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Bethany Reformed Church Monthly Newsletter/November 2020



God is Amazing! The things he does and when he does them are Amazing. Have you ever truly noticed how God's timing is perfect? He shows up at the moment you least expect those moments when you are not sure if you are doing the right thing. There he is, in all his glory, his perfect timing, showing up when we need him the most. Getting our attention to make sure we know he is there, and he has not left our side.

Sometime ago, our youth group was discussing respect, which lead to how we are called to be there for each other. To lift each other up in time of need, no matter who we are. I think Romans 12: 10-16 says it best. It says we are to honor one another, never lack in Zeal, but keep our spiritual fervor. Bless those who persecute you, live in harmony, don't be proud and willing to associate with people of low position. Do not be conceited.

We would like to say that this group learned a little about being there, just as Romans 12 instructs us. That we need to be there for everyone at any given moment, not just when we are hanging with our friends, and no matter who you are. Just as Jesus did wherever he traveled. A good reminder for us all to keep our eyes and heart open each and every day.

From these discussions we decided to do some events to reach out and help. The upcoming events the youth groups are doing to help is purchasing meals for Thanksgiving for local

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NOVEMBER 2020

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 9:30am Worship Rachel Kelderman <i>Daylight Savings Time Ends</i>	2	3 Heather Sehr	4 Family Night Weston Bennett	5 Daxton Winter	6 Ken Hyronimus Kari Winquist	7 Roger & Levy Sehr
8 9:30am Worship Veteran's Service 6pm Consistory Mtg John Haverhals Harriet Roskham Eric Zomer	9 Angela Baune Corbin Winquist	10 Craig Wiersma	11 Family Night <i>Veteran's Day</i>	12 Katie Boote	13 Jade Johnson	14 Charlie & Pearl Hilt
15 9:30am Worship	16	17	18 Family Night Karly Jorgenson Journey Nelson Tim & Jill Devitt	19 Avery Garbers	20 Emily Souvignier	21
22 9:30am Worship Thanksgiving Service	23 Wilbur Zeilstra	24	25	26 Anton Hall Caden Rohrich Thanksgiving Day	27	28 Samantha Winter Skye Seal
29 9:30am Worship 1st Week of Advent Jacob Van De Stroet Tim & LaVonna Lems	30					



**Bless Children Around the World
Without Leaving Home**

Now more than ever, children need great joy! You can give boys and girls in need a tangible expression of God's love through a gift-filled shoebox packed from your computer or handheld device. In just a few clicks, you can select toys and other fun items to include as well as a letter and photo to delight the heart of a child. After we pack and ship shoeboxes like yours overseas, local believers share the

Gospel of Jesus Christ with children as they distribute them. As a result, families are reached, new churches are started, and communities are transformed. It all begins with you. Pack a shoebox online today!

www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/buildonline

Family Night

Family Night is held Wednesday evenings from 6:45-8:00pm.

GEMS (girls) 1st -5th grade.

Future Life Leaders (boys) 1st -5th grade.

Action Group- 6th-8th grade students.

RCYF- 9th-12th grade students.

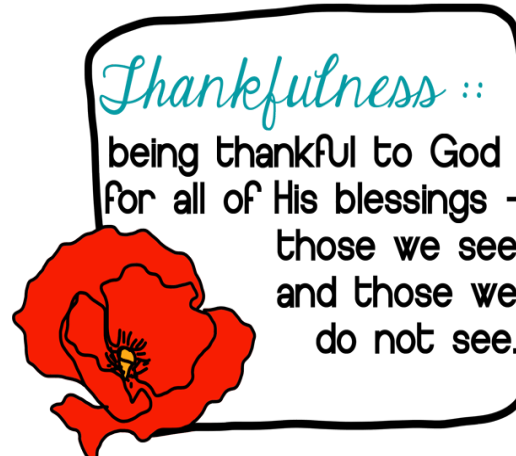
**Consistory Meeting Sunday,
November 8.**

Anyone seeking transfer of membership, profession of faith or baptism is welcome to come to the Elder's mtg at 6PM. The Deacon's will meet at 6:30PM and full consistory at 7PM

**Let's restock Canton's Food
Pantry!**

Bring nonperishable food items to the Thanksgiving Service on Sunday, November 22nd.

If you can help deliver these items to the food pantry on the 23rd, please contact Pastor Al.



Join us for Bethany's **yearly Congregational Meeting** on Sunday, December 6th, 2020. We will vote in 2 new Elders and 1 new Deacon, as well as review the budget for 2020.

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families. In December they will be purchasing gifts for families in need of a hand up. They are even making pot pies to help raise funds for their upcoming events in 2021.

In closing we hope the youth groups will inspire you to keep your eyes open as to where God is showing up in your life.

Your Youth Leaders, Kris Jorgenson, Dwaine and Rhonda Tiedemann,
Austin Gates, Cody Van De Stroet, Eric McGilvray

Monthly Servants

Sound Room/PowerPoint

- 1- Jerome VDS & Gerrett Devitt
- 8- Tim Lems & Elijah VDS
- 15- Joe Kelderman & Lorna Haverhals
- 22- Tim Devitt & Jordan VDS
- 29- Jerome VDS & Bubba Bierschbach

Praise Team

- 1- Brenda Van Zee, Kate Devitt, Karren Peterson, Tami Van De Stroet
- 8- Kristi Robinson, Nancy Feekes, Mel VDS, LaVonna Lems
- 15- Mel VDS, Breanna Bierschbach, Angela Baune, Nancy Feekes
- 22- Brenda Van Zee, LaVonna Lems, Karren & Brad Peterson
- 29- Praise Band

CELEBRATE

Khloe Marie Bennett was born to Shawn and Taylor Bennett on October 21. Khloe weighed in at 3lbs 2oz. She will spend some time in the NICU before joining her big sister Ava and big brother Weston at home.

Proud Grandparents: Jennifer & David Jacobsma

Proud Great Grandparents: Conrad & Linda Baker



In Search of Singers:

If you're interested in singing Sunday mornings with the Praise Team, please let Rachel Kelderman know. She'd love to add a few more people into the rotation. Let her know if you are willing to share your God given gifts and talents.

Thank you

For, "All people are like grass, and all their glory is like the flowers of the field; the grass withers and the flowers fall, but the word of the Lord endures forever." And this is the word that was preached to you.

1 Peter 1:24-25



28 Reasons to be Thankful Every day

Having an attitude of gratitude helps us to remember all the good things that God has given to us. Oftentimes

we are tempted to dwell at all the negative things that are happening in our lives.

The enemy doesn't want us to be thankful because he knows that when we are grateful, we live more contented lives and are more willing to share the love of Jesus with others.

Even though you may be going through the worst time of your life right now, you can still find something to be thankful for. The Bible reminds us to be thankful as well:

In everything give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.

[1 Thessalonians 5:18](#)

Whenever I am tempted to be depressed or worried, I take some time to make a list of the things I can be thankful for today.

It helps to put things into perspective and reminds me that even though things may not be that awesome right now, God is still in control and He's working in the background to give me a brighter future.

Here are 28 Reasons to be Thankful Every day:

1. A new day

God's mercies are new every morning ([Lamentations 3:23](#))! The fact that you got up this morning means that God has a plan for your life and your purpose is yet to be fulfilled. So many people woke up yesterday and didn't make it to see today. A new day means you have an opportunity to become a better person than you were yesterday. A new day brings hope.

2. Freedom of Religion

Many people are not allowed to worship God because they don't have freedom of religion. If you live in a country where you have the ability to go to your place of worship without the fear of being put to death than you have a reason to be thankful.

3. Food or the ability to cook

If you ate today, be thankful. If you can make the simplest meal, be thankful.

4. God's unconditional love

Do you know that [God's love for you](#) is unconditional? [Jeremiah 31:3](#) tells us that God love for us is everlasting. He will never stop loving us no matter what we do.

5. Freedom of choice

God has given us the ability to do whatever we want. This is called freedom of choice. We are not robots; we can choose to do evil or we can choose to do good.

6. Your job

In today's economy, it's difficult to get a 'good' job. A lot of people are unemployed. But if you have a job, no matter how crappy you think it may be, you still have a reason to be thankful for the opportunity of employment.

7. The ability to read

Do you know that there are many people across the world who were never taught to read? If you are reading this then I can safely assume that you're not one of those people.

8. A place to rest your head

If you live in a house with a bed and are protected from the elements of snow or rain, then you have a reason to be thankful.

9. Breathing fresh air

Go outside. Take a deep breath in. Take in the scenery. Be grateful for your ability to breathe fresh air and to live in such a beautiful place.

10. Good Friends

Be thankful for the friends you can call when you are struggling. The friends who will stay up all night listening to your problems. God placed good friends in your life and that's a reason to be thankful.

11. The opportunity to get an education

So many people across the world don't have access to primary and secondary school education. Just the fact that you are able to read, write and count for yourself is a good reason to be thankful.

12. Sunshine

The sun provides one of the vitamins we need to survive, vitamin D. Go out and take some sunlight today.

13. Laughter

Have you ever remembered something really funny and then suddenly burst out in laughter? The Bible truly says that merry heart is good medicine. Don't take life too seriously, find a reason to laugh today.

14. Electricity

We don't really think about it, but we depend on electricity for many things. If you have access to lights and running water, you most definitely have a reason to be thankful.

15. Your children

Lo, children *are* a heritage of the LORD: *and* the fruit of the womb *is* his reward. [Psalm 127:3](#). If you have children or have the ability to make children, then you have a reason to be grateful.

16. Your partner

Having a romantic partner can teach you a lot about yourself and about life.

17. Forgiveness

God has forgiven you for your sins and He is willing to give you a new heart. The chance to live a new life is something to be thankful for.

18. The ability to learn new skills and develop

You have a brain, and you have the ability to learn and develop new skills. Your current position doesn't have to be your final destination.

19. Having money

Even if you have a few pennies in the bank, you still have something, and God can use what you have to give you more.

20. Safety

God sends guardian angels over us to keep us safe. We have no idea how much danger God protects us from every day; therefore, we should be thankful for God's promise of safety.

21. Being alive to see this age

Would you have ever imagined being this age? God continues to keep you alive year after year.

22. Your parents

They might not be perfect, but they were the ones God used to bring you into this world.

23. The ability to listen to good music

Do you have a favorite song you like to listen to on repeat? Simple things in life can bring so much joy.

24. The ability to see

God provided so many beautiful things for us to look at and explore.

25. Your memories

Cherish the good memories and learn from the bad experiences.

26. The fact that there's no one else in the world like you

God created you uniquely. There is no one else in the world like you.

27. The gift of salvation

Praise God for His gift of salvation. That we don't have to die but rather we can live eternally with Him. [Romans 6:23](#)

28. The promise of Heaven

Jesus gives us a promise in [John 14:2](#). He promises us that He will return and carry us to Heaven to be with Him. As Christians, we have this amazing hope that one day there will be no more struggle, death, and sin.