

Bethany Church

Reach. Serve. Love.



SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP 9:30AM
SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES 10:45AM

Disposable masks are available at the welcome center desk.

Services livestream on Facebook every Sunday at 9:30 AM and remain available for viewing anytime.

222 MAIN STREET N | CLARA CITY MN

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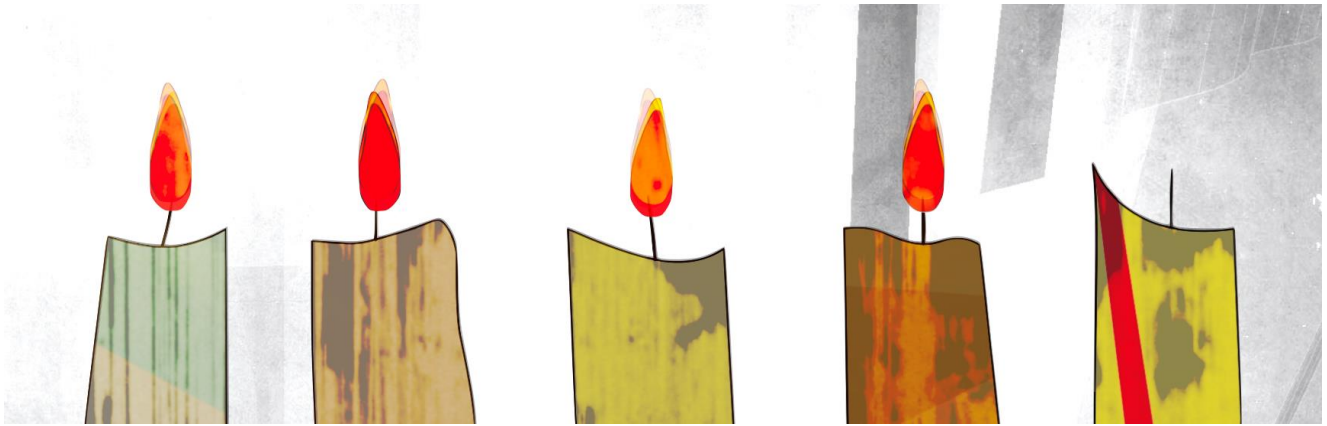
Bethany Doors will be open: Monday – Friday 8:00 am – 5:00 pm
Saturday & Sunday 8:00 am – 1:00 pm

Office email : bethany@hcinet.net

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.



ADVENT. The journey to Christmas

Every Sunday of Advent we light a candle to represent our journey to Christmas. Each candle points to Jesus and leads to the Christ candle. This year, each week a different family will share a Christmas memory, a favorite Christmas carol, read from the Advent story and light the Advent candle. These will all be captured on video and played on Sunday morning. They will also be available on the Bethany Facebook Page and website: bethanychurch-mn.com

HOLIDAY SERVICES & EVENTS

Living Nativity – Saturday, December 18 @ 1 & 6 pm | Hilbrands Cattle Co.

Kids Christmas Program – Sunday, December 19 at 9:30 am (during morning worship)

Christmas Eve – Friday, December 24 at 6 pm



PLEASE REMEMBER TO CHECK YOUR CHURCH MAILBOXES!!

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

A Parkinson's Support Group meets in Montevideo on the first and third Monday of every month at 3:30 p.m. Beginning in December, the group will be meeting at the CCM Health Wellness Center Conference room. Anyone who has been diagnosed with Parkinson's, or family, friends, or community members that would like to learn more about Parkinson's, are encouraged to attend. If you have questions or would like more information about Parkinson's or the group, please contact Gretchen Reeves at 320-321-8240.

PRAIRIE FIVE: Are you looking to get out of the house? Want to help and connect with others? Prairie five is looking for some volunteer's: in area food shelves like Montevideo, help with meal sights, rides for those that can no longer drive, and even Head Start. If you are interested, please call 1-800-292-5437. You can truly make a difference in others' lives through service.

The Annual Congregational Meeting is Sunday, December 12th immediately following the worship service.

- Deacon Nominees: Jeremy Aeikens, Nate Bourne, Ryan Wubben
- Elder Nominees: Jeff Asche, Randy Klinghagen, John Madsen
- Catechism Assistant Superintendent: Rachel Aeikens
- Sunday School Assistant Superintendent: Carly Hagemeyer
- Funeral Ushers: Stan Barney and Jerry Kluver



MISSION SPOTLIGHT



NOVEMBER - BLAINE AND KATHLEEN NEWHOUSE (RCA)

Blaine Newhouse serves as the senior pastor of the ELC of the National Evangelical Church of the Kingdom of Bahrain, a church planted by the RCA in 1893. His wife Kathleen teaches at Al Raja School. The English Language Congregation (ELC) worship community values both the study of God's Word and service to other people. They have the unique opportunity to be the very presence of Christ in a part of the world where Christianity is often misunderstood.

DECEMBER MISSION SPOTLIGHT – WORLD RENEW (RCA / CRC)

Our 2021 Thanksgiving offering was given for the work of World Renew, a joint world mission venture of the RCA & CRC. At World Renew, we join with the world's families to change the story of hunger, poverty, and illness. For nearly 60 years, hundreds of thousands of people have shared in this calling: staff, local partners, global communities, and people like you. Every day, people like you give in response to a disaster, offer monthly support to Free a Family™ from poverty, or travel with our volunteer teams to help renew hope firsthand. Together, we change stories, and those stories change the world.

2021 Financial Update

With the end of the year quickly approaching we have been blessed with a very healthy budget and would like to thank the congregation and all those who have given throughout the year.

As we move into the end of the year needs:

We have really tried to put as much \$ as we can towards the Building loan to get this paid off. As you can see we have made substantial progress and would love to have it paid off in the next 3 months. We have a few maintenance and repair projects to do around church in the next year to refresh and update our building which will also require \$.

Mission has done very well this year as we have already met our budget. We will be looking at ways to utilize the \$ we have been blessed with.

As of Oct. 31 the General Fund is at: \$76,775.67

Mission: \$11,610.67

Building: \$57,780.64

New Building Loan: \$53,013.21



CALENDAR



Wednesday, December 1

- 7:00 pm Choir (chapel)
- 7:00 pm Wednesday Night Classes (Grades 1-6 & 9-11)
- 7:00 pm YA – JR High Youth (Youth Room)
- 8:00 pm AFC – SR High Youth (Youth Room)

Thursday, December 2

- 7:00 pm Handbell Practice (Sanctuary)

Sunday, December 5

- 9:30 am **Worship Service**
- 10:45 am Kids Program Practice / Sunday School / Coffee Time

Monday, December 6

- 9:30 am Joy Fellowship (Family Room)
- 1:00 pm Mission Quilters (Basement)

Wednesday, December 8

- 7:00 pm Choir (chapel)
- 7:00 pm Wednesday Night Classes (Grades 1-6 & 9-11)
- 7:00 pm YA – JR High Youth (Youth Room)
- 8:00 pm AFC – SR High Youth (Youth Room)

Sunday, December 12

- 9:30 am **Worship Service**
- 10:45 am Kids Program Practice / Sunday School / Coffee Time
- 10:45 am *CONGREGATIONAL MEETING*

Monday, December 13

- 9:30 am Grief Support Group (Family Room)
- 1:00 pm Mission Quilters (Basement)

Wednesday, December 15

- 7:00 pm Choir (chapel)
- 7:00 pm Wednesday Night Classes (Grades 1-6 & 9-11)
- 7:00 pm YA – JR High Youth (SMALL GROUPS)
- 8:00 pm AFC – SR High Youth (SMALL GROUPS)

CALENDAR



Saturday, December 18

1:00 pm LIVING NATIVITY – Hilbrands Cattle Co.

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Sunday, December 19 | 3rd Sunday Offering: New Building Fund

9:30 am **Worship Service | Kids Christmas Program – NO Sunday School**

10:45 am Coffee Time

Monday, December 20

9:30 am Joy Fellowship (Family Room)

1:00 pm Mission Quilters (Basement)

7:00 pm Deacon's Meeting / Elder's Meeting

8:20 pm Consistory Meeting (Library)

Wednesday, December 22 | **NO Wednesday Night Activities for grades 1-6**

7:00 - 9:00 pm Jr & Sr High Youth Christmas Party

Friday, December 24

6:00 pm **Christmas Eve Service**

Saturday, December 25 | CHRISTMAS DAY

Sunday, December 26 | NO SUNDAY SCHOOL

9:30 am **Worship Service**

10:45 am Coffee Time

Monday, December 27

1:00 pm Mission Quilters (Basement)

7:00 pm Deacon's Count

Sunday, January 2 | NO SUNDAY SCHOOL

9:30 am **Worship Service**

10:45 am Coffee Time



PRAYER

PRAYERS for HEALING, STRENGTH, PEACE:

- † Bruce Hinrichs
- † Ruth Johnson
- † Ivan & Deanna Meints
- † Vivian Reiners
- † Lori Petersen – updates can be found on her page at www.caringbridge.org
- † Marlyn Andresen – has begun cancer treatments in Willmar
- † Leonard Hilbrands – in Hospice Care at the Cottages in Willmar
- † Al Ahrenholz – doing much better but continues the long recovery from COVID
- † Troy Sweep – continues rehab at North Memorial (address above)
- † Kevin & LeAnn Groen – on the passing of her mom & sister to COVID

North Memorial Hospital c/o Troy Sweep, Room N47 3300 Oakdale Ave N Robbinsdale, MN 55422
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IN MEMORY

Eunice Onnen, age 86, of Willmar, formerly of Raymond, died Saturday, November 27, at her home in Willmar. Her funeral service will be 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, December 1, at Bethany Reformed Church in Clara City. Interment will be in the church cemetery. Visitation will be 4:00-6:00 p.m. Tuesday, November 30, at the church and will continue one hour prior to the service.

Emma Koenen, 94, of Clara City, passed away on Saturday, November 6 at the Clara City Care Center. Funeral services were held on Friday, November 12th at 1:30 pm at Bethany Church.

Boyd Folkerts (88), father of Joel Folkerts, passed away on Sunday, November 14, 2021, at the Clara City Care Center. A funeral service was held on Friday, November 19, 2021 at 11:00 AM at Bunde Christian Reformed Church.

Bradley Kneisl, 31 of Paynesville, died Tuesday, November 23, near Baldwin, Wisconsin, from complications suffered in an electrocution accident on May 24th while cutting trees in Clarkfield. His memorial service will be 11:00 a.m. Thursday, December 2, at Living Hope Evangelical Free Church in Willmar. Visitation will be 4-7 p.m. Wednesday, December 1, at Harvey Anderson Funeral Home in Willmar and will continue one hour prior to the service at the church on Thursday. Bradley Charles Kneisl was born September 5, 1990, in Willmar, Minnesota, to Richard and Debra (Epema) Kneisl.

PRAYER

PRAYER FOCUS FOR DECEMBER

In **September** we focused on education. Supporting & praying for administrators, staff, teachers and students both in our schools and in our church as fall programs resumed.

In **October** harvest was our focus. We prayed for the success and safety of all who work in agriculture. Farming is the economic and cultural engine of our community.

Our **November** prayer focus was for all people in the medical field. That God would strengthen and give great endurance and energy in the good work of serving needs and healing.

December is a season of celebration and family gatherings. But what was once a time of celebration can often be a time of sadness and struggle when a loved one has passed, or there is sickness, or a family has been broken by conflict and bitterness. This recent year has seen a dramatic increase in broken lives. Suicide, drug overdose, depression, the collateral damage of conflict and isolation is being felt in our families and across our nation. This month, let's dedicate time to praying for our families, the families of our community and of our nation. The family is the foundation of a strong society. A society of broken families cannot be sustained. Reconciliation begins with us.

THANKS

*Prayer Shawl Ladies, Thank you for the shawl that Kenny received. Also, all the prayers that come with.
Friends in Christ – Mary & Kenny Abbas*

Bethany Prayer Shawl Ministry, Thank you so much for thinking of Kevin & I with the loss of my mother and sister. Thank you for the beautiful Shawl, crosses and all your prayers. ~Kevin & LeAnn Groen

Dear Prayer Shawl Knitters, Thank you so much for your love and prayers while I was sick. It was a great comfort to me and meant so much that you thought of me! I will treasure it always.

God Bless, Audrey Arends

Dear 9th Graders at Bethany- Thank you for the flower and for thinking of me. It made me smile, I had taught often since I was in the 8th grade and truly miss it. Keep the Lord as your #1 person and you will do fine. Remember you will make mistakes but God will always be there for you. ~Sharon Hilbrands

Mission Quilters-

Thanks to the ladies who made the quilts. Keep up the good work. Brad & George Poppen

Thank you for all your prayers, cards and gifts while I was recuperating from my broken leg. Thank you to the quilting ladies for the beautiful quilt. I'm so grateful for God's healing mercies.

~Audrey Koenen

YOU ARE INVITED TO THE

Living Nativity

at HILBRANDS CATTLE CO.

December 18, 2021 at 1 pm & 6 pm

Location: Hillbrands Cattle Company
17020 10th St NE, Clara City, MN 56222

1 hour program with family photo opportunities with animals after!
(Reserve ticket information will be available early November!)

Refreshments and Christmas Cookies will be provided!
Bring the whole family to hear the story
of Jesus's birth at Christmastime!
ALL ARE WELCOME!

The Living Nativity tickets are now available! Go to [eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com) and search Hilbrands. The link should come up and then you can choose the 1 PM or 6 PM program.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2021-living-nativity-at-hilbrands-cattle-co-tickets-207964436227>

RAYMOND LIONS CLUB
PANCAKE - FRENCH TOAST - SAUSAGE BREAKFAST
Saturday, December 4, 2021
Serving from 8 am to 12 noon
Raymond Community Center
Dine in or take out
Free Will Donation



Garage Craft Sale
Friday, December 17 from 9 am - 4 pm
Saturday, December 18 from 9 am - noon

Garden Benches / Unique Metal Flower Arrangements
Tin Men / wall decor and more...

All proceeds will be donated to Bethany's Gym Fund.
CASH OR CHECK ONLY

Jerry & Lois Kluver
201 7th Ave NE ~ Clara City



GIVING TREE

Please return your gift by
Sunday, December 12th with the
tree attached and place it
under the Christmas Tree.
Once again **THANK YOU** for
your help!

Help Provide Gifts
for those in need



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

Sharon Hilbrands 210
Gert Kluver 208
Kenneth Koenen 102

Prairie Park Place
1100 Warrings Avenue
Clara City MN 56222

Gordon & Geneva Grussing 120
Esther Kluver 115
George Poppen 111
Muriel Vestal 113

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

Betty Bohlsen 139
Marie Jansen 155
Allan Meints 90
Phyllis Peterson 153
Vivian Reiners 119
Conrad & Vera Rozeboom 138
Bernice Westendorp 115

Darlene Andresen
Bethany on 42nd
4255 130th Ave S
River Terrace Room 136 B
Fargo, ND 58104

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

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

Remember our members with Christmas Greetings!!



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

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

Kathryn Klinghagen
Carris Health Centra Care
1810 Willmar Ave SW - Room #432
Willmar, MN 56201

Arvid & Sharon Wieberdink
Westview Village Apts
1425 19th Ave SW Room B16
Willmar, MN 56201

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

In the Bethany Directory:

Alice Brouwer 320-321-1290
Agnes Carlson 507-616-1027
Harlis Emkes 320-269-6698
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
Anna Marie Seeman 320-894-4143
Lois Sweep 320-847-3502
Jennie Tebben 320-847-2531

YOUTH NEWS

YA / Jr High Youth: Upcoming Schedule

December 1 – What’s wrong with these people?
December 8 – What’s wrong with these people?
December 15 – Small Groups
December 22 – YOUTH CHRISTMAS PARTY (grades 7-12)
December 29 – NO Youth Group
January 5 – Lego’s

AFC / Sr High Youth: Upcoming Schedule

December 1 – Prophet’s
December 8 – Lego’s
December 15 – Small Groups
December 22 – YOUTH CHRISTMAS PARTY (grades 7-12)
December 29 – NO Youth Group
January 5 – Special Presenter’s

WEDNESDAY NIGHT GYM HELPERS

December 1 – Kari Asche
December 8 – Ettie Goeman
December 15 – Todd Henker
December 22 – OFF
December 29 – OFF

AFC & YA Will be selling DISCOUNT CARDS again this year. Cards will also be available in the office or from Todd and a few businesses in town.

Youth Christmas party in the Hub on December 22 from 7 – 9 pm for grades 7-12. There will be games and prizes and fun for all. Please make sure to bring a \$10 “White Elephant Gift” for a game that we will play as a group.

If anyone is looking for service hours Todd has a project – putting Bible book tabs in all our youth group Bibles. Call or text Todd if you are interested.

Remember as we get into the winter months that if School is called off, we will not have Wednesday activities. For Sunday you can check Facebook, our website, or tune in to “operation snow desk” at Q102.5 for cancellations.

WORSHIP NOTES

Psalm 89:1

"I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever;
with my mouth will I make known Your faithfulness to all generations."

GRATEFUL . . .

- ✘ To Emily Dirksen for her willingness to lead the Adult Choir while Lori regains her health and strength.
- ✘ Vicky Hinrichs - for her abilities at the keyboard as she accompanies and rehearses with the choir.
- ✘ For new members . . . and old members of choir and teams.
- ✘ To the Handbell Choir for their preparation to lead us in worship coming in December and for Vicky in her leadership with this group.
- ✘ Jennifer Henker & Ashley Sietsema . . . and their leadership with the children's program.
- ✘ Live Nativity - Hilbrand's family and all the volunteers planning on worshipping with us that day.
- ✘ Those willing to read Advent scripts & those lighting the candles as we journey to the manger.
- ✘ Deb Wubben and her team for preparing our sanctuary for the seasons . . . time and time again.
- ✘ Matt, Todd & Ivy and the servant hearts displayed.
- ✘ The elders and deacons and their care and concern for people.
- ✘ Al & Lois and the team who gardened and watered and made our areas of church so beautiful throughout the warm season.
- ✘ Pete and Bryan and their care of our church to keep it looking great!
- ✘ As I pause to give thanks, my list is endless, and the above list is far from complete! YOU are the worship leaders! YOU are the ones who bless hearts! We have instrumentalists, sound & projector leadership, videographers, ushers, teachers, mentors, coffee servers . . . and I welcome you to add to this list.

Take a moment to thank people. Take a moment to thank our Father. He is the One who deserves all our praise! ~Pam

Consistory Positions & Committees 2021

President

Pastor Matthew Miller

Vice President

Dan Wrede

Clerk

Chip Goeman

Chairman of the Deacons

Keith Klinghagen

General Fund Treasurer

Mark Hilbrands

Mission Fund Treasurer

Keith Klinghagen

Building Fund Treasurer

David Hinrichs

Cemetery Fund Treasurer

Wade Buss

Worship Committee

*Chip Goeman

Cory Sietsema

Kim Sandry

Pam Knapper

Leadership Committee

*Dan Wrede

Chuck DeGrote

Keith Klinghagen

Brad Hebrink

Riley Aeikens

Pastor Matt Miller

Education & Youth Committee

*Mark Hilbrands

Riley Aeikens

Wade Buss

Todd Henker

Mission/Outreach Committee

*Keith Klinghagen

Calvin Harms

Scott Ruiter

Fellowship/Congregational Care

*Dan Niemeyer

Roger Knapper

Ron Thomton

Property Committee

*Chuck Ammermann

David Hinrichs

John Hagemeyer

December

Anniversaries

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



Birthdays

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

CHRIST IS BORN

