

UPCOMING EVENTS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We are hosting a Red Cross Blood Drive tomorrow. If you are able, please help us set up tables and chairs.

Wednesday, Sept 11th

5:45 pm – Fellowship Supper
– Please bring a side dish to share.

6:30 pm- Contemporary Worship & Confirmation.

Sunday, Sept 15th

Liturgist: Al Roesler

Accompanist: Staci Thompson

Greeters: Dale & Jeanette Matheson

Ushers: Bruce & Bonnie Ankeny, Danny Fryman, Larry Everett

If you would like any announcements added to the bulletin please email hopeumc@bevcomm.net by Wednesday 5:00 p.m.

Technology: David Sparks

Liturgist: Gordy Miller

Accompanist: Gail Keck

Greeters: Mary Ochs, Betty Fenske

Ushers: Diana Porter, Audrey Brod, AB Russ, Ray Wigern

If you would like to sponsor Hope's Radio Broadcast on KBEW, 1560 AM, please see the sign-up sheet in the Narthex or call 526-2144.

Parents & other interested people are invited to be part of our ministry to children.

Let Pastor Russ know if you are interested in serving as:

- Children's Church Leader (Ages Preschool – Grade 2), 9:30 – 10 am, once a month
- Wednesday Night Teacher (Elementary), 7 – 7:30 pm, once a month
- Kid's Bible Club helper (Elementary), 2:30 – 4:10 pm, Wednesdays, October – April
- Trunk or Treat event organizer (Annual event)

Please keep Gail Keck in your prayers as she will be traveling to **Sierra Leone on a Medical Mission Trip** September 9th-22nd, 2019. Gail has paid her own way, so any money donated will go to Africa Uplifted to be used for their ongoing projects. **Africa Uplifted** is a charity whose mission is to enrich the lives of the people of Sierra Leone by promoting basic wellness, removing barriers to education, satisfying essential physical needs, nurturing spiritual development, and creating economic opportunities. You can find much more about Africa Uplifted at their website at www.africauplifted.org. If you'd like to assist in monetary donations for Sierra Leone please put "Africa Uplifted" in your check memo in Sunday's offering.

Coping with the death of a loved one? A Grief Support Group can help you. Please see the flyer hanging in the Narthex or call Naomi Segar at 507-526-7970 for more information. Meetings will be held in Blue Earth and Fairmont beginning September 9th.



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Church office hours are 8:30 AM to 11:30 AM; Tuesday & Thursday

Worship Celebration for September 8, 2019

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

*Responsive Call to Worship

Leader: Come, people of God, now is the time to worship.

People: We come knowing that we will be welcome here.

L: Come, ready to put your heart, soul, mind, and strength into worshiping God.

P: We come seeking ways to grow closer to God and to deepen our faith.

L: Come, ready to be called and stretched into new and significant ways of mission and service.

P: We joyfully come with hearts to love and hands to share.

*Unison Opening Prayer

You so loved the world, O Lord, that you gave us your only Son. You gave us the best you had to offer. You gave us so much more than we could ever imagine, so much more than we deserve. Help us, in that same spirit, to give the best of what we have to others, so that they may know the greatness and depth of your love for them. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Hymn of Praise #139 *“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty” Verses 1, 3-5*

Choir

Old Testament Reading *I Chronicles 29:10-18*

Hymn of Praise #66 *“Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven” Verses 1, 3, 4*

Unison Congregational Prayer

Oh Lord, giver of life and source of our freedom, we are reminded that Yours is “the earth in its fullness; the world and those who dwell in it.” We know that it is from your hand that we have received all we have and are and will be. Gracious and loving God, we understand that you call us to be the stewards of Your abundance, the caretakers of all you have entrusted to us. Help us always to use your gifts wisely and teach us to share them generously. May our faithful stewardship bear witness to the love of Christ in our lives. We pray this with grateful hearts in Jesus’ name. Amen.

Sharing of Joys & Prayer Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord’s Prayer

Children’s Message

Gathering Song – “Good Is So Good” Verse 1

Unison Offertory Prayer

Holy God, we have been blessed and, in turn, we seek to be a blessing to others. Help these offerings to be blessings for your church, your ministry, and your mission. Put these resources to good use that this congregation might do your work for this time and for the future as well. In Christ’s name we pray. Amen.

Offering

Offering Hymn #451 *“Be Thou My Vision”*

*The Doxology

New Testament Reading *II Corinthians 9:6-12*

Message *“Practices of Fruitful Congregations: Extravagant Generosity”*

*Response *The Faith We Sing #2065 “More Precious than Silver”*

*Benediction *Based on I Timothy 6:18-19*

Go into the world knowing that we are called to be extravagant bearers of all the blessings God has bestowed upon us. Let us give without reservation, trusting that the Lord will replenish with more than we need to live as true disciples of Jesus Christ. Go giving with joy, because we have received so much from the Lord.