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Choir Anthem:

Sermon

Hymn: 652 VU, Be Still, My Soul

Offering: **We give because it is natural to give. Compassion stirs us to care for our brothers and sisters, and for all of creation. May these gifts be blessings of wholeness in our world. Amen**

Announcements and Prayer Time: 95 MV, How Deep the Peace

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

Hymn: 82 VU, A Light Is Gleaming

Benediction

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

March 22, 2009

Fourth 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 14:5-10; 13-16 *p. 60*

Mark 14:32-38 *p. 52*

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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The Life and Work of the Congregation March 22, 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: Vern Larson

Ushers and Greeters: Verna Larson
Marilyn Sagi

Greeter and Lift Operator: Allan McDougald

Reader: Lil Genereaux

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Let's see how you like this arrangement and please direct your comments to Gillian McDougald, Lynne Fowke or Marguerite Irvine.

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

**Men's Fellowship Breakfast
will be held in the Social Hall on Saturday,
April 4, 2009 starting at 9:00 a.m.**

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 (955-6261). The title of the movie is **"What the Bleep Do We Know"**. Please bring a snack.

Cookie Sale

Holliston Unit will sponsor a cookie sale on Sunday, March 29th following the church service. Proceeds will go toward the dishwasher hot water heater fund.

Property Committee will meet at 6:15 p.m. on Thursday, March 26 in the Kitchen prior to the Church Council Meeting.

The date for the Bethel Pancake Breakfast, Patio Sale and Bake Table is fast approaching. Saturday, April 18th is the day from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. We need your help - either by contributing your "valuable" items that are no longer valuable to you, or by offering your assistance in the kitchen or at the tables. More good news! The shifts are split, so you don't have to commit to a full morning. Please see the sign-up sheet in the narthex.

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.

"These Days" Daily Devotions for Living by Faith – copies are available in the narthex.

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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.

Advanced Notice:

Saturday, April 25 – Scout's Bottle Drive
 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.

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 posted information by the church office.

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.

Camp Christopher – Applications and information on counter by the Church office.

Queen's House Retreat & Renewal Centre (Ph.#242-1916) 3rd Annual Oblate Scramble Golf Tournament to be held on Saturday, June 13, 2009, information posted. See bulletin board for 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.

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 5, 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).

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

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.

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).
- Sanctuary will be open during the noon hour for meditation/prayer
- Scouts, 7:00
- Choir Practice, 7:00
- Forward Planning Committee Meeting, 7:00–10:00 (Social Hall)

Thursday:

- Property Committee Meeting, 6:15 (Kitchen)
- Church Council Meeting, 7:15 (Social Hall)

Friday:

- Movie Night at Baxter's, starting at 7:30 p.m.
- Beaver's Sleepover, until approx. 11:00 a.m. on Saturday

Scripture readings for next Sunday, March 29:

Genesis 12:1-5 Acts 16:1-10

Stewardship Seconds 2009 - March 22:

Stewardship practices allow God's love to act in our lives, bringing us out of our wilderness experiences.

