

A NEW SONG FOR ALL

There must be a special place in heaven for those faithful folks who through the years have memorized most of the melodies and lyrics in their hymnal and still find joy in learning new ones! Even those who are unable to sing the notes silently mouth the familiar words. Surely those words are embedded in their minds.

Music therapy, especially with those struggling with dementia, is an amazing phenomenon. An individual who may be unable to recognize family or carry on a conversation will burst forth in a perfect rendition of an old, old hymn. Surely those words were written and preserved in their hearts!

Having sung with an *a cappella* group for over ten years, we've experienced the pleasure of pulling out early numbers that haven't been sung in ages, yet the blending of our voices and even the pauses and dynamics are still there. For this time and place, the words are in our minds and hearts.

But then the time comes when the faithful will be silent, the Alzheimer struggle is put to rest, and our singing will cease. How amazing to know that there is a place where there is a new song for all to sing! Jeremiah relates God's promise of a new covenant where his law will be put in our minds and written on our hearts. There will be no need to learn or memorize the wonders of God because it will be witnessed firsthand. Come Lord Jesus, and let it be!

—Mary Lou Garrison
Director of Wellness Ministry
Association of Brethren Caregivers
Elgin, Illinois

Text for Today

Jeremiah 31:27-34 (31)

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a **new covenant** with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

CHURCH OF THE BROTHERS LIVING WORD BULLETIN 10307





Sheldon Church of the Brethren
 Ministers - All Members
 September 30, 2007
 9:30 a.m. Worship



NOTE: The red hymnal will be used today.

GATHERING MUSIC

GREETING / ANNOUNCEMENTS / SPECIAL DAYS Scott-26th
 Rachel-29th

*PRELUDE / LIGHT CANDLES

*CALL TO WORSHIP

* GATHERING HYMN #441 *Come, We That Love the Lord*

*INVOCATION

PRAISE HYMN #91 *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy*

CHILDREN'S TIME (Gathering Song: *Jesus Loves the Little Children*)
"Magic"

OFFERTORY STATEMENT

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*DOXOLOGY #119 (blue hymnal)

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYER HYMN #99 *This is My Father's World*

PASTORAL PRAYER Pray For: Robins, IA Church
 Praying For Us: Worthington, MN Church

SCRIPTURE Psalms 103

MESSAGE "Our Reason For Living"

PRAYER OF BLESSING ON THE WORD

*CLOSING HYMN # 465 *Praise Him, Praise Him*

*BENEDICTION

*THREEFOLD AMEN #382 (blue hymnal)

* - *Please Stand, if you are able*

SERVING THE CONGREGATION SUNDAY, Sept. 30:

Message	Rev. Don Lenderink
Children's Message	Marcene Cox
Music	Donna Brinkman
Ushers	Mark and Alan
Adult Sunday School	Donna Brinkman
Children's Sunday School	Ann Maggert and Sandi Cox

SERVING THE CONGREGATION SUNDAY, Oct. 7:

Message	Rev. David Loveall
Children's Message	Marcene Cox
Music	Marcene Cox
Ushers	Mark and Scott
Adult Sunday School	Alan Cox
Children's Sunday School	Ann Maggert and Sandi Cox

PRAYER REMINDERS

Our Congregation & Children	Reaching Out to Our Community
Arline English	Ron Brinkman
United Christians International	Jean Jean & Kristie
Linda Beal	Ann Evans
Those Serving in the Military	Living Peace Church, Sioux City

Anniversaries and Birthdays for September

Anniversaries

14 - Elmer & Helen VanKekerix

22 - Barb Rolston

26 - Scott Maggert

29 - Rachel Maggert

Birthdays

02 - Clarence Evans

06 - MacKenzie Dage

10 - Mark Bilsland

16 - Alan Cox

20 - Bodhi Dumar

21 - Allyson Dumar

Many happy returns of the day of thy birth. May sunshine and gladness be given and may the Dear Father prepare thee on earth for a beautiful birthday in heaven.

Church Events

Welcome!

Welcome to Rev. Don Lenderink this morning.

Welcome to all visitors and guests. May you receive God's blessing from today's service. Enter to worship; depart to serve!

Adult Sunday School

In Adult Sunday School we are using the *Serindipity Bible For Groups* with a Bible study format. Our topic today is "Finding My Passion" from Acts 16:1-32. We welcome your attendance and participation!

Prayer Reminder

Please remember Ron Brinkman in your thoughts and prayers as he recovers from back surgery and pneumonia.

Thank You!

A big "thanks" to Sandi, Ross, Jed, Jo, Barb, Clarence, and Rhelma for painting and cleaning up the three back rooms. What an improvement! Also, we thank Ross and Jed for harvesting the soybeans at the church farm.

Messenger Renewal

Please pay Donna Brinkman for your 2008 subscription by Oct. 7.

Community

Sept. 30 - The CROP (Communities Responding to Overcome Poverty) Walk is today at 2 p.m. to meet the goal of \$10,000 to fight hunger and poverty locally and around the world. One-third of the funds raised will go to Christ's Cupboard, a third to LOVE, I.N.C., and a third to Upper Des Moines. Sandi plans to walk, and has more information, if you are interested.

Guest Speakers

Oct. 7 - Rev. David Loveall (Communion)

Oct. 14 - Dyan Sterk

Oct. 21 - Pete Aberson

Oct. 28 - Rev. David Loveall

Nov. 4 - Rev. David Loveall (Communion)

Nov. 11 - Don Adkins

OUTREACH MINISTRIES



Christ's Cupboard



"I was hungry, and you gave me food..."
is the spirit behind providing to those
who need it.



Kinship

The program is designed to match
adults with children ages 5 to 18 to fos-
ter a mentoring atmosphere.

2007 CHURCH OFFICERS

Moderator

Linda Adams

Deacon

Clarence & Rhelma Evans
Linda Adams & Jo Rolston

Church Facility Trustee

Scott Maggert

Clerk

Jo Rolston

Farm Trustee

Ross Cox

Ministerial Committee

Marcene Cox
Ross Cox
Steve Dage
Rhelma Evans
Jo Rolston

Nominating Committee

Linda Adams
Alan Cox
Steve Dage

Parsonage Committee

Ann Maggert

Sunday School Superintendent

Jo Rolston

Treasurer

Sandi Cox

Ushers

Mark Bilsland
Alan Cox
Scott Maggert

OUR CHURCH

Worship Service9:30am

Christian Education (Sept.-May) .10:50 am

Communion

1st Sunday of Each Month

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