



# Bethany Reformed Church

May 3, 2015

Theme: The Spirit sends us as others were sent to us.

## Call to Worship

L Come, people of God – sing a new song!

C **Jesus is our good news, our joy and our salvation**

L God has done marvelous things!

C **Christ is alive and at work among us.**

All **How can we keep from singing?!**

\*Songs of Praise & Worship

Offertory Hymn #17 Great Is Thy Faithfulness

\*Doxology

\*Offertory Prayer

Scripture: Acts 8:26-40

(p. 1705 Blue Bible)

(p. 837 Brown Bible)

(p. 1080 Kids Bible)

Sermon: Easter Impact

\*Song *Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)*

\*Benediction

\*Closing Song *Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)*

## BETHANY PRAYER

Our Father, do things among us and in us that we can't do ourselves. Give us a sorrow for our sin – repentance and conversions – a desire to study your Word and live by it – enthusiasm for your Kingdom – a Christlike love for others and a willingness to serve! Begin this great work in me!

# YOUTH NEWS

There is a signup sheet on the table in the narthex for VBS: June 1 – 4. This year there will be lessons taught in the classrooms so we will need teachers & helpers, a meal crew, games & music. If you have any questions please ask Todd in the next few weeks. Pick up your teaching materials from Todd...he has them in his office.



**SENIORS: Please turn in Graduation, Middle School, Elementary & Baby Pictures to Todd by Sunday, May 10<sup>th</sup>!!**

*Youth Board will not meet on Mother's Day....we will meet the following week on May 17<sup>th</sup>.*

## Music Notes

*Next Week's Praise Team: Kim, Haylee & Annie Sandry*

Worship Meeting: TODAY following the morning service in the Family Center.

**MICAH 7:7**

**THEREFORE I WILL LOOK TO THE LORD;  
I WILL WAIT FOR THE GOD OF MY SALVATION;  
MY GOD WILL HEAR ME.**

### **Assisting Today:**

#### **GREETERS:**

Galen & Ardis Gerdes  
Chip & Ettie Goeman  
Kyle & Daniela Goeman

#### **AFTER:**

Byron Hinrichs  
Milt Wubben

#### **GUEST GREETERS:**

Harlan & Diane Ruiter

**LIBRARY:** Emily Poppen

**VIDEO LIBRARY:** Amber Knapper

#### **CHILDREN'S CHURCH:**

Nikki Niemeyer  
Alison Koenen

**NURSERY:** Julie Schoep  
Andi Schoep

#### **WORSHIP LEADERS:**

Lois Ahrenholz, Kari Johnson  
& Lois Kluver

**ORGANIST:** Vicky Hinrichs

**PIANIST:** Pam Knapper

**SOUND:** Jason Groen

**PROJECTOR:** Janet Sweep

**BUS:** Jeff Davids

### **Next Week:**

Ben & Sondra Groen  
Kevin & Leann Groen  
Gordon & Geneva Grussing

John Hagemeyer  
Gary Aeikens

Gary & Cheri Aeikens

Carol Thomton

Carin Hagemeyer

Amber Knapper  
Carter Wrede

Allison Pauling  
Sydney Schwitters

Kim, Haylee & Annie Sandry

Pam Knapper  
Ashley Sietsema

Lee Hagemeyer  
Deb Stutelberg

Lyle Koenen

## **MAY 2015**

Video: Steven Andresen

**Ushers:** \*Tim Knapper Dylan Aeikens  
Nate Hebrink Brian Nelson

**Coffee Servers:** Mark & Cindy Plowman  
Brad & Darla Poppen



**TODAY:** 9:30 am Morning Worship  
 10:45 am Sunday School/Coffee Fellowship

**THIS WEEK:**

Monday 1:00 pm Mission Quilters  
 7:00 pm Joy Fellowship

Tuesday 7:30 pm Prayer Partners

Wednesday 7:00 pm YA  
 8:00 pm AFC

Thursday 9:00 am – 8:00 pm National Day of Prayer

Saturday 8:30 am – 3:00 pm Best Life Ministries – Women’s Conference

**ELDER VISITATION:**

Hospital: Milt Wubben Care Center: Brad Hebrink

**PRAYER CONCERNS:** Jolene Hebrink continues to improve. Those in chemotherapy include Debbie Andresen, Connie Dirksen, Delores Hagemeyer and Ruth Johnson. Herman Brouwer continues with treatments. Sue Plantinga and Anna Marie Seeman continue with rehabilitation. Jim & Beth Harrison serve in Bahrain. Pray for the people of Nepal who have been impacted by a violent earthquake. Harley Hatch is at the Minnesota Correctional Facility/2305 Minnesota Boulevard, SE/ St. Cloud, MN 56304.

*We will be taking a special offering on Pentecost Sunday, May 22, to help start new RCA churches. Did you know that over 45% of new RCA congregations are congregations of color. Hindus and Buddhists in America are being baptized, Muslims are coming to Jesus as their Messiah and strong African-American congregations are being started at a record pace.*

National Day of Prayer – Thursday, May 7<sup>th</sup> ...church will be open from 9 am – 8 pm.

Best Life Ministries will be having a women's conference at Bethany on Saturday, May 9<sup>th</sup> from 8:30 am – 3:00 pm. One Day Women's Event to get on the Right Track for your Best Life. If you are interested in signing up for the workshop you can do so online at [bestlifeministries.com](http://bestlifeministries.com) or stop in the church office and we can get you signed up (tickets are \$35 w/ dinner included).

**Main Speaker: Kathy Weckwerth – “Get on Track!”**

**Workshops: Kathleen Sogge – “Letting Go of Fear & Worry”**  
**Sandra Sheih – “Hey, Superwoman – What’s Your Kryptonite?”**  
**Dr. Mary Schulze Michener – “Living Your Best Life With Vitality”**

No Sunday School on Mother's Day, May 10<sup>th</sup>!!

Sunday School Offering last week: \$89.00  
 Let's raise \$600 for our very own Clara City Pool!!  
 The class that raises the most money -will get a awesome prize!  
 \*By May 17 last day of Sunday School.  
 ☆ 5<sup>th</sup> Grade is still in the lead! 😊  
 Total for 4 Sunday's is \$398.50!!

**Prayer Partners - Tuesday, May 5th at 7:30 - Family Center. Emphasis on addition to our church, upcoming women's conference and our graduates.**

May is Foster Awareness Month. Bethany Christian Services is now facilitating foster care. Call Claudia Fletcher if interested 763-553-0344.

Joy Fellowship will be meeting on Monday, May 4<sup>th</sup> in the family center at 7 pm. We will study session 9: “Move Your Feet!” Anyone is welcome to join us.

<b>NEW BUILDING PROJECT</b>	
Projected Goal to break ground:	\$ 300,000.00
\$\$ raised as of 3-31-2015:	393,644.11
April Income:	<u>10,545.00</u>
\$\$ raised as of 4-30-2015:	\$ 404,189.11

**Open House 60<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary for Leonard & Kathryn Klinghagen at the Clara City Community Center this afternoon from 2:00 – 5:00 pm. NO gifts please!**

***GARDENERS** we need your help! We are looking for people to take over the garden area. Please contact Jim & Carmen Grussing, Jeff & Kathy Davids or Al & Lois Ahrenholz. Thanks!!*

Bethany delivers **MEALS ON WHEELS** in May---if you are interested in volunteering the signup sheet is on the table in the narthex.  
 ✘ *Lot's of dates available!!*

*Thank you to everyone who sent messages to us this week with my grandpa's passing and thanks to the congregation for the flowers. -Todd, Jen, Ben & Gabe*