

Prayer Page

Thanksgiving

- Joelle (infant daughter of Luke Viertel) - born 12/20
- Jesus' birth

Entrusting into God's Care

- Nathan & Sarah Federwitz - Lutheran Bible Translators
- Peace in Europe and throughout the world
- Project 24 students, Yvonne and Lorine

Healing

- Ken Zenor - hospitalization
- Kris Larson - recovering after hospitalization
- Ridlee (1-year-old friend of Emily Kroemer) - leukemia
- Jill (friend of Emily Kroemer) - cancer
- Ron Prescott - recovering after surgery
- Paul LeFevere - hospitalization
- Tom Larson - health issues
- Everly Zimmerman - knee injury
- David (father of Chris Frampton) - recovering after surgery
- Jamie (daughter of Larsons) - health and wellbeing
- Phillip Hackbardt - recovering after surgery
- Duane Pfeffer - recovering after surgery
- Dave Christian - cancer treatment
- Faye Sieck - recovering after hospitalization
- John Hamm - recovering at assisted living in Waukee
- Deb Heitland - health issues
- Ethel Doehrmann - immunotherapy treatment

Homebound

- Cindy Broadwater - at home

Mourning, friends and family of

- Fred Henkelmann - died 12/25
- Virginia (relative of Nancylee Siebenmann) - died 12/10

Serving Our Country

- Aiden (grandson of Foremans) - US Army
- Mallory (friend of Abi Clark) - IA National Guard
- Amber (dght of Ann Balvanz) - US Army, stationed in Germany
- Ben (son of Kroemers) - IA National Guard
- Devin (friend of Kroemers) - IA Army National Guard
- Mitchell & Benjamin (relatives of Schoens & Smiths) - US Navy
- Harrison (son of Siecks) - US Army, Germany
- Jordan (grandson of Kim Neuhaus) - IA National Guard

Servants of Worship

Sunday, December 29

Elder	Randy Schmith
Usher (8:30)	Wade Ramsey
Usher (11)	Dave Karsten
Greeter (8:30)	Joy the Comfort Dog
Greeter (11)	Joy the Comfort Dog
Lector (8:30)	Mark Borneman
Lector (11)	David Behrens
Video (8:30)	Jeff Gebert
Video (11)	Mike Diers
Sound (8:30)	Nicholas Williams
Sound (11)	Phil Hedtke
Acolyte (8:30)	Jack Zimmerman
Acolyte (11)	Ella Potter
Nursery (11)	Dawn Mims, Rebecca Ballstaedt
Coffee	Behrens

Sunday, January 5

Mark Elias
Mike Goerdt, Aiden Erickson
Chuck Kroemer, Doug Knutson
Ed & Gloria Schumacher
Mary Nanke
Tyler Steggall
Aaron Moffett
Maren Elm, Sarah Potter
Youth

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11:00 Music: Luke Viertel	music.bethanycr@gmail.com



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FOR MY EYES
HAVE SEEN YOUR
salvation
THAT YOU HAVE
PREPARED IN THE
PRESENCE OF
ALL PEOPLES

LUKE 2:30-31

December 29, 2024

The First Sunday after Christmas

8:30 a.m. Service

Living and Sharing God's Love

Order of Service

Divine Service I

Musical Prelude & Ringing of the Bells	
Call to Worship & Announcements	
Opening Hymn	LSB #375
<i>Come, Your Hearts and Voices Raising</i>	
Confession and Absolution	LSB pg. 151
Introit	Isaiah 52 & Psalm 98
Kyrie	LSB pg. 152
Hymn of Praise	LSB pg. 155
Salutation and Collect of the Day	LSB pg. 156
Old Testament Reading	Exodus 13:1-3a, 11-15
Epistle Reading	Colossians 3:12-17
Alleluia and Verse	LSB pg. 156
Holy Gospel	Luke 2:22-40
Children's Message	
Hymn of the Day	LSB #389
<i>Let All Together Praise Our God</i>	
Sermon	
Offertory	LSB pg. 192
Athanasian Creed	
Prayers of the Church	
Lord's Prayer	
Luther's Morning Prayer	
Benediction	LSB pg. 166
Closing Hymn	LSB #390
<i>Let Us All with Gladsome Voice</i>	

Notes and Announcements

Bethany youth are hosting a **cornhole tournament** on Saturday, January 11 to raise funds for the 2025 LCMS Youth Gathering! All ages welcome. Registration starts at 9:00, and the tournament starts at 10:00 a.m. The fee is \$5/person, which will be collected the day of the tournament. Pre-registration is now open online at bethanycr.org/cornhole. Walk-in registrations will also be welcome on the day of the tournament. See you there!

Our congregation's **annual meeting** will be held on Sunday, January 19 at 12:30 p.m. in the Family Life Center. Church leaders will review accomplishments of 2024 and look forward to plans for 2025. Annual reports will be available at the meeting.

In January, Bethany servant-leaders will be honored as recipients of the **Corda Heart of the Community Award!** Our **comfort dog ministry** (Joy and her people) will be awarded at 3:30 p.m. before the Rough Riders hockey game on Sunday, January 5. If you did not sign up and would still like to sit with our group, additional tickets in Section O, rows 8-11 are available at the box office. Then, **Pete and Kris Larson** will be honored for their service to Bethany Lutheran Food Pantry. They will be awarded at 6:30 p.m. before the Rough Riders game on Saturday, January 25. Let's go to the game together! Please sign up for tickets at the Welcome Center by January 12. Tickets are \$15/adult and \$5/kid under 18.

Bethany Lutheran Food Pantry donation items for December/January are **spaghetti and spaghetti sauce**. Please help us stock the pantry shelves with these items for our neighbors! Donations will be collected on the table located outside the sanctuary.

Please note that any 2024 contributions should be postmarked or brought to the church office by December 31st. 2025 envelopes are available outside the sanctuary to be picked up.

Prayer in the Square is a Bethany ministry that serves the Cedar Rapids community. On Mondays, volunteers put together sack lunches at Bethany. Then on Tuesday mornings, volunteers go to Greene Square in downtown Cedar Rapids to hand out the sack lunches and to pray for our neighbors. We could use volunteers! If you would like to get involved with this ministry, please contact the church office at 364-6026 or office.bethanycr@gmail.com.

Thank you to Pastor Doug Francik for leading worship today.

Our Calendar This Week

Today	8:30 am Divine Service (Traditional)
	9:45 am NO Sunday School
	9:45 am NO Adult Bible Class
	11:00 am Divine Service (Contemporary)
	1:00 pm Food Pantry Open
Tuesday	8:00 am Prayer in the Square - Greene Square
Wednesday	Office Closed
Thursday	6:00 pm Human Care Meeting
Saturday	9:00 am Holy Yoga - Lower Level
Next Sunday	8:30 am Divine Service (Traditional) w/ Comm
	9:45 am Sunday School
	9:45 am Adult Bible Class
	11:00 am Divine Service (Contemporary) w/ Comm
	1:00 pm Food Pantry Open
	3:30 pm Joy's Award at Rough Riders Game

Notes

Stewardship Note: Luke 2:38 – “And coming up at that very hour she began to give thanks to God and to speak of him to all who were waiting for the redemption of Jerusalem.” Notice here how giving thanks to God leads to good works (speaking about Jesus, in this case). Thankfulness towards God for all He has done for us is the foundation of a Christian life lived in godliness. For if we know all that the Lord has done for us, how can we not strive to honor Him with what we think, say and do?