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**January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2009**

**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Epiphany**

**The Baptism of the Lord**

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

### **THE APPROACH**

Musical Prelude – ‘the Good News ensemble’

Welcome and Announcements

Introit: #7 MV, Gather Us In

Words of Gathering:

One: Come in, all who seek refreshment.

**All: We give our tiredness to God.**

One: Come in, all who seek comfort.

**All: We find comfort and support from God  
and one another.**

One: Come in, and experience Joy

**All: The Joy of God is our strength.**

Passing the Peace of Christ

Hymn: 222, Come, Let Us Sing

Prayer of Humility: (together)

**Holy and wondrous God, we are together once more,  
sisters and brothers, in this our community of faith  
and love. Thank you for the blessings of this past week.  
May we find inspiration, wisdom, and love anew,  
to take us into the week ahead. Amen**

Assurance of Love

Children’s Time: ‘the Good News ensemble’

### **THE WORD**

Scriptures:

Genesis 1:1-5

*p. 1*

Mark 1:4-11

*p. 34*

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 Presentation: ‘the Good News ensemble’

### **THE RESPONSE**

Minute for Mission: “Seek Peace in a Foreign Land”

Offering

Offertory Instrumental: David Fong, Cody Kurz,  
Darcy Warrington

Prayer of Dedication: (together)

**Here, God, is our commitment to you. We will use these 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  
(said)

*-Marj. McKinnon*

Hymn: 145 MV, Draw the Circle Wide

Benediction and Blessing

Postlude: 'the Good News ensemble'

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## The Life and Work of the Congregation January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2009

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**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**.

**A special welcome to 'the Good News ensemble' this morning.** 'The Good News ensemble' is ten singers and musicians who travel from church to church once per month with an upbeat and encouraging Good News message. Their presentation is a jazz, swing and soft-rock gospel sound. They present traditional religious songs as well. Several songs are special arrangements out of Voices United. This group was formed in 2002 and see themselves as an inter-faith group. **We are very pleased that 'the Good News ensemble' is here today!**

**Participating in the service** and providing 'goodies' at coffee time after the service are members of the Choir.

**This morning:**

**Head usher:** Charles Andres

**Ushering and greeting:** Craig and Elsie Balfour,  
Elaine Wanhella and Marj Burt

**Worship Leader:** Marguerite Irvine

**Reader:** Peggy Jakes

**Today's bulletin** is sponsored anonymously **in honour of 'the Good News ensemble'**.

**Norm** will be back in his office Wednesday, January 14<sup>th</sup>.

**The Communication & Contact Committee** will meet following the service this morning.

**To help prevent the spread** of colds and flu-like illnesses, please remember to use the **hand sanitizer** that is provided on the table in the narthex and on the table at coffee time.

**The Christmas Tree** by the Lectern has become a 'mitten tree'. Any donations you wish to make of hats, scarves, mitts and socks are welcome. If you purchase mitts, the waterproof ones are best. **After February 1<sup>st</sup>, the items will be taken to the Inner City Ministry.**

**A martial arts group** will be meeting in the gymnasium this evening. Please stay for a few minutes after coffee time, if you can, and help put away the tables and chairs. Thank you.

**Church Council Budget Meeting:** next Sunday following the service.

**"Interesting/Educational Things To Do"** – (Described on pages 3 and 4 of the Advent 2008 Newsletter):

**'100 Mile Potluck Supper', Sunday, January 18<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m.** hosted by the Outreach Committee. Please bring a dish in which the main ingredients will have been produced or grown within 100 miles of Saskatoon. Amy Joe Ehman will speak to us about the benefits of eating locally-grown produce, meat, etc.

**'Dessert & Discussion':** 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month, beginning **January 15<sup>th</sup>**, 7:15 p.m. at Tastebuds, 1624 Lorne Avenue.

**'Movie Night':** **Friday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 7:30 p.m.,** at the home of Glen and Karen Baxter, 205 Tucker Crescent (955-6262). What's Playing? – "What Dreams May Come". See sign-up sheet on the bulletin board.

**'January Book Discussion' – Awareness** by Anthony DeMello, **Sunday mornings 9:15-10:15, beginning January 25<sup>th</sup> to February 15<sup>th</sup>.** Sign-up sheet is on the coffee table. Books (cost approx. \$20.00) will be available January 18<sup>th</sup> for those planning to participate.

**'Finding Stillness in a Hectic Life'.** Discussion on this topic will be held February 3<sup>rd</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup>, 7:15 p.m. at Bethel.

**Oliver Lodge: Bethel** is in charge of the service Thursday, January 15<sup>th</sup> at 2:00. Anyone is welcome to attend and your support is appreciated.

### **Looking for PIANISTS!**

**Oliver Lodge** is recruiting pianists to play for Sunday morning interdenominational worship services from 10:30-11:00. The goal is to recruit 6 volunteers and schedule everyone on a 6 week rotation. Please contact Kristen Smith, Director of Recreation and Volunteer Services, at 382-4111 ext. 33 for more 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).

**Greeter and Lift Operator:** Please see the sign-up sheet on the coffee table.

**Samples of the 2009 Bulletin Covers** are in the church office. If you wish to sponsor a bulletin to honour a loved one, a birthday, anniversary or other special occasion, the cost is \$30. All contributions are tax deductible.

**2009 Canadian Church Calendars** will be available from the countertop next to the church office today at the reduced price of \$3.

### **Congregational Annual General Meeting Sunday, February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2009.**

Immediately following the morning worship service.

Everyone is invited to join in a potluck sandwich lunch, followed by the meeting.

The meeting is expected to last from about noon to 2:00.

At the meeting, officers will be elected and a budget set for the coming year.

Please plan to attend this important meeting.

**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.

**St. Martins United Church Christian Education Committee**

**Event** Inclusivity Series #2 - A movie showing of local filmmaker Tasha Hubbard's critically acclaimed film "TWO WORLD'S COLLIDING" will be shown at St. Martin's on Sunday, January 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm in the main sanctuary. This film deals with the subject of racism in Saskatoon. Facilitated discussion and refreshments will follow the film.

**Queen's House Retreat & Renewal Centre**, 601 Taylor Street West, (telephone 242-1916) is offering the following events:

**-Christian Discoveries in the Prayer & Meditation Traditions of the East**, Tuesday evenings, 5-9 pm, January 13, 20, 27.

**-Mini Retreats for Single Parents: Recovering the Blessings, Balance & Joy of Parenting**, Saturdays, 1-6:30 pm, January 17, February 21 and March 21.

**-Nurturing Motherhood:Retreat Mornings for Moms**, Monday Mornings, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., January 19, February 16 and March 23.

**-Sixth Annual Ecumenical Scripturefest "That They May Become One in Your Hand"**, Saturday, Jan. 24, 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

**-Women in Ministry:Lives Taken, Blessed, Broken & Shared**, Sunday, February 15-Tuesday, February 17<sup>th</sup>.

**-Lenten Retreat:Encountering Jesus Christ**, March 27-29;

**-'Hope for the Future of Humanity'** April 13-16;

**-Women's Retreat, Meet the "Mother of the Canadian Church"**, May 29-31.

website: [www.queenshouse.org](http://www.queenshouse.org)

**Meetings and events this week:**

**Monday:**

- Bethel Art Group, 9:30 (Upper Room)
- Service celebrating the life of Anne Belak, 10:00 a.m.
- Cubs, 7:00

**Tuesday:**

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

**Wednesday:**

- Bible Study, 10:00 (Gym) (Come at 9:30 for coffee, if you wish).
- Choir Practice, 7:00 p.m.
- Scouts, 7:00

**Thursday:**

- Holliston Unit will meet at 11:30 for lunch at Miramar Restaurant, Market Mall
- Bethel in charge of the service at Oliver Lodge, 2:00

**Advance Notice:**

- Installation of UCW, Sunday, January 18<sup>th</sup>
- '100 Mile Potluck Supper' Sunday, January 18<sup>th</sup>, 5:30
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Bethel Scout Group Admin. Team, January 20, 8:00
- Outreach Committee, Tuesday, January 20, 7:00

**Scripture readings for next Sunday, January 18<sup>th</sup>:**

1 Samuel 3:1-10      Psalm 139      John 1:43-51

**Stewardship Seconds 2009 - January 11<sup>th</sup>:**

Stewardship is ascribing to God the glory of God's creation of the heavens and the earth.