

September 17, 2023

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Ministry Servers

Sanctuary Greeters

Today: Chris & Marcia VandenOever
Next Week: Sue Nicol, Peter Cook

Prayer

Today: Allan & Gloria Terpstra
Next Week: Cindi Kirby, Jeff Everts

Projector & Sound Techs

Today: Tim Kirby, Rick Reeves
Next Week: Dan Kalleward, Jim Thompson

Sunday Morning Transport

Today: Jeff Everts
Next Week: Pam Reeves

Nursery

Today: Laura VanSweden, Gloria St. Peter
Next Week: Vicki Thompson, Chelsea Guy

Coffee Bar

Today: Vicki Thompson, Chelsea Guy
Next Week: Laura VanSweden

Children's Sunday School

Age:3-5 - "Baby Moses"
Today: (T) Sarah Byholt (H) Sue Nicol
Next Week: Kelly Schuring, Gloria St. Peter

6 yr-5th grade-"Bible Teaching"

Today:
Opening: Pam Reeves
Storytelling: Julie Pasma
Next Week: Music: Deb Polderman

WORSHIP

Prelude

"God Is For Us"

Welcome and
Announcements

Preparation for Worship

"The River Is Here"
"I Worship You, Almighty God"
"Search Me, Know Me"

Greeting

Children's Message
(Children ages 3-3rd grade dismissed for
Children In Worship)

Exodus 14:13-14 & 21-22
Hunter Heystek

Prayer

Exodus 14:1-8

Sermon

"Potholes, Detours and Barricades"
Pastor Steve Johnson

Prayer

"God Is For Us"

Blessing



Hearing device
available in the
Sound Booth.

HAPPENINGS THIS WEEK

Sunday 9/17

8:15 AM ~ Praise Choir Rehearsal
9:30 AM ~ Worship Service ~ In the
Sanctuary ~ Coffee Fellowship ~
Following Service in the Fellowship
Hall
11:00 AM ~ Sunday School For All
Ages

Monday 9/18

Tuesday 9/19

Wednesday 9/20

9:15-11:15 AM ~ MOPS

Thursday 9/21

Friday 9/22

7:00-8:00 AM ~ Friday Morning
Prayer
3:00-4:30 PM ~ PC Football Team

Saturday 9/23

9:30-2:30 PM ~ VandenOever
Fellowship Hall

Sunday 9/24

8:15 AM ~ Praise Choir Rehearsal
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ANNOUNCEMENTS



“BETHLEHEM JOURNEY” is drawing near! Being a part of the cast is great fun, if you’re interested in giving it a try, look for the sign up sheet in our lobby today. The dates are as follows: Nov. 30th: 6-8, Dec. 1st: 6-8:00 and 2nd: 5:30-8:30. Join the fun as we present the story of Christ’s birth to our community!



KIDZ KAMP “There Ain’t No Bugs On Me” Sept. 27th at 6:30. We are looking for volunteers to help wherever needed. Thank you.



KIDZ KAMP Our first “Fam Nite” will be on Sept. 30th from 4:00-5:30 PM at Lake View Park in Portage. (Enjoy some fellowship with other KidZ Kamp members and their families on our first fam nite!) We will have one each month and all members are welcome to join. Location, date, and time of meeting places will be posted and families are encouraged to come and enjoy! Hope to see you there.



KIDZ KAMP is looking for donations of Target/Amazon gift cards, Clorox Wipes, Wet Ones Hand Wipes and Kleenex/paper towel. Please put them in the box outside the church office. **THANK YOU** for your willingness to help.



WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY to begin Tues. Sept. 26th at 9:30 AM. We will be studying a 6 week lesson called:

Revelation Extravagant Hope. Please let me know if you plan to attend so I can order you a study guide. Miss you all and hope to see you there...please invite friends!!! Please contact Stacey Dayton at 269-823-2267 or email: Annastasia.dayton@gmail.com.



WHO WANTS TO EAT SOME CAKE?? Please join us during coffee fellowship **TODAY** to celebrate Wayne Block’s 90th birthday!

PRAISE CHOIR REHEARSAL we are having a learning rehearsal on **THURSDAY**, September 28th at 6:30 PM. We will be reviewing the songs we have been learning and adding Goodness of God as well. Hope to see you there! The October rehearsal will be on Thursday, October 19th at 6:30 PM.



THANKS TO YOU, we were able to fill all of the Children’s Sunday School positions!! Please pray for all of our students, teachers, and helpers as we begin a new school year of teaching the wonderful stories and commands of the Bible.



ATTENTION PARENTS We are starting children & worship today. The age is 3 year old to 3rd grade.

The children will be dismissed after the children’s message. The teachers will be waiting in the back of church for them. We will be having class in the music/science classroom downstairs. After class the children will be delivered directly to the Sunday school opening. If they will not be attending Sunday school you can pick them up in one of those places. Thank you for the opportunity to teach your children more about Jesus.
Education Team

SUNDAY SCHOOL MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL SUNDAY SCHOOL will begin on September 24th.



THANK YOU to Rev. Keith Lohman for his service as our Supervisor. Keith has stepped down from this position, we appreciate all his hard work in the absence of a Senior Pastor.

Care Teams

Elder & Deacon

A-D

(E) Dave Newhouse & (D) Steve Pasma

E-J

(E) Allan Terpstra & (D) Ken Larson

K-M

(E) Don Terpstra & (D) Evelyn Puckett

N-R

(E) Jim Thompson & (D) Ryan Hoeksema

S-U

(E) John Mein & (D) David Guy

V-Z

(E) John Medema & (D) Sam Smith

Team Ministry

(Team Leaders)

Church Life

Deb Polderman

Education

Chris VandenOever

Finance

Tim Kirby

Mission & Outreach

Pam Reeves

Prayer

John Medema

Property Team

Evelyn Puckett

Technology

Dan Kalleward

Worship

Vacant