

BETHEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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February 2020 Newsletter - Pastor's Desk Article

I need to stop and take a deep breath! Has it really been 5 months since we started at Bethel?

Thank God we can't see into the future. If we had known beforehand that during those 5 months, in addition to the stress of moving and settling along with the orientation to a new parish, we would face a MAJOR surgery and recovery along with the loss of a mother and sister to death, we might have asked God for a pass!

Ministry teaches you the truth of Jesus words in Matthew 6:34:

"So do not worry about tomorrow;

for tomorrow will take care of itself.

Each day has enough trouble of its own."

The eclectic needs of the community of faith guarantee that each day will be full of surprises! There is no such thing as a "normal" day, and it is nearly impossible to establish a "routine"! But the reality is that this is what I love most about being a pastor! I love the challenge of reacting to the unexpected!

At one point in my life I worked for UPS during the Christmas season. I spent September through December of 1988 punching a clock and processing packages. At first, I unloaded and washed trucks, but as the demand for deliveries grew, I began driving a regular route. Each day was predictable and the same. Its only saving grace was the fact that the workload was so immense that you were rushing to catch up with yourself from the moment you first turned the ignition key in the truck.

I'm glad for that time. However, it has made me appreciate the unpredictability of life in the Ministry.

As we grow together and formulate a shared vision, we need to remember that the Lord is directing our steps. We can't get ahead of ourselves. We need to do what we CAN do and do it WELL. Only then can we gain the stability to cast a vision for the future. Yet, even that vision is subject to the leading of the Lord!

Now, don't get me wrong! I have some specific and concrete ideas for our ministry together. But I am resolved that the implementation of those ideas must be embraced by the entire congregation or they are doomed to failure.

So, I'm giving fair warning that this Spring I will be scheduling some opportunities for us to come together to hear and discuss these ideas. Together we will seek the Lord for a vision for the future of our Bethel Lutheran Church.

Ash Wednesday is February 26! We will worship with Communion and Ashes at 7:30 pm and continue for the next 5 Wednesdays at the same time. Don't skip Lenten Services...Jesus didn't skip out on the Cross!!

Pastor Kent

January 12, 2020 Church Council Minutes

(to be reviewed at the February Council meeting)

Present: Allen Redman, Darla Drewelow, Carol Chapman, JoAnne Schwarz, Jeff Jacobson, Sherry Brouwer, Dale Krohn, Michelle Rients

Call to order by President Allen Redman "In the Name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen."

Devotions: Michelle provided devotions.

Approval of the Agenda: Motion made, second & approved.

Approval of the December Minutes: Motion made, second & approved.

Approval of the Treasurer Report: Motion made, second & approved.

Pastors Report: Pastor Wallace provided an update on feedback he'd received for the Christmas Eve service; his recent congregational visits; confirmation student/class updates as well as personal events.

Ministry Team Reports:

1. Children & Youth: No meeting.
2. Outreach & Fellowship: No meeting
3. Property Committee: The kitchen back door is installed; however, additional work is required. The parsonage front door is installed & looks good; however, there are some tiny cracks in the glass that will require further discussion.
4. Worship & Music Ministry Team: Pastor continues to select the music/hymns.
5. Social Concerns: No meeting; however, the Adopt-a-Family initiative was very successful. The families we supported were very appreciative & overwhelmed with our support.
6. Mission/Benevolence Ministry Team: Jeff reports they won't be meeting until after first quarter, 2020.

Correspondence/Bill Approval: None

Old Business:

1. Office Volunteer: No one has stepped forward. Will continue to publish the need in the bulletins & have as an agenda item at the Annual Meeting.
2. CD Player: Dale will be working with Sharleen Hubbard to make this purchase replacement.
3. Nominating Committee: We have 3 open positions and currently we have 2 committed individuals willing to run along with some verbal "maybe."

New Business:

1. Financial Audit: Jeff will contact Kay Frey to get the Annual Audit in motion.
2. Annual Meeting agenda draft was presented, discussed & changed appropriately.
3. Church Cancellations: The Pastor & current Congregational President will discuss & decide when cancellations are warranted. If cancellation is decided, the notification will be communicated via congregational text message & on KWWL TV. In addition, with the safety of our Congregation utmost, when inclement weather is impending, but services will **NOT** be cancelled, a text message will be sent out advising services **will still be held** but to use your best interest in deciding to venture out.
4. Volunteers to deliver Service CD: Discussed the recipient need & volunteers needed to provide the delivery.
5. Treasurer Computer: The current computer was purchased in 2011 & is no longer working. We have an opportunity to purchase another one that is compatible with our Quick Books software, complete with set up & a one-year warranty for approximately \$400. Motion made to make the purchase, second & approved.
6. Motion to adjourn, second & approved.

Closing Prayers/The Lord's Prayer

Submitted by Carol Chapman, Recording Secretary

Hey Bethel Lutheran Kids! (Big and little.)

Sunday February 9 at 10:15 a.m. SHARP we will be having our first ever 2020 Sunday School!!!
Yaaaaay!!...

We will have "openings" that will include videos, interactive object lessons, puppets, singing, and well, you just never know!... We might even play Kazoos!!

Then we'll head right into our lesson, and every Sunday we'll end with a craft that will help us remember all that we learned!... Did I mention SNACKS???

For sure we'll have FUN learning about God, His Son Jesus, His Words, and His People!!... (and that includes you!)

AND, (drum roll please) our theme will be,... "SUPERHEROES OF THE BIBLE"!!!! YES!!!! Would you believe there were actual, superheroes who really lived, and whose stories are written in the Bible?? Holy Goldfish Crackers Batman!!!

So come!... Be a part of our Sunday School, where YOU can learn to be a Superhero for JESUS!!
KAPOW... BAM... BOOM... ZAM... SPLAT!!!

Rebecca Wallace (715-296-0796)
Sunday School Coordinator

February Birthdays

1 – Terry Drewelow
1 – Lee Van Hauen
1 – Arlo Williams
3 – Janelle Gorter
8 – Carol Warneka
9 – Deb Walters
10 – Jeremy Buss
12 – Klint Knock
13 – Blake Carolus
14 – Dennis Muller
16 – Erica Marlette
16 – Nora Stahlhut
16 – Chris Sweeney
19 – Eliza Buss
20 – Brittany Buss
21 – Karol Ellermann
23 – Joel Buss
23 – April Kressley
23 – Doralene Renken
27 – Peggy Miller
28 – Mitchell Olson
29 – Brooke Paulson

Ladies Bible Study

Come join us Tuesday mornings for Bible study. We're ready to start a 10-week study about the 12 disciples. Come discover how the power of Jesus turned ordinary men into leaders and how Jesus's power can change you.

Organized Prayer for Bethel Families

Week of February 2 – Steve & Sherry Brouwer; Jeremy & Jenn Buss, Bennie & Savannah; Taylor & Brittany Buss, Eliza & Henry, Joel & Diane Buss; Mark & Marilyn Buss

Week of February 9 – Leah Ingalls & Morgan; Vern & Marilyn Ingalls; Jeff & Pam Jacobson; Jeff & Diane Johnson; Sharon Knudson; Dale & Candy Krohn

Week of February 16 – Ryan & April Schrage, Rylie & Reygan; Joan Schuck; Natalie & Shannon Spree, Ethan Allen; Jim & JoAnne Schwarz

Week of February 23 – Eric & Rebecca Simmons, Riley; Matt & Nora Stahlhut, Zachary & Mystica Harreld; Virgil Lindaman

February Anniversaries

14 – Jeremy & Jennifer Buss (25)
14 – Kent & Rebecca Wallace (21)

Worship Assistant Schedule for February--Worship Service 9:00 am

	February 2	February 9	February 16	February 23	February 26, 7:30 pm, Ash Wednesday
USHERS	Dale Krohn				
ORGANISTS/PIANISTS	Janet Mennen/Sharleen Hubbard				
ALTAR GUILD	Sharleen Hubbard/Janet Mennen				
GREETERS	Randy & Connie Luhring & Cameron	Jeff & Diane Johnson	Larry & Carol Chapman	Ruth Zacharias	
LECTORS	Darla Drewelow	Diane Buss	Jim Schwarz	Pam Jacobson	
LITURGISTS	Michelle Rients		JoAnne Schwarz	Bonnie Gerloff	
ACOLYTES	Eliza Buss	Corryn Mann	Evan Palmer	Ava Mann	Gavin Bernard
COMMUNION ASSISTANTS	Dale Krohn Marilyn Ingalls		Dale Krohn Marilyn Ingalls		Dale Krohn Marilyn Ingalls

January Summary of Attendance and Financial Contributions

	Attendance	Bene./Mission	Current	Parsonage Improvements
Sunday, January 5	68	\$205.40	\$2,290.60	\$0.00
Sunday, January 12	66	\$124.20	\$1,610.80	\$250.00
Sunday, January 19	27	\$45.20	\$1,171.80	\$0.00
Sunday, January 26	54	\$112.98	\$1,468.87	\$0.00
January 1-January 27, 2020		\$487.78	\$6,542.07	\$250.00

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February 2020 Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 9:00 am Worship/Holy Communion/ World Hunger Sunday 10:00 am Coffee 10:15 am Adult Bible Class	3	4 9:30 am Ladies Bible Study	5 6:00-7:00 pm Confirmation 7:30 pm Adult Bible Class	6 9:00 am Quilting	7	8
9 9:00 am Worship 10:00 am Coffee 10:15 am Sunday School & Adult Bible Class 11:15 am Church Council	10	11 9:30 am Ladies Bible Study	12 6:00-7:00 pm Confirmation 7:30 pm Adult Bible Class	13 9:00 am Quilting	14	15
16 9:00 am Worship/Holy Communion/ Noisy Nickels 10:00 am Coffee 10:15 am Sunday School & Adult Bible Class	17	18 9:30 am Ladies Bible Study	19 6:00-7:00 pm Confirmation 7:30 pm Adult Bible Class	20 9:00 am Quilting	21	22
23 9:00 am Worship 10:00 am Coffee 10:15 am Sunday School & Adult Bible Class	24	25 9:30 am Ladies Bible Study	26 6:00-7:00 pm Confirmation 7:30 pm Ash Wednesday Worship/Holy Communion	27 9:00 am Quilting	28	29