

A Congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America **Bethany Lutheran Church**

35 W. Messenger Street • Rice Lake, WI 54868 • Church Office: 715-234-9028

Email: lhullinger@bethanyricelake.org **Worship:** Sundays 8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m. (In Person)
Website: www.bethanyricelake.org **Live Streaming:** Sundays 8:00 & 10:00 a.m. on
Facebook: Bethany Lutheran - Rice Lake, WI Bethany's website and Facebook page
Live Radio Broadcast: Sundays 8:00 a.m. **Cable Broadcast:** Channels 992 (Charter) & 993 (Mosaic)
WJMC 96.1 FM & 1240 AM Sundays 11:00 AM & 7:00 PM; Thursdays 7:00 PM

Prayer Ministry

New Prayers for Members:

Ongoing Prayers for Members: Sandie Anderson • Cady Buchli • Ron Debner • Kendra Fritz • Whitney (Passint) Prestby • Romaine Stewart • Virginia Tronstad

New Prayers for Family & Friends of Members:

Ongoing Prayers for Family & Friends of Members: Bob (Roxie) Berg • Clara Kern • Charlie Lawton • Mark Loehlein • Kaye Olson • Beth Passint • Holly Thompson • Paul Wilker

Active Military Duty: Tanner Ely • Jonathan Marsh • Wyatt Mattakat • Ethan Nieman

Sympathy and Grief: Patti McCann and family upon the death of her mother, Millie Peterson. Doug Brown and family upon the death of his father, Donald.

Radio Broadcast: Sponsored in memory of Gene Gilbertson by family and friends.

You may make requests for the Prayer Ministry by calling the church office at 715-234-9028. You can also email bethany@bethanyricelake.org or fill out a request form on Bethany's website.

November 21, 2021 Worship Attendance

Offering: General - \$10,277.00 Building - \$1,110.00

Thank you for your participation in & support of the life & mission of Bethany Lutheran!

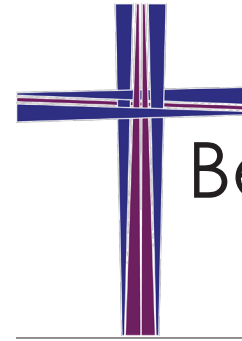
Weekend In Person Attendance.....166

Pledge Amount as of November 23, 2021: General - \$386,432.00 Building - \$49,140.00

We have received pledges from 146 families.

There is still time to turn in your Commitment Card. Additional cards are available in the Narthex.

Last year at this time we received pledges from 168 families: General - \$392,571.00 Building - \$53,000.00

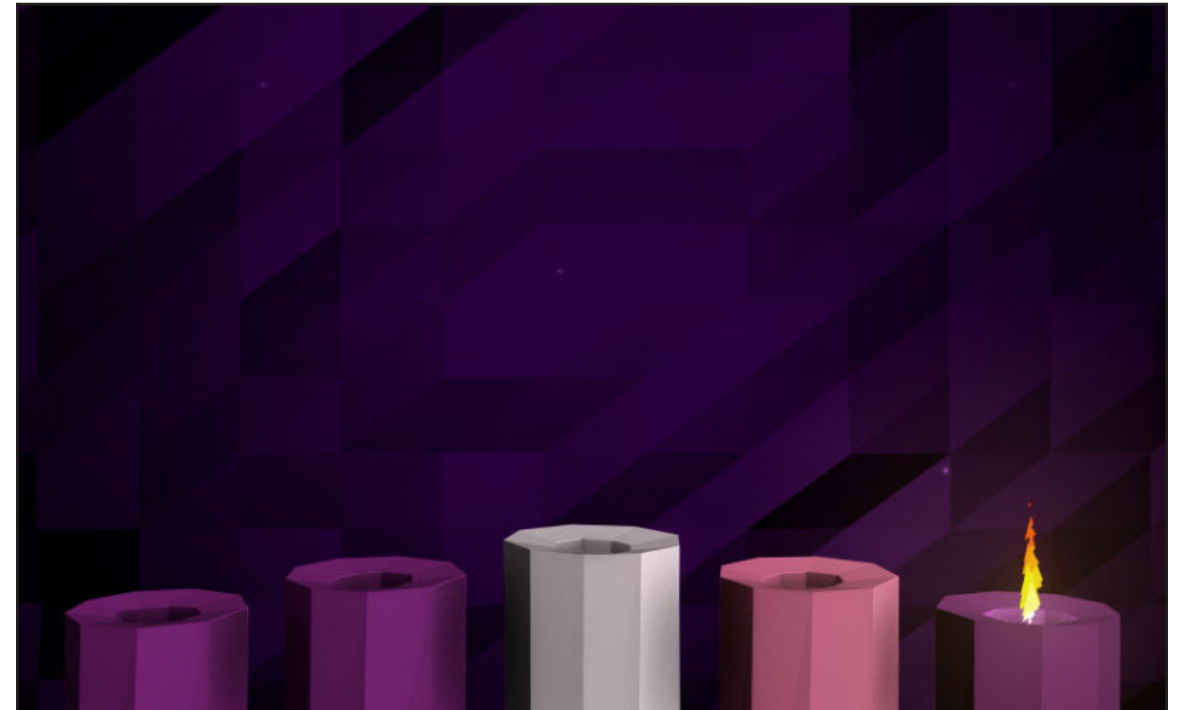


Bethany Lutheran Church
welcomes you to worship!

November 28, 2021

First Sunday of Advent

8:00 & 10:00 a.m.



We **INVITE** all; We **GROW** in faith; We **GO** to share God's love and grace.

Order of Worship

Prelude	(8:00) Susan Barta / (10:00) Amy Brekke	
Welcome		
	<i>Please stand.</i>	
Apostolic Greeting		
Lighting of the Advent Candle	(8:00) Kusilek Family / (10:00) Doebereiner Family	
Opening Hymn	<i>“Come Now, O Prince of Peace”</i>	ELW #247
Prayer of the Day		
	<i>Please be seated.</i>	
First Reading	Jeremiah 33:14-16	Pew Bible, 645
Psalm	Psalm 25:1-10	Pew Bible, 436-437
Second Reading	1 Thessalonians 3:9-13	Pew Bible, 960
	<i>Please stand.</i>	
Gospel Acclamation		
Gospel Reading	Luke 21:25-36	Pew Bible, 856-857
	<i>Please be seated.</i>	
Children’s Message		Pastor Arthur Bergren
Message		Pastor Randy Olson
	<i>Please stand.</i>	
Hymn of the Day	<i>“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”</i>	ELW #257:1-3
	<i>Please be seated.</i>	
Installation of Pastor Arthur Bergren		
Prayers of Intercession		
Sharing of Peace		
Offering		Text Giving: 715-303-3484
Offering Prayer		
	<i>Please stand.</i>	
Holy Communion		
	<i>Please be seated.</i>	
Prayer after Communion		
Announcements		
Blessing		
	<i>Please stand.</i>	
Closing Hymn	<i>“Christ, Be Our Light”</i>	ELW #715:1,2,5
Dismissal		
Postlude	(8:00) Susan Barta / (10:00) Amy Brekke	

The Bethany Week Ahead • November 28 - December 4, 2021

Sunday 28	Pastor Arthur’s Installation 8:00 AM Worship/SA 9:05 AM Sunday School	10 AM Worship/SA
Monday 29	8:00 AM Safely Regathering Task Force/Zoom 10:30 AM Staff Meeting/Zoom 1:00-4:00 PM Quilting/QR	
Tuesday 30	8:00 AM Bethany Belles/SA 12:00 PM LunchBox/PL	
Wednesday 1	Advent Worship at 12:00 & 6:00 p.m. 10:00 AM Word or words/Zoom	5:30 PM Vesper Bells/BR 6:30 PM Prepare Ye!/GR
Thursday 2	9:30 AM Elizabeth Circle/CR 1:00 PM Brentwood Communion Service 1:30 PM Naomi Circle/CR 7:00 PM AA/3F	7:00 PM Northwinds British Brass Band Concert/SA 7:00 PM worship & Music Committee/NA
Friday 3	12-6 PM Red Cross Blood Drive/FH	Saturday 4

Main Level: CR-Conference Room GR-Gathering Room LI-Library NA-Narthex SA-Sanctuary NS-Nursery
BR-Bell Room *Lower Level:* LL-Luther Lecture FH-Fellowship Hall QR-Quilting Room YR-Youth Room
Upper Level: 3F-3rd Floor *Outside:* PL-Parking Lot GS-Green Space

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Worship Participants

Officers:	Pastor Arthur Bergren Pastor Randy Olson	Projection:	Jan Wilking
		Technician:	Joe Erickson
	8:00 a.m. Sunday	10:00 a.m. Sunday	
Organ/Piano:	Susan Barta	Amy Brekke	
Song Leader:	Anakah Denison	Anakah Denison	
Reader:	Geri Stout	Abby and Emily Doebereiner	
Ushers/Greeters:	Kusilek Family	Con Eastwold, Doebereiner Family	
Assisting Minister:	Carol Sevals	Carol Sevals	

You Are Vital to Bethany's Mission: Bethany's mission to **INVITE**, **GROW** and **GO** invites all to share their gifts and talents. Your hands are the vital link in serving the church, our community and our world. Please consider how Jesus is calling you to serve your neighbor. It all begins with worship of Jesus, the alpha and omega. No matter our worship format or location, please extend your partnership in this by asking yourself:

- Could you read during worship?
- Is ushering something you might like to try?
- Maybe you want to learn more about public prayers of the church!
- Or, perhaps your calling is being part of the Altar Guild and preparing the communion elements for worship.
- For those who prefer serving unseen, the streaming/audio position or projectionist might be the best fit!

However you feel called to serve, we want you to succeed! Signups for most positions are on Bethany's website under the Signups tab. If you are not able to find what you are looking for or have questions, please contact the office at 715-234-9028 or lhullinger@bethanyricelake.org.

GREEN TEAM COLLECTIONS

The Green Team has ongoing collections of the following items:

- gently used shoes for Sole4Souls
- used AA, AAA, C, D and 9-volt batteries
- used markers
- used printer cartridges
- denim (at least 90% cotton)
- real cork (not synthetic)

WEEKLY WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

- In person worship Sundays at 8:00 & 10:00 a.m. in Bethany's Sanctuary
- Tune in to the live radio broadcast every Sunday at 8:00 a.m. on WJMC FM 96.1 & AM 1240
- 8:00 a.m. worship is streamed live on Bethany's website and Facebook page. **Beginning November 21, we will be streaming our 10:00 a.m. worship.**
- Watch on local access cable channels 992 (Charter) & 993 (Mosaic) on Sundays at 11:00 AM & 7:00 PM and Thursdays at 7:00 PM
- **In accordance with CDC guidelines, everyone inside the Bethany building is required to wear a face covering.**

Name Tags: Let us help Pastor Arthur and others to learn our names! If you have a name tag, we encourage you to wear it to worship. We will have a few reusable name tags available as well.

Installation of Pastor Arthur: On Sunday, November 28, Pastor Arthur will be installed as Bethany's Lead Pastor. Synod Minister, Rev. Randy Olson will join us a give the message.

As is customary at all installations, there will be a special offering for the purpose of helping seminarians preparing for ordination through the Fund for Leaders Endowment. Please visit Bethany's website for more information on the Fund for Leaders.

Attention Parents, Grandparents & Bethany College Students:

We are looking for addresses of Bethany members attending college away from home. It is almost "Care Package" time again. We can't send a package unless we have current addresses - they need to be updated every year. Please give addresses to Angie Buchli by calling 715-234-9028 or emailing abuchli@bethanyricelake.org.

Prepare Ye: Join us on Wednesday, December 1 at 6:00 p.m. for worship!
There will be activities for everyone after worship from 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Decorating • Crafts • Take Home Advent Activities • God's Global Barnyard Fair

Advent Worship: Join us on Wednesdays, December 1, 8 & 15 for Advent worship at 12:00 & 6:00 p.m. Advent worship on Wednesday, December 22 will be a Blue Christmas service.

Northwinds British Brass Band Concert: The Northwinds Brass Band will perform a concert of Christmas music on Thursday, December 2 at 7:30 p.m. following the Holiday Parade in Rice Lake. Director Ana Traicoff-Stratioti and guest conductor Michael Larson will lead the band through “A Christmas Celebration,” “Sleigh Ride,” “C’est Noel,” “Christmas Lullaby,” “Procession of Nobles,” and “Go Tell it on the Mountain.” The brass band includes members from Rice Lake and surrounding communities. There is no fee to attend the concert. A free will donation will be taken during the concert for anyone that wishes to contribute.

Red Cross Blood Drive: Friday, December 3 from 12:00-6:00 p.m. Register to give blood at www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/find-drive by typing in your zip code.

Bethany’s Big Heart – Keeping the Christmas Dinner Tradition: Bethany people, you have Big and Generous Hearts. I have seen that before, and now more than ever, I see your commitment to each other and the community.

The tradition of Bethany’s Christmas Dinner will continue again this year, but in a different (Covid-safe) way. Last week, we announced that the WOW Study Group is ready to lead a Bethany project to purchase grocery gift cards to be distributed in partnership with other community resources like The Spirit of Christmas, Benjamin’s House and Lunch Box. We also plan to make gift cards available to you, for your use if you wish, or to share with those you know who could use the extra boost to their grocery budget during this time of year.

There are many ways that you can help. We need funds to purchase these gift cards from local grocery stores. We have set a goal of \$10,000 and already the Trust Fund and a community group of youth has stepped forward with contributions. You can donate to the Christmas Dinner Fund at Bethany. We also will need volunteers for preparing the gift cards with a personal message.

If you are interested in learning more about how we plan to put our love of our neighbors in action, please contact Ted Hakala at hakala.ted@gmail.com, 715-642-0191 (cell) or 715-353-2733 (home).

Thanks for all you are, and all you do. ~ Pam Crouse

Word or words: The zoomversations will continue! Please join us on the first and third Wednesdays of the month; contact the office at 715-234-9028 or lhullinger@bethanyricelake.org to be added to the email list.

There’s Still Time: There is still time to return your completed 2022 pledge card. Every pledge card returned helps Bethany’s leadership to build a clearer picture of the 2022 proposed budget. You can even fill it out online! Thank you for giving to Bethany’s mission!

Pavilion Project ~ What do you think? In response to the overwhelming positive comments regarding last summer’s outdoor worship space, many people have suggested we continue this practice. A task force was approved by the council to pursue and research possibilities regarding a permanent structure on Bethany’s property adjacent to Bethany’s bus garage. This core team consists of Mike Bock, Dave Myre, Audrey Kusilek and Amy Brekke. Our first step is to pole the congregation to gain insight if this is a project Bethany would like to pursue. Opinions and questions box is located in the church Narthex and will be available through the end of December. Here are the results from last week.

Week 2 & 3 opinions: Fourteen voted YES to this is a pursuable project; Zero voted MAYBE to this is a pursuable project; there was one NO to this is a pursuable project.

Week 2 & 3 comments: “Excellent idea! After experiencing many activities under the tent this year, we are in favor of the pavilion!”; “the tent was great; this will be even greater!!”; “Great idea!”; “Keep the project simple. The more elaborate the project gets, the more the cost and future upkeep. No need for water, the church is only 50 yards away. No bathrooms. Make the project affordable.”; “A great idea!”

Week 2 & 3 questions: No questions were raised.

The Good NewsBreak: Bethany bulk mails the newsletter to our member’s homes. In order to be better stewards of our resources (paper and monetary), we request you let us know if you would like to receive the online version only. If you find that you are not reading your paper copy and would like to opt out of the mailing in favor of the online version, please contact Leah in the office at 715-234-9028 or lhullinger@bethanyricelake.org.