

## ALWAYS NEAR TO US

### CALL TO WORSHIP

One: God, we gather this day as your offspring.

All: *You have given us life and breath and all things.*

One: And still we search for you, even grope for you.

All: *There is so much of you, God, that is unknown to us.*

One: So often we look for you in all the wrong places.

All: *In gold, silver, or stone images, or any other one we can dream up.*

One: But you are always near to us.

All: *Indeed, you are present in the whole universe, a redemptive presence in our lives. In your love may we live and move and discover meaning.*

—Nancy F. Knepper  
Coordinator of District Ministries  
Church of the Brethren General Board  
Winter Garden, Florida

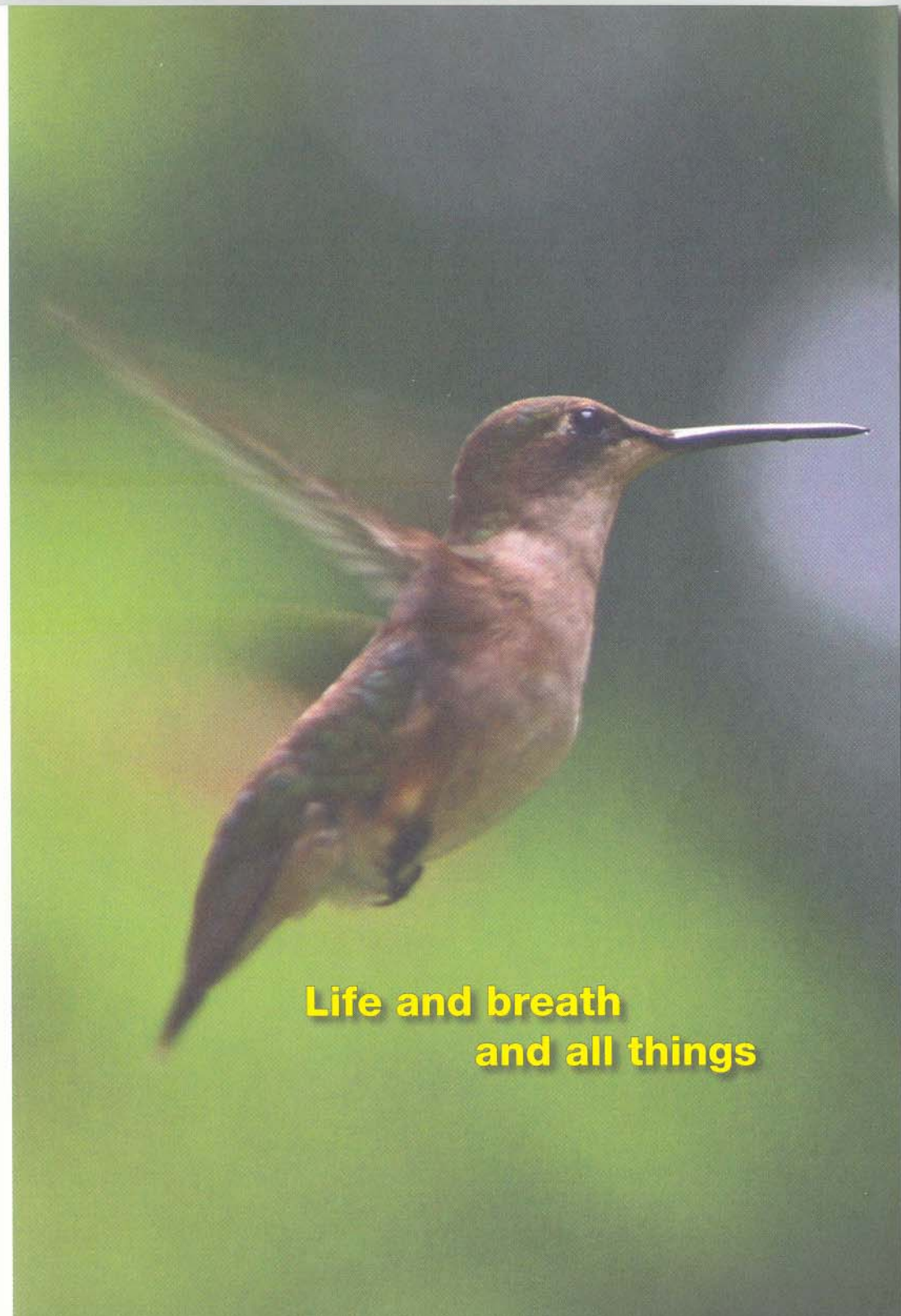
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### Text for Today

Acts 17:22-31 (25)

Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, 'To an unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals **life and breath and all things.**"

CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN LIVING WORD BULLETIN 4408



**Life and breath  
and all things**



Sheldon Church of the Brethren  
 Ministers - All Members  
 April 27, 2008  
 9:30 a.m. Worship



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

GATHERING MUSIC

GREETING / ANNOUNCEMENTS / SPECIAL DAYS

PRELUDE / LIGHT CANDLES

\*CALL TO WORSHIP (see back of bulletin)

\* GATHERING HYMN #557 *O Zion, Haste*

\*INVOCATION

PRAISE HYMN *I'll Tell the World I'm A Christian* (see insert)

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

OFFERTORY STATEMENT

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

\*DOXOLOGY #632

\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYER HYMN *Make Me A Blessing* (see insert)

PASTORAL PRAYER

Pray For: Panora, IA Church

Praying For Us: Minneapolis, MN Common Spirit Church

SCRIPTURE Romans 10:5-15

MESSAGE "When Silence Is Not Golden"

PRAYER OF BLESSING ON THE WORD

\*CLOSING HYMN #567 *Heralds of Christ*

\*BENEDICTION

\*THREEFOLD AMEN #688

\* - Please Stand, if you are able

**SERVING THE CONGREGATION SUNDAY, April 27:**

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

**SERVING THE CONGREGATION SUNDAY, May 4:**

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

**PRAYER REMINDERS**

Our Congregation & Children	Mark Bilsland
Ann Evans	Linda Beal
Those Serving in the Military	Reaching Out to Our Community
United Christians International	Jean Jean & Kristie
Lost Brothers and Sisters	Living Peace Church, Sioux City

## Anniversaries and Birthdays for April

### *Anniversaries*

2 - Scott & Ann Maggert

20 - Marne Bothmer

28 - Ryan Maggert

### *Birthdays*

06 - Mark Diers

07 - Jeannette Grove

18 - Ann Evans

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 "Who Is Christ?" from Luke 1:26-38. We welcome your attendance and participation!

### **Devotional**

The May-June *Upper Room* devotionals are on the back table. Please take one for your daily devotions.

## Guest Speakers

May 4 - Rev. David Loveall (Communion)

May 11 - C.J. Wurpts (NWC student)

May 18 - Pete Aberson

May 25 - Rev. Lucinda Douglas

June 1 - Rev. David Loveall (Communion)

June 8 - Rev. Don Lenderink

June 15 -

June 22 -

June 29 -

July 6 - Rev. David Loveall (Communion)

## 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 Bilslund

### **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 Bilslund  
Alan Cox  
Scott Maggert

## OUR CHURCH

Worship Service . . . . .9:30am

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

Communion

1st Sunday of Each Month

The Sheldon Church of the Brethren

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[www.npcob.org](http://www.npcob.org)

The Church:

[www.sheldonbrethren.org](http://www.sheldonbrethren.org)

Kinship Community, Inc:

[www.kcimentors.org](http://www.kcimentors.org)

Lord, who am I to teach the way  
To little children day by day,  
So prone myself to go astray?

I teach them *knowledge*, but I know  
How faint they flicker, and how low  
The candles of my knowledge glow.

I teach them *power* to will and do,  
But only now to learn anew  
My own great weakness through and through.

I teach them *love* for all mankind  
And all God's creatures, but I find  
My love comes lagging far behind.

Lord, if their guide I still must be,  
O let the little children see  
The teacher leaning hard on Thee.

—Leslie Pinckney Hill

## 472 Teach Me Your Way, O Lord

Show me Thy way O Lord; teach me Thy way.  
— Psalm 25:4, 5

B. Mansell Ramsey

CAMACHA  
B. Mansell Ramsey

1 Teach me Your way, O Lord, Teach me Your way! Your guid-ing  
2 When I am sad at heart, Teach me Your way! When earth-ly  
3 When doubts and fears a-rise, Teach me Your way! When storm-clouds  
4 Long as my life shall last, Teach me Your way! Wher-e'er my

1 grace af-ford—Teach me Your way! Help me to walk a-right, More by faith,  
2 joys de-part, Teach me Your way! In hours of lone-li-ness, In times of  
3 fill the skies, Teach me Your way! Shine thru the wind and rain, Thru sor-row,  
4 lot be cast, Teach me Your way! Un-til the race is run, Un-til the

1 less by sight; Lead me with heaven-ly light— Teach me Your way!  
2 dire dis-tress, In fail-ure or suc-cess, Teach me Your way!  
3 grief and pain; Make now my path-way plain—Teach me Your way!  
4 jour-ney's done, Un-til the crown is won, Teach me Your way! A-men.

And I will make them and the places round about my hill a blessing. . . .

— Ezekiel 34:26

Ira B. Wilson

SCHULER  
George S. Schuler

1 Out in the high-ways and by-ways of life, Man-y are wea-ry and sad;  
2 Tell the sweet sto-ry of Christ and His love, Tell of His power to for-give;  
3 Give as 'twas giv-en to you in your need, Love as the Mas-ter loved you:

1 Car-ry the sun-shine where dark-ness is rife, Mak-ing the sor-row-ing glad.  
2 Oth-ers will trust Him if on-ly you prove True, ev-ery mo-ment you live.  
3 Be to the help-less a help-er in-deed, Un-to your mis-sion be true.

Make me a bless-ing, Make me a bless-ing — Out of my

life May Je-sus shine; Make me a bless-ing, O Sav-ior,

I pray, Make me a bless-ing to some-one to-day.

Prayer!

**AMERICA'S  
STRENGTH & SHIELD**



Please join us for

**National Day of Prayer  
Mayor's Prayer Breakfast**

held at the Sheldon Community Services Center  
on Thursday, May 1, 2008  
Time: 6:15 until 7:30 a.m.

Tickets are \$6.00 per ticket or \$46.00 for a table (seats eight)  
You are encouraged to purchase a table and bring  
your family, co-workers or group of friends.

This event is sponsored by the Sheldon Area Ministerial Association and the  
local National Day of Prayer Task Force.

Call Loretta Vander Linden at 712.324.2273 for tickets or purchase them at the  
City Office or Dave's Appliance.

**The Lord is my strength and shield; my heart trusts in Him and  
I am helped. Psalm 28:7**

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