

# Bethel Weekly Update

Thursday December 24, 2020

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## Announcements and Updates

**WORSHIP INFORMATION FOR THIS WEEKEND** -- Pastor Mark Brouwer will end the Advent seasons with "Lessons and Carols." Mark will be preaching from Luke 1:31-33, with a message entitled "**Christmas Misconceptions.**"

**MEALS A LA CAR** - Bethel Christian Reformed Church has committed to assist the Meals ala Car program in Princeton by delivering meals to homebound individuals to help them have healthier meals and maintain their independence in their own homes. Would you be willing to donate some time at 11:15 am each day to deliver a nutritious warm meal to seniors and/or people with disabilities in the Princeton community during the month of January? Please contact Carolyn Koppendrayer at 763-464-6120 to sign up.

**IN CASE YOU MISSED IT: LAST WEEK'S WORSHIP** -- Here are links to a video of the message ("**Lessons from Mysterious Mary**"), and the sermon outline:

**Sermon Video (YouTube):** <https://youtu.be/bpH9Dn8d3Tw?t=1591>

**SermonOutline:** <http://www.bethelprinceton.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/Sermon-Notes-Mysterious-Mary.pdf>

**IGNITE** - As per tradition here in Ignite, we are hosting our annual Ignite Youth Ministry Banquet (Wild Game Feed) on April 10th from 6:00-8:00pm. We are excited to get some new and exciting ideas off the ground to make sure it is a great night for all involved. BUT WE NEED YOUR HELP! The first way you can help us is by donating items for our silent auction and door prizes! These can be anything from gift cards to laptops, quilts to hunting gear, vouchers to your own time. The more the merrier! The second way you can help is by bringing a dish to share for dinner that night. We are looking for main dishes, side dishes, and desserts to serve - especially if they are made with wild game. If you have any questions or you want to donate something, please give Mitch De Haan a call at 320-362-0484 or email him at [mitchelljdehaan@gmail.com](mailto:mitchelljdehaan@gmail.com).

**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 Mitch for materials.

**CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE** -- is this Thursday 12/24/20 at 5:00 pm. Pastor Mark will be sharing Luke 2:1-20 with the message "Why Christmas Matters". Celebrate the gift of Jesus Christ—the Promised One—at our Christmas Eve services. Online worship is available all day by viewing our live streamed services.

**NEW STAFF OFFICE HOURS** -- With the pandemic disrupting so many of our church programs, we'll be adjusting our office hours, starting next week (and continuing until things open up again.) Jen will be in from **8 to 10, Tuesday through Friday**. Phone calls will be taken, and voice and emails will be responded to during those hours. Please feel free to leave routine questions and church matters on voice mail. If you have an urgent need, and/or require pastoral care, please contact Pastor Mark directly at 651-246-6525; or if you have a question or need related to Ignite or worship, contact Mitch at 320-362-0484.

## **We are Family**

### **Prayer Corner**

#### **Blessings:**

- Prayer update for Denise ( Mick's niece)! They did a CT scan and she was diagnosed with double pneumonia, given meds and sent home! Thanks to the Lord for his healing power, mercy and grace!! Thanks to all for praying!
- Dahl family are so grateful for your prayers they received a Mache newsletter shortly after our weekly update went out, describing JOY. They were so enlivened by God's humor and how quickly he answered the good people at Bethel

#### **Requests:**

- Brenda Vant'Hof fell and hurt her arm which resulted in a visit to the Dr. As a result she found out she has very high blood pressure and is diabetic. She has been put on medication for both. Brenda is thankful these things were found and are treatable. Please pray for her blood pressure and diabetes to be controlled with the medication.
- Please pray for God's will to be done and for Him to be close at the family's side. May it be in His will for Jim Kragt to recover.

*Our prayer team is here to pray for you! Please reach out via our comment card, call the office or email [bethelprinceton@gmail.com](mailto:bethelprinceton@gmail.com)*

## **January Birthdays**

Carrie Rosenberg	2	Tom Kittock	10	Allie Terpstra	13
Heather Kittockl	7	Lance Erickson	12	Bill Zygaynor	19
Christian Shawt	7	John Huonder	12	Dan Mccullough	20
Jeff Rice	8	Pat Gorham	13	Terri Baas	20
Sonora Brevitz	2	Thea Schiebout	20	DOn Tellinghuisenf	22
Jeff Brevitz	22	John Schmidt	24	Grace Erickson	30
Natalee Small	31				

## Deacons Corner

<u>GENERAL FUND:</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>+/-VARIANCE</u>
Offering Received 12/20/20	\$ 4,736.00	\$ 5,363.06	\$ 627.06
Offerings Received YTD:	\$ 252,404.26	\$ 273,516.06	\$ 21,111.80

### BUILDING FUND

Debt Reduction Received YTD 2020 \$ 1,547.00