

## ***THIS WEEK AT BETHEL***

<b>TODAY</b>	9:30 AM	<b>Prayer for Worship</b> – Prayer Room
	10:00 AM	<b>Morning Worship Service</b>
	11:15 AM	<b>Sunday School</b>
	6:00 PM	<b>Evening Worship Service</b>
	7:00PM	<b>Reservation</b> – Fellowship Hall
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	12:00 PM	<b>Mary's Fellowship</b> – Christmas Social-North Place
	7:00 PM	<b>YPS – Senior Supper &amp; Christmas Celebration</b>
	7:00 PM	<b>Cadets</b>
	7:00 PM	<b>GEMS-Christmas Party – All Season Center</b>
<b>THURSDAY</b>	8:45 AM	<b>JFA</b> – Meet in parking lot
	6:00 PM	<b>Care &amp; Concern #3</b> – Christmas social-GEMS room
<b>SATURDAY</b>	9:30 AM	<b>Lee – Elgersma Baby Celebration</b> – Fellowship Hall
	4:00 AM	<b>Lighthouse Reservation</b>
<b>NEXT SUNDAY</b>	10:00 AM	<b>Morning Worship Service</b>
	6:00 PM	<b>Sunday School Program</b>

	<b><i>TODAY</i></b>	<b><i>Next Week, Sunday December 16</i></b>
<b>Sound</b>	Sean Quinlan & Kyle Vanden Bosch	Wade Vanden Berg & Ryan Fedders
<b>Video</b>	Janna Bolkema	Mikayla Meyers
<b>Power Point</b>	Wanda Vande Kieft	Mike Meyers
<b>Welcome Center</b>	Stan & Karen Wynia	Merlin & Bev Zwart
<b>Ushers</b>	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
<b>Greeters</b>	AM – Gary & Donna De Haan Keith & Hannah De Jong PM – Grant & Peggy De Haan Curt & Karen De Koning	AM – Kris De Koning & Elaine De Leeuw Dan & Samantha De Weerd PM – Eric & Lisa De Weerd Leah De Weerd & Joanne De Weerd
<b>Coffee/Juice Servers</b>	JJ & Sally Hoogland Junior & Kim Hoogland Doug & Cindy Hubers	Blake & Tasha Kruger Terry & Mary Hubers Greg & Angie Jansma
<b>Nursery</b>	Am – David's Meadow – Melinda Scholten Marlena Haak Jenna Scholten AM – Noah's Ark – Dawn Stetson Robin Suing Travis Mulder Sydney Hoogland PM – Mike & Shawn Meyers, Madison Hoogland	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
<b>Bus Driver</b>	Kyle Wynia	Ron Fedders
<b>M Offering</b>	The Lighthouse	One Vision Orphanage
<b>C &amp; W</b>	Martha D, Erin Bosma, Jenna Visser	Martha D, Erin B, Jenna V
<b>Tiny Tots</b>	Sam De Weerd, Kylie VD	Kylie VD, Melinda S



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“Connecting people to Christ and one another”



### Lord's Day Ministry

Morning Worship 10:00 am | Evening Worship 6:00 pm  
Church Education for Children & Adults 11:15 am

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## WELCOME TO BETHEL CRC ~ December 9, 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.bethelc.org](http://www.bethelc.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 service will be led by Dr. Justin Bailey. He will focus on 1 Samuel 2:1-10 – “Advent Hope”.
- 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 service will be led by Rev. Duane Tinklenberg. He will focus on Revelation 5 – “The Throne, the Book, the Lion/Lamb”. We will also be celebrating the Sacrament of Communion. The communion offering will be for Benevolence/Tuition Assistance.
- The guests among us who are professing members in good standing of a Bible believing church are welcome to join us in this feast of God's grace. *\*\*Note: Gluten-Free bread will be available in the Narthex by the center isle doors leading into the sanctuary. Please feel free to pick up this bread prior to the service.*
- Our evening offering is for the Lighthouse fund. The Lighthouse is located just north of Bethel, and hosts numerous church activities each week. If you are unable to attend the evening service, but would like to give towards the Lighthouse, please put a donation in the offering this morning, with Lighthouse listed on the memo line.

#### **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 – “Magi”.
- Next Sunday evening, we are excited to be led in worship by our Sunday School children this evening 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.

### THANK YOU

Thank you to the congregation for the gifts given for Pastor Appreciation month. We value your encouragement, prayers, and continued partnership in ministry!

*Pastor John & Mary Jo*

*Pastor Duane & Marilyn*

We thank our Bethel family for the support we received in the time since brother and uncle, Jim De Kam had strokes and then with his passing. Nahum 1:7. Praising God for His promise of eternal life.

*Mike & Fran Moss*

*Jon & Melynda Meyerink & family*

The YPS wishes to thank everyone who contributed and supported the Bake-off this past Wednesday.

### 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.

**College Students:** As you wrap up the semester, our congregation would like to treat you with a goodie bag to enjoy while studying for exams. Please pick up your bag by the Nursery after the morning service. We pray the Lord will be with you throughout this week and give you clarity of mind to complete your exams well. Thank you for joining us in worship this past semester. We hope you have a blessed Christmas!

**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 be **“Israel – A Place”**. Come to the Council Room and check it out.

**New weekend janitorial help have been hired!** After the New Year Doug and Cindy Hubers, Dave and Brenda Draayer and Janey Boogerd will be on a weekend rotation schedule. Sherry Visser will remain the custodian Monday through Friday and will be the main contact for your events. Thank you to all who inquired for this position.

**Prelude Instrumentalists NEEDED** for the Christmas program on December 16! All children/young people are encouraged to share an instrumental selection with us. Please contact Jina [jdinklenberg@live.com](mailto:jdinklenberg@live.com) **by this Sunday, December 9.**

**Mary's Fellowship will be having their Christmas social** on Wednesday, Dec. 12 at the North Place. We will begin with a noon meal followed by a short program. If you wish to carpool, please meet behind church at 11:40. If you have any questions please contact Joanne Franken at 722-4261.

**An Open House Baby Celebration** in honor of baby Anna Elizabeth Lee (Pastor John & Mary Jo) and baby Samuel Lucas Elgersma (Dan & Becky) will be held in the Fellowship Hall on Saturday, December 15 from 9:30-11:00am. This will be in place of their Time of Celebration. Baskets for each couple will be available in the back of church. Contributions towards gift cards may be given to Verla Hoogland until Wednesday, December 12.

**Interested in Helping Shape Worship at Bethel?** The Worship Committee is looking for additional members to help with worship planning by joining our monthly Worship Planning Committee. If you are interested or have questions, please contact Jennifer Frens ([worship@bethelsc.org](mailto:worship@bethelsc.org)).

**Interested in Helping with PowerPoint?** We are looking for additional people to help with PowerPoint during our worship services. If you are interested or have questions, please contact Jennifer Frens ([worship@bethelsc.org](mailto:worship@bethelsc.org))

**Encounter Bible Study** group is designed for 20-30 year olds, married or single. They will meet on December 21 in the Fellowship Hall at 7pm. Feel free to join.

**CHRISTMAS PROGRAM PRACTICE for December 9 and 16:**

- There won't be regular Sunday School classes for Preschool-6<sup>th</sup> 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.
- 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> 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!



# 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](http://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**

- Dan & Becky Elgersma welcomed a baby boy on Thursday November 29. Samuel Lucas was 8 lbs. 6 oz. and 20 inches long. He as welcomed home by his big sister, Bailey.
- After being admitted to the Sioux Center Hospital on Friday, November 30, Rodney Bolkema was transferred to Sanford Hospital in Sioux Falls where he is continuing to receive therapy to treat vertigo as well as testing on a range of other issues. We pray for peace for Rodney, Hester, and their family as well as for God's healing grace in the coming days
- We rejoice with Pastor John and Mary Jo Lee for the healthy birth of Anna Elizabeth. She was born on December 3. She weighed 8 lbs. 15 oz., and 22 inches long. We thank God for this blessing.
- We express our deepest sympathy to the family of Johanna (Joey) Herweyer. She would have been 94 this month. She passed away on Wednesday, December 5. Funeral services will be Monday, December 10 at 10:30 am at the Oolman Funeral Home in Orange City. Visitation with the family will be at 9:30 am.
- Janna Bolkema will be undergoing a PET scan on Thursday, December 17. We join Allan, Janna, and their family in praying for a cancer-free result.
- Happy Anniversary to Rob & Willie Vander Bush. They will celebrate 56 years on Tuesday, December 11.
- We continue to join our community in praying for different local congregations. This week, we will be in prayer for the Central Reformed Congregation and for their Pastor Van Rathbun.
- If you have a prayer request that you would like included in the bulletin, please contact Pastor John Lee at ([jrlee12@gmail.com](mailto:jrlee12@gmail.com)) or the Bethel office ([office@bethelsc.org](mailto:office@bethelsc.org)).

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

- Group 1 (Koedam/Van Schouwen/Van Voorst) – Room 9
- Group 2 (Vande Kamp/Moget/De Haan) – Room 8
- Group 3 (Draayer/VanVoorst/Draayer) – Room 10
- Group 4 (VanVoorst/Feekes/Bolkema) – Room 11
- Group 5 (Tinklenberg/Meyer/Vanden Berg) – Room 12

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

**Rev. Dan & Jeananne Kuiper**

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**YPS** - Wednesday is Large Group from 7-9 pm. Wear your ugly sweaters. Senior supper before-hand at 6:30 pm. Damon Dekkers is down for devotions. Clayton Bosma, Kendra Wynja, and Jessica Koedam are down for snacks and drink.

**JR. YPS** – No meeting tonight. Our Christmas party is next Sunday 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 9, 2018, 10:00 AM**

**THE APPROACH TO WORSHIP**

Prelude  
Welcome & Announcements  
Prayer of Invocation  
\*Call to Worship  
\*Opening Hymn: **PH #428 "O Worship the King" st 1, 4-5**  
\*God's Greeting  
\*Mutual Greeting  
Hymn of Praise: **"Come, Behold the Wondrous Mystery" (st 1-2 vocalists only; congregation, st 3-4) (Getty)**

- 1) Come behold the wondrous mystery in the dawning of the King;  
He the theme of heaven's praises robed in frail humanity.  
In our longing, in our darkness now the light of life has come;  
Look to Christ, who condescended, took on flesh to ransom us
- 2) Come behold the wondrous mystery He the perfect Son of Man;  
In His living, in His suffering never trace nor stain of sin.  
See the true and better Adam come to save the hell-bound man;  
Christ the great and sure fulfillment of the law; in Him we stand.
- 3) Come behold the wondrous mystery Christ the Lord upon the tree.  
In the stead of ruined sinners hangs the Lamb in victory.  
See the price of our redemption; see the Father's plan unfold;  
Bringing many sons to glory grace unmeasured, love untold.
- 4) Come behold the wondrous mystery; slain by death the God of life.  
But no grave could e'er restrain Him; praise the Lord; He is alive!  
What a foretaste of deliverance; how unwavering our hope;  
Christ in power resurrected as we will be when he comes.

**RENEWING GOD'S COVENANT IN CHRIST**

Prayer of Confession

Reader: As we busy ourselves with Advent, we acknowledge that the world speaks peace but there is no peace. Nations are in turmoil and people are oppressed. We confess that our own hearts are restless, our minds stressed, and our relationships strained. Jesus, how desperately we need the PEACE of your presence for we cannot reconcile ourselves!

**People: Lord of Peace, hear us!**

Hymn of Response: **"O Little Town of Bethlehem" st 1-2 (CH #250)**

- 1) O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie!  
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by.  
Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting Light;  
The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.
- 2) For Christ is born of Mary and gathered all above,  
While mortals sleep, the angels keep their watch of wondering love.  
O morning stars, together proclaim the holy birth;  
And praises sing to God, the King, and peace to men on earth

Words of Assurance: *(Isaiah 9:6-7)*

Reader: "For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace; Of the increase of his government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever."

**People: The zeal of the Lord Almighty will accomplish this."**

Hymn: **"O Little Town of Bethlehem" st 3-4 (CH #250)**

- 3) How silently, how silently the wondrous gift is given!  
So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of His heaven.  
No ear may hear His coming, but in this world of sin,  
Where meek souls will receive Him still the dear Christ enters in.
- 4) O holy Child of Bethlehem descend on us, we pray.  
Cast out our sin, and enter in; be born in us today.  
We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell.

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

## THE MINISTRY OF GOD'S WORD AND SPIRIT

Prayer for Right Hearing

Scripture: **1 Samuel 2:1-10**

Sermon: **"Advent Hope"**

Prayer of Application

## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

\*Hymn of Response: **"My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Sound" st 1-4 (LUYH #69)**

- 1) My soul cries out with a joyful shout that the God of my heart is great,  
And my spirit sings of the wondrous things that you bring to the ones who wait.  
You fixed your sight on your servant's plight, and my weakness you did not spurn,  
So from east to west shall my name be blest. Could the world be about to turn?

*Refrain:* My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the first of your justice burn.

Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near, and the world is about to turn!

- 2) Though I am small, my God, my all, you work great things in me,  
And your mercy will last from the depths of the past to the end of the age to be.  
Your very name puts the proud to shame, and to those who would for you yearn,  
You will show your might, put the strong to flight, for the world is about to turn. *(Refrain)*
- 3) From the halls of power to the fortress tower, not a stone will be left on stone.  
Let the king beware for your justice tears every tyrant from his throne.  
The hungry poor shall weep no more for the food they can never earn;  
There are tables spread, every mouth be fed, for the world is about to turn. *(Refrain)*
- 4) Though the nations rage from age to age, we remember who hold us fast:  
God's mercy must deliver us from the conqueror's crushing grasp.  
This saving word that our forebears heard is the promise which holds us bound,  
Till the spear and rod can be crushed by God, who is turning the world around. *(Refrain)*

Congregational Prayer

Offertory: **"He Who Is Mighty"**

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

## OUR DEPARTURE IN THE BLESSING OF GOD

\*God's Parting Blessing

\*Closing Hymn: **"We Will Feast in the House of Zion" st 1-3 (CCLI)**

*Chorus:* We will feast in the house of Zion. We will sing with our hearts restored

He has done great things, we will say together. We will feast and weep no more.

- 1) We will not be burned by the fire, He is the LORD our God;  
We are not consumed, by the flood; upheld, protected, gathered up. *(Chorus)*
- 2) In the dark of night, before the dawn, my soul, be not afraid  
For the promised morning, oh how long? Oh, God of Jacob, be my strength. *(Chorus)*
- 3) Every vow we've broken and betrayed; You are the faithful one,  
And from the garden to the grave bind us together, bring shalom. *(Chorus)*

\*Postlude

Minister of the Word: Dr. Justin Bailey

Organist/Violinist: Jennifer Frens

Vocalists/Leaders: Bethany Van Voorst, Brittany Noteboom

Pianist: Ema McBrayer

Drums: Adam Franken

Advent Reader: Dylan Bosma



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**The Lord's Day ~ December 9, 2018, 6:00 PM**

**WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP**

Prelude  
Welcome & Announcements  
Prayer of Invocation  
\*Call to Worship  
\*Opening Hymn: **PH #249 "Holy, Holy, Holy" st 1-4**  
\*God's Greeting  
\*Mutual Greeting  
Hymn of Praise: **PH #234 "Alleluia/Alabaré" st 1-3** (Chorus in Spanish, Stanzas in English)  
Pastoral Prayer  
Offertory  
Offering: The Lighthouse  
Hymn: **PH #414 "See, the Conqueror Mounts in Triumph" st 1-3**

**WE HEAR GOD'S WORD**

Prayer for Right Hearing  
Scripture: **Revelation 5**  
Sermon: **"The Throne, the Book, and the Lion/Lamb"**  
Prayer of Application

**WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

\*Hymn of Response: **"Christ Shall Have Dominion" st 1-4** (BPH #135)

- 1) Christ shall have dominion over land and sea;  
Earth's remotest regions shall His empire be;  
They that wilds inhabit shall their worship bring;  
Kings shall render tribute, nations serve our King.

*Refrain:* Christ shall have dominion over land and sea;  
Earth's remotest regions shall His empire be.

- 2) When the needy seek Him, He will mercy show;  
Yea, the weak and helpless shall His pity know.  
He will surely save them from oppression's might,  
For their lives are precious in His holy sight. (*Refrain*)
- 3) Ever and forever shall His Name endure;  
Long as suns continue it shall stand secure;  
And in Him forever all men shall be blest,  
And all nations hail Him King of Kings confessed. (*Refrain*)
- 4) Unto God Almighty joyful Zion sings;  
He alone is glorious, doing wondrous things.  
Evermore, ye people, bless His glorious Name,  
His eternal glory through the earth proclaim. (*Refrain*)

\*Profession of Faith: Apostles' Creed (PH page 813)

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

**WE DEPART WITH GOD'S BLESSING**

\*Closing Song: **PH #333 "Rejoice, Rejoice Believers" st 1-2**

\*Benediction

\*Doxology: **PH #333 "Rejoice, Rejoice Believers" st 3**

\*Postlude

Minister of the Word: Pastor Duane Tinklenberg

Organist: Mick Visser