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# *Bethel Prayer Concerns*

*Sunday, November 14, 2021*

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## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Everliving God, before the earth was formed  
and even after it shall cease to be, you are God.

Break into our short span of life  
and show us those things that are eternal,  
that we may serve your purpose in all we do,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **REFLECTIONS**

*As the deer pants for the waters, so my soul longs after you.*

*– Psalm 42:1*

Note the word choice in Psalm 42:1. To *pant* is an expression of extreme need, one that we often wrongly assume is only involuntary. But dwell upon this word and analogy for a brief moment. Who pants for something that they do not truly desire for? Yes, I pant for a drink when I am thirsty; but I equally pant when I am too close to a bag of Doritos Cool Ranch for too long! We pant for what we need, and we pant for what we desire for.

What if we panted for God in that same way? What if we longed after Him so much that, not only would we need Him, but we simply could not survive without Him? And that our lifestyle would change and begin to reflect His will in our lives?

# Bethel Presbyterian Church Announcements

## **CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

The Session has called a congregational meeting for **today, (Sun. Nov. 14)** immediately following worship, to hear the report of the Nominating Committee and to elect officers. All are welcome at the meeting; only Bethel members can vote. All terms to begin Jan. 2022. The nominees are: **Amy Coen, Ken Dungan, Cyndi Fowler, and Celia Simon** for a 3 year term as elders on the Session  
**Kathy Banker** for a 1 year term as an elder on the Session  
**Mike McElhinney** for a 3 year term on the Board of Trustees.

**NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:** Please submit articles for the December Open Door to Celia Simon (celiatn@gmail.com) by **Sunday, November 21.**

## **Christmas Pageant Sign-Ups**

The Study Team is making plans for the annual Children's Christmas Pageant. **Rehearsal Dates are Wed. Dec. 1 & 8 from 7:00–8:00 pm**  
**The Pageant will be performed Wed. Dec. 15 from 7:00–8:00 pm.** If you have children or grandchildren who wish to participate please contact: Bonnie Phillips ([bgh472003@yahoo.com](mailto:bgh472003@yahoo.com)) or Deb Hyder ([dhyd8@aol.com](mailto:dhyd8@aol.com)) The deadline to sign-up is **Nov. 22.**

## **HANGING OF THE GREENS FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH**

The Study Team is making plans for the annual Hanging of the Greens for children and youth. This year's activities will be offered by Zoom on **December 5th, 12th, and 19th from 9:30-10:30 am.** We will be preparing craft bags for each child and youth to go along with the lessons. If you have children, grandchildren, or youth that would like to participate, please contact Bonnie Phillips ([bgh472003@yahoo.com](mailto:bgh472003@yahoo.com)) or Jan Rybka ([jgrybka@hotmail.com](mailto:jgrybka@hotmail.com)) by **November 28th.**

## **HOME Food Collection**

Our November focus foods are **Personal Grooming Items** (*soap, shampoo, toothbrushes, toothpaste, shaving items, etc.*) Items may be placed in the yellow collection boxes in the Gathering Area.