

ELCA DAILY PRAYER VENTURES

JAN 20 *Martin Luther King Jr. Day* Remember and give thanks for the life, teaching and advocacy of Martin Luther King Jr. for the sake of justice, inclusion and the value of all people, especially those who suffer persecution, racism, disdain or oppression. Pray that we will be inspired by our neighbors and siblings in Christ who are fearless and persistent in their advocacy and compassion for others.

JAN 21 Thank God for the gifts given to us through the Spirit, and pray that others might recognize their own unique gifts and see where they are valued and needed.

JAN 22 Pray for ELCA directors for evangelical mission, who serve as resources to synods in mission development, congregational renewal and stewardship.

JAN 23 Pray for the ELCA's grassroots Life of Faith initiative, meant to help us to live out our baptismal vocation in daily life, serve our neighbors and work for justice in the diverse contexts of family, workplace, school, community and the world.

JAN 24 Pray that we will open all our senses to God's glory, power and voice as revealed in nature — the awe-inspiring and dynamic handiwork of our Creator.

JAN 25 *Conversion of Paul* Give thanks that, for God, all things are possible, even when we do not envision the possibility of lives being changed, hearts softened or faith awakened.

JAN 26 Ask God to help us follow Christ's example, being humble, kind, loving, merciful, attentive to our neighbors and quick to respond to their needs.

CALENDAR

Sunday, January 19

9:00 am Worship

10:15 am ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION

10:15 am Confirmation & Sunday School invited to attend meeting

Monday, January 20 *Martin Luther King Jr. Day*

Tuesday, January 21

6:00 pm Church Council Meeting

Wednesday, January 22

10:00 am Bible Study & Prayer Group

11:30 am BFFFFs at The Dock

Thursday, January 23

5:30 pm "Blanketed in Faith"

Saturday, January 25

7:30 am Men of Bethany Bible Study

Sunday, January 26

9:00 am Worship

10:15 am Fellowship

10:15 am Confirmation & Sunday School

BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH EPIPHANY 2 – JANUARY 19, 2025 –9:00 A.M.

Please take this bulletin home with you... as a reference for this week's calendar of events, a reminder of Bethany family and friends to keep in your prayers, and other useful information.

Prelude: "Our God" Music by Tomlin/Reeves/Myrin/Redman, Arranged by Craig Curry

Welcome & Announcements

Gathering Song: "All Are Welcome" vv. 1, 3, & 5 ELW # 641

Greeting, Kyrie, and Canticle of Praise

Prayer of the Day

First Reading Isaiah 62:1-5

Psalm 36:5-10 Read responsively

Second Reading I Corinthians 12:1-11

Gospel Acclamation: "Alleluia, Lord, to whom shall we go?"

Gospel John 2:1-11

Sermon Pastor Erma Wolf

Hymn of the Day: "We Are One in Mission" ELW # 576

Confession and Forgiveness

Apostles' Creed

Prayers of Intercession

Children's Message

Share the Peace

Offerings Received: "God Is So Good", arranged by Douglas E. Wagner

Offering Prayer

Holy Communion

Communion Music: "You Are My King" Billy James Foote, Arranged by Lloyd Larson

Sending Hymn: "Now Thank We All Our God" ELW # 840

Postlude: "Plenty Good Room" Arranged by Lloyd Larson

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Welcome to worship at Bethany Lutheran Church! It is our hope that you experience the love of Christ this morning and His presence during our worship service. If you are visiting today, please sign the guest book in the narthex. Everyone please sign the Fellowship Pad in your pew. These can help you get to know the others around you. Also, be sure to mark the pad if you partake in Holy Communion. Thank you for taking time to fill out this information!

Large print bulletins and assistive listening devices are available. If you would benefit from either of these, please ask an usher. The Sundays after Epiphany continue to celebrate the revelation of God's glory to us as it was made known to the magi and to those on Jordan's banks at Jesus' baptism—today using wedding imagery. Our God rejoices over God's people as those being married rejoice over one another. By the power of the Spirit there are gifts galore for everyone. In Christ Jesus the best wine is saved for last. Taste and see. (Sundays and Seasons v.20240130.1140 Copyright © 2024 Augsburg Fortress. All rights reserved.)

Many thanks to our worship volunteers helping with services today:

Greeters: Russ & Onalee Wright; Reader: Denise Kramer Tolzmann;
Communion servers: Onalee Wright, Twila Henning, Jaci Schrier, &
Denise Kramer Tolzmann
Ushers: Kent Baker;
Everyone in the Audio/Visual Booth
Fellowship Hosts: Dale and Sandi Witt

PRAYER CONCERNS & REQUESTS

Health Concerns:

Steve McAllister, Jill Meyer, Donna Jones, Greg Manwarren, Gary Koenig, Lee Youde, Sylvia Moore, Lyle Youngdahl, Nora Zehrug (Jaci Schrier's cousin), Sue Burg (cousin of Elizabeth Essick), Bibi Sangho (friend of Deb Mechler), Shannon VanDaalen (Lois Becker's sister-in-law), Karen Johnson (Janet Keck's sister), David Ozolins, (Elina Leander Ozolins' brother), April Shotpouth, (friend of Rita Storm), Kiki Marske (Doug and Mary Marske's sister-in-law)

Congratulations:

Sara, Justin, Aleyah and Grayson Falline on the birth of Wesley Guy.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FELLOWSHIP Grab a treat and a cup of coffee before heading back to the sanctuary for today's ANNUAL MEETING!

JUMP INTO YOUR ONE HORSE SLEIGH AND HEAD TO THE DOCK (North Mall) on Wednesday, January 22nd at 11:30 am for another BFFFF's Gathering! (*Bethany's Fun & Fellowship, Food and Friends- dutch treat lunch)

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETS TUESDAY, JANUARY 21ST AT 6:00 PM.

JOIN THE FAITH IN ACTION TEAM for "Blanketed in Faith" on Thursday, January 23rd at 5:30. We will get together to tie fleece blankets. Throughout the year we give the blankets to those in need. We will have a light supper of chili and chicken noodle soups, and bars. All ages are invited to join us! The blankets are easy to make and it is a fun time of fellowship.

ALTAR FLOWERS Many thanks to everyone who provided flowers to beautify the altar in 2024. The flower chart for 2025 is posted on the bulletin board in the narthex. If you are interested in providing altar flowers for a service in this new year, please fill out a yellow card and leave it at the church office or in the offering plate.

KEEP IN THE LOOP WITH THE BETHANY HERALD! Keep current with news and events at Bethany via our newsletter, "*The Bethany Herald*". Delivery options include U.S. mail or email. If you are not receiving the newsletter and would like to, call the church office (262-2327) or leave a note with your contact information in the offering plate. If you are receiving the Herald in the mail & want to switch to email, send a request to the church office: bethany@bethluthspencer.com. **REMINDER:** Items for the February issue are due – January 22nd. Thank you!

SNOW/WEATHER CANCELLATION POLICY is as follows: Regarding weekday activities or meetings, if the Spencer School system cancels classes, all events at the church will be cancelled for that day as well and the church office/building will be closed. Regarding weekend activities, if the weather becomes such that it may be unsafe to travel, activities may be cancelled. If so, cancellations will be announced on the KICD radio stations, posted on Bethany's social media sites & website: www.bethluthspencer.com.

MARK YOUR CALENDER FOR GAME NIGHT! Need a winter pick-me-up?! The Faith in Action committee invites everyone to come for an afternoon of fun and fellowship on Sunday, February 23rd, from 4-6 PM. Bring your favorite board games, card games, puzzles, ... maybe even a craft if you want. All are invited - young and old - the more the merrier! Bring a snack to share; drinks will be provided.

**“TO BE A CHRISTIAN WITHOUT PRAYER
IS NO MORE POSSIBLE THAN TO BE ALIVE WITHOUT BREATHING.”
– Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr.**