**Sunday School 9:30**

**Worship 10:30**

Worship Leader: Joy Steckly

*Welcome to 2020 and our first worship service of the year!*

*“Sing to the King”*

**Announcements**

**Invocation & Prayer**

*“Beautiful Star of Bethlehem”*

*“We Three Kings”*

**Sharing & Prayer Time**

**Offertory** Burkey Trio

**Children’s Moment:** Shelly Troyer

**Scripture Reading:** Sydney Bontrager

John 1:1-18

**Message:** Gene Miller

“WORD BECAME ONE”

*“All the People Said Amen”*

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**What’s happening at Bellwood this week:**

Tuesday, January 7 – Elders – 7:00

Wednesday, January 8 – Grounded Youth – Jr. 6:15-7:15

Sr. 7:30-9:00

Thursday, January 9 – A.A. & Alanon – 7:30

During construction we will not be using bulletins with the Response Form attached. If you have a concern, please see Gene or Taric.

**Wishes for the new year**

Faith that increaseth, walking in light;

Hope that aboundeth, happy and bright;

Love that is perfect, casting out fear;

These shall insure thee a happy New Year.

Peace in the Savior, rest at his feet,

Smile on his countenance, radiant and sweet,

Joy in his presence, Christ ever near!

This will insure thee a happy New Year.

**Loyalty Friend**

Proverbs 8:17 “I love those who love me, and those who seek me find me.”

Those that seek wisdom will find wisdom and those that love wisdom will be loved by wisdom. Wisdom is a loyal friend to all who love her and seek her advice. If you seek gold, you may find some or you may never find some and if you find it, it may leave you for someone else’s purse. Gold is a fickle friend where wisdom is constant, loyal and always reliable friend. There is little or no wisdom in gold, but wisdom knows where gold hides and will gladly tell those that possess her. Wisdom will always remain with you as a loyal companion even if you give her away, she will still remain with you. When you appropriately give wisdom to people you meet, the very act of giving wisdom will help you discern the worthiness of the receiver. The way they treat wisdom will be very similar to the way they will treat you. When you watch them handle this new-found wisdom, you will be able to discern their trustworthiness and their ability to be a friend. If a person mocks wisdom, then they will also mock you. If they treat wisdom with respect and honor they will also treat you with respect and honor. If you allow wisdom to lead you, you will find that it will protect you and keep you from many awkward and difficult relationships. Wisdom is a loyal and reliable friend, that will empower and lead you even when no one else is around. In a world that is overcome with foolishness, Wisdom stands tall and calls to persons that remain blind and deaf. The foolish cry out, “God must not love us” or “God must be cruel to leave us without a path” all the while God’s wisdom remains ignored right beside them.

**The Wisdom for today** – Glamour is not a friend, but wisdom is a great friend

**Last Week:** Worship Attendance – 97, Budget - $7,845

**9th Week Budget Report**

Budget Giving Summary Last Week Fiscal YTD

Contributions $7,845 $54,021

Budgeted $5,336 $48,024

Over(under) $2,509 $5,997

**Birthday’s this week:** Sarene Friedli, Celia Bontrager, Hannah Compton (Mon.), Jeni Bogenrief (Tues.), Josh Miller (Thurs.), Diane Irwin (Fri.)

**Anniversary this week:** Greg & Jessica (Tues.)

**Worship Leader, Music & Singers:**

January 12 – Worship Leader – Austin Schweitzer

Piano – Pam Erb

Singers – Sid, Tim & Bonnie Burkey

Offertory – Gage Dunlap

January 19 – Worship Leader – Konner Schluckebier

Piano – Peg Burkey

Singers – Sid Burkey, Jeni & Khloe Bogenrief

Offertory – Spohn’s

Children’s Moment – Craig Bontrager

**Remember in Prayer:**

* Gordon Scoville as he transitions to Brookdale
* Search Committee
* Maintaining faith in the family

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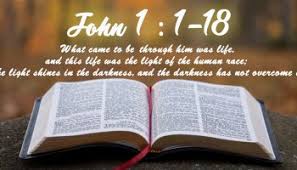
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**January 5, 2020**