

# Bethany Broadcaster

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## From Pastor's David's Desk

Beginning with the worship service on May 4th we started a series of monthly events that will focus on the Bethany Covenant Church's centennial. For the organizing committee the first concern when it met early this year was to answer the question, what will we celebrate. Would we focus on having reached 100 years, on the size of the congregation, on the fine leaders that have ministered here, or on a number of other aspects of life and ministry of the church.

The committee soon came to a consensus that we should celebrate the work of God in and through our church over the years. And that the celebration should be an act of thanksgiving to God and a call of renewal to the task of Christ.

Through Moses God commanded the people to annually celebrate the Exodus so that they would be reminded to tell their children what the Lord had done for them. The Apostle Paul in I Corinthians tells the church that what they have, their righteousness, holiness and redemption is from God through Christ and he says, "Let him who boasts boast in the Lord".

In the late 60's, Pastor Aaron Markuson wrote these words for the Bethany pictorial directory. "Recognizing our failures of the past, but deeply grateful for the unfailing help from Jesus and for the sacrifices of those who have gone before us, we seek to carry on the work today."

In the spirit of gratitude demonstrated by Moses and Paul and Pastor Aaron, hear then the invitation to you this centennial year. "Come, celebrate the presence of the Lord."

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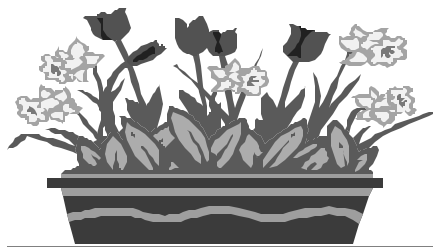
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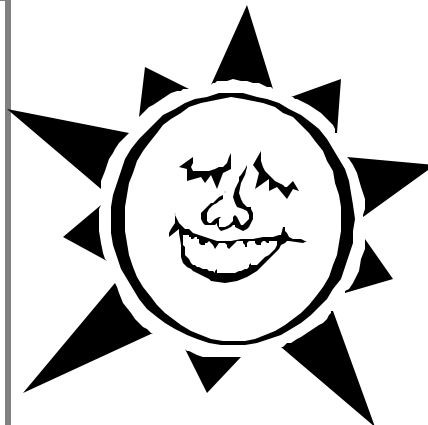
*June and July*  
2003



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Thank you for your submissions.*



Due to an unusually large number of articles intended for this issue, several submissions were shortened and four pages were added. A lengthy item about the Northwest Conference and Covenant Women's Ministries annual meetings had to be omitted entirely, due to a lack of space. Watch for that report at the next business meeting. JT

# Bethany Covenant Church

*"Come Celebrate the Presence of the Lord"*

## Centennial Trivia

(all of the answers are subject to challenge - our record keeping has not been absolutely accurate!)

About members...

1. We have several members who live out of town. Who lives the farthest away?
2. Two of our members joined Bethany in 1942. Who are they?
3. Who is our most senior member?
4. Name five of our newest members.
5. Three choir members have been in the choir nearly 60 years each? Who are they?
6. One member is a grandchild of two charter members. Who is that?
7. We have four Covenant pastors in our congregation. Who are they?
8. Both husband and wife of two couples who were married at Bethany were also confirmed at Bethany. Who are they?
9. One of our creative members designed our Centennial logo. Who is that?
10. The sister of one of our members was the first person married in the new church in Richfield. Who is the member?

*Answers are on page 14.*

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## Top 10 Reasons Why I'm Excited to go to CHIC 2K3:

10. I'm finally old enough to go!
9. Cute boys (wait, maybe that should be a little higher on the list);
8. Get to fly (for the first time) to a state I've never been to;
7. A week without my family (guess that's a good and bad thing);
6. Get to see Bob Stromberg and Rev. Alise Barrymore (She was the speaker at M.O.V.E.);
5. Spend "quality time" with the rest of the youth group (uh-oh);
4. Excursions, shopping, you get the idea...;
3. Meet new people from all over the country;
2. Worship with about 7,000 other people in the same (loud) place;
1. Spend time with God and learn more about Him.

Thank you so much for your continuous prayer and support! We appreciate everything you do for us.

## **-Jenna Olson and the rest of the Bethany youth group**

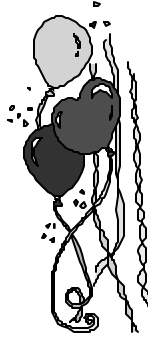
July 31st is fast approaching! At about 8:30 am that Thursday, 8 senior high students (Sarah Hawkins, Nykki Norlander, Jenna Olson, Cole Brown, Emily Johnson, Sarah Ruhl, Heidi Sowl and Ryan Kelly) and 2 leaders (Chad and Heather Stayko) will be boarding a flight to Knoxville, Tennessee where we will be participating in CHIC 2K3. This week-long event will find us meeting Covenant youth from all over the country, staying in the dorms at the University of Tennessee - Knoxville, white-water rafting together as a group, and most importantly, being challenged to grow in our relationships with God. Please be praying for our youth and leaders as we prepare to take part in this week-long

CHIC

# BIRTHDAYS

## JUNE

- 5 Amber Fabian (Y)
- 5 Jeanette Lokken
- 7 Ethan Sowl
- 8 Tricia Webster
- 9 Margaret Gunderson
- 10 Chuck Munsey
- 14 Sharon Anderson
- 15 Heather Stayko
- 19 Jan Schau
- 19 Seth Johnson
- 19 Ingrid Johnson
- 21 Steve McClellan
- 21 June Gustafson
- 25 Bob Manning
- 26 Shirley Seidel



## JULY

- 2 Calise Berger (Y)
- 2 Wally Eckstrom
- 4 Jean Tobisch
- 6 Marie Mosal
- 7 Donna Fabian
- 11 Miles Abramson (Y)
- 13 Erick Abramson (Y)
- 13 Sandra Lokken
- 15 Jaydon Fabian
- 15 Vickie Gramlich
- 18 Gen Browning
- 18 Chad Stayko
- 18 Tim Whalen
- 19 Megan Peterson (Y)
- 24 Jean Carlin
- 25 Cody Newman (Y)
- 30 Jake Depuydt
- 31 Anne Tobisch

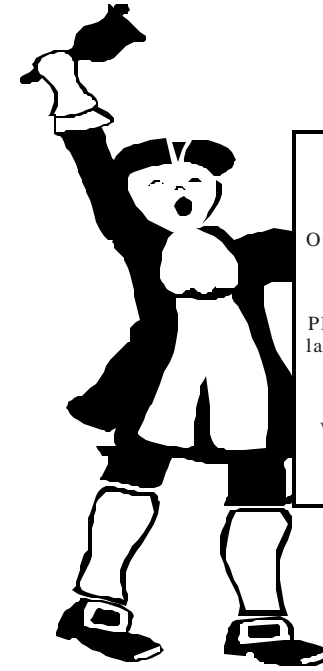
# BIRTHDAYS

## NEW MENTORING PROGRAM

This summer, Bethany will be starting a mentoring program to remain connected with kids from the community. While this mentoring program doesn't necessarily take the place of the summer Blazer's activities, we are excited to see what the Lord has in store for us with this change. Faith Gavin and I will be working to find matches for those of you who are willing to mentor this summer. Watch for more details, and if you have ANY questions, ask either Faith or me. We encourage you to pray for this new ministry while we continue to work out the details.

In Christ,  
Paul Berg

Answers of Centennial trivia Linda Newman Andersson lives in Sweden 2. Virginia Vining and Paul Olfelt 3. Violet Bosch 4. Mike and Vicki Gramlich, Ron Kelly, Ryan Kelly, Rodger and Ronnie Morgan, Robert and Nancy Peterson, Julia Tobisch 5. Helen Olfelt, Virginia Vining, Alan Wahiberg 6. Laurelle Pearson 7. Tim Hanson, Rick Johnson, David Kelly, Vern Lund 8. Galen and Jill Johnson, Kyle and Neola Fabian

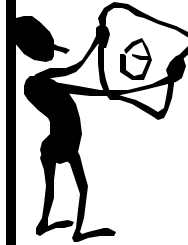


**Sunday, July 6<sup>th</sup>**  
**9:30 a.m.**

Our July Centennial Sunday will be a celebration of country and community.

Please join us on the church lawn for an outdoor worship service, followed by a potluck picnic.

We invite our friends and neighbors to join us!



The Centennial Committee would like **photos** of the following Bethany Confirmation Classes. Also needed is a list of names of the confirmands of the class of 1929. If you can provide a copy of a photo(s) for any of these classes, the committee would be very grateful!

### CLASSES OF

- 1920, 1921, 1923, 1926, 1927, 1928, 1929,**  
**1949, 1951, 1952, 1954, 1956, 1957, 1958, and 1959**

The committee would also like good photos of anything that took place at Bethany and of Bethany members. Please date each photo and identify the people if possible. Contact Laurelle Pearson if you can help.

## BETHANY BUZZINGS

Congratulations coming to several Bethany people—

Wally Abramson - new job - MN Land Trust

Ryan Kelly - to Belgium "study abroad program" for his senior high school year



Heather Stayko - completed her clinical research paper for her Master of Social Work degree, titled "Parental Bereavement Following the Death of an Adult Child"

Mike Nemick - our new office manager - We already know how efficient he is, so be responsible when giving him information.

We hear Ellie Johnson went scuba diving, but guess who went with her - none other than Grandmother Corrine! Way to go!



One of Bethany's handsome gentlemen, who will be nameless, was in the nursery one Sunday a few weeks back, and one of the youngsters came out with his diapers on backwards - We'll never tell who the person was.

A word to all car owners: Make sure your trunk is shut when you leave it for more than a short while - It causes a dead battery. Ask Laurelle for advice.

A recent issue reminded women about the Thanks A Latte program from Covenant Women Ministries. A former member of a long time ago still receives the Broadcaster and sent a donation for this program. She writes that she enjoys getting the Broadcaster and remembers the good times she had at Bethany when she was young. She has also attended T&R. Some of you may remember Eleanor Suneson.

Baptisms at Bethany are always special. Baby Erin Whalen was baptized recently by her grandfather, Vernon Lund. Such a special event!

Heather Stayko tells us that the very day she asked the Prayer Group to pray for better airfares for the kids going to CHIC, the prices were lowered somewhat. We hope for still lower prices. AND SUCCESS!! Heather was able to get the lower prices. Another reason for thankfulness and congratulations!

We understand that Emily Johnson will be hosting a foreign exchange student from France for about two weeks.

Anyone having some **fun** information, or a **story to tell** about someone, email it to Jean or Marlys. It will be received thankfully and printed subject to editor's choice.



How many of you read the article, "My First Sunday at Your Church" by Jennifer Smith Morris in the February issue of The Covenant Companion? When reading the article, I thought of Bethany and how we greet our visitors. Although I feel we are, indeed, a friendly church, the article made mention and reminded

us of some very important things to remember as we greet newcomers. Below are a couple of the suggestions:

**Develop a greeting ministry with the visitor, not the greeter, in mind.** Be careful to not say "hello", then gush over the church regular that walks in right behind. Seek out and speak to specific visitors for at least three consecutive weeks. Offer to escort visitors to the nursery, to fellowship, etc. and answer any of their questions.

**Become visitors for a day.** Those who have belonged to the same church for several years may not remember what being a visitor is like. Many of us travel and vacation to other areas over the summer months. If you visit a church, see how you are welcomed and bring those experiences back to Bethany with you.

During this year of our Centennial celebration, let us be especially mindful of our friendliness as we welcome both old and new visitors to Bethany.

Outreach Committee

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Suggestions for a Title for the Column of Thanks:

**Graceful Gratitude, Glorious Gratitude, Tremendous Thanks, or Applying Appreciation** What do you think?



# A LARGE TENT

**NEEDED ON SEPTEMBER 7TH**

for outdoor serving of BBQ after Confirmation Reunion on Sunday, September 7th, 2003. Please inform Corrine Johnson or Rick Johnson if you have a tent Bethany can use or if you know of someone or somewhere to obtain same. Thanks so much.

## **Twin City Covenant Women's Fall Retreat**

Bethany scheduled for September 26-28  
Covenant Pines Bible Camp



### **UPSIDE DOWN SECRETS FOR JOYFUL LIVING**

Guest Speaker: Gracie Malone  
Registration begins in May

See folders in narthex and information on the bulletin board.

**Do you wish you had more time to talk to the people you meet at church and maybe get to know them a little better? In times of need and times of fun, small groups can be your source of friendship and support.**

*“What is a small group?”*

The purpose of small groups is to get people, both members and friends, who share same interests or are dealing with similar life issues, connected with each other in a relationship based on the love of Christ. Small Groups provide a very effective environment for instruction, encouragement, support, recovery, and fellowship.

Groups are built around either a special group of people (men's accountability or prayer groups, women's groups youth, etc), special interests (business-men, outdoorsmen, etc.), or tasks (ushering, ministry teams, mission teams, etc). Each group is made up differently in that one group might put a heavier emphasis on Bible study, another group might place a higher priority on family-oriented ministry or fellowship/social activities, and yet another group might focus their efforts in serving the community where they live.

A small group typically meets twice a month, generally in the homes of various members of their group. The group leaders also get together (monthly/quarterly) for support, encouragement and accountability.

We currently have several small group ministries at Bethany. For more information on the various groups and contact information, please contact Pastor David at 612-869-2500. Or if you have idea or specific interest, you might consider starting your own small group!

*“And let us consider how we may spur one another on towards love and good deeds. Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another - and all the more as you see the Day approaching.”*

*Hebrews 10:24-25*



Outreach Committee

## Memories by Margaret and Gundy

**TWENTY FIVE YEARS AGO — JUNE 1978.** From the June 11th bulletin - Kieth Haar and Kimberlee Carlson of Richfield will be married on Sat. June, 19th at Wooddale Baptist Church. All the members of Bethany are invited to the service. /Also, Wes Nyholm leads our choir for the last time. He was choir director for 18 years. / From the June 25th bulletin; Today Rick & Sue Johnson, Covenant missionaries to Zaire, were to be our special guests. They were to share the message of the morning. However, Rick has become ill and confined to bed. Remember them in your prayers./**JULY 1978.** Sunday June 9th - Guest preacher of North Park Theological Seminary in Chicago, IL. Bethany hosts the first united evening service of our Southside Covenant churches tonight. Nancy Vining will give a brief witness during the service. / From the July 16th bulletin: Bethany's former male quartet assisted in today's service. Members are, Wes Nyholm, Dennis Ellingson, Walt Rafteseth and Don Sallen. /Remember in Prayers, Brenda Kolsrud, preparing for her work in Santa Domingo, Rick & Sue Johnson, our missionaries on furlough and Bethany's Jr-Hi kids going to camp this week./

**FIFTY YEARS AGO — JUNE 1953.** Confirmation Sunday, June 7th. The examination of the Confirmands was held in the morning service and at the 7 pm evening service, the Confirmands took part in the service and were presented their Certificates and Bibles. / Sunday, June 24th, Bethany welcomes back two of its former pastors. Rev. Henry R. Nelson will preach at the 11 am service and Rev. Dewey Sands will bring us the message in the evening. Also, Miss Elizabeth Teigland, our Director of Music, will be honored. This is the last Sunday she will be with us. / Sun. June 28th - The Bethany Choir made the trip to Minnesota, MN., to sing at Miss Teigland's home church. / **JULY 1953.** The rose on the pulpit, July 5th, is in honor of a baby girl, Susan Jean, who joined the Shirley and Robert Seidel family last Sunday afternoon at the Fairview Hospital./Sun. Morning, July 19th. Today we have two roses on the pulpit. One honors Beverly Helen, daughter of Wendell & Helen Anderson, born July 14th and the other is for Beth Rae, daughter of Ray & Joyce Anderson, born on July 15th. The joint evening service was held at Bethany and the music was a solo by Mr. Ray Carlson and a piano & organ duet by Bethany's, Olga Westrem (piano) and Mary Ann Heinzelmann, our church organist. (Note from Margaret & Gundy - In doing the 'Memories', one sometimes finds little things that are not a part of Bethany's history, but worth noting, this is one. We notice that many of the Sunday bulletins in 1953 start out with a four line poem.. There is no reference to an author, scripture or song, but we think they are special.. This is one from the July 12th bulletin:

"O God, thy world is sweet with prayers;  
the breath of Christ is in the air;  
We rise on the free Spirit's wings,  
and every thought within us sings."

(Rev. Harold Ahlberg, was our pastor at that time and we assume he picked these verses for each bulletin.) /

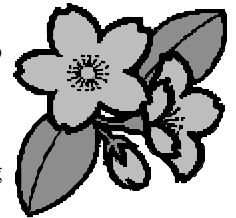


### BAKE AND CRAFT SALE AND SILENT AUCTION

No date has been set yet for our fall show, but it's time to start thinking of what you can make to sell. One of our shut in's has started making butterflies for the sale. As you are house cleaning, or cleaning out the garage, think of the Silent Auction. Lots of goodies can be found, I'm sure. As time goes on more information will be in the Broadcaster. If you have questions, call Betty S. or Vernice M. or for the Silent Auction, call Jean T. BS

To My Bethany Family:

As I look back on the difficult days around my surgery and the long days of chemotherapy ahead, I realize how very glad I am to be a member of this church. It's wonderful to worship with such caring people! I have seen God's grace at work as Cody grows strong. And I can feel God's love for me as he once again allows me to lean on your very strong shoulders for support. I am strong in faith and strong in Hope. For all of your prayers, calls, flowers, food and the warmth with which you hold my family, I am extremely grateful..God bless you all!



### (Volunteers Enlisted to Assist People)

Our donations have set new records! In December, 2002, VEAP received 103,769 pounds of food which was 15% higher than the largest amount of food ever received in one month of VEAP's history .

Although 2002 was a difficult year for most, VEAP was fortunate to have had many new people join our pool of volunteers. There were 2 new transportation intake volunteers, 1 van driver, 2 private vehicle drivers, 2 data entry people, 6 VEAP church representatives, 2 client intake volunteers, 8 warehouse workers, and countless other new volunteers during the Holiday Program (toys, hot meal deliveries, groceries).

In 2002 VEAP served 415 households with financial assistance and connected 34 clients with car repair/maintenance service.

**TWO major prayer needs for VEAP:** a larger facility for VEAP, and prayers of healing for Susan Freeman who is being treated for Lymphoma. RM

## Piano Fund Established

A Piano Fund has been established to raise money toward the purchase of a baby grand piano for our sanctuary. The Worship Commission and the Bethany music staff leaders believe that acquiring such an instrument would greatly enhance the worship experience at Bethany. This fund provides an opportunity for members and friends of Bethany who share our vision to contribute funds toward achieving this goal.

A poster is in the narthex which will track the progress of the campaign. As more money is given, keys will be colored in until we reach our goal. Any one interested in contributing to the piano fund can contact the church treasurer. Checks should be made payable to Bethany Covenant with "Piano Fund" designated on the memo line.

If you have any questions, please contact a member of the Worship Commission.

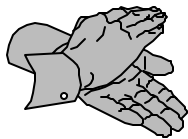
Thank you,  
Tim Hanson, Bethany Worship Commission



## Thanks A Lot

There is someone who deserves to be thanked and appreciated for helping at church.

In addition to keeping the church clean, she washes windows and dishes, greets, ushers, helps with communion, organizes serving groups, serves when someone can't come the last minute, brings food to share, designs gifts to give, collects Sunday School contributions, rakes the lawn, stays late so workers can pick up parts and return to the church after lock up, and does many other tasks both large and small.



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She is

**Arlene Stafstrom**

She is our "Custodial Queen"

She does much more than her job description asks.

Arlene works so quietly and efficiently that most of us are unaware of all the work she does that has not been mentioned. Replacing lightbulbs in high ceilings is about the only job Arlene is unable to do. Maybe someone can give her a hand with that.

If Arlene ever retires it will require an entire crew to replace her.

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## Memories continued

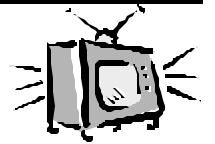
SEVENTY FIVE YEARS AGO — 1928. From the Betania Vannen. Mrs Waldo (Ethel) Carlson, Camille Carlson's Mother, is visiting her folks, Mr. & Mrs. Carl Erickson. The Carlson's live in Massachusetts. - Rudolph Olson will be working in the N.W. Missionary Assn. this summer, taking care of mission places north of Duluth. - The W.G. Nielsen family from Calgary, Can., are visiting Mrs. Nielsen's Mother, Mrs. John Pearson (Laurelle Pearson's grandmother.). / From the Congregational Mtg. of June 4th. Mike Westlund consented to be Choir Director for 1 year, salary \$25.00 a month. Beginning June 1, pianists Margaret Nelson (Carlson) & Ruth I. Johnson, will be paid \$7.50 a month. / From the Board Mtg. of June 25th. Painting in the sanctuary is almost finished. Henning Johnson and N.P. Nelson will take charge of installing the new chairs. Decision made to give old chairs to Minnhaha Academy. / JULY 1928 - Betania Vannen reports that the Phebe Circle sold 300 Mayflowers at Bethany. Money goes to the Denver T.B. Sanatorium. - 50 children were enrolled in Bethany's four week Vacation Bible School. / Congregational Mtg. July 2nd. Pastor Olson reported on the annual meeting held in Omaha. He had much of interest to report. / Dorcas met on July 27th. Mr. & Mrs. Peterson agreed to clean the church after the extensive redecorating. Dorcas will help pay for their work. - Motion made to purchase new coffee pots. - Dorcas make their annual trip to the Ebenezer Home in Buffalo, mn. David Westlund entertained the group with a saxophone solo after which, Pastor Olson gave a talk.

(In the last Broadcaster we had an item on a TV appearance by Bethany. We received a note from Rev. Ahlberg with this info: "WCCO-TV at the time were telecasting a brief devotional service at noon. It was the Lenten season. I do not recall who asked us to provide the devotional, if it were WCCO itself or the Minneapolis Minister Association. I was a member of that organization. It was brief telecast, ten or fifteen minutes. Curt sang a solo, and of course, Mary Ann accompanied. Then I gave a brief devotional." — Rev. Ahlberg also said that he and his wife, Ruth really enjoy getting the Broadcaster and that we are the only church that we have served which have continued to send us their newsletter.)

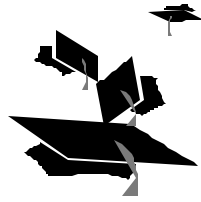
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From MQW: The goofy thing I remember about the TV thing is that Curt complained about having to buy a blue shirt.



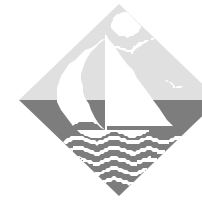
Guess What. Corrine and Elikia Johnson went snorkeling off the coast of Nasau in the Bahamas. Corrine says, "I didn't do too well. I came up sputtering when my mouth filled with salt water! The last time I tried snorkeling was with Virginia V. off Grand Cyman Island and that went better. Guess the mouth piece fit better or I was less tense or something."



# June

2003

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
<b>1</b> 9:30 Worship	<b>2</b> <i>Brendan W</i>	<b>3</b> <i>Lauren W</i>  6:45 Executive Board Mtg.	<b>4</b> <i>Erin W</i>	<b>5</b> <i>Martha Y</i>	<b>6</b> <i>Clinton Y</i>	<b>7</b> <i>Erick A</i>
<b>8</b> 9:30 Worship	<b>9</b> <i>Donna A</i>	<b>10</b> <i>Wally A</i>	<b>11</b> <i>Miles A</i>	<b>12</b> <i>Alex A</i>	<b>13</b> <i>Sarah A-M</i>	<b>14</b> <i>Joe A-M</i>
<b>15</b> 9:30 Worship  3pm Bethany Covenant Village Worship	<b>16</b> <i>Lois A</i>	<b>17</b> <i>Michael A</i>	<b>18</b> <i>Marilyn A</i>	<b>19</b> <i>Sharon A</i>	<b>20</b> <i>Linda A</i>	<b>21</b> <i>Lars A</i>
<b>22</b> 9:30 Worship	<b>23</b> <i>Deb B</i>	<b>24</b> <i>Jim B</i>	<b>25</b> <i>Karl B</i>	<b>26</b> <i>Calise B</i>	<b>27</b> <i>Susan B</i>	<b>28</b> <i>Troy B</i>
*****Meal on Wheels*****						
<b>29</b> 9:30 Worship	<b>30</b> <i>Tiffany B</i>					



# July

2003

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
		<b>1</b> <i>C. J. B</i>	<b>2</b> <i>Debbie B</i>	<b>3</b> <i>Rich B</i>	<b>4</b> <i>Lydia B</i>	<b>5</b> <i>Sarah B</i>
<b>6</b> 9:30 Worship	<b>7</b> <i>Violet B</i>	<b>8</b> <i>Steve B</i>	<b>9</b> <i>Gen B</i>	<b>10</b> <i>Doris C</i>  Feijoo Missions Nite-Fellowship Hall	<b>11</b> <i>Jean C</i>	<b>12</b> <i>Mary C</i>
<b>13</b> 9:30 Worship  Quarterly Business Meeting	<b>14</b> <i>Jeanne C</i>	<b>15</b> <i>Mickey C</i>	<b>16</b> <i>Lee D</i>	<b>17</b> <i>Marlet D</i>	<b>18</b> <i>Teresa D</i>	<b>19</b> <i>Jake D</i>
<b>20</b>  9:30 Worship	<b>21</b> <i>Stella D</i>	<b>22</b> <i>Baby D</i>	<b>23</b> <i>Susie E</i>	<b>24</b> <i>Wally E</i>	<b>25</b> <i>Jane E</i>	<b>26</b> <i>D.J. E</i>
<b>27</b> 9:30 Worship	<b>28</b> <i>Dennis E</i>	<b>29</b> <i>Butch E</i>	<b>30</b> <i>Betty E</i>	<b>31</b> <i>Donna (F)</i>		
*****Meals on Wheels*****						