



## Sunday Worship

*For Unto us a Child is Born / Open the Eyes of My Heart Lord*

Welcome, Announcements, & Call to Worship

*We Three Kings*

*O Come All You Unfaithful*

*Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery*

Child Dedications

New Member Vote

Bethany Family Prayer

*He Shall Reign Forevermore*

**Sermon:** The Magi's Worship

Benediction

## Highlights

### Nametag Sunday

**Sunday, January 4th**

At Bethany we love to use name badges to help people get to know us and make guests feel welcome. Please be sure to wear your nametag next week! If you've never had one or need a replacement please visit or contact the church office to have one made for you in preparation for name tag Sunday.

### Baptisms

If you are ready to publicly declare that Jesus is your Lord and Savior, baptism is your next step. If you are interested in baptism, or simply meeting with a pastor to talk more about the importance of and steps for getting baptized, go to [bethanycentral.org/baptism](http://bethanycentral.org/baptism).

### Spread Truth NY City Evangelism Trip

This summer, July 17–25, we have an exciting short-term evangelistic trip opportunity with Spread Truth. This ministry focuses on sharing the gospel in meaningful, conversational ways throughout New York City. If you're interested in learning more or applying to be part of the team, visit [bethanycentral.org/nyc26](http://bethanycentral.org/nyc26). If you have questions, you can contact Jake Tourtillott at [jake@bethanycentral.org](mailto:jake@bethanycentral.org).

## Announcements & Events

### Bethany Family News

Our sympathies to Brian & Tiffany Waller on the loss of Tiffany's mother, Liz Bowers on Tuesday, December 16th.

Our Congratulations to Cherie & Casey Williams on birth of their son, Thomas Casey, on Wednesday December 17th. Grandparents are Mark & Shelli Hoerr.

### Staff Christmas Gift: Last Chance

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](http://bethanycentral.org/staffgift).

### Membership Vote this Week

We are excited to vote on the following people for membership into our church family during our worship services today.

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 this week (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.

### 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.

### 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.