

BETHEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

June 2021 BEACON

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From Pastor Kent's Desk

May 16th was a wonderful Sunday where we honored our Youth from Bible Presentation thru Confirmation and Graduation. We had many visitors and a chance to share the Gospel of Grace with everyone present. Sunday, May 23rd, was the last meeting of Sunday School for the 2020-21 school year. With the successful conclusion of this year's program, we humbly thank God that despite the challenges of a virus crisis we were able to be there every Sunday.

We do not take this accomplishment lightly! After many years of working with children we have come to understand that consistency is the most important aspect of reaching children and young families. Folks need to know we are going to be there for them no matter what!

Likewise, we were able to complete an entire year of every Sunday worship services, while many churches had opted to close and resort to video and online worship exclusively! I am also thankful that during the 6 weeks of lockdown last Spring we were able to establish an online Livestream presence on both Facebook and YouTube. Recently, we added the platform **Rumble** to our video postings. There were some weeks when our services had upwards of 300-400 views! Thus, our little Parkersburg church has been able to extend its ministry reach throughout the nation and world in a time of fear and confusion.

I hope I never have to experience another year like this last one. The necessity of isolation has shown me the value of live worship and face to face fellowship. When Jesus says, "For where 2 or 3 have gathered together in my name, I am there in their midst..." (Matthew 18:19-20) He reveals to us the power of the physical gathering of the Faithful.

Likewise, Romans 8:37-39 encourages me!

"But in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us! For I am convinced that neither life, nor death, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord."

The Church of Jesus Christ has withstood the challenges of persecution, pestilence, and the sword for nearly 2,000 years and will continue to do so until Jesus comes again...See you in Church!

Pastor Kent

Help Wanted

Bethel Lutheran Church is looking to hire an Office Secretary 10-15 hours per week with days and hours negotiable. A job description is available upon request. Contact Kyle Rice (319-939-1733) or Dale Krohn (319-529-0545) for more information.

RAGBRAI

Church Council is looking for people to be part of a **RAGBRAI** Committee; contact Kyle Rice @ 319-939-1733.

May 9, 2021 Church Council Minutes

(to be reviewed at the June Council meeting)

Present: Greg Carolus, Sherry Brouwer, Dale Krohn, Jeff Jacobson, Lee Rients, and Pastor Wallace

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

Devotions: Pastor Wallace offered a prayer.

Approval of the Agenda: Motion to approve the agenda with no additions, seconded & approved.

Approval of the April Minutes: Motion to approve the April minutes, seconded & approved.

Approval of the Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer's Report was presented by Julie. Bethel received the 2nd PPP check for \$17,590.00. The 1st PPP loan was forgiven. Jeff reports that he has been in contact a 2nd time with a collection agency in reference to a bill from Personnel Concepts out of Ontario, Canada. The bill was disputed for a 2nd time. Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report, seconded & approved.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Wallace provided a written report on his activities for the month of April.

Ministry Team Reports: Liaison Council Member

1. Children & Youth: No meeting - Jeremy Paulson – The Pastor reported that Sunday School's last day is May 23, 2021. Bible School is going to be held at the Methodist Church sometime in August.
2. Outreach & Fellowship: – Dale Krohn, Kyle Rice – Dale reported that the barbeque at Krohns is planned for June 19th and will be tabbed as Fellowship and not a fundraiser. RAGBRAI's official path will not be going by the church on July 28th, but the Council made a motion to have a fundraiser for the event, seconded & approved. It was reported that pre worship greeters and coffee after church will begin again.
3. Property Committee: No meeting – Greg Carolus, Jeff Johnson – Greg advised that an outside spring cleanup was held April 24th. He has been in contact with Harken's Lumber who has yet to replace or fix the east parsonage door. Greg will be getting prices for gutter guards on the church gutters and a deck on the east side of the parsonage.
4. Worship & Music Ministry Team: Lee Rients – Lee reported that he and Jeff met with Kelly Eilderts who made suggestions on video and audio updates for the sanctuary.
5. Social Concerns: No meeting – Lane Luhring, Sherry Brouwer
6. Mission/Benevolence Ministry Team: No meeting - Allen Redman, Jeff Jacobson

Correspondence/Bill Approval: None

Old Business:

1. Secretary Position – As of today there have been no applications for the church secretary. The position will be advertised in the next Beacon.
2. Internet improvements and/or livestream services – See Worship and Ministry minutes.
3. Summer Fundraiser/RAGBRAI – See Outreach and Fellowship minutes.
4. Ministry Team – regular committee meetings - Committees will have regular monthly meetings before the Council meeting.
5. May 16th – Confirmation, Senior Recognition, and Bible Presentations – Gavin Bernard and Evan Palmer will receive the Rite of Confirmation. Sherry reports that JoAnne Schwarz is making cake, Leah Knock is getting the carnations, Adrian is contacting a photographer, and robes have been ordered. Bibles will be given to Lorna, Bella, and Stella. There will be a Senior Recognition for Cameron Luhring.
6. Review Insurance – Carried over to next month.

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May 9, 2021 Church Council Minutes (cont.)

New Business:

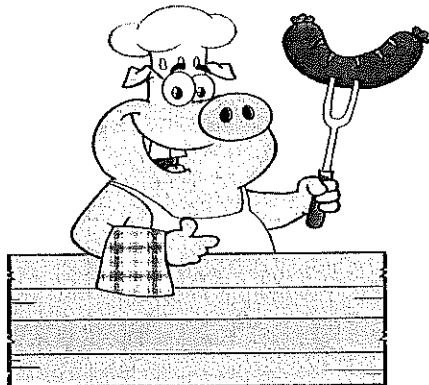
1. Historical Marriage Licenses stored at the church – Question on what to do with the old marriage license records that are stored at the church. It was decided to continue storing the documents.
2. May 30th Service – Keith Lomen will officiate the May 30th church service and Selena Harken will play the piano.

Motion to adjourn, second & approved.

Closing Prayers/The Lord's Prayer

Submitted by Jeff Jacobson, Recording Secretary

Join us for our 2nd Annual It's about time we all got together BBQ BASH!!!



Serving from 6-8pm, or till we run out!

Come for the food, stay for the fellowship!

Games for the kids and karaoke for the adults!

Saturday, June 19th

The Krohn Ranch

21272 Hwy 57, Parkersburg

(½ mile west of Parkersburg on Hwy 57)

***Please bring your lawnchair and a side dish if you like!! BYOB

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

	June 6	June 13	June 20	June 27
USHERS	Steve Brouwer	Lane Luhring	Lane Luhring	Jeremy Paulson
ORGANISTS/PIANISTS		Janet Mennen/Sharleen Hubbard/Jill Pliner		
ALTAR GUILD		Marilyn Ingalls		
ACOLYTES		No Acolytes scheduled for the summer		
COMMUNION ASSISTANTS	Greg Carolus Lee Rients		Greg Carolus Lee Rients	

May Summary of Attendance and Financial Contributions

	Attendance	Bene./Mission	Current	Parsonage Improvements	Operation Cornerstone - Tuckpointing
Sunday, May 2	43	\$92.50	\$1,362.50	\$0.00	\$0.00
Sunday, May 9	40	\$164.00	\$1,996.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Sunday, May 16	67	\$203.10	\$3,959.90	\$0.00	\$0.00
Sunday, May 23	42	\$96.50	\$1,353.50	\$0.00	\$0.00
January 1-May 23, 2021		\$2,936.17	\$39,964.55	\$0.00	\$0.00

June Anniversaries

- 8 – Kory & Deb Walters (37)
- 11 – Kyle & Mary Rice (27)
- 16 – Mark & Marilyn Buss (15)
- 17 – Larry & Carol Chapman (54)
- 22 – Terry & Janet Mennen (47)
- 23 – Lane & Eisha Luhring (3)
- 24 – Jay & Angi Herter (26)

June Birthdays

- 3 – Dale Krohn
- 5 – Henry Gerloff
- 6 – Dave Hubbard
- 7 – Lance Marlette
- 10 – Jackie Hager
- 11 – Merna Schrage
- 15 – Dennis Ellermann
- 18 – Bob Patterson, Pastor Kent Wallace
- 22 – Natalie Sprée
- 23 – Bruce Simon, Nora (Mann) Balvanz
- 29 – Lindey Hedrick, Nancy Hemann

June 2021 Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 7:00 pm Outreach & Fellowship Team mtg (social distancing in the Fellowship Hall)	2	3	4	5
6 9:00 am Worship/Holy Communion/ World Hunger 10:15 am Adult Bible Class	7	8	9 7:30 pm Adult Bible Class	10	11	12
13 9:00 am Worship 10:45 am Church Council	14	15	16 7:30 pm Adult Bible Class	17	18	19 BBQ BASH @ Krohns (see details on page 3)
20 9:00 am Worship/Holy Communion/ Noisy Nickels 10:15 am Adult Bible Class	21	22	23 7:30 pm Adult Bible Class	24	25	26
27 9:00 am Worship 10:15 am Adult Bible Class	28	29	30 7:30 pm Adult Bible Class			

Organized Prayer for Bethel Families

Week of June 6 – Aaron & Angie Ellermann, Jay & Angi Herter & family, Dennis & Julie Dudley
Week of June 13 – Kenny & Ranae Knock, Kelsie Knock, Bill & Irene Senne, Randy & Janelle Gorter
Week of June 20 – Jeff & Stacie Palmer & family, Faye Tuitjer, Dan & Nancy Hemann
Week of June 27 – Allen & Rachael Redman, Vern & Marilyn Ingalls

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