

ALL WITNESSES

*Dear friends, let me be completely frank with you. . . .
This Jesus, God raised up. And every one of us here is a witness to it.*

—Acts 2:29a, 32 *The Message*

I've witnessed amazing things. So have you.

I've seen love conquer fear. Peace conquer war. Life conquer death. And the reverses.

I've walked on oceans frozen by winter. And seen spring restore them. Many times.

I saw a woman care for her man stolen by Alzheimer's through to the end. He was a brilliant theologian, she a saint. We applauded and she wept.

I often watch small birds harry the large hawks.

I saw my son smile one Christmas because an aunt and uncle gave a goat in his name.

I watched from afar a reconciliation in South Africa that should put many of us Christians to shame.

I saw my son-in-law put aside righteous anger because of generosity. He slept well that night, my daughter said, and I felt proud.

I saw my father open his eyes just before death, see me, and nod as I whispered "everything's fine," weeping.

I saw little Kate smile the first time ever at me. Beautiful eyes.

I've seen them. And so have you. Amazing things. All bearing witness. I tell you . . .

—Robert J. Wolfe
San Marcos, California
Pacific Southwest Conference

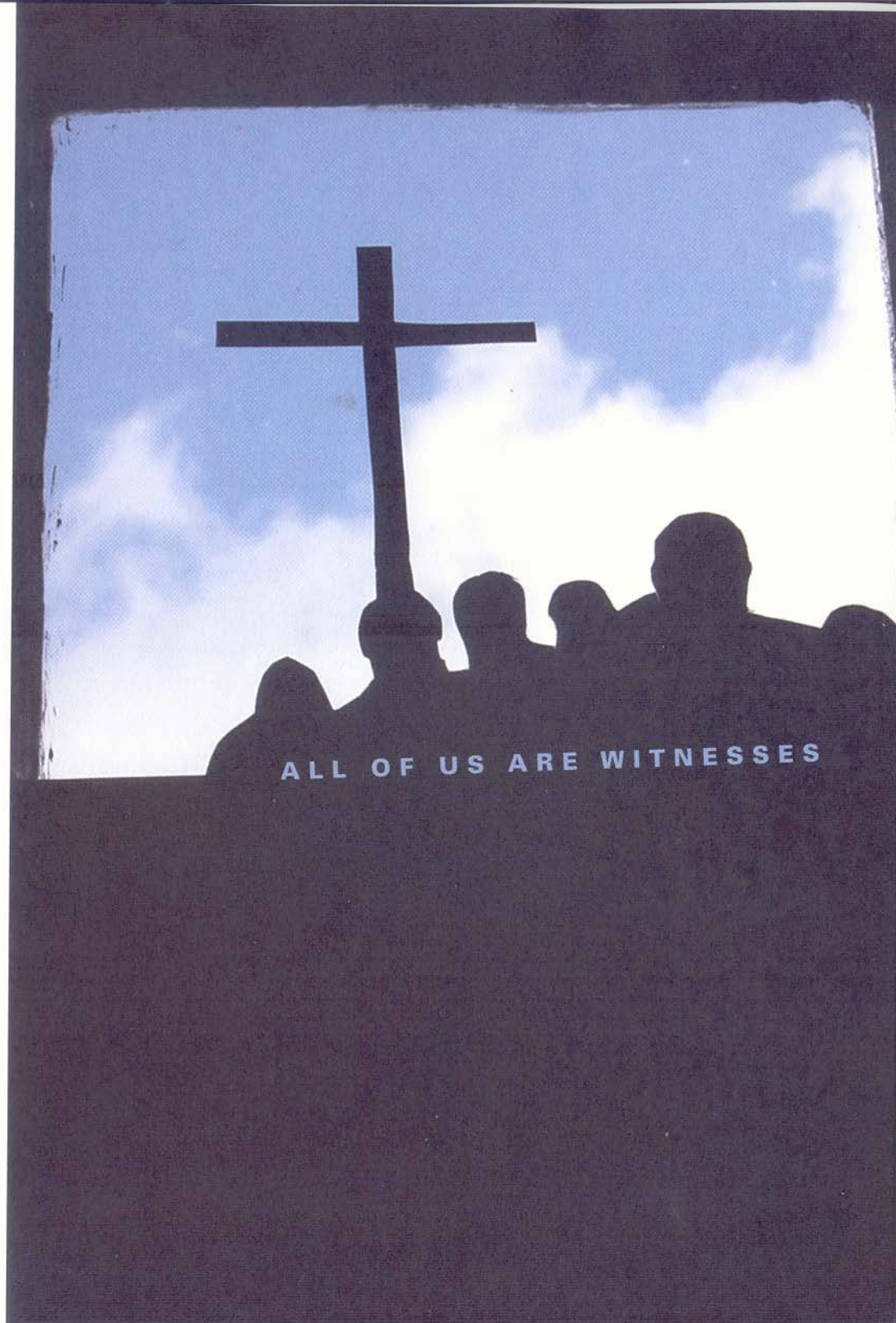
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Text for Today

Acts 2:14a, 22-32 (32)

Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying, "He was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh experience corruption." This Jesus God raised up, and of that **all of us are witnesses**.

CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN LIVING WORD BULLETIN 3508





Sheldon Church of the Brethren
 Ministers - All Members
 March 30, 2008
 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 #671 (responsive reading)

* GATHERING HYMN #327 *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

*INVOCATION

PRAISE HYMN #504 *Have Thine Own Way Lord*

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

OFFERTORY STATEMENT

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*DOXOLOGY #119 (blue hymnal)

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYER HYMN #398 *I Love To Tell the Story*

PASTORAL PRAYER

Pray For: Albia, IA Monroe County Church

Praying For Us: Unionville, IA Fairview Church

SCRIPTURE Matthew 13:31-35

MESSAGE "Steadfast Faith"

PRAYER OF BLESSING ON THE WORD

*CLOSING HYMN #311 *The Church's One Foundation*

*BENEDICTION

*THREEFOLD AMEN #382 (blue hymnal)

* - Please Stand, if you are able

SERVING THE CONGREGATION SUNDAY, Mar. 30:

Message	Don Adkins
Children's Message	Don Adkins
Music	Marcene Cox
Ushers	Mark and Alan
Adult Sunday School	Scott Maggert
Children's Sunday School	Ann Maggert and Sandi Cox

SERVING THE CONGREGATION SUNDAY, April 6:

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

PRAYER REMINDERS

Our Congregation & Children	Arline English Family
Ann Evans	Linda Adams (shoulder surgery)
Linda Beal	Helen Van Kekerix
Those Serving in the Military	Reaching Out to Our Community
United Christians International	Jean Jean & Kristie
Living Peace Church, Sioux City	

Anniversaries and Birthdays for March

Anniversaries 16 - Ross Cox
14 - Ross & Sandi Cox 26 - Lynn Rolfsmeier

Birthdays

06 - Alisha Dumar
Gerald Jans
Kevin Rolston
13 - Ray Rolston
Sheena Rolston

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 Don Adkins 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 "On the Road to Emmaus" from Luke 24:13-35. We welcome your attendance and participation!

Looking Ahead

April 13 - Two visitors representing the Northern Plains District's "Sending of the 70" will be visiting our church. They will lead the Adult Sunday School to hear our answers to these three questions: (1) What is God doing these days in your church and surrounding community? (2) What are three priorities for your church, based on what you believe God is doing in your church and community? (3) How might our churches work together on these three priorities? Please attend this important session!

April 20 - Spring Council meeting will be held after the church service. Please plan to attend.

Guest Speakers

April 6 - Rev. David Loveall (Communion)	May 4 - Rev. David Loveall (Communion)
April 13 - Pete Aberson	May 11 - C.J. Wurpts (NWC student)
April 20 - C.J. Wurpts (NWC student)	May 18 -
April 27 - Don Adkins	May 25 -

OUTREACH MINISTRIES



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



Kinship

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

2008 CHURCH OFFICERS

Moderator

Linda Adams

Deacon

Clarence & Rhelma Evans
Linda Adams & Jo Rolston

Church Facility Trustee

Scott Maggert

Church Sign

Mark Bilsland

Clerk

Jo Rolston

Farm Trustee

Ross Cox

Ministerial Committee

Marcene Cox
Ross Cox
Steve Dagle
Rhelma Evans
Jo Rolston

Nominating Committee

Linda Adams
Steve Dagle
Ann Maggert

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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