

SERVING TODAY

Nursery: for infants - 3 years old

Greeters: Tony & Shelley Dorman
Brian Price, Melissa Smith

Worship Team: Audrey Haverdink,
Anna Van Der Weide, Darin Reed,
Doug Reed, Evan Smith,
Kathy Rozenboom, Irv Rozenboom

Power Point: Gabe Smith

Sound: Ryan Smith

THIS WEEK AT BETHANY

Wednesday: 5:45 pm Supper - \$1.50 per person
6:15 pm GEMS & Cadets, Classes
Saturday: 10:00 am Volunteer at Encore store

NEXT SUNDAY

9:15 am Sunday School
10:30 am Worship

SERVING NEXT SUNDAY

Nursery:

Greeters: Joe & Sarah Harms
Steve Landhuis, Susan Cowles

Worship Team: Audrey Haverdink, Susan Cowles,
Ryan Smith, Kent Whitmore, Sydney Peer

Power Point: Anna Van Der Weide

Sound: Joey Reed



BETHANY REFORMED CHURCH

September 2, 2018
10:30 a.m.

Call to Worship

Glorifying God with Our Words

Rise Up and Praise Him

Prayer

The River is Here

Speak O Lord

Prayer

Glorifying God with Our Tithes

Glorifying God with Our Attention

Scripture – Acts 2:14, 22-24, 36-41 p.1692

Message – *What to Look for in a Good Church:
Is God's Word Preached?*

Prayer in Response to God's Word

Celebrating Our God

Sweet Hour of Prayer #632 v.1,3

Benediction

Continuing to Worship as We Go

All People That on Earth Do Dwell #39 v.5

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!

WELCOME...

We welcome Pastor Carl Boersma as he leads our worship service this morning.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER...

- ✓ For God's blessing, provision, and protection on the Wednesday night program, Bethany Preschool, and Sunday School in the 2017-2018 year.
- ✓ Noelle Gebel, our missionary with Campus Crusade, is still in the Middle East for International School Project conferences. They can not reveal the name of the country for the safety of the Christians there.
- ✓ Darrel & Brenda Van Der Kamp
- ✓ Cres Vos
- ✓ Kathy Rozenboom
- ✓ Edna Den Hartog
- ✓ guidance and direction for the future of Bethany and our future pastor

PULPIT SUPPLY...

September 9: Jeff Kruger
September 16: Pastor Carl Boersma
September 23: Paul Lindberg of Talking Bibles
September 30: Pastor David Schutt

IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR...

Wednesday night begins September 5
Sunday School begins September 9

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY IN OUR COMMUNITY...

The Missions Committee is asking for volunteers to help on Saturday, **September 8** from 10:00 to noon to help sort items at the Encore thrift store at 4640 Merle Hay Road in Des Moines. This store supports the Hope Ministries programs in Des Moines. Volunteers are expected to bring a package of men's white socks or briefs to support the men's shelter. If you cannot volunteer but would like to donate a package of socks or briefs, bring them to the church and put them below the mailboxes. There is a sign-up sheet on the church fellowship hall bulletin board or you can contact Brian Price.

SAYDEL SCHOOL SUPPLIES...

We are again collecting school supplies for area children in need. A collection box has been placed on the mobile communication board in the entry. Any and all donations would be greatly appreciated. Cash or check donations can be given to Pat Sparks or Betty Swank. Clearly mark donations to "**School Supplies**". Checks can be written to Bethany Reformed Church or Pat Sparks.

NEW BETHANY E-MAIL ADDRESS...

bethanyrc@outlook.com

The old address will no longer be in service.

WHAT TO LOOK FOR IN A GOOD CHURCH: IS GOD'S WORD PREACHED?

Acts 2:14, 22-24, 36-41

- I. What is Preaching?
 - Sharing the message of Jesus (v.14)
 - Sharing in the power of the Holy Spirit (v14)
 - Speaking and clarifying truth (v14)
 - Sincerely listening (v14)
 - Seeking a response (v40)
- II. What did Peter Preach about Jesus?
 - "Jesus...accredited by God" (v22)
 - "This man was handed over to you" (v23)
 - "God raised him from the dead" (v24)
 - "David said about him" (v25)
 - "We are all witnesses" (v32)
 - "Exalted to the right hand of God" (v33)
 - "Both Lord and Christ" (v36)
- III. What did Peter's Preaching Achieve?
 - Comprehension – "they heard" (v37)
 - Conviction – "cut to the heart" (v37)
 - Clarification – "what should we do?" (v37)
 - Conclusive response – "accepted his message" (v41)

Ponder: *If preaching is one of the chief means God uses to speak:*

- *What is God saying to me?*
- *Am I listening?*
- *Is God's Word transforming me?*
- *Am I growing in maturity and purity?*

ARE YOU WILLING TO SERVE?

Contact Bob Snyder if you are willing to serve as:

- Cadet Head Counselor to organize Cadet programs
- Cadet Counselor (teacher) for the 1st-3rd grade class
- High School leaders (one additional couple)

RCA CURSILLO...

a great tool of spiritual renewal, will be held Thursday evening, **October 25**, through Sunday evening, **October 28**, at Pine Lakes Camp in Eldora. The weekend is designed to worship God, to equip one to live more joyfully and effectively as a Christian, and to grow in our faith and walk with the Lord. This short course in Christian living is hosted by the Reformed Church in America but is geared for all Christians over 18 year of age of various denominations. Married couples are encouraged but not required to attend together. First time attendees will be given first priority, and then anyone who has attended a Cursillo weekend in the past will be considered to attend again. Although rich in faith-building, fellowship and fun, this event is free financially to those who attend for the first time. If you would like to experience a weekend of spiritual refreshment and renewal, praise and worship, fun and fellowship, joy and laughter, please contact Betty Swank in person or at 515-971-1924 or richbettyswank@yahoo.com for more information.