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## THANK YOU MEURERS

On Sunday, November 19<sup>th</sup>, it was announced that David and Shaylee Meurer will be stepping down as worship leaders at the end of this year. As David wrote in his letter to the Elders: *"Shaylee and I have learned, grown, and loved being at Bergen Park Church for the past two years. After a ton of prayer, late talks, and more prayer we feel it's within our family's best interest to step down as the worship leaders at BPC ..... We will support you in whatever path you choose to find a replacement. And want to make this transition process as easy and smooth on the body as possible. We love BPC and can't thank you enough for allowing us the pleasure of leading you in worship for the last two years."* We know that this was a difficult decision for David and Shaylee and we want to honor their time at BPC with a commissioning service on December 17<sup>th</sup>. Please keep them in prayer as they complete their time here at BPC.



## ADVENT: WAITING & PREPARATION

Each year, the season of Advent commences on the fourth Sunday before December 25. Unlike the Gregorian Calendar (the calendar most of the world observes), the Church year or liturgical year begins not on January 1 but on Advent Sunday. It is no accident that the Christian year begins with Advent. This season frames how we ought to view God, ourselves, and the entire arc of human history.... not a bad reminder for the start of each new year. The advent of God to man is a story that invades the fullness of time, encompassing our past, our present, and our future. As we observe the season of Advent, we are invited to recall anew the story of what God has done, what He is doing, and what He has promised to do. The 'second Advent', then, overlaps with the first. We celebrate Jesus' first coming, and use that sense of fulfillment to fuel our hope for his second coming and to strengthen us to work for signs of that kingdom in our own day. We live between the first Advent and the second. That is one way of saying what it means to be a follower of Jesus. A family devotional on Advent is available at the Connect Center. Be sure to pick one up.<sup>1</sup>



### WAYS TO PRAY

- Pray that we will all focus on Christ Jesus this month.
- Pray for our foreign missionaries – the Haddads, the Nelsons, the Nunez family, Mercy Ministry, and Nick and Kris Doneff.
- Pray for those at Bergen Park Church who have lost a loved one this year or in recent years.

### FINANCIAL UPDATE

	OCTOBER	MAY - OCT.
CONTRIBUTIONS	\$36,707	\$229,119
EXPENSES	\$36,449	\$216,213
NET	\$258	\$12,906
OCTOBER CONTRIBUTIONS: 89% OF BUDGETED \$41,080	YEAR-TO-DATE CONTRIBUTIONS: 93% OF BUDGETED \$246,477	

### DECEMBER NEWS

- The Evergreen Emergency Shelter Program (ESP) has launched for the winter. Bergen Park Church is one of the host church locations for accommodating men, women, and children on the coldest nights. There are plenty of ways to get involved and help this ministry. Contact Joe Niemeyer for more information or to get involved at [jb.niemeyer@gmail.com](mailto:jb.niemeyer@gmail.com). The next training opportunity is December 7, 7-9pm at Evergreen Lutheran.
- Give a gift to someone in need. Choose a gift from the Missions Tree or fulfill a need on CCB. Contact Karen Filkins for more information.
- Welcome back Haddads! They are enjoying their time back in Evergreen. Jonah is hoping to connect with as many people as he can while here. Let him know if you want to get together until December 13th. [Jonah.haddad@efca.org](mailto:Jonah.haddad@efca.org)
- After the new year, BPC will be launching new growth groups and it will be the perfect time for you to join one. Growth Groups are essentially the small group of believers where discipleship, fellowship, and care happen best. Groups meet on a variety of times, days, and frequency and there is one that will be perfect for you.

<sup>1</sup>Walters, Jeff K. "The frightening side of Advent: Bonhoeffer's Christmas sermons." Southern Equip. December 05, 2014. <http://equip.sbt.s.edu/article/the-frightening-side-of-advent-bonhoeffer-christmas-sermons/>.



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# BPC EVENT CALENDAR

# DECEMBER 2017

All events are at Bergen Park Church unless noted otherwise.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					BSF Women's Study 9am <sup>1</sup>	<sup>2</sup>
					Emergency Shelter Program	High School Night 6pm @ Petry's Emergency Shelter Program
<sup>3</sup> Community Giveback Sunday Christmas Celebration 4pm Elevate 6:00pm Emergency Shelter Program	<sup>4</sup> Youth Lunch @ EMS BSF Men's Study 6:45pm	<sup>5</sup>	<sup>6</sup> Women's Evening Bible Study 7pm	<sup>7</sup> Prayer Scarf Ministry 2pm Prayer Gathering 6pm	<sup>8</sup> BSF Women's Study 9am	<sup>9</sup> Men's Breakfast and Service 8am High School Night 6pm @ Petry's
<sup>10</sup> Adult Bible Study 8:15am Missions Meeting 11:15am Elevate 6:00pm	<sup>11</sup> BSF Men's Study 6:45pm	<sup>12</sup>	<sup>13</sup>	<sup>14</sup> Prayer Scarf Ministry 2pm Youth Study Night 5:30pm	<sup>15</sup> BSF Women's Study 9am Youth Lunch with Home schoolers	<sup>16</sup> High School Night 6pm @ Petry's
<sup>17</sup> Adult Bible Study 8:15am Elevate 6:00pm [Christmas Party @ Nusses]	<sup>18</sup> Youth Lunch @ EHS	<sup>19</sup>	<sup>20</sup>	<sup>21</sup> Prayer Scarf Ministry 2pm Jeffco Winter Break Begins [12/21-1/5]	<sup>22</sup>	<sup>23</sup> High School Night 6pm @ Petry's
<sup>24</sup> Adult Bible Study 8:15am Christmas Eve 9am, 4:30pm, 6:30pm Adult Bible Study 31 8:15am Elevate 6:00pm	<sup>25</sup> Christmas Day	<sup>26</sup>	<sup>27</sup>	<sup>28</sup> Prayer Scarf Ministry 2pm	<sup>29</sup>	<sup>30</sup> High School Night 6pm @ Petry's