:15 pm KIC / Gym; Commons (8:30)

7:15 pm Against the Flow / Rooms 141; Gym (8:30)

7:30 pm Dietrich Small Group / Room 111 (9:00)

7:30 pm Adult Choir Practice / Choir Room (8:30)

December 6 - Thursday

7:00 am NATIVITY WALK SET-UP / Rooms P1; P2; P3; Kitchen (7:00) Reserved overnight

9:00 am School Handbell Practice / Sanctuary (10:30)

9:00 am Bailey Small Group / Room 111 (11:00)

1:00 pm Quilters / Room 146 (2:30)

4:30 pm Bell Choir / Sanctuary (6:00)

6:00 pm Richter/Solberg Small Group / Rooms 110; 122 (8:00)

6:00 pm Bradford Small Group / Room 126 (8:30)

6:30 pm Music Practice / Sancturay (9:00)

December 7 - Friday

CHURCH RESEREVED FOR NATIVITY WALK

6:30 am TGIF Men's Bible Study / Room 111 (7:30)

8:15 am Faithful Folders / Room 110

8:30 pm Food Pantry Distribution (10:00)

1:30 pm NATIVITY WALK OPEN HOUSE FOR SENIORS (3:30)

6:00 pm NATIVITY WALK OPEN HOUSE OPEN TO PUBLIC (8:30)

December 8 - Saturday

CLEAN UP NATIVITY WALK UNTIL NOON

10:30am Private Baptism / Sanctuary

4:00 pm Praise Practice / Sanctuary

6:00 pm Contemporary Worship Service / Sanctuary

MISSION MOMENT

DOOR OFFERING

7:00 pm Blood Pressure Check / Library

Glory
to God on the
highest

Luke 2:14