

BETHEL BEACON

Elder's & Consistory Information December 18, 2025

6:00 p.m. Elders Meeting

- Care Team held a 75+ Christmas Luncheon on December 10th with 40 attending.
- Communion and visitation will be held in January.
- Pastor Barry Lang will be compensated for meeting attendance.
- Policy for service and event cancellation will be implemented.

7:00 p.m. Consistory Meeting

- Ordination/Installation of newly elected Elders and Deacons will be held on January 4.
- Organization meeting for election of new officers for the Consistory will be held following the service on January 4.
- Todd Henker will be forwarded pulpit supply fund after supplying Bethel with a recorded copy of his message that was canceled from November 30 service.
- Audit committee will be established by the new consistory.
- Inclement weather policy is being updated.
- Thanksgiving offering has been counted and deposited.
- Love fund was given to the Horvath family.
- Renovation plan for the fellowship hall is 50% funded.
- Mission team Alaska trip are completing registrations.
- Process of seeking a new pastor has begun and a decision was made to go forward with the ARC Chemistry Staffing.
- A decision was made not to seek an interim pastor for at least the next four months. This will be revisited by the consistory.
- Primary contacts for any needs or questions will be the 2026 Consistory members.
- Next meeting for Elders and Consistory will be:

January 15

6:00 p.m. Elders

7:00 p.m. Consistory

Renae's Thoughts

Over the past few weeks, the youth groups have talked about how this beautiful baby came down to be the light of the world. We shared how we need to put Jesus at the center of each of our Christmas celebrations and take the focus off of us and put it on Him. He offers the most beautiful gift, the gift of hope, love and light, that only Jesus can give.

As we look forward to a New Year, how many of us make a New Year's resolution? As we look back at the gift of Jesus, the Light of the world, we need to take the light that Jesus brought into the world at Christmas and let that light shine throughout the year. So, how are we going to let our lights shine throughout this New Year?

Matthew 5:14-16 says, "You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in Heaven."

We need to let what we say and do always glorify God so that we can let others see the light living in us. This is important because when others see our lights we want them to know the God we know and be drawn to Him. Our actions and words reflect what is in our hearts. When God lives in our hearts, it is so easy to have a light so bright that others will see Jesus in us.

James 2:14-18, "What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone claims to have faith but has no deeds? Can such faith save them? Suppose a brother or a sister is without clothes and daily food. If one of you says to them, 'Go in peace; keep warm and well fed,' but does nothing about their physical needs, what good is it? In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead. But someone will say, 'You have faith; I have deeds.' Show me your faith without deeds, and I will show you my faith by my deeds."

Our faith cannot point others to God unless we show it by our good deeds. If we do not have works, our actions do not reflect our faith in Jesus Christ. It is powerless.

Good deeds do not get us to Heaven, only our acceptance of Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior does. However, good deeds, actions, and words are a great way to show our strong faith and a way to build up God's Kingdom. Good deeds are a way to show the light of Jesus in us. Faith without action is dead. It is like covering our light with a bushel basket. It is hidden and dark. It is so important to let our light shine for others to see our faith and love for Jesus Christ.

So this year, make a resolution to let your light shine. Ask yourself, how am I illuminating God's love to others? It's amazing how many people are looking for the light of Jesus. Go let your little light shine, let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Renae Lind
Youth Director



JANUARY

Birthdays & Anniversaries

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| 1st | Keegan DeBoer Hank DeBoer Olivia Owens Josh Schliep | 19th | Bob DeBoer Pat VandeBerg Jeff Henker Parker Leusink Lexy Smit Matthew Kastein |
| 2nd | Kyle VandeBrink | 20th | Heidi Owens |
| 3rd | Coltyn Riedeman | 21st | Mason Coehoorn |
| 4th | Jason & Tiffany Derksen | 22nd | Jim Schmuhl Nick Redeker |
| 5th | Samantha Belmer | 23rd | Alex Tipton Brian & Kari Youngwirth |
| 7th | Camron DeBoer | 24th | Liam Lavota Tate Kimble Lukas Mulder Mac Mattheis Eyon Yunto |
| 8th | Adrianna Norton Collins Farrell | 26th | Robert Coehoorn |
| 9th | Lorraine VandeZande Michael Mulder Drew Henning Wayne & Elaine Hiemstra | 28th | Mitch Vis Charlie Farrell Kaelyn Hubschman Mark & Dianne Kastein |
| 10th | Pat Bronkhorst Stan Harmsen Kristin Jurjens | 29th | Wayne Hiemstra Anthony Martinek |
| 11th | Seth Knox | 30th | Melissa Hoinacki Kim Miller Madison Mulder |
| 12th | Ed Montsma Kinsley Huebschman | | |
| 15th | Cameron Hiemstra | | |
| 17th | Josie (Slager) Patterson | | |
| 18th | Torrie Grade Tricia Weisnicht Jay Smit | | |




JANUARY

- Thu., 1st** 10:00 a.m. Fellowship Hall in use
OFFICES CLOSED
- Sun., 4th** 9:30 a.m. Worship-Pastor Bruce Wilterdink
Installation/Ordination, Communion
10:30 a.m. Sunday School 3k-12th grade
Fellowship
- Mon., 5th** 6:00 p.m. Young Women's Bible Study
- Tue., 6th** 1:00 p.m. Senior Gathering
- Wed., 7th** 9:10 A.M. 55+ Bible Study
6:00 p.m. Junior High Youth Group
7:00 p.m. Choir Practice
7:30 p.m. Senior High Youth Group
- Sun., 11th** 9:30 a.m. Worship Cory Ruis
10:30 a.m. Deacon's Meeting, Sunday School
Fellowship
- Tue., 13th** 1:00-3:00 p.m. Senior Gathering
1:00-6:00 p.m. Rosendale Blood Drive
- Wed., 14th** 6:00 p.m. Junior High Youth Group
7:30 p.m. Senior High Youth Group
- Thu., 15th** 9:00 a.m. Bethel Quilters
6:00 p.m. Elder's Meeting
7:00 p.m. Consistory Meeting
- Sun., 18th** 9:30 a.m. Worship CHARIS
10:30 a.m. Sunday School, Fellowship
6:00 p.m. Men's Ministry
- Tue., 20th** 1:00-3:00 p.m. Senior Gathering
- Wed., 21st** 9:10 a.m. 55+ bible Study
6:00 p.m. Junior High Youth Group
7:00 p.m. Choir Practice
7:30 p.m. Senior High Youth Group
- Sun., 25th** 9:30 a.m. Worship Al Van Hueizen
10:30 a.m. Deacon's Meeting, Sunday School
Fellowship
- Tue., 27th** 1:00-3:00 p.m. Senior Gathering
- Wed., 28th** 6:00 p.m. Junior High Youth Group
7:30 p.m. Senior HIGH Youth Group


JANUARY

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| LIFT | 4th | Ken Beekman |
| | 11th | Ed Montsma |
| | 18th | Rick Redeker |
| | 25th | Bob Winkel |
| SOUND | 4th | Merwin Kimble |
| | 11th | Harley Coehoorn |
| | 18th | Kelly VandeZande |
| | 25th | Merwin Kimble |
| NURSERY | 4th | Nariah Lind |
| | 11th | Sadie Newbury |
| | 18th | Lori Coehoorn |
| | 25th | Lena Arndt Cameron Hiemstra |
| LITURGY | 4th | Jen Post |
| | 11th | Amanda Hiemstra |
| | 18th | Mark Kastein |
| | 25th | Shelly Hiemstra |
| GREETER | 4th | Mark Kastein |
| | 11th | Greg Smit |
| | 18th | Shelly Hiemstra |
| | 25th | Bob Winkel |
| FELLOWSHIP | 4th | Nic Mattheis |
| | 11th | Kelly VandeZande |
| | 18th | Byron Navis |
| | 25th | Ryan Arndt |
| CHILDREN'S MESSAGE | 4th | Randi Turner |
| | 18th | Heather Wegner |
| DVD DELIVERY | 4th | Shelly Hiemstra |
| | 11th | Karen Redeker |
| | 18th | Jeanette Winkel |
| | 25th | Shelly Hiemstra |

Snowflake SNACK CAKES



Celebrate the beauty of winter with these fun snowflake-inspired treats!



What you need:

- Graham cracker squares or sugar cookies
- White frosting or marshmallow fluff
- Pretzel sticks (snowflake arms)
- Shredded coconut or white sprinkles
- Mini marshmallows or candy pearls

What you do:

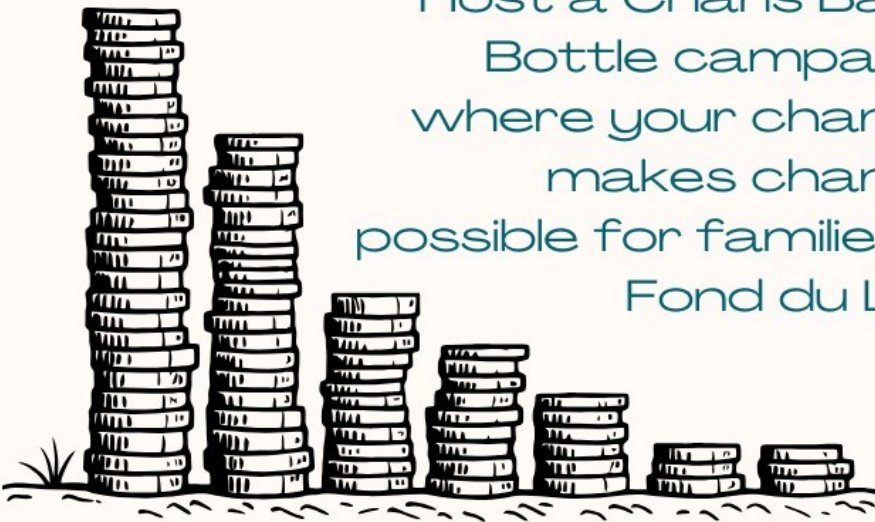
1. Frost each cracker or cookie.
2. Arrange pretzel sticks in a crisscross for the snowflake base.
3. Sprinkle with coconut or sprinkles for snow.
4. Add marshmallows or candy pearls to the ends for detail.

Lesson tie-in:
Remind kids that God made each of us unique—just like no two snowflakes are alike!
(Psalm 139:14, KJV)

Every life matters
**EVERY PENNY
COUNTS**

BE A CHANGE MAKER

Host a Charis Baby
Bottle campaign,
where your change
makes change
possible for families in
Fond du Lac



email paigekelley@charisfdl.com to learn more

Charis exists to empower individuals in the community to make life-affirming choices through faith-based programs and support. This past year we have done fulfilled that mission through the distribution of more than 3,000 boutique items and over 700 mentor appointments. We have served over 70 unique clients, 92 children, and had 19 babies born!

So grab a bottle, fill it up, bring it back and let life shine in our community!

When you fill up a baby bottle with checks, cash, or coins, you make this possible.

Consistory 2026

Elders

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| Dallas VandeSlunt (26) | 920-229-2337 |
| Shelly Hiemstra (27) | 920-948-3548 |
| Bob Winkel (27) | 920-382-5120 |
| Ryan Arndt (28) | 920-310-5814 |
| Mark Kastein (28) | 920-229-7159 |

Deacons

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| Byron Navis (26) | 920-597-0203 |
| Jay Smit (26) | 920-858-1739 |
| Nic Mattheis (27) | 920-904-1337 |
| Kelly VandeZande (27) | 920-346-2100 |
| Greg Smit (28) | 920-229-7159 |
| Taylor Weisnicht (28) | 920- |

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ELECTION/SELECTION

All Consistory Members

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