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Bethel Lutheran Mission Statement: "We seek to live God's Word by learning, proclaiming, serving, and praising enthusiastically with all our heart, mind, strength and soul for the building of the Family of Christ."

BETHEL LUTHERAN CHURCH June 2017 BEACON

June Brides?

People talk about June brides, although my bride and I were married in May 42 years ago. So, I don't always relate June to brides or marriage, but it's so common that I can use it this month for our little chat. If you have ever seen *The Princess Bride*, you will remember the one word, maarrriiaaagge. The minister concludes that one lengthy word with the comment, "that's what we're here for". Of course, that is drawn out just like maarrriiaaagge.

Well, marriage, in a way, is what we are here for. God created us for Himself and gave His Son Jesus Christ to draw us to Himself. In coming to Christ, drawn by the Father's love and the Son's love, we unite with Him. Uniting ourselves with another in a permanent confessional bond, is marriage. Indeed, the Bible speaks of Christ and His bride, the Church. Believers in Christ are married to Him as part of the Church that is His bride.

So, how do we live with our earthly spouse? Often a lot better than we live with our heavenly one. We try not to antagonize our partners because the pain of that action falls back on our own heads. Yet we don't mind ignoring Christ, loving another god instead of Him, breaking our vows of love to Him, and basically treating Him like we would never dare to treat our beloved brides (or grooms) here on earth.

So, this June, let's think of the vows we made in our earthly weddings, June or not, and repeat them to Christ, our Groom. Let's promise anew to love, cherish, and honor Him, to cleave only on to Him, forsaking all others. Whether our path with Him be richer or poorer, whether we suffer sickness or live in perfect health, we are Yours, O Christ, and we pledge our truth to you now and forever. Relive the joy of your marriage and have a happy anniversary this June.

David Craig
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Abundant Grace Daily Devotion

If you would like a **visit from Pastor David Craig**, please call the church office (346-2028) and leave a message with your name and phone number so a visit can be scheduled.

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED --

- to become the **Youth Leaders**. Chris and Nina Sweeney are stepping down as Youth Leaders but they would be willing to help new leaders with Youth events.
- **in the church office one morning a week**, Monday, Tuesday or Thursday. We currently have volunteers on Wednesday and Friday morning.

Please pray about this, and, if interested, talk with Council President Dan Frey. Thank you.

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ORGANIZED PRAYER FOR OUR BETHEL LUTHERAN FAMILIES

WEEK OF JUNE 4 – Terry & Darla Drewelow, Leah Knock, Abigail & Morgan, Kyle Simon, Aaron & Lori Simon, Jack & Max, Sharon Knudson, Michelle Stearns

WEEK OF JUNE 11 – Ryan Dudley & family, Wayne & Norma Dudley, Matt & April Kressley, Jaxon, Derek, Breyer, & Cayden, Dale & Jan Stearns

WEEK OF JUNE 18 – Aaron & Angie Ellermann & Riley, Ryan Bixby, Dale & Candy Krohn, Michelle Krohn, Sara Stearns & James Deike, Logan & Claire, Chris & Nina Sweeney, Rose & Alexander

WEEK OF JUNE 25 – Alex & Monica Bixby, Dennis & Karol Ellermann, Virgil Lindaman, Tricia Krohn, Rex & Hope Tomkins, Desiree & Blake, Klint Knock, Abigail & Morgan

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Special Church Council Meeting, April 30, 2017

Present: Darla Drewelow, Carol Chapman, Dan Frey, Jenny Hansmann, Bruce Simon, Pastor David Craig

Dan Frey called the meeting to order. The purpose of the meeting was to approve Pastor David Craig's vacation request of May 22-28, 2017. Pastor offered to find someone to take his place on May 28 and he will let the Council know who it is. The Council voted to approve his vacation request.

--Jenny Hansmann, Financial Secretary

June Bible Reading Schedule

June 1, Th: Acts 28:11-22, Daniel 5:17-31, Psalm 114
Friday: Acts 28:23-31, Daniel 6:1-17, Psalm 115
Saturday: Matthew 1, Daniel 6:18-28, Psalm 116
Sunday: Genesis 22

June 5, Mon: Matthew 2:1-15, Daniel 7:1-14, Psalm 117
Tuesday: Matthew 2:16-23, Daniel 7:15-28, Psalm 118
Wednesday: Matthew 3, Daniel 8:1-14, Psalm 119:1-16
Thursday: Matthew 4:1-11, Daniel 8:15-27, Psalm 119:17-32
Friday: Matthew 4:12-25, Daniel 9:1-19, Psalm 119:33-48
Saturday: Matthew 5:1-16, Daniel 9:20-27, Psalm 119:49-64
Sunday: Genesis 23

June 12, Mon: Matthew 5:17-32, Daniel 10, Psalm 119:65-80
Tuesday: Matt. 5:33-48, Daniel 11:1-13, Psalm 119:81-96
Wednesday: Matt. 6:1-18, Daniel 11:14-28, Psalm 119:97-112
Thursday: Matt. 6:19-34, Daniel 11:29-39, Psalm 119:113-128
Friday: Matt. 7:1-14, Daniel 11:40-45, Psalm 119:129-144
Saturday: Matthew 7:15-29, Daniel 12, Psalm 119:145-160
Sunday: Genesis 24

June 19, Mon: Matthew 8:1-17, Esther 1, Psalm 119:161-176
Tuesday: Matthew 8:18-34, Esther 2, Psalm 120
Wednesday: Matthew 9:1-17, Esther 3, Psalm 121
Thursday: Matthew 9:18-38, Esther 4, Psalm 122
Friday: Matthew 10:1-15, Esther 5, Psalm 123
Saturday: Matthew 10:16-31, Esther 6, Psalm 124
Sunday: Genesis 25

June 26, Mon: Matthew 10:32-42, Esther 7, Psalm 125
Tuesday: Matthew 11:1-19, Esther 8, Psalm 126
Wednesday: Matthew 11:20-30, Esther 9, Psalm 127
Thursday: Matthew 12:1-21, Esther 10, Psalm 128
Friday: Matt. 12:22-37, Lamentations 1, Psalm 129

Church Council Minutes (cont.)

June 2017 Communion Assistants: Diane Buss & Jay Herter

Closing Prayer/The Lord’s Prayer: Motion to adjourn the meeting by Bruce Simon, 2nd by Carol Chapman.

-Michelle Krohn for Stacy Palmer, Church Council Secretary

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PRAYER CHAIN CALLING LIST – There are new lists in the mailboxes of those who requested to be part of the Prayer Chain calling list. Please begin to use the new list now. When calling, if there is no answer, please leave a message and call the next person. Thank you. Pam

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JUNE BIRTHDAYS

- 3 – Bryer Kressley, Dale Krohn
- 5 – Henry Gerloff
- 6 – Dave Hubbard
- 7 – Lance Marlette
- 10 – Jackie Hager
- 11 – Derek Kressley, Merna Schrage
- 13 – Allen Redman
- 14 – Rob Gorter
- 15 – Dennis Ellermann
- 18 – Bob Patterson
- 22 – Darlene Johnson, Natalie Spree
- 23 – Stauffer Johnson, Nora Mann, Bruce Simon
- 29 – Mystica Harreld, Lindey Hedrick, Nancy Hemann

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THANK YOU – Heartfelt and grateful Thank You to all who remembered me with cards, calls, visits and gifts during my two month stay at ROCA. A special thank you to Pastor David and Jacque for their visits. God’s blessings to all.

- Jim Schwarz

FAMILY DEVOTIONS FOR JUNE

Come, Holy Spirit!

Bible Verse: “He (Jesus) said to them, . . . ‘But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be my witnesses . . . to the end of the earth.’” Acts 1:7,8

Besides Father’s Day on June 18th, there are two other special Sundays in June this year:

Pentecost (June 4) – The day the Holy Spirit came upon Jesus’ apostles, who became empowered to preach the Good News of Jesus to all who would listen; the day Christ’s church was born!

Trinity Sunday (June 11) – The day we focus on the three persons of the Trinity – God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.

How can you help your children understand what happened at Pentecost and how the Holy Spirit is also at work in their lives today? Here are a few suggestions:

- 1) Using a Children’s Bible story book or the Bible, read in the book of Acts (1-2) about the day of Pentecost. What did they see? What did they hear? How did they speak? What did they go on to do? Read further in Acts (3-5) to learn how the church grew from a few to over three thousand in one day, and how it kept growing!
- 2) Talk about how the Holy Spirit is at work here at Bethel – through the ministry of Pastor Craig; through worship; through the members of our congregation. How is the Holy Spirit at work in your life, in your family, in our community, in our country, and in our world today?
- 3) When you’re on vacation, visit other churches and see how the Holy Spirit is at work there, too!

Pray: Dear Heavenly Father, Thank you for sending your Holy Spirit to live within us - to call us, enlighten us, comfort us, and empower us to be witnesses for you. In Jesus’ name, Amen.

May 10, 2017 Church Council Minutes

Present: Diane Buss, Carol Chapman, Darla Drewelow, Dan Frey, Jenny Hansmann, Michelle Krohn, Bruce Simon

Approval of the Agenda: Motion made by Michelle Krohn, 2nd by Diane Buss

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

Approval of the Treasurer's Report: Motion made by Bruce Simon, 2nd by Carol Chapman

Pastor's Report: Dan shared Pastor's monthly report for April

Ministry Team Reports:

- Children & Youth Ministry Team – No meeting
- Outreach Ministry Team – No meeting; Pastor Craig working on visiting list
- Fellowship Ministry Team – No meeting
- Property Ministry Team –
 - 1) Bruce talked to Joe McGee to fix the front of the sanctuary and bell tower. Estimate is \$4,500; will try to get another estimate. Will hold a special congregational meeting on May 28th to discuss and vote whether to repair the water damage.
 - 2) Dan will bring an estimate for additional lighting in the sanctuary to the next Council meeting.
 - 3) City added an outside remote meter at the parsonage.
- Worship & Music Ministry Team – No meeting
- Social Concerns Ministry Team –
 - 1) Relay for Life is July 14th, \$1,200 is our goal. Fundraising will include root beer floats, Noisy Nickel offerings, and \$5 from each new T-shirt that is ordered. The Kickoff is June 4th. Luminaires will also be sold for \$5 if you decorate or \$10 if we decorate.
 - 2) Planning to do Christmas Child boxes again.
- Missions/Benevolence Ministry Team – No meeting

Correspondence: NONE

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Church Council Minutes (cont.)

Old Business:

1. Organ repairs – tabled until next meeting; guy has not gotten back to Janet Mennen
2. Confirmation Update – Test will be on May 21st. Council will meet with parents in June to review the confirmands progress.
3. Thrivent Donations – Carol will present to congregation; she will work with Pastor Craig on a date.
4. Pastor's Contract – reviewed and approved by Council; Pastor Craig will review.
5. Microsoft Software - Tabled
6. Lawn Mowing - Henry & Janice Gerloff VOLUNTEERED to mow the church grounds and parsonage all summer long. Thank you, Thank you soooo much!!! However, we do need volunteers for when they're gone, June 8th-13th.

New Business:

1. Additional loan payments – make double payment in June, 1st by Bruce Simon, 2nd by Jenny Hansmann.
2. Disperse Tables and Chairs – Tabled. However, Carol will double check with the quilters to see how many they need.
3. Treasurer's Audit Report – Audit was done for smooth transition from Dale Stearns to Julia Dudley. Audit was done for November 2016, January 2017 and March 2017. Audit completed and clear. Council approved the audit, 1st by Carol Chapman, 2nd by Diane Buss. Dale Stearns will hand over the books to Julia Dudley on May 12th.
4. MIDWESTONE – BLC currently has four separate accounts at that bank: Youth, Memorial, Social Concerns, and BLCW. Since the bank charges for printed bank statements, Dale Stearns has had web access to print account information monthly. Jenny Hansmann agreed to be the contact person replacing Dale Stearns. Motion to have Jennifer Hansmann as new account contact for MIDWESTONE was made by Darla Drewelow, 2nd by Bruce Simon.
5. Bulk mail - Tabled.

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Bethel Lutheran Church Worship Assistant Schedule for June-- Worship Service 9:00 a.m.

	June 4	June 11	June 18	June 25
USHER	Jeff Jacobson	Dale Hansmann		
ORGANISTS/PIANISTS	Janet Mennen Sharleen Hubbard	Janet Mennen Sharleen Hubbard	Janet Mennen Sharleen Hubbard	Janet Mennen Sharleen Hubbard
ALTAR GUILD	Marilyn Ingalls			
GREETERS	Aaron & Angie Ellermann	Mary Fink & Jean Scully	Wayne & Norma Dudley	Vern & Marilyn Ingalls
LECTORS	Carol Chapman	Candy Krohn	Diane Buss	Dave Hubbard
LITURGISTS	Terry Mennen	Dale Krohn	JoAnne Schwarz	Sharleen Hubbard
ACOLYTES	Devin Bernard Gavin Bernard	Erica Marlette	Ava Mann Corryn Mann	Kielinn Herter
COMMUNION ASSISTANTS	Diane Buss Jay Herter		Diane Buss Jay Herter	
COFFEE FELLOWSHIP	Church Council			
SOUND SYSTEM	Church Council			

IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO FULFILL THE ABOVE COMMITMENT, PLEASE FIND A SUBSTITUTE

MAY SUMMARY

	Attendance	Bene./Mission	Current	Building Maintenance
Sunday, May 7	84	\$184.00	\$2,296.00	\$0.00
Sunday, May 14	88	\$145.40	\$1,705.60	\$0.00
Sunday, May 21	77	\$221.90	\$1,615.10	\$0.00
Sunday, May 28	50	\$83.50	\$1,331.55	\$0.00
Total Receipts January 1-May 28, 2017		\$3,230.86	\$43,656.08	\$100.00

JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

- 8 – Kory & Deb Walters (33)
- 11 – Kyle & Mary Rice (23)
- 14 – John & Erin Hubbard (3)
- 16 – Mark & Marilyn Buss (11)
- 17 – Larry & Carol Chapman (50)
- 22 – Terry & Janet Mennen (43)
- 24 – Jay & Angi Herter (22)
- 28 – Jerry & Lisa Luhring (32)

JUNE 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 1:00 p.m. Ladies Bible Study at Darla's Home	2	3
4 9:00 Worship/Holy Communion/ World Hunger Sunday 10:00 Coffee	5	6	7	8	9	10
11 9:00 Sunday Worship 10:00 Coffee	12	13	14 7:00 p.m. Church Council	15	16	17
18 9:00 Worship/Holy Communion/ Noisy Nickels 10:00 Coffee	19	20	21	22	23	24
25 9:00 Sunday Worship 10:00 Coffee	26	27	28	29	30	