**Sunday School 9:30**

**Worship 10:30**

Worship Leader: Tom Troyer

*“Come, Let Us All Unite to Sing”* **(blue #12)**

**Announcements**

**Invocation & Prayer**

*“My King Medley”*

*“Above All”*

*“You Are My King”*

*“You Are My All in All”*

**Sharing and Prayer**

**Offertory**

**Scripture Reading:** Katie Leichty

 Genesis 28:10-22

**Message:** Gene Miller

 “JACOB’S DREAM”

*“You Shall Go Out with Joy”* **(blue #427)**

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**What’s happening at Bellwood this week:**

Wednesday, February 26 – Grounded Youth – Jr. 6:15-7:15

 Sr. 7:30-9:00

Thursday, February 27 – A.A. & Alanon – 7:30

Saturday, February 29 – Men’s Prayer Breakfast – 7am

**WinShape camp sign-up is ONE WEEK AWAY!** Don’t miss the opportunity to give your kids this next-level summer camp experience right in our own backyard!

Camp days are July 27th through the 31st at Milford High School and is open to all kids who have finished kindergarten through 8th grade. **Online registration begins Monday, March 2nd at 9:00 am. Visit camps.winshape.org.**

The first 175 kids registered pay just $50—regular price $219. The cost increases after that, so don’t delay! Questions about registration? Call Natasha at (402) 641-3456. Want to volunteer? Contact Taric at (319)759-0847

**Birth**

Proverbs 8:24 “When there were no watery depths, I was given birth, when there were no springs overflowing with water;”

Before there was creation and before water began to flow, wisdom was given birth. We were taught that all earthy life is dependent upon water to sustain its life, but it appears that there is something even more primary to life than water and that is wisdom. Water was created out of wisdom. The creation and character of water flows from the nature and character of God’s wisdom. Water comes to us in three forms, solid, liquid, and gas. God is revealed in three forms, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Water is what is needed to germinate seeds for the growth of plants. Seeds will remain in deserts without water for decades without attempting to grow, but once water is added to those seeds they begin to spring up into green beautiful life forming plants. The seeds are given birth and life by water. Ideas are seeds and every person are filled with ideas that will spring up into new creations if they only receive the breath of life from God. In the same way that water is needed to germinate seeds so is God’s Spirit needed to germinate our ideas into reality. The connection between water and the Holy Spirit is pronounced throughout scripture. In Gen1:2 “the Spirit of God hovered over the waters”. Baptism is done with water for the cleaning of sin and for the rebirth in to a new life in Christ. It was God’s wisdom that interwove all of God’s creation so that when we study what God has created we are studying the nature and character of God. The intertwining of the nature of God and God’s created work is so seamless and connected that one need nothing but His creation to know Him.

**The Wisdom for today** – Wisdom is God’s thinking

**Last Week**:Worship Attendance – 84 , Budget - $4,559

**Birthday’s this week:** Shari Nelsen (Wed.), Verlyn Dunlap, Ryan

Stutzman (Thurs.)

**Worship Leader, Music & Singers:**

March 1 – Worship Leader – Nick Svehla

 Piano – Pam Erb

 Singers – Nick Glanzer, Tracy & Jack Yeackley

 Children’s Moment – Tara Stahl

 Offertory – Bonnie Burkey

March 8 – Worship Leader – Jason Stahl

 Piano – Peg Burkey

 Singers – Sid Burkey, Katie, Val or Zach Spohn

 Offertory - Men’s Quartet

 **Remember in Prayer:**

* Gordon Stutzman
* Marcy Fougeron Family, her dad’s passing
* Growing faith in the family
* God’s vision for Bellwood
* Planning for WinShape
* MCC Sale – April 3-4
* Milford Ministerium

**Must--have traits**

 How far you go in life depends on your being tender with

 the young, compassionate with the aged, sympathetic with

 the striving and tolerant of the weak and strong. Because

someday in your life you will have been all of these.

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