

BETHEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

November 2018 BEACON

Dear Friends,

Have you ever had a mentor? Someone who taught you about life or about your profession that you know you would not be where you are today without them? That is who Eugene Peterson was to me. Eugene died last week. I was so privileged to know him and spend time with him one on one for eight years. We would meet about every 6 weeks at his home on Flathead Lake in Montana. I remember those afternoons so well, as I waited with heightened expectation, sometimes at the bible camp next door, for the hour of my time with him to arrive. We talked about calling and pastoral identity. I shared my struggles, my hopes and longings, he shared his experiences, challenges and joys of ministry. Eugene shaped my pastoral heart, to not be violent with people, to trust the movement of the Holy Spirit to appreciate the simple joys of ministry, human being to human being.

Eugene is one of two people to translate the entire Bible in English. His translation, *The Message*, is in contemporary English using metaphors that relate to people who live today. Eugene Peterson's contributions to the witness of Christians will continue into the future. His words will live on. If you would like to read some of his books, I have great suggestions.

The ways Eugene affected me are multifaceted. Through our conversations, through his books, his translation of the Bible, and just knowing the heart of the man and the pastor behind all these. I will forever cherish the memory of those afternoons with Gene. I am in a large way who I am today because of Eugene Peterson. He said once, "To get the Jesus life, you need to do the Jesus truth in the Jesus way." That has become for me a foundational mantra for my ministry. How we do things matters.

Eugene wrote a book on the prophet Jeremiah called *Run with the Horses: The Quest for Life at Its Best*. The first chapter ended in this way, "His life became his answer, 'I'll run with the horses.'" What an incredible pursuit! A purpose for life. A calling that I strive for.

As we all approach Thanksgiving, take time to thank God for your mentors. People that God placed in your life who have made you who you are. If they are still alive, thank them. If they are no longer living, thank God for them. Also ask yourself, who could I mentor? A challenge was given at the LCMC gathering this year to make sure that everyone of us has in mind who is coming after us in life—to be more intentional about mentoring others. It is a simple 4 step process, I do, you watch, We do together, You do, I help, You do.

Jesus calls us to make disciples. We are blessed to be a blessing. Keep your hearts in step with gratitude and thankfulness this month. See you in worship.

Pastor Jeff Teeples

Daylight Saving Time

Daylight saving time ends at 2:00 am on Sunday, November 4th. Remember to set your clocks and watches back one hour on Saturday, November 3rd before you go to bed.

Ministry Teams

Plan to gather in the sanctuary on **Wed., November 7th at 7:30 pm** for a short opening before splitting into individual teams with a Council Liaison.

October 10, 2018 Church Council Minutes

(to be reviewed at the November Council meeting)

Present: Stacy Palmer, Darla Drewelow, Allen Redman, JoAnne Schwarz, Michelle Krohn, Carol Chapman, Dan Frey, Bruce Simon

Approval of the Agenda: Motion made by Bruce Simon, 2nd by Carol Chapman

Approval of the Minutes: Motion made by Stacy Palmer, 2nd by Darla Drewelow

Approval of the Treasurer's Report: No Report

Pastor led the group with an activity from the LCMC Conference to start the meeting

Ministry Team Reports:

- **Children & Youth Ministry Team** – no report
- **Outreach & Fellowship Ministry Team** – ideas for discussion for a Ladies Craft Night or Movie Night
- **Property Ministry Team** –
 - Lighting needs to be added near steps leading to the street. Motion made by Michelle Krohn, 2nd by Darla Drewelow to have Carol purchase some low-cost lighting that she has used at her residence
 - No blockage was found in tile surrounding the church, however it will need to be redone within the next 12 months as it is improperly draining towards the church
 - Gerloff's are on vacation; if we need to mow at the church, Rod Mulder will be contacted to do so
 - Waiting on a quote for the replacement door in the basement kitchen leading outside, as it is a special size and will need to be special ordered, as well as masonry work needed for water damage
- **Worship & Music Ministry Team** –
 - All hymns selected through November
 - WOV will be used possibly every 2nd Sunday
- **Social Concerns Ministry Team** –
 - Looking to have 2-3 families for adoption for Thanksgiving and Christmas
 - Socktober drive for socks for those in need
- **Missions/Benevolence Ministry Team** – no meeting

Old Business:

1. Pastor's Computer – virus updates need to be done; Jenny Hansmann may know how to access the passwords needed for current update, otherwise we will proceed with free virus scans
2. Update on Printer – Julie says it is now working, no further steps to be taken at this time

New Business:

1. Thanksgiving Services/Times – After much discussion among the council, motion was made not to have middle of the week services by JoAnne Schwarz, 2nd by Carol Chapman
2. Reminder of Time Change 11/4/2018
3. Christmas Services/Times – Motion was made to have Christmas Eve service at 7:00 p.m. by Allen Redman, 2nd by Michelle Krohn. Motion not to have Christmas Day service by Carol Chapman, 2nd by JoAnne Schwarz
4. Large Print Bible Needed – Due to the existing large print bible falling apart after many years of use, decision was made that at least 2 new bibles would be purchased

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5. Pastor's Contract Extension – Motion made to extend Pastor's contract through January 15, 2019 by Carol Chapman, 2nd by Darla Drewelow
6. Expenses – Motion to payout submitted expenses (\$323.53 Carol Chapman for Christmas Eve service, \$50 postage, \$202.68 Pastor Teeples for reimbursement of travel expense, \$25.95 Pam Jacobson, \$234 Buss Catering) made by Bruce Simon, 2nd by Michelle Krohn

Closing Prayer/The Lord's Prayer: Motion to adjourn the meeting by Stacy Palmer, 2nd by Michelle Krohn

November Communion Assistants: Carol Chapman, Allen Redman

December Communion Assistants: Bruce Simon, Marilyn Ingalls

Submitted by Stacy Palmer

Social Concerns Update

The Social Concerns Ministry Team is going to adopt **two families for Thanksgiving** this year and **two families for Christmas**. Please watch the bulletin or bulletin board for details.

We received 236 pairs of socks! **Thank you so much** for everybody who helped make Socktober a success!

Family Devotions for November

"Practicing Gratitude"

Bible Verse: "Give thanks to Him and praise His name." Psalm 100:4b

Teaching kids to be thankful is an important part of parenting. A young mother shared on her blog that when her children were caught complaining, they had to come up with three things they were thankful for. It helped begin a "practice of gratitude." Of course, it didn't stop there. She wanted them to understand how truly blessed they were, so they could turn their complaints into thanksgiving on their own. So, they spent time in the Bible, reading stories and passages to help their whole family learn more about thankfulness. Here are three you might want to share with your family:

- 1) The Psalms of David – Psalm 100:1-5.
This one's familiar. Look for other Psalms of thanksgiving, too!
- 2) Jesus Cleanses the Ten Lepers – Luke 17:12-19.
Talk about the thankful leper's response to being healed and Jesus' reaction to his gratitude.
- 3) Paul's Thanksgiving for His Friends – Ephesians 1:15-19.
Check out other letters Paul wrote to the churches and notice how he always told them how thankful he was for them.

Pray: Dear Heavenly Father, Thank you for loving us so much that you sent Jesus to be our Savior. Teach us to be thankful in all circumstances, amen.

(Adapted from Jess Wolstenholm, Jellytelly Parents)

"The Story" Schedule

(Anyone can join at any time, books are available for purchase for \$9)

- Nov. 4 The Battle Begins
- Nov. 11 A Few Good Men ... and Women
- Nov. 18 The Faith of a Foreign Woman
- Nov. 25 Standing Tall, Falling Hard
- Dec. 2 From Shephard to King

Call Committee Update

Thanks to everyone that provided feedback on the Pastor candidate. The call committee will be meeting in the near future to discuss all the feedback received to determine what our next step should be. Please keep the congregation in your prayers during this process as we search for our next Pastor.

Thanks, Jeremy Paulson

Organized Prayer for Bethel Families

Week of November 4 – Ken & Karla Beckman, Gary Bergman & family, Dale & Jenny Hansmann, Dan & Nancy Hemann & Nate, Kyle & Mary Rice, Kassi & Kolbi

Week of November 11 – Roger & Doralene Renken, Mike & Penney Neisen, Perry & Adrian Bernard, Devin, Gavin, Lorna & Bella, Josh Brouwer, MacKenzie & Jessie, Bob & Connie Rule, Pat Rule

Week of November 18 – Steve & Sherry Brouwer, Jeremy & Jenny Buss, Benne & Savannah, Jay & Angie Herter, Emilee & Kielinn, Joyce Hoffman, Merle & Merna Schrage

Week of November 25 – Dave & Sharleen Hubbard, John & Erin Hubbard, Vern & Marilyn Ingalls, Andy & Kayla Jacobson & family, Ryan & April Schrage, Rylee & Reygan

BLCW News

Fall is here and November 18th is our Thank Offering Sunday. Ladies are asked to bring their Thank offering boxes forward.

Also, our Cookie/Candy by the Pound sale will be December 2nd. Ladies are asked to bring cookies or candy to sell following worship service.

November Birthdays

- 1 – John Hubbard, Rose Sweeney
- 2 – Zachary Church
- 8 – Aaron Ellermann
- 9 – Amber Muller
- 10 – Lane Luhring, Kory Walters
- 12 – Dennis Dudley
- 16 – Bob Everts
- 21 – Merle Schrage
- 25 – Ryan Dudley, Terry Mennen
- 26 – JoAnne Schwarz, Dale Stearns
- 27 – Bob Rule
- 28 – Kathy Aalfs, Christina Edwards
- 30 – Tiffany Frey

Opportunities to Serve

Coffee Fellowship Following Worship: Please see the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board to volunteer to make coffee and bring treats for fellowship following worship for a Sunday in November.

Home Cooked Meal: If you know of someone who might benefit from a home-cooked meal(s) provided by members of our congregation – or – if you are able to help prepare a meal, please contact Janet (319-269-9674), Jenny (319-269-2578), or Sharleen (319-414-7409).

Website Coordinator: The Church Council is looking for a WEBSITE Coordinator. Any computer with internet access can be used for this volunteer task. Training is available. If interested, please contact Dan Frey.

November Anniversaries

- 7 – Bob & Brenda Everts (43)
- 20 – Dale & Jan Stearns (47)
- 21 – Allen & Rachael Redman (31)

Worship Assistant Schedule for November--Worship Service 9:00 a.m.

	November 4	November 11	November 18	November 25
USHERS	Leah Ingalls & Jason Uhlenhopp	Jeff & Pam Jacobson	Jeff & Pam Jacobson	Dan & Kay Frey
ORGANISTS/PIANISTS	Janet Mennen/Sharleen Hubbard			
ALTAR GUILD				
GREETERS	Dennis & Julie Dudley	Mike & Penney Neisen	Jim & Eileen Lupkes	Tom & Sara Mann & family
LECTORS	Pam Jacobson	Jim Schwarz	Carol Chapman	Dave Hubbard
LITURGISTS	Dale Krohn	JoAnne Schwarz	Terry Mennen	Sharleen Hubbard
ACOLYTES	Corryn Mann	Ava Mann	Evan Palmer	Gavin Bernard
COMMUNION ASSISTANTS	Carol Chapman Allen Redman		Carol Chapman Allen Redman	
COFFEE FELLOWSHIP				
SOUND SYSTEM	Michelle Krohn/Stacy Palmer			

October Summary of Attendance and Financial Contributions

	Attendance	Bene./Mission	Current	Building Maintenance
Sunday, October 7	65	\$175.20	\$1,935.90	\$0.00
Sunday, October 14	73	\$234.80	\$2,095.25	\$0.00
Sunday, October 21	77	\$124.60	\$1,681.65	\$0.00
Sunday, October 28	42	\$97.80	\$1,300.26	\$0.00
January 1-October 31, 2018		\$6,898.77	\$88,567.20	\$0.00

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November 2018 Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 9:00 am Quilting 6:30 pm Call Comm.	2 5:00 pm Wedding Rehearsal- Michelle Krohn/ Lee Rients	3 3:00 pm Wedding- Michelle Krohn/ Lee Rients Daylight saving time ends-set clocks back one hour before going to bed
4 9:00 am Worship/Holy Communion /World Hunger Sunday 10:00 am Coffee 10:15 am Sunday School/"The Story" Adult Class	5 7:00 pm Budget Comm.	6	7 6:30 pm Senior Choir 7:30 pm All Ministry Teams	8 9:00 am Quilting	9	10 Church reserved for a Baby Shower
11 9:00 am Sunday Worship 10:00 am Coffee 10:15 am Sunday School/"The Story" Adult Class	12	13	14 6:30 pm Senior Choir 7:30 pm Church Council	15 9:00 am Quilting 1:00 pm Ladies Bible Study @ Darla Drewelow's Home	16	17
18 9:00 am Worship/Holy Communion /Noisy Nickels/ BLCW Thank Offering 10:00 am Coffee 10:15 am Sunday School/"The Story" Adult Class	19	20 6:30 pm Senior Choir	21	22 Happy Thanksgiving	23	24
25 9:00 am Sunday Worship 10:00 am Coffee 10:15 am Sunday School/"The Story" Adult Class	26	27	28 6:30 pm Senior Choir	29 9:00 am Quilting	30	