

Bethany Christian Reformed Church

WORSHIP CELEBRATION



Lord's Day 51



December 22 2013 4th Sunday of Advent **9:30 am**

✠ WE ENTER TO WORSHIP GOD

Preparation for praise and worship of our God

Prelude.....Music

Welcome and Invitation to Worship

*Opening Song of Worship

.....PH337 Joy to the World

*Call to Worship

*God's Greeting and Prayers of Adoration

*Greeting one another with the peace of Jesus the Christ

*Songs of Praise

.....Salvation is Born

.....PH329 Come Thou Long Expected Jesus

Bethany Kids.....Jesus, Joy in the Highest Heaven

Lords Supper

Advent of Joy Litany

(Bethany Kids: ages 3-8 invited downstairs for Children's Church)

✠ REPENTANCE AND PRAISE

Congregational Prayer of God's People

The Lord's Tithe and our Offerings

1. Ministries here at Bethany and the CRC

2. Deacons

✠ WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

Prayer that our hearts may be opened to the Word of God

Scripture: Mark 1:1-13

Message.....Pastor Jim Pot

"God on the Loose"

Prayer of blessing on the message

✠ WE RESPOND TO GOD WITH JOY

*Hymn of Response

.....Joy has dawned Upon the World

*Closing Prayer, blessing and sending out

*Closing songs of thankfulness

.....Salvation Belongs to Our God

✠ WE LEAVE TO SERVE WITH CONFIDENCE

*Postlude..... Music

[* Please stand if you are able]

Welcome to those who are visiting today. Please take the time to fill out the Visitor Prayer Card. ☺

Bethany is part of a denomination called the Christian Reformed Church in North America ☺

Prayer Request? Please fill in the card found in front of you in the pew, and place in the offering bag.

Please join us after the *Service of Word* for fellowship & coffee in the fellowship hall.

Child-care is available for both infants and toddlers located in the lower level of the church.

Invite you to join the prayer team before the service at 8:30am. They gather in Sunday School Rm#3 interceding for God's people, as God's people gather to worship in Spirit & in Truth.

Missed a sermon? Like to catch up? ... sermons are available on the website for you to listen to.

LARGE print bulletins available - ask Denise if you would like one and she will print weekly!

📞 need some help hearing? Ask one of the ushers for a hearing aid ☺.

This LORD's Day

9:00am Prayer time in the Fireside Room

9:30am Worship Celebration

The LORD's Week

Tues. 6:00pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Wed. 10:00am Christmas Day Service

Next LORD's Day

8:30am Prayer Time downstairs in Sunday School Rm#3

9:30am Worship Celebration - there will be NO Sunday School for the 6-8 year olds. Pastor Jim Pot will lead our worship service.

LiFE Here at Bethany – future dates (DV)

Jan. 1, 2014 - New Year's Day Combined Service at Riverside CRC at 10:00am



Bethany's Family Update

Birthdays: Ellen Dykstra, Frank Bouwers, Kyler Garner, Devon VanHoffen

Anniversaries: Rob & Glenda Bouwers

Praise & Prayer:

-Continued prayer for **Pastor Colin & Anita VanderPloeg** as they begin the preparations for their move here to Bethany. Pray for their sons, **Jonathan, Derek and Joseph** as they have to make some decisions about staying in BC or moving here.

-**Luke Smit** is at Shalom—room #19 on Mapleview.

- Continue to keep in prayer **Dylan VanDriel, Caleb** (Karen Bylsma's nephew) and **Dan Mulder** (Sarah Stuive's brother).

-Others who are **ill** in our community of faith.

-Prayer for all the **college and university students** who are home for the Christmas season. May they have a blessed time with their families.

-Pray for those who have struggles in their **marriages and relationships**, especially during this season

-Pray for those who are **alone** during this season—for an awareness of God's presence and comfort

Partners in Global Ministry:

*Continued prayer for **Tom & Deb deRuiter** who are serving in Mali, West Africa.

***Devon Van Hoffen** serving in Africa. Pray that Devon will be bold in sharing the gospel and loving in his service.

Check out his blog at www.devonvanhoffen.wordpress.com

***Elise Wierenga & Cassaundra Vanderhout** are home for the Christmas Season. May they have a blessed time with their families.

-Those who do not know Christ:

*Pray that God would soften their hearts

*Pray that God would tear down walls and the wrong perceptions they may have of Him so they will come to know Him truly as He is

*Pray that God would open their eyes to their need for Him

*Pray that God would give us words, courage, and wisdom to know when to speak and how to reflect Him through our actions

Is it your turn to serve today? ☺

Children's Church/Sunday School:

3 year olds- Vicky DenBak, Cassidy Kiers

4 year olds- Becky VanLochem, Connor DenBak

5 year olds- Brenda Boverhof, Natalie Langendoen

****Attention All Sitters: please arrive no later than 9:15am when it is your turn to serve in the Nursery/Toddler Room-thanks****

Nursery-Babies: Tracy VanSoelen, Rosie Enzlin, Nelly Scholman, Brittney Dykstra

Toddlers: Lindsay Janssen, Debbie Boverhof, Cadence Kiers

Projection: Kurt

Sound: Mike

Ushers: Chris Smit, Mary Bokma

Greeters(Fellowship Hall, Floaters & Doors): Cor & Ina VanSoelen, Gerry & Cynthia Vermeer, Joanne Dam

Coffee Servers: Gerry & Cynthia Vermeer, John & Joanne Zwier

Email / Letter to de Ruiter's: Ben & Joanne Benson

Address: Mr. Tom and Deb de Ruiter, B.P.2210, Bamako, Mali, West Africa – adiallo_78@hotmail.com

Christmas Eve

Babies: Kelly Bosgraaf-Dam, Caroline Janssens, Kate Vahrmeyer, Kaitlyn Langendoen

Toddlers: Ans Roorda, Stephanie Wegelin, Bailey DenBak

Christmas Day

Babies: Laura Janssen, Tanya Lane, Anita Wierenga, Sierra Kiers

Toddlers: Sarah Janssen, Jody VanderStelt, James Slappendel

Is it your turn to serve next Lords Day? ☺

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5 year olds- Brenda Boverhof, Natalie Langendoen

Nursery-Babies: Janelle Roorda, Sharon Hielema, Glenda Bouwers

Toddlers: Joanne Dam, Hilda Dam, Joshua deRoos

Projection: Veronica

Sound: Mike

Ushers: Richard VanLochem

Coffee Servers: Chris Smit, Brian & Debbie Prins

Email / Letter to de Ruiter's: Dick & Eb Bokma

Kingdom 'Building' – Ministry Funding / Budget Update

The Joy of Ministry till November 30, 2013

	PLAN	ACTUAL
INFLOWS	\$349,689.23	\$374,614.79
OUTFLOWS	\$349,689.23	\$319,450.36
Classis Shares 2013 Commitment		\$13,465.32
Classis Shares paid to date		\$12,343.32
Denominational Shares 2013 Commitment.....		\$59,521.32
Denominational Shares paid to date.....		\$55,556.32
2 nd Offering last week (December 8 th & 15 th)		
Deacons.....		\$1,455.00
Shalom Manor.....		\$1,331.00
deRuiters.....		\$50.00
Denominational Shares.....		\$75.00

Offerings

The 1st offering today will be for the ministries here at Bethany & the CRC and the 2nd: Deacons

Christmas Day: World Renew

Next week's 2nd offering: Deacons

Welcome to Bethany!

We want to thank you for joining us for the worship of our God and Creator.

Here at Bethany, we strive to give God glory by communicating His message in a way that is Gospel (Christ) Centred.

God relishes the praises of His people.



"Sing to the Lord a new song."