

**American Legion & Auxiliary Fundraising Concert - Sunday, April 29th 2:00 PM - Bethany Reformed Church . . .** Featuring the "Chord-Ayres" and additional music by our young people. Special recognition and honor will be paid to our Veterans. Come for an afternoon of music & entertainment. Refreshments will be served.

- ❖ Children in grades 1-6 are invited to sing at the Sunday afternoon "Chord-Ayres" concert on Sunday afternoon, April 29th. Rehearsals will be Sunday mornings - April 15, 22 & 29th . . . after church in the chapel. Children will be singing two songs with the Chord-Ayres and a few songs on their own during intermission.

ATLAS of West Central MN is a Christ-centered ministry that provides mentor training for those who want to help individuals find healing and support. To learn more call (320) 441-2250 or email Jason Haug at [jason@atlaswcmn.org](mailto:jason@atlaswcmn.org)

Rice Hospice Bereavement Support Group offers support for individuals who have experienced the death of a loved one. Enrollment is open to the community. Pre-registration is requested two days prior to the support group series. Group Services are available in Willmar and Granite Falls. Contact Judie Dunlop for dates and more information: (320) 231-4442 or on the web at [www.ricehospital.com](http://www.ricehospital.com)

**Summer Camp at Inspiration Hills! Registration is already open. Go to [www.inspirationhills.org](http://www.inspirationhills.org) for camp & registration information.**

GREAT INSPIRATION RUN (5K & 10K) at Inspiration Hills - Saturday, April 28. RSVP by April 21. For details, call: (605) 361-0445 or (712) 986-5193 and register at [www.allsportcentral.com](http://www.allsportcentral.com). Price is \$20 for the 5K and \$30 for the 10K.

**Reminder as you start your spring cleaning, after garage sales or any time - there is a collection box for Soles for Souls box in the narthex. We take any kind, any condition of shoes, and any size. We even collect SINGLE shoes. Only thing we do not take are flip flops. The Clara City Lions has competition with other area Lions Club all year long. Shoes are collected and brought to Sheldon, Iowa where they are sorted and shipped all over the world. Thanks for supporting this great cause.**

Mission Opportunities: Willmar, MN. Groups of students and adults are needed throughout the summer to assist with projects around the community. General needs include yard work, minor home repair and maintenance, and sharing the gospel through relationship-building. Groups will stay at First Reformed in Willmar with separate classrooms for males and females. Bunk beds with air mattresses provided. Showers and a kitchen are available in the church. All meals between Sunday breakfast and Saturday breakfast are provided. Cost for 7 days: \$300. For more information and dates: <http://www.faithanddeedsmissions.org/>

*"But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed."*  
Isaiah 53:5

Extended Grand Prelude (various artists)

Ministry of Music     *I Love to Tell the Story*     Irene Koenen & Ben Schoep

Dedication of Piano

\*Songs of Praise & Worship

\*Prayer

Announcements/Friendship Books

Children's Message

Congregational Prayer

Offertory Hymn #4 Majesty

\*Offertory Prayer

Children's Church – children ages 3 – kindergarten are invited

Scripture: Colossians 1:19-23

(p. 1831 Blue Bible)

(p. 896 Brown Bible)

(p. 1176 Kids Bible)

Sermon: "God's Economy"

Prayer

Closing Hymn #264 Nothing But the Blood of Jesus

(Third Sunday Offering for the Building Fund)

\*Benediction

\*Closing #264 Nothing But the Blood of Jesus (v. 4)

## BIBLE STUDY AID

Passage \_\_\_\_\_

Themes/Thoughts:

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What does this say about:

1. God –

2. Me –

What am I called to:

1. Obey –

2. Say –

# YOUTH NEWS

**SENIORS:** Please turn in Graduation, Middle School, Elementary & Baby Pictures to Todd by Sunday, April 29<sup>th</sup> for the Bethany Graduation Slideshow.

*AFC Youth will be making Subs tomorrow starting at 9:00 am in the church basement. If you sold subs you need to be there. Todd is also in need of a few adults to help cut bread and to fill orders, if you can help either contact Todd or just show up at 9:00 as well. Thank you!*

There is a signup sheet on Todd's bulletin board for the AFC Summer Mission Project on August 5-10 in Sioux Falls, SD. We will be volunteering at various ongoing mission opportunities.

**AFC youth Meat Fundraiser order forms are in your mailboxes. Orders will be due on May 1<sup>st</sup> before noon (no exceptions) and need to be picked up on May 11<sup>th</sup> before 5 pm!! Proceeds from this fundraiser will go towards the Sioux Falls Mission Trip.**

AFC is selling Stingers tickets for the June 17<sup>th</sup>, Father's Day game that starts @ 6:05 pm. This would be a great way to spend the night with your Dad at the ball field enjoying each other's company. Tickets are \$15 per person and this includes the ticket, hotdog, chips and water or soda from the concessions stand. See Todd for the tickets.

## Music Notes

**Next Week's Praise Team:**

*Rachel DuHoux, Piper Asche, Olivia Ruitter, Drue Schwitters & Sydney Schwitters*

**Rehearsal:** *Wednesday Evening*

**Psalm 150:1&2**

**Praise the Lord. Praise God in his sanctuary; Praise him in his mighty heavens.**

**Praise him for his acts of power; Praise him for his surpassing greatness.**

**PRAISING & THANKING OUR FATHER FOR OUR NEW YAMAHA PIANO!**

*Thank you to all who shared in playing the prelude this morning!  
What a joy and privilege it is to worship with all of you.*

**Assisting Today:**

**GUEST GREETERS:**

Terry & Laurie Vreeman

Jim & Gloria Hilbrands

**AFTER:**

Keith Loe

Troy Sweep

**LIBRARY:** Lois Sweep

**VIDEO LIBRARY:** Julie Boonstra

**CHILDREN'S CHURCH:**

Stefanie Epema

Molly Loe

**NURSERY:** Carly Hagemeyer

Ella Bourne

**SONG LEADERS:**

Lois Ahrenholz/Lois Kluver

and Kristie Rhode

**ORGANIST:** Pam Knapper

**PIANIST:** Ashley Sietsema

**SOUND:** Scott Tomes

**PROJECTOR:** Carter Tomes

**BUS:** Lyle Koenen

**Next Week:**

Steve & Gretchen Hilbrands

Al & Lois Ahrenholz

Aaron Pauling

Terry Epema

Paulene Ammermann

Kari Asche

Gabe Henker

Tayte Nokleby

Daniela Goeman

Alison Koenen

Rachel DuHoux, Piper Asche, Olivia Ruitter

Sydney Schwitters & Drue Schwitters

Vicky Hinrichs

Pam Knapper

Jerry Schwitters

Brenda Schwitters

Jeff Davids

APRIL

**Video:** Stan Harms

**Ushers:** \*Roger Knapper     Mark Satre

Don Boonstra     Virgil Hoekstra (Alternate)

**Coffee Servers:** Erv & Mary Ahrenholz

Paul & Angie Beck



<b>TODAY:</b>	9:30 am	Morning Worship
	10:45 am	Coffee Fellowship/Sunday School
<b>THIS WEEK:</b>		
Monday	9:00 am	AFC making Sub Sandwiches (basement)
	1:00-5:00 pm	Mission Quilters
	5:15 – 7:15 pm	Just for Kix (Gym)
	7:00 pm	Deacon's Meeting
	7:00 pm	Elder's Meeting
	8:20 pm	Consistory Meeting
Tuesday	1:00 pm	Amazing Collection Bible Study (Library)
	4:30 – 6:00 pm	Just for Kix (Gym)
Wednesday	7:00 pm	YA
	8:00 pm	AFC
Saturday	10:00 am	Morgan Zaske Bridal Shower (groom: Nick Zimmer)
	3:00 pm	Heather Hinrichs Bridal Shower (groom: Ben Larson)

**ELDER VISITATION:**

Hospital: Troy Sweep

Care Center: Bruce Hinrichs

**PRAYER CONCERNS:** Gert Harms had a stroke on Wednesday and is being cared for at the Montevideo Hospital. Ben Groen is at the St. Cloud Hospital. Ben, Sondra & family appreciate our continued prayers. Please keep these nursing home members in your prayers: Irene Koenen, Ethel Gabbert & Emily Poppen. Continued Prayers: Vonnie Honken, Deb Slagter, Millie Tebben, Kathryn Klinghagen & Bruce Hinrichs. Those on chemotherapy include Alex Asche, Herman Brouwer, Deanna Meints, Cindy Mithun and Lori Petersen. Pray for Pastor Matt & Stephanie and their family. Remember those in the military. Keep our college students in your prayers. Albino & Sandy Rodriguez serve in Peru.

*Sunday morning, April 29<sup>th</sup> will be the baptism of Dierks Stanley, son of AJ & Ashley Palmer.*

*The Third Sunday Offering TODAY will be for the Building Fund.*



Open House Bridal Shower for **Morgan Zaske**  
bride-to-be of Nicholas Zimmer  
Saturday, April 21<sup>st</sup> ~ 10 am at Bethany  
*Registered at Macy's, Menards & Target*

*This morning we give special recognition and honor to our faithful pianist/organist, Irene Koenen. For nearly 70 years she has shared her gifts and talents with our Bethany Family and with our community! We love you, Irene!*



*Congratulations to Tyler & Moranda Dammann on the birth of a daughter, **Maci Ann**. She was born on April 3<sup>rd</sup>. God Bless this family!!*

Office Hours: 10 am – 4 pm Monday – Thursday

If you would like a visit call Pastor Matt at 612-719-3272 or the church office 847-3322.

**General Fund Balance as of April 13: \$24,800.05**

✓ Average Monthly Expenses are \$26,000.00

Sunday School Offering last week: \$12.00

The Elders of Bethany, with the support of the Fellowship Committee, will be facilitating conversations with the membership of the congregation in the coming months. The goal: To know each other better so that we can better serve. These conversations will center around our past, current, and future work as followers of Christ called to encourage each other, grow in Christ and serve those outside our walls. These conversations will take place at the church, or in homes if requested, and will be facilitated by two elders. Sign up coming soon!

**Baldwin piano for sale.** This piano is the upright piano currently housed in the chapel. Please contact Justin Dirksen (320.212.9972) by **April 29<sup>th</sup>** if interested.



Open House Bridal Shower for **Heather Hinrichs**  
bride to be of Ben Larson  
Saturday, April 21<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 pm at Bethany  
*Registered at Target & Amazon.com*

The Clara City American Legion is compiling a list of living Veterans of Service. Please sign in the friendship book at your church or call your church office by April 23<sup>rd</sup> with the following information: Name, Rank & Unit. Thank you!

**VBS will be held June 4 - 7.** We will be serving a meal every night from 6:00 - 6:25 with VBS starting at 6:30 and going till 8:00pm. There is a sign up by Ivy's door for people that Todd needs to help run VBS this year along with their "Job" description. If you have any questions about VBS please contact Todd.

*Never underestimate the power of prayer! Testing indicates that initial cancer treatments have met their goal. Thank you, Bethany family, for your continuing prayers. -Deanna Meints*  
*Thank you to the quilting ladies for the beautiful quilt I received. Your group has been so faithful over the years to use a hobby to provide a blessing and support to people dealing with health issues. Thank you again ~Deanna Meints*

The Clara City Community Blood Drive is Wednesday, April 18<sup>th</sup> from 2-6:30 pm at the Community Center. Appointments or more information call Marcia @ 847-3675. Give Blood...every two seconds someone in the U.S. needs blood. ~American Red Cross

**NEW BUILDING PROJECT**

\$\$ raised as of 1-31-2018: \$ 696,521.28  
March Income: 4,465.00  
\$\$ raised as of 3-31-2018: \$ 700,986.28  
Loan balance as of 3-31-2018: \$ 373,655.08

**MacPac packing...next opportunity:  
May 1<sup>st</sup> @ 5:00 MACCRAY West.**