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May 3, 2009

Fourth Sunday of Easter

10:30 a.m. Worship Service

Musical Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Awareness Meditation

Words of Gathering:

On this day, my friends, on this day,
God reaches out to bless you.

We have come, seeking that blessing.

We are here in hope and expectation.

You will not be disappointed,
all blessing from God is yours.

**On this morning, we give thanks
for the blessings that are ours today
and every day.**

Passing the Peace

Hymn: 156 MV, Dance with the Spirit

Prayer of Humility: **God of incredible grace and love, we thank you that you welcome us simply as we are. We need not make any excuses for who we are because we are beautiful in your eyes. Help us, our God, to see that same beauty you see, in ourselves, and in our neighbours.....(continue to pray as you choose...)**

Assurance of Love

Hymn: 122 MV, This Is the Day

Scripture: 1 John 3:16-23 *p. 240*

John 8:12-18 *p. 101*

A reading from Anthony de Mello

One: God speaks through human voices.

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

Musical Pause

Sermon

Hymn: 115 MV, Behold, Behold, I Make All Things New

Minute for Mission: 'M & S and ARI'

Offering and Prayer of Dedication: **On this day our loving
God, we dedicate anew our being and our gifts, to you,
and to our sisters and brothers in need. Amen**

Prayers of and for the people and the prayer from Jesus
(translation p. 916 MV)

Hymn: 424 VU, May the God of Hope Go with Us

Benediction and Blessing

Choral Amen: 974 VU

Postlude

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**The Life and Work of the Congregation
May 3, 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: Marguerite Irvine

Ushers and Greeters: Armand Bourassa
Barbara Bourassa
Leona Biden

Greeter and Lift Operator: Armand Bourassa

Reader: Craig Balfour

Musical Accompanist: Celeste Delahey

Today's bulletin is sponsored Mary Rowell in memory of her husband, Andy.

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

The Worship Committee will meet **Tues, May 12th** at 4:45 pm in the Narthex.

Ham Supper

**Our Ham Supper is only one week away,
Saturday, May 9, 2009**

**We have many tickets left to sell,
so if you haven't already got yours,
please stop and see us this morning
after the service.**

We also need more help and donations.

**We need your help to make this a success.
Thank you.**

Saskatoon Creative Quilters

23rd Annual Quilt Show

Tuesday, May 5, 2009

10:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Bethel United Church

Admission - \$2.00

Coffee and muffins served

Sponsored by Bethel UCW

**Baby Quilts for Sale and proceeds will
go to the Children's Wish Foundation**

Come and bring a friend!

The Outreach Committee will provide lunch today after church Sunday, May 3/2009. A presentation in the gym will follow lunch by someone from the Saskatoon Overnight Shelter.

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

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 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.

The Pastoral Care Committee will meet **Sunday, May 24th**, following the service in the Trudy Doidge Room.

Salads Recipe Book

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

When some revisions took place within the Bethel Units, today's "Muriel Unit" replaced the former "Miriam Unit".

39 years later, Muriel Unit has reproduced the "Salads" recipe book and copies are for sale at the today's fair market price of a mere \$3.00 (that is only 5 cents for each of the 56 recipes in the book).

Spring is here and summer is coming. These recipes were favourites of Miriam Unit members, their husbands and families in the 60's and 70's and some are sure to become favourites of yours!

Only 50 copies have been reproduced. Don't miss out on purchasing a copy for yourself or as a gift.

How can you go wrong?

Muriel Unit members are happy to provide this re-publication to you! Copies of the "Salads" recipe book will be available for sale in the gym following the service this morning.

May 14th – 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

U.C.W. Clothes Packing Day

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

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.

Other Church and Community events:

SUNDAY, MAY 17, 2009 at 7:30 p.m. VIOLINIST MAURICE SKLAR IN CONCERT at ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH - 323 - 4TH AVE. S., SASKATOON. TICKETS: \$20 per person (tickets are available at McNally Robinson & Scott's Parable Stores). For more information, please call Chong or Maylane at 653-5728. See posted information.

Book Launch Notice – "Weaving a Changing Tapestry" – a history of Diaconal Ministry, written by Dr. Gwyn Griffith, is being launched Thursday, May 7/2009 at McClure United Church.

'Kids of Note' performing their **Spring Concert** at **Grosvenor Park United** on **Sun., May 3 at 3:00 p.m.** It is led by children's entertainer Brenda Baker, with pianist Ken Neitz. This is an invitation to join them for a forty minute FREE concert followed by a public reception. Everyone is welcome. For more information contact KON Manager, Mary at 653-1201.

Memeza Africa will be touring and performing in Saskatoon on June 1/2009 at 7:30 p.m. at the Broadway Theatre. This is a powerful and spirited group performing African and Canadian music, dance and spirit.

Oliver Lodge "Home Wrecking Party" at 10:30 a.m. on Monday, May 11, 2009. You are invited to celebrate another milestone in our expansion. If you are able to attend please RSVP to 382-4111 Ext. 0 by May 7, 2009. See posted info.

The 19th Annual Summer Ecumenical Institute – Opening Worship & Reception on Tues., June 2, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. at the Queen's House of Retreats Chapel. Come and hear Fr. Tom Ryan, Director of the North American Office for Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations of the Paulist Community. Sponsored by the Prairie Centre for Ecumenism.

Prairie Centre for Ecumenism's 25th Anniversary Banquet, Thursday, June 4/09 at 6:00 p.m. at the Western Development Museum – honouring Fr. Bernard de Margerie, founder of the PCE. Entertainment: Zmarim – The Saskatoon Klezmer Band.

Camp Easter Seal – a letter regarding their program is on the bulletin board if you are interested in sponsoring a child for a day or for a full week at camp. If you can help, your name will be displayed on a special Camper Cousin list. Copies available.

Mayfair Quilt Display and Tea Mon., May 11, 10 am - 8 pm. Admission: \$3. Over 20 quilts on display as well as a silent auction of various items, including a full-size quilt. Everyone welcome!

Adult Faith Formation in our Congregations: Will be held at Westminster United Church, 708 –13th Ave. Humboldt, Sk on June 13, 2009. Registration deadline for this event is June 5th. Application is on bulletin board.

The St. Martin's UC Contemporary Singers Present "May Melodies" on Tuesday, May 12, 2009. Tickets went on sale: Tuesday, April 28. Dinner & Concert \$25.00, Concert only \$15.00. Call **343-7101** for info and tickets.

The **8th Joint Saskatoon Theological Union Convocation** takes place on **May 8th at 7:00 p.m.** at **St. Timothy's Anglican Church**. Earned and honorary degrees will be presented. The Convocation address will be given by Dr. Bruce Perlman, President of Luther College, Regina.

The Nutana Area Ecumenical Committee invites you to a Pentecost Celebration of Sacred Music on May 31 at 7:30 p.m. held at St. Philip Neri Roman Catholic Church (1902 Munroe). Seven Church Choirs will be participating - come and worship.

Angels of Care "New to You" Clothing Sale & Perennial Plant Sale is on Sat., May 9 starting at 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Oliver Place, 1020 Tiffin Cres. They would appreciate donations of clothing (children's clothing as well). For drop-off call Kay Taggart at 382-2479 or Emily Sippola at 934-5920.

You are invited to join **Grosvenor Park United Church** in celebrating their public declaration as an **Affirming Ministry** within The United Church of Canada on **Sunday, May 10/09** at 3:00 p.m. followed by a reception. Church address is 407 Cumberland Avenue South – information is posted.

"For the Bible Tells Me So" offers healing, clarity and understanding to anyone struggling with scripture and sexual identity – May 14 at the Refinery, 609 Dufferin Ave. at 7 p.m. Public viewing and facilitated discussion. Everyone is welcome to attend. For more information the contact person is Sheila Whiteway at 653-1668.

Flea Market – Mayfair United Church (902 – 33 St. West) will be held on Saturday, May 9, 2009 starting at 8:00 a.m. Also, a Pancake Breakfast (8:00 to 10:00 a.m.) and lunch (10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.) will be served. See posted information.

Camp Christopher – Now is the time to register - brochures and applications can be found on the table by the church office.

To help prevent the spread of colds and flu-like illnesses, we encourage everyone to use hand sanitizer that is provide on the table in the narthex and on the table at coffee time.

Meetings and events this week:

Monday:

- Bethel Art Group, 9:30
- UCW set up for Quilt Show, 1:15
- Cubs, 7:00

Tuesday:

- Staff Meeting, 9:30
- Quilt Show sponsored by UCW, 9:00 am – 7:30 pm-

Wednesday:

- Bible Study, 10:00 (come at 9:30 for coffee, if you wish)
- CHEP, Good Food Boxes, 1:00 or 2:00 pm
- Scouts, 7:00

Thursday:

- UCW regular meeting is **cancelled**

Friday:

- Set up for Ham Supper, 7:00 pm

Saturday:

- Annual Ham Supper, (first sitting at 5:00 pm, second at 6:15 pm)

Scripture readings for next Sunday, May 10:

Acts 8:26-31, 35-39

John 15:1, 4-5, 7-8

Stewardship Seconds 2009 - May 3:

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