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YPS: This Wednesday from 7-9pm is small groups. Your leaders will contact you with details.

Jr. YPS: No meeting tonight. Next week we are schedule to have our Christmas party from 7-8:30pm pending statewide meeting restrictions.

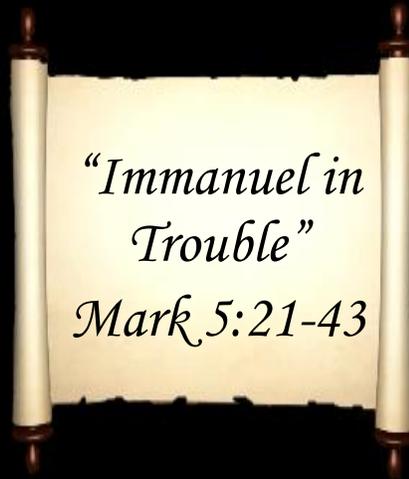
THIS WEEK AT BETHEL

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
MONDAY	7:00 PM	Christian Ed Committee – Council Room
	7:00 PM	Discipleship Committee – The Lighthouse
	7:00 PM	MAEO Committee – GEMS Room
TUESDAY	7:00 PM	Sanctuary Refresh Committee – GEMS Room
FRIDAY	7:00 PM	Encounter – The Lighthouse
SATURDAY		Reservation – The Lighthouse
NEXT SUNDAY	10:00 AM	Morning Worship Service – Care & Concern Groups # -5
	6:00 PM	Evening Worship Service

	<i>TODAY</i>	<i>Next Week, Sunday, December 13</i>
Sound	Wade Vanden Berg & Ryan Fedders	Sean Quinlan & Kyle Vanden Bosch
Video	Michaela Meyers	Travis Mulder
Power Point	Mike Meyers	Thea Quinlan
PM Offering	One Vision Orphanage	Dordt University
Ushers AM	Dave D, Chad H, Lyle VK, Jeff VV	Timon R, Tim S, Dave D Matt D
Ushers PM	Joel S, Dave B, Jon M	Nate DW, Ross F, Rod Z
Doors AM	Ted A, Dave VS, Doug V	Ron F, Dave T, Herm VDH,
Doors PM	Dave T, Tim S, Wade VB	Timon R, Matt D, Ted A

Immanuel

God With Us



BETHEL CRC ~ December 6, 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 and continue the Advent series focusing on Jesus as our "Immanuel." We will focus on Mark 5:21-43 – "Immanuel in Trouble."
- 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 John will continue his series "Faith Walk" with a focus on Hebrews 11:30 and Joshua 6 – "Going in Circles." The 2nd-4th grades will have their Christmas Program during the evening service.
- This Sunday evening, our offering will be for One Vision Orphanage. Even in the brokenness of this world, we desire to live in the fullness of Christ. For every child and staff member at One Vision to have the opportunity to choose Jesus for themselves and to walk in the fullness of this inheritance. We speak and declare His words in Isaiah 43 over all of our One Vision family, "Do not be afraid, I know you by name...you are mine." To learn more, visit www.onevisionintlht.org

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 as we continue the Advent series focusing on Jesus as our "Immanuel." We will focus on Luke 7:11-16 – "Immanuel in Grief." We will also witness the Baptism of David Calhoun, son of Frank and Lisa Calhoun (daughter and son-in-law of Don and Arnola Wynia), and Dylan Borger, son of AJ and Kirsten Borger.
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- Next Sunday evening, our worship service will be an **in-person congregational worship service** with social distancing. Pastor John Lee will continue his series "Faith Walk" with a focus on Hebrews 11:31 – "Rehab." The 5th 6th and 7th grades will be presenting their Christmas program. We will also be celebrate the sacrament of Communion. Communion kits will be available at the entrance.
- Next Sunday evening, our offering will be for Dordt University

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

Kelly & April Crull

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PRAYER MINISTRY

- Mariann Haak has been diagnosed with Covid-19 and was admitted to the Sioux Center Hospital on Monday, November 30. We pray for God to bring healing to Mariann's body and peace to her family. We also pray for her fellow residents at Royale Meadows and all our care facilities as they continue to live in deep isolation and uncertainty.
- Keegan Haglund has also been diagnosed with Covid-19 and has been moved to the Covid unit at LifeScape on Wednesday, December 2.
- Cheryl Hoogland underwent rotator cuff surgery in Sioux Center on Friday, December 4. We pray for her in the days of recovery ahead.
- Happy Anniversary to Rob & Willie Vander Bush! They will celebrate 58 years of marriage on Friday, December 11.
- 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. We pray for 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).

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/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.

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.

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 will 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 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

- 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.

THANK YOU

A big thanks to the Bethel Congregation for the Time of Celebration gifts and meals from our Care and Concern group. This has been such a blessing as we transition to a family of three. We are so thankful to have such a welcoming church family for Maverick.

Chad & Jessica De Vries

Thank you so much for all the gifts given to our family for Wesley's Time of Celebration! In these days of continued social distancing, we are blessed to still feel so close to our congregation through your acts of love and support. Your generosity is very much appreciated!

Jared and Janie Bonestroo

We would like to thank those who reached out to us with prayers, phone calls, and cards in the passing of my great grandchild and brother-in-law and uncle. We very much appreciate your support in many ways. We felt the comfort of God's grace.

Mike Kooistra, Wade & Denise Vanden Berg and family.

We thank the many families who remembered us with cards and prayer in the passing of our brother John Nobel. A special thank you to Pastor Lee and Pastor Tinklenberg for their phone calls and prayers.

Bill & Herkie Davelaar

We would like to thank everyone who remembered us with prayers, cards and words of comfort in the passing of our grandson and great nephew, Seth Vande Kamp. We would also like to thank Bethel for their kindness in the passing of our brother, George Vonk. We greatly appreciated the support during this time of grief. We truly experienced God's comforting grace and the gracious of our congregation.

Gene & Judi Vonk, and Kathy & Wanda Vande Kieft



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 6, 2020, 10:00 AM
Second Sunday of Advent ~ Peace

GOD GATHERS US IN WORSHIP

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Advent Reading

Song of Invocation: **PH #328 "O Come, O Come, Immanuel" st 1,7**

*Call to Worship

*Opening Hymn: **"What a Beautiful Name/Agnus Dei" (Hillsong/M.W. Smith)**

1) You were the Word at the beginning, One with God the Lord Most High.

Your hidden glory in creation now revealed in You, our Christ.

Chorus 1: What a beautiful name it is, what a beautiful name it is,

The name of Jesus Christ, my King.

What a beautiful name it is, nothing compares to this.

What a beautiful name it is: The name of Jesus

2) You didn't want heaven without us, so Jesus, You brought heaven down

My sin was great, Your love was greater; what could separate us now?

Chorus 2: What a wonderful Name it is, what a wonderful name it is,

The name of Jesus Christ, my King.

What a wonderful name it is, nothing compares to this.

What a wonderful name it is: The name of Jesus

Bridge: Death could not hold You, the veil tore before You. You silenced the boast of sin and grave.

The heavens are roaring the praise of Your glory for You are raised to life again.

You have no rival, You have no equal. Now and forever, God you reign.

Yours is the Kingdom, Yours is the glory, Yours is the name above all names.

Holy, holy are You, Lord God Almighty! Worthy is the Lamb, worthy is the lamb.

You are holy!

Chorus 3: What a powerful name it is, what a powerful name it is,

The name of Jesus Christ, my King.

What a powerful name it is, nothing can stand against.

What a powerful name it is: the name of Jesus. (x2)

*God's Greeting

*Mutual Greeting

RENEWING GOD'S COVENANT IN CHRIST

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Song of Assurance and Invitation: **"O Come, All You Unfaithful" (Sovereign Grace)**

GOD SPEAKS TO US THROUGH HIS WORD

Prayer for Right Hearing

Scripture: **Mark 5:21-43**

Sermon: **"Immanuel in Trouble"**

Prayer of Application

GOD CALLS US TO RESPOND IN FAITH AND OBEDIENCE

*Song of Response: **PH #489 "When Peace Like a River" st 1-4**

Pastoral Prayer

Offertory: **"I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day"**

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

GOD SENDS US WITH HIS BLESSING

*God's Parting Blessing

*Closing Hymn: **"All is Well" st 1-3 (M.W. Smith)**

1) All is well, all is well, angels and men rejoice.

For tonight, darkness fell into the dawn of love's light. Sing alle, sing alleluia.

2) All is well, all is well, let there be peace on earth.

Christ is come, go and tell that He is in the manger. Sing alle, sing alleluia.

3) All is well, all is well, lift up your voice and sing.

Born is now Emmanuel. Born is our Lord and Savior.

Sing alleluia, sing alleluia, all is well.

*Postlude

Minister of the Word: Pastor John Lee

Organist: Jennifer Frens

Pianist: Ashley Wynia

Drums: Cassie Van Otterloo

Worship Team: Brian, Melissa, Emma & Wyatt Gulker

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

GOD GATHERS US IN WORSHIP

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Prayer of Invocation

*Call to Worship

*Opening Hymn: ***"Sing We the Song of Emmanuel" st 1-3 (Matt Boswell)***

- 1) Sing we the song of Emmanuel, this the Christ who was long foretold.
Low in the shadows of Bethlehem, promise of dawn now our eyes behold.
God most high in a manger laid, lift your voices and now proclaim;
Great and glorious Love has come to us! Join now with the host of heaven!
- 2) Come, we who welcome Emmanuel, King who came with no crown or throne.
Helpless he lay, the Invincible, Maker of Mary, now Mary's son.
Oh, what wisdom to save us all. Shepherds, sages, before him fall.
Grace and majesty, what humility. Come on bended knee, adore Him.
- 3) Go spread the news of Emmanuel, joy and peace for the weary heart.
Lift up your heads for your King has come, sing for the light overwhelms the dark.
Glory shining for all to see, hope alive let the gospel ring.
God has made a way, He will have the praise, tell the world His name is Jesus.
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God has made a way, He will have the praise, tell the world His name is Jesus.

*God's Greeting

*Mutual Greeting

Special Music by the 2nd-4th Grade Sunday School Classes

"Prince of Peace"

"It's About the Cross"

"We Three Kings" – congregation joins on st 2 & 5

- 2) Born a King on Bethlehem plain, gold I bring to crown Him again
King forever ceasing never, over us all to reign *(Chorus)*

Chorus: O star of wonder, star of night. Star with royal beauty bright.

Westward leading, still proceeding. Guide us to Thy perfect light.

- 5) Glorious now behold Him arise, King and God and Sacrifice.

Alleluia, alleluia! Sounds through the earth and skies. *(Chorus)*

"Joshua Fought the Battle of Jericho"

GOD SPEAKS TO US THROUGH HIS WORD

Prayer for Right Hearing

Scripture: ***Hebrews 11:30 and Joshua 6***

Sermon: ***Faith Walk – "Going in Circles"***

Prayer of Application

GOD CALLS US TO RESPOND IN FAITH AND OBEDIENCE

*Hymn of Response: ***PH #548 "When We Walk with the Lord" st 1-3***

Pastoral Prayer

Offering: One Vision Orphanage

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

GOD SENDS US WITH HIS BLESSING

*Closing Hymn: ***"It Came Upon the Midnight Clear" st 1*** (CH #251)

- 1) It came upon the midnight clear, that glorious song of old,
From angels bending near the earth to touch their harps of gold:
"Peace on the earth, goodwill to men, from heav'n's all-gracious King!"
The world in solemn stillness lay to hear the angels sing.

*Parting Blessing

*Closing Hymn: ***"It Came Upon the Midnight Clear" st 4*** (CH #251)

- 4) For lo, the days are hast'ning on, by prophets seen of old,
When with the ever-circling years shall come the time foretold,
When peace shall over all the earth its ancient splendors fling,
And the whole world send back the song which now the angels sing.

*Postlude

Minister of the Word: Pastor John Lee

Organist: Karen Vreugdenhil

Pianist: Jennifer Frens

Vocalist: Mary Jo Lee