

Sunday Worship

Prelude: *Angels from the Realms of Glory*

Call to Worship

Hark the Herald Angels Sing

Welcome & Announcements

Bethany Family Prayer

Crown Him

Behold Our God

Sermon: The Encore

Come Thou Long Expected Jesus

Communion

Benediction

Highlights

Staff & Pastors Christmas Gift

The elders are collecting gifts to express our love and appreciation for our pastors & staff at this special time of year. You can give using envelopes available at the welcome tables or use the online form at bethanycentral.org/staffgift.

Holiday Services Schedule

Check out our upcoming holiday services schedule.

Special Christmas Eve Service: Sunday, December 24th, 4pm. No child care provided.

Combined Worship Services: Sunday, December 24th and Sunday, December 31st will each be a single service at 10:00 am. We will also not have Sunday School or Children's church but nursery is available (0-2yrs).

November Financials

In an effort to keep you up to date on the status of our finances here are the financial numbers for the previous month:

Giving	Expenses	Budget
\$228,953	\$216,881	\$249,976
YTD Giving	YTD Expense	YTD Budget
\$1,570,404	\$1,719,062	\$1,749,834

Announcements & Events

Bethany Family News

Our condolences to:

Steve & Evelyn Herron on the loss of Evelyn's mother Geraldine Schmidt on Wednesday, December 6th.

The family of Pauline Teubel on her passing on Thursday, December 7th.

The family of Al Walton on his passing on Sunday, December 10th.

Our congratulations to Mike & Becca Albertson on the birth of their daughter Lenora Ann, on Friday, December 8th.

Holiday Office Hours

Dec 25 - Jan 01

The office will be closed Monday, December 25th, through Monday, January 1st. Please take note of these holiday hours in your planning.

Upcoming Baptism Opportunity

Sunday, January 14

There is an opportunity to be baptized at one of our upcoming services. If you are interested in participating, email info@bethanycentral.org or call the church office. Connect with us to begin the process or to talk with someone from our ministry staff team with any questions or concerns you may have about Baptism.

Year End Giving

Sunday, December 31

Thank you for faithfully giving to the Lord's ministry here at Bethany. To have your gift posted in 2023, place your gift in the offering on Sunday, December 31st, or make sure your gift is postmarked or processed online by that date.

Wednesday Activities Holiday Schedule

All Wednesday activities are off for the next two weeks (12/20 & 12/27). Awana will be off January 3rd but Youth group will have an off site event on January 3rd from 6-8pm at Elevate in Peoria for \$12. View the Youth Ministry calendar for more info on the *Elevate Relaunch Party*.

All regular Wednesday activities (including Family Meal) will resume starting January 10th.

Temple Builders ABC: New Series

Sunday, January 07

The Temple Builders Adult Bible Fellowship, that meets in room 807, will be starting a new series in the month of January. The series is a study of the book of Revelation for those new to the book.

The Encore

Dr. Ritch Boerckel • 2 Kings 13:14-25

Five Realities of God's Work:

The servant in ministry is _____.

The term of ministry is _____.

The aim of service is _____.

The power of ministry is of _____.

The work of God is _____.