

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

Mailing Address: P.O. Box 687

320.847.3322

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.

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

RCA General Synod 2021

Voted to form a Restructuring Team for the denomination to consider the following:

- Reorganizing each Classis around affinity, rather than geography.
- Keep responsibility for decisions related to ordination and marriage up to each Classis.
- Adopt a generous separation policy when churches leave the RCA over the next five years.
- Consider the disbanding of regional synod assemblies.

MACPAC is a weekend food program open to all MACCRAY students. Non-perishable food is discreetly sent home in each student's backpack. Currently 100 students are assisted per weekend at an average cost of \$2.70 per child. For longer breaks such as Thanksgiving or Christmas the cost averages \$4.50. This program's sole source of funding is donations. Would you think about helping please? Consider a donation to MACPAC as a Christmas gift for someone who "already has everything". Checks may be made to MACPAC and drop off at the church office or mailed to MACPAC c/o Gary Meyer, 1131 2nd St. NE, Clara City 56222.

Questions? Call 320-894-6649. Thank you for your generosity and heart for children.

HOLIDAY SERVICES & EVENTS

Thanksgiving Eve Service – Wednesday, November 24 at 7 pm

Coffee & Friends Event – Friday, November 26th from 6:30 – 8 pm (The Hub)

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

NEWS

Congregational Meeting. Sunday, December 12. The meeting will be held immediately following the 10:30 AM Service in the sanctuary.

Worship Leader Search Team Members:

Chuck DeGrote, Brad Hebrink, Riley Aeikens, Lee Hagemeyer, Ashley Sietsema, Daniela Goeman, Mindy Hinrichs, Emily Dirksen, Hallye Foster, Emily Torkelson, Amanda Hilbrands, and Nate Bourne.

New Address

George Poppen
Prairie Park Place Room 111
1100 Warrings Ave
Clara City, MN 56222

MISSION

OCTOBER MISSION SPOTLIGHT - URBAN VENTURES.

Urban Ventures is a faith-based organization that serves the neighborhoods of south Minneapolis. With the principles and teachings of Jesus at the center, Urban Ventures is led to serve all people and treat everyone with love and respect regardless of their beliefs. Our faith compels us to action; we strive to make our neighborhood one that reflects the justice and love that characterize God's dream for the world. We trust in the power of God to use the seeds we plant in the hearts of those in our community to produce fruitful, long-term change.

NOVEMBER MISSION SPOTLIGHT - 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.

C ALENDAR

Sunday, October 31

- 9:30 am **Worship Service**
- 10:45 am Sunday School / Coffee Time
- 6:00 pm **Reformation Service (@ First CRC in Prinsburg | led by Emden CRC)**

Monday, November 1

- 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)

Tuesday, November 2

- 1:00 pm *The Real God* Bible Study (Library)

Wednesday, November 3

- 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, November 7 (Daylight Savings Time)

- 9:30 am **Worship Service | Baptism: Sutton Rose Petersen**
- 10:45 am Sunday School / Coffee Time

Monday, November 8

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

Tuesday, November 9

- 9:00 am Prayer Group (Family Room)
- 1:00 pm *The Real God* Bible Study (Library)

Wednesday, November 10

- 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, November 14

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

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ALENDAR (continued)

Monday, November 15

- 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)

Tuesday, November 16

- 1:00 pm *The Real God* Bible Study (Library)

Wednesday, November 17

- 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)

Sunday, November 21

- 9:30 am **Worship Service | MEA Weekend – NO Sunday School**
- 10:45 am Coffee Time

Monday, November 22

- 1:00 pm Mission Quilters (Basement)

Tuesday, November 23

- 9:00 am Prayer Group (Family Room)
- 1:00 pm *The Real God* Bible Study (Library)

Wednesday, October 24 | NO Wednesday Night Activities

- 7:00 pm Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service

Friday, November 26 | Church Christmas decorating

- 6:30 – 8:00 pm Coffee & Friends Event (The Hub)

Sunday, November 28 | NO SUNDAY SCHOOL

- 9:30 am **Worship Service**
- 10:45 am Coffee Time

Monday, November 29

- 1:00 pm Mission Quilters (Basement)
- 7:00 pm Deacon's Count

P 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 – will be having scans and some new treatments at Mayo soon
- ✝ Leonard Hilbrands – in Hospice Care at the Cottages in Willmar
- ✝ Al Ahrenholz – being treated for Covid at Faribault hospital
- ✝ Brad Poppen – pray for recovery from Covid
- ✝ Emma Koenen – in Hospice Care at the Assisted Living
- ✝ Brad Kneisel
- ✝ Jeff Schmitz

PRAYER FOCUS FOR NOVEMBER

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.

And now, **November**. It goes without saying that medical personnel around the world have experienced an increase in demands placed upon them. The medical community has risen to the occasion and served selflessly in a time of uncertainty and stress. Our November prayer focus is for all people in the medical field. We need you. We are thankful for your service and we pray for God to strengthen you and give you great endurance and energy in your good work. Your good work is an act of service. Its worship.

Pray for care givers, nurses, PA's, midwives, doctors, staff & administrators at clinics, care facilities & hospitals.

THANKS

Bethany Reformed Church,

Thank you very much for the beautiful prayer shawl and also the prayers for my surgery. ~ Piper Brandt

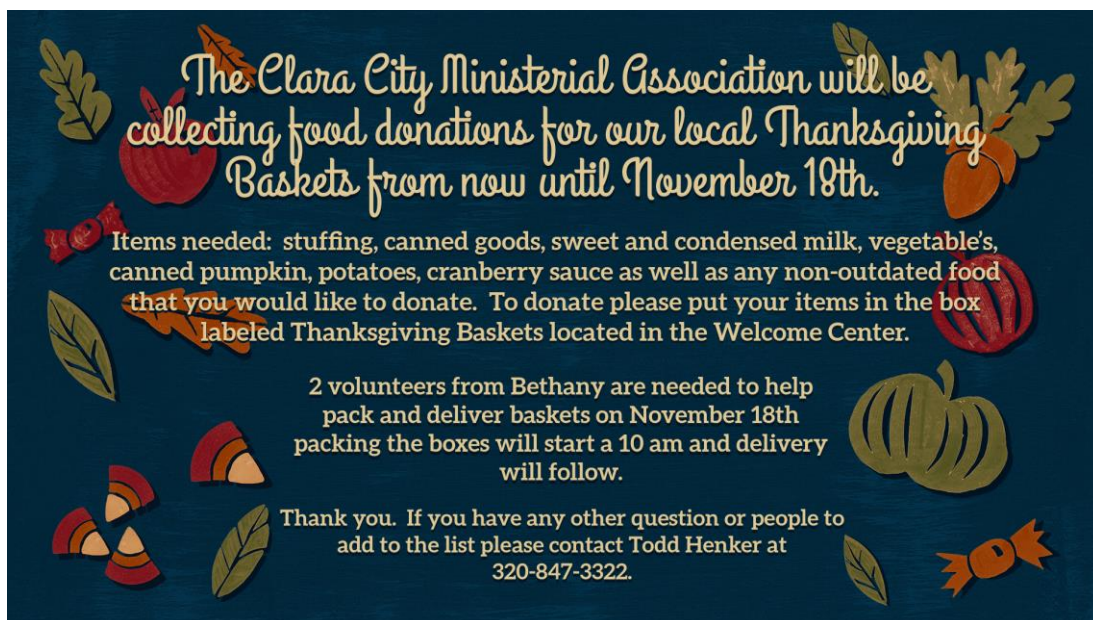
Bethany Mission Quilters,

Thank you so much for the quilt for Brad. He is much colder than he used to be, so he uses the quilt often. We also appreciate your continued prayers. – The Kneisel Family

Bethany Church,

The Clara City Council would like to thank you for your generous donations.

Thank you to all who sent cards and texts of gratitude and support during Pastor Appreciation last month. I am grateful for each of you. The people of Bethany are a blessing to me and the whole Miller family!



SUNDAY SCHOOL | Question of the day?

November 7: 1 Kings 2-3 In what situation do you currently need wisdom? What is most important to you: Money? Power? Wisdom? And WHY? Share about a time you made a wise decision.

November 14: Proverbs/Ecclesiastes/Song of Solomon Where do you most often go for information and instruction? Do you think you are wise? Why or why not? How can you grow in wisdom?

November 21: 1 Kings 6-8 In what ways does your family honor God? Share honestly how you feel about gathering for worship at church. How can you encourage one another to focus on God?

**It's
Back!**

YOU ARE
INVITED
TO THE

Living Nativity

at HILBRANDS CATTLE CO.

December 18, 2021 at 1 pm & 6 pm

Location: Hilbrands Cattle Company

11020 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!

YOUTH NEWS

YA / Jr High Youth: Upcoming Schedule

November 3 – What's wrong with these people?
November 10 – What's wrong with these people?
November 17 – Small Group's / BETTER TO GIVE
November 24 – NO YOUTH GROUP | 7 pm Thanksgiving Service

AFC / Sr High Youth: Upcoming Schedule

November 3 – Prophet's
November 10 – Prophet's
November 17 – Small Group's / BETTER TO GIVE
November 24 – NO YOUTH GROUP | 7 pm Thanksgiving Service

WEDNESDAY NIGHT GYM HELPERS

November 3 – Kari Asche
November 10 – Ettie Goeman
November 17 – Todd Henker
November 24 – 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.

Ministerial will be collecting food for our annual Thanksgiving baskets starting on Oct. 31 – November 18. We are also looking for 2 people to help put the baskets together on the morning of the 18th and help to deliver baskets that late afternoon. If interested in helping contact Todd Henker.

Small groups on November 17th: Annual *Better to Give Night!* Leaders, please contact Todd to receive your money for the event and to let Todd know what you are doing as a group, so we all choose different activities to impact our community.

No youth group on November 24th.

December 22: Youth Christmas party in the Hub. I am asking each person who is participating to Bring a \$10 "White Elephant Gift" for a game that we will play as a group.

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 145:1-3

"I will exalt you, my God the King; I will praise your name for ever and ever. Every day I will praise you and extol your name for ever and ever. Great is the Lord and most worthy of praise; his greatness no one can fathom."

Volunteers, we appreciate you and thank you for time and time again . . . serving. If you desire to sing on a praise team or serve at the projector, sound desk, or cameras, contact Pam. There is room for you in these areas of worship.

Prairie Arts Chorale Fall 2021 Concert Series - "**Always Something Sings.**" As our world travels into what people are calling "our new normal," the music of the chorale will touch on our roots by exploring choral classics, both sacred and secular. They will also look to the future by exploring newly composed pieces. The concert communicates a message about where we've come from, where we are now, and how music has always been a medium through which the world expresses itself.

- Friday, November 5th - 7:00 - Marshall Middle School auditorium
- Saturday, November 6th - 4:00 - Spicer - Faith Lutheran Church
- Sunday, November 7th - Dawson Memorial Auditorium

Crossroads Prison Ministry is welcoming new volunteers. Contact Pam if this might be something of interest to you. It will bless you while you make a difference for the kingdom of Christ in others' lives.

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 Thomson

Property Committee

*Chuck Ammermann

David Hinrichs

John Hagemeyer

November

Anniversaries

- 2 Vern & Pat Seeman
- 5 Matt & Brittany Koenen
- 6 Bruce & Sue Hinrichs
- 8 Roger & Karen Bulthuis
- 12 Brad & Jolene Hebrink
- 21 Mark & Renae Satre
- 22 Virgil & Lois Hoekstra
- 24 Wade & Colleen Hoekstra
- 27 Scott & Ivy Ruiter



Birthdays

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|---------------------|----------------------|
| 1 Lilyanne Pauling | 21 Jeff Asche |
| 4 Gavin Nord | 21 Brittany Koenen |
| 5 Jackson Grussing | 22 Murial Vestal |
| 7 Signora Johnson | 22 Tyler Wrede |
| 7 Tracy Boonstra | 23 Paul Childers |
| 7 Olivia Paz | 24 Cory Sietsema |
| 8 Rachel Davids | 25 Jim Grussing |
| 9 Byron Hinrichs | 25 Anna Marie Seeman |
| 9 Eunice Johnson | 25 Abbigail Slagter |
| 9 Don Boonstra | 25 Benny Miller |
| 10 Dalton Struxness | 26 Ryan Niemeyer |
| 11 Arvid Wieberdink | 27 Kathy Lalim |
| 11 Kelli Rath | 27 Pam Zurn |
| 13 Julie Schoep | 28 Lee Hagemeyer |
| 14 Dylan Nord | 28 Morgan Blascziek |
| 14 Naomi Koenen | 29 Deb Folkerts |
| 19 Alison Koenen | |
| 19 Sadie Hagemeyer | |
| 20 Connor Hagemeyer | |