

**THIS IS WHAT WE KNOW:**

# Bunde Christian Reformed Church

**JANUARY**  
**2012**

## **Be YOU**

As the New Year approaches we begin to think about resolutions that we have made in years past or that we are going to be making this coming year. Many times the fact that we think about and tell others our resolution becomes more important than actually meaning and keeping the resolution we make. But what about if we put a different spin on it this year? Instead of becoming so concerned about trying to change ourselves to fit in with what is a culturally acceptable resolution, why don't we stop a minute and reflect over this past year about who God has made you and me to be.

For example, while running awhile ago, I was reflecting on fear and the devotional that I had read a few days before about David and Goliath. God brought to my attention the fact that David did not run from this fear, he faced his fear with willingness because he knew who was behind him. That really made me think about what fears I needed to face and not just push aside and say, "Oh, I don't want to deal with that right now." It also struck me when Saul tried to put his armor on David and it didn't work because that wasn't who David was. He was a shepherd boy who used a sling shot and rocks. This thought really hit me. We just need to be ourselves and not try and be someone else because God has placed us right where we are for a reason. If you give God the gifts and talents that are unique to you as well as your weaknesses He will use you to show others how strong He is.

Goliath challenged the Israelites for 40 days, morning and night, before David stood up to the challenge. What challenge may God be calling you to this New Year? Are you trying to be someone else or are you allowing the Lord to use you for a particular challenge?

As you reflect over this past year of 2011 what has been holding you back or standing in your way from becoming the man or woman God has called you to be? Is it fear, worry, or something else? Let's make a resolution this New Year that we can keep. Be YOU and allow God to make the changes and determine the outcome.

## Greeters for the following Sundays:

### Regular Morning Greeters



Jan. 1 Troy & Deb Meyer  
 Jan. 8 Steve & Linda Ruschen  
 Jan. 15 Paul & Linda Rolfes  
 Jan. 22 Lowell & Marcia Schwitters  
 Jan. 29 Jeff & Pety Zeatlow  
 Feb. 5 Jason & Kim Brouwer

### Guest Greeters

Jan. 8 Jerome & Marcia Taatjes  
 Jan. 15 Bob & Sharon Schwitters  
 Jan. 22 Rog & Sue Wubben  
 Jan. 29 Gene & Joy Schwitters  
 Feb. 5 Cordell & Lucille Wubben

## Nursery Attendants:



Jan. 1 AM Pety, Tiffany & Stephanie Z.  
 AM Kim Hillers, Taylor T.  
 PM Barb Bohlsen  
 Jan. 8 AM Christy & Damon Groen, Lucas  
 AM Stephanie Brown, Jaxon S.  
 PM Colleen Fischer  
 Jan. 15 AM Becky Graves, Dana & Dori H.  
 AM Verla Folkerts, Noah P.  
 PM Emily Dirksen  
 Jan. 22 AM Christy, Allison & Rachel W.  
 AM MaryBeth & Micah Pollema  
 PM Joy Schwitters  
 Jan. 29 AM Kim & Kennedy Brouwer, Lillie  
 AM Jina & Braden Ruschen  
 PM Janna Punt

## Children's Church:



Jan. 1 Christy Groen, Taylor T.  
 Angie Brouwer, Logan H.  
 Jan. 8 Emily Dirksen, Micah M.  
 Stacy Schwitters, Jacob M.  
 Jan. 15 Stephanie Brown, Micah P.  
 Linda Ruschen, Dori H.  
 Jan. 22 Liz Ammermann, Lillie H.  
 Michelle Schwitters, Dai W.  
 Jan. 29 Eileen Brouwer, Allison W.  
 Ruby Graves, Nici W.  
 Feb. 5 Dana Hillers, Jaxon S.  
 Jean Santjer, Kalley S.

## Hymn Sing:



Jan. 1 Lee Bleeker  
 Jan. 8 Merlyn Meyer  
 Jan. 15 Will Ammermann  
 Jan. 22 Wayne Schwitters  
 Jan. 29 Lowell Schwitters  
 Feb. 5 Roger Wubben

## Library:

Jan. 1 Closed  
 Jan. 8 Missy & Stacy  
 Jan. 15 Angie & Joy  
 Jan. 22 Marcia & Sue  
 Jan. 29 Eileen & Barb  
 Feb. 5 Missy & Stacy





## Ladies Aid

Ladies Aid will meet on Wednesday, January 4 at 2:00pm. We will study Lesson 5, "Builder", taken from Job 38. Servers will be Jayne Asche and Margie Brouwer.

## Thank You

A sincere thank you to all who helped me celebrate my birthday. Your generosity of gifts and well wishes through out the year were appreciated.  
Arnie Brouwer



I enjoyed the many birthday and Christmas cards I got over the Holiday Season. Thank you very much!  
Freida Taatjes

As a family we are so grateful for the generous Christmas gift you gave us. Thank you so much for your love, prayers and support. It is our joy and privilege to serve here at Bunde with you.  
Pastor Bob, Mary Beth, Noah, Micah and Anneka

Thank you so much for the cards and gifts we received for Christmas. We felt very appreciated and are so thankful for the encouragement and support! We feel so blessed to serve the congregation here at Bunde. THANK YOU  
Garrett & Hollie

The GEMS would like to thank you for the support through the bake sale. All donations were greatly appreciated, too. The proceeds will be used for a campout this summer.

## Prayer Calendar

We are adding a prayer calendar to the newsletter that will focus on a specific item to pray for each day. Please include these with your daily prayer time. If someone has a special request to add to the calendar, please let Pastor Bob or Marcia Schwitters know.



## Notes from the Shepherding Elders

- We met with the Admin. Elders for devotions. Layton read from James 3: 13-18 and opened with prayer.
- The minutes from Nov. 16, 2011 were reviewed for information along with the Admin. Board minutes.
- New Business: The 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee met and discussed several ideas. They plan on having special events on 1 Sunday a month for June, July, & August in 2012. Their next meeting is scheduled for Jan. 9.
- Sermon/Service evaluations
- Elder District reports
- Pastor's report
- Thank you to Julius Brouwer and Cordell Wubben for their 3 years of faithful service as Shepherding Elders.
- Jerome closed in prayer.







