

Our homebound person of the week is James Walker. Please pray for James and Linda and sign the Christmas card in the rear of the sanctuary.

Hope you enjoyed the refreshments prior to worship. Thank you to Cindy Anspach and friends for being our hosts.

January newsletter articles are due in the church office today. Thank you.

Upper Room devotional booklets for January and February are available on the information table.

This Saturday Marilyn Allen's grandson, Jackson Drew Allen, will receive Holy Baptism here at Bethany. Jackson's father, William Allen, was baptized here by Pastor Heller on June 11, 1982.

Next Sunday Pastor Lynch will speak on "Christmas Reminders" from John 3:16-17. A trio, comprised of Braden and Jacob Dibeler and Kalin Scipioni, will offer special music on this last Sunday of 2014.

New Year communion will be observed on Sunday January 4.

"Thank you for all the Christmas gifts, cards, and goodies. Your kindness and generosity of support and prayers are appreciated so very much." In Christ's love, Sharon and Pastor John.

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| Attendance last Sunday: | 76 | Offering Last Sunday: | \$ 2,162.00 |
| Attendance last year: | 52 | Offering Needed Weekly: | \$ 1,500.00 |

SERVING CHRIST AND OUR CONGREGATION

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| ORGANIST: <i>Helen Lutz</i> | LAY LEADER: <i>Steve Scipioni</i> |
| ASST. ORGANIST: <i>Audrey Scipioni</i> | SUNBEAM CHOIR: <i>Bethany Oleyniczak</i> |
| NURSERY CARE: <i>Vicki Smith</i> | ADMIN. COUNCIL: <i>Cindy Anspach</i> |
| CHILDREN'S MINISTRY: <i>Selma Patrick</i> | CHURCH SECRETARY: <i>Karen Neidigh</i> |
| TRUSTEE CHAIR: <i>Don Brubaker</i> | CUSTODIAN: <i>Beverly Bell</i> |
| SUPERINTENDANT: <i>Gary Nicholson</i> | PASTOR: <i>John Lynch (298-1308)</i> |
| MISSIONARIES: <i>Carrie Callahan, China and Rachel Nicholson, Germany</i> | |



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10:30 AM FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT December 21, 2014

WELCOME Pastor Lynch

ADVENT WREATH The Brandt Family

*CAROL "Joy to the World" # 533

*INVOCATION Unison

"Heavenly Father, be with us as we worship You, that in the midst of the noise of our lives, we might still hear the songs of angels. In the midst of all the Christmas lights, we might yet meet the light of the word. In the midst of the ups and downs of these days, we may walk with Christ who has come to bear our grief and complete our joy. Come and be with us that our holidays may yet be holy days. Amen."

*CAROL "The First Noel" (vs. 1, 4) # 538

MUSIC MINISTRY "Bethlehem Bound"
 "Heavenly Hallelujahs"
Trio: Allison Deimler, Shay Funck, Aiden Schell
 Sunbeam Choir

MORNING PRAYER
 Pastoral Prayer Pastor Lynch
 The Lord's Prayer Congregation

THE OFFERTORY Audrey Scipioni
 Presentation of God's Tithe
 *The Doxology
 *Dedication Prayer

*CAROL "God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen" # 544

SCRIPTURE Luke 1:26-38 Drew Chapin

MESSAGE "Stella and the Puppy" Pastor Lynch

*CAROL "Good Christian Men, Rejoice" # 543

*BENEDICTION Pastor Lynch

*POSTLUDE Audrey Scipioni

**We stand to honor Jesus Christ.*

Good morning and Merry Christmas! Welcome to Bethany where God's word is honored, taught and proclaimed. Our mission is to glorify God by making-maturing-mobilizing enthusiastic disciples for Jesus Christ. Please sign the blue attendance pad and pass it along.

Christmas Eve worship this Wednesday begins at 7:00. Invite your family and friends to join you in this special service that will include carols, candlelight, special music and an uplifting message from Pastor Lynch. Nursery care will be provided.

Infant care and a toddler class are held downstairs during worship and Sunday School.

Units for the hearing-impaired are available. Please speak with an usher for assistance.

CD's of today's service are available for \$2.00. Please contact Karen in the church office.

There will not be an extended session of Sunday School today for elementary age children so we can be together in worship.

Serving today: **Sunbeam Choir Director:** Bethany Oleyniczak, **Sound System:** Dick Lasher, **Acolyte:** Samantha and Michelle Patrick, **Ushers:** Barry Smith, Tom Gussler, Richard Funck, Dick Lasher, **Organist:** Audrey Scipioni.

Prayer request cards are in the pew rack. Please place them in the offering plate knowing that Pastor Lynch and the Bethany prayer chain will pray over your joys and concerns. If you would like to activate the Bethany prayer chain please call Vicki Smith at 838-5665.

Prayer joys/concerns: 1) For families gathering to celebrate Christmas. 2) Those missing loved ones this holiday season. 3) Hopeful and healing mercies for Joan Strait, Cara Scipioni, Annette Floyd, Arlene Gable, Wendy Kling, Freida and Ken Schaeffer. 4) Our servicemen and their families.