

Bethel Weekly Update

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Announcements and Updates

WORSHIP INFORMATION FOR THIS WEEKEND – Pastor Mark Brouwer will continue the message series about our Bethel Vision, and the spiritual practices that we are focusing on for the Q4 Spiritual Quest. The message this Sunday is **"Practice 6: Loving Speech"** taken from James 3:1-12.

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT - LAST WEEK'S WORSHIP – Pastor Mark offered teaching from the current message series on "The Q4 Spiritual Quest." The message was entitled: : **"Practice 5: Missional Living."**

Sermon Text: Luke 5:27-3

Sermon Video: <https://youtu.be/mq wz 0 bh h Ps E ? t = 1500>

Sermon Outline: <https://www.bethelprinceton.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/Sermon-Outline-QUEST5-MISSIONAL.pdf>

JOIN US IN THE "Q4 SPIRITUAL QUEST" – This past Sunday, Pastor Mark Brouwer gave the official invitation for us to begin the 90 Day Spiritual Quest that will take us through the end of the year. This 90 Day adventure is the focus of the current message series: we're talking about six specific Christian practices that will help us grow in our faith and experience God in a powerful way. Here are some links to resources you'll want to have for this time:

Video of Q4 Quest Overview & Invitation: <https://youtu.be/3nFSZom9lQo?t=1877>

Overview of Q4 Quest: <https://markbrouwer.com/quest/>

Bible Reading Plan: <https://markbrouwer.com/q4-quest-bible-reading-plan-sheet1/>

Overview of a Daily Time with God Method:

<https://markbrouwer.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/Q4-Spiritual-Quest-Daily-Time-with-God-1.pdf>

Video of a "Daily Time with God Method": <https://youtu.be/ONWPhGCAHfU>

NEW VIDEO TEACHING: "MEDITATION—A Method Using the Jesus Prayer" – This week, pastor Mark has dropped another video about meditation on his YouTube channel. This topic is related to the Q4 Quest, but has relevance whether you're participating or not. This video talks about the tradition of praying with a quiet heart and mind – which seems an awful lot like the "quiet mind meditation" formats we're hearing about today – that comes out of the Eastern Orthodox Church. Check out this video, where Mark talks about the background of this form of prayer / meditation and how to do it:

<https://youtu.be/J5VNFHREKek>

TODAY DEVOTIONALS for Nov/Dec are on the [information table](#) in the Gathering Place for you to pick up.

SECOND OFFERING TODAY – DEBT REDUCTION: Our debt reduction offerings only occur when we have five Sundays in a month. This offering goes directly to pay the principal on our building loan, thus reducing our monthly principal and interest payments. You can also give these donations at any time outside of the 5th Sunday by enclosing your cash or check in a sealed envelope marked accordingly and put it in the offering plate. Thank you very much for your generosity.

Bethel Deacons

NEXT WEEK'S OFFERING is for World Renew/World Hunger: There is still time to fill a Peter Fish (get one in the Gathering Place) with all your change, or just be in prayer about what to give for the collection next week. World Hunger is very real to hundreds of millions people, both in this country and around the world. Please consider going "without" something this week (or year) and give that money to World Renew in their work with communities so that they can build ways to provide for themselves. "Give a man a fish and he eats for a day; teach a man to fish, and he eats for a lifetime."

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD Collection Week is November 15-22: Only a couple more weeks until the boxes need to be collected and sent to children overseas. You will find cardboard and plastic boxes in the Gathering Place, along with ideas of what to send. It's more important to include quality items that are useful as well as fun, rather than trying to fill many boxes. So decide to bless a child this Christmas, fill a gift box with love, and remember to pray for the child it will go to.

COFFEE BREAK BIBLE STUDIES AVAILABLE for anyone interested. Please pick one up on the information table in the Gathering Place, and choose a Bible woman to study!

BABY SHOWER: Carol Van De Riet, Lois Ritzema, and Hope Vermeer would like to invite you to a *baby shower* for Nicki Didier on November 7th from 2-4PM at the Christian Reformed Church of Pease in their Fellowship Hall. If you want to go in on a group gift, please contact Carol Van De Riet.

Let's invite our friends and neighbors to:

- Sunday School: Sundays (10:45-11:45 am)
- Connections (girls) & Boys Club: 1st & 3rd Weds. (6:00-7:30 pm)
- Wednesday's Table: 1st & 3rd Wednesdays (5:30-6:00 pm)
- Wednesday Small Group: 1st & 3rd Weds. (6:00-7:30 pm)
- Ignite Youth: Every Wed. (6:30, hang out; 7:00-9:00 pm group)
- Prayer Group: Every Thursday (7:00-8:00 am)
- Men to Action: 1st & 3rd Mondays (7:00-8:30 pm)
- Coffee Break/Nursery: Every Tuesday (9:15-11:00 am) Sept.28-Dec. 14

| SERVANT SCHEDULE | October 31, 2021 | November 7, 2021 |
|-------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Door Greeters: | Dave & Pat Gorham | Harv & Karen Schreur |
| Christ Candle: | Arielle Shaw | Hanna Morris |
| Coffee Café: | Brenda Baas/Rozann Bridgeman | Karen Schreur/Lavonne Engbrecht |
| Nursery: | Carol Van De Riet/Tonnie Huonder | Carol Van De Riet/Tonnie Huonder |
| Second Offering | Debt Reduction | World Renew/World Hunger |

We are Family

Prayer Corner

Blessings:

- **Praising God for His healing hand, excellent healthcare, and being able to recover at home, for the following:**
 - **Jason Ruis**, from COVID
 - **Dan Workman**, from injury to both legs
 - **Muriel McMinn**, from hip surgery
 - **Troy and Michele Eggen's grandchildren**, from RSV
 - **Barb Herman**, from back surgery
 - **Pat Gorham**, from a heart procedure this week.
 - **McMinn's grandson, Celeb**, from seizures.

Requests:

- **Judy Schlieff**: She will be having hip surgery on Dec. 1. Please pray for pain relief in the meantime.
- **Barb Herman**: for pain relief; pray for perseverance in long recovery.
- **Jenna, Terri Tadych's granddaughter** as she is in recovery, but having negative side effects from treatment medication. Pray for wisdom in her treatment course.
- **Safety for farmers** as they harvest their crops.
- **All those who are suffering with or recovering from COVID.**
- **Families and friends grieving the recent loss of loved ones.**
- **Pray for all those battling relapse and addiction**, that they have the strength and courage, with God's help, to overcome and not fall into hopelessness. Pray especially for **Dan McCulloch** in his recovery.

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

| November Birthdays | | | | | |
|-----------------------|--------------|------------------------|-----------|------------------------|-----------|
| Toben De Haan | 10/30 | Tracy Rosenberg | 5 | Brenda Baas | 18 |
| Bob Swanson | 1 | Tony Droogsma | 10 | Brenda Van'tHof | 28 |
| Steve Long | 1 | Kim Erickson | 13 | Sandy Gray | 29 |
| Chelsey Marcio | 4 | Karen Sartell | 14 | | |

Deacons Corner:

| <u>GENERAL FUND:</u> | <u>ACTUAL</u> | <u>BUDGET</u> | <u>+/-VARIANCE</u> |
|---------------------------|---------------------|---------------|--------------------|
| Offering Received 1024/21 | \$ 3,412.00 | \$ 5,582.63 | \$ 2,170.63 |
| Offerings Received YTD: | \$ 225,979.47 | \$ 240,053.09 | \$ 14,073.62 |
| <u>SPECIAL OFFERING:</u> | Debt Reduction YTD: | \$ 7,309.00 | |