

## General Information



**COFFEE, PUNCH & COOKIES** are served in the Friendship Center following morning worship. You are invited to join us. We would like to meet you.

**HAS GOD BEEN SPEAKING TO YOU THIS MORNING THROUGH WORSHIP?** Have you been carrying some burdens that you would like to give to the Lord? Do you want to spend some time in prayer this morning? If so, we would encourage you to linger after worship right where you sit. Spend a few moments in silent prayer. There will also be some members of Bethany's prayer team that are available to pray with you at the front of the sanctuary.

**BETHANY PRAYER CONCERNS** – Please call Pastor Lon at (562) 866-1812 ex. 224 no later than Thursday afternoon to place your praises and needs on the prayer sheet.

**SPECIAL OFFERINGS** — are listed each week in the bulletin. To give to the listed cause, please use a blue envelope available in the pew OR use your regular giving envelope and indicate the amount you are giving toward the special offering. All cash placed in the offering plate goes to the general budget.

**YOU CAN GIVE ONLINE** by logging in at [bethanycrc.ccbchurch.com](http://bethanycrc.ccbchurch.com). If you need assistance call Deanne in the office.

 **LIKE US ON FACEBOOK...AND FOLLOW US ON TWITTER!**  If you would like to use social media to keep up with things happening here at Bethany, then "like" us on Facebook at (<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Bethany-CRC/468329003279601>) and follow us on Twitter (@Bethany\_CRC).

**CHILDREN AND WORSHIP/FOLLOWING JESUS** — will not meet this morning. We will see you next Sunday for our final class for the year.

## Announcements

**LLLL BOOK CLUB** — will be reading *The Hired Girl* by Laura Amy Schlitz. We will meet next Monday, June 5 at 7:15 pm at Kitty De Groot's home to discuss the book.

**MOB<sup>2</sup> (Men Of Bethany, Men Of the Bible)** - Men need to remember that there is no darkness so black that God's light cannot pierce it; that Satan is not so strong that God's Son cannot defeat him; that the believer is not so weak that God's Spirit cannot empower him. These are some of the reasons we are studying the letters of John. If you are alarmed over the state of the world or your personal struggles, then this study of what God has to say and how he wants to use us is for you. Join other men in studying God's Word together: Tuesday nights, 7 to 8:30 p.m., through the Choir room door. To receive Bible study questions please contact Jeffrey Funk by e-mailing him at [atjeffrey.funk@hcmachaplains.org](mailto:atjeffrey.funk@hcmachaplains.org).

**OUR HOMELESS FRIENDS** — are in need of new tube socks and razors. Donations can be brought to the church office.

**NEW MEMBERS' CLASS** — In June, we anticipate offering a new members' class for people desiring to join Bethany or who would like to learn more about this local church body. Please contact Pastor Lon (562-866-1812 x224 or [LWagner@BethanyCRC.org](mailto:LWagner@BethanyCRC.org)) to sign up or to learn more about this opportunity.

**RECEIPTS REQUESTED** — As we are winding up our fiscal year, if you have any ministry reimbursements, please submit your receipts with a check request form to the church office by the end of the day TODAY.

**TALK TIME** — Are you confused, hurting or grieving? Do you just need to talk? Pastor Jim Kok is available on Friday mornings here at the church. (Other times possible as well). Please call the church office at (562) 866-1812 Ext. 221 to make an appointment. There is no cost.

**HOSTESSES ARE NEEDED** — for the days we will have photos taken for our new directory. You will be sitting at a table collecting information for the photographer and helping appointments flow smoothly. A brief training time is provided. If you are willing to help, please leave a voice mail for Deanne at (562) 866-1812 ex. 221.

**SHARING THE GOSPEL WITH MUSLIMS** — We have a unique opportunity this morning to learn from Asif James Mall, an authority on reaching Muslims with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Asif James Mall is a ministry colleague of Pastor Eric Sarwar and hosts a TV show which reaches over a million Muslim viewers each week in the UK and Europe. [Join us in the Hospitality Room following worship this morning for this class.](#)

**WHERE'S THE QUILT?** - In 1976 a quilt was conceived in the Pricilla Circle as a church family project. Every organization and group participated and the ladies got busy stitching the blocks for the quilt. It was completed and displayed at the 1978 hostess dinner. It was decided to stay here at Bethany on display, but since we did not have a social hall at the time there was no good spot display the 97x110 beauty. Since that time the quilt has somehow disappeared and we have been desperately trying to locate it. With Bethany's 75th Anniversary coming up it would be so nice to display it at our celebration. If you have any idea where it is, please contact Lil Hogan or Gladys Kuiper. We would like every one to see and share this special project.

**FLOWERS** — If you would like to place flowers in the sanctuary please contact Lois Prins.

### WEEKLY OFFERING UPDATE

General Fund Offering for 5/21/17 .....	\$10,871.84
<i>(Budgeted weekly offering ~ \$16,606.00)</i>	
Faith Promise.....	\$1734.00
Valley Christian Tuition Assistance .....	\$90.00
World Renew ~ DRS.....	\$1105.00

**SUNDAY SCHOOL FINAL OFFERING** — Our Sunday School year has come to an end and we have had a great year! The Sunday School students have been giving their offering to a special fund that they chose at the beginning of the year. They chose to give to World Renew to provide a water pump and well for a community in need of clean water for washing, cooking, drinking and growing crops. The cost of one pump and well is \$350, so we set our goal for the year at that, to be able to provide one community with clean water. Well, thanks to all our kids and many of you, we reached \$703!! These offerings exceeded our expectations and are allowing us to purchase 2 water pumps and wells! God does amazing things! Thank you for your support of our Sunday School Offering Project!

**THE COUNCIL IS PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE** the following Elder and Deacon Nominees to begin service in June. For Elder: Ron Anema, Dave Dyer, Rob Kamstra, Henry Mariotti, and Jim Tanis. For Deacon: Edsel Abud, Leann Bakker, Pam Huckins, Gerard Martinez, Art Pena, Brad Peterson, Cindy Tanis, and Derek Zondervan. We will be filling four Elder positions from the five nominees and four Deacon positions from the eight nominees. Our Annual Congregational Meeting is scheduled for June 4 following the morning worship service. The agenda and materials were placed in foyer mailboxes last week. Extras are available on the small shelf in the foyer. Absentee ballots must be in a sealed envelope with a signature on the outside of the envelope. They can be dropped off at the church office or given to a current elder or deacon BEFORE the meeting begins on June 4.

**PLEASE SIGN UP TODAY** — Photography dates for our new picture directory are less than a two weeks off! We need more of you to sign up today so we do not lose our days due to lack of participation. The dates for photography will be June 9,10,11,12 and July 6,7,8,9. They will also be taking pictures at the Artesia Christian Home on July 5. Each family photographed will receive a free directory as well as a free 8 x 10. Sign ups for photo appointments will be taken at a table in the Friendship Center this morning following worship. You can also sign up online (weekdays only) by going to [www.bethanycrc.org](http://www.bethanycrc.org) and clicking on the link on our page.

**IMPORTANT SERVICE OPPORTUNITY** — Our GEMS girls are in need of a new leader to oversee, plan and coordinate their program starting next fall! This is a great opportunity to serve the 1st - 6th grade girls of our community and be a part of helping girls develop a lasting relationship with Christ! We are looking for one person, or a team of people to share in responsibility in leading. Please don't pass this over, but instead thoughtfully and prayerfully consider if this could be a new way God could use you to minister. Contact Kendall Abud at (562) 866-1812 to discuss this possibility. Thank You!

**ALL ARE INVITED** to a "Spring Flute & Piccolo Recital" with Kathy Dyer and her students on Sunday, June 4 at 6:00 p.m. in our sanctuary.

**SAVE THE DATE** — Our next Blood Drive will be Thursday, June 15.

## Children's Ministry & Step Out!

### TODAY

- **Little Lambs** (2 ½ to 4) in Room 9a at 9:30 a.m.
- **Children In Worship** will *NOT* meet this morning due to Memorial Day. Next Sunday will be our final class for the year.
- **Step Out** will meet tonight for our final Large Group of the year at 7:00 p.m. in the 2nd story.

**Sunday School Team:** A huge Thank you to all of our teachers: Anne Willbanks, Wynnette Bouma, Kim Bouma, Danielle Bouma, Jon & Shannon Slager, and Joe Ruditis! You have been good and faithful servants in your teaching of God's Story and His love through the time you have taken to prepare lessons, and planning activities for your classes to participate in. We appreciate all that you have done for our Bethany Children. Thank you for touching their hearts and for being a party of their faith journey. Many thanks to Tom Veltman who gives his whole heart to our Sunday School program. His love and excitement is greatly appreciated! Thank you to Ruth Van Zee who helps behind the scenes! Thank you to our Worship leader, Janis Westra. Many thanks for your dedication in leading our Worship time together. Thanks for the wonderful music and Christmas program. Thank you to all of our amazing piano players! You bring such joy to our hearts!

**Children in Worship/Following Jesus:** We appreciate the wonderful work of those involved in Children in Worship and following Jesus. We especially thank Jana Evenhouse and Julie Vande Vegte for their leadership. Thank you for making this program available to our children and for your willingness to teach them about Worship. The children are so blessed and excited to be a part of the program. You are a blessing to us all!

**Little Lambs:** Thanks to all of the teachers and aides for all you do for our children. This program runs year round and each one of you helps to keep this going. You do an excellent job with our 2½ to 4-year olds and we appreciate the time you take to be with them. Thank you for blessing and sharing your love with them.

**Gems/Cadets/Kingdom Kids:** We have wonderful kids programs on Wednesday nights and that is because of the awesome leaders, counselors, and helpers that run them! We thank Brad Peterson for his fabulous leadership of Cadets! We especially thank Michelle Becksvoort for her many years of service leading our Gems program. She has put so much time, energy, and talent into making the Gems program such an amazing experience for the young girls in our community. Thank you for the love you have spread and the way you have impacted so many during your time Directing Gems! Thank you so much for all that you do to make Bethany a wonderful place for kids to come and learn about Christ!

### Join us this week or pray for...

<b>Today</b>	Morning Celebration Worship, 9:30 a.m., Sanctuary Step Out ~ Large Group, 7:00 p.m., 2nd Story
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Memorial Day—Church Office Closed</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	Men's Bible Study, 7:00 p.m., Deacon's Room
<b>Wednesday</b>	
<b>Thursday</b>	
<b>Friday</b>	
<b>Saturday</b>	

### Opportunities for Service

#### ~ Serving This Week ~

**Pre-Service Prayer:** Tanis, Vander Molen  
**Coffee After Worship:** Camp Fellowship— Cok/Anema  
**Post-Service Prayer:** Stan Cole and Ron Anema  
**Foyer greeters:** Ron and Lois Flietstra, Jeff and Kathryn Funk  
**Patio greeters:** Ruth and Corwin Schenk  
**Ushers:** Ron Anema (*cap.*), Todd Huckins, Gene Van Essen, Gene Reitsma  
**Parking Lot:** Ed Bakker, Norm Bakker  
**Parking Lot Assistant:** Don Hoekstra  
**Nursery:** Anna Willoughby (*Greeter*), Lindsey Slenk, Michelle Becksvoort, Carissa Kamstra  
**2 ½ - 4 Yr Olds:** Susie Ruditis, Ann Vande Vegte, Earlene Van Den Berg  
**Library:** CLOSED

#### ~ Serving Next Week ~

**Pre-Service Prayer:** Boerigter and Cok  
**Coffee After Worship:** Camp Fellowship— Cok/Anema  
**Post-Service Prayer:** Lil Hogan and Greta De Young  
**Foyer greeters:** David and Susan Hawkinson, Don and Pam Hoekstra  
**Patio greeters:** Mike and Sherry Boer  
**Ushers:** Merf Tanis (*cap.*), Bob Dykstra, John Van Essen  
**Parking Lot:** Tim Becksvoort, Terry Binns  
**Parking Lot Assistant:** Todd Huckins  
**Nursery:** Danielle Bouma (*Greeter*), Lauren Bouma, Liz Wagner, Madison Slenk  
**2 ½ - 4 Yr Olds:** Rebekah Rhodes, Claire Westra, Anneka Bakker  
**Library:** Carolyn Kamstra, Carissa Kamstra

### Church Staff and Council

Jim Kuiper ~ Minister of the Word ..... ext. 223	Sue Leck ~ Financial Administrator..... ext. 229
Lon Wagner ~ Minister of Discipleship..... ext. 224	Deanne Grachen ~ Office Administrator ..... ext. 221
Jim Kok ~ Pastoral Care ( <i>leave message</i> ) ..... ext. 221	Andrew Nishimoto ~ Student Ministries/Outreach .. ext. 228
Kendall Abud ~ Children's Ministry Director.... ext. 230	Caleb Miller ~ Director of HS and MS..... ext. 228
Faith Rietveld ~ Minister of Music..... ext. 225	Elsie Ophorst ~ Facilities Coord. ( <i>leave message</i> )..... ext. 221

**Deacons:** Karla Anema, Ed Bakker, Sandy Binns, Chad Bomgaars, Matt De Young (*Deacon President*), Kathy Dyer, Rick Dykstra, Pam Eaker, Todd Pfeifer, Jon Slager, Ray Yeates,

**Elders:** Charlie Boerigter, Stan Cole, Keith Cok, Ron Kruid, Dave Ligtenberg, Merf Tanis, Marlin Vander Molen (*Elder President*), Mike Whitten (*Vicar/Clerk*)

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## Morning Celebration Worship

May 28, 2017 ~ 9:30 a.m.

Prelude

Call to Worship

Greetings

Songs of Praise

Children's Message

Baptism

Kaitlyn Bomgaars

Song of Response

Congregational Prayer

Message:

**"GOATS, GARMENTS, AND THE GREAT DECEPTION"**

Genesis 38:13-19

Offering

Special Offering: Building Fund

Blessing

Closing Song

Postlude

Preaching: Pastor Jim Kuiper

We provide loving care for your little ones during worship. The nursery is located close to the main entrance of the sanctuary in the southwest corner of the Friendship Center. 2 ½-4 Year-Olds are invited to "Little Lambs" in Room 9A which is located in the Education Building at the north end of the campus.

## Next Sunday at Bethany...

Please join us as Pastor Jim Kuiper continues our series on "The Family of Jacob".

Special Offering: Benevolence