

## Independence Day

Saturday, July 4

“It is the duty of all nations to acknowledge the providence of Almighty God, to obey His will, to be grateful for His benefits, and humbly to implore His protection and favor.”

— George Washington

“We have this day [July 4] restored the Sovereign to whom all men ought to be obedient. He reigns in Heaven, and from the rising to the setting of the sun, let His Kingdom come.”

— Samuel Adams

This was the intended vision for America.  
His Kingdom come. King Jesus & His authority.  
That we would live in dependence upon Him. . . The Lord. Our Lord.

Of course, what we have seen throughout our history, and what seemingly is coming to a greater fruition now, is a Kingdom replacement. We have gone from “Your Kingdom come, Your will be done” — to my kingdom come, my will be done.

We have replaced God with idols of all kinds. We have changed. Those founding words of a new nation by Washington and Adams have changed. We are now scraping them off our buildings and erasing them from textbooks.

But, while society changes, God does not. Therefore, our faithful resolve in Him should not either. These are apt words of advice: “Keep your feet firmly planted in Christ.”

This is actually God’s advice for all of us, to remain planted and steady in Him. May this be our clarion call for the Fourth. The words of Colossians 2:6-8 echo the theme:

“So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness. See to it that no one takes you captive through hollow and deceptive philosophy, which depends on human tradition and the elemental spiritual forces of this world rather than on Christ.”



# Bethany Church

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**SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP 9:30AM**  
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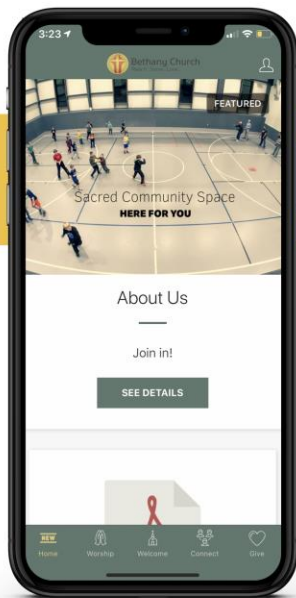
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# Back to Church

**“Let us not give up meeting together...” Hebrews 10:25**

## Directives for our Sunday gatherings

Hand sanitizer is provided.

NO nursery or Children’s Church.

NO gathering in The Hub after the service.

Offering plates are set out at the back of the sanctuary.

Please exit the sanctuary after the service and visit outside.

Maintain proper distances while entering & exiting the sanctuary.

Please be seated in family groups and social distanced from others.

Remain in primary gathering spaces; sanctuary, entrance and bathrooms.

Facial coverings are great! But not required.

Singing is great! But not required.

If you are feeling sick or are anxious about returning, please remain at home and join in on our FACEBOOK PAGE LIVESTREAM

## Directives for Gym Use

As of July 1, the MN Dept of Health has encouraged and expanded the opportunities for indoor sports and activities. Bethany will continue to use the state guidelines for general direction with regards to use of the church building.

### **Please follow the 3 S’s for GYM USE: SCHEDULE / SUPERVISE / SANITIZE**

- Please call the church office, or stop in to schedule a time so there are no conflicts
- Staff or an adult supervisor must be present
- Sanitize equipment used

See our website for more info? <https://www.bethanychurch-mn.com/gym-use-questions>

# NEWS

- VBS will be made available online. Dates are July 13 - 16
- SUMMER LEARNING opportunities for students in grades 3-12 will be held at the church on Wednesday afternoons starting July 29 and going through August 12. Class sizes will be limited to 5. Please contact Todd, Pam or Matt at the church to sign up or get involved.
- FALL COMMUNITY MEAL will be held on Wednesday, September 9 in the Fellowship Hall at Bethany. Any changes will be made by August 1.

**BETHANY  
SUMMER  
LEARNING**

Piano

Baking  
Cooking

Art

Lego

Wood &  
Metal

Video  
Editing

Sewing  
& Crafts

Basketball  
Chess &  
games

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- Teach your hobby to the next generation!
- Wednesday afternoons July 29-Aug 12
- Grades 3-12

**Contact:  
Todd, Pam or Matt**

## Clara City Care Center.

Afghans needed for the Clara City Care Center. Afghans are used as part of our “honor walk” at the passing of a resident and then are placed on the deceased residents’ bed with a red rose for family members. Contact Sharon Koenen at 847-3134 (*please leave message*).

# PRAYER

## PRAYERS for STRENGTH & HEALING

- ✝ Care Center & Assisted Living Residents
- ✝ Family of Lorraine Knapper. Lorraine passed away last week. Funeral Service was Tuesday, June 30 at Roseland Reformed Church.
- ✝ Harlan Ruitter
- ✝ Bruce Hinrichs returned from Mayo June with encouraging news. No new chemotherapy needed at this time. Rescan in 8 weeks.
- ✝ Maria Koenen
- ✝ Ruth Johnson
- ✝ Deanna Meints
- ✝ Cindy Plowman
- ✝ Milt Wubben
- ✝ George Kluver is no longer in the Willmar Hospital, he is now at the Clara City Care Center.
- ✝ Milt Wubben had encouraging test results, the cancer treatments have been effective.
- ✝ Ray Rozeboom's wife Mona died recently. Ray's address is:  
Ray Rozeboom  
The Wellstead  
20500 S Diamond Lake Road Room 115  
Rodgers, MN 55374
- ✝ Job Seekers during this time of uncertainty & heightened layoffs
- ✝ Our national anxiety and unrest to coronavirus & race relations
- ✝ The 4<sup>th</sup> is a day to **CELEBRATE** our freedom and to **PRAY** that God would heal our land.

## THANKSGIVING for new life!

- ✝ Lennyn Faith Nelson (daughter of Brian & Whitney Nelson)
- ✝ Riannan Amoret Enger (daughter of Arron & Kristy Enger)

# WORSHIP NOTES

*“I will sing of the Lord’s great love forever; with my mouth I will make your faithfulness known through all generations.”* Psalm 89:1

Thank you to Lois Kluver for her ministry in music this past Sunday. We appreciate you, Lois, and are grateful you willingly share your gifts with us.

A huge thank you to those who have managed the sound and projector through the month of June. We are grateful for your continued work in these vital areas of our ministry each week!

*Scott Tomes & Jason Groen - Sound*

*Carter Tomes, Nikki Niemeyer, Megan Struxness and Renae Epema – Projector*

... And thank you to Steven Andresen who manages the video cameras! Well done!

The July schedule is materializing as we anticipate worshipping together:

	<u>Team</u>	<u>Sound</u>	<u>Projector</u>
July 5	Connor & Lee Hagemeyer	Jason Groen	Nikki Niemeyer
July 12	Paul & Tom Knapper	Scott Tomes	Renae Epema
July 19	Ali, Lizzie & Sadie Koenen		Megan Struxness
July 26	Kara Dirksen & Daniela Goeman	Jerry Schwitters	Brenda Schwitters

# YOUTH NEWS

**Summer Opportunities** – The staff is still planning summer opportunities for student in grades 3<sup>rd</sup> and above this summer. “Summer opportunities” are opportunities to learn a new skill or get better at a skill we already have. These classes will be from 1:00 - 3:00 on Wednesdays for July 29, August 5, and August 12. We will be registering people from the Bethany Web page. This summer, we will also be keeping classes to a maximum of 5 students per class. If there is anybody that is willing to lead a “Summer Opportunity Class” please let Todd Know.

Online VBS will be available from our website July 13-16. There is a new tab on the Bethany website “VBS” which all things VBS related will be under. Next week we will have a list of items you can have, but don’t have to have, at home for VBS. We are doing experiments to enhance our lessons that our youth can do with their parents if they so choose.

With the school year starting early, please make sure you check out the web page after July to make sure you know when activities for you and your children start up again in the fall.

Todd is looking for a Small group leader for the incoming 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Class. If you are interested in learning more about this opportunity to serve call the office and ask for Todd or talk to him after a service.

# JULY

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## Anniversaries

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|----|----------------------------|----|------------------------------|
| 7  | Glenn & Darlene Aeikens    | 25 | Ed & Marie Jansen            |
| 11 | Steve & Gretchen Hilbrands | 26 | Barry & Katherine Schwitters |
| 12 | Dan & Jane Wrede           | 27 | Rodney & Kim Boike           |
| 13 | Lane & Amy Schwitters      | 29 | Gary & Deb Slagter           |
| 16 | Keith & Tracie Loe         | 29 | Scott & Julie Abbas          |
| 19 | Gordon & Geneva Grussing   | 31 | Aaron & Amanda Pauling       |
| 19 | Chip & Ettie Goeman        |    |                              |
| 20 | Darren & Cheri Melin       |    |                              |

## Birthdays

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|----|--------------------|----|--------------------|----|-------------------|
| 1  | Lois Sweep         | 13 | Nicholas Zimmer    | 30 | Payten Carpenter  |
| 2  | Alice Brouwer      | 14 | Phyllis Petersen   | 30 | Jaron Aeikens     |
| 2  | David Hinrichs     | 14 | Eldon Aeikens      | 31 | Sue Hinrichs      |
| 2  | Liberty Niemeyer   | 14 | Stan Harms         | 31 | Grayson Ahrenholz |
| 5  | Kristie Rhode      | 14 | Breckin Childers   | 31 | Gary Folkerts     |
| 5  | Carol Thomton      | 15 | Jolene Hebrink     | 31 | Averi Wubben      |
| 7  | Galen Gerdes       | 15 | Travis Wubben      |    |                   |
| 7  | Terry Vreeman      | 20 | Abigail Hebrink    |    |                   |
| 7  | Ed Zurn            | 21 | Cheryl Boike       |    |                   |
| 8  | Ben Schoep         | 21 | Dalen Wieberdink   |    |                   |
| 8  | Linda Doesken      | 21 | John Madsen        |    |                   |
| 9  | Jeremy Aeikens     | 23 | Kaden Ahrenholz    |    |                   |
| 9  | Kincade Enger      | 24 | Faye Harms         |    |                   |
| 9  | Jeremy Aeikens     | 24 | Wade Buss          |    |                   |
| 9  | Kincade Enger      | 27 | Ivy Ruitter        |    |                   |
| 10 | Jade Bedel         | 27 | Tommy Hoekstra     |    |                   |
| 10 | Carmen Grussing    | 27 | Alexandra Hinrichs |    |                   |
| 12 | Angie Butler       | 28 | Lois Kluver        |    |                   |
| 12 | Gretchen Hilbrands | 30 | LaRae Koenen       |    |                   |
| 12 | Tracie Loe         | 30 | David Struxness    |    |                   |
| 12 | Mindy Hinrichs     |    |                    |    |                   |