



Sunday Worship

Joy to the World (Unspeakable Joy)

Welcome, Announcements, & Call to Worship

For Unto Us a Child is Born

Angels We Have Heard on High

Communion Invitation & Scripture Reading

O Come All You Unfaithful

O Come O Come Emmanuel

Communion

Sermon: Anna's Witness

Come Thou Long Expected Jesus

Benediction

Highlights

Christmas Eve Service

Wednesday, December 24th, 4:00 pm

Join us for our Christmas Eve service on Wednesday, December 24, at 4:00 PM as we come together to celebrate the birth of Christ. Please note that child care will not be available; however, there will be a special children's lesson time during the service just for kids.

Combined Worship Service Next Week

Sunday, December 28th, 9:30 am

Combined Worship Services: Next week's service on Sunday, December 28th will be a single service at 9:30 am. We will also not have Sunday School, Children's church, or Adult Bible Fellowship but nursery is available (0-2yrs).

Staff Christmas Gift

The elders are collecting gifts to express our love and appreciation for our pastors & staff at this special time of year. Envelopes are available at the welcome tables or give by going to bethanycentral.org/staffgift.

Announcements & Events

November Financials

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

November Giving	November Expenses	November Budget
\$265,354	\$252,060	\$289,055
YTD Giving	YTD Expense	YTD Budget
\$1,816,716	\$1,915,725	\$2,023,382

Membership Vote Next Week

We are excited to vote on the following people for membership into our church family next Sunday. If you have any questions, please contact an elder.

Darlene Allen	Scott & Christine Bootz	Nathan & Melissa Burnham
Fred & Amanda Johns	Brendan Kaar	Virginia McNear
Annabelle Schick	Brock & Elizabeth Streitmatter	Kelly Walder

Holiday Office Hours

December 24, 2025 – January 1, 2026

Our church office will be closed for the Christmas and New Year holidays from **Wednesday, December 24 (Christmas Eve), through Thursday, January 1**. We will reopen on **Friday, January 2**. Thank you for keeping these holiday hours in mind as you plan your week.

Wednesday Activities

All Wednesday activities are off for the next two weeks (12/24 & 12/31). Awana begins again on January 7th, but youth group will have an off-site event on January 7th from 6-8pm at Elevate in Peoria. Jumpers will need a signed waiver form and \$12 to participate.

Spring Ladies Bible Studies

Throughout the year, Bethany offers ongoing and short-term Ladies' Bible Studies that meet at various times throughout the week. We have morning, afternoon, and evening classes. Several options are available for you to study God's Word. This semester we'll be offering studies on Proverbs and Ephesians.

Year-End Giving

Thank you for faithfully giving to the Lord's ministry here at Bethany. To have your gift posted in 2025, please place your gift in the offering on Sunday, December 28, or ensure your gift is postmarked or processed online by December 31.

We Want to Pray for You!

It is our desire to be praying for you no matter what is happening in your life. Go to bethanycentral.org/prayer or use the Bethany app to fill out a prayer request or share a praise so that our leaders, staff, prayer team, and church family can be in prayer for you personally.

Anna's Witness

Dr. Ritch Boerckel • Luke 2:36-38

Five Testimonials to God's Glory

Testimonial #1: Though my life is _____, God is _____. “The Lord supplies my need.”

Testimonial #2: Though my life is _____, God is _____. “The Lord keeps me growing every day.”

Testimonial #3: Though my life is _____, God is _____. “The Lord reveals Himself to me.”

Testimonial #4: Though my life is _____, God is _____. “The Lord redeems me and my people from the curse.”

Testimonial #5: Though my life is _____, God is _____. “The Lord chooses to use me for His great kingdom.”