



BETHEL UNITED CHURCH

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April 5, 2009

Palm Sunday

10:30 a.m. Worship Service

Welcome and Announcements

Scripture: Psalm 118: p. 837 VU (Parts 1, 3 & 4)

Hymn: 958 VU, Halle! Halle! Halle!

Prayer: **Delightful God, with balloons, and streamers and palms we sing and move in celebration of your presence! May we learn to celebrate often just for the sheer joy of it. May our hearts be full of gratitude for the Divine Light that is ours in each moment of our living. Amen**

Hymn: 224 VU, Sing a Happy Hallelujah

Scripture:

Mark 11:1-11

p. 47

Reader: This is the Word of God as it is written
in our Christian scripture.

**All: The written word of God is enlightened
by the living Word of God that is within us.**

Musical Pause:

The Day of the Palms

Hymn: 123 VU, Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

Minute for Mission: "Unmasking Human Trafficking"

Offering: **Gracious God of constant giving, as we present these gifts may we remember how shallow they are without our love to support them. Lead us into giving as freely as you do. Lead us into giving in love. Amen**

Our Prayers and the Prayer of Jesus:

Hymn: 122 MV, This Is the Day

Benediction

Halle! Halle! Halle!

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The Life and Work of the Congregation April 5, 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: Larry Fowke

Ushers and Greeters: Armand Bourassa
Barbara Bourassa

Greeter and Lift Operator: Larry Fowke

Reader: Lynne Fowke

Bethel Congregation welcomes Bob Don as organist at our worship service this morning.

Easter Sunday Worship at **Bethel United** will be at the regular time – **10:30 a.m.**

Throughout Lent, as usual, there will be a Wednesday morning prayer breakfast at 7:15 a.m. This year it is being hosted by Nutana Park Mennonite Church. **Bethel** is responsible for the **April 8th** breakfast.

Notice

Maundy Thursday Potluck Supper and Service will be held at Bethel United starting at 6:15 p.m. This is a joint service with **Grosvenor Park United. **Good Friday Service will be held at Grosvenor Park starting at 10:00 a.m.****

(Note: Starting time for Good Friday service – not 10:30 a.m.)

Hot Water Heater/Dishwasher Fund

To date we have raised \$170.50 (from the cookie drive), \$515.65 (from the Soup n' Sandwich lunch) for a total of \$686.15. The hot water heater has been purchased; it will be installed shortly. Thank you very much for your generosity.

Notice

Choir practise will be held at 7:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m. at **Grosvenor Park United Church on **Wednesday, April 8th**, this practise is for **Good Friday Service** that will be at **Grosvenor Park United Church**. **Note:** The service on **Good Friday, April 10th**, is at **10:00 a.m.****

Norm will be conducting the service **today (April 5)** at **Extencicare** at **2:30 p.m.** and at **Stensrud Lodge** on **Easter Sunday (April 12)** at **1:30 p.m.**

Bethel's Patio Sale, Pancake Breakfast and Bake Sale are quickly approaching: Saturday, April 18th beginning at 8:00 a.m. One person's "junk" is another person's treasure and we need yours! Items for sale, baking and/or your assistance will help to make it be an unforgettable event! Please see sign-up sheet in the narthex. If you could deliver any poster(s), thank you!

Please see Freda if you could help with the Pancake Breakfast.

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).

Check out Bethel's website for general information about our church, our service and news and events. The site address is: 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.

Norm will be in his office for part of the day Tuesday to Friday most weeks. Feel free to drop in if you see his car parked in its spot. In an effort to be more easily accessible, Norm will for sure be in his office Tuesday evenings 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. and Thursday mornings 9:00 – noon. Again, feel free to drop in or call during these times.

The **Communications and Contact Committee** need people to deliver **Easter flowers** to the **Shut-ins** this Sunday, **April 5**, after Church. Your help will be greatly appreciated.

Pam Barmantloo will be graduating from the veterinary college this spring and is planning on serving for three months in **Uganda** along with two friends, sponsored by **Vets Without Borders**. Any support we can give will help in their work. Please speak with Pam for further info or to offer financial support.

THESE DAYS – Daily Devotions for Living by Faith for April, May & June 2009 are now available in the narthex.

"WHOLiFE" - Wholeness and Wellness Journal of Saskatchewan honouring Earth Day – copies of the issue for **March/April 2009** are available in the narthex.

Dessert & Discussion: Thursday, April 16th at 7:15 p.m. at Tastebuds, 1624 Lorne Avenue.

Other Church and Community events:

Please support the **LutherCare Foundation's 25th Annual Fundraising Dinner** to be held on **Friday, April 24th** at the **Travelodge Hotel** – see poster by the church office for more information.

Camp Christopher – See information and applications that are found on the counter by the Church office.

THOMAS G. BANDY WORKSHOP – Grace-Westminster United Church (505 – 10th Street East) will be hosting a workshop on May 8th & 9th, 2009, sponsored by River Bend Presbytery. The workshop is on moving your church from a declining church to a thriving church model. The deadline for registration is May 5, 2009 and the cost is \$50.00 which includes lunch and refreshments. For more information, contact Kate Albert at 653-1766.

Queen's House Retreat & Renewal Centre (Ph.#242-1916) The 19th Annual Summer Ecumenical Institute Conference will be held June 2 – 5, 2009 at the Queen's House of Retreats. The theme is - "Telling our Story, Shaping our Future: Christian unity and reconciliation in Canada". Keynote speaker for the Conference is Fr. Tom Ryan and worship leaders are Cheryl & Bruce Harding. See bulletin board for details regarding registration for this Conference and dates of other events. Website: www.queenshouse.org

St. Andrew's College will be holding its 3rd annual "Alive and Well" fund-raising dinner on Monday, April 20, 2009 at McClure United Church. Tickets are \$100.00 to obtain them you must contact the college at 966-8973 – limited tickets.

The Joy of Blended Families – Christian Counseling Services is excited to offer this one day workshop by Myron Peters and Gwen Gleason-Graham at Westgate Alliance Church, 3315 Centennial Drive on April 25, 2009 and again at Emmanuel Baptist Church, 1636 Acadia Drive on May 23, 2009. Pre-registration is required as seating is limited to 20 for both times – to register call 244-9890. Details are posted.

Can you help? The Canadian Cancer Society is in need of volunteers to help with the Door-to-Door Residential Campaign held on April 19, 2009. If you can spare an hour of your time to help fight cancer, please call Odette Lloyd at 244-2557 or 244-4389 for more information.

LutherCare Foundation's 25th annual fundraising dinner will be held on Friday, April 24, 2009 at the Travelodge Hotel in Saskatoon. To obtain tickets call 664-0316.

St. David's Trinity United Church HAM SUPPER is today April 5, at 5:00 p.m. For advanced tickets, please call Gerri at 382-8480.

15th Annual Women's Gathering - Retreat to be held at Minto United Church in Moose Jaw on April 24 – 26/09. Registration forms on bulletin board (copies can be made).

Saskatoon Adlerian Society is sponsoring 'A Day For Parents' – Saturday, April 25th at Mayfair United Church. Details are posted on the bulletin board.

PAPER REDUCTION: 'Reduce – Reuse – Recycle'. The greatest of these is Reduce. "The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it (Psalm 24:1)". Angie Bugg has a list of many ideas that we can practice regarding reduction and recycling of paper and that will help save trees. To Live with Respect in Creation is an article she has written; it is posted on the bulletin board by the office.

Meetings and events this week:**Monday:**

- Bethel Art Group, 9:30

Tuesday:

- Staff Meeting, 9:30

Wednesday:

- Bible Study, 10:00 (come at 9:30 for coffee, if you wish).
- CHEP Good Food Boxes arrive, 1:00 p.m.
- Choir practise at **Grosvenor Park United**, 7:00
- 22nd Bethel Leap-up, Swim-up, 7:00 (Gym)

Thursday:

- Maundy Thursday Potluck & Worship, 6:15 (Grosvenor at Bethel)

Friday:

- Good Friday Service for Bethel at Grosvenor Park - 10:00 a.m.

Dates to remember:

Saturday, April 25 – Scout's Bottle Drive

Sunday, April 26 – Soup and Biscuits Lunch after Church

Tuesday, May 5 – Quilt Show

Saturday, May 9 – Ham Supper

Please note: Cubs will not meet on Monday, April 6th and Beavers will not meet on Tuesday, April 7th.

Scripture readings for next Sunday, April 12:

Mark 16:1-8 Acts 10:34-43

Stewardship Seconds 2009 - April 5:

Stewards give thanks and shout "Hosanna!" every day, knowing that God's steadfast love endures forever.