

Special Edition HOLIDAY

An Advent Pause

You are invited to come to the chapel at 10:00 a.m. or 6:30 p.m. on Wednesdays, December 5, 12, and 19 for an Advent Pause. Even though this is a busy time of year, take a pause to surround yourself with the beautiful words of Holden Village Evening Prayer as you take a few minutes to wonder, watch, listen and wait.

St. Lucia Day

Mark your calendars now so you don't miss St. Lucia Day on December 8 here at Bethel. The big event starts at 9 a.m. with a candle light procession of Bethel's 66th St. Lucia, leading her gowned court of attendants and children into the sanctuary. Following a presentation of this memorable Swedish tale of the mysterious maiden who brings light to Northern Europe through dialogue and music, you are invited to the Heritage Room Bake Sale and Luther Hall to celebrate the beginning of the Christmas season with delicious coffee, cookies, breads, and other homemade goodies. There is no charge for this fun event for you and your friends, but a "plate" at the serving table will be placed for any contribution you might wish to make. Bethel welcomes you and your friends to our handsomely decorated church with beautiful music reigning throughout the halls. Lucia Day is a wonderful way to open the Christmas season, in your hearts and ours.

Lucia Bake Sale

We are counting on YOU to make the annual Lucia Day bake sale a big hit again this year. It will be held in the Heritage Room on Saturday, December 8, from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Baked goods including breads, bars, cookies, lefse, krumkake, rosettes and other Christmas treats are needed. Please have them packaged and priced, then brought to the Heritage Room on Friday, December 7, by noon. Proceeds are used to help keep Lucia Day, our special tribute to our Scandinavian heritage and our gift to the community, an annual event. Suggestions for Lucia Holiday Bake Sale Pricing and Packaging:

Cookies (6)	Sweet Breads	Bars (6)
\$3.00- \$3.50	\$3.50- \$4.00	\$3.00- \$3.50
Krumkaka (6)	Yeast Bread (6)	Almond Cake
\$3.50- \$4.00	\$4.50- \$5.00	\$4.00- \$5.00
Sandbakkels (6)	Flat Bread	Candies (6)
\$3.50- \$4.00	\$4.00- \$4.50	\$3.00- \$4.00
Dinner Rolls (6)	Muffins (6)	Snack Mix
\$2.00- \$2.50	\$3.50- \$4.00	\$2.00- \$3.00
Rosettes (6)	Tea Rings	Lefse
\$4.50- \$5.00	\$7.00- \$7.50	\$4.50- \$5.00

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A Christmas Melody

This year's Christmas program will feature all of our musical ensembles, Sunday School kids, and Sacred Dancers. A *Christmas Melody* will take place on December 9 at 4:00 p.m. followed by the traditional Scandinavian Supper.

Scandinavian Supper

The Scandinavian Supper will be held in Luther Hall on December 9 after *A Christmas Melody* program. Tickets for the supper are available in the church office during office hours, or at the door on the evening of the supper. Adults \$10, ages 6-11 \$6, ages 5 and under are free. All proceeds support the Bethel youth. This evening will be a GiFT (Generations in Faith Together) experience you won't want to miss!

Christmas Caroling Event

Sign up for a GiFT event: Christmas caroling, hayride, and supper! Sunday, December 16, 3:00-5:00 p.m. A free-will offering will be taken for supper and please bring some Christmas cookies to share for dessert. Last year's event was a blast so be sure to bundle up, warm up your voice, and join the fun!

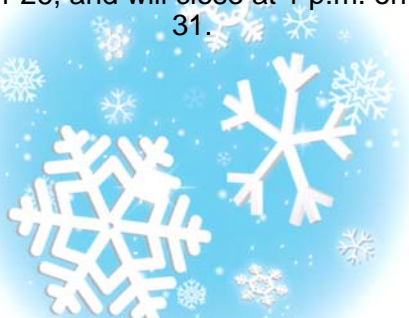
Christmas Eve Prelude Music

Hey, kids! Do you like to sing? Play the piano? Bow a stringed instrument? Toot a horn? We invite you to share your music with our Bethel family at the 4:00 p.m. worship service on Christmas Eve. There is a sign-up sheet on the music bulletin board across from the office. Please sign up by Sunday, December 16. Questions? Contact Sarah Dahl.

Christmas Eve

Please take notice of our Christmas Eve service times:
4:00 p.m. Candlelight Worship
10:00 p.m. Candlelight Worship with Holy Communion

Also, keep in mind that the Bethel office will be closed December 24-26, and will close at 1 p.m. on December 31.



Advent and Christmas Schedule



Sunday, December 2

First Sunday of Advent

9:15 a.m. Worship/Holy Communion

Wednesday, December 5

10:00 a.m. Matins - Holden Morning Prayer

6:30 p.m. Advent Pause - Holden Evening Prayer

Saturday, December 8

9:00 a.m. St. Lucia Day Festival

MERRY

Sunday, December 9

Second Sunday of Advent

9:15 a.m. Worship/Holy Communion

4:00 p.m. Christmas Program - *A Christmas Melody*

5:30 p.m. Scandinavian Supper

CHRISTMAS

Wednesday, December 12

10:00 a.m. Matins - Holden Morning Prayer

6:30 p.m. Advent Pause - Holden Evening Prayer

AND

Sunday, December 16

Third Sunday of Advent

9:15 a.m. Worship/Holy Communion

3:00 p.m. Christmas Caroling Event

HAPPY

Wednesday, December 19

10:00 a.m. Matins - Holden Morning Prayer

6:30 p.m. Advent Pause - Holden Evening Prayer

NEW

Sunday, December 23

Fourth Sunday of Advent

9:15 a.m. Worship/Holy Communion

Monday, December 24

Christmas Eve

4:00 p.m. Candlelight Worship

10:00 p.m. Candlelight Worship with Holy Communion

YEAR

Sunday, December 30

First Sunday of Christmas

9:15 a.m. Worship/Holy Communion

Wednesday, January 2

10:00 a.m. Matins


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