

*Third Sunday in Advent*





# **BETHEL CHURCH**

**December 14, 2014 ~ 10:30am**

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***We welcome you warmly in the name of Jesus Christ!***

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*Advent Prayer*

*Advent Candle Lighting*

*Welcome and Greetings*

*Pastor Arlan Koppendrayer*

*Songs of Praise & Worship*

*~ Children age 4 – Grade 1 are dismissed to Children in Worship ~*

*Morning Prayer*

*Elder Rob Braun*

*Offering*

*General Fund*

*God Speaks Through His Word*

*Luke 1:39-56*

*Red Bible ~ Page 1013*

*Black Bible ~ Page 724*

*Message*

*“What's Mary Singing About?”*

*Pastor Arlan Koppendrayer*

*Prayer*

*Parting Blessing*

*Pastor Arlan Koppendrayer*

*Closing Song*

***Come, let us PRAY together!***

*We recognize the importance of coming together and praying for personal concerns. Please feel free to come up front after our service and someone will pray with you for whatever you would like to hold up to our great God. All prayer matters are kept confidential.*

*Your Sheltering Tree Prayer Team*



## ***WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT BETHEL!***

***Thank you for joining us today! If you are visiting us today for the first time, please feel free to help yourself to a gift from the welcome basket located in the Gathering Place. Please return as we would love to get to know you better!***

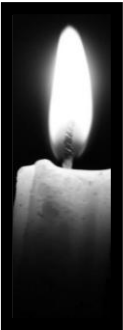
**WELCOME PASTOR ARLAN KOPPENDRAYER** who is with us for our Advent series. He will be focusing on the songs in the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> chapters in the Book of Luke. God lifts up the lowly and humbles the powerful; following through on all He said He would do. In Jesus, God makes "heaven and nature sing!"

**TODAY AT 4:00PM** our Bethel Sunday School will perform their Christmas play, "A Child is Born." You are invited to come and bring your family, friends and neighbors to enjoy their performance and a light meal. If you are able, please bring a plate of cookies to share!



**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING – Monday, December 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm.** You will have an opportunity to come and voice your comments regarding the letter you recently received from our Council. For easy reference, there is a list of all of our Bethel Districts posted on the side of the mailboxes if you wish to contact your Elder or Deacon prior to the meeting.

**PRODIGAL GOD** - This coming January at Bethel Church we will begin a new church-wide study/small group series based on Tim Keller's book *The Prodigal God*. Check your church mailboxes for more information. We look forward to seeing how God will work in our congregation during this time.



**THE WOMEN OF COFFEE BREAK invite you to their Christmas Celebration, "Watch for the Light", Tuesday, December 16<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am!** Brunch will be served and children will be cared for in our wonderful children's area. Please bring a friend and enjoy a morning of song and celebration! In honor of the gift given to us in Jesus, a gift will be presented to all who come!

**CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS WITH BETHEL CHURCH – Wednesday, Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> for our traditional Candlelight Service at 5:00pm!** We look forward to family & friends joining us!

**MEN TO ACTION** will meet on Tuesday of this week due to the Congregational Meeting.

**STITCH AND SHARE** is cancelled until further notice due to the holidays and the start of small groups. If you have any questions, please talk with Joan La Grew @ 763.300.0110.



# Happening in our family!

**THANK YOU TO MANY WHO CARE FOR US AT BETHEL CHURCH!**  
 Special mention needs to be made for the help that Leroy Koppendrayer has given this past week in repairing our furnace and sprinkler system. *Just for the record, we appreciate you, LeRoy!*

**BETHEL DIRECTORY is in the works!** Connie Bartz has pulled together the information which we have in our database and we would like you to confirm your information prior to printing. We have also left room for you to add any additional information which you would like published. Cell phone numbers were left off where there is a landline. If you would like your cell listed, be sure to add it in the space provided. If you cannot find your name and would like to include your information in the Bethel Directory, please add your information on the page provided. Any questions and be directed to Connie at 763.389.3535 or Bonnie at 763.389.5715. All information is needed by Jan. 1, 2015. Thank you!



**WILD GAME FEED!** The Ignite Youth Group is beginning to get ready for their upcoming **Wild Game Feed on January 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm.** The students are already beginning to round-up donations. If you would like to donate something to be used as a Door Prize or Silent Auction Item, talk to either Geoff Bazuin or Troy Payment. We would love to have you join us in that way. We would also love to have you join us the evening of our event. Please clear your calendars on the evening of January 24th and join us for a great evening and hear about our upcoming service project.

**ADULT RETREAT – March 13 – 15, 2015 with Pastor Arlan Koppendrayer.** We will be meeting again at McQuoids Inn and Event Center in Isle, MN. Please mark your calendars and watch for more information to come soon!

Happy December Birthday

Joseph Dahl	3	Adam Price	9	Joel De Haan	18	Dustin Ulferts	23
Carol Van De Riet	4	Andrew Workman	9	Lindsey Philaya	18	Leah Schlieff	26
Heather Van Zee	4	Wayne McMinn	11	Amanda Weldon	19	Hannah Sohre	26
Tara Weldon	4	Judy Schlieff	11	Terri Krahnke	20	Brian Van Zee	26
Joseph Rosenberg	5	Tracee De Haan	12	Terri Tadych	20	Abbi McCray	27
Melissa Dahl	6	Rae Ann Koppendrayer	14	Harrington (Bolduc)	21	Bonnie Olson	29
Ann Mulder	8	Nicki Baumann	15	Marlys Tellinghuisen	21	Kara Timmer	29
Karen Jean Schreur	8	Kimmy Quale	15	Tonnie Huonder	22	Lynn Swanson	30
						Kerry Wallskog	30

# Happening in our neighborhood!

**CHRISTMAS GIVING PROGRAM NEEDS!** Did you bring your gifts today?

- If you did not, please let Bonnie know when you will have the gift available.
- Cookies can be brought to Bethel by Tuesday Noon.
- If you would like to volunteer to help in the sorting of the many gifts, please see Bonnie **TODAY!**



*Thank you to many who have graciously participated in this program for our greater community!*

**CHRISTMAS VILLAGE DISPLAY at the Princeton Depot – Friday, 19<sup>th</sup> from 1pm – 6pm and Saturday, 20<sup>th</sup> from 10am – 5pm.** Come and enjoy a large lighted display including farms, ski mountains, towns, a Christmas parade, fish houses on a lake, animated pieces, ice castle and much more. Children's Christmas stories will be read each Saturday between 12 Noon and 1pm. All kids are welcome. Sponsored by: Thrift with a Twist, Central MN Art Co-op, Princeton Chamber of Commerce and Debbie Knight. Freewill donations to the Princeton Depot will be accepted and appreciated.

<b>Servant Schedule</b>	<b><u>SUNDAY</u></b>	<b><u>December 14</u></b> <b><u>3rd Sunday in Advent</u></b>	<b><u>December 21</u></b> <b><u>4th Sunday in Advent</u></b>	<b><u>Christmas Eve</u></b> <b><u>Dec. 24 5:00pm Service</u></b>
	South Door Greeters:	M&T Baas	S&D Droogsma	S&D Gould
	North Door Greeters:	G&R Bazuin	B&B Olson	D&P Gorham
	Main Door Greeters:	J&N Baas	L&K Erickson	J&J De Haan
	Ushers & Response Folders:	Rob B. / Garry G.	Rob B. / Garry G.	Rob B. / Garry G.
	Christ Candle:	None	None	None
	Children in Worship Leader:	Julie DH	Bonnie O.	
	Greeters:	Tracelyn DH / Jolene H.	Rachel R. / Toben DH	None
	Feast Provider:	Hope V.	Bonnie O.	
	Nursery:	Rachel R. / Kimmy Q.	Darlynn G. / Justin V.	Anna P. / Toben DH
Coffee Café:	J&T Huonder / C&P Kingsbury	T&H Kittok / J&T Hyrkas	None	
Second Offering:	None	Ministry Shares	None	

<b>Deacon's Corner</b>	<b><u>FISCAL YEAR 2014/2015</u></b>			
	<b><u>GENERAL FUND:</u></b>	<b><u>ACTUAL</u></b>	<b><u>BUDGET</u></b>	<b><u>+/-VARIANCE</u></b>
	Offering Received on 12/7/2014:	\$ 5,407.00	\$ 4,741.40	\$ 665.60
	Offerings Received Year-to-Date:	\$ 86,936.36	\$ 90,086.60	\$ (3,150.24)
	<b><u>BUILDING FUND:</u></b>			
	Debt Reduction Received YTD (PY 7/31/15)	\$ 2,228.99		
<b><u>SPECIAL FUND:</u></b>				
Second Offering – GEMS 12/7/14	\$ 466.00			

# ***Bethel Prayer ~ December 7 - 13***



## **PRAISES:**

- Longing for Jesus' second ADVENT. He is coming! Is your heart ready?
- Pastor Arlan Koppendrayer and the messages from God's Word
- Sunday School teachers and students as they present their Christmas pageant at 4pm today
- Council members who are trusting God for guidance and direction for Bethel
- Bonnie, Jason, Wes Geurkink, & LeRoy Koppendrayer who work tirelessly for Bethel
- IGNITE preparing cookies for Giving Tree and plates of goodies to our own church family
- Many helping with the Giving Tree this week in distributing presents
- Coffee Break program this coming Tuesday morning –thankful for many participating
- Healing and diagnosis for Norma Baas-dermatomyositis; medication is relieving the pain--  
Praise God

## **CONCERNS:**

- Upcoming Congregational Meeting Dec 15 – May there be understanding and good communication with the Spirit's leading very evident
- Jerry Herman's successful 4 bypass heart surgery - rapid recovery, patience and strength for both Barb and Jerry as they lean on the Lord together
- Healing coming to Lynn Swanson and God's precious care in her hip surgery Monday
- **BABIES:** Amy (Kiel) Edsel baby boy C-section January 30; Baziuns; Schmidts-Justin and Nicole; Totzkes' awaiting their baby girl through adoption; Jenica and Mike Angst as they await word/direction on their little Brianna who they are fostering right now
- Archie Vander Hart, pastor of Faith CRC, New Brighton to find the original cancer site and be able to treat it successfully - strength and comfort for him and his family and church
- Ogilvie New Hope CRC vote to close its doors Dec 31, 2014. May these members be comforted and find another church to become a part of and to continue to work for God's Kingdom
- Janelle P.'s unborn nephew due in Feb. – parents to put their trust in Jesus Christ, acceptance of God's will and miracles in the delivery, surgery and healing
- **GRIEVING:** Many in our church family have lost loved ones - remember them in your prayers
- **ILLNESS:** Bev Boeke; Esther--Schlieff daughter; Julie De Haan to be diagnosed correctly and that it will be treatable; John Hyrkas' treatment for prostate cancer; Reed's brother-in-law Rob with Lymphoma, Chris K recovery from hip replacement in Milaca Elim Home, Rebecca S. grandpa David
- May we as the body of Christ seek peace and unity along with the truth of the Gospel-be with small churches struggling right now
- Families in turmoil because of broken relationships-healing only the Lord can bring

# ***Bethel's ministries need your help!***

***We thank our faithful ministry leaders for offering their service in so many areas at Bethel! It's now time for others to step up, to offer their help and see how fulfilling service to Bethel can be! Here are some opportunities:***

***CARE BASKETS & MEALS TO THOSE IN NEED:*** Ginny Reed has faithfully cared for many of us in creating care baskets and calling when meals are needed. It is now necessary for her to pass the baton to someone else. If you would like to find out more about how to care for others in this way, please contact Ginny, 763.389.2950 or Bonnie, 763.389.5715. In the meantime, any contributions you would like to make to the baskets can be placed on top of the mailboxes in our of the labeled boxes. Thank you!

***DECORATING FOR THE SEASONS:*** We are so thankful for Barb, Jerry, LeRoy and Carolyn who faithfully prepare Bethel for our changing seasons. They need help bringing boxes down from upstairs and assisting them in decorating. As you can tell, it is very rewarding to see the fruit of their efforts. Please talk with the Hermans, 763.633.1269, Koppendrayers, 763.389.1490 or Bonnie, 763.389.5715 to find out more and offer your help!

***CDs NEEDED:*** GEMS is in need of old CDs for a project that they will be working on soon. Please talk with Melissa Terpstra to offer CDs at 320.983.2210.

***BOYS' CLUB:*** This week the boys began constructing radio controlled airplanes in anticipation of flying them next spring. If you have any equipment or would like to join us or lend your expertise, please join us on Wednesday night. See Greg Schiebout, 320.983.5114 or Tom Kittok, 320.983.2414 for more information.

***LIBRARY:*** We have several new additions for the library. We've added several new sets added to our youth area and we are working on increasing our selection of younger children's books since most of these are currently placed in our quiet bags for church. We are looking for a copy of "The 5 Love Languages" by Gary Smalley if you have a copy you would be willing to lend out or donate. Contact: Vonda Schiebout 320.983.5114.

***HOSPITALITY:*** If you are willing to assist with our upcoming Sunday School Christmas meal or events in the future, please contact Carolyn Koppendrayner, 763.389.1490



# Calendar

Sunday, December 14	9:30am	Sunday School Small Groups
3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Advent	10:30am	Worship – Pastor Arlan Koppendrayer
	4:00pm	“A Child is Born” Sunday School Program & Light Meal – please bring cookies!
Monday, December 15	7:00pm	Congregational Meeting
Tuesday, December 16	9:30am	Coffee Break Christmas Event
	12 Noon	Cookies Due @ Bethel for CGP
	6:00pm	IGNITE Packing Cookies for CGP
	7:00pm	Men to Action
Wednesday, December 17	7:00am	Prayer at Bethel
	8:30am	Christmas Giving Program Sorting – Stay as long as you can – Christ our Light Church
	5:30pm	Wednesday’s Table
	6:00pm	GEMS & Boys’ Club
	6:15pm	1 <sup>st</sup> John Bible Study
Sunday, December 21	9:30am	Sunday School Small Groups
4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Advent	10:30am	Worship –Pastor Arlan Koppendrayer
<b>Worship with us!</b>		
Wed., Dec. 24 Christmas Eve	5:00pm	Candlelight Service - Pastor Arlan Koppendrayer
Sunday, December 28	10:30am	Worship – Rob Braun
January 4 – February 15	10:30am	Worship - Jason Ruis
January 18	10:30am	MN Teen Challenge Choir

We invite you to go to: [www.bethelprinceton.com](http://www.bethelprinceton.com), for more information on our ministries and also to hear our archived sermons; just click on “Sermons.”

*Connecting people to God and to each other for the glory of God!*

### **OUR MISSION STATEMENT**

*The mission of Bethel Church is to glorify God in worship and our daily living, to evangelize His world, and to connect people to God so that they become part of a Christian community. We will accomplish this through prayer, joyful worship, Biblical training, use of spiritual gifts, Christian fellowship, and outreach in our community.*

### **OUR MINISTRIES**

<i>Prayer Groups</i>	<i>Sunday School</i>	<i>Worship</i>	<i>Stitch &amp; Share</i>
<i>BAC2ONE</i>	<i>Music Ministry</i>	<i>Care Baskets</i>	<i>Children in Worship</i>
<i>Just for You!</i>	<i>Bethel Garden</i>	<i>Adult Retreat</i>	<i>Booktalk Bookclub</i>
<i>Youth – Grades 1 – 6:</i>	<i>GEMS Girls Club &amp; Boys Club</i>		
<i>Youth - Grades 7 - 12:</i>	<i>IGNITE</i>		
<i>Women:</i>	<i>Coffee Break w/Children’s Programs,</i>		
	<i>Women’s Prayer Group, Stit̄ch &amp; Share</i>		
<i>Men:</i>	<i>Men to Action!</i>		
<i>Adult Small Groups:</i>	<i>List available from the Bethel Office</i>		
<i>Hospitality:</i>	<i>Carolyn Koppendrayer</i>		



### **OUR COUNCIL**

<u><b>ELDERS</b></u>	<i>Mark Baas</i>	<i>Rob Braun</i>	<i>Joel De Haan</i>
	<i>Wes Geurkink</i>	<i>El La Grew</i>	<i>John Schmidt</i>
<u><b>DEACONS</b></u>	<i>Lance Erickson</i>	<i>Garry Gray</i>	<i>Carolyn Koppendrayer</i>
	<i>Jeff Rice</i>	<i>Dorothy Swanson</i>	<i>Brian Weldon</i>

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