

JANUARY 2025

EVANGEL

Bethel Lutheran Church, ELCA, NGLS
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Financial Report

2024	Receipts	Expenses	+ Or -
As of December 16	\$ 216,151	\$ 219,550	- \$ 3,399

<https://tinyurl.com/BethellshpGiving>



If you prefer, mail your offerings to:
Bethel Lutheran Church
333 E Ridge St, Ishpeming, MI 49849

January Meetings

Thursday, January 9, 6pm – Property Committee
Thursday, January 9, 6pm – Social Ministry Meeting
Tuesday, January 14, 6:30pm – Council Meeting
Monday, January 20, 6:40pm – Resonant Innovation Team
Sunday, January 26, 11:30am – Annual Meeting



The church office will be closed on
December 25 & 26, and December 31
& January 1.

Beginning January 6, the church office
will be closed every Monday.

- Reviewed Finance Committee's 2025 Budget recommendation. Approved with minor changes.
- Ish ELCA plan for property consultant on hold; group meets again in January.
- Discussed need for volunteers to open/close, shovel and worship assistants.



Council Highlights

Adult Book Study – HOLY ENVY – Monday, January 13 at 6:40pm



1st Sunday/Monday Food Drive

Reminder to bring in non-perishable food to church on January 5 & 6. Please place the items in the grocery cart in the hallway.

The items are given to St. Vincent DePaul.

***Food items can be brought in at any time; this is just a 'designated' day.

St Vincent DePaul would like to thank Bethel for participating in the food collection for the Christmas food baskets. 130 families were served this year with our help!

YOUTH Sledding

JANUARY 12, 2025
ISHPEMING, MI

715 MATHER AVE.

SCAN ME

Scan the QR code with your phone for more information, and to sign up.

- Conference 8
- Sledding
- Youth (grades 6-12)
- Dinner

Confirmation Class –

Saturday, January 11, 9am-Noon - Prince of Peace in Harvey Car Pool leaving Bethel at 8:15am

Cookie Walk Update

Bethel's Cookie Walk was a great success again! Thanks to all who participated. It's amazing what we can do working together! We raised \$1421.00(!!!) which will be given to the Youth Fund to assist with their events and service programs. Merry Christmas!

A huge thank you again to Peggy Schweinsberg for taking over the Cookie Walk organizing! We appreciate you!

Women's 2025 Fall Retreat – SAVE THE DATE!
Sunday, September 7 – Tuesday, September 9

ANNUAL REPORT

2024 Offering Contributions must be turned in to the church office by Sunday, December 29 to be credited to 2024.

The annual meeting will be held on Sunday, January 26 at 11:30am (following the worship service).

All financial and committee reports must be submitted to the church office by January 8 for auditing. The Annual Report will be available on Sunday, January 19.



**Sunday/Monday,
January 19/20, 2025**

Find enclosed Pledge card and Time & Talent form to fill in and return.

Welcome Visitors!

Mike Mariuzza, Marilyn Meyer, Janet Simula, Jim Flanigan,
Bruce Rantanen from Ironwood,
and Rick & Sharon Engstrom from Ossineke, MI

Effective January 6, 2025 - Change in hours

The church and church office will be open Tuesday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The building will be closed on Mondays until 5:00 pm when it will open for the Monday evening service.

Help Wanted!!

Please share this information with family and friends.

Due to an upcoming retirement Bethel will be hiring an administrative assistant in mid-March. The job description is available upon request by contacting the church office.

The hours are T-F from 9:00am -1:00pm. This is a part-time, non-benefit eligible position.

CHURCH ACTS

Funeral – November 26: Norman Bjorne passed away on November 22.

Death – Janice Beito passed away on November 27. A service was held in Gladstone on November 30.

MEMORIALS

In memory of **Norman Bjorne** from:

Scott & Denise Perry

Florence Kakkuri

In Memory of **Arnold & Eleanor Locke** and **Nancy Emanuelson** from

Carol Holmgren, Amber Emanuelson and Tanner Linares



If you or a loved one are or will be hospitalized, and you would like a visit, notify Pastor Tim (563-581-0929) or the church office. Privacy laws restrict hospitals from disclosing information about patients.

Lifelong Faith Formation

Registration is now open for the next engaging lineup of classes offered by the Northern Great Lakes Synod this winter.

See details and register at nglsynod.org/lifelong-faith-formation.

Introduction to Biblical Greek II

with Pastor Nicole Hanson-Lynn, Salem & Zion, Ironwood

Sunday evenings, beginning January 19 (end date to be determined)

7–8 p.m. Eastern Time, 6–7 p.m. Central Time

Walking With Our Indigenous Neighbors

with members of the Walking with Our Indigenous Neighbors Synod Task Force

Tuesday evenings for 4 weeks, February 4 – 25

7–8 p.m. Eastern Time, 6–7 p.m. Central Time

Take and Eat: A Study of Food and Spirituality, from Holy Communion to Potluck

with Pastor Mike Markwell, meeting at Immanuel, Escanaba

Four Wednesday evenings beginning January 22, every other week,

6–7 p.m. Eastern Time, 5–6 p.m. Central Time

Revelation – Revealing a Book of Hope & Comfort

with Pastor Tommy Richter, Zion, Manistique

Thursday evenings for 10 weeks, January 16 – March 20

7–8 p.m. Eastern Time, 6–7 p.m. Central Time

Growing Younger: Sharing Ideas and Strategies to Engage Young People

with Stefanie Ehle, Youth Coordinator, Northern Great Lakes Synod and members of the Youth Ministry Team

Third Thursday of each month, January 16 – May 15

6–7 p.m. Eastern Time, 5–6 p.m. Central Time



Siblings in Christ-

Thank you for the ways you give of your time, talents, and treasure to share the good news of the love of Jesus with the world, both through your daily lives in our community and through the ministry we do as Bethel.

This winter, on January 19/20, we will have Consecration Sunday/Monday. As a part of worship that day you will be invited to present to God both your completed Plan for Giving card and your Time and Talent survey. It will be a day of gratitude and thanks to God for all God has done. Those who didn't bring their slips will also be welcome to come forward. Each person who comes forward will be prayed over and anointed for service in Jesus' name.

Looking at the Plan for Giving card, you will keep the left-hand side for your own records and the right-hand side (with no names on it) you will present to God. As you work to fill it out, we ask you to consider the included growth in giving chart (on the back side of the plan for giving card). Find your current income, go to the right until you find your current weekly giving, and then you are challenged to grow 1% by moving one block to the left and giving that new number for 2025.

Thank you for sharing of your gifts, and thank God for God's goodness toward us!

In Christ,
Pastor Tim

P.S. Interested in serving on a stewardship team, please talk to Pastor Tim. This team could work on once-a-year financial stewardship but also supporting year-round stewardship not only of financial resources but all God has given us. The team could be a way to support people in all their aspects of wellness.

Serving Us In January

Sunday Tellers: Anne Kulju

SUNDAY DRIVERS

January 5 – Curtis Pauline

January 19 – Earl Eliason

January 12 – Duane Palomaki

January 26 – Bud Hart

A ride is available in Ishpeming & Negaunee for the 10am Sunday worship service. Call the office by noon on Fridays to sign-up.

9:00am Sunday Coffee in the Fellowship Hall

Servers are needed for January's Sunday Coffee & Fellowship prior to the worship service. The call list has been getting smaller and smaller, making it difficult for our callers to fill the weeks each month.



The number of people that attend varies between 30-40. Servers would either bring or bake some goodies, and have coffee prepared. There is always someone around to answer any questions.

Please help by signing up at the back of the sanctuary, or calling the church office.

Thank you!

If you become homebound, or are unable to attend worship because of some difficulty, please call the church office so that you can be added to the pastor's visitation schedule.





JANUARY

Birthdays

- 1 Katelynn Anttila, Lisa Rautio, Grayson Salonen
- 3 Logan Hart
- 4 Richard Bjerne, Jordann Grigg, Quinn Juntunen,
Connie Kangas, Kristin Laitinen
- 5 Diana Hallum
- 6 Brenda Maddock, Judy Saari
- 7 Liam Kangas, Chris Ogea,
- 8 Jason Chapman, Linda Denofre, Jennifer Terres, Mavis Wiitanen
- 10 Talon Goethe, Briella Hart, Curt Voegtline, Jr.
- 12 Lynn Mattila, Barbara Woodruff
- 13 Keira Hooper, Dianne Leppanen
- 14 Danielle Anderson, Julie Luehmann
- 15 Eileen Bonetti, Mary Kari
- 16 Christie Larson, Michael Wommer
- 17 Levi Giroux, Marlene Ombrello
- 18 Eric Etelamaki, Gracie Knight, Jennie Oja, Nathan Williams
- 19 William Jalonen, April Walimaa
- 20 Bernie Mattila, Brooke Peterson, Kristi Poupore
- 21 Lexi Mahoski, Bradley Pennala
- 22 Bryan Brewer, Laurel Lammi, Bradley Mahoski, Bradley Mattson,
Karen Ostlund, Emma Poirier, Kasey Raisinen
- 23 Allie Barron, Laura Kantola, Kaitlyn Keto, Amber Ostlund,
Eric Uuro
- 24 Becky Abendroth, Miley Eslinger
- 25 Tina Anderson, Henry Kulju, Toini Lahti
- 26 Deborah Brouillette
- 27 Kristin Knapp
- 28 Christopher Koski, Miles Mattson
- 29 Henry Lamb
- 30 Rosalie Kempainen
- 31 Josephine Ruona

Daily Devotions

	Dec 30-Jan 4	Jan 6-11	Jan 13 - 18	Jan 20 - 25	Jan 27-Feb 1
Mon	Psalm 147: 12-20	Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14	Psalm 106:1-12	Psalm 145	Psalm 119: 89-96
	2 Chron 1:7-13	Isaiah 60:1-6	Judges 4:1-16	Isaiah 54:1-8	Jerem 36:1-10
	Mark 13:32-37	Ephes 3:1-12	Ephes 6:10-17	Rom 12:9-21	1 Corin 14:1-12
Tue	Psalm 147: 12-20	Psalm 72	Psalm 106:1-12	Psalm 145	Psalm 119: 89-96
	1 Kings 3:5-14	Dan 2:1-19	Judges 5:12-21	Song of Sol 4:1-8	Jerem 36: 11-26
	John 8:12-19	Ecc 4:17-5:1	1 John 5:13-21	1 Corin 7:1-7	2 Corin 7:2-12
Wed	Psalm 8	Psalm 72	Psalm 106:1-12	Psalm 145	Psalm 119: 89-96
	Num 6:22-27	Dan 2:24-49	Num 27:1-11	Song of Sol 4:9-5:1	Jerem 36: 27-32
	Luke 2:15-21	Ecc 5:15-20	Luke 11:33-36	Luke 5:33-39	Luke 4:38-44
Thu	Psalm 147: 12-20	Psalm 29	Psalm 36:5-10	Psalm 19	Psalm 71:1-6
	Prov 147:12-20	Ecc 1:1-11	Jerem 3:1-5	Isaiah 61:1-7	2 Chron 34:1-7
	James 3:13-18	1 Corin 1:18-31	Acts 8:18-24	Rom 7:1-6	Acts 10:44-48
Fri	Psalm 72	Psalm 29	Psalm 36:5-10	Psalm 19	Psalm 71:1-6
	Job 42:10-17	Ecc 2:1-11	Jerem 3:19-25	Nehem 2:1-10	2 Chron 35: 20-27
	Luke 8:16-21	1 Corin 2:1-10	1 Corin 7:1-7	Rom 12:1-8	Acts 19:1-10
Sat	Psalm 72	Psalm 29	Psalm 36:5-10	Psalm 19	Psalm 71:1-6
	Isaiah 6:1-5	Ecc 3:1-15	Jerem 4:1-4	Nehem 5:1-13	2 Chron 36: 11-21
	Acts 7:44-53	1 Corin 2:11-16	Luke 11:14-23	Luke 2:39-52	John 1:43-51

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The Church office will be closed on Wednesday, December 25 and Thursday, December 26, and again on Tuesday, December 31 and Wednesday, January 1.

***** Pastor Tim will be away for vacation from December 31 through January 6.**

If you are in need of immediate pastoral care during this time, please contact the church office.