

**Bethlehem Lutheran Church**  
*A Reconciling Works Congregation of the ELCA welcoming the LGBTQ community*  
- A multicultural, all-inclusive ecumenical ministry

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**Parish Newsletter**  
**December 17, 2017 ~ Third Sunday of Advent**

**Ministries**

Today is also Food Bank Sunday and we thank you for your contributions to this ministry. Paul Snow is always grateful for our donations. If you have forgotten this morning or you would like to bring additional groceries, you may do that on Monday or Tuesday from 9:30 AM until 1:00 PM.

Bible Study will still be held this coming week on Wednesday at 11 AM, as usual. Please come and enjoy the hour of scripture readings, prayers, fellowship and snacks.

**Prayer Requests & Membership Updates**

Prayers continue for Pastor Carter, Margarita, Beverly and Margaret.

**Current Events**

Today is the Third Sunday of Advent. We light the candle of Joy, symbolizing Joy at the coming of Christ.

**Getting Ready For Christmas**

There is a sign-up sheet on the desk for next Sunday's Christmas Eve events. We will have a brief Worship Service beginning at 7:30 AM and then a Brunch by Candlelight. Please sign up to bring one of the items listed on the sheet to make our Brunch enjoyable and delicious. Also, for our Cookie reception, see below, we need a few people to bring a dozen cookies for the evening festivities as well.

Christmas Eve we will have a Cookie and Punch Reception at 9:00 PM followed by our annual Christmas Eve Candlelight Mass at 9:30 PM. Please plan to be here and celebrate the Christ Child's Birth.

You still have time to buy a poinsettia in honor or memory of a loved one. Each flower is \$7.00. It will be placed on the altar for our service and the names will be in the Christmas Eve bulletin. Please see Bettie for this.

Raffle Tickets for the beautiful "Sleigh of Goodies" are still for sale. \$1.00 a ticket or 6 for \$5.00. Thank you Jeannine for doing this for us every year. Good Luck to all.