



BETHEL UNITED CHURCH

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March 15, 2009

Third Sunday in Lent

10:30 a.m. Worship Service

Welcome

Introit: 7 MV, Gather Us In

Passing the Peace of Christ

Hymn: 20 MV, God of Still Waiting

Children's Time

Scripture:

Exodus 20:1-17 *p. 66*
The Ten Commandments

Psalms 23 *p. 501*

Mark 6:7-13 *p. 40*

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.**

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Choir Anthem: Go in Peace, Go in Love

- Patricia A. Thomson

Go in Peace, Go in love,
Go with the blessing of God above,
Know in your heart that He'll be right there with you
Each day, as you journey, your whole life through.

Sermon

Hymn: 240 VU, Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven

Offering: **Our God, it is our desire to never give out of
duty or habit alone. Always, may we be stirred by your
divine love that gives so generously. We pray a blessing
upon all who are touched by our gifts and our love.
Amen**

Announcements and Prayer Time: Prayer time will be a little
longer and meditative. There will be opportunity to light
candles and post prayer thoughts during this time.

Hymn: 232 VU, Joyful, Joyful We Adore You

Benediction

Choral Closing: 145 MV, Draw the Circle Wide (Chorus 2x)

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The Life and Work of the Congregation March 15, 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: Allan McDougald

Ushers and Greeters: Peter Geres
Ivy Gunderson

Greeter and Lift Operator: Allan McDougald

We welcome **Cantor Neil Schwartz** from Congregation Agudas Israel. He is joining us in worship this morning and will make a presentation after the service on Jewish Festival days. The **Outreach Committee** will provide **lunch in the gym** after the service.

Church Council Meeting will be held at 7:15 p.m. on Thursday, March 26th in the Social Hall.

Mother's Day Boutique Baskets - This year the Sunday School will be making boutique baskets for Mother's Day - \$10.00 each, pre-orders only. Please see the Sunday School Representative at the table in the gym at coffee time (this is the last time that they will be taking orders).

"Dessert & Discussion": Thursday, March 19th, 7:15 p.m. at Tastebuds, 1624 Lorne Avenue.

Each **Wednesday** in **Lent**, the Church will be open during the noon hour for personal quiet prayer and reflection. All are welcome to come and 'waste time' with God in the sacred space of our sanctuary.

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.

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.

'Movie Night': Friday, March 27th, at 7:30 p.m., at the home of Glen and Karen Baxter, 205 Tucker Crescent (955-6262). The title of the movie is **"What the Bleep Do We Know"**. Please bring a snack.

Camp Christopher - See info on counter by the Church office.

Correction – Soup and Biscuits Luncheon will be held on **Sunday, April 26, 2009.**

Music Director Required

Are you: Energetic? Inspirational? Creative? Enthusiastic? Bethel United Church requires a Music Director to assume duties of pianist, organist, accompanist & choir director. Applicant should be able to play a range of styles, and will be expected to work with the Worship Committee and Minister to develop an ongoing program of music that reflects the spirituality that our church embraces. For more information, please contact our Church Office at 343-6085 or visit our web site at www.bethelsaskatoon.com. Deadline for applications is March 17th.

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.

Deadline for the Spring Newsletter is Sunday, March 15:

Committees, groups and individuals are asked to submit information to Newsletter Editor, Gladys Kemmer (373-1205 or dgkemm@sasktel.net). 'People news' is always welcome.

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 so call soon.

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.

The Upper Room Daily Devotional Guide – copies are available in the narthex.

Advanced Notice:

Saturday, April 18 – Pancake Breakfast, Bake Table, Patio Sale
 Tuesday, May 5 – Quilt Show
 Saturday, May 9 – Ham Supper

Other Church and Community events:

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

- **3rd Annual Oblate Scramble Golf Tournament**
 to be held on Saturday, June 13, 2009, at
 Greenbryre Country Club – information posted.
- See bulletin board for dates of other events.
- Website: www.queenshouse.org

General Council – as you know, this is a General Council year and there are many opportunities open to serve on a General Council Committee for the next three years. If you feel you can consider serving on a committee and would like to know more, speak to Norm.

Third Avenue United Church are hosting their **Annual Ham Supper** on March 21st at 5:30 p.m. Prices - \$10.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children 6-12 years. Call 229-8289 for tickets.

St. Martin's United Church Easter Ham Supper, Sat., April 4, 2009 starting at 4:30 p.m. Call the Church office or Eunice at 343-1936 for tickets. Adults - \$10.00 – see bulletin board

St. David's Trinity United Church (3318 Merritt St., Montgomery Place) **ANNUAL HAM SUPPER** on April 05, at 5:00 p.m. Adults: \$10.00, 6 – 12 yrs: \$4.00, Pre-school: \$1.00. 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).

Ken Davis Comedy Event in Saskatoon on Saturday, April 4th at Circle Drive Alliance Church promoted by Christian Counselling Services. See bulletin board for details.

Saskatoon Adlerian Society is sponsoring two evening workshops for parents on March 18th & 25 and 'A Day For Parents' – Saturday, April 25th at Mayfair United Church. Details are posted on the bulletin board.

Honouring Your Relationship: a marriage preparation or relationship program to be held on Friday, April 3rd (6 p.m. supper) to Sunday, April 5 (1 p.m.) at Calling Lakes Centre. Betty Rudachyk and Lawrence Schmidt, a couple who live with a sense of daily gratitude in their lives for each other, will offer leadership for this event that is designed for those moving into marriage relationships as well as couples several years into their marriage/committed relationship.

This is the only Marriage Prep week-end being offered at Calling Lakes in 2009.

Meetings and events this week:

Monday:

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

Tuesday:

- Staff Meeting, 9:30
- Beavers, 6:30
- 22nd Bethel Group Admin. Team Meeting, 8:00

Wednesday:

- Bible Study, 10:00 (Gym) (Come at 9:30 for coffee, if you wish).
- Sanctuary will be open during noon hour for meditation/prayer
- Scouts, 7:00
- Choir Practice, 7:00 p.m.

Thursday:

- Dessert & Discussion, 7:15 p.m. at **Tastebuds** on Lorne Ave.

Friday:

- Cubs' Sleepover, starting at 6:00 p.m. to approx. 11:00 a.m. on Sat.

Kairos invites everyone to participate in Earth Hour 2009 – on Saturday, March 28. Fifty million people in over 35 countries will switch off their lights for earth hour.

Scripture readings for next Sunday, March 22:

Exodus 14:5-10, 13-16; Mark 14:32-38

Stewardship Seconds 2009 - March 15:

Stewardship begins with hearing God's Word for us. Stewardship grows with our living these words in our actions.