

# BETHEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

## March 2018 BEACON

### March Milestones

March is upon us and there are many events that occur in this very exciting month. The month begins with St. David's Day, yes that is true, a day which I am happy to note. Shortly afterwards comes Command Day, March fourth, a day all Christians should take note of. This year it comes on a Sunday which is a good day to preach a sermon by that title. The following Sunday we return to Daylight Savings Time where we will begin to get another hour of light each day, which also is a great sermon idea. If we like the Light, how about shining some of it into the darkness of this lost world of sin?

Within that same week we have St. Patrick's Day, which is not really a day to drink green beer and wear funny shamrock hats. St. Patrick was a great missionary evangelist who should be remembered in the church for his extensive work in converting a pagan nation to Christ. We can all commit ourselves to follow his pattern. Only three days later is the first day of Spring. It is a time of renewed energy and the prospect of new life coming to our cold earth. How many sermons could be made from that day's celebration?

Five days later we begin Holy Week with the bringing of palms to elaborate the Lord's entry into Jerusalem. But, lest we forget that those who were waving palms on Sunday were calling for Christ's crucifixion on Friday, we want to stay vigilant in our own faith walk, not for a day but for a lifetime. Throughout the week there will be many opportunities to worship together in our expression of contrition of sin and praising Christ for His sacrifice. March is certainly a month full of events that will remind us of our walk with and work for Christ. Let us take them all to heart.

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David Craig

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Abundant Grace Daily Devotion

### Ministry Teams



If you serve on one of the Ministry Teams listed below, plan to attend a meeting on Wednesday, March 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. (following Senior Choir rehearsal). Everyone will gather in the sanctuary for a short opening before splitting into individual teams with a Council Liaison.

Children & Youth  
Fellowship  
Missions/Benevolence  
Outreach

Property  
Worship & Music  
Social Concerns

Please mark your calendar for future meetings on the first Wednesday of the month, following Senior Choir rehearsal, at 7:30 p.m.

## Easter Flowers

The order forms for our Easter Garden will be available on March 2<sup>nd</sup> in the church office and at the back of the church. Anyone wishing to order flowers for our Easter Garden in memory or in honor of someone should complete the form and leave it along with payment in the office no later than Sunday, March 18<sup>th</sup>. Thank you.

## Call Committee Update

We continue to review resumes coming in and we are in the process of starting to reach out for more information from a few of them. We are also starting the process of selecting a few we would like to have a first interview with. We have scheduled an interview with one candidate so far. Please keep the Bethel congregation and all the candidates in your prayers that we find the right fit for our future pastor.

Jeremy Paulson  
Call Committee Chair

## Organized Prayer for Bethel Families

**WEEK OF MARCH 4** – Gary & Dawn (Wiese) Cornelius, Larry & Carol Chapman, Sharon Knudson, Matt & April (Gerloff) Kressley, Jaxon, Derek, Bryer & Cayden, Dale & Jan Stearns, Michelle Stearns

**WEEK OF MARCH 11** – Jeff & Angie Church, Zach Church, Pam Dohrn, Dale & Candy Krohn, Michelle Krohn, James & Sara (Stearns) Deike, Logan & Claire, Sandi Shepard

**WEEK OF MARCH 18** – Terry & Darla Drewelow, Dennis & Julie Dudley, Virgil Lindaman, Luke & Tricia (Krohn) Smith, Chris & Nina Sweeney, Rose & Alexander, Rex & Hope Tomkins, Desiree & Blake

**WEEK OF MARCH 25** – Ryan Dudley & family, Wayne & Norma Dudley, Jerry & Lisa (Senne) Luhring, Chelsea, Megan & Olivia, Randy & Connie Luhring, Chelsie, Lane & Cameron, Ted & Faye Tuitjer, Lee & Pat Van Hauen

## Family Devotions for March

### Shine!

Bible Verse: "..., let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven." Matthew 5:16

We are now in the season of Lent, a time when Christians focus and meditate on the life of Christ and His journey to the cross for our sake. As you do this with your family and alone, pray that the time you spend in the Word will strengthen your faith and give you the desire to share it. Talking to others about Jesus is #1, but don't forget how letting your light shine before others can also draw people to Christ. People are often watching the way we act more than they are listening to what we say, so talk with your kids and come up with ways to shine Jesus' light! Here's a start:

- 1) Be the one at work or at school who refuses to cheat.
- 2) Be the neighbor who acts neighborly.
- 3) Be the employee or student who does the work and doesn't complain.
- 4) Be the encourager to someone who needs encouraging.
- 5) Be one who "practices what you preach/teach."

(Adapted from *Grace for the Moment* by Max Lucado)

Pray: Dear Heavenly Father, help us in our Lenten meditations to become stronger in our faith and to let our light shine so others may come to glorify You! In Jesus' name, amen.

## March Bible Reading Schedule

March 1, Th: I Kings 2:36-46, Job 39:19-30, Jeremiah 3  
Friday: I Kings 3:1-15, Job 40:1-14, Jer. 4:1-18  
Saturday: I Kings 3:16-28, Job 40:15-24, Jer. 4:19-31  
Sunday: Exodus 9

March 5, Mon: I Kings 4:1-21, Job 41:1-11, Jer. 5:1-17  
Tuesday: I Kings 4:22-34, Job 41: 12-34, Jer. 5:18-31  
Wednesday: I Kings 5, Job 42, Jer. 6:1-15  
Thursday: I Kings 6:1-22, Song of Solomon 1, Jer. 6:16-30  
Friday: I Kings 6:23-38, Song of Sol. 2, Jer. 7:1-15  
Saturday: I Kings 7:1-17, Song of Sol. 3, Jer. 7:16-34  
Sunday: Exodus 10

Mar 12, Mon: I Kings 7:18-37, Song of Sol. 4, Jer. 8  
Tuesday: I Kings 7:38-51, Song of Sol. 5, Jer. 9:1-11  
Wednesday: I Kings 8:1-21, Song of Sol. 6, Jer. 9:12-26  
Thursday: I Kings 8:22-43, Song of Sol. 7, Jer. 10:1-10  
Friday: I Kings 8:44-53, Song of Sol. 8, Jer. 10:11-25  
Saturday: I Kings 8:54-66, Hebrews 1, Jer. 11  
Sunday: Exodus 11

Mar 19, Mon: I Kings 9:1-14, Heb. 2, Jer. 12  
Tuesday: I Kings 9:15-28, Heb. 3, Jer. 13:1-14  
Wednesday: I Kings 10:1-13, Heb. 4, Jer. 13:15-27  
Thursday: I Kings 10:14-29, Heb. 5, Jer. 14:1-10  
Friday: I Kings 11:1-13, Heb. 6, Jer. 14:11-22  
Saturday: I Kings 11:14-25, Heb. 7:1-14, Jer. 15  
Sunday: Exodus 12

Mar 26, Mon: I Kings 11:26-43, Heb. 7:15-28, Jer. 16  
Tuesday: I Kings 12:1-20, Heb. 8, Jer. 17:1-13  
Wednesday: I Kings 12:21-33, Heb. 9:1-15, Jer. 17:14-27  
Thursday: I Kings 13:1-19, Heb. 9:16-28, Jer. 18:1-12  
Friday: I Kings 13:20-34, Heb. 10:1-18, Jer. 18:13-23  
Saturday: I Kings 14:1-18, Heb. 10:19-39, Jer. 19

## Showing We Care

There are many people who might benefit from a home-cooked meal(s) provided by members of our congregation. They may be recovering from surgery or illness, having treatments, coping with the loss of a loved one, etc. If you know of someone who could use our help – or – if you are able to help, please contact Janet (319-269-9674), Jenny (319-269-2578), or Sharleen (319-414-7409).

## March Birthdays

5 – Jim Lupkes  
6 – Abigail Knock  
7 – Ben Frieling, Ruth Zacharias  
11 – Ian Muller  
20 – Dennis Gerloff, Cindy Simon  
24 – Paul Hubbard  
26 – Ryan Bixby, Carol Chapman,  
Nichole Wiese  
27 – Leland Aalfs  
28 – Kyle Henrichs, Harvey Peters  
31 – Michelle Krohn

## March Anniversaries

5 – Bruce & Cindy Simon (36)  
8 – Ted & Faye Tuitjer (59)  
12 – Bill & Irene Senne (57)  
17 – Bill & Jackie Hager (17)  
20 – Jim & Eileen Lupkes (52)  
24 – Randy & Connie Luhning (34)

## 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 March. A separate sign-up sheet will be posted for future months.

Thank you.

## Thank You

Dale and I would like to thank the congregation for all the support and prayers directed our way. Keep the prayers coming. Thanks again.

Dale and Candy Krohn  
and family

## **February 7, 2018 Church Council Minutes**

(to be reviewed at the March Council meeting)

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

Approval of the Agenda: Motion made by Marilyn Ingalls, 2<sup>nd</sup> by JoAnne Schwarz

Approval of the Minutes: Motion made by JoAnne Schwarz, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Carol Chapman

Approval of the Treasurer's Report: Motion made by Carol Chapman, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Marilyn Ingalls

### Ministry Team Reports:

Council Liaisons were selected as follows:

- Children & Youth Ministry Team – Stacy Palmer
- Outreach Ministry Team – Marilyn Ingalls, Michelle Krohn, Darla Drewelow
- Fellowship Ministry Team – Marilyn Ingalls, Michelle Krohn, Darla Drewelow
- Property Ministry Team – Bruce Simon, Michelle Krohn
- Worship & Music Ministry Team – JoAnne Schwarz
- Social Concerns Ministry Team – Carol Chapman
- Missions/Benevolence Ministry Team – Allen Redman

Correspondence: EWALU Youth Camp

### Old Business:

1. Sanctuary Lighting – All in attendance of the annual meeting felt lighting needs improvement. At the next meeting, Dan will provide council with proposals and ideas for improvements from lighting specialists.

### New Business:

1. Election of Officers – Dan Frey was elected President, Michelle Krohn was elected Vice President, Stacy Palmer was elected Secretary
2. Committee Liaisons – assignments listed above
3. Pastor's Book Sale – Motion to approve by Allen Redman, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Michelle Krohn to allow Pastor to sell his books at the church from Ash Wednesday – Palm Sunday, with a portion of the proceeds being provided to the church youth group
4. Ash Wednesday Proceeds and workers – Motion to approve by Allen Redman, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bruce Simon for proceeds from the soup supper to benefit youth group. Sign-up sheet passed for workers from council and youth and their families helping set-up, serve and clean-up
5. Committee/Team restructure – Discussion surrounded combining Outreach and Fellowship teams, as well as urging all teams to meet the Wednesday prior to council meetings to improve reporting, etc.
6. Council Installation date – Set for Sunday, March 11
7. Samantha Kuhn & Reece Spree Wedding – Motion to approve by Stacy Palmer, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Michelle Krohn to add the wedding to the calendar for August 10 after providing couple with copy of fee schedule, etc.
8. Postcards for Palm Sunday/Easter – Discussion surrounding sending postcards to postal customers for Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday services. Further costs and details to be provided at next meeting

Closing Prayer/The Lord's Prayer: Motion to adjourn the meeting by Bruce Simon, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Allen Redman

March Communion Assistants: Carol Chapman, Allen Redman

April Communion Assistants: Bruce Simon, Marilyn Ingalls

Submitted by Stacy Palmer, Council Recording Secretary

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

	March 4	March 11	March 18	March 25	March 29, Maundy Thursday	March 30, Good Friday
USHERS	Steve & Sherry Brouwer					
ORGANISTS/PIANISTS	Janet Mennen/Sharleen Hubbard/Jacque Craig					
ALTAR GUILD	Rachael Redman					
GREETERS	Roger & Doralene Renken	Irene Senne	Larry & Carol Chapman	Jim & JoAnne Schwarz		
LECTORS	Darla Drewelow	Jim Schwarz	Carol Chapman	Diane Buss		
LITURGISTS	Bonnie Gerloff	JoAnne Schwarz	Terry Mennen	Michelle Krohn		
ACOLYTES	am-Ava Mann am-Corryn Mann pm-Evan Palmer	am-Devin Bernard pm-Gavin Bernard	am-Ava Mann am-Evan Palmer pm-Corryn Mann	Evan Palmer	Devin Bernard Gavin Bernard	
COMMUNION ASSISTANTS	Carol Chapman Allen Redman		Carol Chapman Allen Redman		Carol Chapman Allen Redman	
COFFEE FELLOWSHIP		Irene Senne				
SOUND SYSTEM	Michelle Krohn/Stacy Palmer					

February Summary of Attendance and Financial Contributions

	Attendance	Bene./Mission	Current	Building Maintenance
<b>Sunday, February 4</b>	44	\$102.10	\$1,343.97	\$0.00
<b>Sunday, February 11</b>	58	\$167.00	\$2,313.03	\$0.00
<b>Wed., Feb. 14, Sun., Feb. 18 am &amp; pm</b>	39/70/30	\$184.20	\$2,464.83	\$0.00
<b>Sunday, February 25 am &amp; pm</b>	51/29	\$96.31	\$1,551.88	\$0.00
<b>Total Receipts February 1-25, 2018</b>		\$1,160.21	\$15,884.69	\$0.00

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## March 2018 Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 9:00 am Quilting	2	3
4 9:00 am Worship/Holy Communion/ World Hunger Sunday 10:15 am Sunday School-Adult & Children/Confirmation 6:00 pm Lent Service w/light lunch	5	6	7 6:15 pm Senior Choir 7:30 pm All Ministry Teams	8 9:00 am Quilting 1:00 pm Ladies Bible Study @ Darla Drewelow's home	9	10
11 9:00 am Sunday Worship/Council Installation 10:00 am Coffee 10:15 am Sunday School-Adult & Children/Confirmation 6:00 pm Lent Service w/light lunch	12	13	14 6:30 pm Senior Choir 7:30 pm Church Council	15 9:00 am Quilting	16	17
18 9:00 am Worship/Holy Communion/ Noisy Nickels 10:00 am Coffee 10:15 am Sunday School-Adult & Children/Confirmation 6:00 pm Lent Service w/light lunch	19	20	21 6:30 pm Senior Choir	22 9:00 am Quilting	23	24
25 9:00 am Palm Sunday Worship 10:00 am Coffee 10:15 am Sunday School-Adult & Children/Confirmation	26	27	28 6:30 pm Senior Choir	29 9:00 am Quilting 7:00 pm Maundy Thursday Worship/Holy Communion	30 7:00 pm Good Friday Worship	31