

Serving Christ by Serving Others

Today

Greeters

Andy & Laura Rosen

Servers

Harris & Connie Duininck
Jason & Laura Dannen

Valet Service

Peter Roorda

Lobby Monitor

Luke Covert

Nursery

Tracy Borstad
Andrew Borstad
Gina VenOsdel

Nursery Floater

Carrie Moorlag

Children's Church

Sidney Duininck

Next Sunday, September 18

Greeters

Brad & Darla Ryks

Servers

Kevin & Roxie Covert
Trevor & Janey Duininck

Valet Service

Eric Watson

Lobby Monitor

Chris Huisinga

Nursery

Natalie Vander Beek
Sydney Watson
Gina VenOsdel

Nursery Floater

Sara Ahrenholz

Children's Church

Cheryl Watnaas

Welcome.

Today's Service



Today's Message

Becoming an Influencer for God

Scripture Reading Colossians 3:1-17. 23-24

Communion - Jon DeGroot

Offerings

General Ministry
& Special Offering for the Bethesda
Chaplaincy Program & Resident Life

Lead Worshiper

Chris Huisinga



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!

Welcome to Worship at Unity! We are blessed to have you a part of our worship today. Our hope is that you leave here feeling blessed and refreshed!

We welcome **Ben Johnson** to our pulpit this morning. Ben is an Agricultural Instructor at the MACCRAY High School. He and his wife Tia are the proud parents of Elizabeth, Gideon, Simeon, Anika and Joy. They also work with the Tentmakers ministry in the summers.

Children's Church - Following the prayer during the service children ages 3 to PreK are welcomed to dismiss for a time of Children's Church. They can meet up with their teacher in the back.

Call to Prayer:

Please continue to intercede in prayer for members and loved ones who face health challenges.

Shirley Marcus spent some time at Rice Hospital last week being treated for cellulitis on her leg. This has left her weak, and she continues to experience pain. Shirley is now receiving therapy at Bethesda Club Suites. Please pray for a full recovery for her. Pray also for **Carl** during this difficult time as they explore future options. The birthday observance for Carl and Shirley Marcus scheduled for today had been canceled.

Hubert Wieberdink is also a resident at Bethesda Club Suites. He is feeling somewhat improved and is in excellent spirits. However, he still needs help to stand and sit. He is working to rebuild his strength. At this point Marilyn is not able to provide all the help he needs. They are exploring future options for his care. **Marilyn** also continues to take therapy for her shoulder which is not healing as fast or completely as she had hoped.

Roger Ulferts continues to receive palliative care at home. He is navigating pain management, more successfully on some days than others. He is content, alert, and feeling blessed. Pray for **Rog and Linda** to experience the presence and power of God for the journey ahead.

Former Unity member and dear friend, **Trudy Erffmeyer** appears to be nearing the end of her earthly journey. She has been blessed by farewell visits from family and friends this week and has been able to acknowledge their words and presence. Let's pray peace for Phil as well as their children and grandchildren during this time of transition.

Also remember members and friends who are working through various stages of grieving loved ones. Among others, remember **Pastor Jeff Schmitz** who observed the first anniversary of Summer's passing. Continue to hold up Jeff and his children Finley, Griffin, and Zander.

Classis Lake Superior will be meeting in Alexandria on September 19-20. Evan TeBrake, Pete Roorda, and TJ Stoel will be representing Unity at the event. Please be in prayer for the meetings and our delegates.



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.

Monday

6:30-8:00p.m.: Open Rock kicks off this week. Van leaves Unity at 6 and return around 8:20.

7:00p.m.: Shepherding Elders Meeting

Wednesday

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

Friday

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



SNACKS NEEDED!! We have some hungry teens that love to snack during Youth Group on Wednesday nights. We welcome you to sign up on the sheet posted on the bulletin board. Please supply enough for 40 teens.



Fall Kick Off will be next Sunday, Sept. 18.

We will be kicking off with our ICare Breakfast in the morning at 8:45a.m. This is a great time where you get a chance to visit with all generations and learn from each other. Our **Sunday School program** will be starting up that Sunday. We are still 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, Sept. 22-25**, please contact Chad Hoekstra, 320-212-3245.



Thank you for the blessings!

Anonymous

The Lunch Box Café -
Tuesday, Sept. 13th -
Ham & Cheese Sub & Pea Soup
 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 meals would be helpful. *They still have a lot of openings available*, unfortunately. Even one meal would help. The students are so blessed by this outreach. *
- Board members. He hasn'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 he would love to have that.
- Encouragement. Check in on Jeff.

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.



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>



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.