

# Bethel Weekly Update

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## Announcements and Updates

**WORSHIP INFORMATION FOR THIS WEEKEND** - Pastor Mark will be preaching a message that's not part of a series. This week the focus will be on Jesus' miracle of healing at the pool of Bethesda. It will speak to all of us who have a need for healing – not only physically, but mentally and emotionally. The text for the sermon is John 5:1-9, and the title is: **"Do You Want to Get Well."** (Note that we'll also be celebrating communion together.)

**IN CASE YOU MISSED IT - LAST WEEK'S WORSHIP** – Pastor Les Kuiper was the guest preacher, and The message was entitled: : **"A Resource to Live With."**

**Sermon Text:** Psalm 1

**Sermon Video:** <https://youtu.be/KqFLOA9Cu94?t=1580>

**THE "Q4 SPIRITUAL QUEST" CONTINUES** – The message series is over, but the Quest continues! At the beginning of October, Pastor Mark 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 focuses on 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/3nFSZom9lOo?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>

**We will be celebrating COMMUNION together this Sunday:** Please prepare your heart prayerfully!

**ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING on November 21, right after church:** Members of Bethel Church will be reviewing the Annual Report, and voting on Elder/Deacon nominees, the annual budget and the proposed church objectives for 2022. **Nominees for 2022 Elders: Rob Braun, Kim Erickson, Tom Kittok. For Deacons: Gene Finch, Karen Sartell, Pat Gorham.** The Annual Report was put in mailboxes last Sunday, but extras are available on the table in the Gathering Place. If you cannot attend on the 21st, voting members are asked to fill out an absentee ballot and give it to an Elder or put in the Clerk's mailbox.

**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD Collection Week is here!** Thank you for bringing in your filled boxes this Sunday. The boxes will be taken to the collection site on Friday, Nov. 19, so if you need a day or two more, bring them in early next week during office hours. Money donations to help with the shipment of boxes are also welcome. Thanks for supporting this ministry and blessing children during Christmas time!

Bethel will celebrate Thanksgiving with other Princeton churches in a **COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE on Wednesday, Nov. 24**, at 7:00 pm at the First Congregational United Church of Christ at 610 1st St., Princeton.

**SECOND OFFERING NEXT WEEK** is for Bethel's Benevolence Fund. This fund is set up to help those in our congregation, and occasionally our community, to meet urgent financial needs.

**DECORATING COMMITTEE:** We are in need of someone (or two) be in charge of coordinating the decorating of the church through the seasons and the church calendar. Interested? Please talk with Heather in the office.

**DATE CHANGE:** Coffee Break will NOT meet on Nov. 23 (Thanksgiving week), as listed, but WILL MEET on Nov. 30 instead. The remainder of the schedule is correct.

**You are invited! BRIDAL SHOWER FOR KRISTA PHILAYA** (Tara Weldon's daughter) on Sunday, November 14, from 4-6 p.m. at Bethel Church. We'd like to go together for a group gift. If you'd like to contribute, please see Terri Baas or Heather Kittok. Our focus is not on gifts, but on sending Krista off into this next season of life with love and blessing from the faith community she grew up in.

**POSITIONS OPENINGS:** The Rum River Life Choices Center, a Christian, pro-life ministry, seeks **a part-time Client Services Director for the Milaca office**, with hours of Mon-Thurs., 9:30am-2:30pm. Prior counseling experience preferred and basic computer skills required. Prefer applicants with medical certification or license. Specific pregnancy counselor training will be provided by RRLCC. Also seeking a **part-time Office Assistant**, with hours of Mon-Thurs., 9:30am-2:30pm. Prior experience and basic computer skills required. Must be willing to be trained in pregnancy counseling. Call the Center 320-983-3771 for application and more information.

**Let's invite our friends and neighbors to Bethel's On-going Ministries:**

- Sunday School: Sundays (10:45-11:45 am)
- Boys Club: 1st & 3rd Weds. (6:00-7:30 pm)
- Wednesday's Table: 1st & 3rd Wednesdays (5:30-6:00 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

<b>SERVANT SCHEDULE</b>	<b>November 14, 2021</b>	<b>November 21, 2021</b>
<b>Door Greeters:</b>	Bill & Linda Zgaynor	Curt & Kathy Kiel
<b>Christ Candle:</b>	Arielle Shaw	Hanna Morris
<b>Coffee Café:</b>	Jody Rice/Carolyn Koppendrayner	Kathy Kiel/Sue Terborg

<b>Nursery:</b>	Carol Van De Riet/Tonnie Huonder	Carol Van De Riet/Tonnie Huonder
<b>Second Offering:</b>	None	Benevolence Fund

## We are Family Prayer Corner

### Blessings:

- **Praising God for His healing touch in the lives of many in our congregation.**

### Requests:

- **Julian Baas:** Pray as he has COVID and is very tired. He is able to be at home and oxygen levels are ok.
- **Linda Zgaynor:** pray for good results when she goes to appt with her cardiologist this week.
- **Judy Schlieff:** She will be having knee surgery on Dec. 1. Please pray for pain relief in the meantime as it seems to be worse lately.
- **Barb Herman:** pray for pain relief and for perseverance in slow recovery from back surgery.
- **Jenna, Terri Tadych's granddaughter** as she continues with swelling in legs related to her heart.. Pray for wisdom for her and doctors on effective treatment. Mayo Clinic is involved with her care.
- **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*

[bethelpinceton@gmail.com](mailto:bethelpinceton@gmail.com).

<b>November Birthdays</b>					
		<b>Tracy Rosenberg</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>Brenda Baas</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>Bob Swanson</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>Tony Droogsma</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>Brenda Van'tHof</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>Steve Long</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>Kim Erickson</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>Sandy Gray</b>	<b>29</b>
<b>Chelsey Marcio</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>Karen Sartell</b>	<b>14</b>		

## Deacons Corner:

<u>GENERAL FUND:</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>+/- VARIANCE</u>
Offering Received 11/07/21:	\$ 4,097.00	\$ 5,582.63	\$ 1,485.63
Offerings Received YTD:	\$ 236,217.47	\$ 251,218.35	\$ 15,000.88
<u>SPECIAL OFFERING:</u>			
Debt Reduction YTD:	\$ 8,022.00		
World Renew/World Hunger:	\$ 882.00		