

Bethel Weekly Update

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Announcements and Updates

WORSHIP INFORMATION FOR THIS WEEKEND - Pastor Mark Brouwer will be preaching this week on **"Gratitude Shared,"** the story of Ebenezer after God delivered the Israelites from the Philistines. The scripture text is: 1 Samuel 7:7-12

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT - LAST WEEK'S WORSHIP – Pastor Mark Brouwer offered teaching on **"The Spiritual Question of Recovery."**

Sermon Text: John 5:1-9.

Sermon Video: <https://youtu.be/DNGy4BO55tI?t=2500>

Sermon notes:

<https://www.bethelprinceton.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/Sermon-Notes-JOHN5-Question-of-Recovery.pdf>

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/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>

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING this Sunday, 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. If you did not get an Annual Report, extras are available on the table in the Sanctuary, along with the meeting agenda and proposed budget. All are welcome to attend!

SECOND OFFERING THIS 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.

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.

NEW SERVANT SCHEDULES for Dec. 21-March 22 are in your mailboxes. Please mark on your calendars

DECORATING FOR ADVENT: Join us on Friday morning, Nov. 26th, at 10:00 am. Avoid those Black Friday crowds and spend a couple of hours dressing our place of worship to celebrate the Christ of Christmas!

DECORATING COMMITTEE COORDINATOR: We are in need of someone (or two) to coordinate 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.

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

<i>SERVANT SCHEDULE</i>	<i>November 21, 2021</i>	<i>November 28, 2021</i>
Door Greeters:	Curt & Kathy Kiel	Wayne & Muriel McMinn
Christ Candle:	Hanna Morris	Arielle Shaw
Coffee Café:	Kathy Kiel/Sue Terborg	Karla Lueck/Marlys Tellinghuisen
Nursery:	Carol Van De Riet/Tonnie Huonder	Carol Van De Riet/Tonnie Huonder
Second Offering:	Benevolence Fund	None

We are Family

Prayer Corner

Blessings:

- **Praising God for His healing touch in the lives of many in our congregation.**
- **Jenna, Terri Tadych's granddaughter**, thanks you for prayers as she has a doctor now who is digging deeper and finding some answers. Also has had two small, successful reductions in her medications.

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.
- **Brenda Van't Hof:** that the holistic treatments for her knees and feet will be effective., relieve pain.
- **Judy Schlieff:** She will be having knee surgery on Dec. 1. Please pray for pain relief in the meantime.
- **Barb Herman:** pray for pain relief and for perseverance in slow recovery from back surgery.
- **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					
		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 11/14/21:	\$ 5,464.00	\$ 5,582.63	\$ 118.63
Offerings Received YTD:	\$ 241,681.47	\$ 256,800.98	\$ 15,119.51

SPECIAL OFFERING: Debt Reduction YTD: \$ 8,072.00