

Sunday Worship

Christ Our Hope in Life and Death

Welcome, Announcements, and Call to Worship

Praise to the Lord (Joyful Joyful)

This I Believe (The Creed)

I Set My Hope

Bethany Family Prayer

Before the Throne of God Above

Communion

Benediction & Compassion Offering

Highlights

Share Your Hope: 2026 Evangelism Goal

This week, Pastor Ritch will kick off our annual churchwide evangelism focus "Share Your Hope." Our challenge this year is to get everyone involved by doing something; gospel conversations, outreach ministries, or even volunteering at a soup kitchen. Our goal is to equip and encourage the whole church to share the same unchanging message through countless methods as God opens doors.

Join the Children's Ministry Team

Our Children's Ministry team is looking for volunteers to join Children's Church, Buddy Teams, Awana, Nursery, and more! These are some of the ways we get the opportunity to disciple the next generation for Jesus. Go to bethanycentral.org/servekids for more information or email our Children's Ministry Director at michellec@bethanycentral.org.

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.

Announcements & Events

Welcome New Members

The following people were voted on and approved as new members.

Darlene Allen Scott & Christine Bootz Nathan & Melissa Burnham

Fred & Amanda Johns Brendan Kaar Virginia McNear

Annabelle Schick Brock & Elizabeth Streitmatter Kelly Walder

The Pasture (All Invited)

Wednesday, January 21st, 9:00 AM | Café

The Pasture is a space for members and attenders to connect with our pastors and elders—ask questions, share thoughts, or get to know one another. Whatever is on your heart—we'd love to hear from you. Coffee and pastries will be provided. Everyone is invited for this Q&A session.

High School Winter Camp: Registration is Open

February 13th-15th, 2026

All 9th–12th grade students are invited to Winter Camp 2026, where we'll focus on enduring seasons of suffering by remembering God's faithfulness. Students will study Hannah's story in 1 Samuel 1:1–2:11, connect in small groups, and enjoy games and fellowship. The Cost is \$150 per student, with discounts and scholarships available. Early bird pricing ends January 14.

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.

NYC Spread Truth 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. If you have questions, you can contact Jake Tourtillott at jake@bethanycentral.org.

Wednesday Activities this Week

All Wednesday activities resume this week (January 7), except the family meal, which begins next week. Youth Group will meet off-site on January 7 from 6–8 PM at Elevate in Peoria. Participants will need a signed waiver and \$12 to attend.

Bethany Family Meal

Wednesday, January 14th, 5:00 pm

Join us this week for Chicken & Mashed potatoes! The suggested donation is \$3 for individuals with a \$15 max per family. To help us plan, please RSVP using your MyBethany or by calling the church office by Monday afternoon.