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Christian Family Sunday

10:30 a.m. Worship Service

Musical Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Awareness Meditation

Words of Gathering:

God is alive and is an ever present source of strength and peace.

There is reason for rejoicing.

There is a God to worship and love.

God's beauty is manifest in the creation; God's being is manifest in our lives.

Open your eyes; open your hearts.

See and feel God with you and within you.

We rejoice in the God who blesses us.

We celebrate the wonder of divine love lived through us.

Passing the Peace of Christ

Hymn: 395 VU, Come In, Come In and Sit Down

Prayer of Humility:

We stand in awe of your wonder, O God. We are blessed that you choose to be in relationship with us and that you call us by name to be with you. Open our ears to hear your voice speak afresh to us this day, calling us to see the goodness with which you surround us. Open our hearts to embrace all of life, and all in life. Guide us always in your way of peace... (Continue to pray as you choose)

Assurance of Love

Sacrament of Baptism

Hymn: 644 VU, I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry

Prologue:

In the beginning, the Spirit of God moved upon the waters and brought forth life.

Bring forth life, O God, from this life-giving water.

In the desert, God gave thirsty people water from the rock.

God has given to all people life-giving water.

When Jesus was hot and tired, he asked for water from a Samaritan woman.

Like her, we have received living water.

When Jesus was baptized by John, the water John poured was a sign that Jesus belonged to God.

Within us, O God, you have placed your Holy Spirit and this water, poured upon this little one in blessing, also is a sign that he belongs to you.

Pouring of the Baptismal Water:

We are people of the water.

We worship a God whose love flows through water.

Love, like a rain shower, awakens the sleeping seed within the soul, and lures it to bloom.

We worship a God whose love flows through water.

Love, like a wading pool, inspires the delight of children, jumping, splashing, shivering with wet.

We worship a God whose love flows through water.

Love, like a hot shower after a long days' work, cleanses us, reawakens us.

We worship a God whose love flows through water.

Love, like little drops, drips from fingertips to forehead.

Through baptism, the family of faith makes room for one more.

Commitment from Parents: Curtis and Sarah Salewich

Commitment from Congregation

We the people of Bethel United Church have heard the will of these parents. We joyously welcome this little one into our family of faith. We commit to offering our prayers, wisdom and love to him as he grows in faith with us.

The Baptism

A Blessing:

**And now, thus says God
who created you, Isaiah,
who formed you, Isaiah William:
Do not be afraid, for it is I who hold you.
I have called you by your name, you are mine.
You have passed through the waters, I am with you,
For I am your God.**

Scripture: Acts 8:26-31, 35-39 *p. 127*

John 15:1, 4-5, 7-8 *p. 109*

One: God speaks through human voices.

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

Choir Anthem

Sermon

Hymn: 117 MV, By the Well, A Thirsty Woman

Minute for Mission:

Offertory:

Our wondrous, compassionate God, may we live as you are. May we see these gifts as extensions of ourselves, reaching into a world that is one in you. May we know that we are made strong by our giving. Amen

Community Prayers and the Prayer of Jesus

Hymn: 634 VU, To Abraham and Sarah

Benediction

Choral Amen

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The Life and Work of the Congregation May 10, 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: Larry Fowke

Ushers and Greeters: Linda Bowden
Jim Boguski

Greeter and Lift Operator: Larry Fowke

Reader: Heather MacKay

Musical Accompanist: George Behr

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

Bethel United Church welcomes George Behr at our worship service today; thank you for providing us with music.

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. Please, feel free to drop in or call during these times

The Worship Committee will meet **Tuesday, May 12th** at 4:45 p.m. in the Narthex.

This is a reminder to all who ordered baskets from the Sunday School. The baskets will be ready after church for pick up and are to be paid for. Extra money over and above the cost of supplies will be donated to EGADZ. If you wish to make an additional donation to EGADZ by way of the Sunday School, we would be pleased to receive the money and send it along to them.

Salads Recipe Book

In 1970 'Miriam Unit' of the Bethel UCW produced a "Salads" recipe book and it sold for .35 cents.

39 years later, Muriel Unit has reproduced it and copies will be for sale at \$3.00 in the gym following the service this morning.

The Outreach Committee will meet **Tuesday, May 12th** at 7:00 pm in the Upper Room.

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).

WHOLife Magazine - the May/June issue has arrived and copies are in the Narthex.

Thank you to everyone who contributed towards the Saskatoon Overnight Shelter. A sum of \$202.40 was raised from the lunch; a cheque for that amount has been sent as a donation.

Call for 2011 Bulletin Photos – Deadline is June 5, 2009 for your (2011) order to be received by Bulletin Production at the United Church of Canada Head Office in Toronto. High quality photographs will be accepted for the purpose of bulletin covers. Also, the images can be used on the church website or in marketing ads. Please see detailed info on the bulletin board.

U.C.W. Clothes Packing Day is on Thursday, May 14th, starting at 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. in the Social Hall.

We will terminate this project. Clothing from May 14th Packing Day will be distributed locally. Thank you for your support over the years.

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.

To help prevent the spread of colds and flu-like illnesses, please use hand sanitizer that is provided.

Other Church and Community events:

SUNDAY, MAY 17, 2009 at 7:30 p.m. VIOLINIST MAURICE SKLAR IN CONCERT at **ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH** – Posted.

Oliver Lodge "Home Wrecking Party" at 10:30 a.m. on Monday, May 11, 2009. Another milestone in their expansion. If you can attend call 382-4111 Ext. 0 by May 7th.

Camp Easter Seal – if you are interested in sponsoring a child for a day or for a full week at camp. See posted letter.

The St. Martin's UC Contemporary Singers - May 12/09 - May Melodies Dinner & Concert \$25.00, Concert only \$15.00. Call **343-7101** for tickets or information.

Oliver Lodge Spring Tea and Bake Sale will be held on Saturday, May 23 from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. at Mayfair United Church (902 – 33rd Street West).

Mayfair Quilt Display and Tea Mon., May 11, 10 am - 8 pm. Admission: \$3.00 - Everyone welcome!

Camp Christopher – needs your help to recruit caring people for paid staff positions (Kitchen Manager, Maintenance Manager and Counsellors) and volunteer staff positions (Kitchen Helpers, First Aiders, Maintenance Helpers and Counsellors). Please spread the word far and wide. For more info call Kent at phone 382-2160 or camp office at 668-0010 - check out posted info.

Grosvenor Park United Church will be celebrating their public declaration as an **Affirming Ministry** within The United Church of Canada on **Sunday, May 10/09 at 3:00 p.m.**

Meetings and events this week:

Monday:

- Bethel Art Group, 9:30

Tuesday:

- Staff Meeting, 9:30

- Worship Committee Meeting, 4:45 (Narthex)

- Outreach Committee Meeting, 7:00 (UR)

Wednesday:

- Bible Study, 10:00 (come at 9:30 for coffee, if you wish)

- Scouts, 7:00

Thursday:

- UCW clothes packing, (Social Hall)

Scripture readings for next Sunday, May 17:

Acts 10:44-48

John 15:9-17

Stewardship Seconds 2009 - May 10:

Through God's shepherding love, good stewards respond to the needs of our brothers and sisters by loving one another.