

## COMPARTMENTALIZATION

I've always been a fan of a WORD OF THE WEEK. In college, a small group of us had our own little weekly word challenge. The word at the top of the page here is a big word. It is probably not a word that we use very often, but it very well may be a reality that we live.

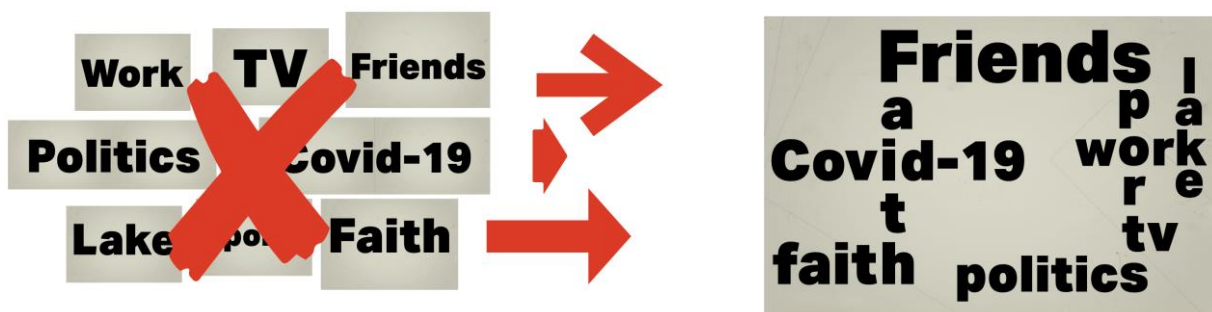
It is easy to break this word down and figure out what it means. We know what a compartment is, it is a "structure or container in which certain items can be kept separate from others." We do this with items in our homes. We put different things into different compartments or containers for organizational purposes. But we can also do this in the realm of ideas and beliefs. We can put different parts of our life into compartments, and therefore, keep them separate from other parts of our life. Such as, separating faith from work. This separation allows people who profess faith to justify unethical or inappropriate actions at work or elsewhere. Compartmentalization allows us to be dishonest or angry at home or work, and wear a sweet smile at church. The applications here are infinite, and hopefully, we all see the breakdown. Breaking life up into compartments is not a faithful and wise way to live.

Author Skye Jethani writes it this way:

*Many of us live a faith of false compartmentalization. We have come to believe that Jesus Christ is only interested in certain parts of our life—those things we label "spiritual." This arbitrary separation of our lives is revealed when we say things like, "How is your spiritual life?" This language would imply that other parts of life—economic, social, political, physical, etc.—are somehow not spiritual and therefore of no real concern to God. This explains, in part, why many of our churches and Christian communities remain silent about so many matters of great importance in our world.*

All areas of life are of interest to God and are to be under the rule of God. If we are living lives with lots of containers, may we begin the work of consolidation. Opening those boxes and putting them all together into one, one in which Christ is Lord in all, through all and over all.

*matthew will*



# Bethany Church

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**SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP 9:30AM**

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**HOME**

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to download our app



# SUNDAY GATHERINGS

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

## Directives

***Due to the recent statewide mandate on masks, Bethany will have disposable masks available, but will not be regulating or managing their use.***

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 Gym Use

Please follow the 3 S’s for GYM USE: SCHEDULE / SUPERVISE / SANITIZE

— Please call the church office, or stop in to schedule a time so there are no conflicts

— Staff or an adult supervisor must be present

— Sanitize equipment used

See our website for more info? <https://www.bethanychurch-mn.com/gym-use-questions>

## 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.

# NEWS

Bethany delivers **MEALS ON WHEELS** in September--- if you are interested in volunteering the signup sheet is by the church office bulletin board. Open days....17-18, 21-25, and 28-30.

**Join us Thursday, September 17<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 am – 1:30 pm at Almich's Market. **TAKE OUT Hamburgers, hot dogs, chips & water. Free will donations for the Clara City Lions Community Projects.****

## **Raymond United Methodist Fall Fundraiser**

This year, due to the pandemic, we won't be holding our normal Fall Bazaar. Instead, we are taking orders for Lefse and Broccoli Cheese Soup. Orders may be placed by calling Kim at 320-295-6510; Char at 320-967-4184 or 320-444-4915 and Kay at 320-894-3664 before October 1. Lefse is \$5/package of three; Broccoli Cheese Soup is \$3/16-ounce container. Orders ready to pick up Nov. 7 from 9:00 a.m. to noon.

**Carris Health Helpline.** Carris Health has created a conversation phone line for those who need to connect with somebody. Volunteers are available to chat with you if you are experiencing loneliness during this time of extended isolation. The line is for seniors and persons with disabilities. Call hours are Monday - Friday from 9 AM to 4 PM.

Call: **1 (866) 777-0250**

**ADOPT A HIGHWAY.** On behalf of all of us at MnDOT, I want to thank you for being an Adopt a Highway volunteer! This year Adopt a Highway celebrates 30 years, and the program has been so successful because of people like you. We are grateful for your dedication to help keep Minnesota highways clean, beautiful and safe.

Currently, there are more than 3,800 active Adopt a Highway volunteer groups across the state—and more than 470 of those groups have partnered with us for all 30 years. That is amazing! We look forward to working with you for many more years to come.

Thank you. Your participation means so much to MnDOT and Minnesota.

*Commissioner, MnDOT*



# CALENDAR

## Profession of Faith.

Profession of Faith is this **Sunday, September 13** during our 9:30 AM morning service. This year's class includes:

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| ✝ Hailey Ann Berghuis  | ✝ Alison Elaine Koenen |
| ✝ Morgan Jo Blascziek  | ✝ Ashley Marie Levitz  |
| ✝ Elijah Garret DuHoux | ✝ Carter Lee Tomes     |
| ✝ Tommy Jay Hoekstra   | ✝ Carter Daniel Wrede  |

## **Third Graders receiving their Bibles on Sunday, September 13<sup>th</sup> include:**

*Tyler Anderson, Esme Aviles, Jackson Carpenter, Liam Epema,  
Jaxson Roberts, Mari Sietsema, Asher Thissen*

**Mission Speaker.** Daniel Pennings will be sharing with us during our worship service on Sunday, September 27. He will be in the area from September 21-29 and lodging with Chip & Ettie Goeman. The Goeman's will be out of town for several days during his time here. If anyone would like to host Daniel for a meal or meet for a visit, particularly from the 24th through the 27th, Daniel is available for that. Please contact the church office with dates and times.

**Next Communion** will be on World Communion Sunday. October 4

## **Sunday School Kick-Off**

Kindergarteners - 12th graders, you are invited to join us on September 13th immediately after the church service for our Sunday School Kick-Off party! There will be no lesson this day, but we would love to see you and celebrate the start of a new Sunday School year. Ice-cream sandwiches will be in coolers and handed out to students outside of the front doors this year. See you then!

- There will be a short mandatory teacher meeting immediately following the church service in the youth room to collect materials and gather information on the upcoming year. Thank you for your willingness to serve and teach our youth this year!

The Amazing Collection Bible Study will be resuming on Tuesday, September 15<sup>th</sup> at 1 pm in the church basement. All are welcome.

Bethany Quilters will resume meeting, Monday, Sept.21, from 1:00 – 5:00 down in the Fellowship Hall. Anyone is welcome to come and help. Last year in 2019, the quilters gave out approximately 110 quilts to various organizations, baptisms, and those who are seriously ill! We will be following social distancing guide lines.

# CALENDAR (cont.)

The Friesen Historical Society invites the public to a Community Picnic and Flag Retirement Ceremony on Saturday, September 12 at the Friesen Historical site, 1 1/4 miles north of Bunde. A picnic meal will be served starting at 5 pm, free-will donation. View the gardens and tour the house. The Flag Retirement Ceremony will follow at 6:15 pm. Veterans are welcome to participate. This ceremony is a humble and inspiring ceremony to retire worn and damaged American Flags. Please bring your own lawn chair. Social distancing is encouraged.

## **Blood Drive at the Clara City Community Center on Tuesday, September 29<sup>th</sup> from 12:30 – 6:30 pm.**

*Give blood. Every 2 seconds someone in the U.S. needs blood.*

**American Red Cross**

# PRAYER

## PRAYERS for STRENGTH & HEALING

- † Students, Teachers and Administrators back to school
- † Care Center & Assisted Living Residents
- † Job Seekers during this time of uncertainty & heightened layoffs
- † Our national anxiety and unrest to coronavirus & race relations
- † Ruth Johnson
- † Deanna Meints
- † Cindy Plowman
- † Milt Wubben
- † Colleen Hoekstra is home and healing from injuries sustained in a car accident.
- † Delly Schwitters, Jerry's dad, has cancer.
- † Bruce Hinrichs has been taking some new chemotherapy treatments.
- † Teresa Seeman, Anna Marie's daughter-in-law, passed away from heart failure during heart surgery on Wednesday, September 9. Anna Marie extends her thanks for the expressions of prayer and thoughts.

# THANKS...

*Thank you to the Bethany family for all the heartfelt wishes extended to us in my cancer surgery and recovery. Whether it was a card, a phone call, a gift of food, or a kind visit, we felt your support and caring. Thank you to Stan and Donna Barney, Lois Kluver and the Mission quilters, and Lorraine Fokken and the Prayer Shawl Ministry. I feel covered in your care! —Carol Thomton*

*Thank you for the prayers & prayer shawl, the cards and get well wishes I received. I've been blessed with good results from my surgery and thankful to God for His healing. Ardis Gerdes*

*Bethany Church - I can't express my thanks enough for your prayers, concerns and to the wonderful Prayer Shawl people who so lovingly work this lovely comforting shawl! The words in the card truly are uplifting too. I received the prayer shawl on an evening when I felt so very low & alone. The one nurse wrapped it around me and said "your loved"! So, God works in the most wonderful way! Again, my heartfelt thanks for your prayers & love! To God be the Glory! Love ~ Merle & Rose Epema*

*Prayer Shawl Ministry – Thank you very much for the prayer shawl. It was comforting in my recovery. Thank you for all the prayers. I am doing well. Hope to get back to work soon. In Christ, Darren Melin*

*Thank you, ladies of the mission quilt group. The quilt is beautiful and thank you Lois for bringing it. Walking thru your Monday afternoon quilting group, I never dreamed I would be receiving one. Thank you. I'm not sure what journey God has for me with this cancer. I pray every day and invite you to pray for me. -Cindy Plowman*

*Bethany Church, I would like to thank everyone for their thoughts and prayers while I was having surgery done in St. Cloud. I am getting better each day. I believe all the prayers & well wishes have helped me a lot. I really appreciate my church family. Thank you again for the prayers. A special thank you to the Bethany quilters for the beautiful quilt I will cherish it always. God Bless you all ~ LaRae Koenen*

# WORSHIP NOTES

*"Live in peace with each other. And we urge you, warn those who are idle, encourage the timid, help the weak, be patient with everyone. Make sure that nobody pays back wrong for wrong, but always try to be kind to each other and to everyone else. Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstance, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." II Thessalonians 5:13-16*

We give a HUGE thank you to our videographers who, week after week, capture our worship time together so those unable to attend have an opportunity to view it online or by way of DVD. These individuals are: Steven Andresen, Dean Jansen, Bryan Pauling, Cory Sietsema and Troy Sweep. Steven has led this group over the past 30 plus years . . . scheduling and confirming that each Sunday, someone is sitting in that little room behind the cameras. We APPRECIATE you so very much! THANK YOU!

## YOUTH NEWS

**Leadership Bible Study** will resume again on the 13<sup>th</sup>.

### **Youth Group**

Youth make sure you remember to bring your own lawn chair with pads on all 4 corners to the gym when we meet (remember we are meeting in the gym not youth room). If you have questions please feel free to call Todd at 320-905-4313.

**Small groups:** we will be starting up small groups again this fall. Our first small group will be on the 16<sup>th</sup> so look for information from your small group leader as to where you will be meeting this year. 7<sup>th</sup> graders we will discuss this a bit more at your first meeting on the 26<sup>th</sup>.

**Sunday school will start on the September 13<sup>th</sup>!!**

**Wednesday night programs (other than youth group) will start on September 16<sup>th</sup>!!**



## COVID-19 PANDEMIC ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RISK FORM

Our goal is to provide a safe environment for our members & students, and to advance the safety of our local community. This document provides information we ask you to acknowledge and understand regarding the COVID-19 virus.

The COVID-19 virus is a serious and highly contagious disease. The World Health Organization has classified it as a pandemic. You could contract COVID-19 from a variety of sources.

The COVID-19 virus has a long incubation period. You may have the virus and not show symptoms and yet still be highly contagious. Determining who is infected by COVID-19 is challenging and complicated due to limited availability of virus testing.

Due to the number of people, and the characteristics of the virus, there is a risk of you contracting the virus simply by being in a public place.

***Please stay home if:***

***Do you have a fever or above normal temperature?***

***Have you experienced shortness of breath or had trouble breathing?***

***Do you have a dry cough?***

***Do you have a runny nose?***

***Have you recently lost or had a reduction in your sense of smell?***

***Do you have a sore throat?***

***Have you been in contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19?***

***Have you tested positive for COVID-19?***

***Have you been tested for COVID-19 and are awaiting results?***

***Have you traveled outside the United States by air or cruise ship in the past 14 days?***

***Have you traveled within the United States by air, bus or train within the past 14 days?***

***Have you or a family member been sent home from school/work or did not attend in the past 14 days?***

I confirm that I have read the Notice above and understand and accept that there is an increased risk of contracting the COVID-19 virus at church. I understand and acknowledge that I could also contract COVID-19 virus outside of this church in circumstances unrelated to my visit here.

I have read and understand the information stated above:

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

# SEPTEMBER

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## Anniversaries

- |                              |                               |
|------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1 Mark & Cindy Plowman       | 9 Keith & JoHannah Klinghagen |
| 2 Kevin & LeAnn Groen        | 10 Terry & Laurie Vreeman     |
| 3 Dale & Janet Asche         | 11 Shawn & Naomi Koenen       |
| 3 Ken & Emma Koenen          | 12 Troy & Janet Sweep         |
| 5 Gary & Cheri Aeikens       | 12 Jonathan & Amy Grussing    |
| 5 Leonard & Sharon Hilbrands | 12 Harlan & Diane Ruiters     |
| 5 Steve & Jana Slagter       | 18 Greg & Kristie Rhode       |
| 6 Stan & Faye Harms          | 23 Nate & Tara Hebrink        |
| 7 Jeff & Darla Koenen        | 27 Kyle & Daniela Goeman      |

## Birthdays

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|---------------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| 1 Angie Zimmer      | 14 Shane Nord       | 25 Eunice Hinrichs   |
| 2 Vern Seeman       | 16 Talen Niemeyer   | 25 Kyle Poppen       |
| 3 Sadie Koenen      | 16 Kim Boike        | 26 Paulene Ammermann |
| 4 Ernest Folkerts   | 17 Verna Janssen    | 26 Nate Bourne       |
| 5 Noah Johnson      | 18 Diann Dirksen    | 27 Steven Andresen   |
| 7 Tim Sandry        | 20 Levi Koenen      | 27 Ashley Dirksen    |
| 10 Rhett Pauling    | 21 Dennis Erickson  | 28 Braden Hoekstra   |
| 10 Stephanie Miller | 22 Jim Hilbrands    | 28 Tara Hebrink      |
| 11 John DuHoux      | 22 Allen Stutelberg | 30 Mark Satre        |
| 12 Sharon Hilbrands | 23 John Arends      | 30 Olivia Ruiters    |
| 14 Al Ahrenholz     | 23 Angie Beck       | 30 LeAnn Nord        |