

THIS WEEK

TODAY 3-3

8:30 a.m.—Common Ground
 9:00 a.m.—Sunday School
 Fellowship Time/Common Ground
 9:30 a.m.—Ushers & Greeters Prayer
 10:00 a.m.—Morning Worship
 3:00 p.m.—Westview Service

MONDAY 3-4

9:30 a.m.—Women's Bible Study

TUESDAY 3-5

Noon—Community Prayer
 7:00 p.m.—Worship Team Practice

WEDNESDAY 3-6

3:45-5:00 p.m.—AWANA
 6:00-7:30 p.m.—Jr. High Youth Group
 7:45-9:15—High School Youth Group

THURSDAY 3-7

6:30 p.m.—Women's Bible Study

FRIDAY 3-8

Office Closed

SATURDAY 3-9

10:00-11:30 a.m. —Come & Go Bridal Shower
 for Kelly Anderson

SUNDAY 3-10

8:30 a.m.—Common Ground
 9:00 a.m.—Sunday School
 Fellowship Time/Common Ground
 9:30 a.m.—Ushers & Greeters Prayer
 10:00 a.m. —Morning Worship

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIFEGROUP LEADER MEETING—There will be a meeting for all Life Group Leaders today after the Morning Worship TODAY in the 7th & 8th Room at the north end of the west hallway.

BRIDAL SHOWER— You are Invited to a Come & Go Bridal Shower for Kelly Anderson on Saturday, **March 9 from 10:00—11:30 a.m.** at the church. They are registered at Fleet Farm, Target and Swenson's.

WORSHIP TEAM PRACTICE— There will be no Worship Team practice on Thursdays in March, due to an overlap with the Women's Bible Study.

STAMP MINISTRY—We will no longer be collecting cancelled stamps to be processed for sending to Missions.

IT IS TIME TO REGISTER FOR SUMMER CAMP!

The best way to register is through www.hacamps.org. To receive a **\$20 early discount**, do so before **March 31st**. Also our church will pay \$168 for all camps \$335 or more and 50% for the camps under that amount. **To receive this, you must tell Kim McNeese** that your child is registered and for which camp. If you have any questions, contact Kim at: 641-860-0850 or mcneesemama@gmail.com



REMINDERS

This Week

Nursery (9:00) Dennis & Lori Ostercamp
Nursery (10:00) TBA, Eden Nielsen
Greeters: Dan & Ran Kahlstorf
AWANA Cookies: Marge Ball, Kelsey Units, Katrina Peterson,

Next Week

Nursery (9:00) June Newman
Nursery (10:00) Zach & Amber Nielsen and Jessica Larson
Greeters: Ray & Sue Neswold
AWANA Cookies: Jill Burgardt, Jenny Kardoes, Michelle DeHart

GIVING UPDATE

Weekly Budget: \$6,600

General Fund Offering— \$6,222.00

PRAYER REQUESTS

Pray for these people with health issues or other concerns

David Peterson	Josh Johnson	Nancy Anderson	Marv Johnson
Evelyn Hill	Doug Kneisel	Cindy Kumsher	Family of Bev McNeese
	Floyd Cutshall	Mathew Dallman	

- For God to give us a passion to see Christ move in our community
- Servicemen & Women—including Chaplain Charles Causey
- Missionaries including Vern & Iris Cutshall—Campus Crusade
- Sunday School—including K & 1st Grade Class—Teachers—Katrina Peterson & Kristin McNeese
- Life Group Leaders—including Paul Christians
- Youth Pastor—Pastor Jesse
- Interim Pastor Randal & Linda Kay

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"ACTIVE LISTENING"

Nehemiah 8:1-18

Notes

The Shepherd's Staff
Pastor Randal

Thin Places

When we hear the phrase, "thin place" our minds most likely go to a gym or a weight loss clinic, but today I would like us to consider that space where we feel closer to God. The ancient Celtic Christians believed that the distance between heaven and earth was about three feet, in other words, not that far apart. They also held to the idea of thin places, places where people are drawn toward God. A place, maybe a church or a unique location, in nature. These thin places opened their hearts to a deeper sense of God's holy presence and to His abiding peace.

This past week two dear saints crossed from this life into the presence of God. Both Loella Perkins and Bev McNeese loved and served the Lord faithfully and their passing leaves a huge hole in the hearts of those who knew them. In some ways, their passing has brought some to that thin place, the place where God seems that much closer and heaven that much more real.

Thin places are not mentioned in Scripture by name, but they are there. Places where bushes burned without being consumed, where one is hidden in the cleft of the rock, or dreamt of a ladder ascending toward heaven. These, and other places, in the Scriptures speak of those special encounters where the presence of God was that much clearer and dearer.

The psalmist penned, "*How lovely is Your dwelling place O LORD of hosts! My soul longs, indeed it faints for the courts of the LORD...for a day in Your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.*" (Psalm 84) My prayer for you is that you will discover those thin places where you are drawn closer to the courts of the LORD and can drink more deeply at the fountain of God. And for those of you who suffer grief, may you come to know the closeness of the Lord and His abiding peace.

March 3, 2019