

# • Bethel Lutheran Church •

NOVEMBER 30TH, 2025 • FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

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Pastor Jonathan Dahl  
*Audio/Visual Booth*  
Justin DeLeeuw &  
Jeff Johnson  
*Fellowship Time*  
Spellman family

*Musician*  
Lois Dahl  
*Communion Servers*  
Jason Collins & Kevin Dahl  
*Altar Set-Up*  
Helen Butler, Geri Brandt,  
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## WEEKLY SCHEDULE

*Sun - Nov*  
9:15 am Worship  
10:30 am Christmas  
Decorating

*Mon - Dec*  
9:30 am Women's  
Book Study

*Tues - Dec*  
9:30 am Unit Meeting  
2:00 pm Unit Meeting  
5:00 pm Yoga

*Wed - Dec*  
10:00 am Matins  
10:30 am Fellowship  
5:30 pm Confirmation  
Buddy Event

*Thurs - Dec*  
9:00 am Women's  
Bible Study  
9:00 am Men's Bible Study  
5:00 pm Yoga

*Sat - Dec*  
8:00 am Yoga



## BETHEL CHURCH NEWS

*Bethel Financial Update* (Through October 31)

General Fund Income YTD: \$392,877

Budgeted YTD: \$431,375

General Fund Expense YTD: \$430,163

Budgeted YTD: \$431,375

Net Income YTD: -\$37,286

Building and Grounds Fund (Capital/ Beautification) Balance: \$63,419

\*Thank you for your continued financial support of Bethel's ministry and mission! We believe that, together, we are a sparkplug of love, a sparkplug of hope, and a sparkplug of God's caring and redeeming ways to our community and the greater world!

*Christmas Lunch...* All are invited to a Christmas lunch on December 17th following the 11:00 am Advent Holden Prayer service. A meal from McMillians will be served in Luther Hall. Tickets are \$10 and must be purchased by December 10th. Sign up outside the office.

### *Save the Dates For the Holiday Season:*

\*Sunday, November 30th – First Sunday in Advent; Church Decorating following Worship

\*Wednesday, December 10th – Advent Holden Prayer Worship at 6:30 pm in the Chapel

\*Saturday, December 13th – Sunday School Program Practice at 10:00 am

\*Sunday, December 14th – Bethel Christmas Program at 9:15 am followed by our Lucia Day Celebration and Fellowship in Luther Hall

\*Wednesday, December 17th – Advent Holden Prayer at 11:00 am in the Chapel followed by a Christmas Dinner in Luther Hall

\*Wednesday, December 24th – Christmas Eve Worship at 4:00 pm and 10:00 pm

\*Wednesday, December 31st – New Year's Eve Matins Worship at 10:00 am in the Chapel followed by Fellowship



## WORSHIP PRAYER LIST

Aleah Auge  
Howard Jensen  
Pat Johannes  
Joyce Nelson  
Judy Wetterling

### *Christmas Program Singing Opportunity...*

Bethel's Christmas Program is fast approaching and we need YOU to help out as a singer! Youth (Grades 5-12) and adults are invited to be a part of the choir. We plan to rehearse on Wednesday, December 3rd and Wednesday, December 10th at 7:00 pm in the choir loft. If needed, we will schedule a third rehearsal for Saturday, December 13th at 11:00 am. Those who would like to participate in singing the traditional Lucia song at the Christmas Program will practice on December 10th at 5:50 pm.

*Noisy Coin...* For the month of November, our Noisy Coin offering will be split three ways with 1/3 going to the Kandiyohi County Food Shelf, 1/3 going to the Good Samaritan Fund of the Willmar Area Community Foundation, and 1/3 going to United Community Action Agency. The Noisy Coin will be counted each week and \$500 will be added to the total every week from Bethel's Community Outreach Fund for the five Sundays of November. **For the fourth week of November, \$669.35 was sent to each of these entities for a total of \$2,008.05.** Thank you for your participation in this effort! We give thanks that the federal government is running once again.

## BETHEL CHURCH INFO

*Interested in info about Bethel?* Do you have any questions about the church? Would you like more explanation about anything you see or are experiencing at Bethel? Send Pastor Jon a message at [jon@bethelwillmar.org](mailto:jon@bethelwillmar.org) or 320.441.9100 or scan the QR code to share some information with us. We will be glad to connect with you!



*Volunteers/servants/sponsorships* are needed in the days and weeks ahead. See the schedule and opportunities and sign up on our website, [www.bethelwillmar.org](http://www.bethelwillmar.org) or by scanning the QR code (you can sign up as you anticipate the start of worship!) or by emailing our Servant Coordinator, Barb Blomquist, at [servantcoordinator@bethelwillmar.org](mailto:servantcoordinator@bethelwillmar.org).



*Offering* is collected by our kids during “Noisy Coin Offering.” All checks (unless otherwise noted in the memo line) and cash in envelopes will go toward Bethel’s general offering. Any loose cash or change will go towards this month’s Noisy Coin designations, the Kandiyohi County Food Shelf, Good Samaritan Fund, and United Community Action Agency. Offerings can also be given to Bethel through Venmo: [@bethelwillmar](https://www.venmo.com/bethelwillmar), or through our website.

*Children...* We encourage all kids to participate in worship. You are welcome to enjoy our “playground” located near the pulpit at any time during the service. This area has quiet toys and crafts with which young children can play.

*Holy Communion...* Here at Bethel EVERYBODY is welcome to the Lord’s Table to receive the meal of Holy Communion. Jesus fed and ate with all – making the meal of Holy Communion God’s gift to us, meeting us where we are to renew and forgive and fill us in the ways God knows we need. Therefore, everyone is welcome to come and receive the meal regardless of what your past or current church participation has been or is or hasn’t been! Come and be fed OR come and receive a blessing. We are very glad to have you be part of this meal of God’s love for all here at Bethel. (An usher will invite you forward pew by pew; gluten-free wafers are available and the wine is red and the juice is yellow. If you are unable to receive communion at the altar, please inform the usher and the Pastor will come to you.)

*Watch from Home...* While we encourage in-person worshipping on Sundays, we realize this simply isn’t possible for everyone. Our worship can be viewed live on Sunday mornings at [facebook.com/bethelinwillmar](https://facebook.com/bethelinwillmar). They are also kept on Facebook to be viewed at a later date or time. The Willmar Access Channel airs our worship on channel 180, Sundays at 1:30 and 6:30 p.m. and Tuesdays at 9am and 6pm.

## COMMUNITY NEWS AND INFO

*Lutheran Social Services of MN...* Bethel is the Willmar hub for LSS’ Meals on Wheels program. Four routes bring meals to approximately 40-50 units on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. Routes depart between 10:30-11:00 am and are typically completed within one hour.

## PRELUDE

Lois Dahl

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## ADVENT CANDLE PROCESSION

## ADVENT HYMN

*Awake! Awake and Greet the New Morn #242*

Awake! Awake, and greet the new morn, for angels herald its dawning.  
Sing out your joy, for soon he is born, behold! The Child of our longing.  
Come as a baby weak and poor, to bring all hearts together,  
he opens wide the heav'nly door and lives now inside us forever.

To us, to all in sorrow and fear, Emmanuel comes asinging,  
his humble song is quiet and near, yet fills the earth with its ringing;  
music to heal the broken soul and hymns of loving kindness,  
the thunder of his anthems roll to shatter all hatred and blindness.

In darkest night his coming shall be, when all the world is despairing,  
as morning light so quiet and free, so warm and gentle and caring.  
Then shall the mute break forth in song, the lame shall leap in wonder,  
the weak be raised above the strong, and weapons be broken asunder.

Rejoice, rejoice, take heart in the night, though dark the winter and cheerless,  
the rising sun shall crown you with light, be strong and loving and fearless.  
Love be our song and love our prayer and love our endless story;  
may God fill ev'ry day we share and bring us at last into glory.

## ADVENT LITANY

*God of the Cracks*

God of the cracks,

**God of the edges and the spaces in-between,**

God of the hidden, the fragile, the broken,

**God of the unlikely and the overlooked,**

God of the shadows and the places where light sneaks through,

**Come find us here.**

Help us to live with the cracks in ourselves and in others,

**Not rushing to mend them,**

But seeing how grace grows through brokenness.

**Make us bearers of your light,**

Letting love leak through the fractures of our lives,

**Lighting dark places we never thought could shine. Amen.**

## ADVENT HYMN

*Come Now O Prince of Peace #247*

Come now, O Prince of peace, make us one body.

Come, O Lord Jesus, reconcile your people.

Come now, O God of love, make us one body.

Come, O Lord Jesus, reconcile your people.

Come now and set us free, O God, our Savior.

Come, O Lord Jesus, reconcile all nations.

Come, Hope of unity, make us one body.

Come, O Lord Jesus, reconcile all nations.

## TIME FOR YOUTH

## SHARING OF PEACE

## SPECIAL MUSIC

*The Wind* Nikki Erickson & Trevor Frye

## SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 2:1-5

<sup>1</sup> The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

<sup>2</sup> In days to come

the mountain of the LORD's house

shall be established as the highest of the mountains

and shall be raised above the hills;

all the nations shall stream to it.

<sup>3</sup> Many peoples shall come and say,

"Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD,

to the house of the God of Jacob,

that he may teach us his ways

and that we may walk in his paths."

For out of Zion shall go forth instruction

and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

<sup>4</sup> He shall judge between the nations

and shall arbitrate for many peoples;

they shall beat their swords into plowshares

and their spears into pruning hooks;

nation shall not lift up sword against nation;

neither shall they learn war any more.

<sup>5</sup> O house of Jacob,

come, let us walk

in the light of the LORD!

## GOSPEL READING

Matthew 24:36-44

[Jesus said to the disciples,] <sup>36</sup> “About that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. <sup>37</sup> For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. <sup>38</sup> For as in the days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, <sup>39</sup> and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so, too, will be the coming of the Son of Man. <sup>40</sup> Then two will be in the field; one will be taken, and one will be left. <sup>41</sup> Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken, and one will be left. <sup>42</sup> Keep awake, therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. <sup>43</sup> But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. <sup>44</sup> Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.”

The Gospel of our Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## MESSAGE

Pastor Jonathan Dahl

## HYMN OF THE DAY

*He Came Down* #253

**He came down that we may have love; he came down that we may have love;  
he came down that we may have love; hallelujah forevermore.**

**He came down that we may have light; he came down that we may have light;  
he came down that we may have light; hallelujah forevermore.**

**He came down that we may have peace; he came down that we may have peace;  
he came down that we may have peace; hallelujah forevermore.**

**He came down that we may have joy; he came down that we may have joy;  
he came down that we may have joy; hallelujah forevermore.**

## CONFESSION OF FAITH

**We believe in God, the source of all life, wholeness, and love. We believe that God is revealed in Jesus Christ. We believe that in his life, Jesus reveals God in grace, mercy, forgiveness, and justice, and that in his death, Jesus reveals God's determined presence in the world even in the face of hatred, violence, and pain. We believe that in his resurrection, Jesus reveals God calling us to abundant life both now and forever; life beyond our fearful and fragile imaginations. We believe that God lives among us, within us, and through us by the power of the Holy Spirit. We believe that God moves us to be together in communities of faith, hope, and love. We believe these things not out of certainty but out of faith; as one who trusts in the reality of God revealed in Jesus Christ through the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

God in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

## OFFERING SONG

All offering can be collected by the children at this time. All check and envelope offerings will go toward the Bethel General Fund unless otherwise indicated. Offerings can also be given to Bethel through Venmo: @bethelwillmar, or through our website. Any loose cash or change will go towards this month's Noisy Coin designations, the Kandiyohi County Food Shelf, Good Samaritan Fund, and United Community Action Agency.

*This Little Light of Mine #677*

This little light of mine, I'm goin'a let it shine; this little light of mine, I'm goin'a let it shine;  
this little light of mine, I'm goin'a let it shine, let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Ev'rywhere I go, I'm goin'a let it shine; ev'rywhere I go, I'm goin'a let it shine;  
ev'rywhere I go, I'm goin'a let it shine, let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Jesus gave it to me, I'm goin'a let it shine; Jesus gave it to me, I'm goin'a let it shine;  
Jesus gave it to me, I'm goin'a let it shine, let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

## WORDS OF PROMISE FOR THE MEAL OF HOLY COMMUNION

### LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

## SHARING OF THE MEAL

### COMMUNION HYMNS

*Once in Royal David's City #269*

Once in royal David's city stood a lowly cattle shed,  
where a mother laid her baby in a manger for his bed:  
Mary was that mother mild, Jesus Christ, her little child.

He came down to earth from heaven who is God and Lord of all,  
and his shelter was a stable, and his cradle was a stall;  
with the poor and meek and lowly, lived on earth our Savior holy.

And our eyes at last shall see him, through his own redeeming love;  
for that child so dear and gentle is our Lord in heav'n above;  
and he leads his children on to the place where he is gone.

Not in that poor lowly stable, with the oxen standing by,  
we shall see him; but in heaven, set at God's right hand on high;  
there his children gather round, bright like stars, with glory crowned.

*Hark! The Herald Angels Sing #270*

**Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn king;  
peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled."  
Joyful, all you nations, rise; join the triumph of the skies;  
with angelic hosts proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!" (refrain)**

**(refrain) Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn king!"**

**Christ, by highest heav'n adored, Christ, the everlasting Lord,  
late in time behold him come, offspring of a virgin's womb.  
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see! Hail, incarnate deity!  
Pleased as man with us to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel! (refrain)**

**Hail the heav'n born Prince of peace! Hail the Sun of righteousness!  
Light and life to all he brings, ris'n with healing in his wings.  
Mild he lays his glory by, born that we no more may die,  
born to raise each child of earth, born to give us second birth. (refrain)**

**BLESSING**

May the God who comes among us, grant you patience in waiting, peace in the darkness, and good news to share courageously, today and always. **Amen.**

**SENDING HYMN**

*Joy to the World #267*

**Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her king;  
let ev'ry heart prepare him room and heav'n and nature sing,  
and heav'n and nature sing, and heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.**

**Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns! Let all their songs employ,  
while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains repeat the sounding joy,  
repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat the sounding joy.**

**No more let sin and sorrow grow nor thorns infest the ground;  
He comes to make his blessings flow far as the curse is found,  
far as the curse is found, far as, far as the curse is found.**

**He rules the world with truth and grace and makes the nations prove  
the glories of his righteousness and wonders of his love,  
and wonders of his love, and wonders, wonders, of his love.**

**DISMISSAL**

Go in peace and prepare the way of the Lord! **Thanks be to God!**

**POSTLUDE**