

Bethel / Ebenezer Service

March 27, 2022

We Approach Our God

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Songs of Praise: “Great Are You, Lord”
 “Good, Good Father”
 “Knowing You”

Ministry of Music by Lori Fey

The Nicene Creed

Congregational Prayer

*Hymn - #381 “Open My Eyes, That I May See”

We Hear God's Word

Scripture - Revelation 3:14-22

Message - “The Church in Laodicea”

Prayer of Application

We Respond To God's Word

*Doxology, Presentation of Offerings, Offertory Prayer

*Parting Words

*Closing Response - #394 “In My Life Lord, Be Glorified” (vs. 1,3)

*Postlude

Welcome! As Easter approaches, remember, Lent is a time of self-examination and obedient expectation for the church. Therefore, let us enter the sanctuary praying humbly, yet expectantly, for God's Spirit to be with us.

TODAY

~**Church Displays** - This will be the last day for you to browse at the pictures, bulletins, and other items in the lobby highlighting the past history of Bethel and Ebenezer's ministries. Thank you to everyone who brought them for us to enjoy!

~**Sunday School** - 10:45 a.m.

~**Join Us** for fellowship & refreshments following the service provided by Bill & Diane Sandbulte.

THIS WEEK

~Monday, **Ministry Day in Leota** - Pastor Mike will be in the pastor's office (Bethel) starting at 3:00 p.m. He does have meetings throughout the afternoon and evening. If you need to talk with Pastor Mike, contact him and make arrangements to meet with him.

~Wednesday, Early morning **Bible Study** @ Judy Vis
“ **GEMS** meet from 5:30-7:00 p.m. at Ebenezer.
“ **Leota Youth Night** - 7:00 p.m.

~Thursday, Bulletin notices are due before 4 p.m. Notify me by email, vmtinklenberg@gmail.com or call – 443-5751.

~Next Sunday, (April 3) Pastor Mike will bring the morning message at Bethel.

“ “ Sunday School - 10:45 a.m.

“ “ Refreshments following the service provided by Arnie & Connie Gunnink and Ivan & Sandy Schelhaas.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

~**Elder on Call for March:** Verlyn Ruiter 507-920-3885

~**Sunday School Teacher Needed** - Thanks to all those who have taught during this current Sunday School year. One more volunteer is needed to teach the children on the topic of Easter during the month of April. If you can help, contact Pastor Mike.

~**The Next Transition Team Event** will be small group discussion on “The Similarities and Differences Between the Two Churches.” The questions to be addressed are...

*What are the similarities between the two churches?

*What does each church have to contribute to make the future ministry strong?

*What are significant differences between the two churches?

Why do these differences exist?

*What differences are resolvable and what aren't?

*Will those differences that are un-resolvable (for the immediate future) hinder or negatively affect the churches uniting?

*What counsel would you give to the leadership regarding.... handling the differences between the two churches?

moving forward together as one ministry?

*What do you hope for in the merging of the two churches?

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You may participate in any one of the groups scheduled below. Please make sure to sign up to ensure enough rooms/seating.....

*Sunday, April 3, after the worship service (Bethel)

*Tuesday, April 5, at 9:30 a.m. (Bethel)

*Wednesday, April 6, at 3:00 p.m. (Ebenezer)

*Wednesday, April 6, at 7:00 p.m. (Ebenezer)

~**The Transition Team includes.....**

-from Bethel – Jamie DeJong, Sharon Giese, Ivan Gunnink, Marlene Hofkamp, Brian Tschetter & Brenda Van Peursem.

-from Ebenezer - Dawn Christians, Helen DeKam, Dawn Esselink, Myron Hulstein, Cody Lubben & Judy Vis.

~**Thanks!** “As we come into spring, we think back on the past winter season. Many of us in this community have had challenges to face and continue to face. We want to say “**thank you**” to all who have held us up, in many different ways, during Wayne’s surgeries on his knees and now the devastating fire we have endured. The “unity” and care that God’s comm ”unity” has shown us is both humbling and overwhelming. God is truly a gracious and caring God! Thank You! for what you did and are doing, for what you have said to us and our family and who you are.”

The Landhuis Family –Wayne, JoAnne -Jessica

Jake, Missy, Kellen, Blake, Landon

Jeremy, Bethany, Sylvie, Vayda, Ledger

~**Thank You!** As I have ended my radiation treatments, we would like to thank our church family for all the concern and support you have shown to us. We have been blessed by each one of you and your thoughtfulness.

-Linda and Jerry Beckering

~**Upcoming Events -** *Joint Church Board meeting – Monday, April 4

*Palm Sunday – April 10

*Maundy Thursday Service, April 14, 7:00 pm.

***Easter Service, April 17,** will begin with an Easter Breakfast. It will be a potluck beginning @ 8:30 am. at Ebenezer. Tableware & drinks will be provided. Our worship will include decorating the cross, so if possible, bring along a few flowers. If you are not able to get your own there will be some available. Pastor Mike will lead us in the Word.

~Easter, (continued) **NO fellowship & refreshments following service on Easter.**

PRAYER CONCERNS

~Continue to keep the **Transition Team** in your prayers.

~Pray for those of our congregations who are in Care Centers:

Edgebrook Care Center

Tena Winkelhorst

Betty Engeltjes

Abe Westenberg

Edgebrook Estates

Esther Evink

Betty Wiekeraad

Dow Rummel -Craig Vastenhout

Poplar Creek

Fran Anker

Gerrit Kroontje

ADVANCED NOTICES

~**Please join us for our 2 day simulcast event - IF:GoAndMakeDisciples** at the American Reformed Church of Luverne organized by IF:GATHERING. Come gather together, get equipped, and discover the next step in your calling. This event will be held on April 8 from 6:15 pm-9:30 pm and April 9 from 9 am-4 pm. Doors open 30 minutes prior. Breakfast & lunch will be served. Please register by calling (507) 283-8600. Pre-registration is REQUIRED. Follow us on Facebook at Beautiful Life Conferences.

~**Kingdom Kids Preschool** is open for enrollment, 2022-2023. Registration forms can be picked up at the school office or downloaded from the school website. For more info call the school office 442-6181.

~**SWC Spring Donation Sale** will be conducted online this week March 28-April 2.

Items can be viewed in person during the week at the high school. On Saturday, April 2 we will host a coffee/cookie social time from 9 am to 12 pm. in the cafeteria for a final look & final bid. (*feel free to stay & play some card or board games*). The best way to link to the auction website, click on the auction headline under News and Alerts. Any questions call – 442-4471.

~**SWC High School Drama Spring Musical – “Aladdin”** - 7 pm. Fri. April 1 or Sat. April 2 at the Elementary Campus. Admission (Adults: \$7 & students:\$5)

~**25^h Annual Easter Music Festival** at First CRC in Edgerton on Palm Sunday, April 10, 2:30 p.m. SWC Choirs, area churches, and choral groups will present individual numbers. Members of the audience will be invited to join the mass Choirs Hallelujah Chorus. An offering will be taken for SWC. (sponsored as a fundraiser for Circle #12).