

# FOOTPRINTS

Bethel Lutheran Church

Believe—Belong—Become

*“Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path.” Psalm 119:105*

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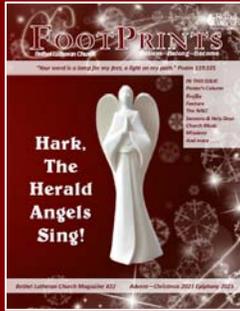
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*And more . . . .*

**Hark,  
The  
Herald  
Angels  
Sing!**



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With the name **FOOTPRINTS**, we honor our commitment to walk in the steps of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ leaving a legacy for others to follow. At the same time, we look back and acknowledge the Bethel believers and our own personal *cloud of witnesses* who have gone before us leaving their footprints of faith for us to follow. We hope our humble efforts give Glory to God and provide enlightenment, entertainment, and knowledge to our readers. God bless you all!

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Bethel's **vision** is to be a dynamic, life-changing church of fully devoted disciples of Jesus Christ.

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Bethel's **mission** is to **engage** the curious, **encourage** the convinced, and **empower** the committed to be fully devoted disciples of Jesus Christ.

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### PoWeR SuRge

- Pray daily
- Worship regularly
- Read Scripture daily
- Serve others
- Relate to other Christians in Faith
- Give of your financial resources

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# ADVENT—CHRISTMAS—EPHIPANY

## PASTOR'S COLUMN

PASTOR EMERITUS DOUG GAST



### Christmas Musings

“On coming to the house, the magi saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.” *Matthew 2:11*

They are the ones to blame. They are the ones who started a tradition of frenzied gift buying that starts earlier and earlier every year. Now we have multiple “Black Fridays” that start in early October. Yes, they are the ones who raised the ante on the cost of gifts that are given every Christmas. Who can outdo gold or frankincense or myrrh? Yes, it is the Magi who made gift giving heart and center of Christmas.

Terri and I were in Home Depot the week before Halloween and all the Christmas decorations were out and the Halloween decorations were relegated to a small out of the way place in the store. I told Terri I have to find the right “Tool of the Year” for each of my kids. For the last 25 years I have given a tool of the year to each of them, which now includes their spouses. And now, after that many years, it is getting harder and harder to come up with something new that doesn't break the bank. All I know is that the tool of the year is one gift my children, who are now very much adults, really look forward to getting.

Christmas is in so many ways defined by gift giving. Here's a humorous story that illustrates that. A kindly 90- year-old grandmother found buying presents for family and friends a bit much one Christmas, so she wrote out checks for all of them to put in their Christmas cards. In each card she carefully wrote, “Buy your own present,” and then sent them off. After the Christmas festivities were over, she found the checks under a pile of papers on the desk. Everyone on her gift list had received a beautiful Christmas card from her with “Buy your own present,” written inside, but without the checks. That's a Christmas they will long remember.

Gifts are part of these holy days. We are all making our gift lists and checking them twice. I think most of us really do try to come up with gifts that are thoughtful and useful. The person who is the hardest to buy for is my wife Terri. You would think it would be so easy to buy a gift for someone you live with daily. Ya . . . no! Through the years I have bought jewelry, clothes, appliances, household items. One year I even got her drywall. She still reminds me of that endearing gift! But more and more these days what I am discovering is the most precious gift is the gift of time together, being together, and sharing life together. Going to a play or a performance that I think she will enjoy, a couple of days at an Airbnb, finding a “Diners, Drive-ins, & Dives” as we travel, are very fun and much appreciated gifts.

The gifts we have shared lately have not come from a store shelf, nor are they gifts you can have delivered from Amazon. They have not been gifts that are incredibly expensive. They have not been the gifts wrapped in bright holiday paper. Nor have they been gifts given with little thought. We haven't had to worry about whether they will fit or if we already have one of them. The gifts have been our shared time and presence . . . of being and doing together . . . living and loving together.



Now this is important Christmas talk, because God determined to not only give us the gift of himself, but the gift of His everlasting love, His guiding Word, and His grace, wrapped up in his presence in our time. He was and is determined to wrap the gift in a perfect way for us. As we come to the manger again this year, we see not just a child wrapped in swaddling clothes, but we see God Himself wrapped in human flesh. There we see the great good news that God is with us. He is with us today. He is with us in every situation. He is with us to offer help, healing, strength and courage, and to join us on our journey on this earth. He is the gift as we approach the manger . . . for He is the gift.

As I conclude this musing, let me share what I hope and pray for those on my Christmas list.

To those who are facing their first Christ after the death of someone dear and special, I would give you the gift of warm and sacred memories, and the comfort of a heavenly hope and promise that God cares and God is with you, to see you through your grief.

To the husband and wife who have come to the point in their relationship where a chill has replaced the warmth, where once best friends are now heated adversaries, I would bring their hands together and find ways for them to speak in love and tenderness.

To the family whose child has taken a path to a far country, I would pray that that child would come to their senses and return to you whole and healthy.

To the person whose life has been filled with bitterness or resentment, I would pray for the gift of expressing sorrow and for the giving and receiving of forgiveness for all the hurt and pain.

To the person who has marked up a banner year of great success and material benefit, I would pray they would have a heart full of gratitude and humility and give God thanks for their many blessings.

To the person who has had a year of adversity, setbacks, disappointments and overwhelming challenges, I would give them the gift of a courage born of God that can defeat despair, a way of seeing that God is working good even when times are dark, and a solid faith that can entrust all to God's care and keeping. I would pray for them to have the strength of spirit, mind and soul to not just endure but to conquer.

And more than anything else I would give to all the gift of peace - the peace of God which surpasses all human understanding. I would pray that on Christmas day they would hear angels proclaiming peace on earth and good will to all, and I would pray they could see Jesus come into their fears, worries, distresses and doubts and hear the gentle reassuring voice of Jesus offering, “Peace be with you.”

And I pray that all of us, as we journey to the manger this year will worry less about the gifts we bring and consider deeply the truest gift we are receiving.



# PROFILE: Randy & Dee Baskerville



By Dee Baskerville

Randy and Dee Baskerville live in Indianapolis. They have two sons: Randy Jr and Donny. Randy Jr is married to Jennifer, and they have one child Hailey Grace (2) along with two rescue dogs Nova and Stella. Donny lives at home with his parents and their cat Luke.



Randy Sr & Dee Baskerville

Dee was born in Greenfield, IN but lived in Lawrence (east side of Indianapolis) all her life. She has two sisters Debbie (older) and Kaye (younger/deceased). Her father (Donald/deceased) was a master mason and worked construction laying bricks. Her mom (Tina) was a stay-at-home mom. Dee was brought to the Lutheran church by her grandfather (Dick) and attended Ebenezer Lutheran Church on Millersville Road to the age of 18.

Randy was born in Indianapolis, IN but also lived in Greenfield, IN before settling in Lawrence. Randy has a brother (Richard) and sister (Shannon). His parents were divorced when he was a youth. His mom (Sylvia) moved into the house next door to Dee when Randy was 10 years old. His father (Lyndale/deceased) remarried and moved to Lake Cataract. His mom worked at Jenn-Air until it was sold and then retired. His father worked at Ford.

Randy and Dee both graduated from Lawrence Central High School, he in 1978 and she in 1979. Randy went on to work at Allison Transmission until last year when he retired. Dee went on to college attending Ball State University obtaining her B.S. Degree in Office Systems. While at Ball State, Dee and a group 7 others tried to start a Chapter the Phi Beta Chi Sorority, but due to the rules for Sororities on Campus and the Charter being Lutheran, the University would not allow the Chapter to be formed.

Dee started working for the Federal Government in high school at DFAS throughout college and until 1985 when she was picked up by U.S. Customs and Border Protection when they moved their finance office to Indianapolis.

While working at Customs, Dee obtained an associate degree in Accounting from Vincennes University graduating with a *Magna Cum Laud* in 1996.

Randy and Dee, although growing up together, did not date until 1984. They were married on September 20, 1986, at Lawrence United Methodist Church as neither one was attending a church. And yes, I married the boy next door.

Randy and Dee got involved with the Boy Scouts when their son, Randy Jr came home in 1994 with a flyer from school, and said, "I want to do this."



Randy Jr, Hailey & Jennifer Baskerville



Donny Baskerville



Luke



Nova & Stella

So started our 30 plus years in Scouts. Both Randy Jr and Donny obtained their Eagle Rank, and the whole family has also obtained their Vigil Honor in the Order of the Arrow.



*Dee & Randy Sr Baskerville*

Through Scouts, Randy and Dee met Gay Hanson. When 9-11 happened, we took a closer look at our life and decided that God needed to be in it. I was brought up as Lutheran, and I knew Gay was Lutheran through talking with her. She invited Randy and me to join her and her husband Bob at their church, Servants of Christ Lutheran Church in Indianapolis. Thus began our long friendship through Scouts and Church. We have followed Gay and Bob to several Lutheran Churches over the years since 2001, ending up at Bethel in 2012.

Randy and the boys were baptized Lutherans in a private service while at Servants of Christ in 2007.

When we walked into Bethel the first time we were greeted by members of the church and warmly welcomed. After service, we were asked by Bob and Gay if we were going to come back. Our answer was "YES!" as we felt the church was home and the people more like family than any other church we had been at.



*Dee & Randy Sr*

At Bethel, we became involved in Missions Committee and are still part of that group with Randy serving as Missions Chair for the Church Council.

Dee is also involved in Creative Spirits group, runs the annual Fish Fry, and is on the finance committee as the accountant for the church paying the bills.

Randy retired from Allison Transmissions and General Motors in 2021 (48 years), and Dee will be retiring from U.S. Customs and Border Protection in December 2022 (40 years).

We enjoyed our first cruise in 2013 since being asked to go on it with Bob and Gay Hanson and two other couples. We have been on more than a few since and will be cruising in our retirement years and spending time with our Granddaughter.



*Randy Sr & Dee cruising*



*Cruise Friends  
Anne & Jack Phillips  
Gay Hanson  
Randy Sr & Dee*



*Granddaughter Hailey*

# DISASTER RESPONSE

By Gay Hanson

## HEARTLAND MISSION DISTRICT DISASTER RESPONSE WAREHOUSE



On October 6, the Heartland Mission District dedicated and blessed its new Disaster Response Warehouse located at Peace Lutheran Church in Connersville, Indiana.

The warehouse was funded by the NALC and built mainly by members of Peace Lutheran Church. Members of Bethel and other mission district churches supplied some of the labor.

The warehouse will store flood buckets, school kits, quilts & blankets, health care kits, and Bibles donated by churches in the mission district. Whenever the NALC needs them, they will be able to access those supplies to help people affected by disasters.

At the Convocation in October, Bethel Missions donated materials for flood buckets, rakes, shovels, brooms, health kits, miscellaneous school supplies, including 50 backpacks, 50 Bibles, and a dual-fuel generator. Mary Bates, NALC Disaster Response Coordinator, remarked that she had never had a generator donated before and had an immediate use for it to power a portable shower unit that was heading for Florida to help areas hit by Hurricane Ian. The flood buckets, rakes, shovels, brooms, health kits, and some left-over construction materials from the warehouse build were all loaded into Mary's trailer to be transported to Florida immediately.

Your donations to Missions are making a difference in people's lives! Thank you!



# WAREHOUSE





# CELEBRATING & HONORING OUR 80+ MEMBERS!

**Tom Alford**  
**Gayle Anderson**  
**Phyllis Anderson**  
**Linda Beach**  
**Bob Beeman**  
**Carl Behrendt**  
**Clara Behrendt**  
**Jeff Bish**  
**Maury Coperhaver**  
**Jim Diamond**  
**Joy Diamond**  
**John Erney**  
**Dee Evans**  
**Marlene Foley**  
**John Grimes**  
**Glenda Grimes**  
**Nancy Hansen**  
**Vic Hansen**  
**Bob Heiskell**  
**Jean Holmes**  
**Roberta Jackson**  
**Nora Lee Kerry**  
**Roy Kerry**  
**Irene Kinyon**  
**Paul Krebs**

**Carole Kuhn**  
**Trudy Kussow**  
**Paul Lake**  
**Dale Martz**  
**Nancy Martz**  
**Bill Mikulski**  
**Mary Jo Mikulski**  
**Jim Nightenhelser**  
**Judith Ottinger**  
**Jim Pedersen**  
**Randy Peters**  
**Shannon Schneider**  
**Jerry Schulenburg**  
**Duke Schuller**  
**Janie Schuller**  
**Wanda Simmons**  
**Linda Stevens**  
**Myron Storms**  
**Al Stowell**  
**Roxanna Stowell**  
**Gary Turnage**  
**Jenny Turnage**  
**Carole Vandeventer**  
**Jane Whitmore**  
**Joyce Windhorn**

For I am sure of this very thing, that the one who began a good work in you will perfect it until the day of Christ Jesus. *Philippians 1:6*

# STEWARDSHIP 2022

## *Being a Biblical Giver*

### BEING A BIBLICAL GIVER



I recently read a story about a man who went to India and on a Sunday while there worshiped in a local church in a small town. When it was time for the offering, he went up and placed his offering on the altar. As he watched the others bring their offerings, many offerings seemed to be small bags of food. After the service he asked the pastor what that meant. The pastor explained that the people in the church were very poor. Each day as they cooked their food, they would take a small handful of the rice and place it in a bag and then Sunday morning they would bring the bag as their offering. On Monday the church would have a food

sale, and the proceeds would fund their ministry.

This demonstration of their stewardship was part of the 6 traits of a Biblical Giver. They were Intentional about their stewardship giving. They purposely set aside a portion each day for the Sunday giving. This is what we, as good stewards of what God has given us, are to do — be intentional each week with our giving.

Secondly, they were Regular in their giving as they placed their offering at the altar each Sunday during worship. This way your gift to God is always a part of your weekly life in Christ.

Thirdly, they truly practiced Generosity, the third trait of a Biblical Giver. When you are as poor as these people were, it was generous to give a handful of grain because the amount for their dinner may

only be several handfuls of grain each day, but they purposely put some aside for their worship.

The fourth trait of a Biblical Giver is doing it First. Following Deuteronomy 26:1-2 the people of this church were placing the handful in the bag for Sunday before they put rice in the pot for dinner. This is prayerfully giving First to the Lord before anything else.

The fifth trait of a Biblical Giver is to do this Proportionally using your assets. The only real asset that the people in this small village had was the food they ate. So, they placed a portion in relationship to the total for the Lord. The action of the widow who place the mite in the offering is another example of the proportion we place in the offering plate for our Lord. No matter how small or large our monetary value is, we are to do it in proportion to what our Lord has given us.

The 6<sup>th</sup> and last trait of a Biblical Giver is to give it Cheerfully. As we place our offering in the plate, we give thanks to God that we can give to His work in the world and be cheerful and excited that we are privileged to have this opportunity. God has been abundant in His gifts to us so we can, with a sense of joy, give our offering on Sunday. That is why in the service the phrases we sing as the offering goes up to the altar are uplifting and cheerful. We are thanking God for the many opportunities He has given us. Praise the Lord!

As you prayerfully consider your Stewardship Commitment Card think about how you can observe these six traits of a Biblical Giver in writing down the amount on your card. Then, on November 20 when we bless the cards, we can truly sing praises to God for the gifts He has given us and the gifts we return to him.

Mary Jo Mikulski  
Stewardship Chair

***Commitment Weekend  
will be  
November 19-20  
at all services***



*Posterity shall serve him; it shall be told of the LORD to the coming generation; they shall come and proclaim his righteousness to a people yet unborn, that he has done it. –Psalm 22:30-31*

# The 2020 Vision provides the pathway to ensuring a legacy of faith **today, tomorrow & forever** in all NALC congregations through *four primary objectives:*

## GROW

To ensure long-term vitality and fruitfulness for our congregations, we must constantly adapt and expand the reach of Jesus Christ by carrying out Christ’s Great Commission. GROW places importance on our ability to expand and mature as congregations of the NALC.



## SERVE

We recognize the fundamental role that strong theological formation plays in the capacity of our congregations to carry out faithful mission work as we thrive and live out God’s word. SERVE — one of the four main components of this vision — lays out the pathway for empowering all NALC congregations to form healthy, authentic Christian communities that serve our world.



## RENEW

Even with the best congregational strategies, our community needs the periodic opportunity to reaffirm its roots while looking ahead to the future. RENEW — one of the four main components of this vision — provides opportunities for all NALC congregations to be renewed by the Holy Spirit.



## FULFILL

Our calling as Christians and congregations in the North American Lutheran Church is much larger than ourselves. We belong to a legacy of faith. Through the 2020 Vision, our congregations devote themselves to join God in His work to FULFILL His promises, taking with them our call to discipleship and our core values as we continue the legacy of faith.



# MISSIONS



## Disaster Response

KIT PACKING LIST  
UPDATED January 2022



### Bibles

- ◇ new or used (*highlighted & underlined text is acceptable*)
- ◇ children's, teens *We encourage you to*
- ◇ Spanish *write messages of*
- ◇ large print *hope in the front pages*
- ◇ prayer books *of donated Bibles.*

### Flood Bucket

- ◇ 1 five-gallon bucket with lid
- ◇ 1 jug bleach
- ◇ 2 large trash bags
- ◇ 1 roll paper towels or cleaning rags
- ◇ Comet or scouring cleanser
- ◇ Pine Sol or liquid cleaner
- ◇ scrub brush
- ◇ gloves, 1 pair each, size L preferred
  - ◆ rubber (reusable, i.e. Platex, dishwashing type)
  - ◆ leather
  - ◆ cotton

### Health Care Kit (*Pack in 2-gallon Ziplock bag or tote bag*)

- ◇ 1 bar of soap (regular size or 2 travel size)
- ◇ 1 bath towel
- ◇ 1 wash cloth
- ◇ 1 shampoo (regular size or 2 travel size) (optional)
- ◇ 1 toothbrush
- ◇ 1 pack of floss
- ◇ 1 toothpaste (2 if travel size)
- ◇ 1 comb
- ◇ 1 deodorant
- ◇ 1 nail clippers (optional)
- ◇ Quilts & Blankets (Esp. electric blankets) – any size
- ◇ any fabric including religious, patriotic/military theme, seasonal

### School Kit – Elementary

- ◇ 1 backpack or duffel bag
- ◇ 4 notebooks & 4 pocket folders
- ◇ 1 blunt scissors & 1 ruler
- ◇ 1 pencil sharpener & eraser
- ◇ 4 pencils
- ◇ 2 pens
- ◇ 1 crayons (optional)

“Serve one another humbly in love”  
GALATIANS 5:13b

### School Kit – High School

- ◇ 1 backpack or duffel bag
- ◇ 4 notebooks & 4 pocket folders
- ◇ 4 pencils, 1 pencil sharpener & eraser -or-
- ◇ 4 mechanical pencils
- ◇ 4 pens
- ◇ 1 calculator (optional)

### Miscellaneous (pack like items together)

- ◇ 1 backpack or duffel bag
- ◇ masks (bundle/pack each type separately)
  - ◆ painting
  - ◆ sanding
  - ◆ N95
- ◇ baby diapers (disposable, assorted sizes)
- ◇ high school calculators
- ◇ any school supply can be donated in bulk quantities.
- ◇ mops, brooms & dustpans
- ◇ rakes, shovels, etc.

### Gift Cards

- ◇ Home Depot
- ◇ Lowe's
- ◇ Walmart
- ◇ Visa or Mastercard

For more information, please email Mary Bates, disaster-response@thenalc.org or visit thenalc.org/nalc-disaster



### **HOW TO PACK YOUR DISASTER KITS:**

Pack completed kits, in sturdy boxes (not overly large). Label contents and quantity in LARGE, BLOCK LETTERS and place labels on at least one end and one side of the box so the contents will be visible regardless of how box is stacked.

Include the name and address of your group or congregation on each box with a label that says: *A GIFT FROM [church/group name and address]*

### **FINANCIAL DONATIONS**

Your monetary donations are always appreciated. Please note that, effective 12/14/2020, the address to which all monetary donations should be sent has changed to:

North American Lutheran Church  
PO BOX 860565  
Minneapolis, MN 55486-0565

# SEASONS & HOLY DAYS

## ANGELS AND THE FOUR DREAMS OF JOSEPH

by Gay Hanson

Joseph, the carpenter, was the human father of Jesus. Little is really known about him, but the Bible describes him as a “righteous man.” For God’s will to be done, Joseph had four dreams.

**Dream 1**—Joseph was betrothed to Mary when she became pregnant with Jesus. Joseph probably did not believe that Mary had become pregnant by the Holy Spirit, but he did not want to disgrace her so he planned to divorce her in private; then, an angel appeared to Joseph in a dream and told him the child was Holy, and he should be named *Jesus*. Joseph believed and did as the angel told him to do.

**Dream 2**—Emperor Herod wanted to destroy the baby Jesus. He had tried to find out where the baby was from the Magi, but God had warned them to take a different route home. Herod, therefore, decided to kill all the male children under the age of 2 in the area of Bethlehem. Before that could occur, an angel warned Joseph in a dream to take Mary and Jesus into Egypt. They remained there until called back, fulfilling the prophecy in Hosea 11:1, “Out of Egypt did I call my son.”

**Dream 3**—When Herod was dead, an angel appeared in a dream and told Joseph that he could return from Egypt to the land of Israel (Canaan) with Jesus and Mary. They did not return to Judea as there were still rulers there that could be dangerous to them, but through another dream, Joseph knew it would be safe to return to the northern part of “the land of Israel.”

**Dream 4**—God warned Joseph not to go to Judea but to go to the land of Israel. This is how the family ended up in the city of Nazareth. Again, there was fulfillment of prophesy that “he could be called a Nazarene.” It was a place despised due to its mixed population and lack of education. The Old Testament foretold that Jesus would be despised and rejected and being a “Nazarene” played into the prejudices of the time, as for some he was identified as a false Messiah. They ignored or didn’t know that Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in fulfillment of Micah’s prophesy (Mic 5:2).

Because Joseph was a righteous man and believed the messages God sent him in dreams, he was able to protect a young Jesus and fulfill prophesies.

### BIBLE VERSES:

#### **Matthew 1:18-25**

Now the birth of Jesus Christ was as follows. When His mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child by the Holy Spirit. And Joseph her husband, being a righteous man, and not wanting to disgrace her, desired to put her away secretly. But when he had considered this, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife; for that which has been conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit. "And she will bear a Son; and you shall call His name Jesus, for it is He who will save His people from their sins." Now all this took place that what was spoken by the Lord through the prophet might be fulfilled, saying, "Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and shall bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel," which translated means, "God with us." And Joseph arose from his sleep, and did as the angel of the Lord commanded him, and took her as his wife, and kept her a virgin until she gave birth to a Son; and he called His name Jesus.

#### **Matthew 2:13**

Now when they [the wise men] had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream, saying, "Arise and take the Child and His mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is going to search for the Child to destroy Him."

#### **Matthew 2:19-20**

But when Herod was dead, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, saying, "Arise and take the Child and His mother, and go into the land of Israel; for those who sought the Child's life are dead."

#### **Matthew 2:22-23**

But when he heard that Archelaus was reigning in Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. Having been warned in a dream, he withdrew to the district of Galilee, <sup>23</sup> and he went and lived in a town called Nazareth. So was fulfilled what was said through the prophets, that he would be called a Nazarene.

#### **Micah 5:2**

“But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are small among the clans<sup>[a]</sup> of Judah, out of you will come for me one who will be ruler over Israel, whose origins are from of old, from ancient times.”

# LUTHERAN CHRISTIANS

## WHO WE ARE - WHAT WE BELIEVE

by Jill Dietz

### THE ANGELS MICHAEL & GABRIEL

Angels are mentioned 273 times in the Bible, but only two of those angels are named: Michael and Gabriel. By giving them both names and by giving Michael the title of archangel, God was showing just how important these two messengers would be.

*Arch* is a Greek prefix that means 'chief' and *angelos* means 'messenger'. Michael is the only one listed as an archangel. The duties of an archangel were to rule over the other angels and to deliver messages from God to people. The term archangel is only mentioned twice in the Bible — one naming Michael and the other one having to do with the end of time.

Jude 1:9 – *But even the archangel Michael, when he was disputing the devil about the body of Moses, did not dare to bring a slanderous accusation against him, but said, "The Lord rebuke you!"*

1 Thessalonians 4:16 - *For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first.*

The name Michael means "Who is like God." Michael's role was to guard the nation of Israel and the Jewish people. He was God's chief warrior angel, and it is believed that Michael is the one who fought with and threw Satan out from heaven and became the top angel.

Michael is often shown wearing armor, being ready for battle which is fitting for God's warrior. Blue is the color associated with him. Blue stands for power, protection, faith, courage, and strength, which is a very accurate description of the Archangel Michael.

Gabriel means "God's hero," and he was God's special messenger, appearing several times to give important announcements and tell of special events.

Gabriel had the wonderful job of telling Mary she would be the mother of Jesus and it is likely that he is the one who spoke to Joseph, telling him that Mary would have a baby called Jesus. The Bible never states Gabriel is an archangel. Gabriel is mentioned 4 times in the Bible.



Daniel 8:16 – *And I heard a man's voice from the Ulai (meaning the river Daniel was standing by at the time) calling, "Gabriel, tell this man the meaning of the vision."*

Daniel 9: 21 – *While I was still in prayer, Gabriel, the man I had seen in the earlier vision, came to me in swift flight about the time of the evening sacrifice.*

Luke 1:19 – *The angel answered, "I am Gabriel. I stand in the presence of God, and I have been sent to speak to you and to tell you this good news."*

Luke 1: 26 – *In the sixth month, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee.*

Gabriel is often shown bearing an important message. Gabriel provides purity, fulfillment and direction, so the color white represents Gabriel.

Jewish tradition states there are 7 archangels. These are named in a group of books know as the Apocrypha. These books are considered sacred to the Jewish people, Catholics, and some Orthodox Christians.

Angels deliver God's messages to humanity, witness and offer worship to God, and lead and guide us. They keep us safe when faced with adversity. God is always present, but He also surrounds us with an abundance of angels, including Michael and Gabriel.



# ASK THE PASTOR



IS THERE SOMETHING YOU ALWAYS WANTED TO ASK?

By Pastor Dave Hill

## What can we learn About and From Angels?

"Every time a bell rings, an angel gets his wings." Even if you haven't seen the movie *"It's a Wonderful Life"* (why haven't you?), you've probably heard this saying. But is it true? Hold on! The answer is yet to come!

My friends, at and around this time of the year, angels are seen just about everywhere, even though they aren't omnipresent. They are especially popular as collectibles. Decorative angel figurines can be found on lots of store shelves. Angel characters appear in television shows, novels, and movies. *They even play baseball in Los Angeles!* Well...that's a different story! And, at Christmas time, people put angels in their nativity scenes, and on the top of their Christmas tree, and they dress children to look like angels for the church's annual Christmas pageant.

Don't we even call first responders angels? And don't we often refer to those who volunteer at homeless shelters as angels? And everybody knows that they shouldn't drive faster than their guardian angels can fly. *Right?* And I'll bet you didn't know that there was even a survey done showing that angels are 3rd on a list of the most popular tattoos! Clearly, we love these spiritual beings! But what can we learn *about* and *from* them?

Well, the word *angel* comes from the Greek word *αγγελος*, pronounced *an-gel-os*, which means *messenger*. Some English translations of the Bible also translate *מלאך* pronounced *malak*, the Hebrew word for messenger, as *angel* especially when the *malak* is from God. So, we learn that sharing a message from God is the primary role of angels in the Bible.

In the first three chapters of Luke's gospel, for example, the angel Gabriel appeared to Mary to tell her that she would be the mother of Jesus. And an unnamed angel came to Joseph in dreams to guide him through Mary's pregnancy and the early days of Jesus' life. Another appeared to Zechariah to tell him that Elizabeth would give birth to John the Baptist. Then, on the night of Jesus' birth, an angel informed a group of shepherds that they could find the Christ child in a manger, followed by a large group of angels praising God.

Messengers from God announced other special births in the Bible. Three visitors told Abraham and Sarah that Isaac would be born, and a messenger from God told a woman she would soon be the mother of Samson.

In addition to making heavenly birth announcements, these messengers sometimes served in other ways. King Nebuchadnezzar said that a messenger protected Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego from being consumed in the fiery furnace. Daniel spoke of the king that God sent



a *malak* to keep safe in the lions' pit. God's messengers ministered to Elijah when he was on the run, and to Jesus when he was tempted in the desert. Jacob saw them ascending and descending on a ladder or staircase, and Balaam's donkey saw one that helped God get the prophet's attention.

Winged creatures, called *seraphim*, appeared around the throne of God in Isaiah's vision, and assisted in calling him into the ministry of prophecy. John reports in the book of Revelation that angels surround God's throne where they fall facedown and worship. In the book of Acts, angels encouraged the early followers of Jesus to begin their ministry, freed Paul and others from prison, and facilitated meetings between believers and non-believers. These and other encounters described in the Bible offer clues about the nature and function of angels, but questions remain.

Another angelic figure repeatedly mentioned in the Bible is a *Cherub*, known in the plural form as *Cherubim*. They are described as serving the will of God, and performing divine duties in the earthly realm. Their initial responsibility, as we learn from the Old Testament book of Genesis, was to protect the Garden of Eden. They are also associated with the worship and praise of God and are first introduced in Genesis 3:24 where, after God drove Adam and Eve out of the Garden of Eden, he placed cherubim and a flaming sword on the east side of the garden to guard the way to the tree of life. Here's an interesting nugget of truth: before his rebellion and fall from heaven, *Satan* was a member angel of the cherubim (Ezekiel 28:12-15).

While there is much we may never know about angels until we meet them, it is helpful to know that they serve as our example of how to live as citizens of the Kingdom of God in our lives today. So, let's all try to do as they do, by working to do Jesus' will on earth as they do in heaven.

Which brings us back to good old Clarence Obody, "Angel Second Class", who showed George Bailey in the aforementioned movie how different things would have been if he had never been born. Clarence "earned his wings" by showing Bailey the positive influence that Bailey had had on the lives of his friends and neighbors and that gave George Bailey hope when he was feeling quite hopeless. Now, Frank Capra, the director of the movie, never intended his depiction of Clarence to be biblically accurate, and the Bible doesn't support the idea that when a bell rings an angel gets wings, but there is some value in Clarence's story. It teaches us that being a messenger of the love and grace of God to one who is struggling, is one of the roles of angels that we really need to imitate not only around Christmas time but in every second, minute, hour, day, week, month, and year of life. *Amen???*

In HIS love,

*Pastor Dave*

# SATAN, THE FALLEN ANGEL

## NOT ALL ANGELS ARE GOOD—SOME BECOME DEMONS

Who is Satan, the Fallen Angel? Satan is a spirit being who was created by God before the creation of the heavens and the earth (Job 38:4-7). He is in no way equal to God, neither omnipresent nor omniscient. Some believe he was one of three archangels (the other two being Michael and Gabriel), but the Bible identifies only one archangel by name — Michael (Jude 9). However, the book of Daniel indicates that there may be other archangels when it says that Michael was “one of the chief princes,” implying there are other angels of his type (Daniel 10:13).

We are told in the Scriptures that Satan was created in perfection, and that therefore he was “full of wisdom” and “perfect in beauty” (Ezekiel 28:12-13). In addition, we are told that he was covered with precious gems (Ezekiel 28:13).

Why did Satan “fall?” As with all of God’s higher beings, both people and angels, Satan was given free will because God desires true fellowship and not the adoration of robots. In Isaiah, we are told that, tragically, Satan used his free will to make the decision to rebel against God. Isaiah describes it in this way, quoting Satan (Isaiah 14:13-14):

I will ascend to heaven;  
I will raise my throne about the stars of God,  
And I will sit on the mount of assembly...  
I will ascend above the heights of the clouds;  
I will make myself like the  
Most High.

Notice particularly the repetition of the phrase, “I will.” These words seethe with rebellion, and Ezekiel tells us that the rebellion was rooted in pride: “Your heart was lifted up because of your beauty; you corrupted your wisdom by reason of your splendor” (Ezekiel 28:17). Satan became filled with unrighteousness and violence, and his sin resulted in God casting him out of Heaven (Ezekiel 28:15-17).

Satan took one-third of the heavenly host with him (Revelation 12:4) when he was cast out of Heaven, Jesus even referred to this event when He told His disciples, “I saw Satan fall from Heaven like lightning” (Luke 10:18). The angels who rebelled with Satan became the demonic spirits that infest the world today. This is the reason that Satan was referred to by the Pharisees as “the ruler of the demons” (Matthew 9:34).

Satan is not some inanimate evil force or power. He is a real person with all the traits of personality — feelings, emotions, will and intelligence.

He appeared to Jesus and tempted Him mightily in the Judean wilderness (Matthew 4:1-10). Jesus carried on a vigorous conversation with Satan. Jesus was not talking to a shadow or to Himself. Satan is never presented

anywhere in the Scriptures as anything other than a supernatural spirit being — a person in every sense of the term.

The character of Satan is thoroughly despicable. He is the essence of evil. He is described in the Scriptures as “a murderer” and “the father of lies” (John 8:44). The New International Version puts it colorfully when it says that when Satan lies, “he speaks his native language” (John 8:44).

Two titles that refer to Satan in the Bible are often confusing and disturbing to Christians — namely, “God of this world” and “Prince of this world.” “How can this be?” people often ask. “Didn’t Jesus defeat Satan at the Cross? Hasn’t Satan been dethroned?”

The answer is that Satan’s ultimate defeat was sealed at the Cross, but it has not yet been realized in history. That’s why many years after the Cross, the Apostle John wrote, “...the whole world lies in the power of the evil one” (1 John 5:19). The writer of the book of Hebrews asserts that all things have been put in subjection to Christ, “but now we do not yet see all things subjected to Him” (Hebrews 2:8).

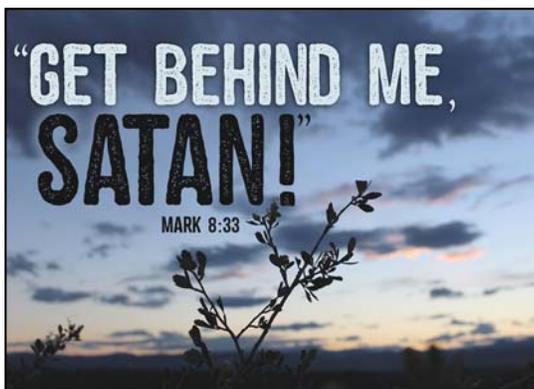
The dethroning of Satan as the prince of this world was guaranteed by Jesus’ victory over the Cross through the power of His resurrection, but Satan will not actually be removed from his throne until Jesus returns, at which

time “the God of peace will crush Satan...” (Romans 16:20). The total defeat of Satan is a delayed benefit of the Cross, just as is the receipt of our glorified bodies.

While awaiting Satan’s ultimate defeat, we must deal with the temptations he and his demonic hordes place in front of us. Fortunately, we believers have the blessing of the indwelling of the Holy Spirit, and we are assured that “He who is within us is greater than he who is in the world” (1 John 4:4).

We are encouraged to “put on the full armor of God,” that we might be able “to stand against the schemes of the devil” (Ephesians 6:11). We are told that if we submit ourselves to God; then, when we resist the devil, he will flee from us (James 4:7).

We are further advised to avoid giving Satan an opportunity in our lives (Ephesians 4:27). In other words, we should do everything we can to avoid temptation, and it is always much easier to avoid temptation than it is to resist it. So, as Jesus said to Peter in Matthew 16:23, “Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; you do not have in mind the concerns of God, but merely human concerns.”



# CHURCH MUSIC

## HYMNS



By Jill Dietz

### “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”

This Christmas carol first appeared in 1739 and is based on Luke 2:14: *Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests.* Charles Wesley wrote the original poem to music that was slow and solemn, which we no longer use. His first stanza was altered in 1754, to our current version, by George Whitefield. In 1782, Whitefield added the change of repeating the opening line, as a chorus, at the end of each stanza. These two men were founding ministers of the Methodist church. One hundred years later, Felix Mendelssohn composed a cantata to commemorate Gutenberg’s printing press and some of this music was adapted by William H. Cummings to fit the lyrics that is the version used today.

After the solemn music did not work, Wesley thought his poem could be sung to the same tune as a song he wrote for Easter, “Christ the Lord is Risen Today.” Wesley is known to have written over 6,000 hymns. His goal was to teach the poor and illiterate sound doctrine through his hymns, and this song certainly does that!

The first stanza describes the good news of the Savior’s birth. The second stanza shows the awesomeness of Christ’s second coming and that He would reign forever. The final stanza tells of the love and power of Christ.

By singing this one song, we proclaim the entire story of Jesus – His birth, His coming again and His great power of forgiveness for our sins and His promise of our future home in heaven.

“Hark!  
The herald angels sing,  
Glory to the new-born king!”



### Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

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Words by Charles Wesley & Music by Felix Mendelssohn

1 Hark! The herald angels sing,  
“Glory to the new-born king;  
peace on earth, and mercy mild,  
God and sinners reconciled.”  
Joyful, all you nations, rise;  
join the triumph of the skies;  
with angelic hosts proclaim,  
“Christ is born in Bethlehem!”

Refrain:

Hark! The herald angels sing,  
“Glory to the new-born king!”

2 Christ, by highest heav'n adored,  
Christ, the ever-lasting Lord,  
late in time behold him come,  
offspring of the virgin's womb.  
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see!  
Hail, the incarnate deity!  
Pleased as man with us to dwell,  
Jesus, our Emmanuel! [Refrain]

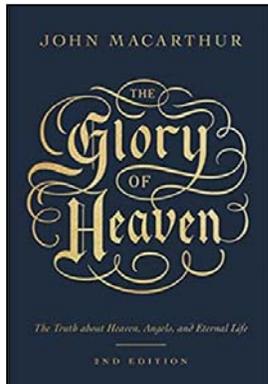
3 Hail the heav'n-born Prince of peace!  
Hail the Sun of Righteousness!  
Light and life to all he brings,  
ris'n with healing in his wings.  
Mild he lays his glory by,  
born that we no more may die,  
born to raise each child of earth,  
born to give us second birth. [Refrain]



# BOOKS OF INTEREST

Reviews by Trudy Kusow

Reading level:  
Teen through Adult



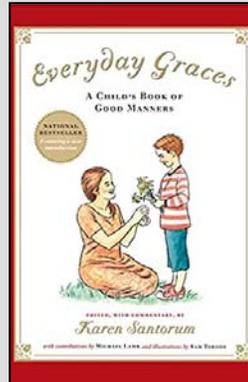
## THE GLORY OF HEAVEN

**The Truth About Heaven, Angels and Eternal Life**  
by John MacArthur

The truth about heaven, angels and eternal life is to be found in the Bible, and John MacArthur, well known pastor, author and lecturer, shows us what the Bible tells us about these things. Much of what we would like to know about the afterlife is not very clear from the Bible, but if we delve into what is in the Bible about heaven, we can begin to have a better view of the beautiful future that awaits us there. In his familiar, articulate style MacArthur is able to counter-act many of the misconceptions about the afterlife that have become popular in our culture.



Reading level:  
Young Children



## EVERYDAY GRACES

**A Child's Book of Good Manners**

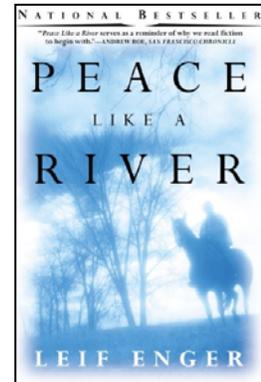
*Edited by Karen Santorum*

A big book full of delightful stories, chapters of children's novels, poems, and fables that reveal the joys of civility and consideration for others as we proceed through our world. The wisdom in the anthology comes from classic as well as contemporary sources.

Chapter headings include: Good Manners at Home, Washing and Dressing, Caring for the Elderly and Sick, Getting Along With Others, Kindness Toward Animals, and more.

Karen Santorum has made pleasant and appropriate selections. In many instances she adds graceful comments of her own to emphasize the points made in the selections. Children could read these on their own, but reading them with a parent could be much more effective.

Reading level:  
Teen through Adult



## PEACE LIKE A RIVER

*by Leif Enger*

This book is a great read. It is the story of a man, Jeremiah Land, who is the source of many unplanned miracles, told through the voice of Reuben, his 11-year-old son. It is a deeply meaningful story told with much understated humor and amazingly clever prose. It is an exceptionally heartfelt and moving tale about the resilience of family relationships told through the prism of memory.

The attempts of the family to find Davy, the older brother, who is wanted by the law, take them through travels in North Dakota and reveals the lengths to which people will go to protect those they love.

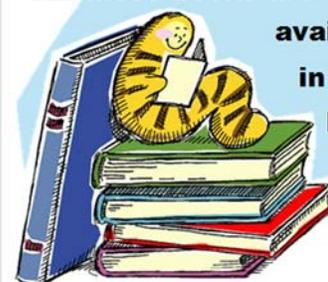
All these books are

available

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# MISSIONS

## THE BETHEL ANGEL TREE

Janice Sackers

My mother started the *Bethel Angel Tree* program over 30 years ago as her passion was volunteering, and she was very active in the church as well as throughout the community of Hamilton County. Another program she started was *Bingo Babes* where a group of volunteers went to local nursing homes to play Bingo with the residents. When her cancer got the better of her, she passed the *Bingo Babes* program over to Kyle Smith who led it for years.

My mother also served as a volunteer in the church office and was known as Doug's "girl Friday." She assisted him with letter writing, sermons, and a plethora of duties which she thoroughly enjoyed. In fact, when I look around the church office there are still many things that remain that she, as well as my father, donated to Bethel.

She started the *Angel Tree* program throughout Hamilton County, and Bethel became a part of that program. The passion my mother had for this program was mentored and instilled into me. She served from the heart. Her life was of service to God and volunteering to those in the nursing and children's homes. She would say "We have so much and they have so little, and we must give."

The purpose of the program is to provide gifts for the those "needy" residents in the nursing homes in Hamilton County plus developmental homes for children and young adults that are physically and mentally impaired. This *Angel Tree* program allows those residents to receive Christmas which they would not otherwise have. The program has been able to stand on its own due to her involvement, its purpose, and with the continued supporters that have been involved since the beginning. Bethel has been a part of this mission for over 35 years. (In the years past, a group of Bethel ladies would get together and wrap all the gifts before they were delivered, but as time evolved it became easier when the gifts were brought already wrapped like they are now. In addition, initially John Patterson would make all the tags to put on the angels before we involved computer technology)!



Bethel will host an *Angel Tree* to provide gifts for residents of nursing and children's development homes who might not otherwise get gifts.

Tags will be put on a tree in the narthex after Thanksgiving. If you have questions, please call Janice Sackers, [317-695-0341](tel:317-695-0341). Janice is carrying on a project her mother started 35 years ago.



# CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

## YOUTH & SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT



**Sunday School** for children, ages Kindergarten through 12th grade, begins every Sunday at 10:00 a.m. All classes go to their usually assigned classrooms and parents can pick them up from those classrooms at 10:55 a.m.

**Nursery** is staffed on Sunday by volunteers from Kidz City. Want to take advantage of nursery care? Please bring your little ones to the nursery at the time children are dismissed for Kidz City. And it would be great if you could help every once in a while.

### Preschool-Kindergarten

Children who turn 3 years old before December 31<sup>st</sup>, and those in Kindergarten, can join our Preschool-Kindergarten Sunday School Class at 10:00 a.m. Gospel Light Curriculum teaches them Bible lessons in a fun, age-appropriate way, with engaging songs, stories, videos and puppets!

**1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Grade** — Children are grouped in Sunday School classes by age/grade. Students learn basic Bible stories and Lutheran teachings in preparation for Confirmation during Middle School.

### High School

We explore various topics of mutual interest, seeking to apply our faith to real-life situations and challenges and to move beyond the accumulation of more head knowledge, into the area of faith application and growing as disciples. We begin class each week sharing at least one good thing from the past week. We encourage conversation and discussion in a respectful manner. We encourage active serving while reminding them of the little eyes looking up to them here at church. We end each class in a prayer that honors prayer requests.



### Confirmation

A class for Middle School students (grades 6-8) who want to understand what their faith in Jesus is all about are offered a highly interactive experience that includes both large group presentation and small group discussion. After class, they attend worship together. Once a month, they continue time together after worship with a large group fellowship activity. The goal is to develop a life-long faith through a combination of engaging learning events, regular fellowship activities, and service opportunities in and outside our congregation. Need info? Contact [Pastor Dave!](#)

## 3D

### Dinner, Devotions, Discussion — Middle School & High School Youth Ministry

*Sundays time TBA*

Middle and High School Youth will begin meeting at the church in November for 3D— Dinner, Devotions, Discussion. Contact Eddie Burks for more information at [eddie@bethellutheranchurch.com](mailto:eddie@bethellutheranchurch.com).

### “Live” @ 5:17 (Youth Night)

meets every **1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday** night. We **also meet on the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday** (if there is one!) with Youth and their families! “*Worship-Word and a Whole Lotta FUN!!!*” Meal provided.



### Baptism Class

This class is for parents who wish to have their child(ren) baptized. During this session, we explore what happens when we come to the font and what it means to be a disciple of Jesus Christ. We review the expectations placed on parents and the support they can expect to receive from the church. Contact Pastor Dave at [pastordave@bethellutheranchurch.com](mailto:pastordave@bethellutheranchurch.com) or call the church at 317-773-4315 for more information.



### First Communion Class

Children in 4th grade and up learn about God's promises and the importance of Holy Communion. Classes are usually held during Lent after the Sunday School hour, and culminate with the Rite of First Communion on Maundy Thursday. Contact Pastor Dave Hill at [pastordave@bethellutheranchurch.com](mailto:pastordave@bethellutheranchurch.com) or call the church at 317-773-4315 for more information.



### Discovery: Becoming a Disciple of Jesus

*Sundays — begins January 15 (tentative date)*

Participants will grow deeper into the life of discipleship during this interactive and engaging “new disciple” orientation as we explore key aspects of our Lutheran Christian faith, including how God has wired each of us to be ministers rather than simply members of the Church. Contact the church office (317-773-4315) or the pastor for information.

# WORD

## BIBLE CROSSWORD IV

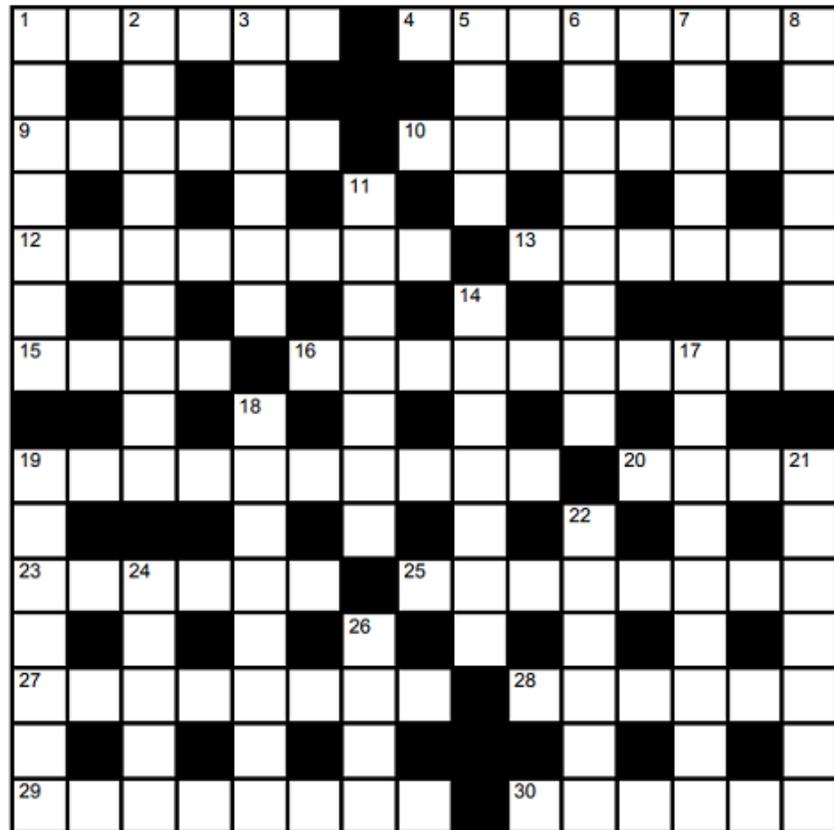
### Across

- 1 Express sorrow (6)
- 4 Anticipated (8)
- 9 God with judge people with this (6)
- 10 Sore ants (anag); In the White House? (8)
- 12 Kept confined (8)
- 13 Times Peter denied Christ (6)
- 15 Noah became this by faith (4)
- 16 Last book of the Bible (10)
- 19 God's angels (10)
- 20 Mix up (4)
- 23 Thin length of material (6)

- 25 It never comes (8)
- 27 Soothed (8)
- 28 Money lender (6)
- 29 Counted (8)
- 30 Rigid sheets of metal (6)

### Down

- 1 A dimension of God's love (7)
- 2 Himalayas, for example (9)



by *Philologus*

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- 3 Gain, reach or arrive at (6)
- 5 Sesame worked! (4)
- 6 A faithful minister of Christ (8)
- 7 Mother in law of Ruth (5)
- 8 Sun sets in this sky (7)
- 11 Retaliation (7)
- 14 Scripture is profitable for this (7)
- 17 Magicians couldn't do this for Pharaoh's dreams (9)
- 18 Jerusalem - how her house is left (8)
- 19 Disease of cattle (7)
- 21 When Jesus comes these will be with Him (7)
- 22 Fragment of food (6)
- 24 Booms (anag) (5)
- 26 Not there! (4)

Answers may be found on page 22.

# ESCAPE TO EGYPT WORD SEARCH



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ANGRY  
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BABY  
BLESSED  
BOYS  
CHILDREN  
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DREAM  
EGYPT  
ENVOIOUS  
ESCAPE  
FATHER  
FLEE

HARM  
HEROD  
INFANTS  
ISRAEL  
JESUS  
JEWS  
JOSEPH  
JOURNEY  
KILL  
KING  
LIVED  
MARY  
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MOTHER

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PEACE  
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QUICKLY  
QUIETLY  
SAFE  
SAVED  
SCARED  
SOLDIERS  
THREATENED  
TIDINGS  
VIOLENT

Answers may be found on page 22.

# CALENDAR

## LITURGICAL CALENDAR

Bethel Lutheran Church functions on a liturgical calendar with seasons and holy days. There are colors associated with each of the seasons and holy days. These are shown on this calendar and are reflected in sanctuary paraments.

DAY	DATE	CHURCH CALENDAR
Sunday	11/20/22	Christ the King Sunday
Wednesday	11/23/22	Thanksgiving Eve Service
Sunday	11/27/22	1st Sunday of Advent
Sunday	12/4/22	2nd Sunday of Advent
Sunday	12/11/22	3rd Sunday of Advent
Sunday	12/18/22	4th Sunday of Advent
Saturday	12/24/22	Christmas Eve
Sunday	12/25/22	Nativity of Our Lord
<b>2023</b>		
Sunday	1/1/23	First Sunday after Christmas
Thursday	1/6/23	Feast of the Epiphany
Sunday	1/8/23	Baptism of Our Lord
Sunday	1/15/23	2nd Sunday of Epiphany
Sunday	1/22/23	3rd Sunday of Epiphany
Sunday	1/29/23	4th Sunday of Epiphany
Sunday	2/5/23	5th Sunday of Epiphany
Sunday	2/12/23	6th Sunday of Epiphany
Sunday	2/19/23	Transfiguration of Our Lord
Wednesday	2/22/23	Ash Wednesday
Sunday	2/26/23	First Sunday in Lent

Crossword Puzzle Answers:

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## EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

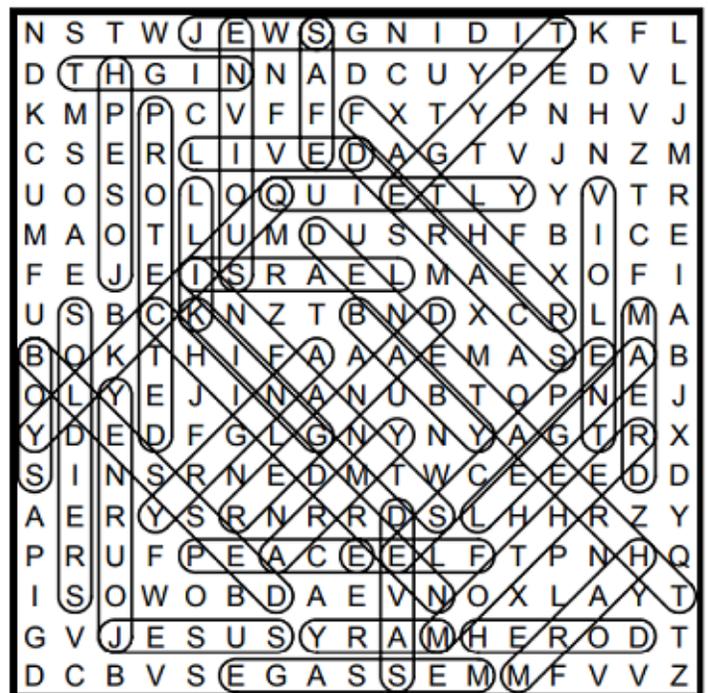
### 2022

- Nov 18-20 Circle of Sisters Craft Fair
- Nov 20 Congregational Meeting 6:30p
- Nov 21-25 Preschool Thanksgiving Break
- Nov 23 Thanksgiving Eve Service 7p /Pie Fellowship
- Nov 24 Thanksgiving Day
- Nov 26 Hanging of the Greens
- Nov 30 Midweek: Meal 6p-7p Worship 7p-8p
- Dec 7 Midweek: Meal 6p-7p Worship 7p-8p
- Dec 8 Healing Service 7p
- Dec 14 Midweek: Meal 6p-7p Worship 7p-8p
- Dec 15 Preschool Christmas Program
- Dec 17 Wreaths Across America Day –noon ceremony
- Dec 18 Sunday School Christmas Program 10a
- Dec 20-Jan 2 Preschool Christmas Break
- Dec 24 Christmas Eve Services: 5:30p & 10:30p
- Dec 25 Christmas Day—one service 10a

### 2023

- Jan 1 Services 8:45a & 11:11a — no Sunday School
- Jan 4 Healing Service 7p
- Jan 15 Discovery Class starts
- Feb 22 Ash Wednesday—services 12:15a & 7p

Word Search Answers:



# Events & Activities



**OPERATION Christmas Child**  
Samaritan's Purse

**ANNUAL CRAFT SALE**

**CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY**

**Bethel Lutheran**  
Believe + Belong + Become  
**Congregational Meeting**

Thanksgiving Worship

**Hanging of the Greens**

**Advent Sundays & Midweek**

**SERVICE OF HEALING**

**Bethel Lutheran**  
Preschool & Parent's Day Out  
Come Grow with Us  
**Preschool Christmas Program**

**WREATHS across AMERICA**

Children's Christmas Programs

**Foy to the World**  
Christmas Eve Services

**EPIPHANY**

**Bethel Discovery Class**

**Transfiguration OF THE LORD**

**Bethel Missions**  
Blessings + Beyond + Bethel

**ASH Wednesday**

**LENT**



## WEEKEND WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

### SATURDAY

5:30 p.m. – Casual Worship

### SUNDAY

8:45 a.m. – Classic Worship

10:00 a.m. – Christian Education Hour

11:11 a.m. – Praise Worship

## OTHER WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

### FIRST WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH

Healing Service—7:00 p.m. except in December when it is 1st Thursday

### THANKSGIVING EVE

November 23 — Worship Service 7:00 p.m. Pie Fellowship follows service.

### ADVENT MIDWEEK MEAL/WORSHIP SERVICES

Wednesday, November 30, December 7 & 14

Meal 6:00 p.m./Worship Service 7:00 p.m.

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18

Sunday School Christmas Program 10:00 a.m.

### CHRISTMAS EVE

December 24—Worship Services: 5:30p & 10:30p

SUNDAY, CHRISTMAS DAY — one service only at 10a — No Sunday School

SUNDAY, JANUARY 1 — one service only at 10a — No Sunday School

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