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(TENTATIVE) YPS: This Wednesday from 7-9pm is half groups. 12th & 9th will have Large group. 10th & 11th will have Small Groups. Your leaders will contact you with details. There is also a possibility that we might just do a zoom meeting for all. Stand by for details next week.

THIS WEEK AT BETHEL

TODAY	9:30 AM	Prayer for Worship – Cadet Room
	10:00 AM	Morning Worship Service – Care & Concern Groups #1-5
	6:00 PM	Evening Worship Service
TUESDAY	11:00 AM	Staff Meeting – Council Room
	7:00 PM	Worship Committee Meeting – Council Room
WEDNESDAY	7:00 PM	Marriage Mentors Meeting – The Lighthouse
	7:00 PM	GEMS Counselor Meeting – GEMS Room
FRIDAY	7:00 PM	LIFT Bible Study – The Lighthouse
NEXT SUNDAY	10:00 AM	Morning Worship Service – Care & Concern Groups #6-10
	6:00 PM	Evening Worship Service

	<i>TODAY</i>	<i>Next Week, Sunday, December 6</i>
Sound	Bruce & Deb Dooyema	Wade Vanden Berg & Ryan Fedders
Video	Travis Mulder	Michaela Meyers
Power Point	Judy Van Voorst	Mike Meyers
PM Offering	MAEO	One Vision Orphanage
Ushers AM	Doug V, Joel S, Dave B, Jon M	Dave D, Chad H, Lyle VK, Jeff VV
Ushers PM	Dave T, Ross F, Herm VDH	Joel S, Dave B, Jon M
Doors AM	Matt D, Nate DW, Ron F	Ted A, Dave VS, Doug V
Doors PM	Matt D, Nate DW, Ron F	Dave T, Tim S, Wade VB

Immanuel

God With Us



BETHEL CRC ~ November 29, 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 (jirlee12@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 #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."
- 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. 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." The PreK-1st grade will have their Christmas program during the service.
- This Sunday evening, our offering will be for Mission and Evangelism Outreach (MAEO). They support numerous domestic & international missionaries, as well as other various outreach programs (such as ELL, VBS, service projects). If you are making plans to participate in a service project, don't hesitate to contact a member of the MAEO committee about applying for some travel assistance.

Next Week

- Next 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 continue the Advent series focusing on Jesus as our "Immanuel." We will focus on Mark 5:21-43 – "Immanuel in Trouble."
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- Next Sunday evening, our worship service will be an **in-person congregational worship service** with social distancing. Pastor John will continue his series "Faith Walk" with a focus on Hebrews 11:30 – "Joshua." The 2nd-4th grades will have their Christmas Program during the evening service.
- Next Sunday evening, our offering will be for One Vision Orphanage.

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

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THANK YOU

We would like to thank everyone who remembered us with prayers, cards and words of comfort in the passing of Helen's brother, John Vande Vegte. Your thoughtfulness was very much appreciated. We truly have experienced God's comforting grace.
Arie and Helen Byl

I would like to thank the many Bethel congregation members for the many prayers, cards, meals and voices of concern during my recent back surgeries and recovery. They were all greatly appreciated! A special thanks to Pastor Lee and Rev. Tinklenberg for their calls and prayers during this period. Thanks to Doug Vreugdenhil for his visits and calls. Through the surgeries and recovery I have felt God's guiding hand and answers to prayers offered by so many people that God has surrounded me with. I am truly grateful for what our faithful God has done and provided for me and Judy.

Stan Feekes

PRAYER MINISTRY

- Our prayers for God's comfort are with Lyle and Joan Vande Kamp, Luke and Rebekah Vande Kamp and Jim & Joleen Vermeer and their families at the death of Lyle's brother, Gary Vande Kamp, on Sunday evening, November 22 following complications with Covid-19. He was 84. His funeral was Wednesday, November 25.
- We pray for God's hand over Cheryl Hoogland who will have rotator cuff surgery on Friday, December 4 in Sioux Center Hospital. Even as we pray for her, we join John and Cheryl for a good report for John that he has no evidence of cancer.
- Donna De Haan was admitted to the Avera McKennan Hospital in Sioux Falls on Monday, November 23 with a pinched nerve in her back from a ruptured disc. She was able to return home on Thursday night, November 26. Donna will need to return to the pain clinic on Monday, November 30 to explore a nerve block as surgery is not an option. We pray for relief from pain, wisdom for the doctors, and healing.

- We continue to join our community in praying for different local congregations. This week, we will be in prayer for the Christ Community congregation. We pray for their pastors, Randy Widbin, and Carlos Perez.
- 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.

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. For the next week, 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.

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 a 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 Mini Programs

The Preschool, Kindergarten, and 1st Grade children will be involved in the 6 PM worship service on November 29.

The 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Grade children will be involved in the 6 PM worship service on December 6.

The 5th and 6th Grade children will be involved in the 6 PM worship service on December 13. There will be a prelude of Sunday School children musicians on this evening as well. It will begin around 5:40.

Sunday School Christmas Practice Schedule & announcements

- Nov. 29 - PreK-1st practice first, 2nd-4th practice at 11:45, **PreK-1st practice at 5:30 before their program**
- Dec. 6 - 5th-6th practice at 11:15, 2nd-4th practice at 5:30 before their program
- Dec. 13 - 5th-6th practice at 11:15 and at 5:30 before their program
- Please contact Jina Tinklenberg if you have any musicians who would like to participate in the December 13 program.
- Candy bags will be handed out to all Sunday School children during class on December 6 & 13. Teachers will make sure each student gets one.



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 _____

Bethel Christian Reformed Church
The Lord's Day ~ November 29, 2020, 10:00 AM
First Sunday of Advent ~ Hope

GOD GATHERS US IN WORSHIP

Prelude: *Jesu – Noel (arr. E. Whitsett)*

Welcome & Announcements

Advent Reading

Song of Invocation: **PH #328 “O Come, O Come, Immanuel” st 1-2**

*Call to Worship

*Song of Praise: **“King of Kings” st 1-4 (Hillsong)**

- 1) In the darkness we were waiting, without hope, without light
Till from Heaven You came running; there was mercy in Your eyes
To fulfil the law and prophets to a virgin came the Word
From a throne of endless glory to a cradle in the dirt

Chorus: Praise the Father, Praise the Son, Praise the Spirit: three in one
God of Glory, Majesty Praise forever to the King of Kings

- 2) To reveal the kingdom coming and to reconcile the lost
To redeem the whole creation, You did not despise the cross
For even in Your suffering You saw to the other side
Knowing this was our salvation, Jesus, for our sake You died. (*Chorus*)
- 3) And the morning that You rose all of heaven held its breath
Till that stone was moved for good, for the Lamb had conquered death.
And the dead rose from their tombs, and the angels stood in awe,
For the souls of who'd come to the Father are restored.
- 4) And the Church of Christ was born then the Spirit lit the flame.
Now this Gospel truth of old shall not kneel, shall not faint.
By His blood and in His Name, in His freedom I am free,
For the love of Jesus Christ who has resurrected me. (*Chorus 2x*)

*God's Greeting

*Mutual Greeting

RENEWING GOD'S COVENANT IN CHRIST

Call to Confession: **PH #254 “Remember Not, O God” st 1-2**

Prayer of Confession

Words of Assurance and Commitment: 1 John 3

Song of Response: **“No Longer Slaves” st 1-2 (CCLI)**

- 1) You unravel me with a melody. You surround me with a song
Of deliverance from my enemies till all my fears are gone.

Chorus: I'm no longer a slave to fear; I am a child of God.

I'm no longer a slave to fear; I am a child of God.

- 2) From my mother's womb You have chosen me. Love has called my name.
I've been born again to a family. Your blood flows through my veins. (*Chorus 2x*)

Bridge: You split the sea so I could walk right through it. You drowned my fears in perfect love.
You rescued me so I could stand and sing. I am a child of God. (*Repeat, then Chorus*)
I am a child of God.

GOD SPEAKS TO US THROUGH HIS WORD

Prayer for Right Hearing

Scripture: **Mark 4:35-41**

Sermon: **“Immanuel in Fear”**

Prayer of Application

GOD CALLS US TO RESPOND IN FAITH AND OBEDIENCE

*Hymn of Response: **“Be Still My Soul (In You I Rest)” (Kari Jobe)**

- 1) Be still, my soul! the Lord is on thy side; bear patiently the cross of grief or pain.
Leave to thy God to order and provide; in every change He faithful will remain.
Be still, my soul! thy best, thy heavenly Friend through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

- 2) Be still, my soul! thy God doth undertake to guide the future as He has the past.
Thy hope, thy confidence let nothing shake; all now mysterious shall be bright at last.
Be still, my soul! the waves and winds still know His voice who ruled them while He dwelt below.

Chorus: In You, I rest. In You, I find my hope. In You, I trust. You never let me go.

I place my life within Your hands alone. Be still, my soul.

- 3) Be still, my soul! the hour is hastening on when we shall be forever with the Lord,
When disappointment, grief, and fear are gone, sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored.
Be still, my soul! when change and tears are past, all safe and blessed we shall meet at last. (*Chorus X2*)
Be still, my soul. Be still my soul.

Pastoral Prayer

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

GOD SENDS US WITH HIS BLESSING

*Closing Song "*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 the 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.

*God's Parting Blessing

*Doxology "*O Little Town of Bethlehem*" st 4: (CH #250)

- 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.
O come to us, abide with us, our Lord, Emmanuel.

*Postlude

Minister of the Word: Pastor John Lee

Organist: Mick Visser

Pianists: Jennifer Frens, Hayley Vander Wal

Vocalists: Lori Walstra, Jeremy Kraayenbrink, Kayden Kraayenbrink, Josh and Christina Johnson

Violinist: Jennifer Frens

Drums: Adam Franken

Advent Readers: Clara Hoogland, Jacki Hoekstra

Bethel Christian Reformed Church
The Lord's Day ~ November 29, 2020, 6:00 PM

GOD GATHERS US IN WORSHIP

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Prayer of Invocation

*Call to Worship

*Opening Hymn of Praise: ***"Blessed Be the God of Israel" st 1-3 (LUYH #67)***

- 1) Blessed be the God of Israel, who comes to set us free
And raises up new hope for us: a Branch from David's tree.
So have the prophets long declared that with a mighty arm
God would turn back our enemies and all who wish us harm.
- 2) With promised mercy will God still the covenant recall,
The oath once sworn to Abraham, from foes to save us all,
That we might worship without fear and offer lives of praise,
In holiness and righteousness to serve God all our days.
- 3) My child, as prophet of the Lord, you will prepare the way,
To tell God's people they are saved from sin's eternal sway.
Then shall God's mercy from on high shine forth and never cease
To drive away the gloom of death and lead us into peace.

*God's Greeting

*Mutual Greeting

Special Music by the Preschool/TK, Kindergarten and 1st grade Sunday School Classes

"Christmas Bells"

"Mary Had a Baby"

Candle of Hope

"Baby Jesus"

"Go, Tell It on the Mountain" (Congregation join 2nd time)

GOD SPEAKS TO US THROUGH HIS WORD

Prayer for Right Hearing

Scripture: ***Nehemiah 8:9-18***

Sermon: ***"Joy, a Source of Strength Even in Struggle"***

Prayer of Application

GOD CALLS US TO RESPOND IN FAITH AND OBEDIENCE

*Hymn of Response: ***"The Joy of the Lord" st 1-3 (CH #541)***

- 1) The joy of the Lord is my strength. *(Repeat 3 times)*
- 2) He heals the broken-hearted and they cry no more, *(Repeat twice)*
The joy of the Lord is my strength.
- 3) He gives me living water and I thirst no more. *(Repeat twice)*
The joy of the Lord is my strength.

Congregational Prayer

Offering: Mission and Evangelism Outreach

*Statement of Faith: Our World Belongs to God, #23 and #25

23. Remembering the promise
to reconcile the world to himself,
God joined our humanity in Jesus Christ—
the eternal Word made flesh.
He is the long-awaited Messiah,
one with us
and one with God,
fully human and fully divine,
conceived by the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.

25. Standing in our place,
Jesus suffered during his years on earth,
especially in the tortures of the cross.
He carried God's judgment on our sin—
his sacrifice removed our guilt.
God raised him from the dead:
he walked out of the grave,

conqueror of sin and death—
the Lord of Life!
We are set right with God,
given new life,
and called to walk with him
in freedom from sin's dominion.

GOD SENDS US WITH HIS BLESSING

*Closing Hymn: ***PH #473 "To God Be the Glory" st 1-2***

*Benediction

*Closing Hymn: ***PH #473 "To God Be the Glory" st 3***

*Postlude

Minister of the Word: Pastor Scott Van Voorst

Organist: Leendert van Beek

Pianist: Jennifer Frens

Prayer Elder: Dave Bronner