

THIS WEEK AT BETHEL

TODAY	9:30 AM Prayer for Worship – Prayer Room
	10:00 AM Morning Worship Service
	11:30 AM GEMS room -reservation
	12:00PM Lighthouse - Reservation
	6:00 PM Evening Worship Service
	7:00 PM Care & Concern Prayer Time – Grp 6-10
MONDAY	2:00 PM Lighthouse - Reservation
TUESDAY	9:30 AM Christmas Day Worship Service
	10:30 AM Lighthouse - Reservation
WEDNESDAY	1:00 PM Lighthouse - Reservation
FRIDAY	12:00 PM Lighthouse – Reservation
	7:00 PM Encounter – Van Voorst Home
SATURDAY	3:00 PM Lighthouse – Reservation
NEXT SUNDAY	10:00 AM Morning Worship Service
	11:30 AM Lighthouse - Reservation
	6:00 PM Evening Worship Service

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

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<i>Christmas Day Service - Dec 25</i>	
Sound	Bruce & Deb Dooyema
Video	Janna Bolkema
Power Point	Wanda Vande Kieft
Welcome Center	Ron & Martha Hulshof
Ushers	Nate DW, Timon R, Stan W, Daryl Wieringa, Darrel Wielenga
Greeters	Dan & Martha Draayer Gary & Erna Fedders
Nursery	AM David's Meadow: Amber DJ, Courtney D, Anna DH, Jaidyn DJ AM Noah's Ark: Cindy H, Melissa G, Kayla D, Henry H
Bus Driver	Beau Bosma
Offering	Atlas



MATTHEW 2:13-18
“HEROD”

WELCOME TO BETHEL CRC ~ December 23, 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.bethelcsc.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 - Love" and will focus on Matthew 2:13-18 – "Herod". We will also witness the Profession of Faith of Rylee Visser.
- 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, our worship will be our annual Christmas Candle Light Service. Pastor John will lead us in a traditional service of Lessons and Carols.
- This evening's offering will be for Sioux Falls Gospel Mission.
- Reminder: Our **Christmas Day Worship Service** will be held Tuesday, December 25 at 9:30 a.m. Pastor John will conclude our Advent sermon series entitled, "Lord of the Kings". Our focus will be on Luke 2:1-7 – "Jesus". Our offering will be for Atlas.

Next Week

- Next Sunday morning, our worship service will be led by Rev. Dave Smit. We will also witness the baptism of Samuel Lucas Elgersma, infant son of Dan & Becky Elgersma.
- 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 service will be led by Pastor Scott Van Voorst. Pastor John will be using the remainder of the week following the Christmas service to begin 2019 sermon planning.
- Next Sunday evenings offering will be for MAEO.

THANK YOU

We would like to say thank you for all the visits, meals, messages, and prayers we received as we welcome Skylar into our lives. We are very thankful for all the love and support given from our church family!

Kyle and Kara Lindbergh

Our wish for the Bethel family is a hope-inspiring celebration of our Savior's birth and a New Year of faithful service and spiritual growth. Thank you to all for your encouragement and support as well as your Christmas greetings.

Pastor John & Mary Jo Lee

Pastor Duane & Marilyn Tinklenberg

Our families were so blessed by the baby shower and the many gifts that we received. Thank you so much for all the wonderful meals and prayers & support that you've encouraged us with during this busy and exciting new time in our lives.

Thank you

Pastor John, Mary Jo & Anna Lee

Dan, Becky, Bailey & Samuel Elgersma

We wish to thank the congregation for their generous donations for Pastor Appreciation month. As a result of your contributions, we were able to purchase an annual membership at The Ridge Golf Course for Pastor Tinklenberg. Pastor John is looking into various options for his gift (all involving Anna). We appreciate our pastors and thank them for all they do for us!

The Bethel Deacons

ANNOUNCEMENTS

There will be no Sunday School or Catechism class today or next week Sunday except for today's Adult Sunday School class on Israel. Classes will resume on Sunday, January 6.

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

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 3 yr. old children to the Tot Church room (Classroom #5) and bring your 4 yr. old children to the Children & Worship room. All children will meet together toward the end of the service for singing. All children can be picked up in the Children & Worship room. Children are welcome to bring an offering.

From the Deacons: You will notice a large graph in the back of church showing how much we have invested in our facilities over the past seven years. Including the education wing expansion, the south parking lot, and the Lighthouse, we have invested a total of **\$3,134,000** during that time. This has not only been an investment in our facilities, but also in our children and our entire church family. By God's grace and Bethel's faithful giving, we only have **\$170,000** on our loan! That is only a little over **5%** of the total amount we've invested. Would you prayerfully consider what you can give to help us pay off this debt in the next couple of months? Thank you!

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.

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.

The following Care & Concern groups will meet for a time of prayer following the evening service:

- Group 6 (G. Van Voorst/Visser/Hoekstra) – Room 8
- Group 7 (Wilson/Altena/Altena/De Wit) – Room 10
- Group 8 (Mulder/De Jong/Hoogland/Scholten) – Room 11
- Group 9 (Forseth/Hanson/Stetson/Wieringa) – Room 12
- Group 10 (Van Veldhuizen/Walstra/Meyerink) – Room 13



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.bethelcsc.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 suffering a bout of pancreatitis, Leanne Van Holland had her gallbladder removed in Sioux Center Hospital on Tuesday, December 18. We are thankful that she anticipated returning home on Thursday and pray for continued healing and encouragement in the coming days.
- Josh and Jessica Koedam's two-year old daughter Emily was in Sanford Children's Hospital in Sioux Falls to receive treatment for extremely low blood platelets. We are thankful that she was able to get an infusion on Wednesday evening, December 19, and to return home on Thursday, December 20. We pray for a return to full health soon.
- In this Christmas season, we pray for all who carry the weight of grief over lost loved ones, loneliness, and other pains. May we all, together, experience the grace of knowing Christ as our Immanuel – God with us
- Happy Birthday to Bill Davelaar! He will be 83 on Saturday, December 29.
- Happy Anniversary to Corwin & Harriet Dolieslager! They will celebrate 55 years of marriage on Thursday, December 27.
- We continue to join our community in praying for different local congregations. This week, we will be in prayer for the Christ the King Catholic Parish, and Father Douglas Klein.
- If you have a prayer request that you would like included in the bulletin, please contact Pastor John Lee at (jrlee12@gmail.com) or the Bethel office (office@bethelsc.org).

	TODAY	Next Week, Sunday December 30
Sound	Allan Bolkema & Jeremy Kraayenbrink	Sean Quinlan & Kyle Vanden Bosch
Video	Travis Mulder	Mikayla Meyers
Power Point	Ladd Wielenga	Brandon Visser
Welcome Center	Paul & Amy Ross	Matt & Janey Boogerd
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 – Verlyn & Arletta De Weerd Nate & Gretchen De Wit PM – Dean & Tara Dekkers Corwin & Harriet Dolieslager	AM – Ron & Marg Fedders Brian & Deb Feekes PM – Roger & Linda Feekes Stand & Judy Feekes
Coffee/Juice Servers	Josh & Jess Koedam Joe & Tarah Kooima Mark & Kristin Haan	Preston & Samantha Kroeze Alvin & Verla Hoogland Jon & Melynda Meyerink
Nursery	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	AM – David's Meadow – Ashley Wynia Emma Gulker Chloe Vanden Berg AM – Noah's Ark – Jackie Altena, Janey Boogerd Brady Boogerd Caleb Altena PM – Darrel & Lynn Wielenga, Claire Bleeker
Bus Driver	Darrell Koedam	Tim Stetson
PM Offering	Sioux Falls Gospel Mission	MAEO
C & W	Shawn M, Mikayla M, Chloe VDB	Jacki H, Amber DJ, Laney VV
Tiny Tots	Melinda S, Marissa H	Lori W, Ella D

Bethel Christian Reformed Church

The Lord's Day, December 23, 2018 10:00 AM

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

Prelude

Welcome &
Announcements Prayer
of Invocation

Sung Call to Worship: "*O Children, Come!*" (Getty)

*God's Greeting

*Mutual Greeting

*Invitation to Praise

*Opening Songs: **PH #333 "Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers" st 1-3**
PH #356 "Go Tell It on the Mountain" st
1-3

RENEWING GOD'S COVENANT IN CHRIST

Prayer of Confession

Reader: As we celebrate Advent, we recognize that our culture has twisted the idea of love and our children suffer the effects of pornography, abortion and abuse. We confess our lack of love for You and others. What pathetic people we become when we only love ourselves! Transform us by your Spirit and conform us to your kindness.

People: Lord of Love, hear us!

Song of Confession: "**Nearer Still Nearer**" st 2-3 (LUYH #659)

- 2) Nearer, still nearer, nothing I bring,
naught as an offering to Jesus my King -
only my sinful, now contrite heart;
grant me the cleansing thy blood doth impart,
grant me the cleansing thy blood doth impart.
- 3) Nearer, still nearer, Lord, to be thine,
sin, with its follies, I gladly resign,
all of its pleasures, pomp and its pride,
give me but Jesus, my Lord crucified,
give me but Jesus, my Lord crucified.

Words of Assurance: Jeremiah 31:33-34

Reader: "This is the covenant I will make with the house of Israel after that time, declares the Lord. I will put my law [of love] in their minds and write it on their hearts. I will be their God and they will be my people. No longer will a man teach his neighbor, or a man his brother, saying, "Know the Lord," because they will all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the Lord. For I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more."

People: Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love endures forever.

*Song of Assurance: **PH #182 "Give Thanks to God, For Good Is He" st 1-3**

Profession of Faith of Rylee Visser

Sung Song of Response: "*Here's My Heart*" (CCLI)
(Children ages 3-4 are invited to Children & Worship)

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Right Hearing

Scripture: Matthew 2:13-18

Sermon: Lord of the Kings: "Herod"

Prayer of Application

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

*Song of Response: **"One Small Child" st 1-4 (CH #280)**

- 1) One small child in a land of thousand, one small dream of a Savior tonight,
One small hand reaching out to the starlight, one small city of life. O!
- 2) One king bringing his gold and riches, one King ruling an army of might,
One king kneeling with incense and candlelight, one King bringing us life. O!
See him lying, a cradle beneath Him; see Him smiling in the stall.
See His mother praising His Father; See His tiny eyelids fall.
- 3) One small light from the flame of a candle, one small light from a city of might,
One small light from the stars in the endless night, one small light from a face. O!
See the shepherds kneeling before Him; see the kings on bended knee.
See His mother praising His Father; see the blessed infant sleep.

- 4) One small Child in a land of a thousand, one small dream in a people of might,
One small hand reaching out to the starlight, one small Savior of life. O!

Pastoral Prayer

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

Education Fund Offertory

WE DEPART WITH GOD'S BLESSING

*Closing Hymn: **PH #327 "On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry" st 1-3**

*God's Parting Blessing

*Closing Hymn: **PH #327 "On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry" st 4-5**

*Postlude

Minister of the Word: Pastor John Lee

Organist: Leendert Van Beek

Drums: Drew Jansma

Advent Reader: Jerad Dubbelde

Vocalists: Tom De Jong, Jennifer Frens, Karen Van Schouwen, Hayley Rylee Visser

Invitation to Praise: De Jong, Frens, & Van Schouwen children

Bethel CRC Christmas Eve 2018
Service of Lessons & Carols

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Prayer

Opening Song: **"A Christmas Alleluia"** (the congregation is invited to stand and join on the 2nd time through) (CCLI)

*Call to Worship

*God's Greeting

*Mutual Greeting

An Invitation: *"A Time to Shine"*

Lesson 1: Genesis 3:8-15

God announces in the Garden of Eden that the seed of the woman shall bruise the serpent's head

Response: **PH #328 "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" st 1-4**

Lesson 2: Genesis 22:15-18

God promises to faithful Abraham that in his seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed

Response: **"Joy Has Dawned" st 1-4** (Getty)

Lesson 3: Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

Christ's birth and kingdom are foretold by Isaiah

Response: *"Prince of Heaven"* (Hillsong)

Lesson 4: Isaiah 11:1-9

The peace that Christ will bring is foretold

Response: **PH #351 "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming" st 1-3**

Lesson 5: Luke 1:26-38

The angel Gabriel salutes the virgin Mary

Poetic Response: *"The Annunciation"*

Lesson 6: Matthew 1:18-25

Matthew tells of the birth of Jesus

Instrumental Response: *"Mary, Did You Know?"*

Lesson 7: Luke 2:8-16

The shepherds go to the manger

Response: **PH #353 "Infant Holy, Infant Lowly" st 1-2**

Lesson 8: Matthew 2:1-11

The wise men are led by the star to Jesus

Response: **"What Child Is This?" st 1-3** (CH #281)

Lesson 9: John 1:1-14

John unfolds the great mystery of the incarnation

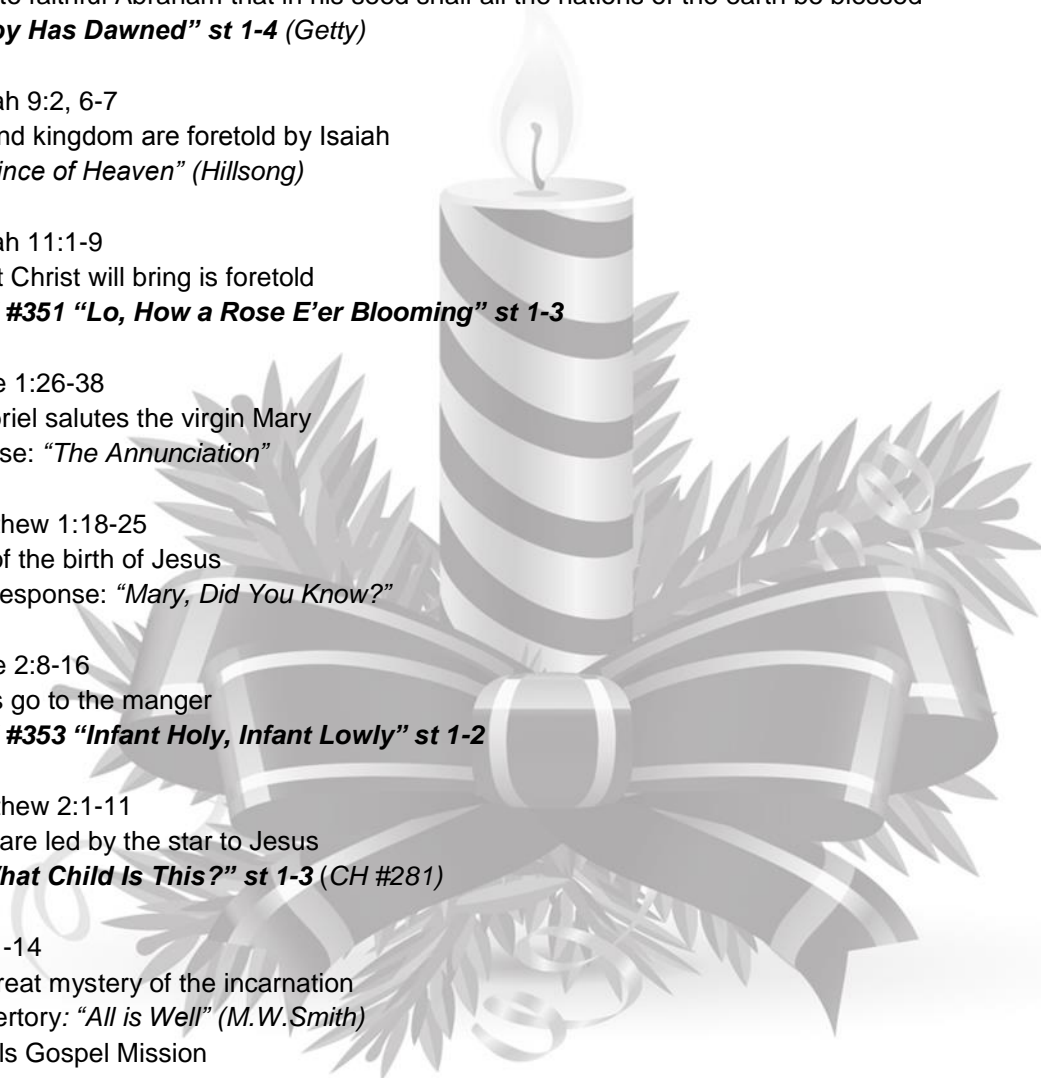
Response and Offertory: *"All is Well"* (M.W. Smith)

Offering: Sioux Falls Gospel Mission

*Benediction

*Candle Lighting: **PH #344 "Silent Night! Holy Night!" 1-4**

Postlude



A Christmas Alleluia

Alleluia, alleluia
Christ, the Savior of the world
He has come!
Alleluia, alleluia
Alleluia, alleluia
Christ, the Savior of the world
He has come!
Alleluia, alleluia

The heavens roar, the angels sing
All glory to our God and King!
O night divine forever more alleluia.
The heavens roar, the angels sing
All glory to our God and King!
O night divine forever more alleluia.

Alleluia, alleluia
Christ, the Savior of the world
He has come!
Alleluia, alleluia
To the highest name of all
Alleluia!

You're the highest name of all
Alleluia!

“What Child Is This”

What Child is this who, laid to rest
On Mary's lap, is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet
While shepherds watch are keeping?
This, this is Christ the King,
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing,
Haste, haste, to bring Him laud,
The Babe, the Son of Mary!

Why lies He in such mean estate
Where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christian, fear, for sinners here
The silent Word is pleading.
This, this is Christ the King,
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing,
Haste, haste, to bring Him laud,
The Babe, the Son of Mary!

So bring Him incense, gold and myrrh,
Come peasant, king to own Him.
The King of kings salvation brings,
Let loving hearts enthrone Him.
This, this is Christ the King,
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing,
Haste, haste, to bring Him laud,
The Babe, the Son of Mary!

“Joy Has Dawned”

Joy has dawned upon the world,
Promised from creation—
God's salvation now unfurled,
Hope for ev'ry nation.
Not with fanfares from above,
Not with scenes of glory,
But a humble gift of love—
Jesus born of Mary.

Sounds of wonder fill the sky
With the songs of angels
As the mighty Prince of Life
Shelters in a stable.
Hands that set each star in place,
Shaped the earth in darkness,
Cling now to a mother's breast,
Vulnerable and helpless.

Shepherds bow before the Lamb,
Gazing at the glory;
Gifts of men from distant lands
Prophecy the story.
Gold—a King is born today,
Incense—God is with us,
Myrrh—His death will make a way,
By His blood He'll win us.

Son of Adam, Son of heaven,
Given as a ransom;
Reconciling God and man,
Christ, our mighty champion!
What a Savior! What a Friend!
What a glorious mystery!
Once a babe in Bethlehem,
Now the Lord of history.

Worship Leader: Pastor John Lee

Readers of the Word:

Dan Handley, Sharon Ammons-Feikema

Poet: Lynn Wielenga

Organ: Mick Visser

Piano: Hayley Visser

Drums: Kayda Vanden Berg

Flute: Vivian Wilson

Violin: Jennifer Frens

Vocalists: Brian, Melissa, & Emma Gulker

Candle Lighters: 8th graders

