

Bethel Reformed /Ebenezer CRC
December 13, 2020
9:30 a.m.

Joining in Fellowship

Welcome and Announcements

Gathering to Worship

*Call to Worship

*Prayer of Invocation

*God's Greeting

***Hymn of Praise: #131 "Angels From the Realms of Glory"**

Preparing Our Hearts

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Hymn of Assurance #388 "At Calvary"

God's Will for Our Lives

Congregational Prayer

Hearing the Word

Scripture: **Isaiah 9:1-7**

Message: **"Finding Hope This Christmas"**

Prayer of Application

***Hymn of Application: #125 "Joy to the World"**

Departing to Serve

*Confessing Our Faith: The Apostles' Creed

*Parting Words

***Closing Song: #133 "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"**

*Postlude

~Organist today: Geraldine Blom

~**We Welcome** Rev. Erwin Van Leeuwen, Sioux Falls, to our service, he filling in for Pastor Reuben who had finals this past week.

~ **Welcome to Bethel!** *On the third Sunday of Advent, we encourage everyone to think often about God's gift to us in Christ. What love God has for each of us! And what love we should have for one another.*

THIS WEEK

~Monday, 6:30 p.m. **Elder's Meeting**

7:30 p.m. **Consistory Meeting**

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

~**Special Congratulations!** to:

-**Dick Ruiter** who will celebrate his 80th Birthday on Monday, December 14th.

~**In Christian Sympathy**As a congregation, we express our sincere sympathy to –

-**Cal & Sal Schaap**, Sal's brother, Ed Krosschell, passed from time into eternity, on Tuesday, December 8th.

-**Chad & Julie Ruiter**, Julie's grandfather, William Warren, passed away on Sunday, December 6.

~**If you would be interested** or know someone who would be willing to help with special music, we would love to have you be part of our worship services in 2021. Please contact Julie Ruiter, Julie Vis, Myron Hulstein, or Randy Landhuis.

~**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** – recently Verlyn Ruiter 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.
- ~Please pray for **Martha Pronk**, as she deals with cancer.
- ~Prayer of thanks that **Baby Zoe Joy Sinnema** was able to come home.
- ~Prayers for **Bud Van Peurse**, who is recovering at home.
- ~Prayer of thanks that **Huxley Schaap**, was able to return home from Ann Arbor, Michigan hospital on Thursday.
- ~Pray for **Chelsi Csobor** who had repair on her heart in Minneapolis on Tuesday.
- ~Pray for all those who are undergoing treatments for cancer in our churches.
- ~Prayers for **Glenn Blom** who had two stents put in, and is feeling better. He requests no visitors.

~**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** for the fall bouquet that was given to me recently, and also thank you to all of you who sent cards and notes remembering me on my 90th Birthday. It was much appreciated! -*Fran Anker*

*The best Christmas gift
is Jesus bringing
peace and forgiveness
to others!*