

Bethel / Ebenezer Service

April 3, 2022

We Approach Our God

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship & Invocation

Songs of Praise: **“The Wonderful Cross”**
 “Oh, to See the Dawn”
 “Amazing Grace / My Chains are Gone”

The Call for Confession

Prayer of Confession

Congregational Prayer

*Hymn - #285 **“In Christ There Is No East or West”**

We Hear God’s Word

Scripture - Philippians 2:1-4

Message - **A Call for Unity**

Prayer of Application

We Respond To God’s Word

*Doxology, Presentation of Offerings, Offertory Prayer

*Parting Words

*Closing Response - **“My Friends, May You Grow in Grace”**

*Postlude

Welcome! *During this Season of Lent, we want to welcome you to worship as we celebrate together the life, death, and resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ.*

TODAY

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

~**Join Us** for fellowship & refreshments following the service provided by Arnie & Connie Gunnink

THIS WEEK

~Monday, **Ministry Day in Leota** - Pastor Mike will be in the pastor’s office (Bethel) starting at 3:00 p.m.

“ **Combined Church Board Meetings** @ Ebenezer, 7:00 p.m. They will meet together in the basement before the two boards meet separately.

~Tuesday, **Pastor Mike** will also be at Bethel on Tuesday morning.

~Wednesday, Early morning **Bible Study** @ Judy Vis

“ **Pastor Mike will return and spend Wednesday afternoon at Ebenezer.**

“ **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 10) Pastor Mike will bring the morning message at Bethel.

“ “ Sunday School - 10:45 a.m.

“ “ Refreshments following the service provided by Wayne & Helen Kroontje
Mark & Amy Van Essen

ANNOUNCEMENTS

~**In Christian Sympathy**As a congregation, we express our sincere sympathy to the family & relatives of **Abe Westenberg**, who passed from time into eternity, Wednesday. Visitation on Sunday, from 2:00-5:00 p.m. Funeral services – Monday, 10:30 a.m. at Bethel.

~**Elder on Call for April:** Bill Sandbulte 507-220-0029

~**Sunday School Teacher Needed** - Once more volunteer is needed to teach the children on the topic of Easter on April 10 & 24. If you can help, contact Pastor Mike.

~**Bethel & Ebenezer:** Thank You for the donation of winter clothing. We appreciate Your generosity and will share these items with our guests. God bless you!

-Center of Hope Staff

~**The Next Transition Team Event** will be small group discussion on “The Similarities and Differences Between the Two Churches.” You may participate in any of the groups below.

- *Sunday, April 3, after worship service (Bethel)
 - Lobby – Jamie, Sharon, Dawn E. (for people who can’t go down steps)
 - Fireside Room - Brian & Helen
 - Classroom #8 - Ivan & Dawn C.
 - Classroom #3 - Marlene & Cody
- *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.

~**NOTICE** - Sandy Schelhaas will be printing the church bulletin, for both churches beginning May 1st. Please email her at isschelhaas@gmail.com or call her 507-215-6832 with any announcements.

~**Another Change** - **A Church Newsletter** will include both churches by May 1st. If anyone has any articles you wish to submit, please put in Verla’s mailbox or contact her. It would be appreciated if articles could be turned in by April 17 or the very latest April 25, so the newsletter can be in your church mailbox by May 1st. (*check your mailbox for more details*).

~If there are any **Graduating** from either church in 2020, please let VT know so they can be included in the Newsletter.

~**Upcoming Events -**

- *Palm Sunday – April 10 - Bethel
- *Maundy Thursday Service, April 14, 7:00 pm. @ Ebenezer.

NOTE: (a couple more readers are needed to read the scriptural narrative of the Crucifixion. Contact Pastor Mike)

***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, **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:

<u>Edgebrook Care Center</u>	<u>Edgebrook Estates</u>	<u>Poplar Creek</u>
<u>Tena Winkelhorst</u>	<u>Esther Evink</u>	<u>Fran Anker</u>
<u>Betty Engeltjes</u>	<u>Betty Wiekeraad</u>	<u>Gerrit Kroontje</u>
<u>Dow Rummel -Craig Vastenhout</u>		

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.

~**25th 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).

~First CRC in Edgerton is hosting an **Easter Sunrise Service** (April 17) at 7:00 a.m. We welcome area churches, along with family & friends to join us as we remember the finished work Christ completed on the cross & with his resurrection that glorious Easter morning! Following the service a breakfast will be served.

~**Sioux Valley Cadet-a-rama** at Sioux Falls Christian School, April 23.