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News from Bethel and Goshen Moravian



Notes from the Parsonage

Advent is a season of waiting. It comes from the Latin word meaning "a coming" or "arrival". It has a dual focus centered on the joy of Christ, but it also holds a historic on preparing not only His first but His second coming. How unique this season is. We are offered Advent Wreaths, Advent calendars, prayers, special church services, decorating and our focus on our Savior's coming. Our celebration begs the question, "Are you ready?" I know all of us go about our lives preparing for this celebration of Christ's birth. Many times it is smooth sailing yet other time, bumpy. The celebration arrives, have a meaningful experience, it ends and we go through our year till the next year's celebration. Lent and Easter show up and we remember the sacrifice of Jesus and what He has done for us. From my experience we don't emphasize His second coming in a monumental way. What I mean by monumental is a specific worship service or a specific time dedicated to the Second Coming. Yet make no mistake JESUS IS COMING AGAIN! We live our Christian lives, practice our Christian faiths, raise our families in the way they should go live everyday for Christ. We don't know when that Second Coming will occur. It may be cataclysmic or quietly when we pass from this life in the next. Going into the more immediate presence of our Savior. We are thankful for the year that is almost to pass and pray for a 2026 that brings everything we hope for.

Jan, Josh and I wish you Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year.

Pastor Joel

Candlelight Service



December 24th

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

5:00 pm Bethel

7:00 pm Goshen



Annual Meeting



Bethel's Annual Meeting is scheduled for December 7, 2025 after worship. Worship will begin at 11:00 am.

Goshen's Annual Meeting is scheduled for January 25, 2026.

Women's Fellowship

The Women's Fellowship will meet Wednesday, Dec. 10, 2025 at 2:00 pm at the Goshen church.

