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THIS WEEK AT BETHEL

TODAY	9:30 AM	Prayer for Worship – Cadet Room
	10:00 AM	Morning Worship Service – Care & Concern Groups #1-5
	12:00 PM	Reservation – The Lighthouse
	6:00 PM	Evening Worship Service
FRIDAY	10:00 AM	Reservation – The Lighthouse
SATURDAY		Cadet Snow Derby
NEXT SUNDAY	10:00 AM	Morning Worship Service – Care & Concern Groups #6-10
	6:00 PM	Evening Worship Service

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

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	TODAY	Next Week, Sunday, January 3
Sound	Wade Vanden Berg & Kayda Vanden Berg	Bruce & Deb Dooyema
Video	Travis Mulder	Trey Haverhals
Power Point	Mike Meyers	Wanda Vande Kieft
PM Offering	MAEO	World Renew
Ushers AM	Dave D, Chad H, Lyle VK, Jeff VV	Doug V, Dave B, Jon M, Timon R
Ushers PM	Joel S, Dave B, Jon M	
Doors AM	Dave VS, Doug V, Ted A	
Doors PM	Dave T, Tim S, Matt D	

Immanuel

God With Us

*“Immanuel in
Change”
Matthew
28:18-25*



BETHEL CRC ~ December 27, 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

- Our **Christmas Day Worship Service** will be held Friday, December 25 at 9:30 AM. All Care and Concern Groups are invited in person. Pastor John will continue our Advent sermon series entitled, "Immanuel." Our focus will be on Matthew 1:18-25 – "Immanuel in Life."
- 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 for this "Old Year's Service" as we conclude the Advent series focusing on Jesus as our "Immanuel." We will focus on Matthew 28:18-25 – "Immanuel in Change."
- During this service we will also install our incoming Elders and Deacons and commission our incoming Care and Concern Group Coordinators.
 - Elders: Pete Haverhals, Steve Post, Daryl Wieringa, Kyle Wynia
 - Deacons: Keith De Jong, Mark Haan, Jordan Hoogland
 - Care and Concern Coordinators: Karen Vreugdenhil, Maria Mulder

We thank our outgoing office bearers and Care & Concern Coordinators for their faithful service.

- Elders: Dave Draayer, Dave Tinklenberg, Jeff Van Voorst, Lyle VandeKamp
- Deacons: Ted Altena, Chad Hanson, Dave Van Schouwen
- Care and Concern Coordinators: Karla Hanson, Dawn Stetson, Cara Wieringa
- 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. Our worship service will be led by Pastor Tim Breen. He will focus on John 1:10-13 – "Becoming a Child of God."
- This Sunday evening, our offering is for MAEO (Mission and Evangelism Outreach). They support numerous domestic & international missionaries, as well as other various outreach programs (such as our PIECE program teaching English to our immigrant neighbors, Vacation Bible School, and 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
- The deacons are also encouraging the congregation to consider the Olsen property purchase in their year-end giving. The purchase price of this strategic property to the north of Bethel and east of the Lighthouse was \$179,000. To date, we have had generous gifts of \$96,231! When combined with the up to \$50,000 we can take from Bethel's building depreciation fund, that leaves us with a balance of at least \$33,000 that we still hope to raise. Please consider this investment in our future ministry.

Next Week

- **Note:** *Beginning in 2021, we will adjust our morning attendance pattern of Care and Concern Groups to help us reconnect with new faces while keeping socially distanced. In place of dividing groups by 1-5 and 6-10, we will be alternating between **even numbered** and **odd numbered** Care and Concern groups in-person each Sunday. January 3 will be even number groups (2,4,6,8,10) in-person; January 10 will be odd numbered groups (1,3,5,7,9) in person, etc. All groups are still invited to every evening service. As before, this is only a guideline and feel free to adjust based on your family's needs.*
- Next Sunday morning, our 10:00 AM worship service will be **in-person for Care & Concern Groups #2,4,6,8, and 10 and Livestreamed for everyone else**. We will be led in worship by Dale Ellens. Pastor John, Mary Jo and Anna will be on vacation visiting family in Michigan beginning on January 28.
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- Next Sunday evening, our offering will be for World Renew.

THANK YOU

We Thank God For You! Thank you for your gift to ministry shares. We could not impact the world through missions, media, and church development without your incredible and faithful support. **We wish you a Merry Christmas** and celebrate with you the arrival of our Savior and Lord. To learn more about the work you support visit crcna.org/ministryshares.

PRAYER MINISTRY

- Anne Gray has finished her round of IV chemo and had a CT scan on Tuesday, December 22 to help determine when to begin radiation treatments (with chemo pills) next month. We pray for God's continued hand of healing and peace for Scott and Anne and their family.
- Our condolences to Dennis and Elaine Zomermaand at the death of her brother, Gerald Mulder, on Tuesday morning, December 22 after a long battle with cancer. He was 73. The funeral will be Monday, December 28 at the Emden CRC in Renville, MN.
- We pray for our church secretary, Wanda Vande Kieft, her mother Kathy, and all others battling Covid-19.
- Happy Anniversary to Corwin and Harriet Dolieslager! They celebrate 57 years together today, Sunday, December 27.
- Happy Birthday to Harold Schiebout! He will be 81 on Monday, December 28
- Happy Birthday to Bill Davelaar! He will be 85 on Tuesday, December 29.
- We continue to join our community in praying for different local congregations. This week, we will be in prayer for the Faith Christian Reformed congregation. We pray for their pastors, Bob Pollema, Cliff Hoekstra, and Dave Smit.
- 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).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

From the Deacons: The deacons thank you for your continued faithful giving. You can give anytime on-line at <https://app.easytithethe.com/App/Giving/bethelcrc> (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.

Ushers Needed: During this time of Covid-19 we have not been assigning ushers randomly. Starting in 2021 we would like to go back to volunteer ushers. There is a sign-up sheet on the Welcome Center for anyone over the age of 15, who is capable and willing to usher, to sign up. The term will be one month, both morning and evening services. In this season, we ask ushers to wear a mask. When we go back to regular full services we will go back to regular usher assignments.

Directory Updates: The directory is being sent via e-mail to the congregation for updates. If you do not have an e-mail address, you may find your page in your mailbox to look over and return to the office. Please put it in the Secretary's mailbox by the door. Thank you to everyone who has responded so far. We have some great pictures to add to our church family directory. Please have pictures turned in by January 1.

From MAEO: Rolando and Yessenia Mejia, our missionaries in Nicaragua, have had two significant financial burdens come into their lives in the past 4 months. After saving for several years, Rolando bought a car to help transport his church members working in the women's prison ministry. He was involved in an accident and the car was totaled. Because he does not have insurance, he estimates a cost of \$4000 to replace the car. Then with Hurricane Eta, 25 inches of rain fell in a short amount of time and the beams of his house roof sagged and water poured into his house. The cost to repair the roof is \$8000. A short video showing the roof condition is showing on the screens in back of church. With the loan interest rate at 18% and Rolando and Yessenia already surviving on a meager income, the Evangelism Committee is inviting the congregation to provide additional funds beyond our regular support to help him with these financial burdens. A box has been placed near the Welcome Center where gifts can be placed or given to a deacon. The goal is to raise \$12,000 with \$3000 already contributed. Questions can be directed to Stan Wynia or Ted Altena.

Talking Bibles project. Our congregation will again participate in the "Talking Bibles" Christmas tree project. Many people are either unable to read or have no access to a printed Bible. The solar-powered Talking Bible is available in many different languages enabling individuals or groups to hear the Bible in their own language. Each year the Talking Bible organization focuses on one country. This year it is Africa. The cost of one Bible is \$50. A matching gift of 4 more Bibles will be added for every Bible our congregation donates. Donations can be brought to the office, placed in the offering bucket or placed in the mailbox. Each week ornaments will be placed on the tree in the back of church representing the number of Talking Bibles donated. Watch for the progress each week.

There will be NO Sunday School and Catechism classes today for the Christmas break.



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 ~ December 27, 2020, 10:00 AM
Old Year's Service

GOD GATHERS US IN WORSHIP

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Prayer of Invocation

*Call to Worship

*Opening Hymn: **PH #170 "O God, Our Help in Ages Past" st 1-2,4-6**

*God's Greeting

*Mutual Greeting

RENEWING GOD'S COVENANT IN CHRIST

Call to Confession

Song of Confession with silent prayer: **"Nearer, My God, to Thee" st 1, silent prayer, st 4-5 (CH #553)**

- 1) Nearer, my God, to Thee, nearer to Thee, E'en though it be a cross that raiseth me!
Still all my song shall be: Nearer, my God, to Thee; Nearer, my God to Thee, nearer to Thee.
- 4) Then with my wakening thoughts bright with Thy praise, out of my stony griefs Bethel I'll raise;
So by my woes to be nearer, my God, to Thee; Nearer, my God to Thee, nearer to Thee.
- 5) Or if, on joyful wing cleaving the sky; sun, moon, and stars forgot, upward I fly,
Still all my song shall be: Nearer, my God, to Thee; Nearer, my God to Thee, nearer to Thee.

Words of Assurance and Commitment: Isaiah 40:6-8, 28-31

Song of Response: **"On Eagles' Wings" st 1-4 (congregation join on choruses) (SANC #185)**

Chorus: And He will raise you up on eagles' wings, bear you on the breath of dawn,
Make you to shine like the sun and hold you in the palm of His hand.

GOD SETS APART SERVANT LEADERS

Installation of Elders and Deacons (PH 1004)

Outgoing Elders: Dave Draayer, Dave Tinklenberg, Jeff Van Voorst, Lyle VandeKamp

Deacons: Ted Altena, Chad Hanson, Dave Van Schouwen

Incoming Elders: Pete Haverhals, Steve Post, Daryl Wieringa, Kyle Wynia

Deacons: Keith De Jong, Mark Haan, Jordan Hoogland

Song of Dedication: **"The Servant Song" st 1-3 (men only on st 2) (SANC #277)**

- 1) Will you let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you?
Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant too.
- 2) We are pilgrims on a journey; we are travelers on the road.
We are here to help each other walk the mile and bear the load.
- 3) I will hold the Christ-light for you in the night-time of your fear.
I will hold my hand out to you, speak the peace you long to hear.

Commissioning of Care and Concern Group Coordinators

Outgoing Coordinators: Karla Hanson, Dawn Stetson, Cara Wieringa

Incoming Coordinators: Karen Vreugdenhil, Maria Mulder

Song of Dedication: **"The Servant Song st 4-5 (women only on st 4) (SANC #277)**

- 4) I will weep when you are weeping; when you laugh, I'll laugh with you.
I will share your joy and sorry till we've seen this journey through.
- 5) Will you let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you?
Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant too.

GOD SPEAKS TO US THROUGH HIS WORD

Prayer for Right Hearing

Scripture: **Matthew 28:16-20**

Sermon: **"Immanuel in Change"**

Prayer of Application

GOD CALLS US TO RESPOND IN FAITH AND OBEDIENCE

*Hymn of Response: **PH #442 "Abide with Me" st 1-5**

Pastoral Prayer

Year-end Review Slideshow

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

GOD SENDS US WITH HIS BLESSING

*God's Parting Blessing

*Doxology: **"All Glory Be to Christ" st 1-3 (CCLI)**

- 1) Should nothing of our efforts stand, no legacy survive;
Unless the Lord does raise the house, in vain its builders strive.
To you who boast tomorrow's gain, tell me what is your life?
A mist that vanishes at dawn; All glory be to Christ!

Chorus: All glory be to Christ our king! All glory be to Christ!

His rule and reign we'll ever sing; all glory be to Christ!

- 2) His will be done, His kingdom come on earth as is above,
Who is Himself our daily bread; Praise Him, the Lord of love.
Let living water satisfy the thirsty without price;
We'll take a cup of kindness yet; All glory be to Christ! (*Chorus*)
- 3) When on the day the great I Am the faithful and the true,
The Lamb who was for sinners slain is making all things new.
Behold, our God shall live with us and be our steadfast light.
And we shall ere his people be; All glory be to Christ! (*Chorus x2*)

*Postlude

Minister of the Word: Pastor John Lee

Organists: Jennifer Frens, Dawn Van Den Hul

Violinist: Laura Ross

Vocalists: Paul Ross, Samantha De Weerd

Bethel Christian Reformed Church
The Lord's Day ~ December 27, 2020, 6:00 PM

GOD GATHERS US IN WORSHIP

Prelude

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Prayer of Invocation

*Call to Worship

*Opening Hymn: **"Here I Am to Worship" st 1-2 (ABSPW2 #10)**

- 1) Light of the world, You stepped down into darkness, opened my eyes, let me see
Beauty that made this heart adore You, hope of a life spent with You.

Chorus: So here I am to worship, here I am to bow down;

Here I am to say that You're my God.

(And) You're altogether lovely, altogether worthy, altogether wonderful to me.

- 2) King of all days, Oh so highly exalted; glorious in heaven above,
Humbly You came to the earth You created, all for love's sake became poor. (*Chorus x2*)
Here I am to worship.

*God's Greeting

*Mutual Greeting

Christmas Hymn Sing: **PH #355 "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice" st 1,2**

PH #356 "Go, Tell It on the Mountain" st 1-3

GOD SPEAKS TO US THROUGH HIS WORD

Prayer for Right Hearing

Scripture: **John 1:10-13**

Sermon: **"Becoming a Child of God"**

Prayer of Application

GOD CALLS US TO RESPOND IN FAITH AND OBEDIENCE

*Hymn of Response: **"Who You Say I Am" st 1-3 (Hillsong)**

- 1) Who am I that the highest King would welcome me.
I was lost but He brought me in, oh His love for me, oh His love for me.

Chorus 1: Who the Son sets free, oh is free indeed, I'm a child of God, yes I am.

- 2) Free at last, He has ransomed me, His grace runs deep.
While I was a slave to sin, Jesus died for me, yes He died for me. (*Chorus 1*)

Chorus 2: In my Father's house, there's a place for me, I'm a child of God, yes I am.

Bridge: I am chosen, not forsaken, I am who You say I am.

You are for me, not against me, I am who You say I am. (*Repeat*)

I am who You say I am. (*Chorus 1 and 2*)

Congregational Prayer

Offering: Mission and Evangelism Outreach

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

GOD SENDS US WITH HIS BLESSING

*Parting Blessing

*Closing Hymn: **PH #214 "Glory to God/Ere zij God"**

*Postlude

Minister of the Word: Pastor Tim Breen

Organist: Leendert van Beek

Pianist: Jennifer Frens

Vocalists: Jennifer Frens, Herm Van Den Hul

Prayer Elder: Dave Tinklenberg

Drums: Mikayla Meyers