

Bethany Church

Reach. Serve. Love.



SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP 9:30AM

Disposable masks are available at the welcome center desk.

Services livestream on Facebook every Sunday at 9:30 AM and remain available for viewing anytime.

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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*

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NEWS

PLEASE REMEMBER TO CHECK YOUR CHURCH MAILBOXES!!

September 8th | Bethany Benefit Supper

September 12th | Sunday School starts (Ice Cream kickoff) | 3rd Graders receive Bibles

September 15th | Wednesday Night Classes start (grades 1-6 and 9-11)

September 26th | Baptism. Margo Marie Rath - daughter of Dan & Kelli Rath




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!!

NEWS

WEDNESDAY NIGHT CLASSES will begin on September 15, 2021 and end on April 13, 2022. Grades 1-6 and Grades 9-11 will have class from 7:00 – 7:45 pm.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS NEEDED...

We are in need of a Pre-K/Kindergarten teacher for Sunday School. Also, a 5th grade teacher for the second half of the year. Please let Amanda Pauling (320-905-2546) or Allison Warne know if you are available to teach. Thanks!! *Sunday School kick off starts September 12th with a special treat after the service. A teacher meeting will also be held.*



M E N T O R I N G

- Mentoring is the act of helping someone learn.
- Students entering 10th grade begin a two-year mentoring relationship with a mentor of their choosing. The mentor is a caring adult who shares time, conversation and experience for the growth and encouragement of the student.
- Materials to help bring direction to the mentoring relationship will be provided. Contact Pastor Matt for more information.

"We will tell the next generation the praiseworthy deeds of the Lord." Psalm 78:4

MISSION

MISSION MOMENT.

We continue to keep Daniel in our prayers as he attempts to reconfigure his life here in America, rather than in China, where his work has been for years.

Our September mission moment highlights the work done at Grace Covenant Ministries (GCM). GCM provides Bible camps, sports, art, and gymnastic camps and programs for local youth in Jackson County, Kentucky. GCM executive director Tommy Miracle uses these opportunities to share Jesus with the people in the greater Jackson County area. GCM's goal is to be the hands and feet of Jesus in the community.

GCM's campus also meets the needs of Jackson County residents through two local thrift stores, a home-repair volunteer work program, a short-term homeless shelter, a school, a treatment center for at-risk boys, and a treatment center for men with substance addictions.

NEWS

MEET BETHANY'S NEW JANITORS:

Bryan Varpness grew up in the Clarkfield area and moved to Montevideo in the late 80's. He and his wife, Diahanna (Meinerts) have been married for 29 years. They have no children but enjoy the company of their cat, Rintin. Bryan works for Avicenna in Montevideo which is a company that makes medical components. He is also a part time custodian for the Montevideo school district. Diahanna is employed at Prairie Five and Luther Haven. As a couple, they enjoy going to the local race track and to concerts of various different styles of music. Bryan is enjoying sprucing up the place!

Les Peterson, affectionately known as "Pete," is a Clara City resident. He has been married to his wife Joanne for 47 years. Together they have one child, Deborah. She and her husband Mark have Pete and Joanne's only grandchild, Victoria Joy. Pete enjoys motorcycles, stock car races, dogs, and keeping busy. He wakes up in the morning with the plan to share his joy.

The Friesen Historical Society, dedicated to preserving the original site of the Bunde Christian Reformed Church, invites the public to a Community Picnic and Flag Retirement Ceremony to be held at the historical site north of Bunde at 4075 140th Ave SE, Clara City, MN on Saturday, September 11. A picnic meal will be served starting at 5PM. There will be a free-will donation accepted for the supper. Come tour the house, gardens and antique tool shed. The Clara City Boy Scout Troop #269 will oversee the Flag Retirement Ceremony beginning at 6:30PM. Veterans are welcome to participate. If you don't know what to do with an old flag that you have, bring it with to have it properly retired. This ceremony is very meaningful. Please bring your own lawn chair.

The Montevideo Area Memory Loss Network (MAMLN) is excited to partner with the Millennium Theater of Montevideo to offer a FREE movie event on Monday, Sept. 13 at 2:00 and 6:00 p.m.

Showing will be the 2020 Academy Award winning film, "The Father" starring Anthony Hopkins.

The event is free however freewill donations will be accepted for future events. Concessions will be available for purchase. Call Lori Petersen at 320-226-2343 with any questions regarding the event.

'Hope to see you there!

C CALENDAR

Sunday, August 29

- 9:30 am** **Worship Service**
- 5:00 pm LOH Bible Study (Youth Room)

Monday, August 30

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

Tuesday, August 31

- 7:00 pm Leadership Meeting

Wednesday, September 1

- 7:00 pm YA – JR High Youth (Youth Room)
- 8:00 pm AFC – SR High Youth (Youth Room)

Sunday, September 5

- 9:30 am** **Worship Service**

Wednesday, September 8

- 4:30 - 7:00 pm BETHANY FALL BENEFIT (Take-Out Turkey Dinner)

Saturday, September 11

- 10:00 – noon Aleah Schwitters Bridal Shower (Groom: Quinn Fuchs)

Sunday, September 12

- 9:30 am** **Worship Service | 3rd Graders receive BIBLES | New membership Sunday**
- 10:45 am Sunday School Kickoff (treats) / Coffee Time

Monday, September 13

- 9:30 am Grief Support Group (Family Room)
- 1:00 pm Mission Quilters (Basement)

Tuesday, September 14 | MACCRAY Preschool Screening @ Bethany 7am – 4 pm

- 9:00 am Prayer Group (Family Room)

Wednesday, September 15

- 7:00 pm Wednesday Night Classes (Grades 1-6 & 9-11)
- 7:00 pm YA – JR High Youth (Youth Room)
- 8:00 pm AFC – SR High Youth (Youth Room)

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Saturday, September 18

- 9:00 am Youth Pumpkin Picking (Bruce Hinrichs Pumpkins)
- 4:00 pm Dana Rud & Dalton Ruitter Wedding

Sunday, September 19

- 9:30 am** **Worship Service | Pulpit Supply: Todd Henker**
- 10:45 am Sunday School / Coffee Time

Monday, September 20

- 1:00 pm Mission Quilters (Basement)
- 7:00 pm Deacon's Meeting / Elder's Meeting
- 8:20 pm Consistory Meeting (Library)

Wednesday, September 22

- 7:00 pm Wednesday Night Classes (Grades 1-6 & 9-11)
- 7:00 pm YA – JR High Youth (Youth Room)
- 8:00 pm AFC – SR High Youth (Youth Room)

Sunday, September 26

- 9:30 am** **Worship Service | Baptism: Margo Marie Rath**
- 10:45 am Sunday School / Coffee Time

Monday, September 27

- 9:00 am Youth making Subs (Basement)
- 1:00 pm Mission Quilters (Basement)
- 7:00 pm Deacon's Count

Tuesday, September 28

- 9:00 am Prayer Group (Family Room)

Wednesday, September 29

- 7:00 pm Wednesday Night Classes (Grades 1-6 & 9-11)
- 7:00 pm YA – JR High Youth (Youth Room)
- 8:00 pm AFC – SR High Youth (Youth Room)

PRAYER

PRAYERS for HEALING, STRENGTH, PEACE:

- ✝ Bruce Hinrichs
- ✝ Ruth Johnson
- ✝ Deanna Meints
- ✝ Vivian Reiners
- ✝ Donna Barney – recovering well and continuing therapy after a right knee replacement.
- ✝ Leonard Hilbrands – in Hospice Care at the Cottages in Willmar while healing from a broken hip/pelvis.
- ✝ Audrey Koenen – has returned home and continues therapy at the Care Center.
- ✝ Piper Brandt – the 4-year-old granddaughter of Bryan & Kristi Caspers had successful surgery on her arm after a fall at the park.
- ✝ Terry & Renae Epema – their nephew Brad Kneisel continues with treatments for burns and other multiple injuries after being very seriously electrocuted. Support for medical expenses can be given through their Go Fund Me page: www.gofundme.com
- ✝ Jeff & Summer Schmitz — Jeff serves the Campus Ministry at Ridgewater in Willmar. Jeff and Summer welcomed twin boys into the world on August 15, Griffin and Zander. That was a joy! Sadly though, and the very same time, Summer was diagnosed with Acute Leukemia, and so the very next day after giving birth to twins, Summer started chemotherapy, and will likely receive treatments for several weeks. Financial support can be given through their Go Fund Me page: www.gofundme.com
- ✝ The Assisted Living and Care Center are currently closed to visitors due to a COVID case among the employees.

THANKS

Bethany Reformed Church-

We would like to thank you for your generous donation to Let's Go Fishing. Your kindness towards our program is greatly appreciated. Your donation will be used for the needs of the Tri-County chapter. Thank you again. - Tri-County President, John DuHoux

Dear Friends- Thank you for remembering me with your prayers, food, cards, calls & visits after my knee surgery. It was all very much appreciated. God Bless you ~ Donna Barney

YOUTH NEWS

YA / Jr High Youth: Upcoming Schedule

August 25 – Reform
September 1 – The Struggle
September 8 – BETHANY BENEFIT (sign up to work)
September 15 – SMALL GROUPS
September 22 – The Lords Supper
September 29 – SMALL GROUPS (Todd has to be out of Town)
October 6 – Reform

AFC / Sr High Youth: Upcoming Schedule

August 25 – No Apologies
September 1 – Nooma
September 8 – BETHANY BENEFIT (sign up to work)
September 15 – SMALL GROUPS
September 22 – The Lords Supper
September 29 – SMALL GROUPS (Todd has to be out of Town)
October 6 – Nooma

Sub Sandwiches

- YA Youth will be selling Subs
- Orders due September 15
- Youth making them on Monday, September 27 @ 9 am

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

- ORGANIZE THE MEALS FOR WEDNESDAY NIGHTS
- WEDNESDAY NIGHT GYM SUPERVISORS

Contact Todd if interested

PUMPKIN PICKING

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 18TH

MEET AT BETHANY PARKING LOT
IF YOU NEED A RIDE.

9 AM

ALL JR/SR High Youth

8035 20th St NE
Clara City

Bruce Hinrichs will be graciously giving a portion of his pumpkin sales to the youth at Bethany. In order to receive your part of the pumpkin sales Todd is asking you to help pick pumpkins again this year. We will be picking at 9 am on September 18th. *The more hands to help the faster it goes!!*

AFC & YA Will be selling DISCOUNT CARDS again this year. Cards will also be available in the office or from Todd and a few businesses in town.

September 12th | Sunday School starts (Ice Cream kickoff) | 3rd Graders receive Bibles

September 15th | Wednesday Night Classes start (grades 1-6 and 9-11) 7:00 – 7:45 pm

WORSHIP NOTES

Clothe yourselves with the Lord Jesus Christ.

Romans 13:14

"Corporate worship is meant to so enthrall you with God's grace that you want to be an instrument of that grace in the lives of others."

Paul David Tripp

Women's Prayer Team meets every other Tuesday morning at 9:00. Contact Pam if you would like to join this team of warriors.

As we enter the month of September, I find myself reflecting upon this summer and want to thank you musicians for the music portion of worship that many of you have provided with me. The rehearsals, the chats, the prayers prayed together . . . THANK YOU! Thank you also, to all the volunteers who, Sunday after Sunday, manage the sound and the projector and the video. We love you and appreciate you! I see you as these instruments of grace in the lives of others. You are such . . . in my life! *Pam*

Do you currently play an instrument? Have you enjoyed playing one in the past? We would like to form a band that would accompany the praise team periodically throughout the year. Psalm 150 encourages this music! Any age - whatever instrument - come. Contact Pam if this interests you.

Consistory Positions & Committees 2021

President

Pastor Matthew Miller

Vice President

Dan Wrede

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Chip Goeman

Chairman of the Deacons

Keith Klinghagen

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Keith Klinghagen

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Riley Aeikens

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Riley Aeikens

Wade Buss

Todd Henker

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*Keith Klinghagen

Calvin Harms

Scott Ruiter

Fellowship/Congregational Care

*Dan Niemeyer

Roger Knapper

Ron Thomson

Property Committee

*Chuck Ammermann

David Hinrichs

John Hagemeyer

September



Anniversaries

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|----|-----------------------------|----|-------------------------|
| 2 | Kevin & LeAnn Groen | | |
| 3 | Ken & Emma Koenen | | |
| 5 | Gary & Cheri Aeikens | | |
| 5 | Leonard & Sharon Hilbrands | | |
| 5 | Steve & Jana Slagter | 12 | Troy & Janet Sweep |
| 6 | Stan & Faye Harms | 12 | Jonathan & Amy Grussing |
| 7 | Jeff & Darla Koenen | 12 | Harlan & Diane Ruiten |
| 9 | Keith & JoHannah Klinghagen | 18 | Greg & Kristie Rhode |
| 10 | Terry & Laurie Vreeman | 23 | Nate & Tara Hebrink |
| 11 | Shawn & Naomi Koenen | 27 | Kyle & Daniela Goeman |

Birthdays

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|----|------------------|----|------------------|----|-------------------|
| 1 | Angie Zimmer | 16 | Talen Niemeyer | 25 | Kyle Poppen |
| 2 | Vern Seeman | 16 | Kim Boike | 26 | Paulene Ammermann |
| 3 | Sadie Koenen | 17 | Verna Janssen | 26 | Nate Bourne |
| 4 | Ernest Folkerts | 18 | Diann Dirksen | 27 | Steven Andresen |
| 5 | Noah Johnson | 20 | Levi Koenen | 27 | Ashley Dirksen |
| 7 | Tim Sandry | 21 | Dennis Erickson | 28 | Braden Hoekstra |
| 10 | Rhett Pauling | 22 | Jim Hilbrands | 28 | Tara Hebrink |
| 10 | Stephanie Miller | 22 | Allen Stutelberg | 29 | Jackson Pauling |
| 11 | John DuHoux | 23 | John Arends | 30 | Mark Satre |
| 12 | Sharon Hilbrands | 23 | Angie Beck | 30 | Olivia Ruiten |
| 14 | Al Ahrenholz | 25 | Eunice Hinrichs | 30 | LeAnn Nord |
| 14 | Shane Nord | | | | |