



Overcome the World!

Christmas is the season of anticipation. We even have a word for the wait: ADVENT. Advent means the arrival of a notable person, thing, or event. Advent is all of those, but mostly, it is the wait for the One. The prophet Isaiah wrote about this most notable One (Isaiah 8), *“The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned.”* Isaiah then goes on to describe the identity of this light, *“For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.”*

The One for whom we wait and celebrate is Jesus. The Son that always was and the child that placed God among us. To save us. *“You are to give him the Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins”* (Matthew 1:21).

There are many things we look forward to in this season, some are immediate in their gratification, but the main thing is eternal in its reward. And it is that main thing, Jesus, that we must prepare our hearts for and make room. Because only in Jesus does the peace and love that overcomes the world, enter into our life. Yes! You heard right, overcome the world. *“Everyone born of God overcomes the world. Who is it that overcomes the world? Only those who believe that Jesus is the Son of God”* (I John 5:4-5).

In this episode of global history, overcoming the world sounds especially desirable. Well, there is no other “one” in whom that hope of overcoming is possible. Jesus brought God to us. He is *Immanuel*, “God with us,” and therefore it is only in Him that we can be brought to God, that we may be in Him and He in us, and that we may have the very peace of God both now and forever.

This Advent and Christmas, may we be counted among those who believe and overcome, so that Christmas 2020 for us, may be a season of victory and not defeat.

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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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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.

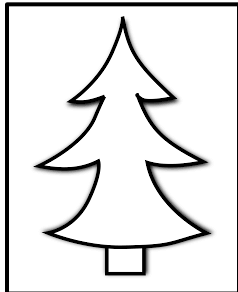
NEWS

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

Thank you for the lovely shawl. So soft and I use it often. Thank you for the card and everyone's prayers. I am doing better with each new day.

Thank you, God Bless ♥ ~JoAnn & Jim Hagemeyer



MITTEN TREE GIFTS!!

Please return your mitten tree gift by Sunday, December 13th with the tree attached and place it under the Christmas Tree. Once again THANK YOU for your help!

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 Kløver
Sunday, December 20 Advent 4: Anna Marie Seeman
Thursday, December 24 Christmas Eve: Jennie Tebben



C ALENDAR

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

Due to the Distance Learning at MACCRAY starting Friday, November 18th we will not have Sunday School or Wednesday night classes until the beginning of January.

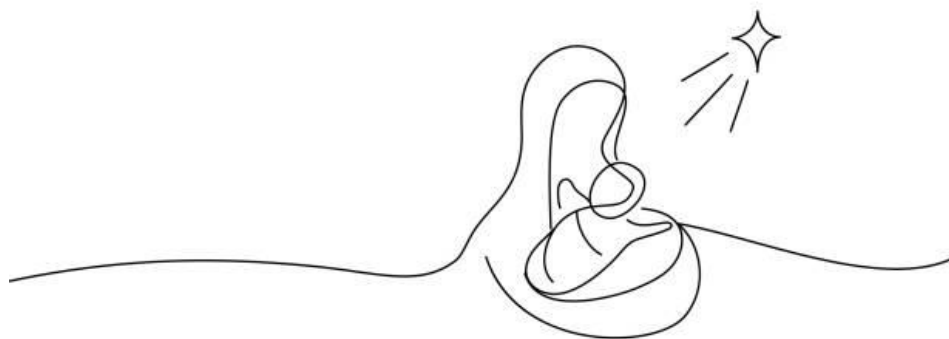
- **Youth Groups will zoom.**

Congregational Meeting. Sunday, December 13. The meeting will be held immediately following the 10:30 AM Service in the sanctuary. Deacon Nominees: *Wade Buss, John Hagemeyer, Kim Sandry* and Elder Nominees: *Brad Hebrink, Scott Ruiter, Ron Thomton*. Catechism Assistant Superintendent will be *Jaclyn Sunderland* and the Sunday School Assistant Superintendent will be *Allison Warne*. Funeral Ushers will be *Stan Barney* and *Jerry Kluver*.

Christmas Eve Service, December 24 – ONLINE ONLY

CREATIVE CHILDREN NEEDED!

Daniela Goeman is in the process of assembling care packages for the Care Center and Assisted Living residents. This Sponsor a Resident project could use a beautiful, colorful nativity card to encourage each resident! Nativity coloring pages will be available at the Welcome Center desk at the church or can simply be printed off from home. One is included in back of this bulletin. Color, sign, write a little note if you would like, and pass it along to Daniela or drop them off at the Welcome Center desk. Deadline: December 20th.



PRAYER

PRAYERS for STRENGTH & HEALING

- † Bruce Hinrichs
- † Ruth Johnson
- † Deanna Meints
- † Cindy Plowman
- † Milt Wubben
- † Jim Koenen is now on home hospice.
- † Vivian Reiners continues radiation therapy.
- † 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.
- † 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 Clayton Vreeman, Erv Ahrenholz, George Kløver and Stanley Ammermann.

- † **Clayton Vreeman**, age 86, of Clara City, died on November 19 in Arizona. A private family graveside service was held on Tuesday, December 1 at Bethany Reformed Cemetery.
- † **Ervin Ahrenholz**, age 76, of Clara City, died Saturday, November 28, at Mayo Clinic Methodist Hospital in Rochester. A private family graveside service will be held Saturday, December 5, at Bethany Reformed Cemetery in Clara City. A recording of the service will be available on the Harvey Anderson Funeral Home website, www.hafh.org. In lieu of flowers, memorials are preferred to MACCRAY 2180 Foundation, Bethany Youth, or Smile Train.
- † **Stanley Ammermann**, age 86, of Clara City, died Monday, November 30, at Centra Care Sauk Centre Hospital. A memorial service will be held at a later date.
- † **George Kløver**, 98, passed away peacefully in the early hours of the morning on Tuesday, December 1, at the Clara City Care Center. A private family service will likely be held on Saturday, December 5 at Bethany Reformed Church.

YOUTH NEWS

MACGRAY Cards: Senior High Youth will be selling the M cards again this year.

- **Need to have money turned in to Todd by December 16!!**

Youth Groups will start zooming after the Thanksgiving break. Christmas Small Group Party will be cancelled on December 16th....instead we will do a zoom party. Todd will be texting out specifics!!

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

*"The true light to every man was coming into the world.
He was in the world, and though the world was made through him,
the world did not recognize him."*

John 1:9 & 10

December

6st
13th
20th
27th

Sound

Landin Ahrenholz/Benny Miller
Garrett Struxness

Projector

Renae Epema
Megan Struxness
Nikki Niemeyer

😊 Appreciating each of you!!

Thank you to Lee Hagemeyer for creating the Nativity that is on the stage in the sanctuary! Beautiful!

We welcome Lindsay Grussing back home to share her ministry in music this coming Sunday, December 6th. We love you, Lindsay, and are thankful for you!



THE SWEETEST

Christmas SOIREE



A NIGHT OF MUSIC AND CHRISTMAS FAVORITES, *together at home*

BETHESDA FACEBOOK PREMIERE

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 11 | 7:00 P.M.

The elves at Bethesda Foundation have been busy designing an event dedicated to spreading the joy of Christmas, at a time when our communities need it most.

Join us for a night of virtual Christmas music and themed holiday auction, benefiting Bethesda's bold response to COVID-19 and activity programs. This online premiere will feature local musicians performing their favorite Christmas selections alongside your opportunity to bid on a variety of themed auction items crafted with the area's sweetest baked goods and candies.

Register Today! www.BethesdaWillmar.org or find us on Facebook "Bethesda Willmar"

This virtual event is free and designed to spread joy for all.
The event will also be featured on Bethesda's internal cable channel.

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For More Information
www.BethesdaWillmar.org
(320) 214-5600

Drive-through Turkey Dinner Benefit - for the family of 4-year-old John Booth from Renville. He recently had a heart transplant. Sunday, December 6th from 11:00 - 1:00. Free will donation. Please call 320.978.8911 in advance if you plan to participate.

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

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
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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

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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

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|--------------------------|----------------------------|
| 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 |

