

BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH

November 10, 2024

Worship Leaders

Pastor:	David Nelson	Organist:	Shirley Capistrant
Lector:		Church Secretary:	Jo Witt
Financial Secretary:	Jason Denton	Offering Counter:	Keith Detlefsen
Altar Care:	<i>*Please Volunteer*</i>	Deacon:	Keith Detlefsen

Prayer Concerns

Mickey Peterson, Karla Kinzler, Scott Fredrick, Deb Anderson, Barb Roiland, Philip Slinden, Karen Bredeson, Lea Brower, Paul and Betty Nelson, Lib (Elizabeth) Larson Cunningham, Dallis "Tex" Ringler, Glenn Barker, John Groen, Steve Buer, Joan Groen, Melissa Grimsgard, and Jon Forsythe. Also that the Holy Spirit may bless our bishop and move among us. We also pray for the president, congress and military.

Upcoming Events at Bethlehem

November 10	11:00 a.m.	Worship Service
November 13	8:00 p.m.	Council Meeting
November 17	11:00 a.m.	Worship Service
November 24	10:00 a.m.	Sunday School & Confirmation
	11:00 a.m.	Worship Service with Communion
November 27	5:00 p.m.	Potluck at the church
	6:30 p.m.	Joint Thanksgiving Eve Service at Bethlehem

Announcements

Pastor David's Office Hours: All day Mondays and Tuesday mornings at Bethlehem and Tuesday afternoons and all day Wednesdays at United. Thursdays: visits. Pastor David can be contacted by calling 507-227-6051 or by emailing pastordnelson@proton.me.

Jo's Office Hours: Generally in the office Mondays 9:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. and working remotely the remainder of the work week. *Please kindly respect my non-work time by not calling or texting my cell phone during evenings, weekends, or holidays.*

Finances: Our finances are tight right now. Please keep this in mind with your giving. Besides giving in person, you can mail your offerings or conveniently give online via our website at: bethlehematwater.com.

Coffee Hour: You are invited to join us for coffee, fellowship, and Scripture Tuesday mornings at 9:00 a.m. in the church fellowship hall. All are welcome!

Pre-Thanksgiving Potluck: Join us on Wednesday, November 27th, from 5:00-6:30 p.m. for a Pre-Thanksgiving Potluck at Bethlehem. Please bring a dish to share, along with any baked items for the bake sale. Beverages, bread, and desserts will be provided.

Pre-Order Baked Pies: Women of Bethlehem are taking orders for baked pies that can be picked up the evening of November 27th. Either sign up on the sheet in the church entryway or call Lorna Thorp at 320-295-3349. Deadline to pre-order is November 17th. Cost: \$12.00 each. The baked pies offered are: pumpkin, pecan, Dutch apple, and limited to the first 6, lemon meringue.

Volunteers Needed for Passport to Christmas: Volunteers are needed to help serve hot cocoa and water for Passport to Christmas on December 7th beginning at 5:00 p.m.

Winter Garment Drive: We are starting our winter garment drive for local schools and Boy's and Girl's Clubs. If you have gently used winter garments to donate, there will be a red tote available Sunday mornings and during office hours for drop off.

Pictorial Directory: We will be partnering with United for a pictorial directory. Parishioners will be welcome to submit their own photos or have one taken at the church by a professional photography, dates TBD. Volunteers are needed to help with the directory assembly, layout, and organization. If you have interest in helping with the project or would like to share feedback, please reach out to the pastor.

Meal Train for Deb Anderson: If anyone would like to bring food for Deb Anderson, please sign-up on the meal train website at: www.mealtrain.com/debanderson. The username is lornathorp@hotmail.com and the password is Bethlehem. Contact Lorna Thorp with any questions at 320-295-3349.

American Red Cross Blood Drives: Monday, November 11th, 12:30-5:30 p.m. at Assembly of God Church in Willmar. Tuesday, November 19th, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. at the Willmar Public Library. Friday, November 22nd, 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. at the American Legion Post 167 in Willmar.

Dedication of Atwater's New Veteran's Park: Monday, November 11th at 1:00 p.m. Atwater's new Veteran's Park will be dedicated on Veteran's Day, with coffee to follow at the community center. The Atwater American Legion is once again taking requests for Veteran pavers: include the veteran's name, branch of service and send them along with a \$100 check for each paver to: Atwater American Legion, P.O. Box 342, Atwater, MN 56209.

Nonprofit Showcase: Tuesday, November 19th, 12:00-1:00 p.m. at the Willmar Civic Center. Kandiyohi County is fortunate to have several nonprofit organizations working towards various missions that make our community a better place to live, work, and play. Whether it's volunteering for a cause that matters to you or contributing to local efforts, this is your chance to learn, take action, and get engaged. RSVPs are

encouraged to assist with set up. This event is free and open to the public. Visit us online at willmarareachamber.com or email: next@willmarareachamber.com

Hospice facts and myths: Thursday, November 14th, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at the Willmar Community Center, Sunshine Room. Presented by Vivie Hospice. Light refreshments will be provided.

Author Event with Ukrainian Refugee "Mariia Kharytonova": Saturday, November 16th at the Willmar Public Library. Coffee hour at 10:00 a.m. to socialize and buy a book with cash or check, then an hour of Mariia giving a presentation on the book she co-edited and wrote a short story for, titled 24. A Q&A and book signing follows. In the book she and other Ukrainian civilians, as well as soldiers, detail how their lives were split into a before and an after on February 24th, 2022, when Russia invaded their country. The event is, but due to room capacity, participants must pick up a ticket from the Information Desk at the Willmar Public Library.

Prairie Winds Band Fall Concert: Sunday, November 24th, 2:00 p.m. at the WEAC Auditorium in Willmar. Under the direction of Brock Duncan, we have several area band directors, some of their students, and many other outstanding players. Tickets are available at the door - Adults \$10, 18 years and under free.

Prairie Arts Chorale Concert: "The Sounding Joy": Sunday, November 24th, 4:00 p.m. at Faith Lutheran Church in Spicer. Will include Vivaldi's "Gloria" and "The Twelve Days of Christmas." Director: Brandon Hurley. Tickets \$12 in advance, \$15 at the door; under age 18 admitted free! Tickets will be available at the door or from Chorale members.