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Beatrice Ministerial Association will host a service of Word and Prayer to mark the "Week of Prayer for Christian Unity" on Thursday, January 21 at Holy Cross Lutheran Church at 7:00 p.m.



## *The Morning Breeze!* *January 3, 2010*

### **This Morning**

Preacher: Weldon Schloneger  
 Greeters: Bill & Barb Esau  
 Hosts: Elsie Riesen & Betty Esau  
 Organ/Piano:  
 Offering: FMC  
 Offering next week: WDC

<p><u>Last Sunday 12/27/09</u>          Attendance: 81          Offering: \$ 1437.00</p>
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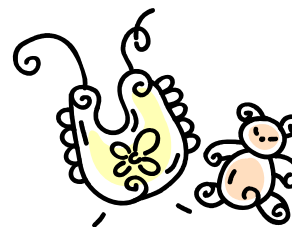
Audio: Larry Thimm  
 Power point: Halley Keeney  
 Video: John Thimm

### **Upcoming Events!**

Tuesday 1/5 9AM – All remaining reports due!  
 Tuesday 1/5 1:30pm – WMS  
 Sunday 1/10 9:30am – Worship Service with Baptism and Communion  
 Tuesday 1/12 1:30pm – WMS  
 Wednesday 1/13 7pm – Annual Congregational Meeting

### **Birthdays!**

Belated Happy Birthday to Stephanie McAlister on January 1!  
 Tuesday! Emily Funk (15), Jarrod Reimer, Dianne Peppard  
 Wednesday! Amber Goossen  
 Thursday! Barb Thimm  
 Friday! Doris Claassen  
 Saturday! James R. Wiebe  
 Sunday, 1/10! Jan Reimer



Congratulations! Joel and Sarah Endorf are the parents of new baby girl Natalie Grace. Natalie was born at BryanLGH East on December 17, 2009. She weighed 7 lbs 13 ozs and was welcomed by big brother and sister Luke and Emily. Grandparents are Dean and MaryJane Zimmerman.

# PRAYER & PRAISE!

✠ WDC: Pray for the WDC Conference Minister search committee as it discerns new leadership for our area conference.

✠ MMN: Pray that Mennonite Mission Network personnel may begin this year with renewed openness to the movement of Jesus' spirit that brings healing and hope to the world.

## This & That!

The Church Board recommendation for consideration at the Annual Meeting January 13, 2010.

The Church Board recommends that the Chairperson of the Building Committee shall serve on the Church Board for a one year term.

The joint BMC/FMC baptism service on January 10 will begin at **9:30 a.m.** at First Mennonite Church. This is the normal worship time for BMC but a change for FMC. The service will be longer than usual because it will include communion as well as the baptisms.

Deacon Election! Now accepting nominations for Deacon! Please speak with your selection for Deacon, and then speak with John Penner.



### Still in need of Annual Reports!

The following reports need to be received by the church office no later than 9am Tuesday, January 5 for inclusion in the Annual Report:

Adult Sunday School, Auditing Committee, Business Council, Library Committee, Peace Club, Senior Youth Fellowship, Youth Sunday School, Deacon's Report, Gift & Service Fund,

Hospitality Committee, Cemetery Committee, Mennonite Loan/Tuition Fund, Nebraska MCC Relief Sale Committee, Nominating Committee – SLATE.

If for some reason, you will not be able to turn in your report by Tuesday morning, please contact Mary directly 228-2231 or [fmcbeatrice@hotmail.com](mailto:fmcbeatrice@hotmail.com) as soon as possible.

Sign up to volunteer for 2010! Inserted in the Bulletin today is a sign up slip for needed volunteers for 2010. Please either sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board or complete the slip and drop it in the box marked 2010 Volunteers! Everyone wanting to volunteer needs to sign up regardless if you have volunteered for the same job in the past or not.

2010 – 2011 Shepherd Group booklets are in mailboxes today! The joint BMC/FMC baptism service on January 10 will include a joint choir. All are invited to join the choir. The only practice will be at **8:30 a.m.** on Sunday morning, January 10. The baptism service begins at 9:30 a.m. **THERE WILL BE NO SUNDAY SCHOOL.**

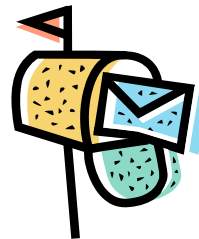


We wish to express our thanks to all who supported us with prayers, cards and well wishes, phone calls and help.

A very special thanks to Pastor Weldon during my extended recovery from my heart surgery and to our Shepherd Group for the bouquet. This was very much appreciated.  
Dean and MaryJane Zimmerman

My thanks to be remembered with cards, flowers, visits and prayers while in the hospital and after returning home. Dora Penner

1 Peter 2:17 "On the road to Philadelphia" a sermon while I was laid up, and according to Duane and me, we would say you all have arrived there...The good will and respect and love shown to us during the last months have indeed honored God and the brotherhood. Thank you to everyone for the prayers, food, cards, phone calls, visits and flowers. Life definitely takes a turn in your life that is totally unexpected, but it certainly gives one a new perspective on living IN His Love and grace..Thanks again, Duane & Doris



### Address Changes!

Ruth Esau has moved! Her new address is 600 S 22<sup>nd</sup> St. Rm. 304, Beatrice, Ne. Her phone number is the same.

Lillie Reimer has moved to the Kensington. Her phone remains the same.