

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 Epiphany ✝ January 8, 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.

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 Baptist 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 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 next Sunday January 15th.

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.

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.

First Sunday of Epiphany, January 8, 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

Mon Jan 9	Facebook Morning Prayer 5:15 Stewardship
Tue Jan 10	Pastor's Deanery at Bethany 5:15 Bell Choir 6:00 Hope Circle
Wed Jan 11	9:00 Staff Meeting 9:00 Quilters
Thur Jan 12	9:15 Preschool Chapel 9:15 Lydia Circle 10:00 GriefShare Class 12:00 Executive Committee 4:00 Social Concerns 4:30 Chancel Choir 6:00 GriefShare Class
Fri Jan 13	
Sat Jan 14	
Sun Jan 15	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 11:45 Fellowship Committee

WORSHIP LEADERS

Worship Leaders: Pastor Kevin Haug & Pastor Ray Tiemann

Organists / Pianists: Marjorie Ottmers, Annabel Wilkinson

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

Praise & Worship Leader: Matt White

P&W Leader: Ken Smith **Kids Sermon:** Ken Smith