

## Ambassadors

*<sup>17</sup> Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here! <sup>18</sup> All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: <sup>19</sup> that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. <sup>20</sup> We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. 2 Corinthians 5*

The American Worldview Inventory, a survey of the religious life of American adults, recently did an assessment of the worldviews of four generations: millennials (born 1984-2002), Gen X (1965-1983), baby boomers (1946-1964) and builders (1927-1945).

The findings of this inventory should animate us as Christians to the importance of our task. Just 26% of Gen X and 16% of millennials believe that when they die, they will go to heaven only because they confessed their sins and received Jesus Christ as their savior. Additionally, 43% of millennials stated they either don't know, don't care or don't believe God exists. That is getting very close to one-half of our 20–40-year-olds.

These numbers are not representative of a land far, far away. These numbers hit home. And so, as Pentecost Sunday arrives on May 23, we have an opportunity and a reminder to reexamine and renew our purpose, to walk in step with the fire of the Spirit that enlivens the believer in the new life. Paul describes the work of a Christian as that of an ambassador, one who walks and lives among foreigners, and represents the place from which they come.

Jesus taught his disciples to pray, "Your Kingdom come..." As ambassadors of God's Kingdom, we are enlisted into the action of bringing God's Kingdom to bear on earth. Pentecost, that event recorded in Acts 2 that really empowered God's people to follow through with that work, is also a living reality today. Yes, today, it is only in the power of the Spirit that we become willing and able to do the great work of an ambassador. Clearly, we have plenty to do, and our engagement in this work of gaining contact and speaking the life of God's forgiveness, love and hope is the driving impulse of the Christian life.

Being ambassadors. Making disciples. Lord, may your will be done among us.

# Bethany Church

Reach. Serve. Love.



**SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP 9:00AM** - masks required

**SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP 10:30AM** - masks optional

**SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP 9:30AM** - as of May 30th

*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](mailto:bethany@hcinet.net)

Bethany Prayer Chain email : [info@bethanychurch-mn.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:bethany@hcinet.net)

## PLEASE REMEMBER TO CHECK YOUR CHURCH MAILBOXES!!

**MEMBERSHIP CLASS**—Join in after Sunday services in June to learn about the history and practice of the Christian faith, as well as the organizational background of Bethany and the Reformed Church. If interested, please contact Pastor Matt for more information. Call or text: 612-719-3272 / Church office: 320-847-3322

**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.**



# News

## May. Third Sunday Offering

The Bible Project. The mission of Bible Project is to help people experience the Bible as a unified story that leads to Jesus. The Bible Project is a nonprofit animation studio that produces short-form, fully animated videos to make the biblical story accessible to everyone, everywhere. [www.bibleproject.com](http://www.bibleproject.com)

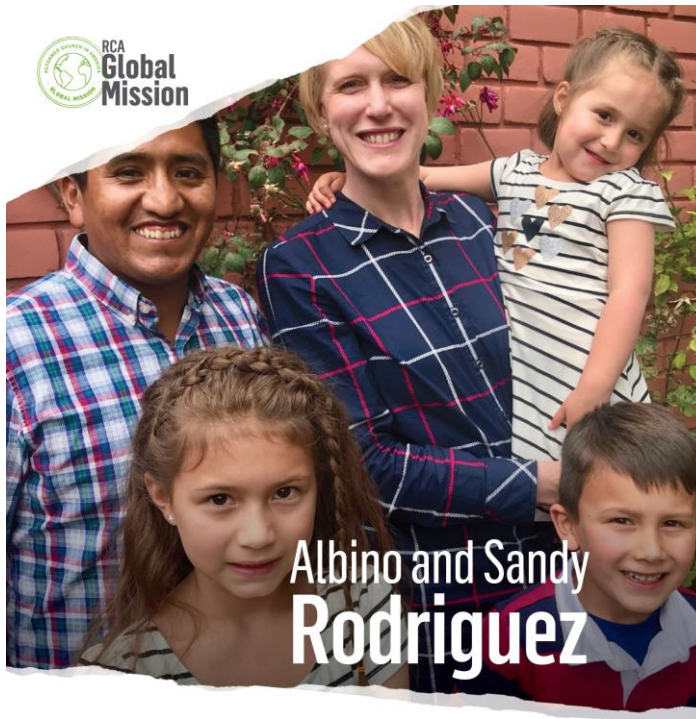


"This country has not seen and probably will never know the true level of sacrifice of our veterans. As a civilian I owe an unpayable debt to all our military...The men of WWII were the greatest generation, perhaps Korea the forgotten, Vietnam the trampled, Cold War unsung and Iraqi Freedom and Afghanistan vets underestimated. Every generation has proved itself to be worthy to stand up to the precedent of the greatest generation. Let's all take a remembrance for all veterans who served or are serving, peace time or wartime and gone or still with us. May God Bless America and All Veterans."

— Thomas M Smith



# Mission



Albino and Sandy  
Rodriguez

## PRAY

- For the house parents and small business leaders that are joining La Casa del Maestro and for unity and wisdom as the team grows.
- For wisdom and protection for the youth as they struggle with financial needs.
- For the spiritual growth and educational needs of Albino and Sandy Rodriguez's three children, Doriana, Tobias, and Felicity.
- For the Rodriguezes to be a family of prayer that seeks after God's heart.



## About the ministry

A bus trundles by, wheezing exhaust into the street. Crowds of people push past. To a teenager from the nearby valley, the city of Cusco, Peru, can be overwhelming. But because most rural households lack electricity and many more are without running water, young people often migrate to the city seeking opportunity.

Relocating from rural to urban areas leaves many young people vulnerable to exploitation, but La Casa del Maestro strives to combat that with discipleship. The organization, led by Albino and Sandy, prepares indigenous youth in Cusco to face the challenges of modern city life by empowering them with vocational training, equipping them with biblical truth, and helping them discern their calling in the world.

To learn more or support this ministry, visit:

[www.rca.org/rodriguez](http://www.rca.org/rodriguez)  
[srodriguez@rca.org](mailto:srodriguez@rca.org)

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# CALNDAR

**Sunday, May 23**  
**9:00 am**      **Worship Service**  
**10:00 am**      **Sunday School**  
**10:30 am**      **Worship Service**  
**8:00 pm**      LOH Bible Study (Youth Room)

**Monday, May 24**  
**1:00 pm**      Mission Quilters (Basement)

**Sunday, May 30**  
**9:30 am**      **Worship Service**  
**8:00 pm**      LOH Bible Study (Youth Room)

**Monday, May 31**  
**9:30 am**      Clara City Memorial Day Service @ Bethany  
**7:00 pm**      Deacon's Count

**Sunday, June 6**  
**9:30 am**      **Worship Service**  
**3:00 pm**      Taylor Grussing Bridal Shower (Groom: Eric Peterson)  
**8:00 pm**      LOH Bible Study (Youth Room)

**Monday, June 7**  
**1:00 pm**      Mission Quilters (Basement)

**Saturday, June 12**  
**10:00 am – noon**      Kelli Rath Baby (Girl) Shower (The Hub)

**Sunday, June 13**  
**9:30 am**      **Worship Service**  
**8:00 pm**      LOH Bible Study (Youth Room)

**Thursday – Friday, June 17 & 18**  
**Todd's Trip with the Seniors**



# C ALENDAR (cont.)

**Sunday, June 20**      **Father's Day**  
    **9:30 am**      **Worship Service**  
    8:00 pm      LOH Bible Study (Youth Room)

**Monday, June 21**  
    1:00 pm      Mission Quilters (Basement)

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

**Sunday, June 27**  
    **9:30 am**      **Worship Service**  
    8:00 pm      LOH Bible Study (Youth Room)

## T HANKS

*A special thank you to my family, church family and friends, for all the love, and kindness I received while in the hospital and since my return home. The many prayers, text messages, cards, phone calls and meals brought to our home were so very much appreciated.*

*I was overwhelmed with how much compassion was shown to me during this time. We often take for granted how blessed we are to live in a small community where everyone treats you as family and prayers are sent to Christ our Lord from people you may not even know.*

*God's blessings to all of you!*

*Thank you, Jo Hebrink*

*Cast all your cares on him because he cares for you. 1 Peter 5:7*

# P PRAYER

PRAYERS for HEALING, STRENGTH, PEACE:

- ✝ Bruce Hinrichs
- ✝ Ruth Johnson
- ✝ Deanna Meints
- ✝ Milt Wubben
- ✝ Vivian Reiners
- ✝ Darren Melin – continues to have challenges with a knee replacement
- ✝ Russell Sietsema – recently diagnosed with cancer and discerning treatment options
- ✝ Diane Ruiter – heart valve surgery on Tuesday, May 25<sup>th</sup> in St. Cloud
- ✝ Audrey Koenen – broke femur bone in her leg and is in Sioux Falls for surgery & rehab
- ✝ Millie Tebben – is in Hospice Care at Bethesda in Willmar

The Care Center is open for visitors. There is a limit of 10 guests in the facility at any given time, so please contact the Care Center office before coming to ensure they are within the limit — (320) 847-2221.

# T THANKS

*A big thank you for the prayer shawl that I received from your ministry. It is beautiful. May God bless you for your special act of kindness. Thanks Again! Corene Jensen*

*Thank you for the lovely prayer shawl. It is very pretty & nice. Thanks for thinking of me. ~ JoAnn Caskey*

*Dear Bethany Church- It was my honor to come and speak to my hometown church & community. So blessed to be a part of. Thank you all for the positive feedback and encouraging words. You didn't have to give me a monetary gift. I will be donating a portion of it to the MADD Program. Thanks again so much. Be well & humble! Tara (Lalim) Griess*



# YOUTH NEWS

**Rocky Update: looking for an additional sponsor if interested talk to Todd.  
Rocky Mountain High is July 30 – August 4.**

Todd is in need of another adult to go along to Power Connection this summer as 3 more students have registered. Awesome to see the group grow!! Contact Todd if you are able to help. We will leave on June 25<sup>th</sup> from church at 9 am and return on the 27<sup>th</sup> about 6pm.

*TODD WILL BE TAKING VACATION MAY 23 - 29.*

**Senior Class Trip to Sioux Falls will be June 17-18.**

## SUMMER LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

An invitation for those willing to teach a hobby or skill to the next generation!

When: The Wednesday afternoons of July 7, 14, 21, 28.

Who: Children / Young people in grades 2 - 12.

Contact: Church office: 847-3322 / Email: [bethany@hcinet.net](mailto:bethany@hcinet.net)



# WORSHIP NOTES

VBS SINGERS: Thank you for a GREAT week in music and learning! Sunday morning, May 23rd, you are welcome to come and share some of the music that we've become familiar with this week. We will be sharing our music at both the 9:00 and the 10:30 service. Contact Pam at 320.841.0136 if you have questions concerning this.

HYMN SING: The Emden Church in Renville will be hosting a hymn sing on Sunday, June 27th at 4:00 PM. This Hymn Sing will be facilitated by Ned Wohlman, Randy Groen, and Paul Knapper, with accompanists including Janel Watson and Pam Knapper. This event will include a few trio selections and of course, the roof raising singing of many "good old hymns" of yesteryear. It's going to be a great time!

A HUGE thank you to all the volunteers who have worshiped and served through vocal music, instrumentation, orchestrating the sound, managing the cameras, and running the projector. You have helped us during this time of navigating through two services each Sunday morning, and we appreciate you so very much. May you be blessed as you continue to bless others.

## FROM PSALM 150

**PRAISE THE LORD!**

**PRAISE GOD IN HIS SANCTUARY!**

**PRAISE HIM FOR HIS ACTS OF POWER; PRAISE HIM FOR HIS SURPASSING GREATNESS.**

**LET EVERYTHING THAT HAS BREATH PRAISE THE LORD!**

# Consistory Positions & Committees 2021

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\*Dan Niemeyer

Roger Knapper

Ron Thomson

## **Property Committee**

\*Chuck Ammermann

David Hinrichs

John Hagemeyer

# JUNE

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## Anniversaries

3 Paul & Angie Beck	19 Mark & Kathy Lalim
4 Joel & Deb Folkerts	20 Russ & Marcia Onnen
5 Harvey & LaRae Koenen	20 Paul & Krista Childers
7 Dan & Nikki Niemeyer	20 Ivan & Emily Paz
8 Bryan & Kristi Caspers	22 Justin & Kara Dirksen
8 Jim & Gloria Hilbrands	22 Ernest & Mary Ellen Folkerts
8 Jerry & Lois Kluver	23 Allen & Deanna Stutelberg
10 Roger & Susan Sweep	24 Leonard & Lorraine Fokken
12 Kurt & Maria Koenen	25 Marlin & Dianne Ammermann
15 Aaron & Shannon Ahrenholz	25 Terry & Renae Epema
17 Ed & Pam Zurn	28 Al & Lois Ahrenholz
18 John & Brenda Madsen	30 Lee & Carin Hagemeyer



## Birthdays

1 Dalen Caspers	11 Brad Hebrink	15 Karen Bulthuis
1 Rick Sommers	11 Paul Koenen	16 Julie Boonstra
2 Erma Andresen	12 Roger Sweep	16 Jack Boonstra
3 Dylan Dirksen	12 Ben Henker	16 Lennyn Nelson
3 Amber Wieberdink	12 Shawn Koenen	18 Dennis Boike
4 Geneva Grussing	12 Hudson Nord	18 Janet Sweep
5 Vera Rozeboom	12 Amanda Pauling	18 Mason Ashburn
5 Pam Knapper	12 Carly Hagemeyer	20 Nikki Niemeyer
5 Amy Grussing	12 Arron Enger	21 Lorraine Fokken
6 Kurt Koenen	13 Harlis Emkes	21 Rhannon Enger
7 Marie Jansen	13 Todd Henker	23 Janet Asche
7 Kash Bourne	14 Allan Meints	25 Joel Folkerts
7 Kooper Bourne	14 Paige Schwitters	25 Whitney Nelson
7 Isaac Strommer	14 Katherine Schwitters	25 Elaine Vreeman
8 Darren Melin	14 Tia Schwitters	26 Dawn Johnson
8 Barry Schwitters	14 Caitlyn Buss	28 Deb Stutelberg
10 Marcia Hanson	14 Blakely Wrede	28 Braxtin Hinrichs
10 Dale Petersen	15 Chuck Ammermann	29 Clarice Ammermann
	15 Kathryn Klinghagen	30 Chuck DeGrote
		30 Donna Barney