

BETHESDA NEWS

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Bethesda Mennonite Church

July 25, 2010



Sunday Morning Worship Services

will be held in the Fellowship Hall through August 15. Coffee and cookies will be served prior to the services. Today, we will serve coffee and cookies following the communion worship service.

* If you are willing to bring cookies or brownies for next Sunday morning, please contact Lenora Goertzen at 723-4403.

Teacher Appreciation Meal

Sunday School Teachers of Children, Youth, and Adults, and their families, are invited to a Teacher Appreciation Meal today at noon in the Fellowship Hall sponsored by the Sunday School Committee. Teachers are instrumental in the spiritual nurture of all ages and Bethesda says "Thank You."

College students: Keep in mind that Bethesda church would like to stay in contact with you when you leave for college this summer or fall. Please let us know your new addresses. There is a box across from the church office and in Fellowship Hall (temporarily while we are worshipping there) where you can fill out forms and place them in the marked box. Thank you.

Changes in Visitor Mailings

In order to lower costs, we would like to clean up the *Visitor* mailing list. If you wish to continue receiving a copy in the mail, please let the church office know by calling 723-4562 or emailing bethesda@mainstaycomm.net. We will continue to post it each month on the church website.

WEEK AT A GLANCE

SUNDAY, August 1

8:20 Deacons
9:00 Worship
10:40 Sunday School
12:00 SS Teacher Appreciation Meal
7:00 Dan & Sylvia Rogers Sharing

MONDAY, August 2

7:00 Sunrise Stretch
11:00 Swimnastics

TUESDAY, August 3

8:30 Staff Meeting
7:00 Preschool Committee
8:00 Church Structure Review Comm.

WEDNESDAY, August 4

11:00 Swimnastics
7:00 Music Committee

THURSDAY, August 5

9:00 Bulletin Announcements Due
1:30 Memoirs Writing Class

FRIDAY, August 6

11:00 Swimnastics

Living Inside Out!

The Wednesday night program at Bethesda, where kids age preschool through grade six, experience God's Word, apply God's Word and live God's Word 24/7. We call it Living Inside Out!

Wednesdays 7:00-8:00 p.m.

August 25 - November 17

January 12 - April 6

We are looking for leaders who love God and wish to share this love with kids through Bible stories, songs, memory verses, crafts, experiments, and games! We already have some wonderful volunteers, but they need help. If you would love to volunteer, call one of the committee members: Sherry Thiesen, Tanya Thiesen, Rita Kroeker, Cami Buller, LaVonne Friesen or Lori Friesen.

Last Sunday, July 18

Worship Attendance - 372

Sunday School - 218

Offering Total \$13,700.00

Local Church 11,495.00

Swan Lake Tractor 100.00

Ashland Christian Fellowship . 800.00

CPMC Ecuador 50.00

Dayspring 100.00

Sara Weston Support 155.00

Sam/Sherri Evans 1,000.00

Local Church Operating Balance

(7-29-10) -\$39,169.00

NEXT SUNDAY, August 8

Sermon: Pastor Weldon

Offering: Local Church

Music: Sadie Kliewer

SUNDAY SCHOOL

10:40 a.m.

EVERYONE is invited to a Sunday School class. There is a class to suit you. Enjoy the coffee spot during the Sunday School hour and before church at 8:45.

Adult Sunday School Classes

It's time to invite your current teacher to continue teaching your class for the new Sunday School year, or begin looking for a teacher. The Sunday School Committee will be collecting those names in a few weeks.

Adult Sunday School Teacher Needed

The Sunday School Class of Steve Michel and Gary Buller is looking for a person who would teach half time with Steve Michel. If someone is looking for a fulfilling experience where they will be supported and built up in their Christian walk, this is the class for you. Call Steve Michel at 402-723-4441 during the day or 402-723-5734 in the evening or on weekends. Don't delay or someone else will beat you to it!

Our Church Family

Pray for

Birth

Congratulations to Mark and Becky Kliever on the birth of their son, Henry Ryan on July 23. Local grandparents are Kelly and Becky Kliever.

Sympathy

Sylvia J. "Sally" Epp, 84, died Sunday, July 25. Graveside services were Friday, July 30 at the Bethesda Cemetery. We extend sympathy to her sister-in-law Inez Epp and other family members.

We extend sympathy to Janelle Spader and family on the death of Janelle's father, John Luethje, age 76, on Sunday, July 25. Funeral services were held Thursday, July 29 at Trinity United Methodist Church in Lincoln, Nebraska.

√ Bulletin Board Outside the Office

Follow Neal Friesen's Travels
Sam & Sherri Evans Newsletter

Pianos for Sale

The Music Committee has two pianos available for purchase. Interested persons, please contact Jennifer Buller at 723-4808.

Thank you to those who have generously donated food for funerals, socials, etc. Please check the church kitchen for your pie plates, pans and other dishes and utensils.

Central Nebraska Bible Conference

Well-known Bible teacher and author D. Stuart Briscoe will be speaking on the theme of "Disciples of Jesus" (their calling, lifestyle and priorities) at the Central Nebraska Bible Conference in Aurora, August 13-15. The meetings will be held at Pleasant View Bible Church (3rd and Manor Street), beginning at 7:00 each evening. Childcare will be provided for infants - age 6. *Thanks for praying that the conference will bring great glory to God and marked spiritual benefit to many people.* For further information on the conference, please call 402-694.3492.

AMBS-Great Plains Fall Courses

Deepen your faith with seminary classes this fall: *Sermon on the Mount*, taught by Jerry Truex; *Anabaptist History and Theology*, taught by Lois Barrett, and *Human Development and Christian Formation*, taught by Kathryn Damiano. Register for fall classes by August 12. For more information, contact Lois Barrett, 316-283-7098 or lbarrett@ambs.edu.

Seeking Writers for Advent Devotional

The Board of Education is looking for writers for an Advent Devotional. Writers of all age groups are welcome to participate. The theme for the devotional will be "Slowing Down & Taking Time". We are looking for poems, prayers, art or a Christmas memory. If you are interested in writing, contact Barb Voth or Mike Wall.

Women's Ministries Swimmastics

Adult Swimmastics is off to a great start. You are invited to join us on MWF, 11:00 am at the Henderson Pool. Daily pass is \$2 per session or free with a membership. Come for gentle exercising and fellowship. You need not know how to swim. Come whenever it fits into your calendar...no formal joining of a class...just come to the pool. Questions? Final session will be August 13.



Summer Thresher Golf Classic

Alumni and Friends of Bethel College are invited to the Summer Thresher Golf Classic and Barbecue, Saturday, August 14, at Galaway Creek Golf Course in Henderson. See the East bulletin board for more details and registration forms. Register with payment by Thursday, August 5, and save \$10. All registrations and cart reservations are to be made through the Bethel Alumni Office. (316) 284-5251 or alumni@bethelks.edu

YOUTH NEWS!

How courteous are you? Take the quiz in the NEW Devozine on pages 33-35. Pick up your Devozine by the Youth Bulletin board near the office.

Youth Escape in Manson, Iowa

Please pray for Abigail Bechtel, Rebecca Friesen, Doran Stucky and Pastor Andrea as they travel to Manson, Iowa this Friday through Sunday for Youth Escape. Shane Claiborne will be the featured speaker at the event sponsored by Central Plains

Mennonite Conference. Abigail and Pastor Andrea will have an opportunity to invite others to get involved in the Bethesda Youth Group Water Project. Doran will be helping lead games, while Pastor Andrea and Rebecca will be leading breakout sessions. Pastor Andrea will be sharing about busyness and stress, while Rebecca will be focusing on service, sharing her story about working with Radical Journey in England.

Please be in prayer this week for the final preparations for Youth Escape 2010, the Central Plains youth retreat. We expect 150 youth, sponsors and staff from 18 churches July 30 through August 1 at Twin Lakes Christian Center near Manson, Iowa. Pray for the planning committee, speaker Shane Claiborne, The Ransom Project band, break-out leaders and the Twin Lakes staff as they prepare a weekend of worship, play, equipping and fellowship for our youth.

-Conference Youth Minister
Shana Peachey Boshart

