

IMMERSED IN THE CHARACTER OF GOD

CALL TO PRAYER

To receive hope that does not disappoint,
we first align with God.

We fix our trajectory toward God's hopeful heart.
We align with God's perspective—
One with God's Spirit.

In order for God to hope in us,
we join the loving, hopeful character of God.

In making our personal preparation
to receive the hope
that crowds out the inertia of disappointment,

Let us bring into our sight any we fear.
[silence]

Bring into our sight any we disrespect.
[silence]

Now hear:

We are essentially *sturdy* people.

Sturdy enough to endure beyond disappointment.
Sturdy enough to grace each other with hope.
Sturdy enough to live immersed in the character of God.

—Lani Wright
Cottage Grove, Oregon
Springfield Church of the Brethren

Text for Today

Romans 5:1-11 (5)

And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and **hope does not disappoint** us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN LIVING WORD BULLETIN 2408



HOPE DOES NOT DISAPPOINT



Sheldon Church of the Brethren
 Ministers - All Members
 February 24, 2008
THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT
 9:30 a.m. Worship



NOTE: The blue hymnal will be used today, unless otherwise noted.

GATHERING MUSIC

GREETING / ANNOUNCEMENTS / SPECIAL DAYS

PRELUDE / LIGHT CANDLES

*CALL TO WORSHIP #713 (in unison)

* GATHERING HYMN #544 *When We Walk With the Lord*

*INVOCATION

FAITH JOURNEY HYMN #617 *Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross*

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

OFFERTORY STATEMENT #751 (in unison)

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*DOXOLGY #119 (blue hymnal)

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYER HYMN #359 *Lead Us, O Father*

PASTORAL PRAYER

Pray For: Kingsley, IA Church

Praying For Us: Marshalltown, IA Iowa River Church

SCRIPTURE Exodus 17:1-7

MESSAGE "Trusting Faithfully"

PRAYER OF BLESSING ON THE WORD

*CLOSING HYMN #564 *I Am Trusting Thee, Lord Jesus*

*BENEDICTION

*THREEFOLD AMEN #382 (blue hymnal)

* - Please Stand, if you are able

SERVING THE CONGREGATION SUNDAY, Feb. 24:

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

SERVING THE CONGREGATION SUNDAY, Mar. 2:

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

PRAYER REMINDERS

Our Congregation & Children	Clarence Evans
Arline English	Dagel and King families
Those Serving in the Military	Elmer and Helen Van Kekerix
Linda Beal	Ann Evans
United Christians International	Jean Jean & Kristie

Anniversaries and Birthdays for February

Birthdays
02 - Nancy Osterbuhr
05 - Paul Rolfsmeier
15 - Jed Cox
17 - Keenan Rolston
Ruth Evans

21 - River Fox
29 - Jim Houtsma Jr.

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. David Loveall this morning.

Welcome to all visitors and guests. May you receive God's blessing from today's service, and go out and witness for Him!

Adult Sunday School

In Adult Sunday School we are using the *Serindipity Bible For Groups* with a Bible study format. Our topic this week is "Putting In My Time" from Genesis 33:1-20. We welcome your attendance and participation!

Community Events

Feb. 27 - March 12 - Wednesdays' Lunches in Lent schedule (see back side).

Guest Speakers

Mar. 2 - Rev. David Loveall (Communion)	Mar. 30 - Don Adkins
Mar. 9 -	April 6 - Rev. David Loveall (Communion)
Mar. 16 - Pete Aberson	April 13 -
Mar. 20 - Rev. Lucinda Douglas (Love Feast)	April 20 -
Mar. 23 - Rev. David Loveall (Easter)	April 27 -

OUTREACH MINISTRIES



November 3, 2008, will mark the 120th year our congregation has worshipped at the current location.

Christ's Cupboard



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

2008 CHURCH OFFICERS

Moderator
Linda Adams

Deacon
Clarence & Rhelma Evans
Linda Adams & Jo Rolston

Church Facility Trustee
Scott Maggert

Church Sign
Mark Bilslund

Clerk
Jo Rolston

Farm Trustee
Ross Cox
Ministerial Committee
Marcene Cox
Ross Cox
Steve Dugel
Rhelma Evans
Jo Rolston

Nominating Committee
Linda Adams
Steve Dugel
Ann Maggert

Parsonage Committee
Ann Maggert

Sunday School Superintendent
Jo Rolston

Treasurer
Sandi Cox

Ushers
Mark Bilslund
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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