

# Stay Tuned to Bethel



A publication for viewers of  
*Worship at Bethel*



## Bearing and sharing the light

In January, we celebrated the beginning of the church's liturgical Season of Light. We know it as Epiphany, the 12th day of Christmas in the Western Christian Church. It is always on Jan. 6. It is the season marked by the arrival of the three wise men, the kings, those sages from the east. Guided by the divine light of the star of the east, they brought gifts to the child born in the Bethlehem manger. Can you imagine how the business community in our modern world would react if we all determined to wait another 12 days beyond Dec. 25 to bring all our gifts to those who we want to receive them from us as signs of our love and caring for them?

A verse from the familiar Epiphany hymn whose text by the Danish writer Nikolai F.S. Grundtvig was written in the mid-1800s and sings:

*Guided by the star, they found him  
whose praise the ages sound. We too  
have a star to guide us which forever  
will provide us with the light to find  
our Lord, with the light to find our  
Lord.*

The late Dr. Gerhard E. Frost has written "The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it." (John 1:5). "If I am asked," he writes, "what are my grounds for hope, this is my answer: Light is lord over darkness, truth is lord over falsehood, life is ever lord over death. Of all the facts I daily live with, there's none more comforting than this: If I have two rooms, one

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*Pastor Paul Svingen*

### Pastor Svingen . . .

- ✚ Notes that his favorite seminary professor was James Burtness because he introduced him to Dietrich Bonhoeffer—his life, faith, death and theology.
- ✚ Is not a fussy eater.
- ✚ Would like to play the pipe organ.
- ✚ Enjoys winter but also is looking forward to spring.
- ✚ Speaks a little Norwegian.

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**In memory of Naomi Bekkum** by Louise Olson

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**In memory of Alan Christensen** by Mary Stiegel

## Bearing and sharing the light, continued from front

dark, the other light, and I open the door between them, the darker room becomes lighter without the light one becoming darker. I know this is no headline, but it's a marvelous footnote; and God comforts me in that."

In our post-Christmas world of 20 centuries blessed by the light of the Christ of Christmas, we cannot deny the realities of the dark rooms that still exist. They breed, harbor and promote the darkness of racism, prejudice, economic injustice, human trafficking, power abuse of many forms, religious extremisms, political irresponsibilities and a lingering host

of light-defying manifestations of the power of evil.

As the Church of Jesus Christ, now freshly flooded with the love of God given to us in the gift of the Savior, let us commit ourselves to the difficult ministry of opening doors that separate the darkness from the light. There is still room in this world for Christians to shed and spread the light of Christ. It is the light that understands, pardons, consoles, loves, trusts, believes and hopes.

May God bless us in our ministry this season and beyond.

*Pastor Paul*

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- ◆ **Jan. 21:** In memory of Charles Thonley by Jo Thonley, family and friends
- ◆ **Jan. 28:** In memory of Joseph Hoel by Lorraine Hoel & family
- ◆ **Feb. 11:** In memory of Helen Stuckmeyer through memorials given by her family, nieces, nephews and cousins and many friends and neighbors. *As a shut in, this Sunday morning church telecast was an important support to her faith.*

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## Bethel Lutheran Church calendar

2018 Sundays	First Reading	Second Reading	Gospel
March 4 .....	Exod. 20:1-17	1 Cor. 1:18-25	John 2:13-22
March 11 .....	Num. 21:4-9	Eph. 2:1-10	John 3:14-21
March 18 .....	Jer. 31:31-34	Heb. 5:5-10	John 12:20-33
March 25 .....	Isa. 50:4-9a	Phil. 3:19-16	Mark 14:1-15:47
April 1 .....	Acts. 10:34-43	1 Cor. 15:1-11	Mark 16:1-8
April 8 .....	Acts. 4:32-35	1 John 1:1-2:2	John 20:19-31
April 15 .....	Acts. 3:12-19	1 John 3:1-7	Luke 24:36b-48
April 22 .....	Acts. 4:5-12	1 John 3:16-24	John 10:11-18
April 29 .....	Acts. 8:26-40	1 John 4:7-21	John 15:1-8
May 6 .....	Acts. 10:44-48	1 John 5:1-6	John 15:9-17
May 13 .....	Acts. 1:15-17, 21-26	1 John 5:9-13	John 17:6-19
May 20 .....	Acts. 2:1-21	Rom. 8:22-27	John 15:26-27, 16:4b-15
May 27 .....	Isa. 6:1-8	Rom. 8:12-17	John 3:1-17

