

SERVING TODAY

Nursery: for infants - 3 years old
Henry & Angie Wood

Greeters: Irv & Kathy Rozenboom
Terry Dippold, Darrel Van Der Kamp

Sunday School: Brenda Schuling, Jessie Wells

Worship Team: Audrey Haverdink, Connie Landhuis,
Darin Reed, Doug Reed, Irv Rozenboom,
Kathy Rozenboom

Power Point: Gabe Smith

Sound: Ryan Smith

THIS WEEK AT BETHANY

Wednesday: 5:30 pm Supper - \$1.50 per person
6:15 pm GEMS & Cadets, Classes
Saturday: Christmas Party

NEXT SUNDAY

9:15 am Sunday School

SERVING NEXT SUNDAY

Nursery: Vonnie Whitmore, Sydney Peer

Sunday School: Brenda Schuling, Jessie Wells

Greeters: Cres & Ev Vos
Bob Snyder, Tony Dorman

Worship Team: Audrey Haverdink, Anna Van Der Weide,
Kent Whitmore, Heather Wood

Power Point: Gabe Smith

Sound: Joey Reed



BETHANY REFORMED CHURCH

December 2, 2018
10:30 a.m.

Glorifying God with Our Words

Lighting of the First Advent Candle

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel #163 v.1,2,4

Prayer

I Will Call Upon the Lord

As the Deer

Children ages preschool through 6th grade
may be dismissed to Sunday School

Prayer

Glorifying God with Our Tithes

Glorifying God with Our Attention

Scripture – Jeremiah 31:29-34 p.1227

Message – *Longing for a New Day*

Prayer in Response to God's Word

Communion

Celebrating Our God

It Is Well with My Soul #554 v.1,3,4

Benediction

Continuing to Worship as We Go

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

VISITORS...

Welcome! We are glad you are here with us today and hope you will return. We pray that you are blessed by our time of worship together. Please fill out one of the friendship cards found in the pew racks and place it in the offering plate. Thank you!

WELCOME...

to Pastor Carl Boersma who will be leading our worship service this morning.

CONDOLENCES...

- to Emily & Bailey Hodson and the entire Hodson family on the death of David last Sunday.
- Rev. Norman Van Heukelom pastored Bethany Reformed Church in the early 1950's. His wife, Ruth, passed away November 20 in Holland, Michigan.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS SHOEBOXES...

We sent in 22 shoeboxes to be distributed to children all over the world. Thank you for your donations.

THIS YEAR'S CHRISTMAS OFFERING...

has been designated for the Bethany Preschool. If you would like to take a peek at the kids who attend, you have a great opportunity on Monday, **December 17**, at 6:30 p.m. at their Christmas program. Come see!

PULPIT SUPPLY...

December 9: Pastor Duane Laman
December 16: Pastor Craig Wagner
December 23: Pastor Duane Laman
December 30: Pastor Carl Boersma
January 6: Pastor Carl Boersma
January 13: Pastor Duane Laman
January 20: Pastor Carl Boersma

OFFERING ENVELOPES...

If you do not currently have offering envelopes and you would like to have them for 2019, please let Susan Cowles know. Or, if you currently have offering envelopes but you no longer need them (i.e. give online), please let Susan Cowles know. Thank you so much for your faithful giving!

MITTEN & HAT TREE...

Bethany is accepting mittens, gloves, scarves, hats, and caps of all sizes to donate to the Saydel Clothes Closet for needy area families. Items can be placed in the collection box in the entry through **December 9**.

TAX TIME PREPARATION...

For any tithes or offerings to be included in your 2018 giving statement, they must be received by Sunday, **December 30**, 2018. The final deposit of the year will be made on Monday, December 31, 2018. You may designate your gift for any project or ministry you would like to support. Thank you for your faithful giving!



Longing for a New Day Jeremiah 31:29-34

JOIN US FOR OUR...

- Christmas Party on Saturday, **December 8**
- Bethany Preschool Christmas Program on Monday, **December 17**. The children will be singing about winter, Christmas, and the reason for the season. The program will start at 6:30 p.m., with refreshments following.
- Christmas Program on Wednesday, **December 19**. Supper at 5:30 p.m. and program at 6:30 p.m. are free of charge. Donations will be accepted for area school children's needs.
- Christmas Eve Service at 5:00 p.m. on Monday, **December 24**.

1. Marks of a New Day – INTEGRITY OF HEART (v. 33)
 - Not external adherence to traditions
 - Authentic before God
 - Compassion towards others
 - Integrity
2. Marks of a New Day – RELATIONSHIP WITH OTHERS (v. 33)
 - Forgiven before God
 - Needing other Christ followers
 - Caring for those disconnected
3. Marks of a New Day – PERSONAL KNOWLEDGE OF GOD (v. 34)
 - Personally experiencing God
 - Maturing in Jesus
 - Empowered by the Holy Spirit
4. Marks of a New Day – FREEDOM FROM SIN (v. 34)
 - Forgiven our sin! (v. 34)
 - Exchanging deadness for life! Psalm 103:1-3
 - Living each day new and free! Romans 8:2

Conclusion: The power of God to penetrate even the seemingly hardest of hearts is often as surprising as it is relentless!