



Bethel
Lutheran Church WELS

Sonlight

A newsletter from Bethel
Galesville-Arcadia, Wisconsin

December 2017

online @ www.bethelwels.org

Worship Opportunities this Month

Sundays in December

8:30 a.m. in Arcadia & 10:30 a.m. in Galesville

Watch! Prepare! Rejoice! Behold!

These are the words that summarize God's counsel to us during Advent.
In our Sunday worship, we will hear how God teaches us that Jesus Christ as our greatest treasure.
We are to watch, prepare, and rejoice in his grace until we behold him face to face.

Thursday Advent Services

Advent services are planned for the first three Thursdays in December.

December 7th, 14th, and 21st at 6:00 PM.

Both Pastor Cox and Pastor Baerbock will be leading services this year
so the services times will be the same for both locations.

Remember that Jesus Christ is our Prophet, Priest, and King!

Bethel Little Lamb Preschool Christmas Service

On Sunday, Dec. 10th in the Galesville service, Mrs. Bohme and the children of our preschool will participate with Pastor Cox to present, "**Let's Get the Tree Ready! Let's Get Our Hearts Ready!**"
We will welcome the families of our preschool students to worship that day.

Christmas Eve Worship

Pastor Baerbock and children from Arcadia will lead the candlelight service at 5:30 PM in Arcadia
Pastor Cox will lead the candlelight service at 5:30 PM in Galesville

Christmas Day Worship

Festival Worship on December 25,
at 9:00 AM in BOTH Arcadia & Galesville

New Year's Eve Worship

Worship with Communion on December 31,
at 5:30 PM in BOTH Arcadia & Galesville

Bethel Evangelical Lutheran Church
Church Council Minutes
November 13, 2017 Arcadia, WI

Meeting called to order at 6:05 P.M.

Present:, Tim Smieja, Dave Evenson, Keith Witte, Fred Lintelmann, Frank Berg, Mike Gilbert, Dave Kiral and Pastor Cox & Pastor Baerbock

Pastor Cox opened with a devotion based on 1 Peter 3: 1-7

Pastor's Report: attached

Transfers in, Danielle Arndt from St. Paul's, Bangor, WI m/s/c
Baptism, Carson Orville Karow

Board of Elders: by Fred Lintelmann, attached.

Evangelism: Keith Witte reported food pantry doing well. Plans for Advent by Candle Light doing well.

Youth: Frank Berg reported on the youth program.

Stewardship: Tim Smieja reported that the Financial Piece University program will run for 9 weeks, January 2018.

Treasurer's Report: attached, m/s/c

Mr. Mike Gilbert has been appointed to the Office of Treasurer to Replace Mr. Ben Golden. m/s/c

Old Business: Sand erosion issue at the Galesville Church parking lot, try to divert run off.

Motion to Adjourn by Dave Evenson at 7:35 P.M. m/s/c

Next meeting: 1.15.18 at Galesville Campus, 6:00 P.M.

Closing Blessing by Pastor Jon Cox

Yours in Christ, Dave Kiral, Council Secretary

La Crosse Rotary Lights WELS Live Nativity

Saturday, December 16th, from 4:00 PM to 10:00 PM

Sunday, December 17th, from 4:00 PM to 9:00 PM

Members of Bethel Lutheran have this opportunity to participate in a 20 year-old Christmas tradition.

Dress up in costume and provide thousands of visitors
with a reminder of how God sent his Son to save the world.

Proclaim the Christmas Gospel with your WELS family! Be a part of this great tradition!

Arcadia's WOW Group Minutes

- Pastor Baerbock led devotions at the beginning of the meeting. The devotions referenced All Saints Day and included prayers concerning David Hanson and Dawn Knowlton who passed away during this year.
- Sandy Witte gave a Treasurer's Report. Curtains were purchased for the front storage room of the sanctuary.
- Advent By Candlelight was discussed. Janice will contact Molly Klebig to see if she will be the organist. Volunteers are still needed to host tables and bring desserts. Hostesses were reminded that their tables need to be ready by 5:15 PM. Janice was concerned with some of the songs that were chosen. The songs are from LAPPY but are unfamiliar. More traditional songs were chosen as substitutes.
- Mission projects will be done in January and February with Pastor Baerbock.
- The Progressive Dinner was discussed. It was decided to have another one this year on Friday, February 16th.
- The Christmas trees will be set up on Nov. 29th. We will decorate the rest of the church on Nov. 30, Dec. 1 & 2.
- Pastor Baerbock reminded us of when the Advent services will be held. They will be on Thursdays, Dec. 7, 14 & 21. Pastor Baerbock and Pastor Cox will each conduct services at 6:00 PM in both locations.

Arcadia Fellowship Treat Schedule

We will have fellowship treats each Sunday from 9:30 – 10:00 AM. Listed below is a schedule of ladies to bring treats each Sunday. If you are unable to serve treats on your designated day, please switch with someone else. Please provide a beverage for the children and coffee can be made with the church supplies. Thank you!!!!

December 3 – Wendy Eckart & Deb Koch
December 10 – Angela Berg & Barbara Carter
December 17 – Kathy Fonstad & Sandy Witte
December 24 – No Fellowship Treats
December 31 – Jeremy Conrardt & Chelsea Golden

Bethel Services on TCCTV

Bethel Evangelical Lutheran Church services can be seen on cable access TCCTV channel 18. Tune in on the following dates to watch.

Monday	Dec. 18th	2:30pm
Thursday	Dec. 21st	8:00am
Saturday	Dec. 23rd	6:00pm
Sunday	Dec. 24th	9:00am

**Help us spread The Word.
Tell your neighbors and friends.**

Galesville Ladies Group Notes

- LWMS Rally – The Fall Rally was held on Oct. 21st at Trinity Wilson. There were over 100 ladies in attendance. Pastor Baerbock was the guest speaker. He talked about their mission work in Mexico. The Spring Rally will be held April 21st at St. John's Lewiston.
- We were assigned our missionary student. Her name is Rachel Holtz. She is from Malawi, Africa. Her birth date is 1/17/96. She is attending Bethany Lutheran College in Mankato, MN. Her address is 700 Luther Drive, Mankato, MN 56001. Please remember her with your prayers and any greeting cards of support.
- ABC – Everything is ready for ABC on Nov. 19th. Kay Evenson said that there are 3 grapevine angels that were used for Light Up Galesville that can be used for decorations.
- Julie reminded us about the Rotary Lights Live Nativity. She reminded us about the importance of this event. We were also told that there will not be the Light Up Galesville this year. We were asked to encourage everyone to participate if you are able.
- We set the date to decorate the Galesville church for Christmas. We will put up the decorations on Dec. 3rd after the worship service. We will begin with a pot-luck dinner and then move on to the decorations. Everyone is welcome to help.
- The Thanksgiving basket is out and ready for donations. We will collect donations of food or cash to help a family within our congregation have a Thanksgiving meal.
- Gather Everyone Together Dinner – The committee has sent out their request letters asking for our church to provide 5 pies for the dinner. We talked about the difficulties we have experienced over the years when dropping off pies. Julie said she would contact the committee to let them know our concerns.
- The 2018 Altar schedule will be put out next week. La Vonne volunteered to set up the communion ware next month (December). Julie thanked everyone for helping with this important job.

Financial Peace University Class Starting in January

Once again, Bethel will be hosting a Financial Peace University class starting this January and running through nine consecutive weeks.

Classes will begin Wednesday, January 10, 2018 from 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM at the Galesville campus.

Go to <https://fpu.com/1052262> to register.
Contact Tim Smieja (507) 450-5347 if you have any questions.



BIRTHDAYS IN DECEMBER

- Dec 1 – Alexis Krause
- Dec 1 – Kris McNamer
- Dec 1 – Tina Rothering
- Dec 2 – Rick Geske
- Dec 3 – Doug Stallman
- Dec 4 – Stacie Campbell
- Dec 6 – Bryndi Golden
- Dec 7 – MaLeah Haessig
- Dec 7 – Seth McHenry
- Dec 7 – Breah Anna Golden
- Dec 8 – Martin Knudsen
- Dec 10 – Jim Haessig
- Dec 11 – Jeff McNamer
- Dec 12 – Dennis Sampson
- Dec 14 – Elise Geske
- Dec 14 – Kathryn Mann
- Dec 14 – Chelsea Golden
- Dec 15 – Briar Golden
- Dec 16 – Gary Adank
- Dec 20 – Todd Eckart
- Dec 22 – Mollie Branson
- Dec 22 – Tammy Maliszewski
- Dec 23 – Cassie McHenry
- Dec 23 – Amanda Radatz
- Dec 28 – Lisa Geske
- Dec 28 – Ryan Kowalski
- Dec 30 – Rollin Barkeim
- Dec 30 – Mardelle Arnoldy
- Dec 30 – Dawn Krage
- Dec 31 – Pastor Cox

ANNIVERSARIES IN DECEMBER

- Dec 3 – Jim & Julie Haessig
- Dec 6 – Frank & Donna Wilber
- Dec 6 – John & Edith Loging
- Dec 31 – Greg & Ruth Golden

Galesville Fellowship Treat Schedule

We will have fellowship treats each Sunday from 10:00 – 10:30. Listed below is a schedule of ladies to bring treats each Sunday. If you are unable to serve treats on your designated day, please switch your day with someone else. The treats should be ready to serve by 10:00 AM, but you are welcome to bring them before Bible Class at 9:00 AM. Because some people in the congregation have nut allergies, please consider this when planning your treats. If you have any questions, please contact Julie Haessig at 507-450-3214 or email at jahaessig@yahoo.com. Thank you very much!!

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| Dec. 3 Kay Evenson | Jan. 7 Karianne Casey |
| Dec. 10 Anita Lemke | Jan. 14 Deb Smieja |
| Dec.17 Carla Mehner | Jan. 21 Darlene Johnson |
| Dec. 24 No Fellowship Treats | Jan. 28 Arlene Kuri |
| Dec. 31 Stacie Campbell | |

Galesville Church Cleaning Schedule for December

- December 2 – Carol Sacia
- December 9 – Rollin & Deb Barkeim
- December 16 – Anita Lemke and Judy Howell
- December 23 – Jeff & Kris McNamer
- December 30 – Russ & Darlene Johnson

**Ushers, Greeters & Acolytes
for the Month of December**

	<u>Arcadia</u>	<u>Ushers</u>	<u>Greeters</u>	<u>Acolyte</u>
Dec 3		Ben Golden Paul Koch	Eileen Hanson JoAnne Wier	Breah Golden
Dec 10		Todd Eckart Ian Eckart	Martin Knudsen Janice Knudsen	Hank Munson
Dec 17		Ben Golden Dave Kiral	Brian Steinlicht Gina Steinlicht	Breah Golden
Dec 24		Bruce Arnoldy Briar Golden	Greg Golden Ruth Golden	Hank Munson
Dec 31		Ben Golden Briar Golden	Kathy Fonstad	Breah Golden

Galesville

- Ushers: Dave Evenson and Mike Gilbert
- Greeters: Kay Evenson and Mary Gilbert
- Acolyte: Tysen Casey

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<p>3 Worship with Communion <i>SS/BC</i> G – Decorate Church 12 PM A – Advent By Candlelight 6:00 PM</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5 G – Midweek Bible Class 1:15 PM G – Choir 6:30PM</p>	<p>6 G – Confirmation 4 PM A – WOW meeting 6 PM A – Confirmation 6 PM</p>	<p>7 G & A – Advent service 6:00 PM</p>	<p>1 A – Decorate Church</p> <hr/> <p>8</p>	<p>2 A – Decorate</p> <hr/> <p>9</p>
<p>10 Worship <i>SS/BC</i> Preschool Christmas program in 10:30 service G – Ladies mtg 11:45 AM</p>	<p>11 G – Elders’ Mtg. 6:00 PM</p>	<p>12 G – Midweek Bible Class 1:15 PM G – Choir 6:30PM</p>	<p>13 G – Preschool meeting 12:00 PM G – Confirmation 4PM A – Confirmation 6PM</p>	<p>14 G & A– Advent service 6:00 PM</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16 LaCrosse Rotary Lights Live Nativity 4 PM at First Lutheran</p>
<p>17 Worship with Communion <i>SS/BC</i> LaCrosse Rotary Lights Live Nativity 4 PM at First Lutheran</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19 G – Midweek Bible Class 1:15 PM G – Choir 6:30PM</p>	<p>20 G – Confirmation 4PM A – Confirmation 6PM</p>	<p>21 Arcadia Pantry 1 PM – 5 PM G & A – Advent service 6 PM</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p>
<p>24 Christmas Eve A & G Worship in AM Christmas Eve service- A – 5:30 PM G – 5:30 PM</p>	<p>25 Christmas Day A – Worship 9:00 AM G - Worship 9:00 AM</p>	<p>26 No Midweek Bible Class</p>	<p>27 No Confirmation Classes</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>
<p>31 New Year’s Eve A & G Worship in AM New Year’s Eve Worship with Comm. A – 5:30 PM G – 5:30 PM</p>				<p><i>Sunday School/ Bible Study G – 9:00 AM A – 10:00 AM</i></p>	<p><i>Sunday Worship A – 8:30 AM G – 10:30 AM</i></p>	<p>A = Arcadia G = Galesville</p>