

# Stay Tuned to Bethel



A publication for viewers of  
*Worship at Bethel*



**Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.**  
*2 Corinthians 5:17*



## The new year brings hope and opportunity

Change is upon us as we enter a new year. We soon will have new leadership for our country, and we hope to welcome a new Senior Pastor to Bethel. In January, we look forward to an Interim Senior Pastor who will serve at Bethel during our search for the next Senior Pastor. Best wishes to former Senior Pastor Scot Sorensen who left Bethel Dec. 1. He is taking a job in California where he and his family moved from five years ago.

What does 2017 mean for you? Maybe it signifies a fresh start or a new opportunity. Maybe it's a reminder that time flies and we should make the most of each day. As you reflect on 2016 and think about the coming year, make it a priority to strengthen your relationship God, to take time for yourself and to appreciate others who are important in your life. God bless you this holiday season and throughout 2017!

### Our pastors share their thoughts about the new year



**John Swanson**  
*Director of  
Congregational Life*



I like the idea of renewal or a fresh start that comes with the New Year. This rings true for me personally but also for each of us as Christians. Each day actually offers us a chance to start over – to be reborn and renewed – as a child of God. So, with the New Year this spiritual renewal is perhaps no different than any other day, but maybe more recognizable.



Life is just one big journey that has many side trips, sad occasions, happy occasions and just the every-day mundane. I love it all!

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**Paul Petersen**  
*Bethel Horizons*

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## New year messages from our pastors, *continued from front*



**Margo Martens**  
*Visitation Pastor*



As 2017 dawns, my prayer is that the theme of ‘expectancy’ (which shapes the message and the heart of Advent), will carry us into and through all the newness of experiences and challenges. Specifically, I will cling to expectant hope, expectant patience and expectant joy. May our ever-newly-born Babe-in-Bethlehem open our eyes and ears, always to look and listen expectantly for the presence of God’s kingdom among us.



Jesus is called the Alpha and the Omega – the beginning and the end. As this year ends, we can rest in faith that he has been present in our lives. Emotions and feelings are very important as we develop a relationship with a person or God. But, we have a God who is present to reveal only under the disguise of hidden grace. This is called by Martin Luther, the hidden God. How many moments of joy and sadness did you experience this past year?

As we look up the meaning of Jesus, the Alpha and the Omega, he is the creator of our life and also the one who create us again, and again in his own image. We are beginning a new year with Jesus as we finished the last one with him. It is providential that this year, we close the year with worship on Saturday, Dec. 31 and begin with Sunday Jan. 1. What a way to say he is the Alpha and the Omega.



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2016-17 Sundays	First Reading	Second Reading	Gospel
Dec. 4.....	2 Advent Isa. 11:1-10	Rom. 15:4-13	Matt. 3:1-12
Dec. 11.....	3 Advent Isa. 35:1-10	James 5:7-10	Matt. 11:2-11
Dec. 18.....	4 Advent Isa. 7:10-16	Rom. 1:1-7	Matt. 1:18-25
Dec. 25.....	Christmas Day II Isa. 62:6-12	Titus. 3:4-7	Luke 2:(1-7) 8-20
Jan. 1.....	Name of Jesus Num. 6:22-27	Gal. 4:4-7	Luke 2:15-21
Jan. 8.....	Baptism of Our Lord Isa. 42:1-9	Acts. 10:34-43	Matt 3:13-17
Jan. 15.....	2 Epiphany Isa. 49:1-7	1 Cor. 1:1-9	John 1:29-42
Jan. 22.....	3 Epiphany Isa. 9:1-4	1 Cor. 1:10-18	Matt. 4:12-23
Jan. 29.....	4 Epiphany Micah. 6:1-8	1 Cor. 1:18-31	Matt. 5:1-12
Feb. 5.....	5 Epiphany Isa. 58:1-9a (9b-12)	1 Cor. 2:1-12 (13-16)	Matt. 5:13-20
Feb. 12.....	6 Epiphany Deut. 30:15-20	1 Cor. 3:1-9	Matt. 5:21-37
Feb. 19.....	7 Epiphany Lev. 19:1-2, 9-18	1 Cor. 3:10-11, 16-23	Matt. 5:38-48
Feb. 26.....	Transfiguration of Our Lord Exod. 24:12-18	2 Peter 1:16-21	Matt. 17:1-9

