

THIS WEEK AT BETHEL

TODAY 9:30 AM **Prayer for Worship** – Cadet Room
 10:00 AM **Morning Worship Service – Care & Concern Groups #6-10**
 6:00 PM **Evening Worship Service**
THURSDAY 9:30 AM **Thanksgiving Day Worship Service**
NEXT SUNDAY 10:00 AM **Morning Worship Service – Care & Concern Groups #1-5**
 6:00 PM **Evening Worship Service**

	<i>TODAY</i>	<i>Next Week, Sunday, November 29</i>
Sound	Allan Bolkema & Ryan Fedders	Bruce & Deb Dooyema
Video	Janna Bolkema	Travis Mulder
Power Point	Judy Van Voorst	Judy Van Voorst
PM Offering	Back to God Ministries	MAEO
Ushers AM	Timon R, Tim S, Rod Z, Matt D	Doug V, Joel S, Dave B, Jon M
Ushers PM	Nate DW, Ross F, Dave D	Dave T, Ross F, Herm VDH

	<i>Thanksgiving Day Worship Service</i>
Sound	Allan Bolkema & Jeremy Kraayenbrink
Video	Janna Bolkema
Power Point	Wanda Vande Kieft
Ushers	Chad H, Ted A, Ron F, Dave T



Christian Reformed Church

‘Connecting to Christ, His people, and His mission’



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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BETHEL CRC ~ November 22, 2020

Although gathering in different spaces, we are thankful for the ability to worship together on this Lord's Day! We also hope to care for one another during the week. Please reach out to Pastor John (jrlee12@gmail.com, 712-441-5871), our staff, or your elder, deacon, or care and concern group coordinator if you have a prayer concern, need a pastoral contact, or have questions, concerns, or needs. We are here for you!

WORSHIP NOTES

This Week

- This Sunday morning, our 10:00 AM worship service will be **in-person for Care & Concern Groups #6-10 and Livestreamed for everyone else**. Pastor John will lead us in worship as we near the end of our series on the book of Ephesians called "Dear Church." He will focus on Ephesians 6:10-18 – "Armor of God."
- This morning's first offering (Bethel Ministry Fund) supports the many ministries of this church and the Christian Reformed denomination. Our second offering is for the Bethel Christian Education Fund, which helps reduce the tuition for the children in our local Christian schools.
- This Sunday evening, our worship service will be an **in-person congregational worship** service with social distancing. Rev. Duane Tinklenberg will lead us in worship. He will focus on Revelation 21:23-22:6 – "The Inspection Report: Finished and Signed."
- This Sunday evening, our offering will be for Back to God Ministries. Their mission is to use God's story to reframe lives all around the world, using media to share the Gospel, disciple believers, and strengthen the church. To learn more, visit www.backtogod.net

Thanksgiving Day

- Reminder: Our **Thanksgiving Worship Service** will be held this Thursday, November 26 at 9:30 a.m. Our worship service will be an **in-person congregational worship** service with social distancing **with the entire congregation** invited! Pastor John will conclude our study of the book of Ephesians with a focus on Ephesians 6:19-24 – "Messenger of Encouragement."

Next Week

- Next Sunday morning, our 10:00 AM worship service will be **in-person for Care & Concern Groups #1-5 and Livestreamed for everyone else**. Pastor John will lead us in worship and begin the Advent series focusing on Jesus as our "Immanuel." We will begin with Mark 4:35-41 – "Immanuel in Fear."
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- Next Sunday evening, our worship service will be an **in-person congregational worship service** with social distancing. Pastor Scott Van Voorst will lead us in worship. He will focus on Nehemiah 8:9-18 – "Joy, a Source of Strength Even in Struggle."
- Next Sunday evening, our offering will be for MAEO.

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

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THANK YOU

The Christian Education Committee would like to thank you for supporting our Covid style Harvest Sale. With the sale of items over the past 6 weeks we have raised over \$27,000! Your continued support for Christian Education is appreciated!

PRAYER MINISTRY

- Our condolences to Dan and Samantha De Weerd, Glen De Weerd, Cynthia Kruid, Gladys De Weerd and their families at the death of Ron De Weerd on Thursday, November 12 after a difficult battle with Covid-19. He was 69. Ron's funeral was on Monday, November 16.
- We also pray for God's comfort for Bill and Herkie Davelaar at the death of Herkie's brother, John Nobel, on Thursday, November 12. He was 86.
- We join Gene and Judi Vonk, Kathy Vande Kieft and family in grieving two losses. First, the loss of Gene and Judi's grandson, Seth Vande Kamp, in a helicopter crash while serving as an Army doctor in the Sinai peninsula on Thursday,

November 12. Seth was 31. Second, Gene and Kathy's brother, George Vonk, died on Thursday morning, November 19 in Royale Meadows. He was 96.

- Finally, we pray for the comfort of God for Mike Kooistra and Wade and Denise Vanden Berg at the stillborn death of Mike's grandson Maverick on Thursday, November 12 and the death of Mike's brother-in-law, Dave Kooistra on Friday, November 13. Both funerals were on Tuesday, November 17.
- We praise God that Curt De Koning anticipated the possibility of returning home on Friday, November 20 following treatment at Avera McKennan Behavioral Health. We continue to pray for healing of heart and mind for Curt and all who suffer with mental illness.
- We pray for safety and God's blessing for area college students who will be traveling home and finishing their fall semester on-line.
- We pray for all battling Covid-19 and for families adjusting Thanksgiving celebrations in the wake of recent government pronouncements to fight the disease.
- Happy Birthday to Clara Hoogland! She will be 93 on Monday, November 23.
- Happy Anniversary to Neal and Trina Moss! They will celebrate 55 years together on Thursday, Nov. 26.
- We continue to join our community in praying for different local congregations. This week, we will be in prayer for the Carmel Reformed congregation. We pray for their pastor, Mike Pitsenberger.
- 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@bethelcsc.org).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

From the Deacons: The deacons thank you for your continued faithful giving. You can give anytime on-line at <https://app.easytithes.com/App/Giving/bethelcsc> (there is up to 3% fee to use this site for credit cards; 1% for bank withdrawals). Checks can be mailed to church, dropped off at the office, or placed in the locked mail slot outside the office door. If you wish to give cash, please place in an envelope with your desired designation and place it in the indicated locked slot at the Welcome Center. All undesignated funds will be placed in the Ministry Fund. As always, we thank you for your generous giving, especially in these challenging times.

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 the holiday season and bring you back healthy and ready for a new semester. Thank you for joining us in worship this past semester. We hope you have a blessed holiday season.

From the Council: In light of the Governor's mandate and a direct request from local health officials, the council has requested we all wear masks at church, especially while entering and exiting the church and in common areas, such as the narthex. We greatly appreciate everyone's participation and patience as we together adapt through this pandemic.

From Mission and Evangelism Outreach (MAEO): Local Ministry opportunities exist for Bethel to help provide for the needs of those in our community through many opportunities. In the next 2 weeks, donation bins will be located in the back of church for the Hope Food Pantry. They are in need of muffin mixes, cereals, pancake mixes and canned vegetables (please make sure the items brought in are not expired). They are also requesting wash clothes and small hand towels for small Christmas gifts. On Thanksgiving Day, Children can bring their donated food item (listed above) to the front of church during the singing of the first song.

Bible Reading Plan 2020: If you have been keeping up with the Bible reading plan this year, you are invited to join us for a socially-distanced, but in-person, discussion on Tuesday, November 24 at 7PM at the Lighthouse. Even if you have not been able to attend other meetings, each time is fresh with new chances to share how God is working in you through reading His Word.

At our Congregational meeting on Monday, November 9 the following were elected to the office of Elder: Pete Haverhals, Steve Post, Daryl Wieringa, Kyle Wynia; the office of Deacon: Keith De Jong, Mark Haan, Jordan Hoogland. Chosen to the ministry of Care & Concern Coordinators: Maria Mulder, Karen Vreugdenhil.

Sunday School and Catechism Restart: The Discipleship Committee has restarted our Sunday School program. We will continue every other week AM attendance by C&C group numbers to maintain distanced seating for the service. However, rather than teaching the same lesson two weeks in a row to cover both halves of our students, we will teach new Sunday School lesson each week. Half of the kids would be present for each lesson and the material will be sent home for the other half of the students with the hope that parents can be active participants in the discipleship of their children during their livestream week. Parents also have the option of dropping their kids off and/or have older kids drive in at 11:15 to attend on their livestream weeks. Our hope is this plan allows us to safely continue to disciple our children and youth in this challenging season

Sunday School Christmas Practice Schedule

- ~Nov. 22 - PreK-1st practice first, 2nd-4th practice at 11:45
- ~Nov. 29 - PreK-1st practice first, 2nd-4th practice at 11:45, PreK-1st practice at 5:30ish before their program
- ~Dec. 6 - 5th-6th practice at 11:15, 2nd-4th practice at 5:30ish before their program
- ~Dec. 13 - 5th-6th practice at 11:15 and at 5:30ish before their program

Thanksgiving Tree: We'd like to give Bethel members (guests are welcome too!) an opportunity to share what they are thankful for. A Thanksgiving tree has been drawn on one of the east windows of the narthex, and all ages are invited to decorate the tree with colorful expressions of gratitude. In this time of widespread unrest and division in our country, let's be sources of light and encouragement for each other!

Time of Celebration - November 22: With some distancing restrictions being in place for Covid-19, the Time of Celebration will look different. We will have baskets in church for gifting, and contribution for gift cards may be given to Verla Hoogland by November 20. We will not have the lunch and fellowship time but instead will deliver the gift baskets to the families. The families included are:

Marriage Celebration

Carrie (Whitfield) & Kody Vande Kamp married October 9, 2020

Baby Celebration

Wesley Dane, born September 15, 2020; son of Jared & Janie Bonestroo

Maverick Austin, born October 14, 2020; son of Chad & Jessi De Vries

Dylan Andrew, born October 15, 2020; son of AJ & Kirsten Borger

Homer Jay, born October 22, 2020; son of Josh & Ema McBrayer



Bethel Christian Reformed Church
The Lord's Day ~ November 22, 2020, 10:00 AM

GOD GATHERS US IN WORSHIP

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Prayer of Invocation

*Call to Worship

*Opening Song: **"We Gather Together" st 1-3 (CH #790)**

- 1) We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing; He chastens and hastens His will to make known;
The wicked oppressing now cease from distressing: sing praises to His name; he forgets not His own.
- 2) Beside us to guide us, our God with us joining, ordaining, maintaining His kingdom divine;
So from the beginning the fight we were winning: Thou, Lord, wast at our side – all glory be Thine!
- 3) We all do extol Thee, Thou Leader triumphant, and pray that Thou still our Defender wilt be.
Let Thy congregation escape tribulation: Thy name be ever praised; O Lord, make us free!

*God's Greeting

*Mutual Greeting

RENEWING GOD'S COVENANT IN CHRIST

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Song of Assurance: **"O The Blood" (Congregation join on st 2) (CCLI)**

- 2) Savior Son, Holy One, slain so I can live;
O see the Lamb, the great I AM, Who takes away my sin.

Chorus: O the blood of Jesus washes me. O the blood of Jesus shed for me.

What a sacrifice that saved my life. Yes, the blood, it is my victory.

Bridge: O the blood of the Lamb! The precious blood of the Lamb!

O the blood of the Lamb! The precious blood of the Lamb!

What a sacrifice that saved my life. Yes, the blood it is my victory.

- 3) O what love! No greater love! Grace, how can it be
That in my sin, yes, even then, He shed His blood for me? (*Chorus*)
What a sacrifice that saved my life. Yes, the blood it is my victory.

Guide for Holy Living: Romans 13:11-13

Song of Dedication: **PH #559 "Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus" st 1,3-4**

GOD SPEAKS TO US THROUGH HIS WORD

Prayer for Right Hearing

Scripture: **Ephesians 6:10-18**

Sermon: **Dear Church: "Armor of God"**

Prayer of Application

GOD CALLS US TO RESPOND IN FAITH AND OBEDIENCE

*Hymn of Response: **"O Church Arise" st 1-4 (Getty)**

- 1) O church, arise, and put your armor on; hear the call of Christ our captain.
For now the weak can say that they are strong in the strength that God has given.
With shield of faith and belt of truth, we'll stand against the devil's lies.
An army bold, whose battle cry is love, reaching out to those in darkness.
- 2) Our call to war, to love the captive soul, but to rage against the captor;
And with the sword that makes the wounded whole, we will fight with faith and valor.
When faced with trials on every side, we know the outcome is secure.
And Christ will have the prize for which He died: an inheritance of nations.
- 3) Come, see the cross, where love and mercy meet, as the Son of God is stricken;
Then see His foes lie crushed beneath His feet, for the Conqueror has risen!
And as the stone is rolled away, and Christ emerges from the grave,
This victory march continues till the day ev'ry eye and heart shall see Him.
- 4) So Spirit, come, put strength in every stride; give grace for every hurdle.
That we may run with faith to win the prize of a servant good and faithful.
As saints of old, still line the way, retelling triumphs of His grace,
We hear their calls, and hunger for the day when with Christ we stand in Glory.

Pastoral Prayer

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

GOD SENDS US WITH HIS BLESSING

*Closing Song: **PH #555 "Lead On O King Eternal" st 1-2**

*God's Parting Blessing

*Closing Song: **PH #555 "Lead On O King Eternal" st 3**

Minister of the Word: Pastor John Lee

Organist: Dawn Van Den Hul

Pianist: Jennifer Frens

Worship Leader: Brittany Noteboom

Drums: Drew Jansma

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The Lord's Day ~ November 22, 2020, 6:00 PM

GOD GATHERS US IN WORSHIP

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Prayer of Invocation

*Call to Worship

*Opening Hymn of Praise: **PH #95 "Now with Joyful Exultation" st 1-4**

*God's Greeting

*Mutual Greeting

A Word from the Prophet: Ezekiel 47:1-12

Song of Response: **"As with Gladness Men of Old" st 1,4,5 (LUYH #105)**

- 1) As with gladness men of old did the guiding star behold,
As with joy they hailed its light, leading onward, beaming bright;
So, most gracious Lord, may we evermore your splendor see.
- 4) Holy Jesus, every day keep us in the narrow way,
And when mortal things are past, bring our ransomed lives at last
Where they need no star to guide, where no clouds your glory hide.
- 5) In that glorious city bright none shall need created light;
You its light, its joy, its crown, your its sun which goes not down;
There forever may we sing alleluias to our King!

GOD SPEAKS TO US THROUGH HIS WORD

Prayer for Right Hearing

Scripture: **Revelation 21:23 – 22:6**

Sermon: **"The Inspection Report: Finished and Signed"**

Prayer of Application

GOD CALLS US TO RESPOND IN FAITH AND OBEDIENCE

*Hymn of Response: **PH #618 "Jerusalem the Golden" st 1-4**

Pastoral Prayer

Offering: Back to God Ministries

*Statement of Faith: Our World Belongs to God, #56-58 (PH page 1037-1038)

GOD SENDS US WITH HIS BLESSING

*Closing Hymn: **"Soon and Very Soon" st 1-3 (LUYH #482)**

- 1) Soon and very soon, we are going to see the King! (3x)

Chorus: Hallelujah! Hallelujah! We're going to see the King!

- 2) No more crying there, we are going to see the King! (3x, Chorus)
- 3) No more dying there, we are going to see the King! (3x, Chorus)

*Benediction

*Doxology: **PH #319 "Savior, Again to Your Dear Name We Raise" st 3-4**

*Postlude

Minister of the Word: Rev. Duane Tinklenberg

Organists: Jennifer Frens, Dawn Van Den Hul