

# The Anointing

Bethany Reformed Church Monthly Newsletter/ November 2023

## Thanksgiving Services

Join us Sunday, November 19, for our Thanksgiving service at 9:30AM. During the service, communion will be served, and a special Thanksgiving offering will be taken. Please designate on the offering envelope where you'd like your monetary donation to go. Some options are the Deacon's Fund, the General Fund, Biruk's Egg Project, The Banquet, Love INC, Inspiration Hills, Freedom's Gate, Union Gospel Mission, or Canton Ministerial Association.

Also on November 19, we invite you to bring non-perishable food items to be donated to Canton's Food Pantry. There will be a designated table in the fellowship area for you to leave your items. Current food pantry needs: Hamburger Helper, Mac & Cheese, boxed potatoes, canned fruit, peanut butter, spaghetti O's, pork-n-beans, rice, pudding, and soup (chicken noodle and tomato).

Let's fill the shelves at the Food Pantry!

Canton's Ministerial Association (CMA) invites you to a community thanksgiving worship service on Sunday, November 19, at 7:00PM at Bethany Reformed Church. Pastor Clay, from the Methodist Church, will be giving the message. Following the service, we invite everyone to stay for coffee, cider, pie, and fellowship.

If you can donate a pie for this occasion, please let Jill D. know by calling 605-987-5645. Thank you!

## Bethany Reformed Church

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### Office Hours

Monday – Thursday

8:30a.m.-5:30p.m.

Friday 8:30a.m.-12:30p.m.

### Worship Service

Sundays 9:30-10:45a.m.

Discipleship Classes (Sept.-May)

11:00-11:45a.m.

### Koffee with Kevin

The first and third Wednesday of every month from 10:00-11:30a.m.

### Staff

Kevin Schneider, Pastor

Jill Devitt, Office Administrator

Mary Tegarden, Custodian

Maddy Schneider, Youth/Worship

Carol Van De Stroet, Treasurer

Shelly Swift, JAM Preschool



Pastor Kevin will be on vacation November 6-12. During this time, if you have any questions or concerns, please contact an Elder, Deacon, or the church office. Thank you!

Elders: John Haverhals 605-214-0230

Doug Van Zee 605-359-8791

Dwaine Tiedemann 605-212-5954

Jerome Van De Stroet 605-359-9340

Deacons: Jess Wiebe 605-759-2350

Ray Schroder 641-831-4457

Craig Wiersma 605-366-3121

AJ Nelson 605-351-0500

### Food and Friends Monday, November 6

Join us for Food and Friends! This no cost meal is offered to the community on the first Monday of every month. Connect with your family and friends between 5:30-7:00p.m. over a hot meal. If you'd like to help serve at Food and Friends, you can find a signup sheet on the table outside the office window. There are two shifts to choose from.

Please contact Laura Dozark with questions at 605-359-3215.



Daylight Saving Time Ends  
Sunday, November 5



*"Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends."*  
John 15:13

### Attention Midweek Parents!

There will be NO Midweek Wednesday, November 22, due to Thanksgiving Break.

We will resume Wednesday, November 29. Happy Thanksgiving!

**October Giving Report**

General Fund: \$30,943.00

**THANK YOU!**

*God bless you!*

# NOVEMBER 2023

| SUNDAY  | MONDAY   | TUESDAY                                      | WEDNESDAY  | THURSDAY                             | FRIDAY                                    | SATURDAY  |
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|   |  |  | <b>1</b><br><b>Koffee with Kevin 10:00-11:30AM</b><br><b>Midweek 6:15-8:00PM</b><br>Rachel Kelderman<br>Tom Kaps | <b>2</b>                             | <b>3</b><br>Rory Schroder                 | <b>4</b>  |
| <b>5</b><br><b>9:30AM Worship</b>                       | <b>6</b><br><b>Food &amp; Friends 5:30-7:00PM</b><br>Kari Winquist<br>Jodi Myburgh | <b>7</b><br><i>Roger &amp; Levy Gehr</i>     | <b>8</b><br><b>Midweek 6:15-8:00PM</b><br>John Haverhals<br>Harriet Roskham                                      | <b>9</b><br>Corbin Winquist          | <b>10</b><br>Craig Wiersma                | <b>11</b><br>Elaina Myburgh<br><b>Veteran's Day</b>         |
| <b>12</b><br><b>9:30AM Worship</b>                      | <b>13</b><br><b>Consistory 7:00PM</b>  | <b>14</b><br><i>Charlie &amp; Pearl Hitt</i> | <b>15</b><br><b>Koffee with Kevin 10:00-11:30AM</b><br><b>Midweek 6:15-8:00PM</b>                                | <b>16</b>                            | <b>17</b>                                 | <b>18</b><br>Journey Nelson<br><i>Tim &amp; Jill Devitt</i> |
| <b>19</b><br><b>9:30AM Worship Thanksgiving Service</b> | <b>20</b><br><i>Richard and Ashley Lefevre</i>                                     | <b>21</b><br>Brodi Ludwigs                   | <b>22</b><br><b>No Midweek</b><br>Shelly Swift   | <b>23</b><br><b>Thanksgiving Day</b> | <b>24</b><br><b>Church Offices Closed</b> | <b>25</b>   |
| <b>26</b><br><b>9:30AM Worship</b>                      | <b>27</b>  | <b>28</b>                                    | <b>29</b><br><b>Midweek 6:15-8:00PM</b><br>Jacob Van De Stroet<br>Tim & LaVonna Lemo                             | <b>30</b>                            |   |   |

### **2024 Consistory Nominees**

Elders: Brad Peterson, Tim Devitt, and John Van De Stroet.

Deacons: Brandon Jarman and Arlen Zomermaand.

Two Elders and one Deacon will be elected at the annual congregational meeting on Sunday, December 3. Prayerfully consider who God is calling you to vote for.

John Haverhals, Jerome Van De Stroet, and AJ Nelson's will be done serving the end of December. Please take a minute to thank these men for all they've done for our church over the past three years.

### **Annual Congregational Meeting and Youth Fundraiser**

Our annual congregational meeting will be December 3 at 11:15AM. All Bethany church members are encouraged to attend. A number of important items will be discussed, such as the 2024 budget, and voting for new Elders and Deacons.

Following the meeting, the youth will host a fundraiser meal. Three different kinds of soup will be served. Please make plans to stay and soup-ort our youth!

### **Church Offices Closed**

The Church offices will be closed Thursday and Friday, November 23 – 24, for staff to celebrate Thanksgiving with their families. If you have concerns that need to be addressed during this time, please contact Pastor Kevin at 605-251-1242.

### **Children's Christmas Program**

Mark your calendar! Sunday, December 17, will be the children's Christmas program.

Practice for 3 years old through 5<sup>th</sup> grade students will start on Sunday, November 26, and will be held in the Worship Center during Discipleship class. (Adult Discipleship class will be moved to the gym.) Contact Rachel Kelderman at 712-899-0180 with questions about the program.

**O GIVE THANKS TO THE LORD, FOR HE IS GOOD, FOR HIS STEADFAST LOVE ENDURES FOREVER.**

**PSALMS 107:1**

## **Spotlighting our 2024 Elder Nominees**

Tim Devitt was born and raised in Worthing, SD, graduated from Lennox high school, and attended SDSU for Landscape Design. He married his wife, Jill, in 2005 and they have two children, Gerrett and Kate.

Tim grew up attending a small Catholic church in Worthing. After high school he strayed away from the church for a few years before returning. Today he continues to learn and grow in his relationship with Jesus Christ. During Sunday worship services you might find Tim helping in the Sound Room with the cameras and live streaming the worship service or running the sound board. He enjoys attending Adult Discipleship class and helping at Midweek as a small group leader for the middle school boys. In the past, Tim has served as Deacon and participated in Bible studies.

Brad Peterson was born in Lemmon, SD. When he was a toddler, his family moved to Aberdeen. After high school, Brad attended SDSU and Kansas State University for veterinary school. Brad has been married to his wife, Karren, for 31 years and they have four children. Their oldest, Sally, lives in Spencer, IA, where she works at an architect firm as an interior designer. Their boys, Sam, Scott & Seth, are all currently at various stages of college/graduate school.

Brad was blessed to grow up in a Christian home. They were members of First Baptist church in Aberdeen. Pastor Salem (of Christian Worship Hour) was their long-time pastor and was instrumental in teaching Brad the basic concepts of sin and his need for salvation, which led him to accept Christ as his Savior when he was 7 years old. Brad feels he really grew in his faith after getting married and moving to Canton in 1992. Shortly after becoming a member at Bethany, he started teaching Sunday School, forcing him to really study his Bible. (“The teacher always learns more than the students!”) Brad and Karren also joined a Bible study, along with many other young couples with small children, which was important in their faith journey.

In the past Brad has served as a Deacon and Elder, as well as helping lead the middle school Action Group on Wednesday nights. This year he turned over the middle school Sunday School class to Jill Devitt after teaching for many years and is filling in as her substitute. Currently, Brad volunteers to sing with the Praise Team.

John Van De Stroet grew up on a farm between Beloit and Fairview, just down the road from Inspiration Hills. He attended school in Rock Valley, IA, and took two years of Farm Management classes in Pipestone, MN. John has been married to his wife, Melanie, for 32 years. They are blessed with 4 children, Brian, Janet, Bruce, and Jordan. In 2018, John and Melanie gained a son-in-law, Jess Wiebe. Jess and Janet have blessed them with two grandchildren, Rylee and Jace. Mace and Carol, John’s parents, had him baptized as an infant and he made profession of faith here at Bethany. He’s attended Bethany church his entire life. As with everyone, John’s had trials and temptations that God has helped him through. During COVID and with Rylee being in The Castle fighting infection, the need to put everything in prayer for God to take control and strength to trust in His will and plan was definitely reinforced.

In the past, John has served as a Deacon, an Elder, and volunteer Sunday School teacher. He has also helped with middle school youth group and went to Power Connection one year.