

Bethany *Beat*

BETHANY LUTHERAN PRESCHOOL | MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER 2022 – ISSUE 4

Christmas Extravaganza

This year's Christmas Extravaganza is on Wednesday, December 7th from 11AM-2PM. The day will be filled with a star-studded student performance and lots of fun activities! All activities will require a ticket for participation, which will be available for pre-purchase and billed to your school Brightwheel account. (The link to preorder can be found here: <https://bit.ly/3VpE9SO> or you can scan the QR code to the right.) Additional tickets will be available for purchase on the day of the event. However, pre-purchasing your tickets is highly recommended.

Please head to the chapel upon arrival (at 11:00am) for the start of our Christmas performance. Upon conclusion of the program, parents will head to their child's classroom for dismissal (before going outside to join the activities).



Fundraiser Pick-up

Your Christmas Fundraiser orders came in a week early! Please stop by the BLPS school office at 1PM on Tuesday – Friday of this week and pick up your greenery. Thanks for supporting our scholarship fund!



Christmas Break Dates!

Monday, December 19th – Wednesday, January 4th**

**Please note: Christmas Break has been extended by 2 days so that the floors in the lunch/indoor play rooms can be refinished. This change was reflected on the September 2022 BLPS calendar update.

December 2022

Christmas Extravaganza

December 7th

(Early Release @ 11 a.m.)

Spirit Week

December 12th-16th

Mon, Dec. 12th –

Crazy Socks + BLPS Swag Day

Tue, Dec. 13th –

Christmas Pajama Day

Wed, Dec. 14th –

Holiday Headgear Day

Thu, Dec. 15th –

*Santa's Little Helpers Day
(wear red, white & green)*

Fri, Dec. 16th –

Ugly Christmas Sweater Day

Christmas Break

December 19th – January 4th

**Merry Christmas and
Happy New Year from our
family to yours!**



Thanksgiving 2022 UCM Food Drive update

Thank you for your donations!

Bethany collected more than 667 lbs!

Thank you to everyone who donated to our annual Thanksgiving Food Drive. What an amazing response we had from the Bethany congregation and the Preschool families! Bethany was able to beat last year's total of 510 lbs by 157 lbs! The United Community Ministries was very appreciative to Bethany Lutheran Church and Preschool for all our food donations this November!

The Bethany Breadbasket Update

Each year since 2017, Bethany has been tracking, in weight, our food donations to the United Community Ministries Food Pantry. Since we began keeping track, Bethany has managed to collect more donations than the previous year thanks to the generosity of our members and Preschool families. As of today, our records show that we have donated more than 8,000 lbs in the last five years alone. If you would like to be a part of this amazing ministry by donating more food items this holiday season, Bethany collects all year and donations can be dropped off in the basket by the sanctuary doors. Thank you for contributing!

Thanksgiving Feast



World's Best Cornbread Recipe

From the Peeling family kitchen

Prep: 10 minutes

Bake: 30-45 minutes

Ingredients:

2 packages Jiffy cornbread mix

2 eggs

16oz sour cream

1 (14 ¾ oz) can creamed or regular corn

1 stick melted/softened butter

Directions:

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees
2. Mix all wet ingredients together, then add the Jiffy mix
3. Pour into greased 9"x13" pan and bake for 30-45 minutes (until cooked thoroughly and golden on top)
4. Enjoy!

Children's Musical Opportunity

Christmas Eve Children's Service

Bethany Lutheran Church and Preschool's children have been asked to provide the pre-service music for the 5:30 p.m. Family Service on Saturday, December 24th.

If your child is interested in sharing a piece (vocal or instrumental) appropriate for church (Christmas carol, hymn or praise song, or classical), please e-mail Carrie Wehling (carriewehling@gmail.com)

no later than December 18, 2022.

Please provide the name of your child, title of the piece, and length of the piece. Please discuss with your children (and let Carrie know if you have any questions)--we look forward to hearing their beautiful music!



Sunday Mornings Children's Programs at Bethany Lutheran Church

Sunday School Classes

Beginning at 9 a.m.

Bethany Lutheran Church offers Sunday School weekly at 9 a.m. for a variety of age groups, including Preschool, Elementary, Confirmation and Youth. Currently we are using the flexible ShareFaith curriculum for both the Preschool and Elementary ages. Each lesson is available online through our e-mail distribution list for those unable to join us in person. Preschool families will begin receiving the online lessons each week during the Advent season for your family's enjoyment.

Sunday Class Schedule

- **Pre-K meets in the Nursery**

Preschoolers (ages 3-5) can swing by the nursery during the Sunday School hour and learn about the same topics as the Elementary students with the new ShareFaith Preschool lessons. **After Sunday school, the children are welcome to stay on in the nursery for the duration of the service.**

- **Elementary ages meet in Adult Ed # 1 (Kindergarten Class)**

Elementary Students (Grades 1-5) can enjoy learning with their peers about the Bible and Biblical topics through short videos, discussion, crafts and games.

- **Confirmation (Grades 6-7)**
- **Youth Group (Grades 8 and up)**



Join us Sunday mornings for a Christmas adventure!

Advent Sunday School Schedule

Advent 1 – November 27th

The Promise of Christmas

Advent 2 – December 4th

The Story of Elizabeth

Advent 3 – December 11th

The Story of Mary and Joseph

Advent 4 – December 18th

The Journey of the Wise Men

Christmas Day – December 25th

No Sunday School

JOIN US FOR OUR CHILDREN'S ADVENT SERVICES

A SPECIAL 4 WEEK ADVENT
SERVICE JUST FOR KIDS

10AM - 11AM
NOVEMBER 27, DEC 4,
DEC 11, & DEC 18



NURSERY IS OPEN!

Nursery is available to children ages 5 and under during the 10:00 a.m. service and will be lead by our very own Outreach Director, Tanisha Robinson, this holiday season. The nursery will be open from 9:45 - 11:15 a.m. Children from the Pre-K Sunday School class are welcome to stay from 9:00 - 11:15 a.m.

Advent Children's Church

10:00 a.m. on Advent Sundays
December 4, 11, 18

Bethany is offering a special Children's Church series on Advent Sundays. The lessons focus on the meanings of the Advent Candles—Hope, Peace, Love, and Joy. This program is offered in addition to Sunday School. Children are invited to sit with their parents during the lighting of the Advent wreath in service and are then dismissed to Children's Church with our very own Church & Preschool Staff. After the lesson, children rejoin their families prior to Holy Communion to sit with their parents for the duration of the service. On non-communion Sundays, children can be picked up after service from Adult Ed #1 (Kindergarten Classroom).

Bethany's Best



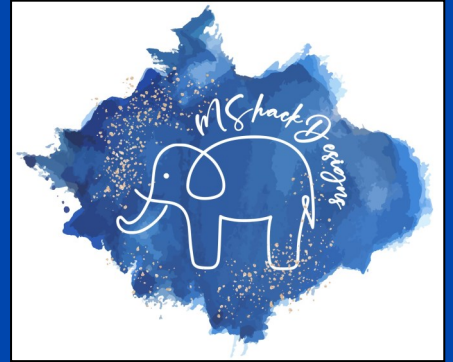
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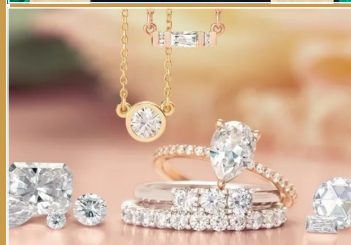
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