

Bethel Weekly Update

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Announcements and Updates

WORSHIP INFORMATION FOR THIS WEEKEND -- This Sunday, November 29th, we'll have in-person worship again -- as well as having our services live-streamed. Pastor Mark shares his message "The Time of Celebration" with verses from Nehemiah 8:9-12.

ADVENT READINGS: If your family would like to participate in Advent readings for this year know that we would love to work with you! We will print the readings and have them available in your church mailbox. If you would prefer to have the readings emailed and create short videos at home, we can use them for our live steam service. Contact Jen in the office for materials.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD WAS A HUGE SUCCESS!! We were unsure how many boxes we would collect due to restricted services at church and the ongoing changes related to COVID. We are happy to report that we collected just under 50 boxes that will be delivered to children in distant places, so that they can receive a gift and hear the Christmas message of hope in Jesus. Thank you to all who packed a box or donated financially to what has become a Christmas tradition!

DEBT REDUCTION OFFERING 11/29/20 -- Bethel members are asked to prayerfully consider a special offering next Sunday that will go toward the principal on the building loan as a means of debt reduction. We ask for this four times a year, whenever there is a fifth Sunday in the month. Contributions for this may be made using the on-line link, mailing in a check with designation on the memo line, or by using the green envelope that has been placed in your box at church and dropping in the offering plate with the regular offering on 11/29. As always, we appreciate your thoughtfulness and generosity in giving to God's work at Bethel.

ANNUAL MEETING AND ANNUAL REPORT -- We will have our annual meeting on Sunday, December 6, shortly after our morning worship service. In preparation for this, we are making our annual report available (which include a report of last year's actions, budget, and proposed plans and budgets for next year). We will send these reports out via email later this week, and some will be available at the church on Sunday. If you need a hard copy of this report sent to you, please contact Jen at the office.

We are Family

Prayer Corner

Blessings:

- Our congregation continues to recover quickly
- Families around the world are seeing a resurgence of family dinners which present a wonderful opportunity for families to share the gospel with their children.
- Our time of gratitude and Thanksgiving is here.

Requests:

- *Quentin Hendricks has contracted COVID. Please pray for a swift recovery*
- *Please continue to be in prayer for Rob Braun's friend's surgery*

Our prayer team is here to pray for you! Please reach out via our comment card, call the office or email bethel.princeton@gmail.com

December Birthdays

Shelly Vedders	1	Judy Schlieff	11	Terri Tadych	20
Joseph Dahl	3	Tracee De Haan	12	Marlys Tellinghuisen	21
Carol Van De Riet	4	Rae Ann Koppendrayer	14	Tonnie Huonder	22
Tara Weldon	4	Nicki Baumann	15		
Joseph Rosenberg	5	Kimmy Quale	15	Leah Schlieff	26
Melissa Dahl	6	Joel De Haan	18	Kara Timmer	29

Karen Schreur (M)	8	Terri Krahnke	20	Lynn Swanson	30
Wayne McMinn	11	Rachael Small	20	Steven Burma	31

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<u>GENERAL FUND:</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>+/-VARIANCE</u>
Offering Received 11/22/20	\$7,247.00	\$ 5,363.06	\$ 1,883.94
Offerings Received YTD:	\$ 232,700.26	\$ 252,063.82	\$ 19,363.56
 <u>BUILDING FUND</u>			
Debt Reduction Received YTD 2020		\$ 1,167.00	