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Choir Anthem: The Gift of Love

Sermon

Hymn: 626 VU, I Heard the Voice of Jesus

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**

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: 703 VU, In the Bulb There Is a Flower

Benediction

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

March 8, 2009

Second 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:

2 Kings 24:10-16 *p. 340*

Mark 1:16-20 *p. 35*

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 8, 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: Ken McKnight

Ushers and Greeters: Glen Baxter
Kathy Bazin

Greeter and Lift Operator: Ken McKnight

Reader: Karen Baxter

Today's bulletin is sponsored by: Brian Gamble and Lia Gamble in celebration of Lia's birthday on March 3rd and in remembrance of Earl Storey.

Ash Wednesday (February 25th) and on 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.

Norm will be holding a memorial service at Extendicare on March 10th at 2:00 p.m.

The Upper Room Daily Devotional Guide – copies for March and April 2009 are available in the narthex.

Next week (Mar. 15th) **Cantor Neil Schwartz** will join us in worship and also make a presentation after the service on Jewish Festival days. The **Outreach Committee will provide lunch in the gym after the service.**

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.

The discussion around Ethics with Rob Brown has been postponed to a later date, most likely in the fall.

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.

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 Rep. at the table in the gym at coffee time.

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.

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.

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

Outreach Committee Meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 10th at 7:00 in the Upper Room.

Men's Fellowship Breakfast – At the Men's Fellowship Breakfast this Saturday, March 7, 2009 at 9:00 a.m. we will be welcoming Geselle Doel, Director of Friendship Inn. Geselle will be telling the story of the Inn and of the service that it seeks to provide to a special segment of our society. Also, we are issuing a special invitation to the wives of the "Breakfast Club" and to the ladies of the congregation as well. If you are able to accept this invitation, you can expect "a friendly welcome, good coffee, and interesting conversation".

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 dqkemm@sasktel.net). 'People news' is always welcome.

Thanks,

Gladys

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. Dates available are March 15, 22, 29, April 5, 10 (Good Friday), 12 (Easter Sunday), May 24, 31, June 14, 21, July 26, August 23, 30, September 6, October 25, November 1, 15, 22, December 27.

Soup and Biscuit Lunch

will be held on Sunday, March 26, 2009, in the gym following the Church service.

This is a fund-raiser to buy a water heater for the dishwasher (approx. \$4,000.00).

Please come and bring your friends.

Camp Christopher is offering future leaders an opportunity to develop their leadership skills. If you are in Grade 9 or older, take advantage of the Skills Week. NEW Leader-in-Training program will be July 2 – 10/09.

The Camp needs staff – such as a Program Director, Waterfront and Recreation Director, Leadership Director, Maintenance Manager, Kitchen Manager, Kitchen Assistant and Camp counsellors. See info on counter by secretary's office.

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.

Other Church and Community events:

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

- '**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

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.

Pam Barmantloo will be graduating from the veterinary college this spring and is planning on serving for three months in Uganda with Vets without Borders. She is travelling with two friends, but the cost of travel is not covered. They are looking for people to donate aeroplane points to help make the trip possible. If you can help at all, please speak with Pam.

15th Annual Women's Gathering - Retreat for Women will be held at Minto United Church Moose Jaw on April 24 – 26, 2009. Our hope is that we can all make a difference in ourselves, our families, our community, our world! See more information on the bulletin board along with the registration form (more copies can be made).

Irish Stew Supper & Variety Programme at Grosvenor Park United Church Friday, March 13 at 6:00 p.m. Pre-sold tickets are required. More details on bulletin board.

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

Prelude to Spring vocal recital on March 7 at 7:30 p.m. at Grace-Westminster United Church.

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

Meetings and events this week:

Monday:

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

Tuesday:

- Staff Meeting, 9:30
- Beavers, 6:30
- Outreach Committee, 7:00

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
- CHEP Good Food Boxes delivered at approx. 1:00
- Scouts, 7:00
- Choir Practice, 7:00 p.m.

Ken Davis Comedy Event in Saskatoon on Saturday, April 4th at Circle Drive Alliance Church promoted by Christian Counselling Services. It is hoped that this Comedy Concert will bring a bright spot of joy and encouragement to you. 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.

ICM together with Saskatoon Native Ministry, Patricia Gonzalez Counselling, Saskatoon Anti Poverty Coalition, Rainbow Community Centre thank all the many churches and individuals that responded to their request for winter gear.

A reminder from the Worship Committee: Perfumes, after-shave lotions and other kinds of scents can cause real difficulty for those who have allergies. Let us try to keep this in mind as we come together for worship.

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.

Scripture readings for next Sunday, March 15:

Exodus 20:1-17 Psalm 23 Mark 6:7-13

Stewardship Seconds 2009 - March 8:

Dominion belongs to God. To us is given the blessing and privilege of being good stewards of God's dominion.