

BETHEL REFORMED CHURCH

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Pastor: Rev. Scott Summers

Sunday, March 7, 2010

Morning Worship....9:00 a.m.

Sunday school.....10:05 a.m.



"Because your love is better than life, my lips will glorify you. I will praise you as long as I live, and in your name I will lift up my hands. My soul will be satisfied as with the richest of foods; with singing lips my mouth will praise you." -Psalm 63: 3-5

THE THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

Prelude

Enter His Courts for Praise & Worship

I Will Rise

What Faith Can Do

Wonderful Grace Of Jesus (338)

Sacrament of Baptism

Congregational Prayer

Special Music: **Gwen Dickes**

Children's Message: **Sue Muller**

Message: **"WHAT THE KINGDOM OF GOD IS LIKE"** (Part 4)

Matthew 13: 31-34

Offertory Prayer

Offering (Missions)

Depart with Praise for Kingdom Work

Jesus Shall Reign (375)

Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow (166)

Postlude

A **nursery** is available for children 4 years of age or younger.

The Mission of Bethel Reformed Church is to:

Provide opportunities for spiritual growth to both children and adults.

Develop individuals' spiritual gifts, talents and leadership abilities.

Reach out to the under churchd with the good news of Jesus Christ.

WELCOME! May each one here today experience the love and grace of God as shown in His Son, Jesus Christ. If you are visiting for the first time, please fill out the guest sheet inserted in your bulletin and place it in the offering plate later in the service. We invite you to stay for refreshments after the service and to join us again in worship very soon.

Thank you to Gwen Dickes for her ministry in music this morning.

This morning, the church administers baptism to Makenzie Lynn, daughter of Mike & Jodi Miller. May the Lord grow this little one's faith as she is nurtured in her home and church.

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE TODAY:

Greeters: Larry & Sharon Schipper

Nursery: Melissa Koop & Jessa Thorn

Tape Ministry: Keith & Virginia Kalkwarf

Fellowship Hosts: Group #10 (Steve & Ann Cutshall)

Visitor Hospitality: Hank & Becky Jungling

There are **Activity Bags for kids** sitting in the congregation during the worship service.



Valet Parking. Our door greeters are also Valet Parking Staff who would be happy to park anyone's vehicle.

Nursing Room. A room is available upstairs for moms with nursing babies. Please respect the mothers' privacy.



Assisted Listening Devices are available for those who may have trouble hearing the service clearly. If you would like to try one, please see Jackie.

CHURCH CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK

Today, March 7

Fellowship Time: 10:05 a.m.

Children's Sunday School: 10:05 a.m.

Sunbeams Practice: 10:15 a.m.

Bethel Choir Practice: 5:30 p.m.

NOTE: If you love to sing, you are invited to join the choir as they prepare to present the message of Easter through song. They will be singing at the community Holy Week Services on Thursday, April 1, and at Bethel's regular service on Easter Sunday, April 4.

Pastor Scott's small group will meet beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Monday, March 8

Consistory meeting: The elders will meet at 6:30 p.m. and the full consistory at 7 p.m. Dennis Mulder will provide treats and Chad Schipper will provide drinks. Those wishing to confess their faith in Jesus Christ or desiring baptism are invited to meet with the consistory. Please let Pastor Scott know if you plan to attend.

Wednesday, March 10

The RCYF will meet at 7:00 p.m. to practice for Youth Sunday.

Thursday, March 11

The ladies from Bethel Reformed Church and Aplington First Reformed Church will meet for their special event beginning at 7 p.m. at Bethel Church. The program, entitled "Health & Wellness in the Real World," will feature guest speaker Jamie Meyer. Jamie is formerly from Aplington and previously attended Bethel Church. She is currently a member of Third Reformed Church in Pella, Iowa. In addition to a career as a human resources manager with Pella Corporation, Jamie is a certified fitness instructor and serves on the Marion County Board of Health. Jamie loves to share her passion for health and wellness in a faith-based, down to earth, realistic manner to influence positive behavior change in the "real world." **ALL women are invited to attend!**

Saturday, March 13

Daylight Savings Time begins! Set your clocks ahead 1 hour.

Sunday, March 14

9:00 a.m. Morning Worship

Greeters: Ryan & LeAnn Schipper

Visitor Hospitality: Kevin & Barb Harms

Tape Ministry: Benton & Miriam Peters

Nursery: Heidi Buseman & Alexander Cutshall

Fellowship Hosts: #11 (Dave & Jen Schneiderman)

Ministry in Music: Jason & Mavis Johnson

Praise Team: #5 (Pastor Scott, leader)

10:05 a.m. Fellowship Time

10:05 a.m. Children's Sunday School/Sunbeams Practice

5:30 p.m. Bethel Choir practice

6:30 p.m. Scott's small group will meet in the church library



UPCOMING EVENTS

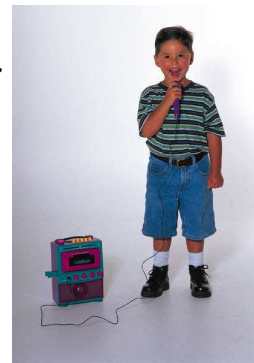
The March **AngelFood Ministries** menu is now available on the bulletin board. If you want to place an order, please bring it to the administrative office, with your payment, on Monday, March 15. You may also view the menu and place your order on-line at www.angelfoodministries.com. Please contact Tory Klahsen if you have any questions.

Church-wide spring cleaning has been scheduled for March 22-26. The list of cleaning groups can be found on the bulletin board and in the March newsletter. The chairpersons are in charge of contacting their group and making arrangements to get their designated portion of the church cleaned that week. If you have any questions, please contact Eunice Schipper, Becky Jungling, or Cindy Summers.

The Cedar Valley Hospice will be offering a “**National Bereavement Teleconference: *Cancer and End-of-Life Care***” on Wednesday, March 24. Check the flier on the bulletin board for more details.

If you would like to purchase an **Easter Lily** to be used in decorating the front of the sanctuary for the Easter season, please put your name on the sign-up sheet in the gathering area. The cost is \$9.00 which can also be paid at the information table in the gathering area. Thank you in advance for helping with this decorating project.

Can you sing? Can you dance? Can you play an instrument? Are you a magician or an artist? Whatever your talent is, we would LOVE to see it! It's time again for the annual **Sunday School Talent Show!** Sign up to do a solo act or invite your friends to join you (they don't have to attend Bethel to participate)! Sign-up sheets will be in the Sunday School classrooms and on the information table. **NOTICE CHANGE OF DATES!**



Sign-up sheets are due back to LeAnn Schipper or Melissa Koop by March 28th. The talent show will be Sunday, April 11th beginning at 6 p.m. and EVERYONE is invited to attend!!

Tables & Tea at 3. Ladies, mark your calendar, invite the other special ladies/girls in your life to come along, and plan to attend this Sunday afternoon tea. It will be held Sunday, May 2, beginning at 3 p.m. at the church. There will be music, a speaker, yummy desserts, and wonderful fellowship time. All proceeds will go to the church camp fund.

NEEDED: Eighteen individuals, pairs, or groups of people to decorate tables for **Tables & Tea at 3.** Information and a sign-up sheet can be found on the information table. There is also a display in the back showing pictures of decorated tables and theme ideas. If you have any questions, please contact Jackie Klahsen (319-415-3578) or Melissa Benning (641-847-2390).

SAVE THE DATES! **Aplington Vacation Bible School** is planned for June 14-18. Mark these dates on your calendar and watch for more details later.

PRAYER CONCERNS:

Please keep these people in your daily prayers:

Bruno Peters is a patient at Allen Hospital where he is being treated for pneumonia.

Nessa Summers will be traveling to Amsterdam and back this week on her spring mission trip with Northwestern College.

Our Christian love and sympathy are extended to Lois Boelman and her family as Lynn passed away last Sunday afternoon. The funeral was yesterday. May the Lord grant His grace and peace for strength and comfort as this family mourns the loss of their loved one.

Congratulations to Kendall & Lori Renken as they welcomed a granddaughter into their family this past week. Mackenzie Grace was born Tuesday, March 2. Her parents are Kendrick & Lindsey Renken. Mackenzie has an older brother, Carter.

THANK YOU for all the birthday cards and gifts sent to me for my ??th birthday recently. I truly appreciate your thoughtfulness. I am greatly blessed to have each of you in my life. Thank you again!

Cindy Summers

THANK YOU to everyone for the many cards, phone calls, food and offers to bring food, and to Pastor Scott for his calls and visits. My recovery continues slowly, but all in God's time. What a true blessing it is to be part of the Bethel Church family. We can not thank you enough for all you have done. God bless each one of you!

Leroy & Janice Ostendorf

Please keep the people of Haiti in your prayers! You can donate to help provide water, blankets, temporary shelter, and food to the tens of thousands who are homeless. Send contributions, designated "Haiti Earthquake," to Reformed Church in America, P. O. Box 19381, Newark, NJ 07195-1938. To donate by credit card, visit www.rcws.rca.org and click the "Make a Donation" button or call 1-800-968-3943, ext. 247. You may also go to www.rca.org/haitiquake for information and/or to make a donation.

Additionally, if you want to make a contribution through Bethel Church, make the check out to the Bethel Mission Fund designated for Haiti Relief. We will keep a record; and every so often, the mission fund will send a check for the accumulated amount received. Thank you for your help!

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

If you would like to send Todd Souhrada a note, card, or letter while he is in Germany on service duty, you may send mail to him at:

Todd Souhrada
CMR 489
Box GD
APO AE 09751

You may also him an e-mail at bearshack79@hotmail.com. Being away from home, he appreciates notes to say "Hi" and offering a word of encouragement!

It's time to update the church directory information! Even if you think your information has not changed, please stop at the directory table in the gathering area to review your information sheet. This will help us to keep the church mailing list and member contact information up to date. **Additionally**, if you have never completed an information sheet or had your picture taken, we would appreciate your taking time to do that. Thank you!

The **first year payment** is due on the loan for remodeling the parsonage. Members who have made a pledge in the past to the church's Building Fund are requested to continue fulfilling that pledge. We voted to do the remodeling; now we must pay back the loan. Any additional monetary gifts would be greatly appreciated. Thank you for your faithfulness! -- The Consistory

In cases where the **prayer chain** should be started, please contact Pastor Scott, the administrative office, or Jackie Klahsen (319-415-3578) and the call will be made through the calling post.

Please Recycle! In the kitchen you may have noticed there are four recycling bins. They are labeled for paper, cardboard, glass & plastic, and cans. We ask that everyone do their part in recycling these kind of items in the kitchen. There are notes posted about the recycling. Before you throw it away, consider whether it can be recycled! Let's all do our part!

