

Bethany Beacon

MARCH 2020



Love INC

Love In The Name of Christ

Learn more:

March 1
at 9:45 AM

Family Life
Center

Our congregation is looking into being a partner church with Love INC (In the Name of Christ). Love INC is a non-profit that meets the tangible needs of people in the community by building a relationship with them and connecting them with churches and agencies in town. This ministry is already established nationally, and is just getting started in Cedar Rapids.

Love INC is a Christ-centered agency with a relation-based approach, so they walk alongside people in need. This ministry identifies gaps in services in the community, and informs churches of those ministry opportunities. Ultimately, it lessens the strain on any one church by building a network of churches to work together to meet needs.

Please plan to attend a presentation to learn about Love INC on Sunday, March 1. This will take place during the education hour (9:45 a.m.) in the Family Life Center.



Bethany
Lutheran Church

Living and Sharing God's Love

One of the great blessings of being a pastor is being able to see God's people live as God's people on a daily basis. Whether it is the staff working throughout the week or people helping with Family Promise or volunteers serving as Care Warriors, Stephen Ministers, Sunday School teachers, quilt, coffee, or meal makers, or any other of a number of things done around Bethany, seeing people Live and Share God's Love is encouraging and exciting to see, especially when it comes to helping those who are in need. Because helping those who are hungry or homeless or suffering from other needs in this world is simply not optional for the disciple of Christ.

This love that helps those who are in need, is in many ways, the essence of who we are. To be clear, loving others in this way, or any good work for that matter, does not forgive our sins, reconcile us to God, or give eternal life. Those things are only done through faith in Christ. However, with that faith, a Christian should be motivated to do all sorts of good things, including helping others where and when we can.

Rev. Matthew Harrison, the President of our synod (the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod) explains all of this in an essay he wrote in the book, *The Mercy of God in the Cross of Christ*. In the essay, titled *Theology for Mercy*, President Harrison said that Jesus Christ came into this world to have mercy on us and all sinners (Hebrews 2:17). Our love for others is then driven by this love of God. He goes on to mention how Scripture and our Lutheran Confessions point out that our love for others is an assumed reality in the church's life together. That is, local congregations should be rich with works of love for both the congregation's own members, and those outside of the congregation. It is true that in both the Old and New Testaments we see a priority being placed on caring for those who are in need inside of the local congregation. However, this does exclude people from other churches, denominations, or even people of different faiths.

Therefore, President Harrison writes that a Christian congregation can and should work with other entities (whether churches, societies, Lutheran, Christian, or not) in meeting human need.

This is often referred to as "cooperating in externals," that is working with others towards a common goal that does not require or imply church fellowship or worshipping together. Doing so will not only help a congregation meet the needs of more people than they could by themselves, but also when done with other Christians, be a powerful witness of the unity of the Body of Christ in the world. President Harrison also suggests that when members of the LCMS "cooperate in externals" with other Christians, there is an opportunity to maintain the correct teaching and application of God's Word. This not only glorifies God, but can also be a positive contribution in bringing churches together.

With all of this in mind, our congregation is considering working with a new organization in Cedar Rapids called Love INC (In the Name of Christ). Like Bethany, Love INC recognizes there are many people who are in need in our area and that by themselves, no local congregation (Lutheran or otherwise) would be able to help as many of those people as if we worked together. Therefore, Love INC wants to help organize churches so that we can help meet more of those needs as we partner with one another.

To find out more about Love INC and how Bethany can work with them to *Live and Share God's Love*, our Church Council has invited them to come to Bethany to give a presentation on their work and their plans for our area. This will take place on Sunday, March 1 during the Education Hour (9:45 a.m.) in the Family Life Center. I would like to encourage everyone in the congregation to plan on attending this meeting. This is not only to learn more about this organization, but also to gather information so that together as God's people we may discern if working with Love INC is how God wants us to live. While there, you may also feel that God is leading you to use your gifts to help with this problem in our area as an individual.

Whatever the case may be, I continue to be excited and encouraged to see our congregation live as God's people. And I look forward to seeing everyone on March 1st to see how we can Live and Share God's love in the future!

Sunday, March 1

- 9:45 am Love INC Presentation - FLC
- 12:15 pm High School Milestones - FLC
- 12:15 pm Call Committee Meeting

Monday, March 2

- 7:00 am Coffee Outreach
- 10:00 am Women's Small Group - Marion
- 6:00 pm LWML Board Mtg - FLC
- 6:00 pm Trustees Meeting - Ad Ed

Tuesday, March 3

- 3:00 pm Prayer Group - Library
- 5:00 pm Praise Moves - GA
- 6:00 pm Evangelism Board - Ad Ed
- 6:30 pm Handbells - Balcony

Wednesday, March 4

- 6:00 am Men's Bible Study - Ad Ed
- 5:00 pm Human Care Meeting - Ad Ed
- 5:00 pm Lenten Meal - FLC
- 6:00 pm Lenten Service
- 7:00 pm Confirmation Classes - LL

Thursday, March 5

- 3:00 pm Adult Bible Study - Ad Ed

Saturday, March 7

- 9:00 am Holy Yoga - OR
- 9:00 am Vocal Choir Practice
- 10:00 am Wind Ensemble Practice

Sunday, March 8

- 12:15 pm LWML General Meeting
- 12:15 pm Board of Education Meeting

Monday, March 9

- 7:00 am Elders' Meeting
- 7:00 am Coffee Outreach
- 10:00 am Women's Small Group - Marion

Tuesday, March 10

- 3:00 pm Prayer Group - Library
- 5:00 pm Praise Moves - GA
- 6:30 pm Handbells - Balcony
- 7:00 pm Council Meeting - Ad Ed

Wednesday, March 11

- 6:00 am Men's Bible Study - Ad Ed
- 5:00 pm Lenten Meal - FLC
- 6:00 pm Lenten Service
- 7:00 pm Confirmation Classes - LL

Thursday, March 12

- 9:00 am Adult Bible Study - Ad Ed

Saturday, March 14

- 9:00 am Holy Yoga - OR

Sunday, March 15

- 12:15 pm Capital Campaign Mtg.
- 1:00 pm High School - Speedeezz

Monday, March 16

- 10:00 am Women's Small Group - Marion

Tuesday, March 17

- 9:00 am Quilt Sewing - FLC
- 3:00 pm Prayer Group - Library
- 5:00 pm Praise Moves - GA
- 6:30 pm Handbells - Balcony

Wednesday, March 18

- 6:00 am Men's Bible Study - Ad Ed
- 4:00 pm Cottage Grove Devotions
- 5:00 pm Lenten Meal - FLC
- 6:00 pm Lenten Service w/ Communion
- 7:00 pm Confirmation Classes - LL

Thursday, March 19

- 9:00 am Adult Bible Study
- 11:00 am Senior Worship

Saturday, March 21

- 9:00 am Holy Yoga - OR

Monday, March 23

- 7:00 am Coffee Outreach
- 10:00 am Women's Small Group - Marion

Tuesday, March 24

- 3:00 pm Prayer Group - Library
- 5:00 pm Praise Moves - GA
- 6:30 pm Handbells - Balcony

Wednesday, March 25

- 6:00 am Men's Bible Study - Ad Ed
- 12:00 pm Beacon Assembly
- 5:00 pm Lenten Meal - FLC
- 6:00 pm Lenten Service
- 7:00 pm Confirmation Classes

Thursday, March 26

- 9:00 am Adult Bible Study - Ad Ed

Saturday, March 28

- 9:00 am Holy Yoga
- 1:00 pm Pickleball Fellowship - FLC

Monday, March 30

- 7:00 am Coffee Outreach
- 10:00 am Women's Small Group - Marion

Tuesday, March 31

- 3:00 pm Prayer Group - Library
- 5:00 pm Praise Moves - GA
- 6:30 pm Handbells - Balcony

Key: **Ad Ed** - Adult Education Room
 FLC - Family Life Center
 GA - Gathering Area
 OR - Opening Room
 LL - Lower Level

Elders

Mar 1	Karl Hoech
Mar 8	Phil Hedtke
Mar 15	Mark Holt
Mar 22	Dave Dohrmann
Mar 29	Jim Heitland

Ushers

Mar 1	8:30	Crew #1	11:00	Crew #7
Mar 8	8:30	Crew #2	11:00	Crew #6
Mar 15	8:30	Crew #3	11:00	Crew #8
Mar 22	8:30	Crew #1	11:00	Crew #6
Mar 29	8:30	Crew #3	11:00	Crew #7

Greeters

Mar 1	8:30	Ken Ambrecht, Pete & Kris Larson
	11:00	Duane & Karen Pfeffer Brad & Erin Crawford
Mar 8	8:30	Arlen & Bonnie Breiholz Cherie Miller & Doris Baker
	11:00	Jeff & Melinda Crow Michael & Andrea Prohaska
Mar 15	8:30	Mark & Julie Elias Nancy Owens & Carol Edwards
	11:00	Dick & Karen Hass, Karen Schmidt, Donice McDonald
Mar 22	8:30	Lorna Fischer & Dorothy Freese Ed & Gloria Schumacher
	11:00	Chris & Leisa Knudson Karen Swanson & Noah
Mar 29	8:30	Rick & Marvelene Foreman Dave & Kay Karsten
	11:00	Shari Mehlhoff Donna Birkicht & Mary Nanke

Lectors

Mar 1	8:30	Rick Foreman
	11:00	Debbie Mills
Mar 8	8:30	Arlen Breiholz
	11:00	Sheryl Knutson
Mar 15	8:30	Mark Bornemann
	11:00	Dave Christian
Mar 22	8:30	Mark Elias
	11:00	Lissa Novitch
Mar 29	8:30	Rick Thorington
	11:00	Karen Swanson

Video

Mar 1	8:30	Greg Dunn/Chris Frampton
	11:00	Mike Diers
Mar 8	8:30	Jeff Gebert
	11:00	Doug Knutson
Mar 15	8:30	Greg Dunn
	11:00	Greg Dunn
Mar 22	8:30	Jeff Gebert
	11:00	Michelle Hedtke
Mar 29	8:30	Greg Dunn/Chris Frampton
	11:00	Troy Donels

Acolytes

Mar 1	8:30	Mya Chamberlin/ Ashlyn Godbey
	11:00	Lauren Bricker/ Noah Pelletier
Mar 8	8:30	Blake Kroemer
	11:00	Talan Robinson
Mar 15	8:30	Jase Bond/ Caleb Strait
	11:00	Carmen Ranbarger/ Mya Chamberlin
Mar 22	8:30	Lexi Brink
	11:00	Talan Robinson
Mar 29	8:30	Abby Bogner
	11:00	Lexi Brink

Communion Sunday Prayers

Mar 1	8:30	Pete Larson
	11:00	Debbie Heitland
Mar 15	8:30	Karen Hass
	11:00	Jim Novitch

Nursery (11:00 Service)

Mar 1	Melissa Loney & Debbie Mills
Mar 8	Liz & Ryan Corey
Mar 15	Annie & Natalie Prohaska
Mar 22	Maren Hopkins & Tracy Moffett
Mar 29	Karen Schmidt

Coffee

Mar 1	Kenny Smith
Mar 8	
Mar 15	Freese
Mar 22	Knutson
Mar 29	Crow

Thanksgiving:

Lenten Season

Illness, injuries, health issues:

Justina (daughter of !Angie Yuza)- Pregnancy complications
 Joyce (mother of *A. Segebart)- Recovering after surgery
 Brian (son in law of *Mary Nanke)- Health issues
 Mark (brother of *Lori Dohrmann)- Health issues
 Gene (husband of *Karen Schmidt)- Recovering after surgery
 Carol (mother of *Angie Pfeil)- Recovering after fall
 Carol (mother of *Kris Larson)- Hip pain
 Andrew (relative of *Brenda Heims)- Health issues
 Mike (relative of *Bonnie Bubke)- Recovering after surgery
 Jennifer (daughter of *Pat Krekeler)- Life challenges
 Jane (daughter of *Bonnie Bubke)- Recovering after surgery
 James (grandson of *Carol Grimminger)- Recovering
 Jeff Mellgren (former member)- Recovering after stroke
 Steve (brother of *L Patten)- Health issues
 Hayden (relatives of *Bonnie Bubke)- Brain disorder
 Gwendolyn- (friend of *Karen Swanson)- Terminal illness
 Steve (brother of *Barb Miller)- Health issues
 Susan (niece of *Bonnie Bubke)- Health issues
 Pastor Renfro (Trinity)- Health issues
 Mike (friend of *Joel Knutson)- Recovering after hospitalization
 Steve (friend of *Pete Larson)- Recovering after stroke
 John (nephew of *Bonnie Bubke)- Health issues
 Ruth (friend of *Velma Ziesemer)- Health issues
 David (relative of *Melissa Loney)- Health issues
 Rod (nephew of *Bonnie Bubke)- Parkinson's Disease

Submit a prayer: Email: nurse.bethanycr@gmail.com or call the church office at 319-364-6026

Homebound members of Bethany:

*Rollis Deetz- at home
 *Shirley Hansen- at home
 *Wayne & Darlene Schilling- at home
 Candi Engel- at home
 *Ann Meyer- Terrace Glen, Marion
 *Del & *Dee Block- Summit Pointe, Marion

Cancer:

Jim (friend of *Sheryl Knutson)- cancer surgery
 Oz (father of *Dathan Hinrichs & *Josie Hester)- cancer treatment
 Carol (sister of *Lori Dohrmann)- cancer treatment
 Marlene (aunt of *Lori Myer)- cancer
 Bryan (brother of *Trisha Brink)- cancer treatment
 Tony (friend of *Mike Thomas)- cancer
 Deb (niece of *Carol Grimminger)- cancer
 Kevin (brother of *Laura Holt)- cancer treatment
 David (relative of *Hasses)- cancer
 Gene (husband of *N Owens)- cancer treatment
 Julie (friend of *Brenda Heims)- cancer
 Janet (friend of *Brenda Heims)-cancer
 Judy (godmother of *Jim Novitch)- cancer treatment
 Chad (son of *Vicki Huschka)- leukemia
 Rita (friend of *Shirley Kellogg)- cancer

Grief, family and friends of:

Richard Pegum (former member)- Died 2/11
 Mary (sister of *Wayne Schilling)- Died 2/7

Safety:

Taylor (grandson of *Kim Neuhaus)- Marines, Deployed
 Charlie (grandson of *Kim Neuhaus)- Army, Deployed

Local/National/World:

Victims of Floods, Hurricanes, Fires & Disasters
 Local, State and National Leaders

Bethany Prayers

Do you have prayer requests? Let us know if you would like your request added to the Sunday prayer list, the email prayer chain, or both. Call 364-6026 or email requests to nurse.bethanycr@gmail.com.

Senior Worship and Lunch

Next service:

Thursday, March 19

11:00 a.m.

Join us for

SUNDAY SCHOOL



Come walk with Jesus in Sunday School as we journey through the Bible together.

Sundays at 9:45 a.m.



Kids in preschool - kindergarten meet in the preschool room in the lower level.

Kids in 1st - 5th grade meet in the Opening Room in the lower level.

Youth in 6th-8th grade meet in the middle school room in the lower level.

Youth in 9th-12th grade meet in the high school room in the lower level.

SPEEDEZZ INDOOR KARTING

High School Youth

On Sunday, March 15, high school youth will meet at Speedeezz Indoor Karting for some friendly go-karting! Meet at Speedeezz at 1:00 p.m. and we will be done around 2:30 p.m.



Middle School Retreat

On January 31 and February 1, Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca held its annual middle school retreat and Snowlympics. The topic of the retreat was "Music and Me: The good and the evil," in which we talked about the influence that music has on our lives. Snowlympics games included classic games of broom ball, snow races, and a snow building contest! Fun and fellowship were enjoyed by all including those from Bethany. In attendance from Bethany were Aiden Erickson, Noah Pelletier, Jackson Rinderknecht, and Bryce Wilson, accompanied by DCE Intern Amanda Segebart.



*Faith Milestones can assist you
and your family in bringing
God into your home.*

High School Students and Parents: *Looking Ahead*

Event: March 1 at 12:15-3:00 p.m. (Family Life Center)

Blessing Event: March 8 at both services

Parents of 1st and 2nd Graders: *Worship Kit*

Classes: April 19, April 26, May 3 at 9:45 a.m. (Lower Level)

Blessing Event: May 10 at both services

New Parents

Classes: April 19, April 26, May 3 at 9:45 a.m. (Ad. Ed. Room)

Blessing Event: May 10 at both services

Vacation Bible School

Save the date for **June 15-18!** Children ages 3 years through 5th grade are invited to our Rainforest Explorers VBS! Please contact the church office if you are interested in helping as a volunteer at Vacation Bible School.



Sunday School

On Sunday, February 23, kids in Sunday School learned about Jesus' mighty power in calming the storm. To reinforce the lesson, the kids played a game where everyone got a chance to try and stop the boat from sinking by trying to keep water from entering the boat. We learned that we do not have to fear when we encounter storms, because Jesus is always with us, he watches over, protects, and rescues us from the storms we face in our lives.

We Believe

A MIDWEEK LENTEN SERIES ON THE NICENE CREED

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| February 26 | Why have a creed? |
| March 4 | We believe in the Maker. |
| March 11 | We believe in the only-begotten Son. |
| March 18 | We believe He came for our salvation. |
| March 25 | We believe He suffered. |
| April 1 | We believe in the Lord and giver of life. |

Join us for “We Believe” midweek Lenten services on Wednesday evenings at 6:00 p.m. Fellowship meals will be served before services at 5:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center.

Good Works Motivated by God's Word

On February 10, Bethany members volunteered their time at His Hands Medical Clinic. This was a ‘good work’ that the group was motivated to do, as part of their scripture readings from the Daily Lectionary.



Volunteers at His Hands were Rita Tiedt, Ken Armbricht, Nurse Ronda Anderson, Mary Nanke, and Sheryl Knutson.

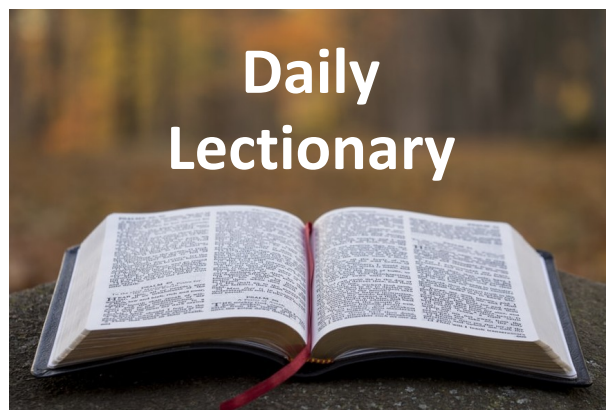
Pastor's Thoughts on the March Readings

As we begin the month of March, congratulations to everyone who has been keeping up on reading the Daily Lectionary as part of their devotional life in Christ. And for those who may have fallen a little behind over the last two months, it's all right! Reading Scripture is supposed to be a blessing, not a chore. Just pick up where you left off or skip what you have missed and continue on with the plan.

Speaking of the plan, March begins as we continue in the book of Numbers that we began in February. The chapters we read in March pick up the story with the people of Israel at Kadesh, beginning with their rebellion. There are various pictures of Jesus in Numbers, especially the faith in the one lifted up on the pole (21:4-9). See how Jesus in St. John's Gospel account explains His fulfillment of the prophecy of the "lifting up" episode (John 3:14-15; 8:28).

On March 8th we begin the final book of the Pentateuch, Deuteronomy. The book of Deuteronomy presents Moses' farewell sermon to the people of Israel as they stand in Moab at the Jordan River preparing to enter the Promised Land. The sermon is part of God and the people renewing the covenant, and thus it repeats much of the law given earlier. In this sense, Deuteronomy is a repetition or copy of the law, as its name suggests. Pay special attention to the similarities between Moses and Jesus, and likewise note in chapter 18 Moses' direct prophecy of Jesus, "The Prophet" raised up from among His brothers, and notice how in the New Testament some apply that passage to Jesus (for example, John 7:40).

On March 19th we begin to read from St. Luke's Gospel account, which may be a welcome New Testament break after reading through the entire Pentateuch in the preceding two months. Luke, a physician writing an orderly account to Theophilus so that he may know with certainty the things he has been taught, helps us see the completeness and universal availability of God's grace and the table fellowship that believing sinners have with Jesus. St. Luke's account includes more detail about Jesus' birth than the other Gospel accounts, and it is thought that perhaps the Holy Spirit used the Virgin Mary herself as one of St. Luke's sources for those details.



March 2020

- 1__ Isaiah 64:1-9 & Numbers 16-18
- 2__ Psalm 85 & Numbers 19-21
- 3__ Psalm 86 & Numbers 22-24
- 4__ Psalm 87 & Numbers 25-27
- 5__ Psalm 88 & Numbers 28-30
- 6__ Psalm 89 & Numbers 31-33
- 7__ Psalm 90 & Numbers 34-36
- 8__ Psalm 91 & Deut. 1-3
- 9__ Psalm 92 & Deut. 4-6
- 10__ Psalm 93 & Deut. 7-9
- 11__ Psalm 94 & Deut. 10-12
- 12__ Psalm 95 & Deut. 13-15
- 13__ Psalm 96 & Deut. 16-18
- 14__ Psalm 97 & Deut. 19-21
- 15__ Psalm 98 & Deut. 22-24
- 16__ Psalm 99 & Deut. 25-27
- 17__ Psalm 100 & Deut. 28-30
- 18__ Psalm 101 & Deut. 31-34
- 19__ Psalm 102 & Luke 1
- 20__ Psalm 103 & Luke 2-3
- 21__ Psalm 104 & Luke 4-5
- 22__ Psalm 105 & Luke 6-7
- 23__ Psalm 106 & Luke 8-9
- 24__ Psalm 107 & Luke 10-11
- 25__ Psalm 108 & Luke 12-13
- 26__ Psalm 109 & Luke 14-15
- 27__ Psalm 110 & Luke 16-17
- 28__ Psalm 111 & Luke 18-19
- 29__ Psalm 112 & Luke 20-21
- 30__ Psalm 113 & Luke 22
- 31__ Isaiah 64:1-9 & Luke 23-24

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

3/2 Pat Krekeler Lee Rathje	3/11 Mark Elias	3/27 Lisa Freese
3/3 Ryan Corey Rollis Deetz	3/14 Travis Godbey James Mosel	Mark Gutman Barb Miller
3/4 Alivia Corey Sharon Easler Brittney Stepanek	3/16 Ella Bricker Melissa Loney	3/28 Mercedes Henderson
3/7 Louise Holtz	3/18 Ryan Theriault	3/29 Dee Block Nora Crawford Aiden Erickson
3/8 Erin Heller	3/22 Rick Heller Angela Keslar	3/30 Logan Milbach Tracy Moffett
3/9 Sophie Knudson	3/23 Rick Thorington	3/31 Norma Sirotiak
	3/26 Sylvia Stepanek	

MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

3/19 Adam & Rachel Henderson	3/28 Larry & Sue Kroemer
3/27 Aaron & Tracy Moffett	

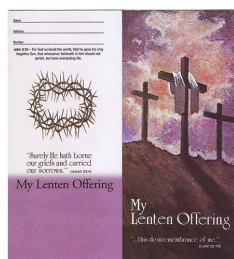


Thank you to everyone who volunteered with Family Promise when we hosted a family **February 9-16**.

Thank you so much to the Care Warriors who helped me move my brother's belongings into storage on January 12. Your kindness will never be forgotten! God bless you all!

- Linda Patten

Thank You



Lenten Quarter Folders

Each day during Lent, you may place a quarter in the folder to remember Christ's sacrifice for us. Money collected will go to the family of LCMS Vicar Mark Renner, serving in Ohio. Mark and his wife, Dana, lost their infant son in January. Please return your folder in its envelope to Bethany on Easter Sunday.

Super BOWLING

Bethany friends met for bowling and a fun time of fellowship on Sunday, February 16 at the Cedar Rapids Bowling Center.



Pickleball

Interested in Pickleball? Join us at Bethany on Saturday, March 28 for a fun afternoon of this unique sport that combines elements of tennis, badminton, and table tennis. We will play at 1:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center.

Never played before? Don't worry—Ben Mims will provide instructions on how to play for beginners, followed by play for all skill levels and ages. Please sign up at the Welcome Center, and be sure to invite a friend!

Jam the Wagon with Juice for Bridgehaven!

Naomi Circle is hosting a juice drive to stock up the food pantry at Bridgehaven, to provide healthy drinks to families. Juice will be collected during the month of March and delivered to Bridgehaven on March 30. The wagon used to collect juice donations will be located near the gathering area all month. For more information, contact Julie Elias or Kay Karsten.



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Sunday Mornings

8:30 am	Traditional Service
9:45 am	Education Hour
11:00 am	Contemporary Service

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