

Serving Christ by Serving Others

Today

Greeters

Dan & Gina Ohden

Servers

Dan & Sarah Brouwer
Tom & Alnora Bruin

Valet Service

Eric Watson

Lobby Monitor

Beth Hoekstra

Nursery

Denise Morris
Angelina Morris
Natalia Morris

Nursery Floater

Sara Ahrenholz

Children's Church

Alysia Buteyn

Next Sunday, September 4

Greeters

Pete & Marcia Roorda

Servers

Smokin' Sabbatical
Send-Off Potluck

Valet Service

Luke Covert

Lobby Monitor

Evan TeBrake

Nursery

Joyce Marcus
Cora Watson
Brenda Ten Pas

Nursery Floater

Carrie Moorlag

Children's Church

Sidney Duininck

Welcome.

Today's Service



Today's Message

The Steadfast Love of the Lord

Scripture Reading Lamentations 3:19-33

Offerings

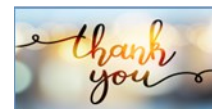
General Ministry

Lead Worshiper

Bryan DeGroot

Welcome to Worship at Unity! Through our worship today may we feel the call to be doers of your Word, God! Blessings to all who gather with us today!

The Leadership Teams have been working diligently on mobilizing resources and volunteers to get ready for this fall. Your help is needed to make this a great and significant season for everyone! Today the Elders will present details for the fall, including a preaching schedule, opportunities to help and serve, and other vital information to help guide us through. We are excited to see what God will do in this season for both Pastor Steve and our church! Thank you, in advance, for your prayers and help! The Sabbatical will run from Labor Day to New Years' Day.



Thank you for the blessings!

Anonymous



Host a Pastor - During the months of Sabbatical the council members are looking for families to come alongside our guest pastors on the Sunday that they are speaking. This could be in the form of having them to your home for a homecooked meal or taking them out to a restaurant. Let's

give them a Unity community blessing during this time. We also have an opportunity to host Ruth Veltkamp in your home for several days/nights during her time here as well. If you desire to be placed on the host list and/or host Ruth please contact Chuck Leininger - 320-905-4391 or chucksandy7@gmail.com. Thank you in advance!

Call to Prayer:

We give thanks for measures of healing and health for **Jaden Dannen** following a brief stay at Children's Hospital! He was able to return to school this past week! May God grant continued healing going forward!

Hueb Wieberdink was hospitalized this past week to respond to some of his heart and breathing issues. The Wieberdink's are exploring palliative care options as these health issues persist. Pray for God's Shalom to uphold them.

Roger Ulferts has learned that his cancer has advanced some over the last while. Roger and Linda and the family are looking at future care options going forward. Pray for God's strength to uphold them for the days ahead.

We express our love to **April (Hillenbrand) Swierenga and Amber (Hillenbrand) Knight and the Hillenbrand family with the passing of Donna Hillenbrand** this past week. We give thanks for her long life and legacy of love and faith. The family will gather this afternoon (Sunday) from 2:00-5:00pm at Harvey Anderson Funeral Home in Willmar for a time of visitation. Donna's Celebration of Life service will be Monday, at 10:30am at Rock of Life Church. May the comfort of God surround each of you at this time.

We also express our love to the family of **Goldie (Duininck) Negen**. Goldie passed away this past week at the age of 96. A service of remembrance was held yesterday (Saturday) at Bethesda. We give thanks to God for the many years and life of love that Goldie lived.



The last summer **prayer meeting** will be **this Wednesday, August 31 at 6:30**. As other church activities pick up, there will not be a set meeting time for prayer, but please continue to place any prayer requests in the prayer request box located by the mailboxes. The box will be checked often and people will continue to keep praying for these requests.



Sunday (Today)

9:30a.m.: Worship Celebration

Children's Church for ages 3 to PreK will be during the service.

Coffee Time - Fair Trade coffee by Dunn Bros.

Wednesday

5:00p.m.: Admin Team Meeting

6:30p.m.: Prayer Meeting

Friday

6:30a.m.: Men's Bible Study

Bethesda **125 YEARS** A special offering will be taken **Sunday, September 11th** for the Bethesda Legacy Day Celebration. This offering will support the Bethesda Chaplaincy program. That could be in the form of a one of a kind need like Bibles, materials for Bible Study, supporting a resident with a visual or hearing impairment, etc. The goal is to help make access to learning about Jesus easier or to spread His love in a new way and to continue to further Bethesda's mission and ministry.



Smokin' Sabbatical Send-off for Steve!

The fellowship team invites you to join us next Sunday, **September 4th** after the morning service for a barbecue potluck. Please bring a main or side dish to share! If anyone would like to bring their smoker to church and join other fellow smokers Saturday night or Sunday morning, please contact Joi Huisinga for more details. 320-894-2815.



Our **Sunday School program** will be starting up again Sunday, September 18th. We are looking for **one or two Middle School teachers**. If you are interested please contact Laura Rosen-320-894-0533.



Those interested in going on a **mission trip to Bob Dykstra** this fall please contact Chad Hoekstra, 320-212-3245.

The Lunch Box Café -

Tuesday, August 30th -

Chicken Cordon Bleu Casserole & Dinner roll

All Meals are \$6.00/Serving.

Please place order by 1:30pm the day before. 320-978-4187



Diabetes Class - Starting September 7 from 8:00 - 9:00 a.m. a Prevent Type 2 Diabetes class will begin at the First CRC Fellowship Hall in Prinsburg. This

class is open to anyone diagnosed with prediabetes and is free of charge. If you are interested, please sign up at yourjuniper.org. If you have questions, please contact Barb Ahrenholz, RN (320-979-1469).



Friesen Historical Society
Community Picnic and
Flag Retirement Ceremony

The Friesen Historical Society, dedicated to preserving the original site of the Bunde CRC, invites the public to a **Community Picnic and**

Flag Retirement Ceremony to be held at the historical site north of Bunde at 4075 140th Ave. SE, Clara City, on Saturday, Sept. 10th. A picnic meal will be served starting at 5p.m. There will be a free-will donation accepted for the supper. Come tour the house, gardens and antique tool shed. The Clara City Boy Scout Troop #269 will oversee the Flag Retirement Ceremony beginning at 6:30p.m. Veterans are welcome to participate. If you don't know what to do with an old flag that you have, bring it with to have it properly retired. This ceremony is very meaningful. All are welcome. Please bring your own lawn chair.

Hope Pregnancy Center 2022 Annual Banquet, Monday, September 12th at 5:30p.m. at the Willmar Conference Center.

Featuring Scott Klusendorf - see poster for more details in the Fellowship Hall area. Must RSVP to attend.

Register at <https://bit.ly/3P3foID>.



Walk to End Alzheimer's - Gather your family and friends and join us at the **West Central MN Walk to End Alzheimer's on Saturday,**

September 17th at 9am at Robins Island in Willmar, MN. Join us for a morning of honoring loved ones who are walking the journey of Alzheimer's or another forms of Dementia, along with remembering those who have passed. There is no registration fee to join this walk! To register go to alz.org/walk or call Mackenzie at 320-222-5007 to get help.

Bethesda Legacy Day CELEBRATION

Bethesda | 125 YEARS

Bethesda Legacy Day Celebration - Sunday, September 25th.

Celebration Highlights: Community Outdoor Worship Service at 11:00a.m. led by Pastor Grant Hoekstra,

Bethesda Chaplain. If you would like to participate in this service, please contact Grant at 320-214-5671. Also that day there will be a Luncheon Meal with Live Music, Legacy Program, History Walk & Display and Pie Auction & Community Bingo! All proceeds from Bethesda's Legacy Day Celebration will directly benefit the chaplaincy program and resident life at Bethesda.

Planning this celebration will take many hands, hearts and prayers. If you would be interested in joining a committee to **help plan Legacy Day or volunteering for this event or willing to make a pie or two**, please contact Caroline Chan at 320-214-5600.

As you can see on our fireplace mantels there are pictures. If you have a name or picture of a loved one who has been or is currently being served by Bethesda as a past or present resident please pass that information onto Mary Ahrenholz at 320-979-3921.



The Raymond First United Methodist Church is taking orders now through October 1 for lefse and other goodies.

Lefse - \$5/pkg of three rounds; Chili, Beef Stew and Broccoli Cheese Soup - \$3/16 oz. container;

Homemade Caramels - \$3/pkg; Homemade Salted Nut Rolls - \$1 each; Apple Crisp - \$6/8x8 pan; \$3/Mini Apple Crisp.

To order you may call or text: Kim 320-295-6510; Kay 320-894-3664; and Char 320-444-4915. Items will be ready for **pick up at the church on Saturday, November 5 from 9:00 a.m. to noon.** All proceeds will be used for local charities.