

## SERVING TODAY

**Nursery:** for infants - 3 years old  
Emily Hodson, Chris Snyder  
**Greeters:** Brian & Donna Price  
**Sunday School:** Emily Hodson, Darin Reed  
**Worship Team:** Audrey Haverdink, Connie Landhuis,  
Darin Reed, Doug Reed, Steve Landhuis,  
Heather Wood  
**Power Point:** Gabe Smith, Anna Van Der Weide  
**Sound:** Scott Van Der Weide

## THIS WEEK AT BETHANY

Tuesday: 6:30 pm Consistory  
Wednesday: 5:30 pm Supper - \$1.50 per person  
6:15 pm GEMS & Cadets, Classes

## NEXT SUNDAY

9:15 am Sunday School  
10:30 am Worship

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# BETHANY REFORMED CHURCH

January 6, 2019  
10:30 a.m.

## Glorifying God with Our Words

*Come, Now is the Time to Worship*

Prayer

*God Will Make a Way*

*Open the Eyes of My Heart*

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

## Prayer

## Glorifying God with Our Tithes

## Glorifying God with Our Attention

Scripture – John 1:43-51 p.1647

Message – *Thriving...When a Skeptic*

Prayer in Response to God's Word

## Celebrating Our God

*Living for Jesus #496 vs.1,3,4*

## Benediction

## Continuing to Worship as We Go

*Praise God from Whom all Blessings Flow #7*

### **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...**

to Pastor Carl Boersma who will be leading our worship service this morning.

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

Elissa & Brock Maxwell

### **GREETINGS...**

- A Christmas photo card and letter from the Rempe family is posted on the Fellowship Hall bulletin board. Their new address is:  
411 Otley Street  
PO Box 127  
Leighton, IA 50143
- Clint & Greta Hogrefe have also sent a Christmas photo and letter and it's placed on the Fellowship Hall bulletin board.

### **THANK YOU...**

I would like to thank Tony & Shelley's small group for blessing me with your Christmas caroling. It was a wonderful surprise and made me so happy. I love my Bethany Family. God bless you all.

Maxine Fisher

### **ANYONE INTERESTED...**

in serving on the Mission Committee is asked to contact Scott Van Der Weide.

### **PULPIT SUPPLY...**

January 13: Pastor Duane Laman  
January 20: Pastor Carl Boersma  
January 27: Pastor Craig Wagner

### **DIRECTORY CHANGES...**

If you have any changes for the 2019 Directory, please write them down and place them in Betty Swank's mailbox.

### **YOU ARE INVITED...**

to help Richard and Regina Fry celebrate their 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary on Saturday, **January 5<sup>th</sup>** at the Norwoodville Community Center from 1:00-4:00.

### **SPECIAL OFFERINGS...**

THANK YOU to everyone who contributed to our special offerings during this holiday season.

- Thanksgiving offering for Alicia Whitmore's mission work through FIM - \$1330
- *At The Best Christmas Pageant Ever* we collected \$400 for the kids in the Saydel School District that need assistance
- Christmas Eve offering for the Bethany Preschool - \$1815

Again, THANK YOU to everyone who has given so freely this holiday season – and all year long.

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### A Sensible Reply to a Skeptical Response v46

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- B. Offering invitation
- C. Suggesting investigation

### A Surprising Reaction to a Searching Revelation vs47-51

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- Jesus knew Nathanael v47
- God is in control v48

#### B. The Reaction

- Discovery of the Messiah
- A declaration of faith: "Son of God...King of Israel" v49

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