

Bethel Reformed /Ebenezer CRC
November 29, 2020
9:30 a.m.

Joining in Fellowship

Welcome and Announcements

Special Music: “Heaven’s Child” Sandy Gunnink

Gathering to Worship

*Call to Worship / Advent Reading: **Hope – Isaiah 9:2, 6-7**

Leader: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light...

Congregation: Those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shone.

Leader: For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder.

Congregation: And His name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Leader: Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end, on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore.

Congregation: The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

*Prayer of Invocation

*God’s Greeting

*Hymn of Praise: #97 “All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”

Preparing Our Hearts

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness

Hymn of Response: #379 “Take My Life and Let It Be” (v1,2,4,5)

God’s Will for Our Lives

Congregational Prayer

Hearing the Word

Scripture: **Mark 13: 24-37**

Message: **The Coming of the Son of Man**

Prayer of Application

*Hymn of Application: #124 “Come Thou Long- Expected Jesus”

Departing to Serve

*Confessing Our Faith: The Apostles’ Creed

*Parting Words

*Closing Song: #625 “Doxology”

*Postlude

-Pianist today: Shelli De Groot

~ **Welcome to Worship** today we mark the start of Advent, a four week period of thoughtful preparation and inner reflection as we prepare to celebrate Christ’s birth, and wait in hope for his return.

THIS WEEK

~Wednesday, 7:00 p.m. **Leota Community Youth Night.**

“ 7:30 p.m. **Worship Committee Meeting** @ Bethel fellowship hall.

~Thursday, Bulletin notices are due before 4 p.m. Either by email or telephone: to vmtink@ hotmail.com or call 443-5751.

~Next Sunday, **Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper.** Bethel’s communion offering is for Western Seminary. (*envelopes in your mailboxes*)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

~**Our Thanksgiving Offering** amounted to \$6,635.00 for a missionary share, with grateful hearts we say thank you. *–the Deacons*

~**Church Custodian:** We are in need of a church custodian. If you are interested in the position, please contact an elder or deacon.

~**Good Used Winter** coats, sweat pants/shirts, stocking caps, gloves etc. can again be brought to church for the CENTER OF HOPE. Drop-off box is provided.

~**At our Congregational Meeting** – last week week Verlyn Ruiters was elected to the office of Elder. Roger Vander Linden was elected Deacon.

~**Elder on Call for the month of December:** Doug Van Peurse - 507-360-5139

PRAYER REQUESTS & CONCERNS

- ~Pray for all those who continue to recover from covid.
- ~Prayers for **Barb Van't Hof** as she recovers from surgery.
- ~Please pray for **Martha Pronk**, she had an unfavorable cancer report.
- ~Pray for **Baby Zoe Joy Sinnema** who is in the NICU at Sanford, Sioux Falls.
- ~Prayers for **Bud Van Peurse**, he has continues with various appointments.
- ~Prayers for **Huxley Schaap**, he had another surgery to tack down his diaphragm.

Also keep Wyatt & Halie in prayer as they stand by so helpless.

- ~Pray for all those who are undergoing treatments for cancer in our churches.
- ~Prayers for our teachers, school and college students during this year.
- ~**Remember those of our congregation who are in care centers**, especially during this covid epidemic, with a card, note, phone call, or window visit:

Edgebrook Care Center

Tena Winkelhorst

Betty Engeltjes

Dow Rummel – Sioux Falls

Craig Vastenhout

Edgebrook Estates

Esther Evink

Poplar Creek – Luverne

Fran Anker

~Thank You Notes-

-Thank you to everyone for your concern, cards, phone calls, food and above all your prayers. Praise God for healing and so thankful to be back home.

-Arnie Gunnink

-Ron & I are thankful for the kindness, concern, prayers, hugs, & food given to us after my diagnosis of cancer, our covid and Ron's accident. We certainly have seen God's love expressed through you. God bless!

Ron & Martha Pronk

-A great big thanks for the beautiful bouquet of flowers. Your thoughtfulness is really appreciated. *-Martha Pronk*

REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

~**Cookie lovers...**do you love cut out cookies but don't like making them? SWC Circle #11 is once again doing their cookie sales. They are frozen sugar cookies packaged in varieties of Christmas trees, bells, and stars for \$5 a dozen (it comes a wonderful frosting recipe too!) Please order by December 11, as pick up this year is December 12 at SWC Elementary School from 9 am-11 am or Luverne ARC church from 9 am-11 am. Please call or text Denise Nerem-507-276-1535, or Melissa Kookier-507-227-7719, or Dixie Snyder-507-227-6341 with orders.