

BETHEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

September 2020 BEACON

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From Pastor Kent's Desk

...And just like that it's September!

Back to School...football games...cooler weather... and a return to the Fall program at Church.

I, for one, am looking forward to a little more "normal"! I think we all need the rhythm of life to reassert itself. We have discovered how much we need each other and the day-to-day ebb and flow of life as the seasons change.

So, I am going to try and do everything in my power to reestablish the "normal" rhythm of the life of our church. September brings us back together from Summer travels. Sunday School, Confirmation, Youth activities, Bible Studies, and the preparations for the coming holidays will refocus us on Jesus and his message for our lives.

Here is the cluster of events and the schedule that will gradually return in the weeks ahead.

Worship Services:

Will continue to be held at 9:00 AM each Sunday morning, with Communion being celebrated on the First and Third Sundays of the month.

Sunday School:

Our rally event will be the Bethel Big Top Circus on Saturday, September 12 from 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM

Sunday mornings at 10:15 AM - Sunday School begins on Sunday, September 13

Confirmation:

Parent/student orientation at 6:00 PM Wednesday, September 16

Regular classes every Wednesday thereafter from 6:00 – 7:00 PM

Adult Bible Study:

Wednesdays at 7:30 PM and Sundays at 10:15 AM

High Schoolers:

I would also like to plan a monthly Youth Group social outing if we have enough interest!!

Welcome to September! Let's get Normal!!!

Pastor Kent

August 9, 2020 Church Council Minutes

(to be reviewed at the September Council meeting)

Present: Allen Redman, JoAnne Schwarz, Jeff Jacobson, Greg Carolus, Marilyn Ingalls, Kyle Rice, Sherry Brouwer, and Pastor Wallace

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

Devotions: None

Approval of the Agenda: Additions to the Agenda included confirmation, acolytes, parking lot, and meeting time. Motion was made with changes, seconded & approved.

Approval of the July Minutes: Motion was made, seconded & approved.

Approval of the Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Dudley provided explanation of payments to Wells Fargo, Century Link, and Visa. Motion made to accept, seconded & approved.

Pastor's Report: The Pastor advised that he is trying to contact 3-4 shut-ins a week.

Pastor Wallace informed the council that Jill Pliner (current pianist) is attempting to get her Masters in Church Ministry from Grand Canyon University. The Pastor explained that one of the requirements is to complete a 45-hour practicum. Pastor Wallace said that he is willing to mentor Jill through this process, as she would intern for 3-4 months. Jill would sit in on confirmation, preach, and attend council meetings, as well as any other duties. This a non-paid position. A motion was made, seconded and approved.

The Pastor was told about a length of service complaint. Pastor Wallace advised that he will try and shorten it up.

Ministry Team Reports:

1. Children & Youth: No meeting.
2. Outreach & Fellowship: No meeting
3. Property Committee: No meeting. Harken Lumber has the church and parsonage on the list to complete the doors' project.
4. Worship & Music Ministry Team: No meeting
5. Social Concerns: No meeting.
6. Mission/Benevolence Ministry Team: No meeting

Correspondence/Bill Approval: None

Old Business:

1. A discussion was had on wearing masks during the church service. There was a lack of a motion to make masks mandatory.
2. Operation Cornerstone has raised over \$23,500.
3. VBS update – Vacation bible school is scheduled for September 12th (1 day only) from 1PM to 5PM. The theme is "Big Top Bethel."

New Business:

1. A motion was made, seconded and approved to have drive-thru communion next week after the church service.
2. A discussion was held on requirements for acolyting and confirmation.
3. A discussion on re-blacktopping the parking lot. Greg Carolus agreed to get an estimate.
4. A discussion on changing the time and day of the council meetings. It was decided to leave the council meetings' day and time as is.

Motion to adjourn, second & approved. Closing Prayers/The Lord's Prayer

Submitted by Jeff Jacobson, Recording Secretary

BIG TOP BETHEL

Ladies & Gentlemen,
Boys & Girls of ALL AGES...
Please join us for a FREE
Circus/Carnival/VBS!

SEPTEMBER 12, 2020 * 1:00 PM TO 5:00 PM

**BETHEL LUTHERAN CHURCH
PARKERSBURG, IOWA**

Featuring Astounding Acts under the Big Top!

**DANIEL, THE LION TAMER * THE BIG PINK ELEPHANT
SAMSON, THE STRONG MAN * SARAH, THE LAUGHING LADY
PETER, THE ESCAPE ARTIST * JESUS, THE GREATEST SHOWMAN**

Carnival Games • Face Painting • Balloon Twister • Circus Food • Prizes AND MORE!

**DON'T MISS OUT ON A CHANCE TO DUNK PARKERSBURG MAYOR,
PERRY BERNARD, AT THE DUNK TANK!**

Bring your lawn chairs & get ready to have a FUN time!!

For Questions Please Call: Rebecca Wallace (715)296-0796

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

	September 6, 2020	September 13, 2020	September 20, 2020	September 27, 2020
USHERS	Dale Krohn	Jim Schwarz	Jim Schwarz	Jim Lupkes
ORGANISTS/PIANISTS		Janet Mennen/Sharleen Hubbard/Jill Pliner		
ALTAR GUILD		Darla Drewelow/Candy Krohn		
ACOLYTES	Eliza Buss	Corryn Mann	Gavin Bernard	Evan Palmer
COMMUNION ASSISTANTS	Greg Carolus JoAnne Schwarz		Greg Carolus JoAnne Schwarz	

August Summary of Attendance and Financial Contributions

	Attendance	Bene./Mission	Current	Parsonage Improvements	Operation Cornerstone - Tuckpointing
Sunday, August 2	29	\$99.83	\$1,538.47	\$0.00	\$0.00
Sunday, August 9	35	\$164.13	\$1,927.17	\$0.00	\$500.00
Sunday, August 16	22	\$102.83	\$2,180.47	\$0.00	\$0.00
Sunday, August 23	41	\$145.03	\$1,575.27	\$0.00	\$0.00
January 1-August 24, 2020		\$4,389.42	\$60,600.88	\$250.00	\$24,008.00

Organized Prayer for Bethel Families

Week of September 6 – Taylor & Brittany Buss & family, Rex & Hope Tomkins & family, Mary Fink, Bob & Connie Rule, Pastor Kent & Rebecca Wallace

Week of September 13 – Ethan Allen, Lance & Kim Marlette & family, Kyle & Mary Rice & family, Bob & Brenda Everts, Ken & Karla Beckman

Week of September 20 – Mark & Marilyn Buss, Wayne & Norma Dudley, Joel & Diane Buss, Lee & Pat Van Hauen, Mike & Penney Neisen

Week of September 27 – Tom & Sara Mann & family, Dan & Kay Frey & family, Jeremy & Brooke Paulson & family, James & Sara Deike & family

September Anniversaries

9 – Perry & Adrian Bernard (20)
 13 – Rex & Hope Tomkins (24)
 18 – Henry & Janice Gerloff (56)
 20 – Tom & Sara Mann (23)
 25 – Lee & Pat Van Hauen (50)
 26 – Jeff & Pam Jacobson (44)
 26 – Jeff & Stacy Palmer (22)
 27 – Aaron & Angie Ellermann (23)
 29 – Matt & April Kressley (13)
 29 – Dale & Candy Krohn (41)

September Birthdays

1 – Jay Herter
 4 – Jaxon Kressley
 5 – Greg Carolus
 6 – Cameron Luhring
 9 – Nate Hemann, Jeff Palmer
 11 – Blake Tomkins
 13 – Corryn Mann
 14 – Sharon Knudson
 18 – Darla Drewelow
 19 – Lista Patterson
 23 – Joan Schuck
 25 – Randy Gorter
 26 – Leona Wallbaum
 27 – Ami Cordes

September 2020 Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
6 9:00 am Worship/Holy Communion/ World Hunger Sunday	7	8	9	10	11	12 1:00-5:00 pm BIG TOP BETHEL
13 9:00 am Worship 10:15 am Sunday School 10:45 am Church Council	14	15	16 6:00 pm Parent/Student Confirmation Orientation 7:30 pm Adult Bible Class	17	18	19
20 9:00 am Worship/Holy Communion/ Noisy Nickels 10:15 am Sunday School & Adult Bible Class	21	22	23 6:00-7:00 pm Confirmation 7:30 pm Adult Bible Class	24	25	26
27 9:00 am Worship 10:15 am Sunday School & Adult Bible Class	28	29	30 6:00-7:00 pm Confirmation 7:30 pm Adult Bible Class			

Usher Schedule for Remainder of 2020

The Church Council has set up the following usher schedule for the remainder of 2020. If you need a replacement, please call Dennis Gerloff at 319-415-6818 or Greg Carolus at 319-859-5151.

Jim Lupkes	October 4
Terry Mennen	October 11 & October 18
Lee Rients	October 25 & November 1
Larry Chapman	November 8 & November 15
Perry Bernard	November 22 & November 29
Terry Drewelow	December 6 & December 13
Jeff Johnson	December 20 & December 27

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