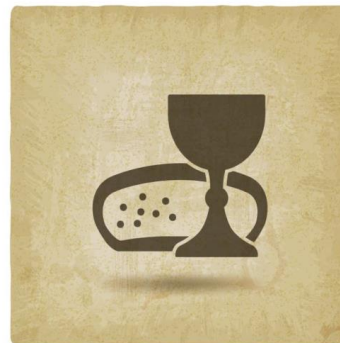


# Commune



## Communion Reflection for Lent from Isaiah 53 & Luke 23

<sup>44</sup> It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon,  
**The Sun was Darkened**

And the curtain of the temple was torn in two.  
**The Sun was Darkened**

<sup>46</sup> Jesus called out with a loud voice, "Father, into your hands I commit my spirit."  
When he had said this, he breathed his last.  
**The Sun was Darkened**

<sup>4</sup> Surely he took up our pain and bore our suffering,  
yet we considered him punished by God, stricken by him, and afflicted.  
**The Sun was Darkened**

<sup>5</sup> But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities;  
the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed.  
**The Sun was Darkened**

<sup>6</sup> We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to our own way;  
and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.  
**The Sun was Darkened**

Lord, this season we remember your sacrifice and that through your death we are forgiven.  
And through your life we have strength for today & bright hope for tomorrow.

**Glory be to God**

*Matt Will*

# Bethany Church

Reach. Serve. Love.



**SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP 9:00AM** - masks required

**SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP 10:30AM** - masks optional

- **10-10:30 AM Sunday School**
- **7 PM Wednesday Night Classes**
- **Jr & Sr High Youth Group check the website**

*Every other pew will be roped off to help maintain proper distancing.*

*Sanctuary and communal spaces will be sanitized between services.*

*Disposable masks are available at the welcome center desk.*

*Facebook livestream times may vary. Notices will be sent out with livestream information.*

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*Bethany Doors will be open: Monday – Friday 8:00 am – 5:00 pm  
Saturday & Sunday 8:00 am – 1:00 pm*

Office email : [bethany@hcinet.net](mailto:bethany@hcinet.net)

Bethany Prayer Chain email : [info@bethanychurch-mn.com](mailto:info@bethanychurch-mn.com)

[Give | Bethany Church - MN](#)

Anyone who would like a DVD of the services or know of someone who would like to receive one call the church office at 847-3322 or send an email to [bethany@hcinet.net](mailto:bethany@hcinet.net).

**BETHANY DIRECTORY.** <https://mobiledirectory.lifetouch.com/158305/bethany-reformed-church>

Access code is BRC20. The information can also be changed. If your contact information and anything else in your listing has changed, please contact the church office at 847-3322 or email at [bethany@hcinet.net](mailto:bethany@hcinet.net)

# SUNDAY GATHERINGS

*“Let us not give up meeting together as some are in the habit of doing...” Heb 10:25*

## Directives

***Bethany will have disposable masks available.***

Hand sanitizer is provided.

NO nursery or Children’s Church.

NO gathering in The Hub after the service.

Offering plates are set out at the back of the sanctuary.

Please exit the sanctuary after the service and visit outside.

Maintain proper distances while entering & exiting the sanctuary.

Please be seated in family groups and social distanced from others.

Remain in primary gathering spaces; sanctuary, entrance and bathrooms.

Singing is great! But not required.

*If you are feeling sick or are anxious about returning, please remain at home and join in on our FACEBOOK PAGE LIVESTREAM*

## Directives for General Building Use

Please note that throughout the church building, rooms contain a spray bottle with a cleansing solution in it and a clean rag. Anyone using rooms during the week are asked to spray and wipe the areas used. Any questions can be directed to staff.

## Stay Safe Guidance for Places of Worship

- Stay home when sick.
- Stay at least 6 feet apart from other people.
- Wear face coverings.
- Wash your hands often.
- Cover your mouth and nose when you cough or sneeze.

# NEWS

**Winter Weather Notifications.** In the event of Sunday morning winter storms, closure announcements will be posted on the Bethany Facebook Page, the Bethany website, sent out via Prayer Chain, KDMA Radio in Montevideo or KWLM - Willmar and website: [willmarradio.com](http://willmarradio.com)

## PLEASE REMEMBER TO CHECK YOUR CHURCH MAILBOXES!!

The Amazing Collection Bible Study will resume on Tuesday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> at 1:30 pm in the library. Have the lesson on 1<sup>st</sup> Peter completed.

The **Bethany Mission Quilters** have resumed quilting down in the Fellowship Hall - Monday afternoons from 1:00 to 5:00. Anyone is welcome to come! We recently boxed up 47 quilts to give to organizations in the area.



### **OPEN HOUSE BABY SHOWER**

**March 20<sup>th</sup> from 10 am – noon**

**Bethany Reformed Church Hub**

**Infant daughter of Emily (Wrede) & Nathan Torkelson due to arrive in April**

Instead of a card...we have a request, please bring a book as the baby will enjoy that the best!

We can read your note each night before bed and enjoy your sentiment for all the years ahead!

# NEWS

## **MN Classis Committee Opportunities**

Ministry Revitalization encourages and counsels congregations and pastors toward faithful and fruitful ministry emphasizing renewal, spiritual care, and resolution of differences.

Church Multiplication exists to nurture and expand fruitful ministries in the local church, as well as encourage the development of new ministries.

Please contact Pastor Matt if interested or for more information.

**Profession of Faith** instruction for the 11th grade class will be held on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 PM during our regular class time. The class will meet with the Elders on Monday, March 15 at 7:30 PM. The class will culminate on **Palm Sunday**, March 28, with students making profession of faith during the 9:00 AM morning worship service.

## **Mentors.**

Thank you to all who participate in mentoring at Bethany. Your willingness to serve in this way is an encouragement to our young people and a great example of leadership.

## **LENTEN CALENDAR**

**Men's Lenten Breakfast.** Wednesday morning's at 6:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall. Coffee and rolls will be available.

**Profession of Faith.** Palm Sunday, March 28 during the 9:00 AM morning worship service.

## **Maundy Thursday Service.**

Thursday, April 1 at 7:00 PM

## **Good Friday Women's Service.**

Friday, April 2 at 6:30 AM

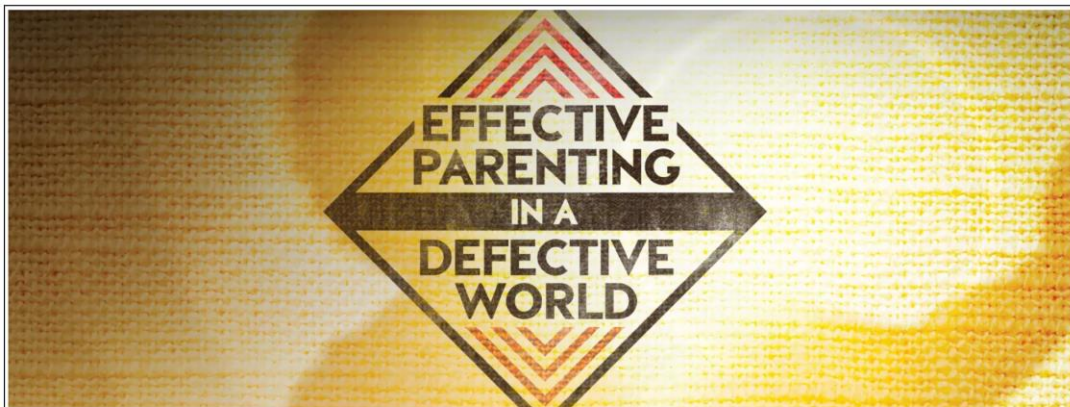
Featured Speaker: Tara (Lalim) Griess

"Bound for Glory"

# OPPORTUNITIES TO GATHER & GROW



Sundays @ 4:30 PM  
in the Sanctuary



## ENCOURAGEMENT FOR PARENTS

**Ways we can equip our children to thrive** →

**Teach them to suffer well.**

“Life is not fair. Life is hard. God is with us. God is our strength.”

**Work unto the Lord.**

Give them chores and opportunities to develop. Coach them.

**Manage life wisely.**

Stewardship—everything is the Lord’s. Be responsible in the little things.

# C CALENDAR



## Wednesday, March 10

- 6:30 am Men's Lenten Breakfast
- 7:00 pm Catechism Classes
- 7:00 pm Jr High Youth (YA)
- 8:00 pm Sr High Youth (AFC)

## Sunday, March 14 **DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS**

- 10:00 am Youth Board (Family Room)
- 3:00 pm Effective Parenting in a Defective World (Sanctuary)
- 4:30 pm The Truth Project (Sanctuary)

## Monday, March 15

- 1:00 pm Mission Quilters (Basement)
- 6:45 pm Elder's Meeting (**7:30 pm w/ Profession of Faith students**)
- 7:00 pm Deacon's Meeting
- 8:20 pm Consistory Meeting

## Wednesday, March 17

- 6:30 am Men's Lenten Breakfast
- 7:00 pm Catechism Classes
- 7:00 pm Jr High Youth (YA) – *Small Groups*
- 8:00 pm Sr High Youth (AFC) – *Small Groups*

## Saturday, March 20

- 10 – noon Emily Torkelson Open House Baby Shower

## Sunday, March 21

- 3:00 pm Effective Parenting in a Defective World (Sanctuary)
- 4:30 pm The Truth Project (Sanctuary)

## Monday, March 22

- 1:00 pm Mission Quilters (Basement)

## Tuesday, March 23

- 1:30 pm Amazing Collection Bible Study (Library)

## Wednesday, March 24

- 6:30 am Men's Lenten Breakfast
- 7:00 pm Catechism Classes
- 7:00 pm Jr High Youth (YA)
- 8:00 pm Sr High Youth (AFC)

## Sunday, March 28

- 9:00 am *PROFESSION OF FAITH WORSHIP SERVICE***
- 3:00 pm Effective Parenting in a Defective World (Sanctuary)
- 4:30 pm The Truth Project (Sanctuary)

# PRAYER

## PRAYERS for STRENGTH & HEALING

- ✝ Bruce Hinrichs
- ✝ Ruth Johnson
- ✝ Deanna Meints
- ✝ Milt Wubben
- ✝ Vivian Reiners
- ✝ Darren Melin
- ✝ Kari Johnson
- ✝ Gary Slagter – continues to heal from ankle surgery.
- ✝ Leonard Klinghagen – is on oxygen due to breathing difficulties. He is being considered for Hospice care.
- ✝ Heather Thielen – good report! Noncancerous tumor that was found will be removed.

The Care Center is open for visitors. There is a limit of 10 guests in the facility at any given time, so please contact the Care Center office before coming to ensure they are within the limit — (320) 847-2221.

Floyd Hilbrands passed away at the Clara City Care Center on Saturday, February 20, 2021 at the age of 81. He was baptized at Bethany Reformed Church on July 2, 1939. Funeral Services were held at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Clara City on February 26.

Harm DeGrote, age 89, of Clara City, passed away on Sunday, February 28, 2021 at Carris Rice Memorial Hospital in Willmar. Harm was born on December 16, 1931 in Kandiyohi County. He was the son of Peter and Minnie (Freese) DeGrote. Harm was confirmed at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Clara City. A private family service was held on March 4 at 11:00 AM at St. Clara Catholic Church.

# THANKS

*I feel blessed to have received a prayer shawl from your church. Thank you for all your prayers. -Annette Rosen*

*Thank you for the beautiful quilts! - The Fortress Staff*

*Mission Quilters - Thank you so very much for your donation that love & support allows us to continue our mission. God Bless, Eagles Healing Nest*

*Thank you to the Bethany prayer shawl ministry for the prayer shawls for Jim and to everyone for the many prayers, cards, phone calls, food and gifts. This was all so appreciated. God bless you all.*

*-Audrey Koenen*



# YOUTH NEWS

## **ROCKY**

- **Needed 1 female sponsor for Rocky Mountain High.**
- **Leaving the evening of July 30 – Mid afternoon August 4<sup>th</sup>.**
- **Contact Todd if interested.**

## **Bethany VBS: Kids Under Construction**

Monday, May 17 – Thursday, May 20 from 6 – 8 pm

Kids currently in K – 6<sup>th</sup> Grades

- ✝ If you are planning to send your children to VBS please fill out the forms by the welcome center (before Easter) & leave in the basket when complete. We are trying to plan for crafts. Thanks!!

## **NO Sunday School**

- ✝ Palm Sunday – March 28<sup>th</sup>
- ✝ Easter Sunday – April 4<sup>th</sup>
- ✝ Mother's Day – May 9<sup>th</sup>

# WORSHIP NOTES

*"Peace I leave with you. My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you.  
Let not your heart be troubled; neither let it be afraid."  
John 14:27*

Ladies –

Mark your calendars for our Good Friday Women's service: Friday, April 2, 2021. Tara (Lalim) Griess will be sharing her testimony on how God has carried her through her struggles with alcoholism . . . which led to a serious accident . . . which led to healing. Invite your friends.

	<u>SOUND</u>	<u>PROJECTOR</u>
March 7	Garrett Struxness	Megan Struxness
March 14	Landin Ahrenholz	Nikki Niemeyer
March 21	Jerry Schwitters	Brenda Schwitters
March 28	Austin Sweep	Logan Dirksen

Thank you to all our amazing volunteers who continue to help us through this season of two morning services. We appreciate you!

Alphabet Memorization Challenge continues. Feel free to take a copy of this information from Pam's bulletin board.

# Consistory Positions & Committees 2021

President

Pastor Matthew Miller

Vice President

Dan Wrede

Clerk

Chip Goeman

Chairman of the Deacons

Keith Klinghagen

General Fund Treasurer

Mark Hilbrands

Mission Fund Treasurer

Keith Klinghagen

Building Fund Treasurer

David Hinrichs

Cemetery Fund Treasurer

Wade Buss

## **Worship Committee**

\*Chip Goeman

Cory Sietsema

Kim Sandry

Pam Knapper

## **Leadership Committee**

\*Dan Wrede

Chuck DeGrote

Keith Klinghagen

Brad Hebrink

Riley Aeikens

Pastor Matt Miller

## **Education & Youth Committee**

\*Mark Hilbrands

Riley Aeikens

Wade Buss

Todd Henker

## **Mission/Outreach Committee**

\*Keith Klinghagen

Calvin Harms

Scott Ruiter

## **Fellowship/Congregational Care**

\*Dan Niemeyer

Roger Knapper

Ron Thomton

## **Property Committee**

\*Chuck Ammermann

David Hinrichs

John Hagemeyer

# March

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## Anniversaries

- 4 Ivan & Deanna Meints
- 5 Calvin & Marsha Harms
- 12 Ron & Sue Honken
- 15 Jerry & Brenda Schwitters



## Birthdays

- |                  |                      |                       |
|------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| 1 George Poppen  | 9 Betty Bohlsen      | 23 Gladys Williams    |
| 2 Steve Slagter  | 9 Willie Miller      | 23 Robert Dirksen     |
| 2 Daniela Goeman | 11 Brenda Schwitters | 23 Ron Honken         |
| 3 Jane Wrede     | 12 Lois Ahrenholz    | 24 Seth Hinrichs      |
| 5 Kyle Goeman    | 12 Jan Beyerl        | 25 Anna Miller        |
| 5 Emily Paz      | 13 Ed Jansen         | 26 Carin Hagemeyer    |
| 5 Kailee Epema   | 13 Conrad Rozeboom   | 27 Levi Groen         |
| 5 Miles Nelson   | 14 Alice Korn        | 27 Carter Wrede       |
| 6 Joseph DeGrote | 14 Olivia Naatjes    | 28 Diane Ruitter      |
| 7 Harold Doesken | 15 Ethel Gabbert     | 28 Lynn Koenen (Paul) |
| 7 Scott Ruitter  | 17 Calvin Harms      | 28 Mark DeGrote       |
| 8 Bryan Caspers  | 17 Noah Sietsema     | 29 Terry Epema        |
|                  | 19 Ivan Meints       | 30 Darla Poppen       |
|                  | 19 Mindy Ammermann   | 30 Kenneth Koenen     |
|                  | 19 Carol Forkrud     |                       |

