



## BETHEL UNITED CHURCH

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Minister: Rev. Norm Laird

**April 26, 2009**

**Third Sunday of Easter**

**10:30 a.m. Worship Service**

Musical Prelude:

Welcome and Announcements

Awareness Meditation

Words of Gathering:

Rejoice Good friends rejoice!

Celebrate God and the life that is yours.

**We sing to our God with joy and thanksgiving,  
grateful for the gift of our being.**

Rest in God, be at peace.

You are loved more than you know.

**Tenderly, tenderly, God holds us and cares for us.**

**We give honour to our compassionate God.**

Passing the Peace

Hymn: 30 MV, It's a Song of Praise to the Maker

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Prayer of Humility: **Infinite One, from whose depths we receive life, we are drawn to this place seeking to be refreshed in our living. Humbly, we have prepared ourselves for this sacred time with you and with each other. We thank you for the blessing that is ours through your grace and spirit...**  
(continue to pray as you choose...)

Assurance of Love

Hymn: 265 VU, Creating God, Your Fingers Trace

Scripture: 1 John 3:1-7 *p. 240*

Mark 16:9-20 *p. 55*

Musical Pause

Sermon:

Hymn: 154 MV, Deep in Our Hearts

Minute for Mission: Seeing M & S at Work

Offering and Prayer of Dedication: **Ever-loving God, we recognize you as the one who is continually giving of yourself, without demand without pretence. We seek to be as you are. Today, as we can, freely, we give. Bless our giving. Amen**

Prayers of and for the people and the prayer from Jesus  
(Paraphrase p. 916 VU)

Hymn: 606 VU, In Christ There Is No East or West

Benediction and Blessing

Choral Amen

Postlude

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**The Life and Work of the Congregation**  
**April 26, 2009**

**Welcome!** We are glad you came! **Visitors** are asked to sign our guest book in the vestibule. **All are invited** to the auditorium following the service for refreshments and visiting.

**Coffee (regular and decaf.) and juice** are being served in the narthex each morning before the service. This is an opportunity to socialize prior to the Sunday worship services and is one way congregations are engaging in the **Emerging Spirit Campaign**.

**This morning:**

**Head Usher:** Peggy Amy

**Ushers and Greeters:** Leonard Schwanke  
 Freda Crossman

**Greeter and Lift Operator:** Leonard Schwanke

**Reader:** Harvey Clarke

**Musical Accompanist:** Lynn Ewing

**Today's bulletin** is sponsored by Lilah Brehon in celebration of volunteers & racers who each year take part in the Hope Cancer Race for Recovery – this year the race is Sunday, April 26.

Bethel United Church welcomes Lynn Ewing at our worship service today; thank you for providing us with music.

Rev. Barbara Martin would like to inform you that she has a new telephone number - 649-2086.

**Church Council Meeting** will be held on  
**Thursday, April 30**  
 at **7:15 p.m.**  
 in the **Social Hall**.

**Ham Supper**

**Saturday, May 9, 2009**

**We will be hosting our Annual Ham Supper on May 9<sup>th</sup>. Once more we need your help. We have 2 sittings - 5:00 p.m. and 6:15 p.m. We limit our tickets to 150 for each sitting. All tickets are pre-sold. We need your help in supplying food and we, also, need lots of workers. We will have tickets and the charts in the gym after the service today. Please stop and see what you can do to help.**

**Adults: \$10.00**

**Children (6-12): \$4.00**

**Preschoolers: Free**

**For tickets please call the office at 343-6085 or Freda Crossman at 343-0759**

**Confirmation Classes: Only one person has expressed interest in the classes, so they will not be offered at this time. Classes will be offered perhaps in the fall or early next year.**

**The Pastoral Care Committee** will meet **Sunday, May 24<sup>th</sup>**, following the service in the **Trudy Doidge Room**.

### **Heavenly Lunch**

**You are invited to remain for a Heavenly Lunch after the service today.**

**Come for a selection of Hamburger, Cock-a-Leekie, Cream and Gluten Free soups, biscuits and a variety of cheesecakes all made by angelic hands and selected for your divine repast.**

**Suggested contributions \$5-, \$10-, \$20- or as high as you wish to go.**

**Proceeds will be directed toward the cost of the hot water heater.**

**Thank you for your support.**

**Be sure to take time to view the Bethel Art Group's display in the gym.**

### **Saskatoon Creative Quilters**

**23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Quilt Show**

**Tuesday, May 5, 2009**

**10:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.**

**Bethel United Church**

**Admission - \$2.00**

**Coffee and muffins served**

**Sponsored by Bethel UCW**

**Baby Quilts for Sale and proceeds will go to the Children's Wish Foundation**

**Come and bring a friend!**

**The Outreach Committee will provide lunch after church on Sunday, May 3/2009**

**A presentation in the gym will follow lunch by a person from the Saskatoon Overnight Shelter**

**The Patio Sale, Pancake Breakfast and Bake Table Sale held on April 18<sup>th</sup> were again successful!**

**Thank you to all who donated items or baking and/or helped or supported in any way.**

**The net profits were as follows: Pancake Breakfast \$643.47; Bake Table \$368.25; Specialty Table \$269.50 and Patio Sale \$907.15 for a total of \$2,188.37. All proceeds will go to the General Fund.**

**A very special thanks to Davis Morrison for his tireless effort and dedication to the Patio Sale. Throughout the year, items came in for the Patio Sale and Davis carried all of those downstairs to the storage room. This he has done during the past 20 plus years.**

**Davis Morrison has now resigned from doing this volunteer work on the Patio Sale (as has his helper, Bev. Andres).**

**Men's Fellowship Breakfast  
will be held on Saturday,  
May 2, 2009, at 9:00 a.m.  
in the Social Hall.  
Jeanette Liberty-Duns  
will be speaking on her  
trip to Zambia, Africa.**

**Meals on Wheels:** Volunteers are needed to continue delivering meals. The sign-up calendar is on the literature table. Bethel's coordinator is Shirley McKay (374-4883).

**May 14<sup>th</sup> – 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.**

**U.C.W. Clothes Packing Day**

**This will be our final Packing Day at Bethel.  
We were recently notified the Big River  
First United has been sold. Since our  
main shipment of clothing has been sent  
to Big River Thrift Shop (now closed),  
we will terminate this project. Clothing  
from May 14<sup>th</sup> Packing Day will be  
distributed locally. Thank you for  
your support over the years.**

**Check out Bethel's website** for general information about our church, our service and news and events. The site address is: [www.bethelsaskatoon.com](http://www.bethelsaskatoon.com) or go to the WonderCafe site and do a church search using either the church name or postal code. **Any information for our website** must be forwarded through the church office. Information from a source, other than the church office, will not be posted.

**Other Church and Community events:**

**'Kids of Note'** performing their **Spring Concert** at **Grosvenor Park United** on **Sun., May 3 at 3:00 p.m.** It is led by children's entertainer Brenda Baker, with pianist Ken Neitz. This is an invitation to join them for a forty minute FREE concert followed by a public reception. Everyone is welcome. For more information contact KON Manager, Mary @ 653-1201.

**A Workshop in Spiritual Discernment – I'd Say Yes God, If I Knew What You Wanted** - will be offered by Nancy Reeves and Linnea Good at St. Patrick's Roman Catholic Parish in Saskatoon at 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. on Saturday, May 2, 2009.

**Memeza Africa** will be touring and performing in Saskatoon on June 1/2009 at 7:30 p.m. at the Broadway Theatre. This is a powerful and spirited group performing African and Canadian music, dance and spirit.

**The St. Martin's UC Contemporary Singers** Present "May Melodies" on Tuesday, May 12, 2009. Tickets go on sale: Tuesday, April 28. Dinner & Concert \$25.00, Concert only \$15.00. Call **343-7101** for info and tickets.

**Adult Faith Formation in our Congregations:** Will be held at Westminster United Church, 708 –13<sup>th</sup> Ave. Humboldt, Sk on June 13, 2009. Registration deadline for this event is June 5<sup>th</sup>. Application is on bulletin board.

The **8<sup>th</sup> Joint Saskatoon Theological Union Convocation** takes place on **May 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.** at **St. Timothy's Anglican Church**. Earned and honorary degrees will be presented. The Convocation address will be given by Dr. Bruce Perlman, President of Luther College, Regina.

The Nutana Area Ecumenical Committee invites you to a Pentecost Celebration of Sacred Music on May 31 at 7:30 p.m. held at St. Philip Neri Roman Catholic Church (1902 Munroe). Seven Church Choirs will be participating - come and worship.

Pancake Breakfast, Bake Sale and Craft Sale – Sat, May 2, 2009 at St. David's Trinity United Church (3318 Merritt St. – Montgomery Place).

Angels of Care "New to You" Clothing Sale & Perennial Plant Sale is on Sat., May 9 starting at 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Oliver Place, 1020 Tiffin Cres. They would appreciate donations of clothing (children's clothing as well). For drop-off call Kay Taggart at 382-2479 or Emily Sippola at 934-5920.

You are invited to join **Grosvenor Park United Church** in celebrating their public declaration as an **Affirming Ministry** within The United Church of Canada on **Sunday, May 10/09** at 3:00 p.m. followed by a reception. Church address is 407 Cumberland Avenue South – information is posted.

**"For the Bible Tells Me So"** offers healing, clarity and understanding to anyone struggling with scripture and sexual identity – May 14 at the Refinery, 609 Dufferin Ave. at 7 p.m. Public viewing and facilitated discussion. Everyone is welcome to attend. For more information the contact person is Sheila Whiteway at 653-1668.

**Caregiver Forum** - Thursday, April 30, 2009 at 8:45 to 3:00 p.m. at Mayfair United Church, 202 – 33<sup>rd</sup> St. W. To inquire about free onsite elder care or free elder care subsidy and free transportation to Mayfair United Church - phone #**652-4411**.

River Bend Inner City Ministry will hold their Annual Meeting on Wednesday, April 29, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in the Rainbow Resource Room at 808 – 20<sup>th</sup> Street West - coffee, conversation and celebration. Transportation and childcare are provided, please call the office at 653-2662. Everyone welcome.

Ministry with Youth Leadership Certificate Program at Calling Lakes Centre will be held Friday, May 8 to Sunday, May 10. Cost is \$175.00. Call 332-5691 to register.

Flea Market – Mayfair United Church (902 – 33 St. West) will be held on Saturday, May 9, 2009 starting at 8:00 a.m. Also, a Pancake Breakfast (8:00 to 10:00 a.m.) and lunch (10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.) will be served. See posted information.

### **Meetings and events this week:**

#### **Monday:**

- Bethel Art Group, 9:30
- Cubs, 7:00

#### **Tuesday:**

- Staff Meeting, 9:30
- Beavers, 6:30

#### **Wednesday:**

- Bible Study, 10:00 (come at 9:30 for coffee, if you wish).
- Scouts, 7:00

#### **Thursday:**

- Council Meeting, 7:15 in Social Hall

#### **Saturday:**

- Men's Breakfast in Social Hall (last one)

### **Scripture readings for next Sunday, May 3:**

1 John 3:16-23

John 8:12-18

### **Stewardship Seconds 2009 - April 26:**

How are our stewardship practises affected when we consider that we are all God's children?