

Serving Christ by Serving Others

Today

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

Next Sunday, September 11

Greeters

Andy & Laura Rosen

Servers

Kevin & Roxie Covert
Jason & Laura Dannen

Valet Service

Peter Roorda

Lobby Monitor

Luke Covert

Nursery

Tracy Borstad
Andrew Borstad
Gina VenOsdel

Nursery Floater

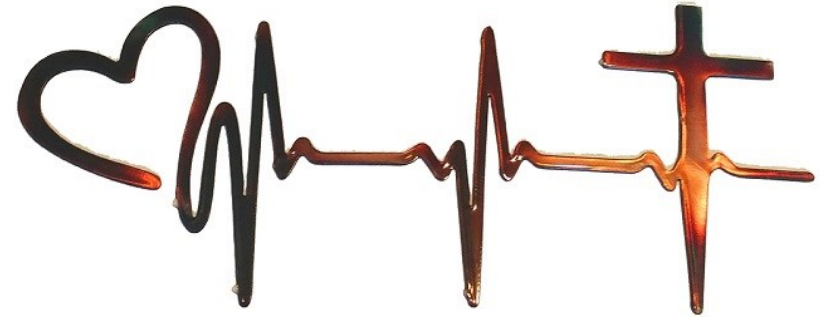
Brenda Ten Pas

Children's Church

Sidney Duininck

Welcome.

Today's Service



Today's Message

The Heartbeat of Church Life

Scripture Reading 1 Thessalonians 5:12-28

Offerings

General Ministry

Lead Worshiper

Chris Huisinga

Welcome to Worship at Unity! On this Labor Day weekend, we pray that all our daily labors may be an extension of this time of worship, done to the glory of God. Blessings to all who gather with us today!

Please join us after the worship service for a time of food and fellowship as we send off Pastor Steve and family in this time of sabbatical to be refreshed, refocused and much needed relaxation.



Family Promise with Unity from Sept. 25 - Oct. 1. We have been asked to help with meals on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. A 9x13 pan should be enough to serve 4 adults and 4 children. If you are able to volunteer please signup using this link. <https://bit.ly/3cGb7xo>



HOST A PASTOR

BUILD A COMMUNITY

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:

Hueb Wieberdink was discharged from the hospital this past week and now resides at Bethesda in Willmar. The prayer is that there is a measure of strengthening enough to return home for a season of palliative care. Pray for God's peace to rest on the family.

Roger Ulferts continues to rest at home and navigate pain management as part of this season of palliative care for himself. Pray for **Rog and Linda** to experience the presence and power of God for the journey ahead.

Deb (Beekman) Newhouse from Hancock, **sister to Tonya Larson**, has transferred to hospice in light of the advancement of her cancer. **Pray for her and her husband, Pastor Harrison, and the family** to know the care and love of Jesus for the days ahead.

Shirley Marcus was hospitalized this past week to deal with what appears to be a leg infection. The hope is that Shirley would be able to return home this weekend. Pray for healing and strength to return to her leg!

Congratulations to **Carl Marcus** who turned 95 this past week! The family will be celebrating his and Shirley's birthdays with the serving of cake next Sunday, September 11.

We continue to **lift up all the families** touched by the loss of loved ones over the last several months. It's been a tough journey for many in our community and area. May the God of all comfort surround His people with His love and mercy.

Pray for **Pastor Steve, his family, and our church family** as we begin this season of Sabbatical this week! May God renew and refresh His people for the months ahead as we pursue the joy of the Lord in all things!

IN YOUR MAIL SLOTS TODAY are two pieces of important information: The Year-End Financial Summary for the church for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022. Also, there is a Q&A summary sheet with some Sabbatical-related items from Pastor Steve. If you have any questions on either document, please contact our Administrator, Wilson Brouwer, or our Admin Assistant, MerriSue Verner in the church office.



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.

Smokin' Potluck after the service


Wednesday

7:00-8:45p.m.: Youth Group Kick-Off at The Rock; van will leave Unity at 6:30 and return around 9.

Friday

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

Bethesda 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.

 Let's bless Evan & Laura TeBrake with providing a meal for them after the birth of Trace. Signup is available in the MealTrain link provided in our weekly email. Tues., Sept. 13th is available yet.

 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 H., 320-212-3245.



We have a prayer request box located by the mailboxes for such a time that you are needing prayers. Write your prayer request on the provided paper. This box will be checked often and prayers will be kept confidential.

The Lunch Box Café -

Tuesday, Sept. 7th -

Scalloped Potatoes & Ham & dinner roll

All Meals are \$6.00/Serving.

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



Campus Ministry Update - Jeff Schmitz from the Willmar Area United Campus Ministry reached out with some needs for this ministry.

- Prayer. For himself and family, for the students at Ridgewater College and this ministry.
- Volunteers to prepare and bring in any meals to help. *We have a lot of openings available still*, unfortunately. Even one meal day helps. The students are so blessed by this outreach. *
- Board members. I haven't had a functioning board in almost six years. Things like accountability, adjustments in pay, possibly hiring someone else part time, or building expansion need a board, and I'd love to have that.
- Encouragement. Check in on me.

Click on this list to view his message to hear his thoughts on this year.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zuD3CiCTO7c>

* The link for the meals on the video is incorrect. Contact Merri-Sue for the correct one. If Unity can help out with 1 or 2 slots that would be a great blessing to him.

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.



Disability Awareness Service - will be held Sunday, October 9 at 6:00p.m. at the Unity CRC.

Pastor Brett Barksdale from Roseland Reformed Church will be our guest speaker. First CRC is the Host church, and Unity will serve as the host site. The Friendship Students will be leading our Praise time.



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).



911 For Men: A Free Online Teaching Event

September 11, 13, and 15

(Live streamed at 7:00pm -- you'll also get access to the recordings.)

Today's Christian men are being challenged on many sides. Mark Brouwer will be addressing the issues and concerns many men are wrestling with: the need for deeper intimacy, better emotional health, a more honest and meaningful spiritual life, and greater capacity to resist the distractions and temptations of our overly-sexualized world. This three-part live-streaming event is about men's issues, but will be helpful for women to hear as well as men.

Sunday Sept 11 -- What is NON-Toxic Masculinity: and What's in the Way?

Tuesday Sept 13 -- The Inner Life of Men: Facing Stress, Anxiety, and Pervasive Sensuality in our World

Thursday Sept 15 -- The Lost Key for Men and Marriages: INTIMACY

Registration is free, but you DO need to sign up. You can do so here:

<https://renewedman.me/911-event>



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.



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.