September 2, 2018

A warm 'Welcome!' to each and every person here today!
"So, my dear brothers and sisters, be strong and immovable. Always work enthusiastically for the Lord, for you know that nothing you do for the Lord is ever useless." 1 Corinthians 15:58

Everyone is invited to stay for a time of fellowship following our service this morning!

**ASSEMBLED FOR WORSHIP**

Prelude: "Overcome" - Nadine Appel
Welcome & Announcements
God's Greeting and Call to Worship
* Mutual Greetings
* Songs of Worship & Praise:
  "Let All Things Now Living" (Gray Hymnal #453)
  "Sing Hallelujah"

Responsive Reading:
For the gifts of creation, **we praise you**!
For the stars and planets, **we praise you**!
For the sun and moon, **we praise you**!
For the mountains and seas, **we praise you**!
For the trees and plants, **we praise you**!
For the birds and animals, **we praise you**!
For boys and girls, **we praise you**!
For women and men, **we praise you**!
For work and rest, **we praise you**!

"For the Beauty of the Earth" (Red Hymnal 34)

Congregational Prayer and Offertory prayer
Offerings: 1. Our Church Ministry  2. Unity Christian School
Offertory Music: "Seek Ye First"

Scripture Reading:  Revelation 22: 17 - 21 (pg. 1939)
Prayer
Message: "And in Conclusion . . ."
Prayer of Application

*Hymn of response: "All Creatures of Our God and King"
*God's Departing Blessing
*Closing Song: "Be Bold, Be Strong"
Postlude: "I Will Rise"
*All who are able, please stand

**Prayer, news, & ‘thanks’ for & from our Family & Friends**

Please pray for those in our church family who are unable to attend our services—Gene Ottens, Nellie Zaagman, Rollie & Ramona VanZuiden.

Gene Ottens is struggling with numerous issues including severe back and leg pain due to a pinched sciatic nerve and degenerative disc disease. He fell a couple of weeks ago because his leg simply gave out. He can't stand for extended periods of time. Continue to lift him in prayer and drop in and visit.

Bonnie Newman received a diagnosis of Parkinson's Disease this past week. Pray for her as she begins medication and treatment.

Wally Peterson is recovering from his knee surgery. He anticipated returning either home or to Morrison Skilled Care on Friday.

Our long time "church" neighbor, Evan Haag, died unexpectedly Thursday morning. Pray for his wife, family and friends as they mourn his death.

Thank You for the Anniversary Cards and the good wishes from others on FB. Gerald and I appreciate it. We had a wonderful 10th year celebration!! Looking forward to the next 10 yrs (but one day at a time). God's Blessings to All.

Bonnie and Gerald

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Celebrating another year of Life:
Chloe Roeder, Dave Schaver....September 2
AnnMarie Groenewold....September 3
We Celebrate the day God gave you life!

**Volunteers & Offerings for Sunday, September 2:**
Narthex Greeter: Al & Shelley Meurs  Tower Greeter: Doris Bielema
Projectionist: Chase Workman  Nursery: Diane Wiebenga
Offerings:  1. Our Church Ministry  2. Unity Christian School
Volunteers & Offerings for Sunday, September 9:

Narthex Greeter: Al & Brenda Schaver  
Tower Greeter: Marian Dykema  
Projectionist: Cindy Hoogheem  
Nursery: Nelta Roeder  
Offerings  Our Church Ministry

Church Activities:

Today, Sunday September 9, 2018:
8:00 a.m. Praise Team practice  
8:45 a.m. Worship led by Pastor Kevin VerHoeven

Tuesday, September 4, 2018:
9:00 a.m. Preschool begins and meets Monday, Tuesday and Wed. from 9 to 11.

Wednesday, September 5, 2018:
1:30 p.m. Ladies Aid; WORD: Guide; LEADER: Shelley Meurs; HOSTESS: Karen Price

Friday/Saturday, September 7 & 8  Ladies Retreat in Dubuque

Sunday, September 9, 2018:
8:00 a.m. Praise Team practice  
8:45 a.m. Worship led by Pastor Kevin VerHoeven  
10:05 a.m. Sunday School Begins

Announcements:

Volunteers needed: Several volunteers are needed for the Recycle Day on September 8 to help with the Self Help paper/newspaper/cardboard recycling. Simply report to Water Works Park. Remember to bring your recyclables to the event.

Visiting Care Teams: "Would you be on a team to visit members, ex: hospitalized, ill, bereavement?" was asked earlier this year on a council survey and a number of members marked "yes". Please sign up on the sheet in the narthex. Once we have a list of people, a date will set where Todd Wessels will provide training in September.

Elder/Deacon Nomination forms are due by September 22nd. Either give to Bernita or put in the clerk's mailbox.

Spring Valley Reformed Church welcomes ‘The Craig Family’ on Sunday, September 2nd at 6:00pm. Their motivation for singing as a family comes from the devotion the Craig Family has to the Lord Jesus Christ. Their prayer is that their music will turn your focus towards Jesus and encourage you to worship Him with your life.

Volunteer needed: We need one more person who would be willing to be a tower door greeter. As always, any and all are welcome to volunteer for greeters and nursery volunteers. Simply let me know!

Paint the Town: Please turn in registration forms by Tuesday, Sept. 4, to Nelta Roeder. Church will provide a square for each child in the congregation.

Deadline for bulletin items will be Thursday 10am this week as I will be attending the retreat on Friday and Saturday. Thank you.

THRIVE:

Join us Sunday evenings at the Bethel campus starting September 9 for Ask It: The Question That Will Revolutionize How You Make Decisions!! The video series is 6 weeks and will explore the one question that makes it easy to determine the answer to all other questions. Following we will discuss together that question and how it brings clarity to life's most challenging decisions… discussion time to be led by Pastor Kevin and Todd.

Sunday September 16 at 2pm – Kickball tournament and Homemade Ice Cream contest at Bethel CRC. Please let Brett Ritzema know if you are entering a team for kickball by calling him at (563-259-6691), if want to play and no team, no problem just come and you will be added to a team.  
If entering the Homemade Ice Cream contest (which will start about 4:30pm), please call Shane Dykstra at (815-772-6164). Need to make minimum of 1 gallon of ice cream.

Saturday September 29 at 2pm – Fall Cookout at Andy Sikkema’s parents farm, 11030 Albany Rd, Erie, IL. Bring dish to pass and lawn chair. No rain out date.

College Care packages will be mailed to college students 2nd week of October. Can start bringing items and leave by table in the narthex. Full list of items will be handed out next week. If your child or grandchild is in college, please provide their address to Bernita Schaver or Shelley Meurs.

Wednesday October 31st – save the date for Trunk or Treat – start stashing away candy now. More details to come in next month.
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Secretary’s hours: Tuesday-Friday 9 a.m. -- 12:00 p.m.
*Please turn in all bulletin information by noon on Thursday*
Contact people for any prayer needs you’d like passed on are:
Marian Dykema (815-772-4733) or Nelta Roeder (815-772-4817).

Need to talk with someone? Contact the Elder or Deacon listed for your ‘Care Group’ (Posted on the Bulletin Board)

Elder: Group           Deacon
Arlyn Pessman          A  Bernita Schaver - Clerk
Alan Meurs - President B  Gordon Zaagman - Ass't Treas.
Doris Bielema - Vicar  C  Arnold Vegter

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“To guide and lead ALL people to Jesus. We will do this by being like Jesus in our lives and by providing a loving and joyful atmosphere.”

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