

ANDERSON GROVE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
12005 South 36th St., Bellevue, Nebraska 68123

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Pastor: Rev. Dr. Richard Meyer

July 31, 2011 Order of Worship 10:30 A.M.

Prelude *Becky Neff*

Call to Worship

Almighty God, whose we are, and whom we serve, help us to come before you in worship and adoration this day. Take our lips and speak through them your words, take our hearts and fill them with your love, take our hands and use them for your service and your purpose, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen!

*Gathering Hymn “How Great Thou Art” No. 467

Welcome and News about church life
Introduction of Visitors

Morning Offering *Doxology * Prayer of Dedication

Prayer Hymn “Blessed Assurance” No. 341
Pastoral Prayer

Anthem “Tell The World” Choir

Scripture Reading Page 769 Zechariah

Sermon “Expanding Our Horizons” Rev. Meyer

Closing Hymn* “Jesus Shall Reign” No. 423

Benediction (followed by singing “May the Lord”) page 596

Rev. Dick Meyer’s home phone is 891-1730

Pastor’s hours are Monday, Wednesday & Friday

Approximately 9:00 -12:00 noon

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Adult Bible Study Class Sunday mornings 9:00 A.M

There is no Sunday School during the summer months.

Cookie Sunday is the *second Sunday of the month*

THERE WILL BE NO POT LUCK IN AUGUST.

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“Invitation to a Journey” Bible Study

Pastor Meyer is having a six week “Invitation to a Journey” hour long bible study on Wednesday mornings at 10:30 AM in the choir room. No need to sign up—just come.

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LADIES AID—AUGUST 2ND

The ladies will be meeting this Tuesday, August 2nd, at 11:30 A.M. at Karrey’s Café for their monthly meeting.

Operation Kool-Aid

Items being asked for July for the troops are: Ramen Noodles, Clorox wipes, hand sanitizers and school supplies.

Food Pantry

The Bellevue Food Pantry needs canned pasta, canned meats, canned veggies like carrots, and beets, rice, puddings, jelly and jell-O and Hamburger Helper, Macaroni & Cheese.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES NEEDED

School will be starting soon. As usually, we will be collecting supplies for the needy children again this year. We have done this for the past several years thanks to your generosity. All of these supplies are given to children in the Bellevue School System.

CHURCH PICNIC—SUNDAY, AUG 14TH

We need to get an idea of how many people plan to attend the picnic Sunday, August 14th, after church. The church will provide the main entrée and drinks. There will be a “bounce house” for the children. Please sign-up on the attendance sheet downstairs and also indicate if you can bring a side dish or desert. Questions can be directed to Jim Karasek at 331-1476.

Gleanings From The Conference On The Past

Five Historical Themes of our Congregation

1. We are a people/laity driven church rather than a clergy centered church. While pastors have been appreciated the church is not clergy dependent. Leadership of lay people is important and valued.
2. We prefer traditional yet informal, friendly worship. We look forward to the time of greeting as much as the sermon. We are somewhat resistant to new styles of music and technology in worship.
3. We have a concern for the greater community. We enjoy reaching out to those around us through Operation Kool-Aid, feeding the poor, We Care, school supplies for the children, the Heifer Project and other outreach efforts.
4. We have had a historical commitment to being debt free. We would rather save up than borrow.
5. We have had a strong family atmosphere in the church. Monthly pot-lucks, ice cream socials, cookie sundays and times in the fellowship hall after worship are cherished times together.

Three Things We Would Like To Leave Behind

1. Bitterness, pettiness and gossip.
2. A focus on the past and not enough of a focus on the future.
3. Lingering controversy over the old hymn book.

Thank you to all who participated in our “celebration of the Past” event held in conjunction with the ice cream social. Your presence and input was very important and much valued.