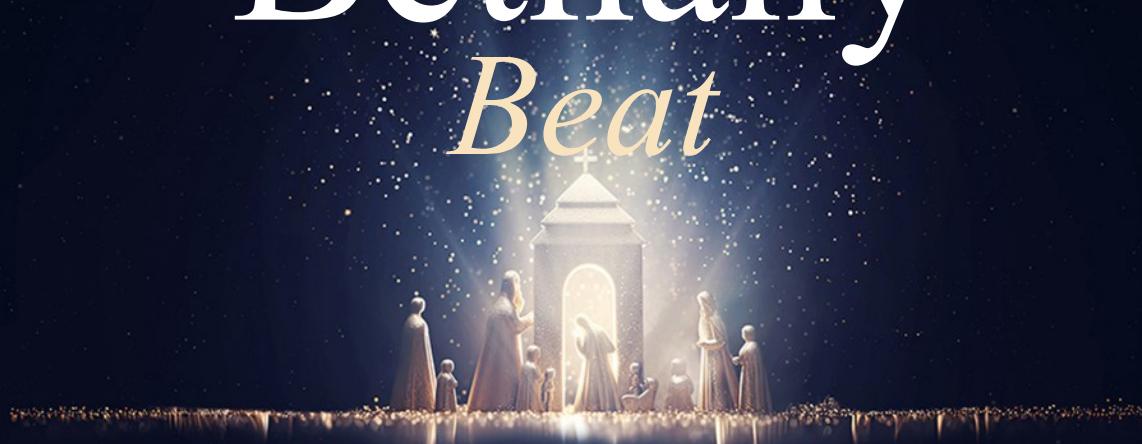


# Bethany Beat



BETHANY LUTHERAN PRESCHOOL | MONTHLY NEWSLETTER DECEMBER 2023/JANUARY 2024 – ISSUE 4

## It's Christmas Time at BLPS DECEMBER 8TH & 15TH

You won't want to miss this year's Christmas event! Your kiddos are working hard at practicing for their big Christmas performance. This year's program will be followed by breakfast with Santa and fun holiday craft activities. All parents and children are welcome to join in the festivities....DON'T FORGET TO RSVP! Christmas Performance will take place on Friday, December 8, 2023 at 11:00 AM, in the sanctuary.

## BLPS CHRISTMAS T-SHIRT SALES!

Winter t-shirt sale starts this weekend.

Watch your email for more details!

**ADULT** - \$20 sizes (s, m, l, xl). \$25 2xl

**CHILD** - \$15 sizes (2T, 3T, 4T, XS, small, medium)



**DEC 23/JAN 24**

- 12/8—CHRISTMAS EVENT  
Chapel Performance (Early release day @11am)**
- 12/8 Breakfast with Santa  
11:00 AM**
- 12/15 CLASSROOM PARTIES  
(ALL CLASSES END @1PM No aftercare or after school activities)**
- 12/18-1/2—CHRISTMAS BREAK**
- 1/10—KINDERGARTEN/1ST GRADE OPEN HOUSE @ 1-3PM**

### Staff Birthdays!

**Ms. Precious (Tigers)**  
January 12th  
**Ms. Kiran (Tigers)**  
January 22



# Fundraiser Prize



## The Giraffe Class Won A **PIZZA PARTY!**

Our school fundraiser was a success.

We were able to raise over \$500 for our scholarship and activities fund.

Thank you for all of your help!

Big round of applause for  
pizza party challenge winners....

The Giraffe Class!!!

Giraffe party will be on  
December 15th



### **UPCOMING: PARENT PITSTOP January 17 at Drop-off**

Parents! Join us for coffee and donuts after drop-off, at our PARENT PIT STOP on January 17th. This is a fantastic way to meet the rest of our Bethany community.

We are currently looking for a volunteer to be our PALs President. Please let the office know if you are interested.



**Thank you for your donations!**

Bethany Lutheran Church & Preschool collected food donations all November with our annual Thanksgiving Food Drive for United Community Ministries and the results are in!

**This year we donated a total of 386 lbs. to the UCM Food bank!**

We would like to send out a special thank you to all those who made this possible including our very generous Church & Preschool Families! We Appreciate YOU!

Your support was able to help feed our neighbors in need this holiday season. If you would like to continue to support the food bank, please drop your donations into the Bethany Breadbasket just outside the Sanctuary doors. Bethany Donated to UCM all year round.

### **Mark your Calendars! Preschool Soccer Dates**

Fridays, 1:00-1:45 PM

Second semester registration is Now Open! Please click [HERE](#) to register.

**WINTER SOCCER DATES:  
JANUARY 19TH-MARCH 1ST  
(NO SOCCER ON JAN 26TH)**

# Christmas at Bethany Lutheran

## Advent and Christmas Services

Bethany Lutheran Church offers midweek and outdoor Advent services in addition to our normal Sunday services. For more information on our Saturday Fireside Services and Wednesday night services, please check out the schedule included in this newsletter.

### Advent Children's Church

*A special children's message on the meaning of the Advent Wreath*

*Join us at 9:55 a.m. on Sunday December 10th*



#### A Special Lesson on Advent Wreaths

**9:55 a.m. on December 10th**

Bethany is offering a special Children's Church Sunday, December 10th during our Advent service. The lessons will focus on meaning and symbols of Advent and each child will get to make an advent wreath to take home and use through the Christmas Season.

Parents are welcome to drop off their children with Mrs. Savage in Adult Ed 1 at 9:55 a.m. for the lesson, and then proceed to the sanctuary service. Children can be picked up after the service.

for Hot Chocolate will be provided as the snack.

Hope to see you there!



### SPONSOR A TABLE

This year the Preschool Christmas Program will end with a surprise Brunch with Santa. The Preschool is looking for volunteers to sponsor a brunch table. The tables are \$35 each and will include: centerpieces, condiments, hot chocolate toppings, and a BLPS gift for each family.



Donations can be made by check to the Preschool with "Sponsor a Table" in the memo or via our online giving using the QR code to the left.

Your support is greatly appreciated!



## Chapel Time

Chapel Time takes place on Wednesdays and includes: a short message based on the Bible story of the week, music, and a prayer with Rev. Andrew Jagow, "Pastor Andy". All students will participate together at Chapel Time, learning the importance of being in God's house, and how to worship and pray. Look for activity sheets and information on each week's Bible story in your child's take home folder at the end of each week.

This month's lessons will focus on the Birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ and the events that surround it.

**Week 11 (November 27– December 1)**

**Topic: God Promises a Savior**

**Week 12 (December 4–8)**

**Topic: Birth of Jesus Foretold**

**Week 13 (December 11–15)**

**Topic: Jesus is Born**

**Week 14 (December 20–24)**

**NO SCHOOL- CHRISTMAS BREAK**

**Week 15 (December 25–29)**

**NO SCHOOL- CHRISTMAS BREAK**

**Week 16 (January 3–5)**

**Topic: The Three Wise Men**

## BLPS CHRISTMAS EVENT!

**Please note:**

**December 8, 2023 – SPECIAL EVENT DAY**

**11:00 am dismissal. All after school activities and Kid Klub will be closed.**

On this day, you will get to see your child perform in our Christmas program, "The Greatest Gift", followed by brunch with Santa.

**More information coming soon!**

**Important Reminder:**

**December 15, 2023**

**ALL ages/grades dismiss at 1pm. There will be no after-care (Kid Klub) or enrichment activities on this day.**

# Bethany Lutheran

## JOIN US FOR OUR **K/1ST GRADE OPEN HOUSE**

Learn all about our program  
while you meet our teachers



**January 10, 2024  
1:00 PM - 3:00 PM**

**NOW OFFERING:**

**KINDERGARTEN, 1ST GRADE, AND HOME SCHOOL ENRICHMENT OPTIONS**



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the  
*Christmas*  
Schedule at Bethany

Bring your family and friends and come celebrate the Christmas Season at Bethany!

**Sunday Advent Services**

Sundays, December 3, 10 & 17 10:00 a.m. Advent Worship

**Midweek Advent Services**

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|------------------------|---|
| Wednesday, December 6  | 7:30 p.m.—Worship (Holden Evening Prayer) |
| Wednesday, December 13 | 7:30 p.m.—Worship (Holden Evening Prayer) |
| Wednesday, December 20 | 7:30 p.m.—Worship (Holden Evening Prayer) |

**Christmas Services**

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| Sunday, December 24 | 10:00 p.m.—Family Service     |
| Sunday, December 24 | 6:00 p.m.—Candlelight Service |

**New Year Services**

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| Sunday, December 31 | 10:00 a.m. — New Year's Worship<br>w/ Holy Communion |
| Sunday, December 31 | 9:00 p.m. — The Watch Night (CFAN)                   |

**Advent Fireside Vespers**

Saturdays, Dec. 2 & 16—4:00 PM

*Bethany Lutheran is once again offering our popular outdoor Advent service around the Bethany Firepit two Saturdays in December. Bring your blanket and thermos and come enjoy some scripture and fellowship.*



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Join us for our BLPS Christmas Show

# The Christmas Message

**Friday, December 8th 11am-1pm**



**11:00 am**

**BLPS student performance  
in the chapel**

Get your cameras ready! Students will perform a special Christmas program in the chapel. Please make sure you arrive ON TIME. Our program will begin promptly at 11am. Don't forget to dress your child in their Christmas gear!



**11:30 am - 1:00 pm  
BREAKFAST WITH SANTA  
(Santa photos available)**