

BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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✝ Ministers: All the People of Bethany ✝
Pastors: Casey Zesch, Kevin Haug, & Ray Tiemann
Children, Youth & Family Director: Kiesha Priem
1st Sunday of Christmas ✝ January 1, 2023

INFORMATION FOR TODAY: (1) A **Cry Room** is available in the back of the sanctuary for Traditional Worship. (2) Children's bulletins & activity bags (take & return to rack), hearing aids, & home devotionals are available. (3) **Offerings are collected in Offering boxes at the entrances. We do not pass an offering plate.**

KEEP IN PRAYERS: Carol Eckhardt, Audrey Gold, Heide Kemper, Bobby Klein, Kathy Meybaum, Vic Nixon, Pr. Walter Probst.

POINSETTIAS: Please take a Poinsettia if you ordered one for Christmas. Thank you.

A NEW FLOWER CALENDAR is posted in the Narthex. If you would like to provide Altar or Hymn Board flowers to honor or remember a loved one, please sign up.

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED MONDAY JANUARY 2ND

NEW DEVOTION BOOKS are available in the entrance areas.

MINISTRY OF THE WEEK: First Baptist Church of Fredericksburg

January Special Offering: Der Stadt Friedhof

Der Stadt Friedhof Cemetery is overseen by a board of representatives from Bethany, Zion, & Holy Ghost Lutheran Churches. Bethany representatives are Max Beckmann & Ralph Rode. If you wish to contribute, you may use your Special offering envelope or a pew envelope, and make checks payable to Bethany Lutheran – noted "Cemetery".

Grief Share on Thursdays

GriefShare classes will be offered again at Bethany January 12 – April 13, facilitated by Pastor Ray and a team of lay leaders. Participants meet at either 10:00am or 6:00pm for a video presentation on a specific topic (see January *Bells* for list) followed by discussion. For information, contact Pastor Ray or Wilma McAndrew. Their contact info is available from the church office.

Friday January 6th is the Day of Epiphany

Usher & Communion Asst. Training for Traditional Worship. Since there are changes in duties for Ushers & Communion assistants, we will have a **short training session** following worship, Sunday, January 15th.
Session 1 at 9:15am, Session 2 at 11:45am.

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING:

Sunday January 22nd. We'll elect council members, preschool board members, SYNOD Assembly voting members, & Bethany Foundation members. We'll also vote on a 2023 budget.

ANNUAL REPORT:

- Final financial reports & committee reports for 2022 are due!

Copies of the 2022 Annual report will be available to the congregation on Sunday January 15th.

SACRED MARRIAGE:

What If God Designed Marriage to Make Us Holy More than to Make Us Happy

Free seminar by renowned Christian author Gary Thomas, sponsored by the Gillespie County Ministerial Association & Joseph Financial, Friday Jan 20, 6-9pm, and Saturday Jan 21, 9-12am. Location has changed to the Methodist Church. Childcare for age 3-11 provided by Bethany Lutheran (997-2069). Designed for all Christians —married, engaged, divorced, single. Questions? Contact the Good Samaritan Center 990-8651. Go to www.garythomas.com and read more about the book *Sacred Marriage* or ask Pastor Kevin.

Town Hall on January 29

Town Hall #1 in December was a "big picture" overview of where we are on the new Preschool Building we voted to build in 2019, delayed by COVID-19. On Sunday, January 29, after the late services, the Building and Capital Campaign committees will host Town Hall #2 with more details and opportunity for questions.

BETHANY CAR CARE DAY

January 7TH, 9-11am in the back parking lot of Bethany.
BOAT will check oil, fill tires, etc.

We will return to our regular Sunday schedule next Sunday, January 8th. Including breakfast bar and Adult & children's Sunday School.

New Year's Day, January 1, 2023

10:30 Traditional Worship w/ Communion
No Sunday School or Breakfast Bar

Mon Jan 2	Church Office Closed
Tue Jan 3	Preschool Returns from Christmas Break 9:00 Staff Meeting 4:00 WELCA Board
Wed Jan 4	
Thur Jan 5	9:15 Preschool Chapel 9:30 LEAH Circle 4:30 Chancel Choir
Fri Jan 6	
Sat Jan 7	9:00-11:00am BOAT Car Care Day
Sun Jan 8	8:15 Traditional Worship – includes livestream 9:00 Breakfast Bar 9:15 Sunday School & Adult Classes 10:30 Praise & Worship – Includes livestream 10:30 Traditional Worship

WORSHIP LEADERS

Worship Leaders: Pastor Casey Zesch & Pastor Ray Tiemann

Organists / Pianists: Marjorie Ottmers, Annabel Wilkinson

Praise & Worship Leader: Matt White

Chancel Choir Director: Chrissy Stuewe **Bell Choir Director:** Alicia Elrod