



# PRAIRIE FAITH COMPANION

## PRAIRIE FAITH SHARED MINISTRY

### ANNUAL MEETINGS

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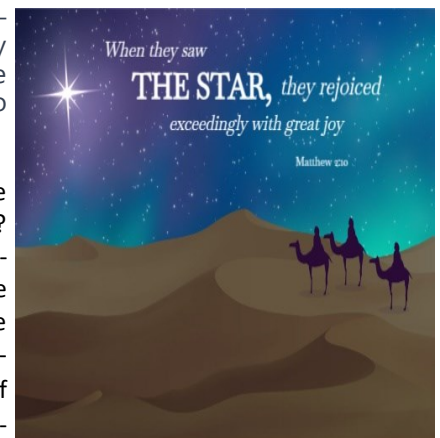
January 28, 2024, Following Worship

The Final Draft of Prairie Faith's Revised Covenant is included in the center of this Newsletter. There are also stand-alone copies of the Covenant available at each church. Please be sure and read the Covenant as we will be voting on it at our congregation's annual meetings in January. Also, please make sure your church membership is up-to-date so that you are able to vote. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Jon, your Prairie Faith representative or your congregation's representative to the Discernment Committee. This is an important step as Pastor Jon moves toward retirement and our Congregations begin the "Call Process" for a new Pastor ~who will be blessed to call our communities home and our Church Family their Church Family!

The **Magi**, also known as the **Three Wise Men** or **Three Kings**, are regarded as important figures in Christianity and Lutheran theology during Epiphany. Their journey to honor the Christ child signifies the universal significance of Jesus' birth and the spread of the Gospel message to the entire world. The story of the Magi's visit to worship the newborn Jesus is found in the~

#### **Gospel of Matthew Chapter 2, verses 1-12**

<sup>1</sup>In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, <sup>2</sup>asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." <sup>3</sup>When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; <sup>4</sup>and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. <sup>5</sup>They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: <sup>6</sup>"And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.'" <sup>7</sup>Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. <sup>8</sup>Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." <sup>9</sup>When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. <sup>10</sup>When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. <sup>11</sup>On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. <sup>12</sup>And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.



*The mission of Prairie Faith Shared Ministry is to gather in God's name, share ideas & concerns, and actively shape the future of spiritual growth for our member congregations. Empowered by the Holy Spirit and through ordained and lay leadership, we offer this ministry to serve Christ in our communities.*



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PFSM Council Members and Phone Numbers

- Katie Dreiling, St. John,.....
- Robert Schonthaler, St. John, President.....
- Richard Jensen, Bethlehem, Treasurer.....
- Margaret Schmitt, Bethlehem.....
- Kathleen Fabrizius, Emanuel, Secretary.....

cil members will be receiving a final draft by way of email to look over. PFSM council members have agreed to approve this draft by consensus through email.

Hopefully the proposed covenant can be published in the next two newsletters so that individual congregations can have it before annual meetings.

On going and upcoming activities for Pastor Jon -

- \*one confirmation student at BLC and two from St. John
- \*Lasagna supper at St. John's on Sunday, October 22, 2023. This is a fundraiser for flooring.
- \*Pastor will attend conference at Trinity in Hays on Oct. 22, 2023
- \*October 29, 2023, will be a combined service at St. John's with a potluck meal following.
- \*Nov. 5, 2023 Pastor Jon has a tentatively scheduled baptism.
- \*Nov. 6, 2023 is Women's Bible study
- \*Pastor has some vacation time left. Possible dates to use are Thanksgiving week or the week after Christmas.
- \*December 3, 2023 - Barbershop Chorus is having a fundraiser at the Methodist Church. Nonperishable items and cash can be given for food pantries.
- \*During Advent Pastor Jon will be at St. John's on Wednesdays - BLC kids will be spending time on their Christmas program.
- \*BLC Children's Christmas program will be December 17, 2023. Pastor Jon will be at Emanuel that day.
- \*December 21, 2023 - Longest Night Service
- \*BLC Candlelight Christmas Eve service will be December 24, 2023, at 8:00 pm

PFSM Faith Nurse report-

The nurse ministry written report was presented. Items highlighted included an explanation of what Community Comfort meals were. The recent pancake feed was a fundraiser for this ministry. Also noted were Zach Gibbs working with the food pantry on utilizing food items and the Longest Night Service.

Communications - Nancy Bollig provided a Certificate of Insurance for liability insurance.

Old Business - none

New Business - It was approved by consensus to have a 7:00 am service on Christmas morning at Emanuel.

The next meeting will be December 12, 2023, at 7:30 pm. Margaret will have devotions.

Meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer

Submitted by Margaret Schmitt

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**Pastor Jon is available by appointment.**  
**To get in touch with Pastor Jon, please call his cell phone or the church office.**

Prairie Faith Council Minutes

The October 17, 2023, PFSM council meeting was held at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in WaKeeney.

The following church representatives were in attendance - Bethlehem-Richard Jensen, Margaret Schmitt: St. John- Bob Schonthaler. Also attending was Pastor Jon Anderson.

Meeting was called to order by Bob and devotions were given by Pastor Jon.

Agenda, minutes, and financial report packets were given out for review.

August 8, 2023, minutes were approved as printed.

Richard presented the financial report. It was approved as presented.

Pastor Jon gave an overview of the draft that was drawn up by the Change Team of the new PFSM covenant. PFSM coun

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# Bethlehem

Sunday Worship—9:00 a.m.  
 Mid-Week School, Wed @ 6:00 p.m.  
 (during public school year)  
 Office: 785-743-2005  
 (Please leave a message)

## Volunteers for January

**January 7**— Pastor Jon Anderson

### BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

Organist/Pianist—Laura Anderson  
 Lector—Larry Dietz  
 Head Usher— Mary Cunningham  
 Acolyte—Maura Albers

**January 14**— Pastor Jon Anderson

Organist/Pianist—Chris Trogstad  
 Lector—Carolyn Riggs  
 Head Usher— Sarah Gibbs  
 Acolyte—Raylan Conness

**January 21**— Pastor Shelly Klingensmith

Organist/Pianist—Cindy Level  
 Lector—Lisa Garrett  
 Head Usher— Jeremiah Burbach  
 Acolyte—Levi Conness

**January 28**—Pastor Jon Anderson

Organist/Pianist— Mary Cunningham  
 Lectors— Kathy Dietz  
 Head Usher—Sarah Gibbs  
 Acolyte—Gage Garrett

## Safe and Secure Giving is Now Available



Check it out by using the QR Code to link directly to the Webpage OR by going to <https://prairiefaith.com/mission/giving>

*Please check the sign up sheets on the board at the front door of the church for Volunteer Opportunities!!*

# Emanuel Lutheran Church

Sunday Worship — 9:00 a.m.  
 (every 1st & 3rd Sundays)

**January 7**— Pastor Emer. Randy Gibbs

**January 14**—Pastor Jon Anderson

# St. John Lutheran Church

Sunday Worship—11:00 a.m.  
 (Communion 1st and 3rd Sundays)

Sunday School 10:00 a.m.  
 (during public school year)

## Volunteers for December

**January 7**—Pastor Jon Anderson

### BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

Greeter—Darrell Armbruster  
 Lector—Brenda Lucas  
 Communion—Bob & Sue Schonhaler

**January 14**—Pastor Jon Anderson

Greeter —Bee McElroy  
 Lector—Dennis Keller

**January 21**—Pastor Jon Anderson

Greeter—Terry Kortan  
 Lector—Vonda Ackerman  
 Communion—Brenda Lucas & Rodger Fischer

**January 28**—Pastor Jon Anderson

Greeter—Bill Dietz  
 Lector—Terry Kortan

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH  
 FLOORING PROJECT

Helpers are needed the last couple of weeks in January to move heavy items in the church basement and remove carpet.

Exact Dates to be determined.  
 Epoxy will be poured in February.

All help is welcomed and appreciated!

*Thank you!*

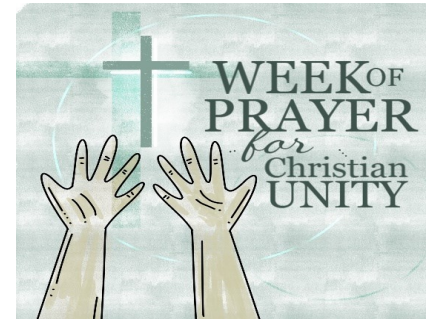
## Midweek at Bethlehem

You are invited to come, join your friends in fellowship and learn more about Jesus and God's Word. You do not have to be Lutheran to attend. Meal begins at 6:00p, followed by Worship/Music and classes at 6:45p. Class dismisses at 7:30p. Classes include Pre-K thru 8th grade. During Lent, class will dismiss early for Lenten Services. Midweek will be held at the regular time on early-dismissal days from school. For more information about our Midweek program, please contact the BLC Church Office at 785-743-2005 and we will put you in touch with a Midweek representative.



### BETHLEHEM MIDWEEK MEALS

- Jan. 10**—Pancakes, sausage, bananas, juice or milk  
**Jan. 17**—Chili cheese nachos, fresh vegetables, cookies, milk or juice  
**Jan. 24**—No Midweek at BLC. Week of Prayer for Christian Unity ~ Meets at WaKeeney CTK Catholic Parish Center at 6:00 p.m. A Family Soup Supper will be furnished. Midweek Staff, Participants & Parents are invited and encouraged to attend.  
**Jan. 31**—Ham, macaroni and cheese, applesauce, cookies, milk or juice



### Wednesday, January 24

**Meets at WaKeeney CTK Catholic Parish Center at 6:00 p.m.**

**A Family Soup Supper will be furnished.**

Join your friends from other congregations for fellowship and a delicious meal!

**Midweek Staff, Participants and Parents are invited and encouraged to attend!**

No Midweek at BLC Wed. Jan. 24

## Sunday School at St. John

Sunday School at St. John meets on Sunday Mornings during the school year prior to worship at 10:00 a.m.

Please join us as we celebrate another great year of Fellowship, Worship and Learning! If you would like more information about Sunday School, please call a St. John Sunday School representative or the Prairie Faith office at 785-743-2005 and we will put you in touch with a St.

John Sunday School representative.  
 Looking forward to seeing you there!



## PRAIRIE FAITH SHARED MINISTRY COVENANT

### I. Purpose

The purpose of this agreement is to create a relationship between these congregations:

Emanuel Lutheran Church, Ogallah Kansas, Bethlehem Lutheran Church, WaKeeney Kansas, St. John Lutheran Church, Ellis Kansas. This relationship will enable cooperating congregations and pastor(s) to share strengths and benefits through shared ministry opportunities, resources, programming and cost/purchase savings.

### II. Ministry Identity

The name by which the ministry is to be known shall be Prairie Faith Shared Ministry

### III. Mission Statement

The mission of Prairie Faith Shared Ministry is to gather in God's name, share ideas and concerns and actively shape the future of spiritual growth for our member congregations. Empowered by the Holy Spirit, and through ordained and lay leadership, we offer this ministry to serve God.

### IV. Pastoral Calls

Any Pastor called to serve the Prairie Faith Shared Ministry shall be on the active clergy roster of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America or a Denomination with which the ELCA has full communion.

A letter of call to serve as a Pastor or rostered lay person of the congregation of Prairie Faith Shared Ministry shall be approved by a two-thirds majority vote at each participating congregations' meeting.

### V. Worship

- A. Each congregation will determine its own order of worship.
- B. Scheduling of occasional special worship services shall be determined by the Prairie Faith Shared Ministry Council and staff.

## **VI. Financial Obligations**

- A. Prairie Faith Shared Ministry expenses will be divided proportionately among the member congregations based on average weekly attendance in regular weekly services as reported by each congregation on their annual report to the Judicatory Office.
- B. The criterion is used only to determine financial obligation to the shared ministry and does not determine individual congregational expenses.
- C. Shared ministry expenses shall include Prairie Faith Shared Ministry salaries, benefits, auto expense, housing expense, central office expense, and as finances allow, financial support for lay ministers participating in PMA training.
- D. Individual congregations will be responsible for their own church buildings, parsonages, and grounds. This includes, but is not limited to, maintenance, refurbishing, and insurance. Utilities for parsonages will be paid by Prairie Faith Shared Ministry providing a member of the rostered staff resides there. Upon the vacating of rostered staff the utility expenses will revert back to the owning congregation.

## **VII. Congregational Identity**

Each congregation will maintain its own identity. Each ELCA congregation in Prairie Faith will be accountable to the Central States Synod or its successor for representation at Synod events and for the expenses of such representation at those events. Any non-ELCA congregations will be accountable to their judicatories (i.e., equivalents of a Synod in their denomination).

## **VIII. Staffing**

Lay roster or Seminary Interns may be sought to work with the Pastor(s). In addition, the Shared Ministry may staff a central office. Prairie Faith Shared Ministry encourages development of and supports Lay Leadership.

## **IX. Shared Ministry Relationship**

Prairie Faith Shared Ministry exists and cooperates in the spirit of mutual love and goodwill that each congregation has for the others. The commitment to shared ministry grows out of the abiding love of Christ, described in the Gospel of John as “the Vine and Branches.” It is this vision that binds us together.

- A. Each congregation maintains its own property, programs, and personnel that are not jointly shared.

- B. The congregations of the Prairie Faith Shared Ministry covenant together to seek ways to do ministry together, always endeavoring to come closer together, while supporting and promoting the integrity and viability of each congregation.
- C. Congregations may engage cooperatively to create, expand, and promote local ministries (e.g., Parish Nurse Ministry, outreach programs including outreach worship services, mentoring opportunities, children and youth ministries, Christian education, among others).
- D. The Prairie Faith Shared Ministry relationship may be terminated at the request of any of the congregations. The request would be accomplished by vote at a legally called meeting of the congregation. No such vote will be taken or meeting held without first consulting the leaders of the other Prairie Faith Shared Ministry congregations and a representative of the Synod staff.
- E. In the event any congregation decides to discontinue participation in Prairie Faith Shared Ministry, the Shared Ministry relationship will continue for the remaining congregations.
- F. Property owned by each congregation prior to the establishment of Prairie Faith Shared Ministry shall remain the property of said congregation. Property and/or equipment acquired by Prairie Faith Shared Ministry shall be considered Prairie Faith Shared Ministry property. Property and equipment purchased by an individual congregation remains with that congregation.
- G. If a congregation leaves Prairie Faith Shared Ministry, ownership of Prairie Faith Shared Ministry property remains with the Shared Ministry.
- H. If Prairie Faith Shared Ministry dissolves, all property owned by the Shared Ministry will be turned over to another tax-exempt organization.

## **X. Administration**

### **A. Congregation Councils**

Each congregation, that is in full communion with the ELCA or its successor, will elect and retain its own leadership, including congregation council and officers, according to the constitution and by-laws of the congregation. Meetings will be held as determined by the congregation.

## **B. Prairie Faith Shared Ministry Council**

Prairie Faith Shared Ministry Council will consist of two persons from each participating congregation, with each church having one vote. The Prairie Faith Shared Ministry Council will meet at least quarterly or more often as needed. Special meetings may be called by the president, team leader, or representatives of three individual church congregations of the Prairie Faith Shared Ministry Council. A quorum at Prairie Faith Shared Ministry Council meetings will consist of two-thirds of the participating congregations represented. The Prairie Faith Shared Ministry Council will elect the officers of the Council. The Council officers will be president, secretary, and treasurer. The president will provide the agenda and preside over the meetings. The secretary will take minutes and make them available to Prairie Faith Shared Ministry Council members and each Shared Ministry congregation. The treasurer will be responsible to disperse funds donated to the Shared Ministry. The Prairie Faith Shared Ministry will make arrangements for an annual audit.

## **C. Duties**

The duties of the Prairie Faith Shared Ministry Council shall include the following:

1. Advise, assist and supervise the work of the pastoral staff.
2. Make non-rostered staffing decisions.
3. Determine housing provisions for rostered staff.
4. Develop an annual Prairie Faith Shared Ministry budget, including salary for Pastors, for approval by individual church congregations.
5. To establish Shared Ministry task forces or committees as needed for the benefit of Prairie Faith Shared Ministry.
6. To make recommendations to the individual congregations for any duty/changes and /or Prairie Faith Shared Ministry covenant needs or changes.
7. When lay leaders and pastors are called, leadership duties and responsibilities of Prairie Faith Shared Ministry would be shared among them.

## **XI. Amendments**

Amendments to the Prairie Faith Shared Ministry Agreement shall be approved by a two-thirds majority vote at each participating congregation's meeting.

## **XII. Future Cooperation**

This group of congregations is open to future cooperative ministry with other neighboring congregations. There is openness for additional pastoral and lay staff. There is a willingness to discuss and seek mutual agreement for the benefit of other congregations, as well as our own ministry.





# Pastor's Message

***Revelation 21:1-6a***—“Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away.” And the one who was seated on the throne said, “See, I am making all things new.” Also he said, “Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.” Then he said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. ””

When I think about the New Year, I’m reminded of an old Peanuts comic strip, in which Charlie Brown says, “I’ve looked through some old calendars, and this year is just like other years we’ve had before. I think we’re stuck with a used year!” I wonder if any of us have ever felt that way—each year we celebrate the New Year, but we wonder if there truly will be anything new about it. We will have the same 12 months, and the same four seasons. People will be born, and people will die. There will be times of great joy, times of great sorrow, times of excitement, and times of boredom. There will be some things that change—for example, this year at each of our annual meetings we will be voting on a new covenant for Prairie Faith, one that recognizes our new reality—three congregations instead of six, one pastor instead of three (or two with an intern), etc. But each of those congregations will continue to have services where the Word is preached and the Sacraments are administered, as they all have for many, many years. Sometimes it may seem like we’re just going around and around in circles.

One of the lessons for New Year’s Eve is the passage from Revelation I quoted above. Martin Luther called Revelation a book of darkness, and many find it disturbing and confusing. Yet the passage above is one of the more hopeful passages in the book. It tells us that one day, everything will be new and different—there will be no more crying—no more pain—no more death. It might be this year, or it might not happen for centuries—but it will happen. And in the meantime, God is with us, to help us cope with whatever challenges 2024 brings. Whether 2024 turns out to be life-changing or basically uneventful, God will be with us, as Jesus promised, “Lo, I am with you always, to the end of the age.” May Jesus’ promise, and the vision of our future given in Revelation, give us hope for 2024 and beyond, and may God’s peace be with us.

~ Pastor Jon



Bethlehem

- 3 Dustin Armbruster
- 4 Dalton Conness
- 4 Bentley Conness
- 8 Mason Yingling
- 11 Alexx Armbruster
- 12 Charlotte Wanker
- 12 Raylan Conness
- 16 Dave Hendricks
- 16 Terence Koehn
- 16 Zaddok Albers
- 17 Bill Level
- 18 Darin Dice
- 18 Richard Mohr
- 19 Myrna Mai
- 20 Toni Armbruster
- 20 Traci Turley
- 20 Sara Nations
- 25 Christine Zanghi
- 25 Harold Halbleib
- 25 Ryan Townley
- 26 Woodrow Warren
- 28 Jessica Sherfick
- 31 Shelby Hacker

St. John

- 1 Terry Fisher
- 2 Ethan Kortan
- 3 Dennis Massier
- 3 Hayley Keller
- 10 Kourtney Talkington
- 11 Kymer Talkington
- 16 Danny Desaire
- 17 Karen Sauer
- 17 Madison Funk
- 25 Lyle Fischer
- 26 Jerry Lucas
- 29 Debra Massier

Wedding Anniversaries

- 13 Chris & Katie Dreiling - St. John
- 21 Jon & Laura Anderson - Bethlehem
- 29 Jim & Carely Yaeger - Bethlehem

Job Opportunity  
Prairie Faith Shared Ministry

**Part Time (20-25) Hours/Week**  
**Communications and Office Specialist**

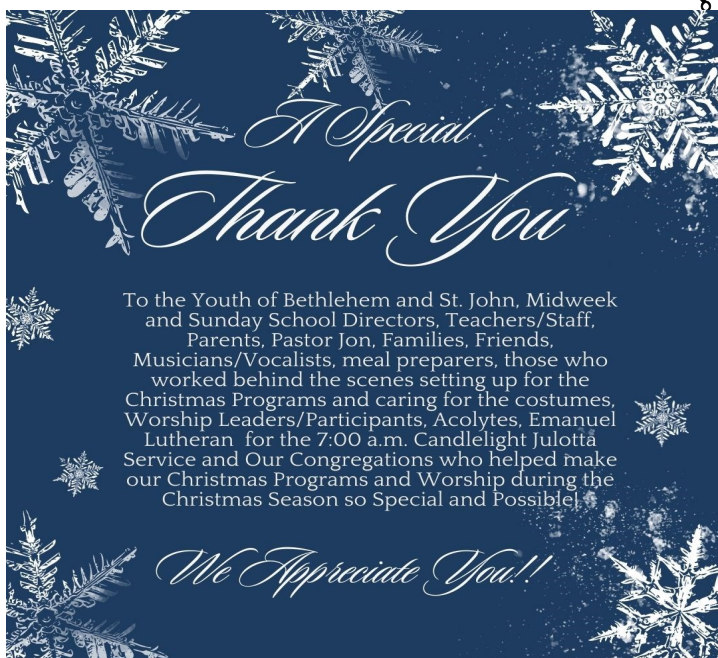
If you are looking for a Part Time Job in an excellent work environment, Prairie Faith Shared Ministries needs You. PFSM is a group of 3 small rural churches. Duties include facilitating communication between Pastors, Staff and Members along with general Administrative/Secretarial Support.

Prior related experience in an office environment is preferred with solid written and oral communications skills a must. The ability to multi-task and prioritize tasks, with proficiency in Microsoft Office Applications (Word, Excel, Outlook e-mail) and Web-based applications is required.

Schedule is 20-25 hours per week, during daytime hours, between Monday through Friday. Hours Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays are preferred. There are times of the year when more than 25 hours per week may be required, example being Special Liturgical Seasons or Projects, Year-End Budgets and Annual Reports of the Congregations. Location of the position is the Bethlehem Lutheran Church in WaKeeney, KS. Salary Commensurate with Experience.

Please mail Resume' to Bethlehem Lutheran Church at 338 N. 7<sup>th</sup> Street, WaKeeney, KS 67672, Attention: Communications and Office Specialist OR e-mail to Bethlehem Lutheran Church at [blc1@ruraltel.net](mailto:blc1@ruraltel.net) (Please include Communications and Office Specialist Resume') in the subject line of the e-mail. **Deadline to receive Resume's is Monday, January 25, 2024.**

Any Questions, please call: Richard Jensen  
Church Office at 785-743-2005  
E-mail: [rjensen@ruraltel.net](mailto:rjensen@ruraltel.net)





# January

Sun                      Mon                      Tue                      Wed                      Thu                      Fri                      Sat

 <p>Welcome To God's Family</p>	<p>You are invited to join us at <b>Bethlehem on Sunday, January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. Worship,</b> for a <b>Baby Shower Fellowship and the Baptism of Ensley Kay Albers,</b> daughter of Silas and Megan Albers and sister of Zaddok and Everly. <i>Come celebrate this event with us and welcome Ensley to our Church Family!</i></p>					<p>6</p>
<p><b>7 Baptism of Our Lord</b> 9:00a BLC Worship/Communion 9:00a BLC Baptism of Ensley Kay Albers BLC Take down Christmas Decorations following Worship 9:00a Em Worship/Communion 10:00a SJ Sunday School</p>	<p>8 2:00p BLC WELCA 4:00p Yoga @ Library 7:00p SJ Council Mtg</p>	<p>9 6:30p PFSM Bible Study @ BLC</p>	<p>10 6:00p Midweek 7:30P BLC Council Mtg.</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p>
<p><b>14 2nd Sunday after Epiphany</b> 9:00a BLC Worship/Communion 10:00a SJ Sunday School 11:00a SJ Worship SJ Annual Meeting Following Worship</p>	<p>15 4:00p Yoga @ Library 11:00a BLC ~ WaKeeney LTC Worship</p>	<p>16 6:30p PFSM Bible Study @ BLC</p>	<p>17 6:00p Midweek</p>	<p>18 1:00p BLC WaKeeney LTC Communion</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p>
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### BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH

Looking for a Part-time Job?

[We are in need of a Custodian](#)

If interested or have any questions,  
please call the church office at 785-743-2005 or  
contact any of Bethlehem's Council Members.



AS WE BID FAREWELL TO THIS YEAR  
AND WELCOME THE NEW YEAR,  
LET'S JOIN OUR HEARTS IN PRAYER  
FOR OUR BELOVED CHILDREN AND  
THEIR FAMILIES. MAY THE COMING YEAR  
BRING ABUNDANT BLESSINGS, HEALTH  
AND JOY TO EACH ONE OF THEM.  
**HAPPY NEW YEAR!**



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*May all your people from all the ends  
of Earth be gathered into one in you.*

Bethlehem Lutheran      Emanuel Lutheran  
WaKeeney, KS              Rural Ogallah, KS

St.. John's Lutheran Church  
North of Ellis, KS

*Prairie Faith Companion  
The monthly newsletter for members and friends of  
Prairie Faith Shared Ministry*