

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.

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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

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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.

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

New Member Class

Our new member / Inquirers Class is coming again in the new year! Material covered includes history, beliefs and organization of the Reformed Church. We will meet after Sunday worship services for four weeks. Contact Pastor Matt for more information. Dates to be determined.

BLOOD DRIVE



American
Red Cross

The **Red Cross** is experiencing the worst blood shortage in over a decade, and patient care is being affected right now. A dangerously low blood supply means we have had to reduce the amount of blood products hospitals receive by as much as 25% in recent weeks, forcing hospitals to defer patient surgeries, including organ transplants. Hospital demand remains strong, but fewer donors are coming in - perhaps because of the holiday season, vacation travel, or regular activities having resumed. To donate: Call **1-800-RED CROSS** (1-800-733-2767).



No Regrets Men's Conference (Live via satellite)

Saturday, February 5, 2022 from 7:30 AM — 1:30 PM

Rock of Life CRC 1708 8th St SW, Willmar

- Save the Date for the No Regrets Men's Conference, an annual one-day event designed to create an environment for men to be challenged in their relationship with the Lord, at home, in the workplace, and in their ministry.
- This event will transform men's lives by empowering them to walk in loving, trusting obedience of Jesus Christ. Men will be encouraged to be the men God created them to be and to walk in step with the Holy Spirit on a moment-by-moment basis.
- The doors open at 7:30 for check-in. Coffee, juice and donuts will be served. A lunch will also be provided. Registration is open online at rockoflifecrc.org or email www.willmarcrc@gmail.com or call Renae at 320-235-3060. Invite friends and family members!

WEDNESDAY NIGHT CLASS OFFERING FOR SAMARITAN'S PURSE



Honeybee's \$20 Baby Chicks (2) \$28
Dairy Goat \$70 Grove of Trees \$45
Jesus Loves Me Lambs (6) \$60
Blankets & Bedding (6) \$36 = \$259

Thanks to all the kids who gave offering on Wednesday nights Sept - Dec to make this possible!!



2022 Newly Elected Elders & Deacons
January 9th : Service of Ordination & Installation

Deacons: Jeremy Aeikens, Nate Bourne, Ryan Wubben
Elders: Jeff Asche, Randy Klinghagen, John Madsen

Thanks to the
following outgoing
consistory members
for their service!

Elders:
Chuck Ammermann
Chip Goeman
Dan Wrede

Deacons:
Mark Hilbrands
Keith Klinghagen
Dan Niemeyer

Meals on Wheels

BETHANY DELIVERS MEALS IN JANUARY

Sign-up by the church office

CALENDAR



Sunday, January 2

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

Monday, January 3

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

Wednesday, January 5

- 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, January 9

- 9:30 am **Worship Service | Ordination & Installation of incoming Deacons/Elders**
- 10:45 am Sunday School / Coffee Time

Monday, January 10

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

Wednesday, January 12

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

Sunday, January 16 | 3rd Sunday Offering: New Building Fund

- 9:30 am **Worship Service**
- 10:45 am Sunday School / Coffee Time
- 10:45 am Choir Practice
- 1:00 – 3:00 pm Paige Schwitters' Bridal Shower (Groom: Nevin Andreas)

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Monday, January 17

- 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, January 19

- 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)

Friday, January 21 | MACCRAY PRESCHOOL SCREENING (7am– 4pm)

Sunday, January 23

- 8:30 am Choir Practice
- 9:30 am Worship Service**
- 10:45 am Sunday School / Coffee Time

Monday, January 24

- 1:00 pm Mission Quilters (Basement)

Wednesday, January 26

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

Sunday, January 30

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

Monday, January 31

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



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PRAYER

PRAYERS for HEALING, STRENGTH, PEACE:

- ✝ Bruce Hinrichs
- ✝ Ruth Johnson
- ✝ Ivan & Deanna Meints
- ✝ Vivian Reiners
- ✝ Lori & Alan Petersen
- ✝ Marlyn Andresen
- ✝ Karen Bulthuis – continues rehab work after knee surgery at the Care Center
- ✝ Leonard Hilbrands – in Hospice Care at the Cottages in Willmar
- ✝ Lester TerWisscha – hopes to return home soon from Carris Therapy Suites
- ✝ Harlan Ruiter – has been hospitalized and treated for vertigo
- ✝ Troy Sweep – will continue with out-patient rehab for the next several weeks
- ✝ Dennis Erickson – is having back surgery on Wednesday, December 29 in Crookston, MN

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MISSION SPOTLIGHT

Our *Thanksgiving Offering* was given to serve the needs of our RCA/CRC global outreach work. Here is a thank you from World Renew:

"Thank you so much for your recent gift & investment in helping impact lives, both physically and spiritually for Christ! Your generous donation will go a long way in transforming families in need!

God Bless, Phil Smart (World Renew)

JANUARY – CHILDREN OF THE PROMISE

Particularly in light of recent political upheaval in Haiti, **Children of the Promise** is our January mission spotlight. Here is an update:

The past 3 years in Haiti have been very challenging because of political turmoil, the assassination of the president, natural disasters, a countrywide fuel shortage, and many, many more. However, we are thankful that God has always used you to support and partner with us in what we do in Haiti. You are contributing to a great cause!

THANKS

Thank you so much for all the prayers, cards, messages and poinsettia I received following my traumatic brain injury. My prognosis is good, and I continue to improve. I have started to return to work on a limited basis while I continue with out-patient rehabilitation at the Care Center. The power of prayer is amazing! - Troy Sweep

We cannot thank everyone enough for the prayers, encouraging words, cards, and messages.
~The Sweep family

Dear Bethany Prayer Shawl Ladies! What a treat it was to get such a beautiful shawl from you all. I just recently received it from my mother. I can not wait to wrap up in it as I continue to recover from Rib surgery. I am doing okay. Appreciate you & all the prayers. In Love & His name. -Tara Griess

We feel so blessed to be a part of the Bethany Church family. Your love, support, cards and phone calls were welcomed during my recovery from COVID. Also, to the Prayer Shawl members, wrapping the shawl you made for me around my shoulders not only warmed my body, it also warmed my heart. God bless all of you. -Al Ahrenholz

Thank you for all the cards & gifts and for thinking of me & my family during this blessed holiday season.
~Ivy Ruiter

Dear friends at Bethany Reformed Church~

Thank you for the use of your gym for our SAIL fitness class! -Mary Abrahamson, class leader

Thank you to everyone who remembered our family this Christmas season with cards, gifts, and treats. We feel very much appreciated here at Bethany as we get the opportunity to work with the youth groups, children's sermons, and being able to raise our family in such a caring and loving church.
~Todd and Jen Henker

Thank you so much for the beautiful cards, notes, and gifts you have given to me at this wonderful time of year! I love seeing your photos and take great joy in hearing from you! It's an honor and a privilege to worship with you. I look forward to an amazing 2022 . . . and seeing what God has in store for us. Again . . . THANK YOU! Pam Knapper

Sincere thanks from MACPAC for the generous donations from individuals and from Mission Fund to support this weekend food program for MACCRAY students. Your gifts truly reflect the holiday spirit of caring for others. Thank you!

A sincere thank you to the congregation and the leadership of the church for the cards, notes and generous gifts given during this Christmas season. You are a great source of encouragement for both myself and my family. We find joy living and serving together with you! -- Pastor Matt & family

YOUTH NEWS

Jr. High and Sr. High Youth Groups will resume on January 5th. Sr. High will have a special presentation on the 5th of January. Check the Bethany Website under "Youth" for weekly information.

Power connection Sign up:

As the year starts look for information from Todd and on the Bethany website to sign up for this summer's Power Connection at Bethel University. This event will be July 29-31 when signing up please look forward and mark your calendar so that there is no confusion come this summer.

LOCK-IN'S ARE COMING!

- Sr. High lock-in on February 18 from 10 PM – 6 AM. Please sign up at youth group or on Todd's board so I can make plans. Must be here by 10:30 PM or you will not get in.
- Jr. High lock-in will be April 14 for 7-8th graders from 7pm – 6am. This is the Thursday before Easter. There will be a service that night starting at 7 and you need to be at that service to attend the lock in. There will be a sign up on Todd's board for those interested in attending.

MISSION OPPORTUNITY

Sr. High Mission Opportunity this summer: I am checking to see if there is any interest in going to Sioux Falls this summer for a mission trip. There is a 3 or a 5-day option that we can chose from and the cost will reflect the amount of days that we are gone. Right now, this is just to see who is interested, but we will have to make a definite decision by the end of January. Check out the information on Todd's board if you didn't see it at the Christmas Party.

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

Luke 2:14

"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men on whom his favor rests."

What an amazing Christmas season of gathering and worshipping together we have had! In sharing at the congregational meeting, this was one of my highlights . . . being together again. So, a large portion of my heart is filled with joy. But there is a part that is aching as well . . . aching for those of you who are unable to gather for reasons of health and uncertainty. You are being covered in prayer and are not forgotten. We pray that the JOY of Christmas is hovering around your homes even though the enemy seeks to steal this JOY.

Entering a new year is always another JOY to me as I love new beginnings. As we travel this journey of life together, let's continue to encourage one another, be patient with one another, love one another, forgive . . . and seek to maintain the JOY that we've experienced this Christmas season.

"Now, may the Lord bless you and protect you.

May the Lord smile on you and be gracious to you.

the Lord show you his favor and give you, his peace."

Numbers 6:24-26

Consistory Positions & Committees 2022

President

Pastor Matthew Miller

Vice President

John Madsen

Clerk

Chuck DeGrote

Chairman of the Deacons

John Hagemeyer

General Fund Treasurer

Riley Aeikens

Mission Fund Treasurer

Ryan Wubben

Building Fund Treasurer

David Hinrichs

Cemetery Fund Treasurer

Wade Buss

Worship Committee

*Cory Sietsema

Kim Sandry

Jeff Asche

Pam Knapper

Leadership Committee

*Chuck DeGrote

Keith Klinghagen

Brad Hebrink

Riley Aeikens

John Madsen

Pastor Matt Miller

Education & Youth Committee

*Riley Aeikens

Wade Buss

Nate Bourne

Todd Henker

Mission/Outreach Committee

*Calvin Harms

Scott Ruiter

Ryan Wubben

Fellowship/Congregational Care

*Roger Knapper

Ron Thomton

Jeremy Aeikens

Property Committee

*David Hinrichs

John Hagemeyer

Randy Klinghagen

January

Anniversaries

- 6 Roger & Leann Knapper
23 Daniel & Kelli Rath



Birthdays

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|----------------------|----------------------|---------------------|
| 1 Larry Hinrichs | 13 Cindy Klinghagen | 26 Harvey Koenen |
| 3 Jonathan Grussing | 13 Lane Schwitters | 27 Laurie Vreeman |
| 3 Matthew Koenen | 13 Grady Pauling | 28 Aaden Strommer |
| 3 Rhys Schwitters | 14 Virgil Hoekstra | 28 Toby Miller |
| 4 Tomka Johnson | 15 Blaine Westerman | 29 Connie Knapper |
| 6 Janice Caspers | 16 Madison Asche | 29 Madisyn Niemeyer |
| 6 Gabe Henker | 18 Everett Buss | 30 Mark Hilbrands |
| 6 Ron Wiebold | 18 Tiffany Mogard | 30 Keith Loe |
| 7 Pat Seeman | 19 Brooks Asche | 30 Lori Petersen |
| 8 Mark Lalim | 21 Sharon Wieberdink | 31 Megan Struxness |
| 10 Cheri Melin | 21 Nathan Hebrink | 31 Velma Feldman |
| 10 Ashley Palmer | 22 Craig Groen | 31 Ruth Johnson |
| 11 Jackson Carpenter | 24 Deb Wubben | 31 Elizabeth Koenen |
| 12 Sharon Doesken | 24 Emeric Koenen | 31 Matt Tebben |
| 12 Sandi Koenen | 24 Ashlie Wubben | |