

THIS WEEK AT BETHEL

TODAY	9:30 AM Prayer for Worship – Prayer Room
	10:00 AM Morning Worship Service
	11:15 AM Sunday School Program Practice
	6:00 PM Evening Worship Service – Sunday School Program
	7:00PM Reservation – Fellowship Hall
MONDAY	6:30 PM Elders Meeting – Council Room
	7:00 PM Ladies Bible Study
	7:00 PM Deacons Meeting
	8:00 PM Council Meeting – Council Room
TUESDAY	9:00 AM Staff Meeting – Council Room
WEDNESDAY	7:00 PM Cadets
	7:00 PM YPS
THURSDAY	7:00 PM Lighthouse Reservation
FRIDAY	9:00 AM Lighthouse Reservation
SATURDAY	9:30 AM Lighthouse Reservation
NEXT SUNDAY	10:00 AM Morning Worship Service
	11:30 AM GEMS Room Reservation
	12:00 PM Lighthouse Reservation
	6:00 PM Evening Worship Service

	<i>TODAY</i>	<i>Next Week, Sunday December 23</i>
Sound	Wade Vanden Berg & Ryan Fedders	Allan Bolkema & Jeremy Kraayenbrink
Video	Mikayla Meyers	Mikayla Meyers
Power Point	Mike Meyers	Mike Meyers
Welcome Center	Merlin & Bev Zwart	Mer & Bev Zwart
Ushers	AM – Nate DW, Timon R, Stan W, Daryl Wieringa, Darrel Wielenga PM – Del Broek, Alvin H, Ron Schaap	AM – Nate DW, Timon R, Stan W, Daryl Wieringa, Darrel Wielenga PM – Del Broek, Alvin H, Ron Schaap
Greeters	AM – Kris De Koning & Elaine De Leeuw Dan & Samantha De Weerd PM – Eric & Lisa De Weerd Leah De Weerd & Joanne De Weerd	AM – Verlyn & Arletta De Weerd Nate & Gretchen De Wit PM – Dean & Tara Dekkers Corwin & Harriet Dolieslager
Coffee/Juice Servers	Blake & Tasha Kruger Terry & Mary Hubers Greg & Angie Jansma	Josh & Jess Koedam Joe & Tarah Kooima Mark & Kristin Haan
Nursery	AM – David's Meadow – Aimee Van Holland Owen Vanden Berg Jessica Koedam AM – Noah's Ark – Margret Van Donkelaar Heidi Van Rockel Elliot Vanden Berg Lily Van Voorst PM – No Nursery – Sunday School Program	AM – David's Meadow – Cassidy Van Voorst Kendra Wynja Becky Bos AM – Noah's Ark – Rebekah Vande Kamp Lori Walstra Trey Haverhals Aubyn Jansma PM – Steve & Vonda Post, Kayda Vanden Berg
Bus Driver	Ron Fedders	Darrell Koedam
PM Offering	One Vision Orphanage	Sioux Falls Gospel Mission
C & W	Martha D, Erin B, Jenna V	Shawn M, Mikayla M, Chloe VDB
Tiny Tots	Kylie VD, Melinda S	Melinda S, Marissa H



MATTHEW 2:1-12
“MAGI”

WELCOME TO BETHEL CRC ~ December 16, 2018

Welcome to all who worship with us on this Lord's Day! We especially welcome all visitors and those who may be seeking a new church home and invite you to fill out a welcome card either in this bulletin or at www.bethelsc.org so we can get to know you. Everyone is invited to stay for a time of fellowship following the services.

WORSHIP NOTES

This Week

- This Sunday morning, our worship service will be led by Pastor John Lee. He will continue the series, "Lord of the Kings - Joy" and will focus on Matthew 2:1-12 – "Magi".
- This morning's first offering (Bethel Ministry Fund) supports the many ministries of this church and denomination. Our second offering is for the Christ-centered education of our children.
- This Sunday evening, we are excited to be led in worship by our Sunday School children with their annual Christmas Program at 6:00 p.m. The prelude will begin at 5:40 p.m. and will involve a number of our Sunday School children.
- On Sunday evening, 1st-6th graders should go directly the overflow to sit with their teachers. Preschool and Kindergarteners, please meet in the GEMS room at 5:45. All those playing in the prelude, please line up in the GEMS room at 5:30 p.m. For any child who is a character in the play please meet in the Cadet room/Sunday School 6th grade at 5:30 pm.
- Our evening offering is for the One Vision Orphanage in Haiti, a partner of Katelyn's Fund Orphan Ministry in Sioux Center. One Vision is home for more than 60 boys and girls. The orphanage provides them with a safe place to live, with loving caregivers and educators, and surrounds them with the gospel of Jesus Christ. The orphanage relies heavily on Katelyn's Fund for financial subsistence. You and your family can also consider sponsorship of an individual child/children. To learn more about this program and the great things happening at One Vision, please visit <http://www.katelynsfund.org/orphanage-sponsorship/our-family>
- *Alexis Haverhals shares her experience:* One Vision Orphanage is centered around God, and you can see that the moment you arrive. As soon as we got off the bus, every child came running to hug us and the entire week they wouldn't leave our side. They loved us so much, even before they got to know us. They didn't care who we were, they were just grateful we were there. Every child there loves God so deeply and shows God's love through the way they love us.

Next Week

- Next Sunday morning, our worship service will be led by Pastor John Lee. He will continue the series, "Lord of the Kings" and will focus on Matthew 2:13-18 – "Herod". We will also witness the Public Profession of Faith of Rylee Visser.
- Next Sunday morning's first offering (Bethel Ministry Fund) supports the many ministries of this church and denomination. Our second offering is for the Christ-centered education of our children.
- Next Sunday evening, our worship will be our annual Christmas Candle Light Service. Pastor John will lead us in a traditional service of Lessons and Carols.
- Next Sunday evening offering will be for Sioux Falls Gospel Mission.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Children & Worship and Tot Church meet during the morning service for children ages 3 & 4. The dismissal is indicated in the order of worship. Parents, please bring your children to the Children & Worship room located in the NW wing of the building. All children will meet first in the Children & Worship room for greeting and singing; 4 year olds will stay in the Children & Worship room, 3 year olds will go to the Tot church room (Classroom #5). Children are welcome to bring an offering.

Want to update your picture in the picture directory? If you've had a baby, recently married, or took a family picture for a Christmas card and want a different picture in the directory, please email your picture to the church office at office@bethelsc.org **by December 26.**

The Church Directory pages are on display in the narthex. Please check your name, address, phone, email, etc. and make any changes or corrections, if needed. If your information is correct as shown, please put a check mark by your name. If your cell phone is not listed and you would like to have it listed, please print it clearly beside your name. If you prefer to e-mail the office with updates, the e-mail address is office@bethelsc.org

Faith Vitamins: *Israel is a very broad subject in the world today. Just hearing the word brings up for many people varied emotions. In the next few weeks we will discuss "Israel - An introduction "A name, A People, a Land, a Future". This will be taught by Dan Handley, our missionary recently returned from 5 years' service in Israel (and Mary Jo's father). This week Dan Handley's topic will focus on the contemporary realities of "Israel – Today". Come to the Council Room immediately after the morning service and check it out.*

Encounter Bible Study group is designed for 20-30 year olds, married or single. They will meet on **December 28 at 7:00pm** at the Van Voorst house. Please contact brittany@vbfurn.com for the address or any other information. Feel free to join.

From the Deacons: It has been over a year now that we have been using the Lighthouse. What a blessing this facility has been to Bethel! With Sunday School and catechism classes, Cadets, Young People's, and various Bible studies, the Lighthouse has been put to great use! It has also hosted many baptism and profession of faith lunches over the past year, not to mention Christmas parties and other functions. We thank God for this facility and we thank the congregation for their generous giving so far to the Lighthouse. Since December 1, 2017, we have been able to pay down our Lighthouse loan by \$175,000! The current bank loan balance is \$170,000. Would you prayerfully consider what you can give to help us lower this debt or possibly even pay off our loan in the next few months? Thank you!"

Care & Concern Prayer Time for Groups 6-10 will be next Sunday evening (December 23) instead of this week, due to the Sunday School Program.

Care & Concern group #8 will be caroling to a few of our shut-ins next Tuesday, December 18. Meet at Royal Meadows at 6:30 and we will end the night together at Culver's. Join us in celebrating our Saviors birth!

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM PRACTICE for December 16:

- There won't be regular Sunday School classes for Preschool-6th Grade. Instead, the children need to meet at the **front of the sanctuary** immediately following the morning worship service.
- Preschool and Kindergarten students will practice for about 15 minutes. Parents, please pick them up when they are finished.
- 7th and 8th Graders will have regular Sunday School class and then join practice in the sanctuary around 11:55. Since we do not have a Saturday practice, we hope to be done by noon, but may go a little beyond. Thanks for understanding!

All Bethel members are encouraged to write our missionaries this week.

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Bethel CRC

Welcomes You!

We invite visitors and guests to complete the information below and place it in the offering plate or complete a visitor info request form online at www.bethelc.org/contact-us.

Today's Date: _____

Time of Service: (please circle one) AM PM

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell(s): _____

Email: _____

Please Check One:

Visitor _____ Guest _____ College Student _____

Requests:

- I desire to learn more about Jesus as my Lord and Savior.
- I desire to be baptized or make Profession of Faith.
- I would like more information on joining Bethel CRC
- I would like to talk to a Pastor.
- I desire information about the ministries of Bethel CRC
- I desire information about youth ministries.
- I would like to know more about ministry opportunities at Bethel CRC and where I might serve.
- I would like to volunteer for _____
- I would like to request prayer for _____
- Other _____

PRAYER MINISTRY

- After returning home on Monday, December 10, Rodney Bolkema was readmitted to Sanford Hospital in Sioux Falls for treatment of Pancreatitis. He and Hester hoped to return home again sometime this weekend.
- William Moore moved from Kosgrove Estates to Royale Meadows on Friday, December 14.
- Janna Bolkema underwent a PET scan on Thursday. We join Allan, Janna, and their family in praying for a cancer-free result.
- Happy Birthday to Gerrit Byker! He will turn 90 on December 18.
- Happy Birthday to Cynthia Kruid! She will be 82 on December 19.
- Happy Birthday to Janet Rens! She will be 85 on December 19.
- Happy Birthday to Lois Hooyer! She will be 88 on December 22.
- We continue to join our community in praying for different local congregations. This week, we will be in prayer for the Christ Community Congregation and for their Pastor Randy Widbin.
- If you have a prayer request that you would like included in the bulletin, please contact Pastor John Lee at (irlee12@gmail.com) or the Bethel office (office@bethelsc.org).

THANK YOU

Thank you to the congregation for their continued prayers during Heath's cancer journey. Heath is doing well and hit his 100 day post-transplant mark on Friday, December 14. He will have many follow-up tests on Monday, December 17 at Sioux Falls to evaluate the success of the treatment. Please pray specifically for peace for the upcoming testing and continued health as Heath has started maintenance chemo and rebuilds his immune system.

Heath & Kayla Stoker and Mer & Bev Zwart

Thank you for the prayers, cards, meals, and visits from Pastors John, Pastor Tinklenberg, and Elder Dave Draayer. Above all, we thank God for the healing thus far after my recent knee replacement.

Allen & Phyllis Beukelman

Thank you to Bethel members who participated in the Mid Sioux Opportunities Christmas Tree. We are sure the families will greatly appreciate the gifts.

The Evangelism Committee

**Youth Group
Schedule**



YPS - This Wednesday is a study night/hangout night from 7-9 pm. Snacks and drink are provided. YPS will not meet on December 26.

JR. YPS – Christmas party tonight from 7-8:30 pm. Shaylee Meyerink and Trevor Wieringa are down for snack and drink.

Bethel Christian Reformed Church
The Lord's Day ~ December 16, 2018 10:00 AM

THE APPROACH TO WORSHIP

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Prayer of Invocation

*Call to Worship

*Opening Hymn: **PH #355 "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice" st 1-3**

*God's Greeting

*Mutual Greeting

*Hymn: **"What a Beautiful Name (with Agnus Dei)" st 1-3 (CCLI)**

1) You were the Word at the beginning One with God the Lord Most High

Your hidden glory in creation now revealed in You our Christ

Chorus 1: What a beautiful Name it is, what a beautiful Name it is, the Name of Jesus Christ my King

What a beautiful Name it is, nothing compares to this, What a beautiful Name it is

The Name of Jesus

2) You didn't want heaven without us so Jesus You brought heaven down

My sin was great Your love was greater what could separate us now?

Chorus 2: What a wonderful Name it is, what a wonderful Name it is, the Name of Jesus Christ my King

What a wonderful Name it is, nothing compares to this, what a wonderful Name it is

The Name of Jesus.

Bridge 1: Death could not hold You, the veil tore before You, You silence the boast of sin and grave

The heavens are roaring the praise of Your glory for You are raised to life again

You have no rival, You have no equal, now and forever God You reign

Yours is the kingdom, Yours is the glory, Yours is the Name above all names.

Chorus (Agnus Dei): Holy, holy are You, Lord, God Almighty

Worthy is the Lamb, worthy is the Lamb

You are holy, holy are You, Lord, God Almighty

Worthy is the Lamb, worthy is the Lamb, You are holy

Chorus 3: What a powerful Name it is, what a powerful Name it is, the Name of Jesus Christ my King

What a powerful Name it is, nothing compares to this, what a powerful Name it is

The Name of Jesus.

What a powerful Name it is, the Name of Jesus (2X)

RENEWING GOD'S COVENANT IN CHRIST

Prayer of Confession

Reader: As we journey through Advent, we consider the destination. The world is distracted by holiday traditions that miss the real Gift. We confess that our hearts are weighed down by financial concerns or family dysfunction.

We grieve the loss of loved ones and the loss of our own abilities. Jesus, how desperately we need you to fill us with the JOY of worship; take the focus off ourselves!

People: Lord of Joy, hear us! (light candle)

Advent Hymn: **"The First Noel" st 1-2 (CH #265)**

1) The first noel, the angel did say, was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;

In fields where they lay keeping their sheep, on a cold winter's night that was so deep.

Refrain: Noel, noel, noel, noel, born is the King of Israel.

2) They looked up and saw a star shining in the east, beyond them far,

And to the earth it gave great light, and so it continued both day and night. (*Refrain*)

Words of Assurance: (Isaiah 25:6-9)

Reader: "On this mountain the Lord Almighty will prepare a feast of rich foods for all peoples...On this mountain he will destroy the shroud that enfolds all peoples, the sheet that covers all nations; he will swallow up death forever.

The Sovereign Lord will wipe away the tears from all faces; He will remove the disgrace of his people from all the earth, The Lord has spoken. In that day they will say, 'Surely this is our God; we trusted in him and he saved us.'

People: Let us rejoice and be glad in his salvation.

Advent Hymn: **"The First Noel" st 3-4 (CH #265)**

3) And by the light of that same star three Wise Men came from country far;

To seek for a King was their intent, and to follow the star wherever it went. (*Refrain*)

4) This star drew nigh to the northwest, o'er Bethlehem it took its rest,

And there it did both stop and stay, right over the place where Jesus lay. (*Refrain*)

(*Children ages 3-4 are invited to Children & Worship*)

THE MINISTRY OF GOD'S WORD AND SPIRIT

Prayer for Right Hearing

Scripture: **Matthew 2:1-12**

Sermon: **Lord of the Kings: "Magi"**

Prayer of Application

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

*Hymn of Response: **"We Three Kings" st 1-5 (1-all, 2-women, 3-men, 4-5 and chorus-all)** (CH #288)

- 1) We three kings of Orient are; bearing gifts we traverse afar –
Field and fountain, moor and mountain – following yonder star.

Chorus: O star of wonder, star of night, star with royal beauty bright,
Westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light.

- 2) Born a King on Bethlehem's plain; gold I bring to crown Him again,
King forever, ceasing never over us all to reign. (*Chorus*)
- 3) Frankincense to offer have I; incense owns a Deity nigh,
Prayer and praising, all men raising, worship Him, God on high. (*Chorus*)
- 4) Myrrh is mine: its bitter perfume breathes a life of gathering gloom –
Sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying sealed in the stone-cold tomb. (*Chorus*)
- 5) Glorious now behold Him arise, King and God and Sacrifice;
Alleluia, alleluia! Earth to heaven replies. (*Chorus*)

Pastoral Prayer

Katelyn's Fund/One Vision Orphanage Video

Offertory: "Noel" (CCLI)

Offerings: 1) Bethel Ministry Fund; 2) Bethel Christian Education Fund

OUR DEPARTURE IN THE BLESSING OF GOD

*Closing Hymn: **"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You" st 1-2** (CH #271)

- 1) Joyful, joyful, we adore You, God of glory, lord of light;
Angels lifting praise before You sing throughout this holy night.
In a manger lies a Baby – Child of Mary, Son of God.
Voices joined in joyful chorus praise You for Your gift of love.
- 2) All Your works declare Your glory, all creation joins to sing.
Praise resounds as earth rejoices in the birth of Christ, the King.
Shepherds kneel before the Infant. Trumpets sound and anthems raise
As with joy our hearts are lifted, joined in wonder, love, and praise.

*God's Parting Blessing

*Doxology: **"Great Is He Who's the King of Kings"** (Sing Glory #705)

Alto Voices: Great is He who's the King of kings and the Lord of Lord, He is wonderful!

Soprano Voices: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, He is wonderful!

Male Voices: Alleluia, salvation and glory, honor and power, He is wonderful!

*Postlude

Minister of the Word: Pastor John Lee

Organist: Jennifer Frens

Vocalists: Brian, Emma, and Melissa Gulker

Drums: Drew Jansma

String Quartet: Parks Brawand, Alyssa Fedders, Jennifer Frens, Ema McBrayer

Advent Reader: Traevin Van Beek

The Story of Jesus Birth
Bethel Sunday School Christmas Program
December 16, 2018, 6:00 PM

Prelude by Sunday School students: Dylan Bosma, Caleb Altena, Caitlin Frens, Jacob Ross, Lane Scholten, Jenna Scholten, Jaylee Draayer, Camryn Wynia, Jaidyn De Jong & Shyanne Van Wyk, Caleb De Jong, Lily Van Voorst, Marissa Feikema & Trinity Van Donkelaar, Rylee Hoogland, Sydney Hoogland, Addi Boogerd & Reagan Altena, Barret Bleeker, Lydia Bleeker

Welcome: Eric Forseth

Opening Prayer: Madison Hoogland, Braeden Bosma, Brooklyn Hoogland

Processional Song: *PH #340 "O Come, All Ye Faithful" st 1-3* (congregation sings)

Preschool & Kindergarten Songs

"Come on Ring those Bells"

"Oh, What a Special Night"

Vocalists: Brooklyn Hoogland, Madison Hoogland, Laney Van Voorst

"The Christmas Story" poem - Kindergarten class

"Away in a Manger"

"Go, Tell It on the Mountain"

Scene 1 - Luke

Opening Hymn: *PH #329 "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" st 1-4* (congregation sings)

Scene 2 - Gabriel Visits

Song: *"What Child Is This" st 1*

Scene 3 - Zechariah Speaks

Scene 4 - No Room

Song: *PH #344 "Silent Night! Holy Night!" st 1-2,4* (congregation stands and sings)

Offering: One Vision Orphange

Offertory: Levi Tintle, Madison Hoogland, Laura Ross, Brooklyn Hoogland & Marissa Haverhals

Scene 5 - The Shepherds

Song: *PH #347 "Angels We Have Heard on High" st 1-3* (congregation joins on st 2-3)

Scene 5 (continued)

Song: *"What A Glorious Night"*

Scene 6 - The Magi

Song: *"We Three Kings" st 1-2*

Scene 6 (continued)

Song: *"What Can I Give Him"*

Scene 7 - Luke

Song: *"Soon and Very Soon"*

Closing prayer: Dave Tinklenberg

Song: *PH #345 "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" st 1-3* (SS kids exit after st 1)

Postlude: Jennifer Frens

Characters:

Luke: Dylan Bosma (5th)
Elizabeth: Kyra Van Schouwen (6th)
Zechariah: Lane Scholten (6th)
Mary: Piper Hanson (5th)
Gabriel: Traevin Van Beek (6th)
Angels (4): Addy Boogerd, Reagan Altena, Ava Hanson, Maelyn Groeneweg (3rd)
Joseph: Cody Van Holland (6th)
Townsperson 1: Jaidyn De Jong (6th)
Townsperson 2: Shyanne Van Wyk (6th)
Messenger: Lily Van Voorst (4th)
2nd graders: verse
Innkeeper 1: Ayva Van Schouwen (4th)
Innkeeper 2: Brennan Obbink (5th)
Innkeeper 3: Jackson Gulker (5th)
3rd graders: verse
Horse: Jenna Scholten (4th)
Lamb: Carmen Warntjes (4th)
Donkey: Camryn Wynia (3rd)
Group of sheep (5): Anthony Trew, Colton Warntjes, Mason Wieringa, Caleb De Jong, Gerrit Van Donkelaar (2nd)
Shepherd 1: Caitlin Frens (5th)
Shepherd 2: Chloe Vanden Berg (5th)
Little Shepherd: Hailey Ammons (4th)
Cows (2): Lindsey DeWeerd, Marissa Feikema (5th)
Goat: Jaylee Draayer (2nd)
Camel: Sydney Hoogland (4th)
Magi 1: Jacob Ross (4th)
Magi 2: Owen Vanden Berg (4th)
Magi 3: Lane Van Holland (4th)
Herod: Isaac De Jong (4th)
Prayer: Madison Hoogland, Braeden Bosma, Brooklyn Hoogland (6th)

Organist: Jennifer Frens

Pianist: Ema McBrayer

Music Leaders: Ashley Wynia & Martha Hulshof

Screenplay by: Mia Kornelis & Lauren Boersma, adapted by: Jina Tinklenberg

Reminisce