

Order of Worship

November 24, 2024

**Song of Praise*

Come Thou Almighty King

Christ Candle

Melissa Terpstra

Welcome

Pastor Mark Brouwer

**Songs of Praise*

Forever

Thank You, Lord

Way Maker

Congregational Prayer

Mark Baas, Elder

Offerings

Ongoing Ministries of Bethel

Second Offering

Benevolence Fund

Children age 3—1st Grade dismissed to Children in Worship

Message

“Raising an Ebenezer ... in 2024”

1 Samuel 7:2-12

Pastor Mark

**Song of Response*

Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart

Parting Blessing

Pastor Mark Brouwer

**stand if you are able*

Come Let Us Pray Together!

We recognize the importance of praying for each other whether it be for a personal concern or a joy that you wish to share. Please feel free to come to the front of the Worship Center after the service and someone with a “Prayer Servant” name tag will pray with you for whatever you would like to hold up to our God.

All prayer matters are kept confidential.

TODAY’S TEXT

²The ark remained at Kiriath Jearim a long time—twenty years in all.

Then all the people of Israel turned back to the LORD. ³So Samuel said to all the Israelites, “If you are returning to the LORD with all your hearts, then rid yourselves of the foreign gods and the Ashtoreths and commit yourselves to the LORD and serve him only, and he will deliver you out of the hand of the Philistines.” ⁴So the Israelites put away their Baals and Ashtoreths, and served the LORD only.

⁵Then Samuel said, “Assemble all Israel at Mizpah, and I will intercede with the LORD for you.” ⁶When they had assembled at Mizpah, they drew water and poured it out before the LORD. On that day they fasted and there they confessed, “We have sinned against the LORD.” Now Samuel was serving as leader of Israel at Mizpah.

⁷When the Philistines heard that Israel had assembled at Mizpah, the rulers of the Philistines came up to attack them. When the Israelites heard of it, they were afraid because of the Philistines. ⁸They said to Samuel, “Do not stop crying out to the LORD our God for us, that he may rescue us from the hand of the Philistines.” ⁹Then Samuel took a suckling lamb and sacrificed it as a whole burnt offering to the LORD. He cried out to the LORD on Israel’s behalf, and the LORD answered him.

¹⁰While Samuel was sacrificing the burnt offering, the Philistines drew near to engage Israel in battle. But that day the LORD thundered with loud thunder against the Philistines and threw them into such a panic that they were routed before the Israelites. ¹¹The men of Israel rushed out of Mizpah and pursued the Philistines, slaughtering them along the way to a point below Beth Kar.

¹²Then Samuel took a stone and set it up between Mizpah and Shen. He named it Ebenezer, saying, “Thus far the LORD has helped us.”

1 Samuel 7:2-12

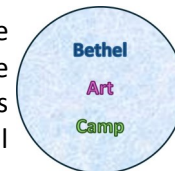


EBENEZER SUNDAY is the time in which we thank God for his many blessings on us. Please take a “stone/brick” along with a marker as you enter the worship center. Later in the service, Pastor Mark will ask you to write who/what you are thankful for in one word. Then all will walk up and rebuild the Ebenezer “well.”



SECOND OFFERING TODAY — BENEVOLENCE FUND: On November 24th we will be having a special offering for Benevolence. We usually have this offering around Thanksgiving, as we are thanking God for all that we have. This is one way to pass our blessings on to our community. We want the congregation to know that this fund is available for them or any friend or neighbor that is need of financial assistance. The fund is available to help anybody that needs short term help to keep them from going deeper in debt. So far this year we have given \$1000+ to multiple individuals or families, usually in cooperation with other churches in our community. If you need assistance or know of someone who does, please contact a deacon. *All financial help is confidential.*

LOOKING FOR A DIRECTOR OR CO-DIRECTORS for **BAC 2025**. BAC has most of the planning team in place already. This position is an important part of BAC because there needs to be a leader willing to lead the team. Prayerfully consider whether this is something God is calling you to do. If so, please let Pastor Mark or one of the Council members know.



OUR DEACONS would like you to read the insert about the Ministry Shares that we give to the CRCNA each year. Many of us don’t know much about this ministry, so here’s your chance to learn!



BETHEL MOVIE NIGHT: On December 14th “The Forge” will be shown at 6:30pm. There will be a supper at 5:00pm. More details to follow...

UPDATE ON THE OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD: 44 boxes were collected and \$280.00 was given to help with the cost of shipping the boxes! Thank you to all who filled a box or two, brought supplies to fill boxes, and provided money to help in shipping the boxes!!




TERRY REED lost his hearing aid two Sundays ago. If you found it, please let him know. Thank you!

Servant Schedule

	November 24, 2024	December 1, 2024
Greeters	Dave & Pat G.	Lance & Kim E.
Christ Candle	Melissa T.	Linda Z.
Congregational Prayer	Mark B., Elder	Karen S., Elder
CIW Leader	Heather K. #13	Julie DH #14
CIW Helper	Arielle S.	Joel DH
Nursery	Grace E. / Hanna M.	Carol VDR / Brittney L.
Coffee Cafe	Brenda B. / Karen Sch.	Terri B. / Terri T.
PowerPoint	Christian S.	Alissa L.
Second Offering	The Benevolence Fund	none

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, November 24	9:30am 10:45am 11:00am	Worship Service — Pastor Mark Brouwer Sunday School & Q&A Young Couples meeting with Ps. Mark
Tuesday, November 26	9:00am 9:30am	Venture Upward School — Ignite Center Coffee Break
Wednesday, November 27	7:00pm	Joint Thanksgiving Eve Service with Pease CRC in Pease
Thursday, November 28		THANKSGIVING DAY — thank God for His many blessings
Friday, November 29	8:00am	Prayer Group
Sunday, December 1 1st Sunday of Advent	9:30am 10:45am	Worship Service — Pastor Mark Brouwer Sunday School & Q&A



Sunday, November 24, 2024

Ebenezer Sunday



“Ebenezer Stones” (bricks) are in thanksgiving to God for His power, protection, and blessings in our lives.

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of Bethel Church is to glorify God in worship and our daily living, to evangelize His world, and to connect people to God so that they become part of a Christian community. We will accomplish this through prayer, joyful worship, Biblical training, use of spiritual gifts, Christian fellowship, and outreach in our community.

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PASTOR Mark Brouwer **Tues—Fri: 9:00am—5:00pm Sat: 8:00am—12:00pm**

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT: Connie Bartz

WORSHIP COORDINATOR: Rebecca Shaw (Wednesdays)