**VISITORS...** 

Welcome! We are glad you are here with us today and hope you will return. We pray that you are blessed by our time of worship together. Please fill out one of the friendship cards found in the pew racks and place it in the offering plate. Thank you!

# SERVING TODAY

Nursery:for infants - 3 years old<br/>Vonnie Whitmore, Sydney PeerGreeters:Heather Wood<br/>Bob Snyder, Tony DormanWorship Team:Audrey Haverdink, Susan Cowles,<br/>Ryan Smith, Evan Smith, Heather Wood,<br/>Kristi Van Der WeidePower Point:Anna Van Der WeideSound:Kelcee Hunt

## **NEXT SUNDAY**

9:15 amSunday School10:30 amWorship5:00 pmPrayer Service

# SERVING NEXT SUNDAY

Nursery:Brian & Donna PriceGreeters:Nick & Julie Soma<br/>Brian Price, Melissa SmithWorship Team:Connie Landhuis, Darin Reed,<br/>Kent Whitmore, Jeff Hinrichs, Sydney PeerSound:Joey Reed



# BETHANY REFORMED CHURCH

March 11, 2018 10:30 a.m.

## Call to Worship Glorifying God with Our Words

*Come, Now Is the Time to Worship* Prayer

Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying What a Mighty God We Serve

Children ages preschool through 6<sup>th</sup> grade may be dismissed to Sunday School

# **Prayers of the People**

Glorifying God with Our Tithes

# **Glorifying God with Our Attention**

Scripture - Jeremiah 29:1-14 p.1221

Message - Will You Plant a Garden While Bethany Church is in Babylon

Prayer in Response to God's Word

## **Celebrating our God**

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come #765 v.1,2,4

## Continuing to Worship as We Go

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow #7

#### **REMEMBER IN PRAYER...**

Sarah Vande Voort

#### **SPRING BREAK...**

There will be no Wednesday night classes this week for Spring Break. Classes will resume on March 21.

## PRAYER SERVICES...

Sunday evening, *March 18 & 25,* 5:00-6:00 p.m.

## IMMEDIATE EDUCATION NEEDS...

- Cadet Head Counselor to organize Cadet programs
- Cadet Counselor (teacher) for the 1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> grade class
- Ideally 4 High School leaders as soon as possible to complete this year and to commit to next year
- An Adult Sunday School teacher If you are interested, please see Bob Snyder.

# OUTREACH/MISSION COMMITTEE...

will meet Thursday, *March 22*, at 6:30 p.m. for any new interested individuals and existing members.

## **RCY CAMPS...**

Registration forms for the Reformed Church Youth Camps are available on the entry table. Bethany pays half of the fee for children who are involved in any Bethany activity. Please bring the signed and completed form and half of the fee to the church office **by April 22.** 

# LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS...

to help plan the 75th Anniversary in 2019. If interested, contact Tony Dorman or Bob Snyder.

#### JESUS SAID, "LET THE LITTLE CHILDREN COME TO ME AND DO NOT HINDER THEM..." Matthew 19:14, Mark 10:14, Luke 18:16

Some folks consider us just a preschool, but our students & their families and our staff & board know that is definitely <u>NOT</u> true. We are constantly ministering to and praying for our families in all types of crisis and situations. As a result, throughout the years several families have come to Bethany because their children first came to preschool.

The Bethany Preschool program is designated to serve as a ministry not only for our church but for our community. Therefore, we have a mission to be of service, in a variety of ways, to those around us.

As a ministry, Bethany Preschool recognizes the need for academic, social, physical, and spiritual development. We also recognize that each child is made in the image of God and thereby has a value more than all the world's riches. If a child can come away from our preschool showing increased respect for themselves and others, viewing the world in a more positive way, having more self-confidence, and feeling that he or she is a unique person specially made and loved by God, then, by God's grace, we have succeeded in providing the kind of program we intend.

Not all children have a spiritual foundation at home. Some come from very unfortunate, unhappy, unstable backgrounds. We all know that sometimes our lives, example, and Christian ministry is the only Bible some people ever read – and our preschool program might be the only exposure to Jesus that some of our students might ever receive in their entire life.

## **NEW CHAIRS ON THE WAY...**

The Deacons have ordered 100 new upholstered chairs to replace the current chairs upholstered in shades of orange and yellow. An example chair is near the door to Pastor Todd's office if you would like to test it. The upholstery on the chairs we ordered is different, but the chair is the same. THANK YOU to all those who have donated. We also hope to order 100 folding chairs in the near future to replace the assortment of metal folding chairs we are currently using. If you would like to contribute toward the purchase of the chairs, you can "adopt" a chair for about \$30. You can designate funds and put them in the offering plate or give them to any Deacon.



#### **ARTIFICIAL PLANTS AVAILABLE...**

The Deacons have been asked to clean out the supply of artificial plants previously displayed in the sanctuary. Therefore, an assortment is available in the Fellowship Hall for folks to take home. They are free, but if you would like to make a small donation for a plant, an envelope will be available, and any funds received will go towards new chairs.



TEA TIME !!!!

Ladies, it's teatime again. If you enjoy being with your Christian sisters eating and having fun, then you will not want to miss going to Jefferson. Our lunch time is 12:00 p.m. at Angie's Tea Garden Tearoom on **Saturday**, **April 14<sup>th</sup>.** Address for the tearoom is 100 E. State St. It is right on the square in town. You can go early and shop, or just come and have lunch with us. Everyone is on their own for transportation – that way people can leave Des Moines whatever time works best for them. Panora and Perry both have wonderful Ben Franklin stores, depending on which route you take to Jefferson.

The day trip is open to all ladies and young girls. Bring that special person in your life and treat her to a wonderful lunch and great fellowship.

There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the Fellowship hall. If you have any questions, you can call Kae Coffin 243-5547.

<u>Please sign up right away</u> so I can get reservations in to the Tearoom.