

## SERMON NOTES

# THE DE-ESCALATOR FRIEND OF GOD

GENESIS 13:1-18

1. The Need for De-escalation: C\_\_\_\_\_ 13:5-7

◆ F\_\_\_\_\_ Conflict 5

◆ S\_\_\_\_\_ Conflict 7

◆ T\_\_\_\_\_ Conflict 6

◆ P\_\_\_\_\_ Conflict 7

2. The Plan for De-escalation: C\_\_\_\_\_ 13:8-9

◆ Choose P\_\_\_\_\_ 8

◆ Choose S\_\_\_\_\_ 9

3. The Results of De-escalation: C\_\_\_\_\_ 13:10-

Lot:

◆ He L\_\_\_\_\_ 10

◆ He S\_\_\_\_\_ 12

◆ He C\_\_\_\_\_ 11

◆ He M\_\_\_\_\_ 12

Abram:

◆ He L\_\_\_\_\_ 14

◆ He W\_\_\_\_\_ 17

◆ He R\_\_\_\_\_ 15-16

◆ He M\_\_\_\_\_ 18

To activate the BETHANY PRAYER CHAIN call:

The Church Office at 248-681-2130  
Being a family of faith means you don't have to go it alone. Call us.



You are encouraged to take this list home and offer your personal prayers for the following individuals and families.

### From May 24

- Deut 4:9 Teach them to children and their children/share miracles and goodness of God.—Pat Leitch
- Prayers for Mike Morris, who will have a 9-10 hour surgery to remove cancerous tumors from his thyroid and neck.—Rob Kuelbs
- Prayers for my childhood classmate, Holly Hollingsworth, who is battling aggressive cancer that is spreading.—A. Nelson
- Prayers for my grandson, who will have his adrenal gland and a tumor removed on May 26. This is a very dangerous surgery, and he will be out of work for 4 weeks. Please pray for his full recovery. – Ann Giles
- Pray for protection over our President and our country, for all those suffering from cancer, for our children to be rescued, for Syria and all those being persecuted.—Maryanne Dean
- Prayers for our family, Nottz and Saavedra's family, and people in this church all over the world. Lorissa Yarber

### From May 17

- Generational purpose/Ps 78-4 tell coming generations...wonders that God has done. – Pat Leitch
- Please pray for Ryan and Baily as they deal with a relationship situation. – Pamela Griffin
- Prayer for 2 friends in the hospital with dementia. – the Meyers
- Healing for Mark Aebersold and Paul Lepla. – Louise Aebersold
- Prayers for Aunt Intesar, whose cancer is worsening and not responding to treatment. Lord, heal and comfort all with cancer.
- Pray for our country, all of the sick, and for Joey Maxwell as he's searching and questioning God.

### From May 10

- Thank you, God, for the encouraging news of the Project Innocent program for Debbie. Just as we feel forgotten, you give us hope.
- Prayers for my daughter, who is struggling, scared, and worried as her dad's cancer is not responding to treatment. —Dawn Gray
- Pray for life over Van, who was given 6 months to live.—M. Wiswall
- Thanks for the strength and love You blessed us with. Grant all health, peace, and fulfillment as we nurture the young. —Donna Riley
- Cancer healing for Jim Seery and salvation for my brothers.—M. Dean
- Our mom, Kelly, has stage 3 breast cancer.—the Killewalds
- Continued prayers for Lela Cox; she is doing so much better.
- For our son and my brother who have passed on to the Lord in heaven. May we meet again.—Tim and Tammy Henderson

### Those Serving in the Military

Brian Faulkner Ashley Mink Max Rollison Henry Wiswall  
Jared Linson Aaron Parma Austin Temperly

To add or update a current prayer request, please call the church office at (248) 681-2130

# BETHANY Church

## Become a "Friend of God"

### A Study of the Life of Abraham

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May 31, 2026  
Sunday 10 am

Welcome

Patriotic Moment      Lloyd Lacey

Praise Songs      *Hosanna (Praise Is Rising)*  
*I Give You My Heart*

Pastoral Prayer

Offering & Special Music      *Come Thou Fount Of Every Blessing*

Baby Dedication      Leo David Starick

Sermon      The De-Escalator Friend of God

Closing Song      *Change My Heart Oh God*

Final Thoughts

Announcements



**SCRIPTURE READING FOR SUNDAY, JUNE 7**  
Genesis 14:1-24

**COMING EVENTS**

- May 31 Coffee and Fellowship 9:30 am  
Worship Service—Baby Dedication Sunday 10 am  
Medical Emergency & Security Team meeting after worship
- June 3 Praise Team rehearsal; Tech 6 pm, Praise Team 6:30 pm
- June 6 Tigers Home Plate
- June 7 Coffee and Fellowship 9:30 am  
Worship Service 10 am



Saturday  
June 6, 2026  
10:00 AM Program  
1:10 PM Game

**Safety & Security  
De-escalation  
Training Seminar**

Saturday, June 13  
8:00 AM

**WHOLE CHURCH EVENT**

FLAG DAY

Potluck Lunch

June 14th

Following the Worship Service

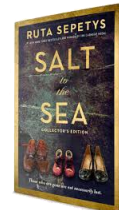
AREA 51

"not of the world" John 17:16

Wednesday, June 17, 2026

**Bethany Book Club—June**

*Salt to the Sea*, by Ruta Sepetys, is a historical fiction set during World War II, following four young characters as they navigate the harrowing journey to escape the advancing Russian army and board the ill-fated ship, the Wilhelm Gustloff.



Join us on June 19 at 10 am for a light breakfast and discussion.

Featured Food Cubby Items for May

Applesauce  
and  
Instant Mashed Potatoes

Help support Open Door

**One Great HOUR OF SHARING**

**This is the last Sunday for our May Mission Focus on One Great Hour of Sharing**

One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) has been an American Baptist Churches USA offering of love to the world for more than 77 years. Each year, we are invited to give for the sake of our sisters and brothers around the globe.

Through our collective giving, OGHS makes a tangible difference in countless ways—OGHS is there when both immediate and long-term help is needed.

We may never personally see the impact of our gifts—but that is the nature of a love offering: giving from the heart, trusting that God uses our generosity to bring hope, light, and love to others.

Building Capital Improvement Fund of Bethany Church

He who gathers money little by little makes it grow. (Proverbs 13:11 NIV)

**Special fifth Sunday Offering!**

They come around just once a quarter. On fifth Sundays, we will take up a special offering for the I.O.C. Building Capital Improvement Fund. It is putting a little away for future expenses that will occur on a 37-year-old building. In the not-so-distant future, our roof and parking lot will need to be replaced. We can begin preparing for the future now. Like Proverbs 13:11 says, "he who gathers money little by little makes it grow" (NIV). Use the envelope in today's bulletin, or scan the QR code to help us care for our church building.

There is an optional transaction fee, be sure to select zero.

**June Mission Focus:  
Open Door Outreach Center**

Saturday, June 27<sup>th</sup>, 10 – noon

Hey Bethany—Are you ready for the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual "Walk The Talk" Community Parking Lot Event?! Create your team and start raising funds now!

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the

talk

Bethany Church Parking Lot

Saturday June 27 10:00 am

We are looking for:

- ◆ Walkers/Runners
- ◆ Pledgers
- ◆ Arm chair supporters

This community event for all ages takes place in the Bethany parking lot. We walk [4 laps = 1K] to raise funds for The Open Door Outreach Center, which serves people with needs in our local area.

SCAN TO DONATE NOW

There is an optional transaction fee, be sure to select zero. 100% of what is donated goes to Open Door.

**COME AND WALK!** Get pledges from family and friends. Perhaps \$1/lap or any amount they are willing to donate. A sign-up sheet and pledge envelopes are available in the Church Lobby. **NEW THIS YEAR:** Use this QR code to create or join a team, set a personal fundraising goal, and get a link to share with family and friends to donate online. See Christi Dean for help if needed.