



## BETHEL UNITED CHURCH

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Minister: Rev. Norm Laird

**August 2, 2009**

**Ninth after Pentecost**

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

Musical Prelude:

Welcome and Announcements

Words of Gathering:

Blessing and grace, power and love  
are ours through God who inhabits our being.

**Praise to the God of love and life  
within whom we live and move and have our being.**

Rejoice in the truth of Emmanuel –God with us!

**We rejoice and sing with the Spirit of light  
that is upon us and through us!**

Lighting Candles of Joy and Concern

Passing the Peace of Christ

Hymn: 253 VU, Sing Your Joy

A Question from the Fish Bowl

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Scripture:

Ephesians 4:1-16

*A life worthy of your calling,  
speak the truth in love.*

*p.193-194*

John 6:24-35

*The crowds ask for another  
sign from Jesus*

*p.98*

One: God speaks through human voices.

Response: **God's words are heard in human hearts  
and minds.**

Musical Pause

Sermon:

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

Minute for Mission: "Building on Strengths"

Offering and Prayer of Dedication:

**Here God, is our commitment to you. We will use the  
gifts for the betterment of the church, for the well-  
being of our community, and for service in the world.  
We will use the totality of our lives for the same  
purpose. Amen**

Prayers of and for the people and the prayer from Jesus

Hymn: 154 MV, Deep in Our Hearts

Benediction and Blessing

Halle! Halle! Halle! 958 VU (3x)

Postlude

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## The Life and Work of the Congregation August 2, 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**.

**Thank you to Sarah Makins** for providing us with music for our worship service today.

### This morning:

**Head Usher:** Peggy Amy

**Ushers and Greeters:** Doreen Froom

**Greeter and Lift Operator:**

**Reader:** Barbara Martin

**Musical Accompanist:** Sarah Makins

**Today's bulletin** is sponsored by Davis Morrison and his daughter, Anne, in loving memory of Marguerite Morrison.

For the past year, **Norm** has been taking Monday as a day off. Beginning in **September** this will switch to **Fridays**. Please note the change for your convenience in contacting him.

**Fall Newsletter:** Please contact Gladys Kemmer | August 9<sup>th</sup> if you have news you would like included the Newsletter. Committees, groups and individuals are encouraged to submit their reports. People news especially welcome. Contact Gladys at 373-1205 [dgkemm@sasktel.net](mailto:dgkemm@sasktel.net)

**Sunday Bulletins not yet sponsored** at Bethel Unit Church for the remainder of the year are October 25 and November 1. Please contact the church office if you would like to sponsor one of these bulletins or for information.

**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)**.

**The Communication and Contact Committee is coordinating a "phoning tree" to keep in contact with the congregation. The Committee will be contacting members of the congregation to see if they would be willing to become a "phoner". The duties will be to call about 10 – 12 people approximately 3 times per year to inform them about upcoming events and to let them raise any concerns they might have. If you would like to volunteer, please call Enid Smith at 343-7451 or the church office.**

There is a **green sign-up sheet** in the narthex for usher greeters, readers for the summer months. If you are able to assist with any of these duties, please sign up indicating the dates when you will be available.

**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.

We encourage everyone to use hand sanitizer that is provide on the table in the narthex and on the table at coffee time.

### **Other Church and Community events:**

**Hiroshima Day – Nagasaki Day:** Thursday, **August 6**, 7:30 pm at the **Frances Morrison Public Library** (311 – 3<sup>rd</sup> St. E., in Saskatoon. Film Screening: The Strangest Dream and greetings from the City of Saskatoon by Mayor Don Atchison. Also, Sunday, **August 9**, 12:00 to 4:00 pm at **St. Joseph's Church Hall**, (535-8<sup>th</sup> St. E., in Saskatoon. Music, Paper Crane Making, Inspirational Presentations. **Eliminate Nuclear Weapons Forever.** For more information see: [www.saskatoonpeace.tk](http://www.saskatoonpeace.tk) or call (306) 665-2154.

**Saskatoon Health Region - Palliative Care Services – "Walk of Memories"** will be held on **Sun., August 30/2009** at the **Kiwanis Memorial Park Band Shell** (Spadina and 20<sup>th</sup> Street) and walking to the **W.A. Edwards Family Centre** (333 – 4<sup>th</sup> Ave. N.) - **parking available at Saskatoon Funeral Home.** Everyone is invited to participate in the Walk of memories to remember loved ones and support Palliative Care Services. There is no cost to participate. Shuttle service is available between sites. **Gathering** time is **1:30 p.m.** – **Walk** begins at **2:00 p.m.** Refreshments are at 3:00 p.m. Check bulletin board by the church office to obtain an info card.

**Foster Care Program** - Foster Families are needed. If you are able help, please contact the Saskatoon office at 933-6018.

### **Global Partners Institute urgently needs host families for 2 female students coming to Saskatoon on August 29, 2009.**

Following is information and contact person:

#### Our host families:

- Need to have 2 or more related people living in the home at the time of hosting
- Provide a bedroom (may share with a host sibling of a similar age, but this is not the best situation)
- May be hosting another international female student at the same time
- Take on the role of parent
- Must speak English in the home
- Be interested in youth and cultures
- pays an honorarium to the hosting families during the final week of each month - \$600.00/month
- Provides support to the student, the family and the school throughout the time the student will be staying

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Stephen Lewis, Aissatou Diajate (SLF Director of Programmes) and Gillian Mathurin (SLF Communications Officer) have just arrived in Africa! They will visit six grassroots organizations in South Africa and Uganda, over a three-week period, to see first-hand how these projects support women, grandmothers, orphans and people living with HIV and Aids. This October, Stephen Lewis is challenging Canadians to participate in "A Dare to Remember: ordinary people doing extraordinary things".

### **Scripture readings for next Sunday, August 9:**

Matthew 7:1-15

### **Stewardship Seconds 2009 - August 2:**

Count your gifts this day, and offer praise to the Giver of gifts.