

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

2 Corinthians 13:14

Are you resting on the Rock?

In a topsy turvy world, a solid spot is a welcome space to find.
2 Corinthians 13:14 describes the nature of the Rock who is rest for our soul.
God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit — one God revealed in three persons.
We see in the persons of our Triune God, the central reality of relationship.

— The love of God the Father. God is love. Love is a deep relational need. God assures us in the Word and in the action of the incarnation that we have that need met in Him.
— The grace of Jesus. Forgiveness draws us back to each other after struggles and seasons of apartness. Grace heals separation. The greatest grace is found in Jesus, in the great cosmic healing that provides and assures the way to that place prepared for those who love Him.
— The fellowship of the Holy Spirit. Being with God and with others is a source of security and meets our longing for belonging. The presence of the Comforter gives us that tangible touch of God's nearness and confidence in God's care for us.

Are you resting on the Rock?

The Apostles' Creed is a statement that summarizes our Christian faith. It describes the foundation of the Rock upon which we rest. That foundation is the very person, nature and work of God. Therefore, the format of the creed is laid out in three sections: Father, Son, and Spirit. May we rest in the love, grace and fellowship of our Lord.

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and is seated on the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he shall come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic (universal) Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Amen.

Bethany Church

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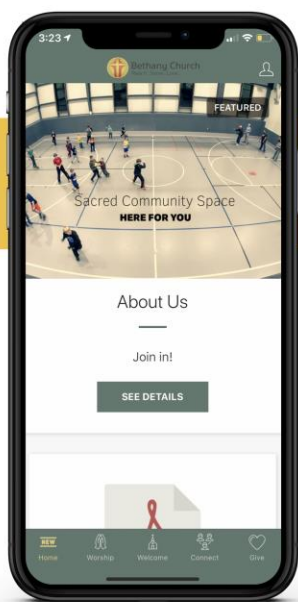
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Back to Church

WE ARE GATHERING ON SUNDAY, August 2

“Let us not give up meeting together as some are in the habit of doing...” Heb 10:25

Directives for our Sunday gatherings

Due to the recent statewide mandate on masks, Bethany will have disposable masks available, but will not be regulating or managing their use.

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

Parents! Your input is important to our fall plans for Wednesday and Sunday activities. Please complete the survey on our website: <https://www.bethanychurch-mn.com/vbs> On the Homepage, just click on the "Survey" tab. Thank you!

The Parkinson's Support and Education group continues to meet the first and third Monday of every month from 3:30 - 5:00 p.m. Because of COVID and social distancing, we have been meeting virtually every Monday via the ZOOM platform. Anyone who is affected by Parkinson's Disease, or would just like to learn more, is encouraged to attend our virtual meetings! To learn more about this group and/or obtain log in information, please contact Lori Petersen at 320-321- 8241 or 320-226-2343. This support group is free and is sponsored by CCM Health in Montevideo.

A Note to Bethany:

2020 has been a tough year. My sons and their spouses have been such blessing to me during these trying times and I appreciate and thank them for everything, they have been my rock. I'd also like to thank Pety Zeatlow and Mary Ann Groothuis for all their love and support. And for my many other family and friends for all the cards, texts and phone calls during these last couple months. I am truly blessed to have each and every one of you in my life. ~Maria Koenen

Calendar

- COMMUNION. Sunday, August 9
- SUMMER LEARNING started on Wednesday and will continue on August 5 & 12
- FALL COMMUNITY MEAL will be held on Wednesday, September 9 in the Fellowship Hall at Bethany.



Join us for a Meet & Greet Bridal Shower honoring
Ashlie Johnson
bride-to-be of Ryan Wubben
Saturday, August 15th from 9:30-11:00 at Bethany
Registered at: Target, Menards & Millpond Mercantile

PRAYER

PRAYERS for STRENGTH & HEALING

- † Care Center & Assisted Living Residents
- † Job Seekers during this time of uncertainty & heightened layoffs
- † Our national anxiety and unrest to coronavirus & race relations
- † Darren Melin
- † Harlan Ruiters
- † Bruce Hinrichs
- † Ruth Johnson
- † Deanna Meints
- † Cindy Plowman
- † Milt Wubben
- † Elva Hinrichs – is making a good recovery from knee surgery
- † Sharon Asche fell last Friday at home. She has a broken nose and a broken bone in her neck. She has been hospitalized in St Cloud. Overall, things are headed in the right direction. They are weaning her off the sedation medication. Jeff has been able to see her and she is responding to seeing him. She is out of ICU, has her own room and is slowly gaining the ability to eat and drink on her power. She will be in a neck brace for 4-6 weeks. MRI and CT scans didn't show anything concerning.
- † Randy Freiborg fell off a 12-foot ladder on Tuesday, July 28 and is suffering from multiple injuries. Currently he is being hospitalized in Willmar.
- † Jackson Pauling is in a cast and healing up from a broken arm and surgery.
- † Maria Koenen has gone through vocal cord & throat surgeries, with no cancer. She continues with a lot of home therapy. Surgery to remove a mass on the kidney is coming in August.
- † George Kliver is at the Clara City Care Center, room 149. His phone # is (320) 368-3688.

WORSHIP NOTES

Find rest, O my soul, in God alone; my hope comes from him. He alone is my rock and my salvation; he is my fortress; I will not be shaken. My salvation and my honor depend on God; He is my might rock, my refuge. Trust in him at all times, O people; pour out your hearts to him, for God is our refuge. Psalm 62:5-8

We shout out a HUGE thank you to those who have been managing the sound and projector through the month of July. Thanks to Jason, Nikki, Scott and Renae! We appreciate you!

One more THANK YOU to Jason Groen who has ministered to us at the sound desk and at the projector over the past 15 (plus) years! We are praying for you, Jason, as you establish yourself in a new community. We will really miss you!

Opportunities to serve in August . . . contact Pam if you are willing to run projector, sound, or sing. Also, if you have a favorite song that we haven't sung in a while, let Pam know, and we will sing it!

YOUTH NEWS

Parents please complete the survey on our website:

<https://www.bethanychurch-mn.com/vbs>

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

Youth Group will be starting on Wednesday, August 26th in the Gym so as to social distance. We will be asking kids to bring masks and their own pillows/chairs to sit on so that we can meet together. If you bring your own chair please make sure they have all 4 rubber/plastic pads on the legs so as to not damage the floor.

AUGUST

Anniversaries

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| 1 | Tim & Kathi Beseman | 20 | Brad & Darla Poppen |
| 4 | Jim & Vicky Hinrichs | 20 | Alan & Lori Petersen |
| 5 | Todd & Jen Henker | 22 | Dale & Jan Petersen |
| 7 | Dennis & Pauline Erickson | 25 | Chris & Darcy Nokelby |
| 8 | John & Carly Hagemeyer | 25 | Matt & Stephanie Miller |
| 11 | Jim & Audrey Koenen | 27 | Don & Julie Boonstra |
| 12 | Chuck & Cindy DeGrote | 27 | Paul & Lynn Koenen |
| 14 | Brian & Whitney Nelson | 29 | Rick & Korine Sommers |
| 16 | Harold & Linda Doesken | 31 | Bruce & Dawn Johnson |
| 19 | David & Megan Struxness | | |

Birthdays

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|----|---------------------|----|--------------------|----|-------------------|
| 1 | Harlan Doesken | 11 | Liam Epema | 22 | Dean Jansen |
| 2 | Marlyn Andresen | 13 | Josh Cavaness | 24 | Mari Sietsema |
| 2 | Maria Koenen | 14 | Steve Hilbrands | 24 | Scott Abbas |
| 2 | Kristi Caspers | 14 | Katie Poppen | 25 | Kevin Groen |
| 2 | Stefanie Epema | 14 | Isaiah Epema | 26 | Krista Childers |
| 2 | Darlene Andresen | 15 | Pauline Freiborg | 29 | Elva Hinrichs |
| 3 | Lester TerWisscha | 17 | Gert Kluver | 29 | Leann Knapper |
| 3 | Leonard Hilbrands | 18 | Audrey Arends | 30 | Garrett Struxness |
| 3 | Esme Aviles | 18 | Dianne Ammermann | 30 | Loren Stomberg |
| 3 | Molly Loe | 18 | Phil Pieper | | |
| 4 | Brenda Madsen | 18 | LeAnn Groen | | |
| 4 | Deb Stomberg | 18 | Roger Feldman | | |
| 6 | Jeff Koenen | 19 | Jan Zimmer | | |
| 6 | Leah Johnson | 19 | Terese Bourne | | |
| 6 | Maverick Klinghagen | 20 | Brandon Wieberdink | | |
| 7 | Emma Koenen | 20 | Fritz Goeman | | |
| 7 | Rodney Boike | 21 | Brad Poppen | | |
| 7 | Cheri Aeikens | 21 | Nicole Cloutier | | |
| 7 | Chip Goeman | 21 | Bo Schwitters | | |
| 8 | George Kluver | | | | |
| 10 | Esther Kluver | | | | |
| 10 | Parker Ruiter | | | | |