

Bethany Church Ministry & Connections

December 2025

Love God. Love Others. Serve the World.

Join Us For "Lights Of Advent" Small Group

4:00 pm in the Lower Level Meeting Room

Led by: Barb Mamerow

We will explore scriptures and songs related to the meaning of these lights of Advent. We will also share how we integrate these themes into our own Advent journeys.



Wednesday, November 26 Candle of Hope
Wednesday, December 3 Candle of Peace
Wednesday, December 10 Candle of Joy
Wednesday, December 17 Candle of Love

Join Us For Advent 2025

5:15 pm Potluck Supper

6:00 pm Wednesday Night Worship
Led by Bethany Church Lay Speakers



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*Services will be streamed on our website and Facebook page.
Also, available "On Demand" on our website and Facebook page.

What is Advent?

The word "advent" derives from the Latin "adventus", meaning "coming." During its earliest observances, Advent was 40 days of repentance, fasting and prayer as new believers prepared for their baptisms.

Oftentimes, these baptisms took place on the day of Epiphany--which is a day remembering the Magi's visit to baby Jesus; it was a celebration of Jesus' incarnation on Earth.

Today, Advent is a period of preparation for both "advents"--or arrivals--of Jesus. (from umc.org)

"Advent is a season of invitation and a time when many people are longing for hope, community and connection.

As we prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ, this season also invites us to open our doors and our lives to others.

The way we welcome people in worship, at events, or even in casual encounters, can make all the difference."
(from the UMC Facebook page)

Bethany Church Cookie Fest
Saturday December 6th, 2025
9AM- 2PM

Come And Enjoy All Or Part Of Your Day
With Family & Friends

It's that time of year again! Please consider helping to make Cookie Fest the best it has ever been.

We Need Cookies, Candies, Baked Goods To Sell

- *We need "Fancy Cookies, baked and brought in.
- *Baked Goodies to sell, (Cupcakes, Muffins, Bread, Pies)
- *Fudge, Caramel's, Chex Mix, Caramel Corn.
- *Any Treat you would make for your family.

- ***Volunteer** to help Set-Up Friday, December 5th (9-12)
- *Volunteer to help on Saturday, December 6th.
- *Volunteer to take down/clean up Saturday, 1:45- 3PM

Thank You for Your Support
Mary Vinger Cookie Fest Coordinator 920.857.8943



JOIN US
FOR THE BETHANY CHURCH
Cookie Fest & Luncheon
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2025
9 AM - 2 PM
1110 ECHO LANE, ASHWAUBENON / BETHANYGREENBAY.ORG
COOKIES & CANDIES
BOOYAH & CHILI, SANDWICHES
HOMEMADE DESSERTS
HANDCRAFTED GIFTS
SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE

Thank you to Mary Vinger for her leadership and planning for Cookie Fest! Thank you to Margaret Martell for organizing and running Grandma's Attic! Thank you to everyone who donated items, and who volunteered to set up, clean up and work the Cookie Fest!

Bethany Is Ringing Bells For
The Salvation Army

Saturday, December 13th
11:00 am -5:00 pm

Located near: Bass Pro Shops (Cabela's)
In the Exit between the doors.

Instructions for ringing are provided by the Salvation Army at the Kettle. If you want to bring your own bells to ring you can. If you want to sing, or share wrapped candy canes you are welcome. Have fun!

Take a photo of your group!!!
Send it to Jill at 920-217-9241 and to see yourselves online or in the next newsletter!

Have fun with family or friends!!!
Ring and or sing!

*The Salvation Army is no longer allowed to ring bells at Bay Park Square.



Ugly
Sweater
Contest
in
Fellowship
Hall after
worship

'tis the season...
TO ROCK
UGLY
SWEATERS

December 7



Miracle Sunday, December 14, 2025

It is that time of year in which we pause to celebrate the mission of Bethany United Methodist Church. A time to celebrate our weekly worship together; a time to celebrate our Sunday fellowship time; a time to celebrate the outreach to our communities; a time to celebrate the joy of our Sunday School; a time we celebrate the impact of our monthly missions; and a time we rejoice in celebrating God's love.

On Sunday **December 14**, we will hold our **Miracle Sunday**. Miracle Sunday has been Bethany's annual end of year fund raiser that provides the financial push to help ensure Bethany's Operating Income ends up the year with a positive bottom line and helps to provide a healthy financial start to the new year. It has been the critical fund raiser our church has depended on for many, many years.

Please consider what you can give to help make this year's Miracle Sunday campaign a big success. Your gift can be given by:

- Placing it in the specially marked Miracle Sunday envelope and placed in kiosk after Sunday morning service
- Using our regular large envelope and marking your gift "Miracle Sunday"
- Going online to our website, select Give and select Miracle Sunday

Come on Bethany, we can do this.
Let's CELEBRATE a big Miracle Sunday.

Your Finance Team



Celebrating The Joy of Christmas Eve
Worship Services on December 24
Experience the wonder of Jesus birth with
song, scripture, and Communion

Worship at 4:00 pm & 7:00pm

- *Special Music by Annika McClintock singing,
"Let there be Peace on Eearth."
- *Special Kiddos Moment with Jamie Luepke, as she reads,
"The Night Before Jesus" by Herbert Brokering.
- *Share in Communion where all are welcome.
- *Candlelight singing of "Silent Night"
- *We love having littles in worship, but our Nursery is
available if it's more comfortable for your family.

Worship at 7:00 pm (same as 4:00pm, with additional music)

- Experience the wonder of Jesus birth with song, scripture, and Communion.
Join us in a beautiful Candlelight Service for all ages.
- *In addition, this service offers inspiring music from our Bell and Vocal Choirs.



You are cordially invited to
Christmas Eve Dinner
5:30 pm

Please bring a dish to share
Ham, Turkey, Meatballs Served

RSVP
In the Lobby/Narthex

Merry Christmas
From Bethany Church!

As we celebrate the birth of Jesus, our Savior, we pause to remember the depth of His love for us. May this holy season be filled with thankfulness, reflection, hope, humility, and peace.

We pray that the coming year brings you and your loved ones renewed strength, abundant love, and countless blessings on your journey of faith.

Blessings of hope!
Jill Connery

Thank you to the Bethany Staff

Sara Larsen, Linda Cook, Sheri Steffes,
Natasha Evans (Bookkeeper earlier this year),
Pastor Robb McClintock, Christy Zey

Thank you for the countless ways you serve, lead, and love Bethany Church. Your faithfulness, compassion, and dedication shine Christ's light in everything you do. From the quiet, unseen tasks to the moments you offer a faithful hand to others, you bless us more than words can express.

We are deeply grateful for your hearts, your hard work, and your unwavering commitment to God's people. May the Lord refresh your spirit and surround you with grace as you continue to minister with joy.

Renew Your Marriage Vows Saturday, February 14 at 1:30 pm Bethany Church

Celebrate your enduring love this Valentine's Day!

Couples are warmly invited to renew their marriage vows during a special service at Bethany Church. Together, we'll hear meaningful scriptures of love and beloved songs—perhaps even some that were part of your own wedding day.

We will also take time to recognize anniversaries, (even those who have lost a spouse) honoring the milestones and memories you've created along the way.

Following the service, please join us for a cake and hors d'oeuvres reception, as we will celebrate love, commitment, and the joy of community.

More details coming soon—we hope you'll be part of this beautiful celebration! If you are interested in helping plan this event, please speak to Jill.

We Remember And Honor

Remembering Our Loved Ones at Christmas

Those we love don't go away,
They walk beside us every day.
Unseen, unheard, but always near,
Still loved, still missed
and forever dear.



Bethany lifts up in prayer families who have lost loved ones this past year.

We acknowledge the emptiness left at the table, the silent spaces that speak of absence, and the quiet moments where their laughter and presence are deeply missed.

We honor those who are no longer here by offering prayers for comfort and hope. May faith be your guiding light into a new year.

December Birthdays

- 2 Jennifer Ciochetto
- 4 Linda Alexander
- 5 Daniel Crack
- 6 Joanie James
- 11 Brian Watzka, Jr.
- 12 Bonnie DeNamur
- 13 Maurice Pelkey
- 14 Nils Holmgren, Sue Collins, Kris Kruzicki
- 16 Kathy Scharping
- 19 Robert Atkinson, Sharon Banning
- 20 Corbin Berna, Malina McClintock
- 22 Ruth Bickel, Gail Witthuhn, Harlan Gaulke
- 25 Chris Torrens, Brooklyn Sannes
- 26 Barb Seidel
- 28 Grace Schindel
- 29 Judy Warner, Janice Flegel
- 30 Levi Uhl, Griffin Wolfgram

* If your birthday is in December, and you are not on our birthday list, please let us know. You can also write your birthday on a Connection Card. We would love to add you to our calendar!



Food, Faith, and Fellowship

December 8 at Old Chicago

((2495 S Oneida St)

You are invited to join us we will gather on the 2nd Monday of every month from 5:00 pm-6:30 pm
Join us at any time during that window.



January 12 at the Drift Inn

(1535 N S Ashland Ave, De Pere, WI 54115)



Everyone is responsible for their own tab.

If you have a favorite restaurant you would like to go to, please let us know.

RSVP to Jamie Luepke 920-764-0577 or
Stephanie Dutkowski 920-676-0514

UWIF Luncheon

Thursday, December 4, 11:30 am

Bay Family Restaurant

(1301 S. Military Ave, Green Bay, WI 54303)



Sign up in the Narthex/Lobby
If you plan on attending.

(Each person is responsible
for their own bill)

UWIF Begins A New Year

Thursday, January 8
11:30 am in Fellowship Hall

Meal: Baked Potato Bar

Sign up in Narthex/Lobby with your potato topping

The Program: Trace, cut, sew diapers for MMDC



Questions about UWIF:
Contact Lana Balliett, President

A Heartfelt Thank You to Our Volunteers

With overflowing gratitude, we thank our incredible Bethany volunteers who so generously share their time, gifts, and caring hearts in support of our ministries. Your dedication and passion are truly the cornerstone of our mission, and your impact is felt in countless lives.

Through your hard work, compassionate service, shared wisdom—and even your joyful sense of humor—you beautifully reflect the spirit of faith and community. Thank you for your discipleship, your faithfulness, and the love you pour into all you do. You are deeply appreciated!

God bless you!

~ Jill Connery



Women's Bible Study

The new study will be on the
book of James.
Class will begin on January 15th.
Watch for more info coming soon!

The December Mission Is: The New Community Shelter

"The New Community Shelter's Community Meal Program provides nutritious meals to anyone in need, helping to ensure no one in our community goes hungry. We serve dinner every evening and lunch on weekends and holidays, maintaining a consistent presence for those experiencing food insecurity. Since its inception, the program has served over 2 million meals to children and adults in the Green Bay area."
(from newcommunityshelter.org)

Bethany serves lunch at the Shelter on the second Saturday of each month. Seeing the need in the community, Bethany again has designated the New Community Shelter as our monthly mission. This will help us replenish the funds we use to serve lunch each month.

Your financial gifts will help ease the burden for the additional meals as we know the need continues to grow.

Ways you can donate: *Mark giving "New Shelter"

1. Give online at bethanygreenbay.org/give
2. Place your donation in the giving kiosk
3. Send financial gift to Bethany Church
4. Text your giving to 920-315-8288



***Besides giving funds, you are encouraged to give time to serve lunch on the 2nd Saturday of any month.
Sign up in Narthex/Lobby or contact the church office.**

GREEN BAY PASTORCAST

Thursday Evenings at 6:30 PM  **LIVE**
Devotions, Prayers, Encouragement

**Packer Parking
So Far This Season We Have
Donations Of: \$17,417**

**Thank you to all the volunteers
who help with parking!**

**Interactive Christmas
Sunday School Program
Sunday, December 14th at 9:00 am
(Students and youth please arrive by 8:40am)**

Followed by a free brunch for everyone!

French toast sticks, eggs, cheesy hashbrowns, sausage, fruit

Bethany friends are invited to participate in a Christmas program that includes animals and people from Jesus' day.
This program is for everyone!

The Sunday School students and youth are asking for you to participate with them as they present the Christmas story.



Preview: **"New friends are coming!!"**

**Christmas Program Rehearsal:
November 30 and December 7 during Sunday School.**

Sunday School Calendar

Sunday, December 7

Students and youth will be rehearsing for the Christmas Program during Sunday School time.

Sunday, December 14

Whole Church Christmas Program 2025

Sunday, December 21

Sunday School Christmas Party!
Games for Sunday School/Youth

NO Sunday School

December 28 or January 4

January 11

Welcome back to Sunday School
And Youth!

Bethany Church December Calendar 2025

For updates to this calendar please call 920-494-8801 or email office@bethanygreenbay.org

Office Hours: Monday—Thursday from 9:30am –2:30pm

Contact Jill at 920-217-9241 for assistance outside of office hours. *Hybrid worship: In building and online*

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 1st Sunday In Advent 9:00 *Worship Sunday School/ Confirmation 10:00 Food & Conversation 10:00 Sunday School /Youth to Fellowship Hall 10:45 Confirmation & SS Conclude	1 6:30 Scouts	2 12:30 Prayer Shawl - LL	3 Advent 4:00 Lights of Advent Class 5:15 Community Potluck Supper 6:00 Advent Worship 6:30 Vocal Choir 7:30 Bell Choir 7:30 PB Practice	4 9:00 Men's Coffee 10:30 Worship/ SS Planning 11:30 UWIF Lunch 6:30 Pastor Cast	5	6 9-2 Cookie Fest
7 2nd Sunday in Advent 9:00 Worship with Choir & Praise Band Sunday School/ Confirmation 10:00 Food & Conversation 10:00 Sunday School /Youth stay in sanctuary 10:45 Confirmation & SS Concludes	8 5:00 FFF 6:30 Scouts	9 12:30 Prayer Shawl - LL	10 Advent 4:00 Lights of Advent Class 5:15 Community Potluck Supper 6:00 Advent Worship 6:30 Vocal Choir 7:30 Bell Choir 7:30 PB Practice	11 9:00 Men's Coffee 10:00 Women's Bible Study 10:30 Worship/ SS Planning 6:30 Pastor Cast	12	13 10:30-12:00 Serve at New Community Shelter
14 3rd Sunday in Advent 9:00 Worship with Bells Sunday School/ Confirmation 10:00 All Church Brunch! Come celebrate with our Sunday School and Youth!	15 6:30 Scouts	16 12:30 Prayer Shawl - LL 6:30 Worship Team Meeting	17 Advent 4:00 Lights of Advent Class 5:15 Community Potluck Supper 6:00 Advent Worship 6:30 Vocal Choir 7:30 Bell Choir 7:30 PB Practice	18 9:00 Men's Coffee 6:30 Pastor Cast	19	20
21 4th Sunday in Advent 9:00 Worship with Choir Sunday School/ Confirmation 10:00 Food & Conversation 9:45 Sunday School & Confirmation to LL 10:45 Confirmation & SS Dismiss to FH	22 6:30 Scouts	23 12:30 Prayer Shawl—LL 6:00 Ad. Council	24 Christmas Eve 4:00 Worship 5:30 Christmas Potluck Supper 7:00 Worship	25 Merry Christmas Happy Birthday Jesus!	26	27
28 9:00 Worship with Praise Band 10:00 Food & Conversation	29	30 12:30 Prayer Shawl - LL	31 5:15 Community Potluck Supper 6:00 Communion	1 January Happy New Year	2	3

A Thrill of Hope

November 30, 2025— Advent Sunday 1

Title: "A Thrill of Hope, ep1: It's Better Than True" Scripture: Luke 1:26–38; John 1:14; Isaiah 9:2–7

Theme: The Christmas story isn't just true — it's good. God enters our world not with judgment but with mercy, grace, and light. The gospel is better than true — it's good news for everyone.

December 7, 2025 – Advent Sunday 2

Title: "A Thrill of Hope, ep2: Be The Good News" Scripture: Luke 2:8–20; Matthew 5:14–16; Romans 10:13–15

Theme: The angels announced good news for all people — and now that same news lives through us. We don't just hear the gospel; we live it, carrying hope and light into the world.

December 14, 2025 – Advent Sunday 3

Sunday School Christmas Program

December 21, 2025 – Advent Sunday 4

Bethany is blessed to welcome Rev. Eric Nelson to lead worship. Eric is an experienced pastor with deep gifts in preaching, teaching, and spiritual care, and we look forward to the encouraging word he will bring.

December 24, 2025 – Christmas Eve Worship at 4:00 pm & 7:00pm

Title: "A Thrill of Hope: The Weary World Rejoices!" Scripture: Luke 2:1–20; John 3:16–17; Titus 3:4–7

Theme: The manger reveals the goodness of God made flesh. In Jesus, heaven meets earth, and love takes on skin. The story that began with longing ends with joy; it really is all good.

Sunday, December 28, 2025

We are delighted to welcome our own Barb Mamerow as our preacher and worship leader. Barb's heartfelt faith, clear teaching, and deep love for Christ make her an extraordinary gift to our church family.

All worship services are at 9:00 am in person, and online on our Facebook page and website.

Year End Contributions
need to be postmarked by
December 31, 2025
to be included on your 2025
giving statement.

**Thank you for your contributions
toward Bethany's ministry.
Without you, we would not have
Bethany Church!**

**2025 Giving Statements will be
mailed in January 2026.**

4 WAYS TO GIVE!



IN PERSON



BY MAIL
1110 Echo Lane



ONLINE
BethanyGreenBay
.org



BY TEXT
Any amount to
844-906-2286



YEAR END GIVING
YOUR GIFT MAKES
A DIFFERENCE



Find the Books of the Bible Puzzle!

There are 30 books of the Bible in this paragraph.
Can you find them all?

There are 30 books of the Bible in this paragraph. Can you find them? This is a most remarkable puzzle. It was found by a gentleman in an airplane seat pocket on a flight from Los Angeles to Honolulu, keeping him occupied for hours. He enjoyed it so much, he passed it on to some friends. One friend from Illinois worked on this while fishing from his john boat. Another friend studied it while playing his banjo. Elaine Taylor, a columnist friend, was so intrigued by it she mentioned it in her weekly Newspaper column. Another friend judges the job of solving this puzzle so involving, she brews a cup of tea to help her nerves. There will be some names that are really easy to spot. That's a fact. Some people, however, will soon find themselves in a jam, especially since the book names are not necessarily capitalized. Truthfully, from answers we get, we are forced to admit it usually takes a minister or a scholar to see some of them at the worst. Research has shown that something in our genes is responsible for the difficulty we have in seeing the books in this paragraph. During a recent fundraising event, which featured this puzzle, the Alpha Delta Phi lemonade booth set a new record. The local paper, The Chronicle, surveyed over 200 patrons who reported that this puzzle was one of the most difficult they had ever seen. As Daniel Humana humbly puts it, "The books are all right here in plain view, hidden from sight." Those able to find all of them will hear great lamentations from those who have to be shown. One revelation that may help is that books like Timothy and Samuel may occur without their numbers. Also, keep in mind that punctuation and spaces in the middle are normal. A chipper attitude will help you compete really well against those who claim to know the answers. Remember, there is no need for a mad exodus. There really are 30 books of the Bible lurking somewhere in this paragraph waiting to be found.

The Answer Key will be posted soon on our website. Printed Answer Keys are available in the Narthex/Lobby on the Information Bookcase.

I can mail it to you as well, just let me know. Jill

Bethany Leadership 2025

Strategy System Team:

Pastor Robb McClintock

(Team Leader/Chief Dreamer)

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Administrative Council (meets monthly)

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*Ad Council meets monthly on the third Tuesday at 6:00 pm. Meetings are open to anyone to attend.

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Contact Jill (cell) 920-217-9241

Pastor Robb McClintock

pastor@bethanygreenbay.org

Worship Opportunities

9:00 AM Worship

Nursery/Wiggle Room Provided

Children's Worship Bulletins Provided

1st Sunday of the Month –Holy Communion

*Gluten Free Bread & Juice

Wednesday Evenings

6:00 PM Communion

*Gluten Free Bread & Juice

Join Us For Online Worship

www.Bethanygreenbay.org

[@bethanygreenbay](https://www.facebook.com/bethanygreenbay)

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Text "Church" to 920-315-8288 (rates apply)

Join Our Email List

Sign Up At Bethanygreenbay.org or

Call the office at 920-494-8801

Join Our Email Prayer List

Contact the office with your email address

Bethany Outreach

Kingdom Come Food Pantry, CrisisCafe

Serve Lunch at the New Community Shelter

Midwest Mission Distribution Center

Feeding America Northeast WI

AshCares—Ashwaubenon High School

Sleep in Heavenly Peace

Weekly/Monthly Ministries

Prayer Shawl Ministry; UWIF; Youth;

Women's Bible Study; Vocal & Bell Choirs;

Praise Band; Men's Ministry; Caring Ministries,

Sunday School; Sunday Fellowship;

Communion; Men's Coffee; Pastor Cast;

Wednesday Community Potluck; Food, Faith

Fellowship; Mission Outreach

Online UMC News & Resources

umc.org, umcmmission.org, Wisconsinumc.org

Upperroom.org, umnews.org,