

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

2nd Sunday after Epiphany ✝ January 15, 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, Donna Mittel, & Vic Nixon.

CONGRATULATIONS to Jason & Vicki Smith upon their 50th wedding anniversary, January 20th.

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.

NEW DEVOTION BOOKS are available in the entrance areas.

MINISTRY OF THE WEEK: Fredericksburg Bible Church

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.

Usher & Communion Asst. Training Today

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

Upcoming Events:

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. Copies of the 2022 Annual report are available near the entrances.

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.

All Committee Meeting, February 5th

Would you be willing to commit to one year of service via committee organization & planning? If so, we'll have a meeting for committees in the Fellowship Hall, Sunday February 5th at 11:45. We'll share info & discuss 2023.

Children Youth & Family (CYFM), Evangelism, Social Concerns, Stewardship, Fellowship, Property Management, BOAT, Traditional Worship, and Praise & Worship

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 at Fredericksburg United Methodist Church.

Friday Jan 20, 6-9pm, or Saturday Jan 21, 9-12am.

Childcare for age 3-11 provided by Bethany Lutheran, 997-2069

Bethany Youth Led Service, Sunday January 29th

Join us in the Fellowship Hall at 10:30am, Sunday January 29th for a Praise & Worship service planned, coordinated, & led by Bethany Youth members.

WELCA Fair Trade Coffee Sale – Today!

Buy 1 Get 1 FREE on all items. We are taking a break and selling all our inventory. The Sale will continue through next Sunday, January 22nd. Thank you for all of the support over the years to the fair trade Equal Exchange coffee project.

Second Sunday after Epiphany, January 15, 2023

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
 11:45 CYFM – Rm 109
 11:45 Fellowship Committee – Rm 115

Mon Jan 16	Facebook Morning Prayer 6:00 Finance Committee
Tue Jan 17	9:00 Staff Meeting 4:00 Faith Foundations 5:15 Bell Choir 6:15 Church Council
Wed Jan 18	4:00 Jumpstart 5:00 Confirmation 6:30 Building & Campaign Committees
Thur Jan 19	9:15 Preschool Chapel 10:00 GriefShare Class 10:30 Ministerial Association 4:00 Faith Foundations 4:00 Social Concerns 4:30 Chancel Choir 5:45 BOAT 6:00 Preschool Board
Fri Jan 20	Newsletter Deadline 6:00 Sacred Marriage Seminar – Methodist Church
Sat Jan 21	9:00 Sacred Marriage Seminar – Methodist Church
Sun Jan 22	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 11:45 Annual Meeting 6:00 Council Meal

WORSHIP LEADERS

Worship Leaders: Pastor Casey Zesch & Pastor Kevin Haug

Organists / Pianists: Marjorie Ottmers, Annabel Wilkinson

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

Praise & Worship Leader: Matt White

P&W Leader: Carl Schoessow **Kids Sermon:** Carl Schoessow