

Bethel Christian Reformed Church
Edgerton, Minnesota
December 9, 2018

Welcome to Bethel! With the busyness of the holidays upon us, we are thankful to come together on this second Sunday of **Advent** to pray, worship, and reflect on Christ, the true reason behind the holiday season. Please join us after the morning service for refreshments served in the fellowship hall.

Morning Worship Service – 9:30 a.m.
Led by: Pastor Brian Kornelis

Prelude

Welcome and announcements

Call to worship

* **God's greeting**

* **We greet each other**

* **Opening song:** *You Are Holy (Prince of Peace)*

Advent reading: Malachi 3:1-4 and Psalm 85:4-9

Song of response: *Light of the World* sung by Lisa Van Dyke & Lisa Vander Maten
(Children's sermon for grades 2-4 in the society room)

Prayer of God's people

Offering – for World Renew

Offertory: *Little Town* sung by the 7th Grade GEMS

(Children's church (ages 3-5) and worship (grades K-1) dismissed)

Drama: *Mary: The Dilemma of Saying Yes*

Scripture: Luke 1:26-45

Message: GOD'S PRIOR, PERSONAL AND EMPOWERING GRACE

* **Song of response:** *O Come, O Come, Immanuel*—PsH 328 (1,4,5,6)

* **Parting words**

* **Parting song:** *Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers*—PsH 333 (1,3)

Church Family:

- We extend our sympathy to **Del & Faye Hulstein** in the passing of Del's brother-in-law, Pete Struiksma, last Sunday.
- Please pray for **John Gunnink** who will have hip surgery on December 13.

Helpful Information

NURSERY: available for infants and toddlers on lower level
CHILDREN'S CHURCH & WORSHIP (AM): ages 3-1st grade are dismissed to their classes downstairs after the offertory
CHILDREN'S MESSAGE (AM): grades 2-4 in the Society Room during the pastoral prayer
HEARING AID DEVICES: available at the media desk
REFRESHMENTS: after the morning service
PRAYER ROOM: you are invited to join the prayer team before the Sunday services
WEBSITE: www.betheledgerton.org
OFFICE HOURS: Tuesday & Thursday 9:30 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Secretary ph: 442-3063 bethelcrccdgedgerton@yahoo.com
Announcements need to be in by Thursday, 10:00 a.m.
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PASTOR: Brian, 559-909-1546, brian.kornelis@gmail.com
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WEATHER RELATED SERVICE INFORMATION: K101 (101.1FM), KLOH (1050AM), KNWC (96.5FM), KELOLAND TV

Our Helpers

PREACHING Today: AM: Pastor Brian Kornelis PM: Pastor Brian Kornelis
Next Week: AM: Pastor Brian Kornelis PM: Pastor Brian Kornelis
ACCOMPANIST Today: AM: Kendra Van Hill PM: Linda Vanderaa
Next Week: AM: Kendra Van Hill PM: Rachel Prins
CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Today: Cal Spronk Next week: Bonnie De Boer
CHILDREN'S CHURCH Today: Tricia Veldkamp Next week: Carissa Odland
CHILDREN'S WORSHIP Today: Bonnie De Boer & Wyatt Vos
NURSERY Today: AM – Infant – Michelle Van Essen, Lois Van Dyke, Hannah Caspersen
Toddler – Roxi Smidt, Larissa Caspersen, Taylor Dunn, Gordon Dyk, Jacob Raak
PM – Jon & Janet Walhof
Next week: AM – Infant – Denise Nerem, Abby Galvin, Maren Nerem
Toddler – MaryAnn Spronk, Ronica Vanderby, Taylor Dunn, John Uilk, Daynica Pap
PM – Tom & Arla Bouma
LIBRARY Today: AM – Esther & Ruth PM – Mayme & Fran
Next week: AM – Cheri & Judi PM – Marlene & Karen
USHERS This week: Mike Fenske, Isaac Ossefoort, Alex Spronk
Next week: John Talsma, Jon Kroll, Jeremy Van Essen
GREETERS Today: Rod & Linda Spronk Next week: Cal & Mary Ann Spronk
HOST/HOSTESS Today: Arwin & LuAnn Sprnk Next week: Roger & Lorna Post
SOUND SYSTEM This week: Denny Next week: Derek
VIDEO CAMERA This week: Arlin Next week: Jon
MULTI-MEDIA This week: Isaac Next week: Dan
REFRESHMENTS Today – Connie Vreeman, Edith Walhof, Janet Walhof, Rod & Linda Spronk
Next Week – Jolene Walhof, Rose Kroll, Fran Bouma, Lloyd & Elaine Prins

Advent is "Fullness of Life" - The miracle of Advent brings us Uzima – “fullness of life” (Jn. 10:10). Through World Renew’s 2018-2019 Gift Catalog, you can help a family with a filter for clean water to drink, give a child the food they need to grow with a nutrition kit, or provide shelter to a disaster survivor. Give someone the opportunity to experience fullness of life today. Give at worldrenew.net/gifts or call 800-333-8300 to order.

Tour the Biblical Lands of Israel - March 11-22, 2019. Experience a renewal of your faith and a deeper understanding of the Bible as you tour biblical lands with Pastor Peter Tuininga and Sindbad Tours of Israel. See Jerusalem, Galilee, Jericho, and other biblical places that will help the Bible come alive for you. For information go to toursofisrael.wordpress.com or contact Peter Tuininga at 1-289-877-8433 or peter.tuininga@gmail.com. Register by December 15, 2018.

Israel & Jordan Study Tour (Oct 10-22, 2019) - Travel to sites connected with Jesus’ life and the early church: Bethlehem, Nazareth, Caesarea, Capernaum, Bethsaida, Sea of Galilee, Caesarea Philippi, the major biblical places in Jerusalem, Masada and much more. This tour also uniquely involves key biblical sites in Jordan, including the amazing city of Petra. Contact Dr. Jeff Weima at wemje@calvinseminary.edu or 616-328-3110.

Sign Up for Advent Devotions Today! - It’s not too late! Take time to reflect on Christ’s birth during this season of Advent with Monday, Wednesday, and Friday devotions sent to your email inbox from World Renew and the CRC Office of Social Justice through Christmas Day. This year’s devotional series titled Holy Impatience will explore doing justice in a world that belongs to God, a world where so many people are marginalized and oppressed, with a holy impatience both celebrating glimpses of the kingdom and eagerly yearning for what is to come. Don’t miss out: Sign up today at crcna.org/advent Please see the bulletin board in the east hallway near the church office for more weekly announcements from the Christian Reformed Church ministries.

Evening Worship Service – 6:30 p.m.
Led by: Pastor Brian Kornelis

Welcome

- * **God’s greeting to his people**
- * **Opening songs:** *All Glory, Laud, and Honor* – PsH 375 (1-3)
Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence – PsH 341 (1-3)
- Responsive reading:** Belgic Confession—article 20
- Song of response:** *What Wondrous Love* – PsH 379 (1,2,4)
- Prayer**
- * **Song of preparation:** *Lord, You Have Lavished on Your Land* (1-3)
- Scripture:** Psalm 85
- Message:** THE LAST REVIVAL: CHRISTMAS AND CALVARY
- * **Song of response:** *Lead Me to Calvary* – Praise 221 (1-3)
- * **God’s blessing to his people**
- * **Closing song:** *Lord, You Have Lavished on Your Land*– (4)
(Your evening offering for World Renew can be put in the collection bags at the sanctuary doors as you exit.)

This Week’s Activities:

MONDAY:

7:00 pm **SWMCH Christmas Concert**..... Bethel

WEDNESDAY:

9:30 am **Coffee Break/Story Hour** First CRC

3:30-7:30pm **GEMS Christmas Party & Caroling**..... First CRC

6:30-8:30pm **Cadets**..... Bethel

7:00 pm **Moms in Prayer**..... Bethel Prayer Room

7:00 pm **YPS Candlelight Service Practice**..... Bethel

THURSDAY:

6:30 pm **Union Gospel Mission Service Carpool**meet at Bethel

6:30 pm **Friendship Caroling & Christmas Party** Edgebrook Verdoes Room

SATURDAY:

8:15 am **Bibles for Missions Thrift Store Work Day**.....meet at Bethel

NEXT SUNDAY:

6:30 am **Prayer time**Prayer Room

8:30 am **Prayer time**Prayer Room

9:30 am **Morning Worship Service/Christmas Program**..... Bethel

10:45 am **Christmas Program Practice (grades K-6)**..... Sanctuary

6:30 pm **YPS Candlelight Service** Bethel

Offering Schedule:

December 16: Children of the Promise

Stewardship verse:

Freely you have received, freely give.

—Matthew 10:8b

Announcements:

CHURCH

No Sunday School classes today. Classes resume January 6.

GEMS Christmas Party & Caroling this Wednesday, December 12, from 3:30-7:30pm at First CRC. Fundraiser items will be sent home with your daughter.

Please join us next week Sunday morning, December 16, when the Sunday School kids will present their Christmas program **“For the Glory of the King”**.

Full Christmas program practice on December 9 immediately following the morning service. Practice may last until 12:00 or 12:15 pm so please plan accordingly. We ask for a little extra time for these rehearsals so that we don't have to have a Saturday run through.

Council officers for 2019: Virg Van Essen-President of Council; Ron Krosschell-Vice President of Council; Jeff De Boer-Secretary/Clerk of Council; Terry Tinklenberg-President of Deacons

My heartfelt **thank you** to everyone for prayers, cards, food, etc. God has blessed me in these months of healing.

-Marcia Van Gelder

Classical Higher Education Assistance Grant: A portion of the Classis Minnesota ministry share for Christian Higher Education received during the previous year is awarded in February to Christian college students in the form of scholarship grants. Any students attending a CRC-endorsed Christian college this 2018-2019 school year who completes an application form by the December 31 deadline is eligible. Contact Janet Walhof for an application.

SCHOOL

Southwest MN High School Christmas Music Program:

Gaudete! Gaudete! Rejoice! Rejoice! Our Savior is born! The bands and choirs at SWC are excited to present their Christmas Concert "Gaudete!" on Monday, December 10 at 7:00 pm. The concert will be held at Bethel Christian Reformed Church, Edgerton. All the ensembles will perform including: Chamber Choir, Eagle Choir, One Accord, Bel Canto, and the Concert Band. We are especially excited to reintroduce the Jazz Band back into the concert line-up! Come rejoice with us as we celebrate the birth of our King!

Southwest Christian Circle #14 will be hosting a **walking taco/hot dog/barbecue supper** on Monday, December 17 serving from 5:00-7:30 during the SW and RTR Girls' game. Hope you can join us for the meal and game!

COMMUNITY & MISC.

The Al Opland Singers will perform **“Winter Wonderland,”** Saturday Dec. 8 at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday Dec. 9 at 2 p.m. at the Pipestone Performing Arts Center. The Oplands will perform a variety of Christmas songs. Tickets are reserved and are \$17 for adults and \$7 for students. To purchase tickets call 507-825-2020 or go to

www.pipestoneperformingartscenter.com

The **Angel Tree** is your opportunity to bring a smile to a resident's face this Christmas. Edgebrook Care Center invites you to pick a residents name from the Angel Tree and give a little gift of joy. No matter what age you are, the joy that comes from giving and receiving never gets old. Stop in the business office if you have any questions.

Cornerstone Prison Church Faith Fellowship Weekend: Friday, January 25 – 6:00-8:00pm & January 26 & 27 – 7:15am-4:00pm each day. The theme for the weekend is “Year of Reconciliation” based on 2 Chronicles 7:14 “if my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land.” Join us for worship, large group talks and small group discussions. The deadline for signing up is Monday, January 7. We would be happy to have you join us for part of the weekend or all of it.

If you would like more information or to sign up, please contact us at office@cornerstonepcsd.org or call 507-215-3670. Thank you for considering this wonderful ministry opportunity!

KIDS CORNER: THE CHRISTMAS LIST MYSTERY - Cole's got a big bag of presents that he says are all for him! But why is he hiding his list, and why is he sneaking around town all night? It's up to the Lizarado Detective Agency to solve this Christmas Mystery! Subscribe for free at getkidscorner.com. Free Giveaway: Kids Corner's “Know Your Bible Activity Book, Part 4!” Can you figure out all Kids Corner Christmas puzzles? www.kidscorner.net.

GROUNDWORK: JOY TO THE WORLD - Hints of Christmas litter the Psalm book as the psalmists sing of the coming of a Savior, the Savior we now know as Jesus Christ. Join Groundwork as we examine Psalm 98, Psalm 96, and Psalm 72 to learn what we can expect his coming to bring and what it means for us and for the world. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

Advent Family Faith Formation Tip - On this second Sunday in Advent, add things to your home that remind you that we are expecting Jesus to return. Set an extra place at the table when you eat, or create and decorate a mural together that says “Come, Lord Jesus.” (Faith Formation Ministries; crcna.org/FaithFormation)