

# The Bethany Messenger

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Issue 1

January

Happy New Year, Dear Bethany Lutheran Church!! May God's richest blessings embrace you in 2025!

As you know, President Jimmy Carter met Jesus face to face this week. While listening to the early reports about him and his life, a nationally known clergy person commented on meeting Mr. Carter who asked him "How's your prayer life?" President Carter went on to say that the most important thing Christian leaders can do is tend their spiritual life through prayer and reading God's Word and attending worship. He said: "you can't do your work properly unless your spiritually grounded." It's a good question for all of us, I think. How's your prayer life?

Some people work hard on developing New Year's Resolutions and often forget those resolutions within a few weeks. Annie Lamott has a hilarious end of year post about resolving to diet in the new year. The post begins this way:

"We need to have the same little talk we have every year at this time: You want to feel healthier and that is an excellent goal, but I know many of you are secretly planning to start a New Year's diet. I don't want to be a buzzkill, but this newest one won't work, either. I used to start diets, too. I hated to mention this to my then-therapist. She would say cheerfully, "Oh, that's great, honey. How much weight are you hoping to gain?"

I got rid of her. No one talks to me that way.

Well, okay, maybe it was 10 years later, after she had helped lead me back home, to myself, to radical self-care, to friendship with my own heart and body, to a glade that had always existed deep inside me, to (mostly) healthy eating, but that I'd avoided all those years by over-achieving, dieting, binging, people-pleasing and so on.

Now when I decide to go on a diet, I say it to myself: "Great, honey. How much weight are you hoping to gain?" Here is what's true: Diets make you gain weight, 95 percent of the time. We gain it back, plus five pounds. We lose it, it finds us again and brings a few friends.

I may have mentioned several hundred times that I have had the tiniest, tiniest struggle with food and body image for the last - well, lifetime. Hardly worth mentioning. It is a long story, having to do with childhood injuries to my sense of self, terrible anxiety, and my parents weirdness around food and weight. So starving, or counting carbs, and chastising myself for slipping up and eating a banana, probably cannot heal this.

I hate to say it, but only profound self-love will work, union with that scared breath-holding self, and not a diet that forbids apples or avocado. Horribly, but as usual, only kindness and grace, which is spiritual WD-40, can save us."

I love Annie Lamott! I believe her insights are effective for us as we reflect on our own spiritual self-care. Lutherans don't require worship like the Roman Catholics once did. However, if we want to be spiritually grounded, if we want to shine God's light and grace in the world, we are wise to dedicate ourselves to worship and the reading of God's Word and prayer. We are returning to an 8:00 AM worship time so that those who are teaching Sunday School can get spiritually fed before they tend to our dear children. The 8 AM will be offered on the first and third Sundays of the month and will be offered in the chapel.

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# January

# Volunteers

Assisting Minister	5	8 am— n/a 9:30 am—Jerry Griscom
	12	Linda Carlson
	19	8 am— N/A 9:30 am—
	26	
<b>Altar Guild:</b> Angel Carlin		
Greeters & Ushers	5	8 am— n/a 9:30 am— Amy Calvo
	12	
	19	8 am— n/a 9:30 am—
	26	
Live Stream Audio	5	8 am— n/a 9:30 am—Dennis Gehring
	12	Dennis Gehring
	19	8 am— n/a 9:30 am—Dennis Genring
	26	
Slides	5	8 am— n/a 9:30 am—
	12	
	19	8 am— n/a 9:30 am—
	26	
Coffee Hour	5	
	12	
	19	
	26	
<b>Counters</b>		TBD
Altar	5	Sandra Fuoco
	12	

<b><u>Volunteers for February 2, 2025, 9:30 a.m.</u></b>	
<b>Assisting Minister:</b>	
<b>Altar Guild:</b> Angel Carlin	
<b>Greeters &amp; Ushers:</b>	
<b>Live Stream:</b>	
<b>Slides:</b>	
<b>Coffee Hour:</b>	
<b>Altar Flowers:</b>	
<b>Counters:</b> TBD	

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Did you know that the ELW has daily readings in the back of the hymnbook? You probably knew that already. A daily touch with God through Bible readings and brief prayer can be one way to strengthen and sustain our faith. And, of course, you have available the small devotional "Christ n Our Home" which you are welcome to find near the entrance to church and take it home or to the office. Andy and I use a wonderful devotional named "Jesus Calling." These daily devotions are often just what I need to hear!

As we start this 2025 together, I pray we can encourage one another in our spiritual journeys and in the discipline of being spiritually grounded. May this discipline be an opportunity for self-love as well as growing more in love with Jesus.

Grateful to walk with you into this year!  
Pastor Cheryl

<b>Flowers</b>	19	
	26	Mike & Nancy Balinskas



The Saints gathered around the fireplace on an otherwise dreary day and heard a particularly beautiful devotion, led by Pastor Wogman, lifting up the various symbols and characters in the Christmas story and their meaning. We then decorated the lounge for the holiday. We decided to copy the tree in the sanctuary as best we could so our members could place the names of their loved ones on the tree. This was particularly meaningful as several of our members can no longer get to services on Sunday.

In addition, we sang carols, enjoyed egg nogg and cookies provided by our members. As several of our "Saints" are not members of Bethany I am enclosing my annual report to the congregation--so can be informed.

### **2024 REPORT**

2024 was a busy, productive, interesting, and sad year; but also a year when we experienced good fellowship, good times and most of all the support of each other.

We were fortunate to have excellent speakers and programs during the year. We were all impressed with Christine Trousdale who brought us up to speed on current issues related to inclusiveness and alternative life styles, and we hope to continue that discussion in 2025.

A visit from representatives of the Bushnell who presented a virtual tour and perspective on that great theatre really sparked our interest (thanks Ann Naughton). A visit from Officer Liz (arranged by Pastor Paul) spoke to us about cyber security and senior safety. In addition, we enjoyed our annual boat ride on the river with a picnic before.

Our most notable project this year was raising money for the ELCA "piglet" program. Each month we brought out a huge piggy bank and collected money for this program which buys piglets for third world countries. The piglets are an excellent source of food, income and support of those less fortunate than we. (Thanks Gus Eifrig for the inspiration for this project) Our program really gained momentum during the year. The church council gave a generous gift as did the people at Luther Ridge as well as several individuals who made personal gifts to the program. In all we collected \$1000 dollars for the program which has now been forwarded to the ELCA in memory of Pastor Paul.

At our December meeting we decorated the lounge for Christmas and began the planning process for 2025.

Our average attendance was 15 people each month with our highest attendance at 19.

Our group provides a great opportunity for Fellowship and as many have told us they look forward to coming to greet old friends, make new ones, have a cup of coffee and good fellowship together.

We are so glad that we have younger members joining us and look forward to many more years of service.

As we end this report, we lift up the loss of two very special members in the loss of Ellen Arndt and Pastor Paul. We feel their presence with us and our grateful for the times we shared together. We bless their memory and their presence in the church eternal.

**COME AND JOIN US FOR FUN AND FELLOWSHIP!**

**REMEMBER TO GIVE A SAINT A CALL!**

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Jan. 2	- Allison Dube
	- Drew Ocampo
Jan. 4	- Fritz Krampitz
Jan. 5	- Kristina Buckland
	- Zachary Wiernasz
Jan. 7	- Christopher Galletta
	- Lilliam Symecko
Jan. 8	- Kevin Delaney
Jan. 11	- Austin Beckwith
	- Glen Johnson
Jan. 13	- Gary Peltzer
Jan. 14	- Zoë Krampitz
	- Russell Smith
Jan. 15	- Kristina Haswell
	- Tommaso Progano
Jan. 16	- Maddox LaMarr
Jan. 17	- Jaime Ligas
Jan. 20	- Eleonora Michaud
Jan. 29	- Taylor Roback
Jan. 30	- Ben Symecko

# HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Kitty & Steve Richheimer January 21, 1990
Taylor & Chris Tarr January 14, 2023

## Council Corner Notes:

Monthly news and ministry highlights from your church council.



Beginning in January, we will resume 8 am services in the chapel. Services will be held on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month, January 5th and January 19, 2025.

Reminders will be in the weekly bulletins and the Messengers.

Also, the annual meeting will be held on Sunday, January 26, 2025 during our regular service. Please attend.

— Kitty Richheimer

## 2025 Card Ministry



Thank you to everyone that volunteered to continue this ministry for 2025. We couldn't continue this ministry without your help!



### January & February — Wendy Soneson

- March— Barbara Sunbury
- April— Karen Sullivan
- May —Linda Carlson
- June —Holly Linder
- July — Kelly McTeague
- August — Barb Hughes
- September — Pr. Maureen Hawksley
- October, November & December — Diane Rauss





*<sup>32</sup>Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. <sup>33</sup>With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. – Acts 4:32-33*

Happy New Year!

Although the end of 2024 has officially passed, there is still time to make your pledge commitment for 2025 if you have not done so and wish to! Having these commitments in place allows us to make a realistic budget for this new year and continue to celebrate "Our Common Life" at Bethany by supporting our ministries within our own congregation, in our community and worldwide. You can fill out the Pledge card on the next page, and return it to the church office.

God's Blessings for everyone in 2025!

Dear Members of Bethany Lutheran Church,

Thank you all so very much for the love and support you have given me, the children and Paul's parents during this extremely difficult time. Your love, prayers, gift cards, hugs, planning support for Paul's service, coordination of the wake and the funeral have truly helped us through the days following Paul's death and continue to sustain and support us. We are grateful to have you as our church family.

Thank you again for all you have done and for all you continue to do.

With all my love —

Paula Krampitz





2025

## Bethany Lutheran Church Annual Stewardship Pledge Form

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In gratitude, I/we intend to give a total of \$\_\_\_\_\_ for 2025  
(annual gift) to God's work in and through **Bethany Lutheran Church.**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

### I/we intend to give our gifts:

Weekly \_\_\_\_ Monthly \_\_\_\_ Quarterly \_\_\_\_

Semi-Annually \_\_\_\_ Annually on \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ **I would like to receive donation envelopes.**

\_\_\_\_ **I would like more information about how to set up  
electronic giving.**

*Make life easy and checkless – set up auto monthly payments through  
your bank.*

### There is a reason why I cannot pledge:

\_\_\_\_ I am currently facing a difficulty.

\_\_\_\_ I would like the Pastor to contact me.

## Get Involved at Bethany

If you would like to help out at one or more of our church services, you can sign up online at **“SignUp Genius”** (see the links below). Simply click on the link and select what Sunday(s) you’d like to help out. Weekly, we need the following helpers:



**Assisting Minister**

**Ushers / Greeters**

**Altar Guild (Monthly)**

**Liturgy Slide Assistants**

**Live-Stream Assistants**

**Coffee Hour Hosts**

**Altar Flowers**

After you sign up, you’ll receive an email reminder about a week before the service. You can also edit or swap dates if something comes up. If you have questions, please reach out to **Mike Balinskas** or **Robin (860-635-4618)**.



Worship Service Volunteers

Right click picture and then click “Open Hyperlink” to go directly to SignUp Genius.



Worship

Coffee Hour



Altar Flowers



Bethany has had a long standing relationship with **St Vincent de Paul** in Middletown supporting efforts to **feed the hungry**. Here is a new way to do so and it couldn’t be easier. There is no need to remember to purchase items, then deliver those items to whatever food drive is happening currently. There is no need to wonder what items will be of the most use. St Vincent now has a way to donate by going to Amazon and ordering what they need from their list and Amazon will ship direct to St Vincent. Use the following link, scroll down to Option 2 for the link to the Amazon site and make your donation anytime, anywhere with confidence that it’s something that is really needed.

<https://svdmiddletown.org/donation-opportunities/>

## PRAYERS

If you would like a hospital or home visit, or are otherwise in need of pastoral care, please call the church office at **860-635-4618**. If it is after hours, please leave a message and we will get back to you as soon as possible.



We will keep names on the prayer list for a two (2) week period. Names will automatically be removed at the end of the two (2) weeks. If you would like a person to stay on the list for another two (2) weeks, please email Robin on the Wednesday prior to the removal date at:

[bethanyluthranchurchcromwell@gmail.com](mailto:bethanyluthranchurchcromwell@gmail.com).

As of this date we are praying for:

**Clark, Sharon,  
Janice and Emily.**

## Distribution of Holy Communion in Pews

We are happy to distribute Holy Communion in the pews for those who find it difficult to come to the communion rail in the chancel area. Moving forward, we will be using chalices pre-filled with gluten free bread and wine for those who are receiving in the pew. These are the same pre-filled chalices used during the pandemic and for home communion. This distribution method is less likely to result in accidental spills. As a reminder, simply notify an usher if you’d like to receive Holy Communion while seated.

Please try to sit at or near the end of a pew.

# Bethany Lutheran Preschool

*where it all begins*

Happy New Year from Bethany Lutheran Preschool! We had a busy December getting ready for Christmas. The children made presents for their parents.

We adopted two families for Christmas from the Cromwell Human Services. Families donated presents and were very generous.

We participated in the Live Nativity with the church. The children had a great time seeing the animals and singing.

We had a week off for Christmas break and came back ready to go. We have been busy learning about winter and polar animals. We have an Art Show on January 22 nd from 6-8pm. Please consider coming to

see all the great work the preschool children have been working on this school year! We will have our Open House on January 25 th from 10 to 12. If you know any preschoolers, encourage them to stop by and meet the teachers. Our registration for next year starts this day as well!

We hope your New Year is off to a healthy and happy start!  
Terri Camilleri, Director, Bethany Lutheran Preschool

Terri Camilleri

## WE NEED YOU !!

Empty spaces on the volunteer sheet (page 2) designate that we need volunteers for our weekly services.



Please sign up online on Signup Genius (info on Page 5) or to sign up for Coffee Hour you can use the sheets in the kiosk in the narthex as well as Signup Genius. Call Robin to sign up for Altar Flowers. Give Robin a call in the office if you have any questions 860-635-4618 or to sign up.

Table Talk (Bible Study) is being held at **Luther Ridge** with Pastor Cathy Rohrs of Faith Lutheran Church, Middletown.

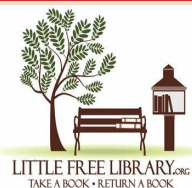


It begins at **10:30 a.m.** in the **1st floor community room** for conversation and a look at the lectionary texts for the upcoming Sunday.

*All visitors must check in at the front desk upon entering the building.*

**MASKS are Optional for Luther Ridge residents, staff and visitors.**

The **Little Free Library** located by the Preschool entrance belongs to everyone! It offers a way to share good things to read with both children and adults.



**Take books.** If you see something you would like to read or share with someone you know, take it! There is no need to return it to the Little Free Library.

**Give books.** If you have new or gently used books that you would like to donate you can either put them directly into the Little Free Library or in the marked box that is located in the coat closet. During the school year we really go through a lot of preschool-age books.

I have made arrangements with the florist at Stop & Shop to do our weekly altar flowers. The cost will be \$45 for the 2 arrangements, and you can take them home with you after the 9:30 a.m. service.



**The containers that the flowers come in must be returned to the church the following Sunday. They will be reused weekly.**

If you would like to order flowers, you can either use the Signup Genius form online (link is on page 7) or you can give me a call in the church office at 860-635-4618. If you do want to order the altar flowers, please make sure to do them 2 weeks in advance.

Let me know if you have any questions.

- Robin



Hello everyone,

Bethany Lutheran Preschool has partnered with **Mables Labels** for a fundraiser. We are raising money to purchase new toys for the school.

**Bethany Lutheran Preschool**  
*where it all begins*

The product they sell are labels that you can customize with your child's name. These labels can go through the dishwasher or laundry without peeling off.

As we all know it is important to label your child's coats, mittens, hats, backpacks, water bottles and snack bags. This helps them be able to identify what is theirs and helps the teachers ensure your child's items are returned to them.

Ordering from Mables Labels is easy, simply click on the link below, then type in Bethany Lutheran Preschool, Cromwell and you are ready to start ordering. All orders are sent directly to you.

[campaigns.mableslabels.com](https://campaigns.mableslabels.com)

The fundraiser is open and will go until **January 30, 2025**.

Thank you for considering to purchase labels to help our fundraiser.

Terri Camilleri, Preschool Director

### From Calumet!

Check out "**Boom Chicka News**" — a brand new monthly effort — to be in the know about all kinds of information Calumet Nation will want to know!

**Use this link:** <https://calumet.org/resources/boomchickanews>

Also, to find out about the facilities, activities and everything else "Calumet", please use the following link: <https://www.calumet.org/programs/quickglance>



Calumet Lutheran Ministries \* PO Box 236, W. Ossipee, NH 03890 \* 603.539.4773

The Bethany Book Club invites you to join them in the chapel on Tuesday, January 21, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. for a discussion with author John D. Scully about his book Visited Mom Today: Conversations Through the Lens of Alzheimer's & Dementia. The book can be purchased for \$19.95 on Amazon OR on the night of the event. John will be happy to sign your copy too.



We hope you can join us!

### **PLEASE NOTE:**

**Any delay and/or cancellations for Bethany events or church services will be shown on Channel 3's Weather Watch and/or Bethany's Facebook page. You can get Channel 3 alerts/cancellations sent directly to you on your smartphone as well so you will know about any delay/cancellation.**

**So, if there is a question as to whether something at church has been cancelled — please tune in to Channel 3 or check out our Facebook page.**

# January

# Kid's Page

## Creation KALEIDOSCOPE


Make this fun craft to remember what our heavenly Creator made.

### What you need:

- Adult help
- Tall chip can with lid
- Hammer and nail
- Acrylic paint; paintbrush
- Water, glitter, white glue
- Colored tissue paper
- Stronger craft glue (not hot glue)
- Star stickers or sequins
- Two 4" x 5" pieces of clear Con-Tact paper
- Scissors; pencil; permanent marker

### What you do:

1. In bottom center of can, hammer a hole with a nail. Paint outside of can. Let dry.
2. Add glitter and a little water to white glue. With a clean paintbrush, glue tissue paper to bottom outside of lid.
3. Add stars to sticky side of Con-Tact paper. Place a matching piece on top, sticky sides together.
4. Put craft glue along edge of can opening. Glue Con-Tact paper square over opening. Let dry.
5. Place lid on can, over Con-Tact paper. Turn lid to get kaleidoscope effect.
6. With marker, write "In the beginning ..." on can.



## Puzzle

# The Beginning

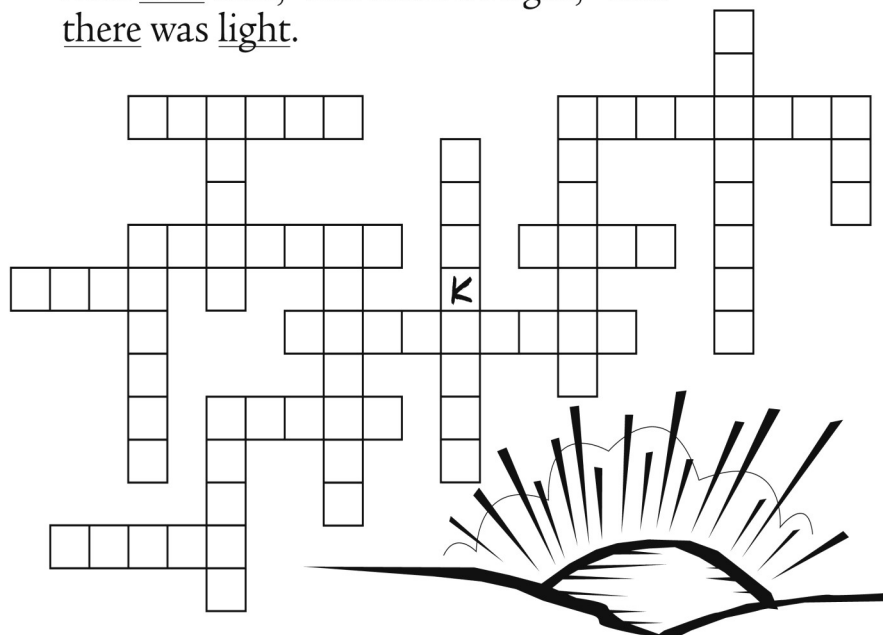
The start of a new calendar year is a great time to praise God for his amazing creation.

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**Directions:** Read Genesis 1:1-3 (NIV), below. Place the underlined words into the crossword. One letter has been provided to help you start.

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In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters. And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light.





### THANKS TO ALL

What a joyous, outstanding and spirit lifting experiences enjoyed at Bethany during the Advent Christmas season. The planning began with a focus on two of our beloved recent angels—Pastor Paul and Ellen Arendt. As you might suspect Liz Friedmann in her dedicated and inspired way lifted up the idea and then ran with it.

How beautiful it was, when during the pre-concert carols members of the congregation brought angel ornaments to the giant Christmas tree with names of loved ones on them and then to see them lovingly placed on the tree among the lights.

To say thank you to each who contributed would fill this page and more. But to all, sound technicians, refreshments providers, concert participants, decorations, Pastor Chery - thank you, and most of all to Liz Friedmann who did so much to bring it all together.

### OUTSTANDING MUSIC

The concert was an opportunity to experience the joy and inspiration of the season. I couldn't help but think how it encompassed opportunities to express the joy of the season from our very youngest in the Sunday and pre-school choir to perhaps one of the oldest (me) and all the others in between who lifted up voices, instruments, bells, cymbals, drums in expectation of the coming of the Christ Child.

### LIVE NATIVITY

Our beautiful Creche, designed and made by Angel and Rollie Carlin, put up by Mike Balinskas was the background for yet another Live Nativity. So many visitors and so many children celebrating the birth of Jesus. Kitty Richheimer and LouAnn Smith have spearheaded this event for many years. Again, great music and lots of inspiration and fun.

### CHRISTMAS SERVICES

It goes without saying that we missed Pastor Paul's presence among us and yet I think he would have pleased to hear the beautiful solo by Milie Hemming, the triumphant trumpet of Phaelon Koski and the rousing singing of the congregation and the quiet reflection of Silent Night.

In a year characterized by loss, our sadness could not overcome our joy as we celebrated again, God with Us in the coming of His beloved son to be our savior and Lord.

### HYMN OF THE MONTH: O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright, ELW #308 (We will be singing this hymn during Epiphany)

This beautiful hymn by Phillipp Nicolai to whom both text and music are attributed has come to be known as the Queen of Chorales. It lifts up the image of the morning star in Revelation. More importantly it lifts up in joy God's love in Word and Sacrament.

Some years ago while singing in Honegger's King David I was thrilled to hear the wonderful musical passages lifted up in the death of David almost as a promise of what was to come in Christ Jesus.



COME AND SING IT WITH US !

## The Simply Giving Program



The Simply Giving® Program is designed to help you conveniently make payments to Bethany Lutheran Church. Through the Simply Giving Program, your payments are made through a pre-authorized withdrawal from your bank account. You determine the frequency of your automatic payment – weekly, semi-monthly or monthly. Your payment is deposited into the church's bank account on the same day it is withdrawn from your account.

### Why Sign Up?

- Convenience – Payment will still be made if you are out of town or on vacation.
- Security – No checks are needed which means no lost or stolen checks.
- Environmentally friendly – Save on checks, envelopes and postage.

### How to Sign Up

- Complete the form and return it with your voided check to:

Bethany Lutheran Church  
ATTN: Simply Giving  
50 Court Street  
Cromwell, CT 06416

Forms and questions may be directed to:

Robin Scotti  
Bethany Lutheran Church Office Manager  
[bethanylutheranchurchcromwell@gmail.com](mailto:bethanylutheranchurchcromwell@gmail.com)

OR

Give Robin a call in the church office, **860-635-4618**, and she can set you up in the Vanco system.

## THE CONVENIENCE OF ELECTRONIC GIVING IS BACK

Bethany Lutheran wants to remind you that we offer electronic giving to automate weekly offerings or make one-time gifts to support Bethany programs like the Memorial Fund or Capital Campaign. Weekly offerings and gifts can be made using a credit card or through automatic transfers from your checking or savings account. Electronic giving offers convenience for Bethany members and supporters while providing needed donation consistency for our congregation.

Online Giving can be accessed by scanning the QR Code below or visiting <https://bethanylutheranchurchcromwell.org/> at any time to set up an automatic donation, change your donation plan, make a one-time donation or view your online donation history. As you contemplate future contributions, please consider electronic giving. Authorization information is available by contacting Robin in the church office at **860-635- 4618**.



The Youth Group met on Friday December 13, 2024 in the fellowship hall. We assembled and decorated 10 Gingerbread houses. They all were unique and absolutely beautiful!

This is always one of their favorite activities. LouAnn delivered many of the homes to Luther Ridge for their residents to enjoy.

We also played some fun games with marshmallows, party horns and reindeer antlers!



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 <i>New Years Day</i> <i>Offices Closed</i>	2	3	4
5 <i>8 am—Worship w/Holy Comm.(C)</i> <i>9:30 am—Worship with Holy Comm.</i>	6 <i>6:30-9 pm—NE Chamber Board Mtg. (SCR)</i>	7	8 <i>10:30 am—Table Talk at Luther Ridge</i> <i>6-9:45 pm— NE Chamber Choir (FH)</i>	9	10 <i>Annual Meeting Reports Due</i>	11
12 <i>9:30 am—Worship with Holy Comm.</i> <i>12-2 pm—Children &amp; Youth Committee (at M. Ocampo's)</i>	13 <i>7:00 pm—Finance</i>	14 <i>5:30 am—Preschool Board (SCR)</i>	15 <i>10:30 am—Table Talk at Luther Ridge</i> <i>6-9:45 pm— NE Chamber Choir (FH)</i>	16 <i>1:30 pm—Saints Alive (L)</i>	17	18 <i>1-4 pm—Sansabrino Birthday Party (FH)</i>
19 <i>8 am—Worship w/Holy Comm.(C)</i> <i>9:30 am—Worship with Holy Comm.</i> <i>10:45 am—Exec. Com. (L)</i> <i>11:15 am—Council (L)</i>	20	21 <i>5:30-9:30 pm—GM Chorale (FH)</i> <i>6-9 pm—BLC Book Club (C)</i>	22 <i>10:30 am—Table Talk at Luther Ridge</i> <i>6-9:45 pm— NE Chamber Choir (FH)</i>	23	24	25 <i>10-12 pm—Preschool Open House</i>
26 <i>9:30 am—Worship with Holy Comm. &amp; Annual Meeting</i>	27	28 <i>5:30-9:30 pm—GM Chorale (FH)</i>	29 <i>10:30 am—Table Talk at Luther Ridge</i> <i>6-9:45 pm— NE Chamber Choir (FH)</i>	30	31	Feb.1 <i>Snow Date for PS Open House</i>

† Services are being offered online ([youtube](#)) as well as Indoor at 9:30 a.m. †

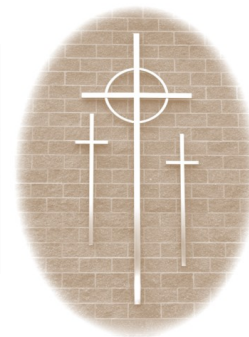
YouTube Link: <https://www.youtube.com/@BethanyLutheranCromwellCT>

Facebook Link: <https://www.facebook.com/bethanycromwellct/>

# The Bethany Messenger

Bethany Lutheran Church ELCA  
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# January



What's New in New England  
**New England Synod Assembly 2025**  
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America  
God's work. Our hands.

## WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sundays: 8 a.m.—1st & 3rd Sunday  
9:30 a.m.— and on YouTube

[https://www.youtube.com/  
@BethanyLutheranCromwellCT](https://www.youtube.com/@BethanyLutheranCromwellCT)



The **February** Messenger  
Deadline is: **January 15th**

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