

Cultural Archeology

But they deliberately forget that long ago by God's word the heavens came into being and the earth was formed out of water and by water.

2 Peter 3:5

But they deliberately forget. Yes, it is happening with increasing fervor, the deliberate forgetfulness of our origins. "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth," but the principle instruction our children often receive in their study of life classes speak little to nothing of God. It has been deliberately forgotten. The fervor of our nation's origin was a rallying around the desire for religious freedom, therefore, our nation was founded upon this very thing, freedom of religion, and in particular, the Christian religion. The chart below shows the Christian origins of our first colleges and the words that follow demonstrate the fervent Christian commitment of those foundations. May we be among those who deliberately remember our origins, and may we remind those who have deliberately forgotten, that Christ is our firm foundation.

From Harvard's "Rules and Precepts," adopted in 1646:

Let every Student be plainly instructed, and earnestly pressed to consider well, the maine end of his life and studies is, to know God and Jesus Christ which is eternal life (John 17:3) and therefore to lay Christ in the bottome, as the only foundation of all sound knowledge and Learning. And seeing the Lord only giveth wisdom, Let every one seriously set himself by prayer in secret to seeke it of him (Prov. 2:3).

College	Founded	Influence
Harvard	1636	Puritan
Yale	1701	Puritan
Princeton	1746	Presbyterian
Columbia	1754	Church of England
Brown	1764	Baptist
Rutgers	1766	Dutch Reformed
Dartmouth	1769	Puritan

Bethany Church

Reach. Serve. Love.



SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP 9:30AM

Disposable masks are available at the welcome center desk.

Facebook livestream times may vary. Notices will be sent out with livestream information.

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*Bethany Doors will be open: Monday – Friday 8:00 am – 5:00 pm
Saturday & Sunday 8:00 am – 1:00 pm*

Office email : bethany@hcinet.net

Bethany Prayer Chain email : info@bethanychurch-mn.com

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Anyone who would like a DVD of the services or know of someone who would like to receive one call the church office at 847-3322 or send an email to bethany@hcinet.net.

BETHANY DIRECTORY. <https://mobiledirectory.lifetouch.com/158305/bethany-reformed-church>
Access code is BRC20. The information can also be changed. If your contact information and anything else in your listing has changed, please contact the church office at 847-3322 or email at bethany@hcinet.net

PLEASE REMEMBER TO CHECK YOUR CHURCH MAILBOXES!!

Grief Support at Bethany

Have you lost a precious loved one, leaving a void in your life? Are you asking yourself, how do I go on? We do not have answers for those questions, but maybe those who have also experienced what you have could answer with what worked for them. Come and have coffee and chatter to air your concerns. We will have a gathering on Tuesday, July 20th at 9:30 a.m., in the Family Center. Please invite anyone you feel would benefit from this gathering. Your experience could speak volumes to those attending.

BAPTISMS UPCOMING.

Rhiannon Amoret. Daughter of Arron & Kristy Enger – Sunday, June 27

Ivorie Jane. Daughter of Nathan & Emily Torkelson – Sunday, July 11

Margo Marie. Daughter of Dan & Kelli Rath – August or September



Habitat for Humanity is looking for projects in the Clara City area if you have a suggestion, please contact Keith Klinghagen @ 320-212-8653 or anyone on consistory.



We are again collecting shoes for "Soles for Souls." For a time, we didn't know if we had a place to deliver them. As you're cleaning out closets, or what doesn't sell at your garage sale, think of us. We do even take singles. You can drop off in the box in the narthex. Thanks!!



Followed by a Community Meal

MISSION

JULY. Bethany Mission Focus: David Ford

David Ford works with Wycliffe Bible Translators and SIL Ethiopia to help lay the groundwork of both translation and education in native languages. Wycliffe's goal is to begin translating Scripture into every language that still needs a translation by 2025. Ethiopia is home to 85 languages, and David, in partnership with SIL Ethiopia, is contributing to that goal. Because of his work with both partners, people are taught to read, the Bible is translated into their language, and they can read the good news of Jesus.



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CALENDAR

Friday- Sunday, June 25 – 27 JR High Youth – POWER CONNECTION

Sunday, June 27

9:30 am **Worship Service | Baptism: Rhiannon Amoret Enger**
8:00 pm LOH Bible Study (Youth Room)

Monday, June 28

1:00 pm Mission Quilters (Basement)
7:00 pm Deacon's Count

Sunday, July 4

9:30 am **Worship Service | Pulpit Supply: Dave Poppen**



Thursday, July 8

6:00 – 8:00 pm Dana Rud Bridal Shower (Groom: Dalton Ruiter)

Sunday, July 11

9:30 am **Worship Service | Baptism: Ivorie Jane Torkelson**
11:30 am Community Church Service (Clara City Park with meal to follow)

Sunday, July 18

9:30 am **Worship Service**

Monday, July 19

1:00 pm Mission Quilters (Basement)

NO CONSISTORY MEETINGS IN JULY

Sunday, July 25

9:30 am **Worship Service**

Monday, July 26

7:00 pm Deacon's Count

Friday, July 30 – Wednesday, August 4 SR High Youth – ROCKY MOUNTAIN HIGH

P PRAYER

PRAYERS for HEALING, STRENGTH, PEACE:

- ✝ Bruce Hinrichs
- ✝ Ruth Johnson
- ✝ Deanna Meints
- ✝ Milt Wubben
- ✝ Vivian Reiners
- ✝ Russell Sietsema
- ✝ Alan Petersen – recovering from low sodium levels at the Care Center
- ✝ Darren Melin – continues to recover and gaining strength following knee replacement
- ✝ Kathy Davids – recovering at home after a heart attach and corrective heart procedure.
- ✝ Diane Ruiters – recovering and doing well following heart valve repair
- ✝ Terry & Renae Epema – their nephew Brad Kneisel continues with treatments for burns and other multiple injuries after being very seriously electrocuted.
- ✝ Audrey Koenen – receiving therapy at Carris Health – Therapy Suites and her address is:
Carris Health – Therapy Suites
c/o Audrey Koenen - Room 113
1801 Willmar Ave SW
Willmar, MN 56201

T THANKS

I would like to thank everyone for your cards, kind words of encouragement and especially your prayers while I was in the hospital. Thanks too for the beautiful prayer shawl! So good to belong to a community of believers. Mel Ryks

Thank You! Your generosity of sponsoring a Free Swim Day's for the 2021 season at the Aquatic Center is greatly appreciated. It is wonderful to be able to have every kid be able to enjoy the water!

Thanks again, City of Clara City & the Aquatic Center Staff

YOUTH NEWS

**Rocky Update: Turn in mandatory health forms & check your mailboxes.
Rocky Mountain High is July 30 – August 4.**

- **Kids will leave church by 10 pm on July 30th!!!**
- **Returning on Wednesday, August 4th.**

Thank you to Shannon Buss & Emily Dirksen for chaperoning and allowing our kids to participate in **Power Connection** in Pella, Iowa. The following kids are attending:

- Grayson Ahrenholz
- Tobyn Dalle
- Jaden Dirksen
- Logan Dirksen
- Jay Goldenstein
- Michael Goldenstein
- Calla Hildahl
- Hudson Nord
- Ethan Strommer
- Abby Slagter
- Shannon Buss, Sponsor
- Emily Dirksen, Sponsor

WORSHIP NOTES

This Sunday, June 27th at 4:00 PM . . . HYMN SING . . . Emden Church in Renville.

Join us as we sing congregational hymns as well as special songs by Randy Groen, Paul Knapper and Ned Wohlman. It's going to be a great afternoon of music followed by ice cream treats! Accompanists are Pam Knapper and Janel Watson, Kevin Wassenaar and Pastor Joel DeBoer. A few of the hymns included are:

- Showers of Blessing
- Jesus Is Lord of All
- Sweet By and By
- Abide With Me
- Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me
- Old Country Church Medley
- I Believe in a Hill Called Mount Calvary
- Come Home . . . It's Suppertime

Plus "Crowd Favorites!" You are welcome to come and sing with us as we anticipate a joy-filled hour . . . or more :-)

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A note from Pam . . .

For 13 1/2 years I have had the privilege of serving as worship leader at Bethany Church! Oh, the joys I've experienced as I've worked with musicians, technology volunteers, young children, older adults, pastors and the staff! For this season in my life, I am so very grateful!

Now the time has come for me to think about the next phase of my life and the future of Bethany Church. This being said, I have made the decision to resign my position as worship leader here. This comes after much prayer and contemplation. To ease through the transition, I have given a two-year notice, with the option to step down in the event the position is filled prior to this date, June 5, 2023.

Thank you all for all the ways you bless me . . . bless others . . . and in so many different ways, reveal a love for the One we worship! Let's continue to worship and serve this Jesus who deserves all our praise.

Ecclesiastes 3

There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under heaven . . .

Consistory Positions & Committees 2021

President

Pastor Matthew Miller

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Keith Klinghagen

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Kim Sandry

Pam Knapper

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Riley Aeikens

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*Dan Niemeyer

Roger Knapper

Ron Thomson

Property Committee

*Chuck Ammermann

David Hinrichs

John Hagemeyer

JULY

Anniversaries

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



Birthdays

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