

Bethany Lutheran Church

25430 Bison Road

PO Box 37

Cushing, MN 56443

January 2024



Contact Information:

Church phone 320-749-2140

Pastor Carl Larson 605-924-1121

Pastor Carl's email is

flcstaplespastor@gmail.com

Pastor Chris Mathiason 717-829-5237

Pastor Chris' email is

flcstaplespastor2@gmail.com

Wendy R. (secretary) 320-360-1981

Wendy's email is

wendy.richmond23@yahoo.com

Bethany's Website:

www.bethanylutherancushing.org

**This is the day, and the year, and the time, which the Lord has made.
We will rejoice and be glad in it!**

There are numerous occasions throughout the year when we at Bethany like to say, "All right, now is when we're going to make a fresh start." We say that every fall when we come back from our vacations and prepare for the beginning of the school year and Sunday school year. We say it every year at the beginning of Advent when we start a new church year. We say it at New Year's when the calendar changes. We say it at Spring-time when we plant crops and start anew. And we say it at Easter, and at Pentecost, and other holy times as we celebrate new beginnings.

If you pay attention to all of these different "starts", you might get kind of confused, as it seems as if we "start anew" at least half a dozen times every year. But part of what it also means, is that to be a Christian is recognizing the flow of time, the season, and the changes around us. And planted within the center of our understanding of time is the knowledge that, "At all times, in all season, in all changes, "God is with us." Wherever we are at in time, for us to feel that God is near helps to give meaning and hope to events which would otherwise be difficult to handle.

We need to know and continually remember that God is near. Whether it be in good or difficult times. Whether it is during the quietness of the day or in the frantic pace that we too often find ourselves. Whatever the circumstances, situation, time, or place, it's important to know that we are never alone. And just as it is important for us to recognize God's presence in our lives, it is also vitally important that we take the time to help others understand what God's presence in their lives might mean for them. Or, in other words, we need to take time to share God with others.

- We need to take time to teach our children about God and God's promises for all creation.
- We need to take time to share God with those who have hit head on life's rocky roads and now need adjustments in their living.
- We need to take time to speak out in the name of God to those in power, giving our voice to those in this nation and world who are suffering and are in need.
- We need to share God with those who are making a commitment to marriage and to those who need to God's healing when a relationship has been broken.

During this year, this time, we need to start to share God with others, allowing them to see what we know; that there is no time when God cannot be present or when God has nothing to offer. Sometimes we may have words to share from the Scriptures or from our own experience, and sometimes we have concrete answers and actions that will help instruct and inform. But there will also be times when we may not know what to say or do and all we can offer is presence and faithful friendship. And we must do this because we, as God's people, need to continually remember and recognize God, and then help others to do the same.

Happy New Start

Pastor Carl

January 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 9:00 AM Quilting & Prayer Shawls	3	4	5	6
7 9:00 AM Worship Svc w/Holy Communion 10:00 AM Fellowship/Sunday School Pastor Chis	8	9 9:00 AM Quilting & Prayer Shawls	10	11	12	13
14 9:00 AM Worship Svc w/Holy Communion 10:00 AM Fellowship/Confirmation Class Pastor Carl	15	16 9:00 AM Quilting & Prayer Shawls 6:00 PM Church Council Meeting	17	18	19	20
21 9:00 AM Worship Svc 10:00 AM Fellowship/Breakfast/Sunday School Pastor Chris	22	23 9:00 AM Quilting & Prayer Shawls	24	25	26	27
28 9:00 AM Worship Svc 10:00 AM Fellowship/Confirmation Class Pastor Carl Food Shelf	29	30 9:00 AM Quilting & Prayer Shawls	31			

January 2024

Team Oberton: Elizabeth & Jim Oberton, Gary & Pam Bellamy, Tom & Patty Crawford, Harvey & Helen Bloom, Arnie Akkerman, Tracy Kjeldergaard, Steve Poole

February 2024

Team Hansen: Brad & Mary Hansen, Glen & Amanda Bramstedt, Joel & Jeanine Pantzke, Andy & Kourtney Frank, Lois Breden, Kim Schultz, Glen & Theresa Welters



Jan 14th Harvey & Helen Bloom

Jan 3 rd	Susan Oberton
Jan 4 th	Glen Welters
Jan 4 th	Lawrence Schlangen
Jan 5 th	Maija Kjeldergaard
Jan 8 th	Charlie Hansen
Jan 9 th	Jacob Hansen
Jan 12 th	Jim Werner
Jan 17 th	Andy Frank
Jan 18 th	Glen Bramstedt
Jan 20 th	Phyllis Nelson
Jan 23 rd	Heddie Wolbeck
Jan 27 th	Synde Dehmer
Jan 30 th	Kourtney Frank

Contact any Council Member if you have specific needs:

Darren Bushinger 218-252-5011
Norb Bueckers 320-760-9055
Brad Hansen 320-232-9204
Tania Hendrickson 612-618-8454
Gary Oberton 320-749-2992
Elizabeth Oberton 320-630-3100
Maggie Petersen 320-630-3529

No Practice Christmas Program on December 17, 2023

