

TODAY: 9:30 am Morning Worship
10:45 am Coffee Fellowship

THIS WEEK:

Monday 5:00 pm Christmas Eve Service
Tuesday 9:30 am Christmas Day Service
Saturday 5:00 pm Heidi Abbas & Aaron Hagen Wedding

ELDER VISITATION:

Hospital: Steven Andresen Care Center: Lee Hagemeyer

PRAYER CONCERNS: Lowell Knapper continues with chemotherapy. Ann Ruiter is at home following a surgical procedure. Tanya Hoekstra continues with chemo treatments. Frank & Darlene Van Hoeve serve in Kentucky.

Our sympathy is extended to Richard & Velma Feldman and Roger Feldman on the recent passing of their brother and uncle John Feldman of Renville.

At the last Consistory meeting Terry Vreeman was elected Vice President and Steve Andresen reelected clerk of Consistory. Wade Buss is chairman of the deacons. Treasurers include the following: General Fund – Barry Schwitters; Mission Fund – Bryan Pauling; Building Fund – John Hagemeyer; Memorial Fund – Chuck DeGrote. The Consistory decided to form a Task Force to study the feasibility of building a multipurpose room. Those on the Task Force include the following: John Hagemeyer, Keith Klinghagen, Bryan Pauling, Harlan Ruiter, Cory Sietsema and Todd Henker.

Give your input as the Reformed Church in America looks to the next ten years of ministry. A “Discovery” gathering will meet January 5 (Saturday) in Eagan from 9 am – noon – Free. Call the church office to coordinate rides if you can attend.

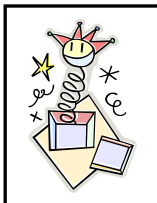
No Emerging Journey Bible Study on December 23rd. We will resume on December 30th at Ed & Marie Jansen's home.

No Sunday School December 23 & 30...Classes will resume on January 6.

The Third Sunday offering for the Building Fund will be taken today. The Fifth Sunday offering on December 30th is for the Sound/Video System.

Calendar: January 6 – Communion

January 20 – Ordination and Installation of Deacons and Elders

	<p><i>Open House Baby Shower for Jack Henry Tuschen son of Steve & Kimm (Goeman) Tuschen Saturday, January 5 from 9:30 – 11:00 am at Bethany.</i></p>
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Please check the table by the mailboxes for your 2013 offering envelopes.

The 2013 Women’s Books are in your mailboxes....please read!!

<p><i>Sunday School Offering last week: \$25.25</i> No Wednesday Night Youth Activities this Week!!!</p>

An Inquirer’s Class for those interested in professing their faith & becoming a member of Bethany will be held for six weeks during the Sunday School period beginning on January 13th. Call Pastor Don for details.

Thanks to Marlene Harguth who has headed up our Meals On Wheels for the last three years. If you would be willing to help with this ministry, please call the church office.

Thanks to all the Shepherds & their wonderful ministry of prayer & cards. If you would like to be a Shepherd in 2013, please call Pastor Don.

The Congregational meeting was held on Wednesday, December 12, 2012. Those elected as deacons are John Hagemeyer, Bryan Pauling & Barry Schwitters. Those elected as elders are Gary Aeikens, Craig Dirksen & Brad Hebrink. These names are published preceding their installation on January 20 in order that any legitimate objections may be presented to the Elders.

Thank you for the beautiful poinsettias from the Bethany Reformed Women.

-Pastor Don, Todd, Pam, Dennis & Ivy

Thank you for all the cards, notes & for the poinsettia.

-Vernon Dirksen

Thank you for the beautiful poinsettia & for all the birthday well wishes. -Harold Aalfs

We would like to thank everyone for the love and kindness shown to us during our time of loss. Your kind words, cards, flowers, food, visits were so appreciated. Special thanks to Pastor Don for his comforting words and prayers. Thanks also to Dalen and Pam for sharing their musical talents and to the ladies who served the dinner after the service. God bless you all!

Mabel Aeikens Family

Thank you to all the people that sent cards after the death of our brother Carl. It was very much appreciated. -Henry Fokken and Leonard & Loraine Fokken

Thank you to all the farmers who contributed to the Haul’n it Home Grain Drive! You are providing dignified homes for families this holiday season. God Bless!
-The Urban Homeworks Team