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BETHEL'S EVANGEL December 18, 2011

"To proclaim the Good News of God's love in Jesus Christ through worship and learning, witness & service to each other & to our neighbors throughout the world."



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4th Sunday of Advent

Saturday, December 17, 2011

6:30 p.m. Worship

Sunday, December 18, 2011

8 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion

10:30 a.m. Worship



“Remember”

A few weeks before Christmas, a woman who lived in a New York City apartment building found a greeting card taped to her door. It said, “Merry Christmas from the custodial staff.”

“How nice,” she said to herself and promptly forgot about it.

A week later she came home to find another card taped to her door. It was the same message, “Merry Christmas from the custodial staff.” But this time, taped right in the middle in big, red letters, were the words “Second Notice!”

We are all terribly forgetful. None of us is immune. As we immerse ourselves in our daily tasks we can forget almost anything: birthdays, anniversaries, appointments, our bank balance, our glasses. You name it, we can forget it.

But our forgetfulness isn't limited just to the little things. We forget the big things as well: who our real friends are, what really matters in life, who loves us, who needs us, what we were made for. We just forget and forget.

That's why we need to gather together. We need to gather together to help each other remember who we are, to remember what really matters, and to remember that we aren't walking this long road alone. We're walking it with the Lord.

Christmas is not far off. In a few short days it will be here. We have heard the voice of John the Baptist saying, “Prepare the way of the Lord!” So let's repent and clear away the clutter in our lives, and receive the One who will take away our fears, bring light into the darkness of our lives, forgive our sins, and bring us hope for the future.

My friends, let's rejoice in the Lord and receive him into our lives this Christmas. Let's remember to rejoice and have hope because the Lord of Life is with us.

Pastor Maki

The week ahead . . .

Sunday, December 18

- 8 am Worship with Holy Communion
- 9 am Refreshments & Fellowship
- 9 am Junior Choir
- 9:15 am Sunday School
- 10:30 am Worship – Sunday School Program
- 11:30 am Advent Family Luncheon/Workshop
- 6-7:30 pm Outdoor Caroling

Monday, December 19

NO CONFIRMATION

- 6 pm Youth Group Meeting/Bible Study

Tuesday, December 20

- 8 am Exercise Group
- 10:30 am Pericope
- 1:30 pm Rachel Circle at Mqt Co Med Care Facility
- 5 pm Friendship Dinner

Wednesday, December 21

- 6:30 pm Chancel Choir

Thursday, December 22 – Pastor Maki Off

- 12 pm Quilters' Christmas Party

Friday, December 23

OFFICE CLOSED at noon

Saturday, December 24 – Christmas Eve

- 4:30 pm Caroling & Candlelight Service
- 7 pm Caroling & Candlelight Service
- 10 pm Candlelight Service with Holy Communion

Sunday, December 25 – Christmas Day

- 10:30 am Worship with Holy Communion

Those Serving Us:

Preacher/Liturgist: Pastor Lauri O. Maki Jr.
Organist and Choir Director: Sue Pohlman

Saturday, 6:30 p.m. Worship

Greeter: June Larsh
Acolyte: Akira Wedgworth

Sunday, 8 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion

Ushers: Warren Heikkila
Greeters: Tina Anderson
Lector: Sandra Cittadino
Acolyte: Alyssa Anderson

Sunday, 10:30 a.m. Worship

Greeters: John & Lorraine Adams
Acolyte: Andrew Poirier
Nursery: Pam Waterman and Jaren Kipling

Hostesses: Lynn Rundman and Sandra Etelamaki
Van Driver: Earl Eliason

Radio Broadcast: In honor of Pastor Rudy Kemppainen's 80th
birthday on December 3, from the Kemppainen family.
Hospitalized at Marquette General Hospital: Liisa Annola
Please keep Liisa in your prayers.



Thank you to all of the Evangel workers and volunteers who help to collate, stuff, label, etc. each month. Your help is greatly appreciated!

2012 Offering Envelopes are available on the tables at the back of the sanctuary. If you do not know your envelope number, there is an alphabetical list of names with your number.

4th Sunday of Advent

December 18, 2011 ~ 8 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion

- Organ Prelude
Announcements
- * Confession & Forgiveness pgs 94-96
Opening Hymn "Your Little Ones, Dear Lord" #286
Apostolic Greeting
Prayer of the Day
- First Reading 2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16
Second Reading Romans 16:25-27
- Lighting of the Advent Candles "Light One Candle" #240
- * The Holy Gospel Luke 1:26-38
Hymn "Lo, How A Rose E'er Blooming" #272
Sermon Pastor Lauri O. Maki Jr
- * Nicene Creed page 104
Offering Hymn "Infant Holy, Infant Lowly" #276
- * Prayers of Intercession
Sharing of the Peace
Words of Institution
Lord's Prayer
Communion Distribution
- * Blessing
Sending Song "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear" #282
Dismissal
Organ Postlude

* Please stand, if you are able

We welcome you in Jesus' name, and pray that as you participate in worship today, you will be strengthened by His love and grace. Please fill out an attendance slip; the ushers will collect them at the beginning of the service.

You are invited downstairs for refreshments and fellowship after the 8 a.m. worship service.

4th Sunday of Advent

December 18, 2011 ~ 10:30 a.m. Worship

Organ Prelude
Announcements
Opening Prayer

Lighting of the Advent Candles **"Light One Candle" #240**
Christmas Program

"THE CHRISTMAS CLINIC"

Script and Lyrics by Cathy Skogen-Soldner

- Song "Oh, Come, All Ye Faithful"**
Scene 1 - Reading: Luke 2:1-7
- Song "Away in the Manger" & "Silent Night"**
Scene 2 - Reading: Luke 2:8-12
- Song "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"**
Scene 3 - Reading: Luke 2:13-16
- Song "Angels We Have Heard on High"**
Scene 4 - Reading: Luke 2:18 & 20
- Song "Joy to the World"**
Scene 5
- Song "Oh, Come All Ye Faithful" reprise**

CHARACTERS

DOCTOR.....Lexi Lyke	NURSE.....Kalli Gustitis
ASSISTANT #1.....Otto Swanson	ASSISTANT #2.....Iida Lehto
ASSISTANT #3....Rebecca Keranen	PATIENT #1.....Tyler Thomas
PATIENT #2.....Jacob Adriano	PATIENT #3.....Spencer Giroux
PATIENT #4.....Mason Hemmila	PATIENT #5.....Maddalen Koch
PATIENT #6.....Morgan Oja	READER.....Sarah Rautio
MARY.....Lyla Burke	JOSEPH.....Tristen Harsila
ANGEL.....Emily Vial	ANGEL.....Sophia Balzarini
SHEPHERD.....Carter Helsten	SHEPHERD.....Kaitlyn Williams

Offering Hymn **"Infant Holy, Infant Lowly" #276**

* Prayers
Lord's Prayer
Blessing
Sending Song
Dismissal

"It Came Upon the Midnight Clear" #282

* Please stand, if you are able



- November 6** - In memory of Marnie and Kristie from Richard & Gail Parkinen, and Layla and Nicholas.
- November 20** - In loving memory of Vic & Linda Jarvinen from Linda & Don Asmund.
- November 27** - In loving memory of Gail Korpi from Ron Korpi.
- In memory of William A. Eliason from Kathy & Mike.

RADIO SPONSORS

- November 6** - In loving memory of my wife, Betty, from Bill Phillips.
- November 13** - In loving memory of Gertrude Chapman from Suzanne & Peter Valenti and Doug & Bonnie Oja.
- November 20** - In loving memory of Gail Korpi from Ron Korpi.
- November 27** - In memory of Loved Ones from John & Jo Ruona.



We are in need of Greeters, Ushers and Lectors for the coming weeks. Please consider signing up – the sheets are on the bulletin board at the back of the sanctuary.

Thank you to those who have volunteered. You are all greatly appreciated!

The Friendship Dinner will be on Tuesday, January 17 at St. John's Hall, Ishpeming
A sign-up sheet for volunteers is posted at the back of the sanctuary on the bulletin board.



Friendship Dinner



CHURCHMEN'S BREAKFAST

The Country Grill, Ishpeming
Saturday, Jan. 14 – 8 a.m.

FIRST LESSON: 2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16

Now when the king was settled in his house, and the Lord had given him rest from all his enemies around him, the king said to the prophet Nathan, "See now, I am living in a house of cedar, but the ark of God stays in a tent." Nathan said to the king, "Go, do all that you have in mind; for the Lord is with you."

But that same night the word of the Lord came to Nathan: Go and tell my servant David: Thus says the Lord: Are you the one to build me a house to live in? I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent and a tabernacle. Wherever I have moved about among all the people of Israel, did I ever speak a word with any of the tribal leaders of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, "Why have you not built me a house of cedar?" Now therefore thus you shall say to my servant David: Thus says the Lord of hosts: I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep to be prince over my people Israel; and I have been with you wherever you went, and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may live in their own place, and be disturbed no more; and evildoers shall afflict them no more, as formerly, from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel; and I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover the Lord declares to you that the Lord will make you a house. Your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me; your throne shall be established forever.

SECOND LESSON: Romans 16:25-27

Now to God who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages but is now disclosed, and through the prophetic writings is made known to all the Gentiles, according to the command of the eternal God, to bring about the obedience of faith – to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever! Amen.

GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 1:26-38

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" The

GOSPEL LESSON: (Cont'd)

angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God." Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

Attendance: December 10th & 11th Worship - 224

Sunday School - 66



Finance Report	ACTUAL	BUDGET	PERCENT
Sunday, 12-11-11	\$ 8,278	\$ 6,055	136%
Dec. Offering (2 Sun.)	\$15,875	\$12,110	131%
2011 Offering to Date	\$285,177	\$302,758	94%
Carpeting Fund	\$ 11,836	(est.) \$ 30,000	39%

OFFERING TELLERS

JANUARY ~ Steve Laitinen and Philip Kempainen

FEBRUARY ~ Ann Kulju and Kay Herrala

Stewardship Total: 165 Plan for Giving pledges returned
Total: **\$175,844**

All 2011 Contributions must be turned in by noon on Friday, December 30, to be credited to your 2011 giving.

ANNUAL MEETING-

The annual meeting will be held on January 29, 2012, following a potluck meal after the 10:30 a.m. worship service.

YEAR END REPORTS-

All Annual, Financial, Secretary, Committee and Group Year End Reports must be turned in to the office by noon on Thursday,

January 12.

January Acolyte & Nursery Schedule				
Date	Day	Time	Acolyte	Nursery
Jan. 1	Sunday	10:30	Trevor Fowler	Travis Hoffman
Jan. 7	Saturday	6:30	Mandy Cass	
Jan. 8	Sunday	8:00	Cheyenne Wedgworth	
		10:30	Matthew Duhome	Joshua Penrose
Jan. 14	Saturday	6:30	Brett Rautio	
Jan. 15	Sunday	8:00	Elizabeth Uuro	
		10:30	Travis Hoffman	Michelle Doney
Jan. 21	Saturday	6:30	Trevor Fowler	
Jan. 22	Sunday	8:00	Matthew Duhome	
		10:30	Cheyenne Wedgworth	Mandy Cass
Jan. 28	Saturday	6:30	Joshua Penrose	
Jan. 29	Sunday	8:00	Brett Rautio	
		10:30	Michelle Doney	Elizabeth Uuro

KITCHEN & NURSERY SERVERS for



Becky Anderson	Susan Kruger	Teri Newhouse
Tina Anderson	Shirley Laakso	Rachel Niemi
Mariann Annala	Barb Liubakka	Melissa Perry
Kristine Asta	Kasey Liubakka	Patricia Potila
Carla Coron	Gail Mahan	Marlys Roberts
Angie Eagling	Macey Mahoski	Mary Rundman
Marlene Eliason	Marilyn Mahoski	Jacki Skytta
Vicki Emanuelson	Karen Marietti	Dani Solomon-Lundwall
Chelsey Frustaglio	Anita Mattila	Kristen Swanson
Gail Hinds	Marlene Mongiat	Lillian Swanson
Nicole Illikainen	Tonya Nelson	Bonnie Wainio
Barbara Kaminen		

January 1	Kitchen ~ Mary Rundman and Marlys Roberts
	Nursery ~ Kristine Asta
January 8	Kitchen ~ Marlene Eliason and Tonya Nelson
	Nursery ~ Carla Coron
January 15	Kitchen ~ Lillian Swanson and Heather Swanson
	Nursery ~ Barbara Kaminen
January 22	Kitchen ~ Marilyn Mahoski and Karen Marietti
	Nursery ~ Barb Liubakka
January 29	Kitchen ~ Youth Group
	Nursery ~ Nicole Illikainen

Thank you, ladies, for your service. We at Bethel appreciate your willingness to do this, even though it is often taken for granted.
Christmas Blessings! ~ Marlys Roberts



NOVEMBER

VISITORS

Brandi Barens, Negaunee
 Mike Mariuzza, Ishpeming
 Bob Nardi, Ishpeming
 Cathy Nelson, Ishpeming
 Nancy Prodell, Champion
 Harvey & Ann Wise, Ishpeming
 Kristy, Maia & Mason Hemmila, Ishpeming
 John Carlson, Ishpeming
 Ed Ouellette, Ishpeming
 Phil, Kim & Cassidy Kempainen, Appleton, WI
 Sarah Kempainen, Marquette
 Deanna Silva, Joe Johnson & Grace, Ishpeming
 Josh Clark
 Marge Savala, Ishpeming
 Ruth Scarborough, Ishpeming
 Jean Ayotte, Appleton, WI

CHURCH ACTS



*Brandi Barens,
 baptized on December 3*

May God bless her always!

*Bonnie (Vial) and Steven Hermes,
 married on December 10.*

May God bless their union!



January Van Drivers -

Jan. 1 - Mike Keranen
 Jan. 8 - Duane Palomaki
 Jan. 15 - Earl Eliason

Jan. 22 - Gary Thibeault
Jan. 26 - Marv Kantola

Upcoming **December** Youth Events



TODAY! Advent Luncheon/Workshop
Sunday, December 18th 11:30-12:30
Come together for lunch (mini subs) & fun projects (ornament making) No Cost

TODAY! Outdoor Caroling

Sunday, Dec. 18th 6:00-7:30 (all ages)
Families welcome *meet at the church
Cookies & hot chocolate afterwards



Youth Group Meeting/Bible Study
Monday, December 19th at 6:00 p.m. *note time change (Meet in Youth Room) Grades 2-12



Christmas Eve Worship Services

4:30 p.m. - Caroling & Candlelight Service
(need a van ride to the 4:30 service? Call the office @ 485-5533)

7 p.m. - Caroling & Candlelight Service
10 p.m. - Candlelight Service with Holy Communion

4:30 & 10:00 services will be broadcast on AM WDMJ 13.20 & WIAN 12.40.
The 7:00 service will be on FM WJPD 92.3.

Christmas Day Service

The 10 p.m. worship from Christmas Eve will be rebroadcast at 8 a.m.

There will be no 8 a.m. Worship service

10:30 a.m. - Worship with Holy Communion

New Year's Weekend

Saturday, December 31st - 6:30 p.m. Worship

There will be no 8 a.m. Worship service

Sunday, January 1st - 10:30 a.m. Worship

HOLIDAY OFFICE SCHEDULE

Friday, December 23 - Closed at noon

Monday, December 26 - Closed

Friday, December 30 - Closed at noon

Monday, January 2 - Closed



In memory of **Dorothy Rundman** from:

Joan Ericson	Craig & Renee Michaud
Darlene & Jerry Arseneau	James & Jane Anderson
Joseph Havican	Rev Thomas & Luanne Skrenes
Katherine Speich	Nancy & Chuck Johnson
Sharla & Adam Riutta	Her Bartanen nieces and nephews
Jennifer & Ryan Essex	Ray & Betty Leverton
Anne & Darrel Brodke	

In memory of **Lillian Vahamaa**:

On the anniversary of her birth, 11-18-20, from Marlene & Phil Ombrello (for the Carpeting Fund)

In honor of **Brian & Loretta Niemi** from:

Duane & Rita Palomaki

In memory of **Gertrude Chapman** from:

Jane Maki	Margaret LaForest
Dick & Christie Salo	John & Lorraine Adams
Gerald & Peggy Aalto	Laina Mantyla
Bill & Julie Stream	Paula & Mike Frustaglio
Belinda Valenti Kessler	Marilynn Clevon
Gerald & Claudette Vairo	Nancy & Barry Patron
Bernie & Anita Mattila (for the Carpeting Fund)	

Thank you to everyone who helped by donating, baking, sorting, packing and delivering the Christmas baskets, Giving Tree gifts

and Cookie trays. Your help was very much appreciated by the Social Ministry Committee, and by the people to whom the items were given!

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

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| 1 Macy Chapman
John Heidemann
Lisa Rautio | 13 Tara Alderton
Todd Cass
Diane Leppanen
George Swanson | 22 Karen Ostlund
Emma Poirier |
| 2 Erik Kauppila
Donald Nankervis | 14 Julie Luehmann
Danielle Tasson | 23 Raymond Holappa
Laura Kantola
Kaitlyn Keto
Amber Ostlund
Eric Uuro |
| 3 Jason Evans
Logan Hart | 15 Eileen Bonetti | 24 Becky Abendroth
Shelley Stine |
| 4 Richard Bjerne
Ruth Champion
Jordan Grigg
Connie Kangas
Kristin Kipling
Ronald Korpi
Erwin Mueller | 16 Katherine Carlson
Christie Pruett
Michael Wommer | 25 Tina Anderson
Lee Hamari
Toini Lahti |
| 5 Diana Hallum
Charles Larson
Keel Stine | 17 Levi Giroux
Joyce Koski
Marlene Ombrello
Denise Roberts | 26 Debbie Brouillette
John Kulju
Marilyn Ostlund
Raegen Peterson |
| 6 Amber Ramsden
Berkley LaFreniere
Brenda Maddock
Christine Prusi
Judy Saari | 18 Eric Etelamaki
Jennie Oja
Joshua Shaffer
Jennifer Williams
Nathan Williams | 27 Kristin Knapp
Evelyn Nykanen-
Torreano
Linda Quayle
John Walker |
| 7 Chris Ogea
Jack Rauch | 19 Angie Eagling
William Jalonen
Jane Maki
Joan Nelson
Anna Nelson
April Walimaa | 28 Christopher Koski
Miles Mattson |
| 8 Jason Chapman
Linda Denofre
Lauren Rautio
Jennifer Terres
Mavis Wiitanen | 20 Bernard Mattila
Bradley J Nelson
Brooke Parkinen
Joshua Ross | 29 Hannah Gaboury
Helen Romeli |
| 9 Joshua Kitto | 21 Alexis Lyke
Bradley Pennala | 30 Rosalie Kempainen
Samantha O'Neill |
| Camber Stine | 22 John Adams | 31 Helen Mantela
Jo Ruona |
| 10 Shirley Mayotte | | |

- 11** Kirk Hooper
- 12** Lynn Mattila
Miriam Nicholls
Barbara Woodruff

Bryan Brewer
Laurel Lammi
Kasey Liubakka
Bradley Mahoski
Bradley Matton



JANUARY Youth Events

National Youth Gathering Bottle drive

Bring your Holiday bottles/cans to church from 10 a.m.-noon on **Saturday, January 7th** or call us & we'll come get them. (you can also bring them to church on Sun., Jan. 8th)

Truth and Dare

Every Sunday night (Starting Jan. 8th) 6-7:30 p.m. Grades 2-12 Study a Bible passage & dare to go out that week to do the same (+ lots of games, snacks & friends too)



Inter-generational Scrapbooking

Work on your scrapbooking at church (beginners welcome) *Sign up at youth office*

Wednesdays.: Jan. 11th, 18th, 25th from 6:30-8:00



Ice Skating

*Sun., January 22nd *4-6:00 p.m.
(meet at Bethel) Grades 2 & up
Cost: \$2 (Snack money if desired)*

Friday Fun Night (Outrageous Hat Party)

Friday, January 27th Grades 2-6: 6:30-8:30 p.m. ;
Grades 7 & up: 9-11:00 p.m. Wear your most Outrageous Hat & join us for wacky games/crazy snacks! Cost: \$2

National Youth Gathering Bible study/meeting

Sunday, January 29th 7:30-8:30 p.m.

The National Youth Gathering youth will be serving coffee the last Sunday of the month from January through June.



