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## “Christ Is Coming”

*“But when the fullness of the time came, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the Law, in order that He might redeem those who were under the Law...” Galatians 4:4-5*

There is a long church tradition that Christians anticipate the coming of Christmas and the celebration of the birth of Jesus beginning four Sundays before Christmas. This season of Advent is not an observance found in, or commanded by, the Bible. The observance of Christmas itself is not commanded of Christians.

There is a certain value, however, in the traditions associated with Christmas and Advent. We may not appreciate all of the commercialism connected with the season, but it certainly provides us Christians with opportunities to talk about Christ.

The term “advent” comes from a Latin word *adventus*, which in turn comes from a Greek word *parousia*, which basically means “coming.” In the Greek world of the first century this word was used to describe the coming of a king to a particular city. In preparation for that arrival residents of the city would spruce up their community and fix up the road leading to it.

This is the background for Isaiah’s prophecy in Isaiah 40:3: “Clear the way for the Lord in the wilderness;/ Make smooth in the desert a highway for our God.” A royal messenger would typically be sent to a city to announce that the king would be arriving. Thus the prophet Malachi declared, “Behold, I am going to send My messenger, and he will clear the way before Me. And the Lord, whom you seek, will suddenly come...” (Malachi 3:1). That first messenger was John the Baptist.

The coming of a king to visit a city would provoke joy in its residents and perhaps a little fear. There would be honor and excitement in hosting the king. There might be a little fear and concern about what he might want from the city and what judgment he might make of it.

The first coming of Jesus did not fit the expectation of most of the Jewish people. Jesus was born to a poor couple in a small town in Judea. His birth did not quite fit with royal expectations. Then years later His public message was rejected by the leaders of His own people.

The Greek word *parousia* that we translate as “coming” is most often used in the New Testament of the Second Coming of Christ. The Bible makes it clear that this time he will come as King. That anticipation should provoke in us much joy, and perhaps a little fear--- at least a reverential respect. For He will come to vindicate His people and bring in His kingdom. But He will also subject us Christians to a judgment of rewards.

So we Christians can look forward to celebrating the first Advent of Jesus, but we also look forward to, eagerly anticipate and live in a reverential expectation of His second Advent. Maranatha! The Lord is coming!

- Pastor Kurt

## December Birthdays

4<sup>th</sup> Marti Barth  
 10<sup>th</sup> Lary Street  
 Jerry Wood  
 Steve Fishburn  
 20<sup>th</sup> Rod Savage  
 23<sup>rd</sup> Bob Nycek

### Boards and Committees

#### Reception 12/2 @ 6p

All 2019 and current Boards and Committee Members are invited to attend our annual meeting for a time of encouragement, information and fellowship!



**Christ Is Born**



### XYZ Potluck

Our XYZ Potluck will take place on Tuesday, the 18th. Over 50? Bring a dish to share and come to the noon to 2pm Christmas Party! Ham will be provided. If you'd like to participate in the gift exchange, ladies should bring a \$5 gift for a lady and guys a \$5 gift for a man. Come be a part of the Christmas fun!!



### **Caroling and Soup Potluck**

Sunday,  
 December 16<sup>th</sup>  
 @ 5 pm



### **Movie Day During Children's Church**

Sunday,  
 December 30<sup>th</sup>



### Children's Christmas Musical

#### **"The Birth of Jesus"**

Invite your friends and neighbors to join us! Our children will perform the Christmas Musical during the morning service.

**Sunday, December 16th at 10 am**

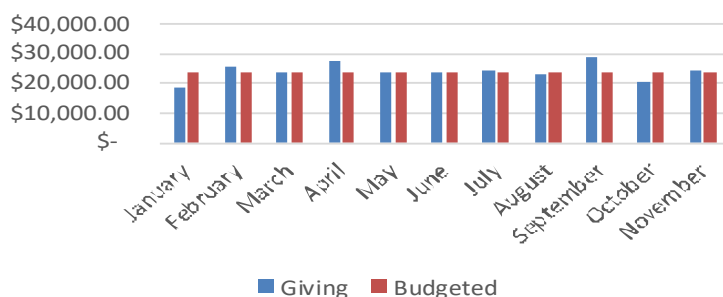
Bethany's 2018 budget was based on receiving offerings averaging \$23,700.74 each month.

Year to date budget requirement was \$260,708.14. Year to date giving, through November, totaled \$263,407.75. The difference was \$2,699.61.

### Ladies' Trip to Walter Hoving Home

Deliver a Lasagna Dinner to the ladies. Join us for a Joyful ministry experience & fellowship. Let's meet at the church.  
**Saturday, December 15th at 3 pm**

### Bethany Financials



# December 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						<b>1</b> Holiday Care Center Visit 9:45 am
<b>2</b> 2019 Boards and Committees Mtg 6:00 pm	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>9</b> CE Mtg 12:15 pm	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> Kids' Christmas Practice 10a Hoving Home Dinner Delivered 3p
<b>16</b> Children's Christmas Musical 10a Caroling & Soup 5pm	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> XYZ Holiday Potluck Noon-2p	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>23</b> Kid's Party 10a Potluck 11a	<b>24</b> Eve Service 6pm	<b>25</b> 	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>
<b>30</b> Kid's Movie 10a	<b>31</b> 					

## WEEKLY EVENTS

**Sunday:** Prayer Time - 9:15 a.m.  
Worship Service - 10 a.m.  
Sunday School - 11:15 a.m.  
Bible Study - 6:00 p.m.

**Tuesday:** Women's Bible Study - 9:00 a.m.  
Women's Bible Study - 6:00 p.m.

**Wednesday:** Prayer Meeting - 7:30 a.m.  
Praise Team - 5:30 pm

**Saturday:** Men's Group - 7:00 a.m.

## CARE CENTER VISIT



Our next Care Center & Hospital  
Long Term Area Visit will be on  
Saturday, the 1st. Meet at 9:45 AM. Come  
share time and sing some  
Christmas carols with the residents.

Spend a small amount of time with those  
not able to attend a Sunday service!





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### **2018 Boards**

**Board of Elders** - *Mike Barth, Chairman*

**Board of Deacons** - *Lary Street, Chairman*

**Board of Deaconesses** - *Sue Wilbur, Chairwoman*

**Christian Education Board** - *Jenny Fletcher, Chairwoman*

**Property Maintenance Board** - *Dave Legler, Chairman*

**Missions Board** - *Kathleen Hill, Chairwoman*

**Senior Pastor** - *Kurt Hedlund*  
[kurt@bethany.lvcoxmail.com](mailto:kurt@bethany.lvcoxmail.com)

**Administrator & Music Director** - *Don Scott*  
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**Service Time:** 10:00 a.m.

Sunday School: 11:15 a.m.

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