

Bethel Reformed /Ebenezer CRC  
January 3, 2021  
9:30 a.m.

**Joining in Fellowship**

Welcome and Announcements  
Ministry of Music

**Gathering to Worship**

\*Call to Worship  
\*Prayer of Invocation  
\*God's Greeting: *Grace to you and peace from God our Father and from  
the Lord Jesus Christ!*

\*Songs of Praise: "Everlasting God" (Guitar)  
"All Who Are Thirsty" (Guitar)

**Preparing Our Hearts**

Call to Confession  
Prayer of Confession  
Assurance of Forgiveness  
God's Will for Our Lives  
Congregational Prayer

\*Hymn of Preparation: #202 "Amazing Grace" (Organ)

**Hearing the Word**

Prayer of Illumination  
Scripture: **2 Corinthians 12: 1-10**  
Message: **Dealing with Thorns**  
Prayer of Application

\*Song of Application: "Amazing Love" (You are My King) (Guitar)

**Departing to Serve**

\*Confessing Our Faith: The Apostle's Creed  
\*Parting Words  
\*Closing Hymn: #335 "Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus" (Organ)  
\*Postlude

~ Welcome - *Our hope is not in the New Year.....but in the One who makes  
all things new!*

The Consistory decided to try our morning coffee fellowship again so.....  
~**Join Us for fellowship and refreshments following the morning service, provided  
by Lon & Lora Anker – Ministry Group #1.** (if you are not comfortable staying,  
take a cookie with you on your way home).

**THIS WEEK**

~Wednesday, Leota Youth Night – 7 p.m.

~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 **Bud Hofkamp** who will celebrate his 84<sup>th</sup> Birthday on  
Thursday, January 7<sup>th</sup>.

~**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 con-  
tact Julie Ruiten, 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.

~**NOTICE:**

-Jr. High Youth Group will resume, Wed. night, January 13, 7 pm. @ Ebenezer.  
-Pastor Reuben's Catechism Class will resume, Sunday, January 10, after the  
morning worship.

~**Elder on Call for the month of January:** Randy Landhuis - 507-920-0392

~**If you would like to view the** Christmas concerts of SWC Elementary & High School  
the links are printed:

**K-8 Christmas Concert:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=301s>  
**High School Concert:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D9DiMzPlkpA&=301s>

~ **The Annual Meeting** for *Leota Community Water, Leota Burial Assn., Leota Park Board, and Leota Sanitary District* will be January 12, 2021 at 7 p.m. in the Leota Township Building.

~ **We are planning to serve a meal at THE BANQUET** on Monday, January 18. Because of the COVID, we need a very limited amount of people to serve at the Banquet. The dining room is closed and we will be serving the guests at the door. We only need 2-4 more people to help prepare the meal & 8 people to help serve it. We do however still need to come up with money to pay for the meal we are serving which will be between \$700.00-\$1,000.00. There is a sign-up sheet in the fellowship hall, as well as a box for your donations. Thank you so much for your help in this project.

**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 *Huxley Schaap*, is home and shows improvement.
- ~Pray for *Chelsi Csobor* who had heart repair, and is home to recover.
- ~Pray for all those who are undergoing treatments for cancer in our churches.
- ~**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*

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*“The New Year lies before you like a field of pure white snow. Be careful how you tread it, for every mark will show.”*