

BethLight

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The word "December" is written in a large, red, serif font. The letters are filled with a pattern of small white snowflakes. Below it, the year "2019" is written in a large, red, serif font. Below that, the word "JANUARY" is written in a large, white, serif font, surrounded by a dense cluster of blue and white snowflakes. Below "JANUARY", the year "2020" is written in a large, blue, serif font.



Let your light shine
before others so they may
see your good works and
give glory to your Father
in heaven.
Matt 5:16 NRSV

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**Deadline for the February/March 2020
BeTheLight is January 17th**

The purpose of *BeTheLight* is to inform our members, friends and visitors of worship services and to encourage spiritual growth, Christian Education opportunities, missions and outreach, activities, fellowship events and volunteer opportunities. This newsletter is meant to be an informational tool of **Bethel Lutheran Church** where we serve together as a family in Christ.

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TWITTER: @WeAreBethel

REMIND: Get reminder text messages
from Bethel about meetings, events,
cancellations and more:

Text @skrebi to 810-10

**MISSION
STATEMENT**

*The people of
Bethel Lutheran
Church are
called by God to
be faithful to the
word of God and
proclaim it to all
people. We share
Christ's love and
forgiveness by
being Christ's
hands, feet, arms
and voice as we
gather and as we
scatter.*

ONGOING PRAYER CONCERNS

PERSONS IN NEED OF HEALING

Marshall Camp, Eric Whitsel, Maureen Zelina

PERSONS WHO ARE HOMEBOUND

Bob Breska~Viola Dase~Jan Harmon~Esther Johns~Jean Kellmer
Phil Long~Helmut Link~Betty Powers~Jeannette Yanuzzi

*Please keep these friends in your
thoughts and prayers.*



DECEMBER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sundays in Advent - We will once again gradually decorate the church during Advent, adding greens and the tree, and finishing decorating for Christmas after Advent 4 on December 22.

Sunday – December 15 - Third Sunday in Advent

9:45 AM L.I.F.E. Together Christmas service
“Come to Bethlehem and See”
Our children and youth will lead this special service.



Sunday – December 22 - Fourth Sunday in Advent

9:45 AM Lessons and Carols for Christmas. This year we will be using the traditional format from Kings College at Cambridge University in England. Holy Communion will be celebrated at this service. Directly following worship we will finish decorating the church for Christmas.



Monday – December 24 – Christmas Eve

6:30 PM and 10 PM

Christmas Eve Worship with carols and Holy Communion.
Children's time is featured at 6:30 PM and candlelight
is at 10 PM, led by the choir.



Sunday - December 29 – First Sunday of Christmas

9:45 AM – Worship combining Holy Communion, service of healing, and welcoming the New Year.





GIFTS UNDER THE “JESSE” TREE

A Bethel Advent/Christmas Tradition now in its 22nd Year

The Jesse Tree will be set up in the back of the church and decorated with tags. The tags will identify the names of children in the Autism Unit and Pre K through 2nd grade at Waverly Elementary School in Cleveland.

- Each tag will have a child's name, gender, grade, size, and favorite color.
- Everyone is encouraged to take a tag, purchase **one clothing outfit (shirt, blouse, or sweater and pants/skirt) and one toy or book**, wrap the gift and place it under the tree (with identifying tag attached.)
- Final day for placing gifts under the tree will be Sunday, December 15th.

These gifts are the only Christmas gifts some of these children will receive. Signup sheets, one for sorting and one for delivering the gifts, will be posted in the Gathering Place beginning Sunday, December 1st.

- Sunday, December 15 - sort gifts after worship
- Monday, December 18 - help deliver the gifts to the school

Please consider participating in this effort to reach out to school children in need as we share our gifts from God with others.

Sue Van Straaten
Social Concerns Outreach



Help Beautify our Church for the Advent Season



Christmas is just around the corner, a time for thanks and celebration of Jesus' birth.

Poinsettias are a small but beautiful expression of celebration and a means to decorate our church. We will again purchase poinsettias from Uncle John's Plant Farm.

The order forms will be available starting December 1st and can be found in a small hanging envelope on the bulletin board in the Gathering Place hallway. Your orders can be placed in the offering basket or given to any one of the Altar Guild ladies. The last day to order is **Sunday, December 15**. We have been asked to place our order as soon as possible this year. Please do not wait until the last minute to place your order.

Thank you,
Shirley Daedelow



REDEEMER CRISIS CENTER

“SOCKS FOR THE FLOCKS”

WINTER COLLECTION

‘How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!’ (Romans 10:15)

INSTRUCTIONS

- **COLLECTION: NOVEMBER 1 -JANUARY 31**
- **CONTAINER LOCATION IN COATROOM**
- **SOCK DONATIONS TO INCLUDE ALL SIZES, CHILD -ADULT.**
- **PREFERRED: TUBESOCKS, CREW SOCKS, HEAVIER SOCKS, SWEAT SOCKS, ATHLETIC SOCKS**
- **NEW SOCKS PREFERRED**
- **NO ANKLE OR FOOTIES**
- **SOCKS SHOULD BE LABELED BY SIZE AND AGE**
- **IF NOT IN ORIGINAL PACAGING, PLEASE PUT LOOSE SOCKS IN MARKED ZIP LOCK BAGS**

There are donation boxes located in the back of the sanctuary and in the Gathering Place coat room. Please contact Ed Costa at 440-826-3510 if you have any questions. Thank you for your support!



Birthdays and Anniversaries


2	Jennifer Cajka
2	Elizabeth Johnson
4	Judy Bailey
6	Grace Steffen
7	Georgia Bobrosky
9	Max Ciccarello
9	Rob Leidy
12	Rochelle Gold
14	Louis Pamer
16	Bob Minut
18	Merri Karp
18	Matthew Pickens
19	Bob and Carol Pickens
21	Alan and Georgia Bobrosky
23	Amber Strobel
27	Laura Lee Costa
28	Elfi Schuster
30	Maggie Bartlett



Birthdays and Anniversaries

2	Charles Behm
3	Leah Leidy
6	Ava Salmen
9	Alex Ciccarello
14	Viola Dase
15	Bryan Ciccarello
17	Taylor Geraci
21	Edie Lannoch
31	Spencer Reardon

December 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 <i>Adult Bible Study 8:30 & 11:30 am</i> <i>Life Together 9:00 am</i> <i>Worship 9:45am</i> <i>Faith Explorers 6pm</i>	2	3 <i>Lectionary Bible study 10am</i>	4 <i>Choir 7:30pm</i>	5 <i>Al-Anon 10am</i> <i>Bible Study 11am</i> <i>GFF 7pm</i>	6 <i>AA 8:00pm</i>	7 <i>Men's Bible study 8am</i>
8 <i>Adult Bible Study 8:30 & 11:30 am</i> <i>Life Together 9:00 am</i> <i>Worship 9:45am</i>	9	10 <i>Lectionary Bible study 10am</i> <i>Council meeting @ Pastor's house 7 pm</i>	11 <i>Choir 7:30pm</i>	12 <i>Al-Anon 10am</i> <i>Bible Study 11am</i> <i>GFF Christmas Party & Dinner 7pm</i>	13 <i>AA 8:00pm</i> <i>Staff Christmas party at Pastor's 6pm</i>	14 <i>Men's Bible study 8am</i> <i>10 AM Life Together Service Rehearsal</i>
15 <i>adult Bible Study 8:30 & 11:30 am</i> <i>Life Together Christmas Service 9:45am</i> <i>Youth Christmas Party @ Pastors</i>	16	17 <i>Lectionary Bible study 10am</i>	18 <i>Choir 7:30pm</i>	19 <i>Al-Anon 10am</i> <i>Bible Study 11am</i>	20 <i>AA 8:00pm</i>	21 <i>Men's Bible study 8am</i>
22 <i>Adult Bible Study 8:30 & 11:30 am</i> <i>Worship – Lessons & Carols 9:45am</i>	23 MEEC WINTER BREAK STARTS	24 Christmas Eve Services 6:30pm & 10pm CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED	25  CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED	26 <i>Al-Anon 10am</i> CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED	27 <i>AA 8:00pm</i>	28 <i>Men's Bible study 8am</i>
29 <i>Worship 9:45am</i>	30	31 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED				

January 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED 	2 <i>Church</i> <i>office hours</i> <i>Resume</i> <i>9am – 1pm</i> <i>Al-Anon 10am</i> MEEC CLASSES RESUME	3 AA 8:00pm	4 <i>Men's Bible</i> <i>study 8am</i>
5 <i>Adult Bible</i> <i>Study 8:30 &</i> <i>11:30 am</i> <i>Life Together</i> <i>9:00 am</i> <i>Worship 9:45am</i> <i>Faith Explorers</i> <i>6pm</i>	6	7 <i>Lectionary Bible</i> <i>study 10am</i>	8 <i>Choir 7:30pm</i>	9 <i>Al-Anon</i> <i>10am</i> <i>Bible Study</i> <i>11am</i> <i>GFF 7pm</i>	10 AA 8:00pm	11 <i>Men's Bible</i> <i>study 8am</i>
12 <i>Adult Bible</i> <i>Study 8:30 &</i> <i>11:30 am</i> <i>Life Together</i> <i>9:00 am</i> <i>Worship 9:45am</i>	13	14 <i>Lectionary Bible</i> <i>study 10am</i> <i>Men's Lunch</i> <i>11:30am</i> <i>Council Meeting</i> <i>7pm</i>	15 <i>Choir 7:30pm</i>	16 <i>Al-Anon 10am</i> <i>Bible Study</i> <i>11am</i> <i>GFF 7pm</i>	17 AA 8:00pm	18 <i>Men's Bible</i> <i>study 8am</i>
19 <i>Adult Bible</i> <i>Study 8:30 &</i> <i>11:30 am</i> <i>Life Together</i> <i>9:00 am</i> <i>Worship 9:45am</i> <i>Faith Explorers</i> <i>6pm</i>	20 <i>MLK Day</i> NO CLASSES FOR MEEC	21 <i>Lectionary Bible</i> <i>study 10am</i>	22 <i>Choir 7:30pm</i>	23 <i>Al-Anon 10am</i> <i>Bible Study</i> <i>11am</i> <i>GFF 7pm</i>	24 AA 8:00pm MEEC Staff in service day – No School	25 <i>Men's Bible</i> <i>study 8am</i>
26 <i>Adult Bible</i> <i>Study 8:30 &</i> <i>11:30 am</i> <i>Life Together</i> <i>9:00 am</i> <i>Worship 9:45am</i> <i>Faith Explorers</i> <i>6pm</i>	27	28 <i>Lectionary Bible</i> <i>study 10am</i>	29 <i>Choir 7:30pm</i>	30 <i>Al-Anon 10am</i> <i>Bible Study</i> <i>11am</i> <i>GFF - Birthday</i> <i>Dinner 7pm</i>	31 AA 8:00pm	

