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10:30 AM

WORSHIP

April 26, 2015

WELCOME

Pastor Lynch

*CALL TO WORSHIP

John 4:23-24

Congregation

Pastor: "The hour cometh, and now is when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him.

People: God is spirit, and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth."

*PRAISE HYMN

"Leaning on the Everlasting Arms"

145

*INVOCATION

"Dear Lord, we thank you for this day you have made. We are going to rejoice and be glad in it, especially right now as we worship you in spirit and in truth. Amen."

Unison

*HYMN

"Draw Me Nearer"

(vs. 1, 4) #244

MUSIC MINISTRY

"Jesus Loves the Little Children"

Nursery Choir

MORNING PRAYER

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Pastor Lynch

Congregation

THE OFFERTORY

Presentation of God's Tithe

*The Doxology

*Dedication Prayer

Helen Lutz

SCRIPTURE

Philippians 3:7-16

Matthew 5:43-48

Karen Leicht

MESSAGE

"Aiming for Perfection"

Pastor Lynch

*COMMITMENT HYMN “Have Thine Own Way, Lord” # 186

*BENEDICTION “May the light of God surround us, the Unison
love of God fill us, the power of God protect us,
and the everlasting arms of God hold us close.
And from the rising of the sun to the going
down of the same, may Jesus Christ be praised. Amen.”

*POSTLUDE Helen Lutz

**We stand to honor Jesus Christ*

Good morning and welcome to Bethany where God’s word is honored, taught and proclaimed. Our mission is to glorify God by making-maturing-mobilizing enthusiastic disciples for Jesus Christ. Please sign the blue attendance pad and pass it along.

Infant care and a toddler class are held downstairs during worship and Sunday School.

Units for the hearing-impaired are available. Please speak with an usher for assistance.

CD’s of today’s service are available for \$2.00. Please contact Karen in the church office. You can also listen to the service through the church’s web site bethanyumcpalmyra.org.

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God in honor of our daughter Ashley Commissiong’s birthday by Ken and Susan Knipe.

Our extended Sunday School for children is called Kid Zone. Those up to sixth grade are welcome to go downstairs to Kid Zone or remain in the sanctuary for worship.

Serving today: **Sound System:** Don Brubaker, **Acolyte:** Drew Chapin, **Ushers:** Tom Gussler, Barry Smith, Dave Finney and Richard Funck, **Organist:** Helen Lutz, **Children's Choir Director:** Bethany Oleyniczak.

Prayer request cards are in the pew rack. Please place them in the offering plate knowing that Pastor Lynch and the Bethany prayer chain will pray over your joys and concerns. If you would like to activate the Bethany prayer chain please call Vicki Smith at 838-5665.

Prayer joys/concerns: 1) Birthday blessings this week to Sue Lasher, Seth Schell, Andrew Brandt and Chantelle Brandt. 2) Healing mercies for Evelyn Powell, Helen Lutz, Lewis Brough, Nancy Souder, Janine Wimmer. 3) Our servicemen and their families. 4) For a good

Our homebound persons of the week is Ethel Funck at Spangcrest, Lebanon. Please pray for Ethel and sign the card in the rear of the sanctuary.

Sub and pretzel sandwich orders may be picked up this Thursday in the social hall from 11-12.

Whoopie Pies for sale! Place your order at the information table. They are \$1.25 with the proceeds helping to send our children to church camp this summer. Pick up is this Thursday.

April Newsletters can be read online at bethanyumcpalmyra.org and printed copies are available on the information table.

This coming Saturday our Loyal Workers are Celebrating Spring from 8-1. There will be crafts, bake sale, and lunch will be served. Donated baked items will be greatly appreciated and can be dropped off this Friday in the Social hall from 6-8pm.

Upper Room devotional booklets for May/June are available. Please take one for yourself and one for a friend or family member.

Did you see the photos in the rear of the sanctuary? They show the construction of Bethany church in 1923.

Next Sunday Pastor Lynch will preach on Hebrews 12:1-2, "Losing Your Luggage is a Good Thing." Patty Cole of Palmyra will offer special music.

Gretna Gritty: A 5k mud run, walk-a-thon, and a mile kids run will be held at Gretna Glen on Saturday May 9. You can register at gretnaglen.org/gritty. All registrants receive medals, lunch swag bag and a sweet Gretna Gritty t-shirt. Kyle, Drew and Brooke Chapin ran last year and had a blast!

Praise for our March offering which was almost twice the usual amount thanks to your generous giving. The expenses were low, but included \$1,401.07 gas bill, which will probably be the last large bill for the winter. Our offering exceeded the expenses by \$9,454.83. Praise the Lord for this stellar month. ~ Cindy Anspach

SIGN UP!

Our new church outdoor sign has arrived. This board will help us communicate the gospel and special events happening at Bethany. Thank you to our Loyal Workers and folks who have made donations to cover the cost of this improvement.