



Christmas Hope

Will this Christmas be filled with fear,
Or can we find time for hope and cheer?
Is Jesus still the reason for the season?
Can we still pray, Heavenly Father, "Thy will be done?"

The virus has found its way to our town.
Our world has been turned upside down.
But Jesus has promised to never leave us alone;
Has even prepared for us a heavenly home.

Our heavenly Father is still in charge,
He has an answer to our problems no matter how large.
But we too must have a change of heart,
Ask forgiveness, repent and make a new start.

God will use this time for the good of those who love Him,
But first we must make room for Him; turn from our sin.
A God of justice sent His Son, our sins to forgive
So that we as Christians could a victorious life live.

Is there room in your heart for Jesus this Christmas?
Have you asked Him into your heart, received forgiveness?
If not, what keeps you from this unfinished business?
In these troubled times, can you be counted on to be Christ's witness?

The wisemen traveled to see the star's mystery,
Not knowing that the child they found would change all of history.
The baby boy, born this season, would later die to set the sinner free.
The baby boy born this season gives us hope and eternal victory.

Jerry L. Kluver

Bethany Church

Reach. Serve. Love.



SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP 9:00AM - masks required

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP 10:30AM - masks optional

- **No Sunday School**
- **No Wednesday Night Classes**
- **Youth Group check the website**

Starting Sunday, November 22 and currently planned through Sunday, January 3

Every other pew will be roped off to help maintain proper distancing.

Sanctuary and communal spaces will be sanitized between services.

Disposable masks are available at the welcome center desk.

Facebook livestream times may vary. Notices will be sent out with livestream information.

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Bethany Prayer Chain email : info@bethanychurch-mn.com

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Anyone who would like a DVD of the services or know of someone who would like to receive one call the church office at 847-3322 or send an email to bethany@hcinet.net.

BETHANY DIRECTORY. <https://mobiledirectory.lifetouch.com/158305/bethany-reformed-church>

Access code is BRC20. The information can also be changed. If your contact information and anything else in your listing has changed, please contact the church office at 847-3322 or email at bethany@hcinet.net

SUNDAY GATHERINGS

“Let us not give up meeting together as some are in the habit of doing...” Heb 10:25

Directives

Bethany will have disposable masks available.

Hand sanitizer is provided.

NO nursery or Children’s Church.

NO gathering in The Hub after the service.

Offering plates are set out at the back of the sanctuary.

Please exit the sanctuary after the service and visit outside.

Maintain proper distances while entering & exiting the sanctuary.

Please be seated in family groups and social distanced from others.

Remain in primary gathering spaces; sanctuary, entrance and bathrooms.

Singing is great! But not required.

If you are feeling sick or are anxious about returning, please remain at home and join in on our FACEBOOK PAGE LIVESTREAM

Directives for Gym Use

Gym space will currently not be used for group functions.

Directives for General Building Use

Please note that throughout the church building, rooms contain a spray bottle with a cleansing solution in it and a clean rag. Anyone using rooms during the week are asked to spray and wipe the areas used. Any questions can be directed to staff.

Executive Order 20-96

Parties, celebrations, receptions, or other social gatherings connected to private parties including gatherings before or after planned religious services, and other similar occasions that offer food or beverages must limit capacity as follows:

- Effective Nov. 27, 2020, at 10 p.m., these gatherings and events are limited to a maximum of 50 people.
- Effective Dec. 11, 2020, at 10 p.m., these gatherings and events are limited to a maximum of 25 people.

Stay Safe Guidance for Places of Worship

- Stay home when sick.
- Stay at least 6 feet apart from other people.
- Wear face coverings.
- Wash your hands often.
- Cover your mouth and nose when you cough or sneeze.



Giving catalogs are available:
Back of the sanctuary | Welcome Center desk | Resource wall by the office

Winter Weather Notifications. In the event of Sunday morning winter storms, closure announcements will be posted on the Bethany Facebook Page, the Bethany website, sent out via Prayer Chain, KDMA Radio in Montevideo or KWLM - Willmar and website: willmarradio.com

Gift of Hope is a project of RCA Global Mission. Feed children in Nicaragua, provide care for a child in South Africa, or care for a refugee family. All of these offerings are a possibility through Gift of Hope. Visit giftofhope.rca.org

I want to thank everyone who prayed for me and brought food to the house and the prayer shawl ladies for the beautiful shawl. It is a blessing for me. Calvin Harms

Bethany delivers MEALS ON WHEELS in January— if you are interested in volunteering the signup sheet is by the church office bulletin board.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO CHECK YOUR CHURCH MAILBOXES THIS HOLIDAY SEASON!!

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

Bethany residents of Prairie Park Place and the Assisted Living in Clara City are our readers for the lighting of the Advent candles this year. They also share some memories of Christmas from their lives. These recordings will be available on the Bethany website and Bethany Facebook Page for later viewing.

Reading schedule for the lighting of the Advent candles:

Sunday, November 29 Advent 1: Kenneth & Emma Koenen
Sunday, December 6 Advent 2: Gordy & Geneva Grussing
Sunday, December 13 Advent 3: Esther Kluver
Sunday, December 20 Advent 4: Anna Marie Seeman
Thursday, December 24 Christmas Eve: Jennie Tebben



CALENDAR

Monday, December 21

7 pm Deacons/Elders Meeting

8 pm Consistory Meeting

**Newly elected Deacons & Elders are invited to attend these meetings to discern and discuss committee roles.*

Thursday, December 24

5 pm ONLINE ONLY Christmas Eve post on Facebook and Website

****Christmas Eve Service featuring The Children of Bethany*



Check the website for Covid updates regarding the current Youth Schedule!!

Due to the Distance Learning at MACCRAY we will not have Sunday School or Wednesday night classes until the beginning of January.

- **Youth Groups will zoom.**

CALLING ALL KIDS

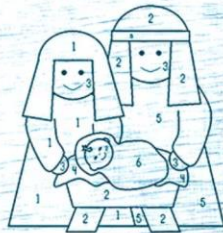
We need YOU to help encourage our loved ones in the Care Center & Assisted Living this Christmas season!

★
Color a Christmas nativity page & write a short note of kindness to be added to a Sponsor a Resident bag.



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Coloring Pages are available at the Welcome Center desk at the church. Also, See page 11 of the Bethany Bulletin!

Return completed pages to the basket on the Welcome Center desk by Dec 20



The Wednesday Night Offering winners for the month of November was the 2nd grade with a total of \$93. The overall winner for offering for the 1st half of the year was also the 2nd grade with a total of \$130. The total Offering for raised for Samaritan's Purse was \$278!! This is how the kids decided to split up the donation:

Clean Water Projects	\$ 75
Baby Chicks	\$ 28
Give a Dairy Goat	\$ 140
Gospel Booklets	\$ 5
Balls & Sports Gear	\$ 8
Honeybees	<u>\$ 22</u>
TOTAL	\$ 278

PRAYER

PRAYERS for STRENGTH & HEALING

- † Bruce Hinrichs
- † Ruth Johnson
- † Deanna Meints
- † Milt Wubben
- † Vivian Reiners
- † Calvin Harms is doing well after knee surgery.
- † Muriel Vestal is scheduled for heart valve replacement surgery on December 29 in St. Cloud.
- † Paul Childer's dad, Randy, is in home Hospice care.
- † Kari Johnson's dad, Todd Buer, age 86, passed away Tuesday morning, December 15.
- † Millie Tebben is in the Willmar Hospital with COVID.
- † Marie Jansen is at the Clara City Care Center with COVID.
- † Leonard Hilbrands is now a resident at Prairie Senior Cottages in Willmar.
- † Care Center & Assisted Living Residents. Several residents of the Care Center have tested positive for COVID. Staffing is becoming a challenge.



Our love and sympathy are extended to the families of Jim Koenen, Cindy Plowman, Larry Cavaness, Clayton Vreeman, Erv Ahrenholz, George Kluver, and Stanley Ammermann.

- † **James Koenen**, age 70, of Clara City, passed away peacefully at home surrounded by his family, and entered his heavenly home on December 10. A private family service will be held Friday, December 18 at Bethany Reformed Church in Clara City.
- † **Cynthia "Cindy" Plowman**, age 57, of Clara City, died Friday, December 11, at her home in Clara City following a battle with cancer. A private funeral service was held Wednesday, December 16, at Bethany Reformed Church in Clara City. The service is available on the [church Facebook page](#). Committal service will be at the church cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials are preferred to the youth programs at Bethany Reformed Church.
- † **Larry Cavaness**, age 49, of Clara City, passed away Saturday, December 12, at Carris Rice Memorial Hospital in Willmar, MN. A Public Walk Thru Visitation will be Friday, December 18, from 5:00 – 7:00 PM at Bethany. A Private Family Burial will be held on Saturday, December 19, at the Bethany Reformed Church Cemetery.

YOUTH NEWS

Thank you to all of you who have given our family cards and gifts over the holiday season. We greatly appreciate each and every one of you.

Youth Groups will be taking the rest of December off. Enjoy the time with family and friends. We will resume again on the January 6. I would love to have us meet in person at that point. Look on the website for more information as that time nears.

Remember to get your M card money in it was due on the 16th. If you have not purchased one yet they are still available at Sweeps Hardware, Cenex, Subway, and through Todd. Help support our youth and save some money at local businesses as well.

YA Youth can start to register for Power Connection starting on the 4th of January. You can register by getting on the Bethany Youth YA page and follow the instructions.

Students who wish to continue to learn the Books of the Bible... the video will be on the website in the Kid's Korner.

WORSHIP NOTES

*"Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to men on whom his favor rests."
Luke 2:14*

December

6st
13th
20th
27th

Sound

Landin Ahrenholz/Benny Miller
Garrett Struxness
Austin Sweep/Talen Niemeyer
Lee Hagemeyer

Projector

Renae Epema
Megan Struxness
Nikki Niemeyer

😊 Appreciating each of you!!

We are happy to be training in another young man at the sound desk. Thank you, Austin Sweep, for your willingness and desire to serve.

Thank you to these people who are sharing their vocal talents with us through the month of December: Lindsay Grussing, Anna Miller, Lois Kluver, Jeff Asche, Byron, Angie, Vicky and David Hinrichs, and Rachel DuHoux.

A graphic with a blue background featuring string lights and silhouettes of trees. The text "LIGHT UP THE NIGHT" is written in large, white, dotted letters. Below it, "UP THE" is in smaller white letters. "NIGHT" is also in large, white, dotted letters. To the right, "Clara City!" is written in a blue, cursive font.

LIGHT UP THE NIGHT Clara City!

December 27th @ 6pm

Deck out your vehicle of choice in lights and let's spread some community cheer! BE CREATIVE! As tough as the holidays can be for some, we can still make 2020 awesome. The more participants the better! There is no age limit to spread some Christmas magic. Please feel free to contact any member of Bethany Church if you need or would like help decorating your ride!

****This is an at your own will event. You choose your own route and how long you would like to drive around. We do ask that you drive by the assisted living and Clara City Care Center at least once. We ask that you stay in your vehicle and abide by Covid-19 practices while participating.****



Clara City Assisted Living
1012 Division Street N
Clara City MN 56222

Leonard & Kathryn Klinghagen 213
Gert Kløver 208
Kenneth & Emma Koenen 203

Prairie Park Place
1100 Warrings Avenue
Clara City MN 56222

Gordon & Geneva Grussing 120
Esther Kløver 115
Muriel Vestal 113

Clara City Care Center
1012 Division Street N
Clara City MN 56222

Sharon Asche 145
Betty Bohlsen 139
Marie Jansen 155
Allan Meints 90
Phyllis Peterson 153
Conrad & Vera Rozeboom 138
Bernice Westendorp 115

Alice Korn
Bethesda Grand Care Center
901 Willmar Ave SE - Room 124
Willmar, MN 56201
320-214-5688

Millie Tebben
Copperleaf Senior Living Community
1550 1st N - Room #212
Willmar, MN 56201
320-894-4363

Arlyne Berghuis
Copperleaf Senior Living Community
1550 - 1st N - Room #208
Willmar, MN 56201

Leonard Hilbrands
Prairie Senior Cottages
1705 19th Ave SW
Willmar, MN 56201

Gladys Williams
Sunrise Village Assisted Living
1125 9th St SE #103
Willmar, MN 56201

Richard & Velma Feldman
RenVilla Health Center
205 Elm Ave SE
Renville, MN 56284
320-329-3737

Darlene Andresen
The Legacy of Farmington
22300 Denmark Ave #327
Farmington, MN 55024

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Pauline Freiborg 320-295-1494
Elva Hinrichs 320-847-3341
Verna Janssen 320-847-2926
Ethel Gabbert 507-485-3181
Sondra Groen 320-847-2173
Ed Jansen 320-847-3242
Ruth Johnson 320-847-3040
Eunice Onnen 320-262-3596
George Poppen 320-847-3293
Vivian Reiners 320-847-2352
Anna Marie Seeman 320-894-4143
Russel Sietsema 320-967-4469
Lois Sweep 320-847-3502
Jennie Tebben 320-847-2531

**Remember our
members with
Christmas Greetings!**



DECEMBER

Anniversaries

- | | |
|--------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1 Stan & Donna Barney | 10 Milt & Deb Wubben |
| 1 Nate & Terese Bourne | 17 Phil & Lanae Pieper |
| 4 Dan & Jen Dirksen | 17 Conrad & Vera Rozeboom |
| 4 John & Rachel DuHoux | 18 Ryan & JoLinda Niemeyer |
| 5 David & Mindy Hinrichs | 19 Larry & Eunice Hinrichs |
| 7 Loren & Deb Stomberg | |
| 8 Travis & Bailey Wubben | |



Birthdays

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| 1 Milt Wubben | 15 Jim Koenen | 23 Mary Ahrenholz |
| 1 Austin Sweep | 15 Deb Slagter | 23 Eunice Brouwer |
| 2 Jennie C. Tebben | 15 Cindy Plowman | 23 Anna Pieper |
| 2 Cooper Klinghagen | 15 Darren Westerman | 24 Sheila Westerman |
| 5 Maddy Zurn | 17 Jerry Kluver | 26 Stan Barney |
| 7 Sydney Schwitters | 17 Darrell Schoep | 26 Kyle Boike |
| 7 Boyd Pauling | 18 Rachel DuHoux | 26 Korra Childers |
| 8 Leonard Klinghagen | 19 Deanna Stutelberg | 27 Riley Aeikens |
| 11 Harlan Ruitter | 19 Bruce Johnson | 28 Randy Janssen |
| 13 Brooks Wubben | 20 Jerry Schwitters | 28 Cameron Tebben |
| 14 Renae Satre | 20 Kristy Enger | 29 Gracie Slagter |
| 14 Aaron Pauling | | 31 Eli DuHoux |

