

BETHEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

October 2019 BEACON

Fall Startup for Sunday School and Confirmation

Here we go! We are getting a bit of a late start on our Fall program, but we are now ready to roll! Let's come together for the following events and chart the course of our Ministry together this School year. Your attendance is paramount to the success of anything we attempt!

Sunday October 6, 2019, 10:15 am - Rally Day Celebration

Register your Children for Sunday School and join us in the Fellowship Hall for a Brunch followed by a presentation by Pastor Kent Wallace regarding the Lutheran understanding of Holy Communion! Sign up for the Brunch by September 29 to be included. If you have a child who has not yet started taking communion this is your chance for them to be instructed.

Wednesday October 9, 2019 - Confirmation Orientation 6:00 pm

All Confirmation age students AND their parents are requested to meet with Pastor Kent to discuss a strategy and Schedule for this year's Confirmation program.

I am filled with excitement and expectation! I am looking forward to getting to know everyone and share the love of Jesus which changes lives.

In addition to Sunday School and Confirmation Classes for the children I am planning to offer **Adult Bible Classes at 10:15 Sunday Mornings and 7:30 Wednesday nights.**

Topics:

Sunday Mornings: How to read and Study the Bible!

The Bible can be a daunting book to open. Many people resolve to read it only to bog down with names, places, and strange language that is both confusing and frustrating. This class will be geared to the most basic beginner...that way no one will need to feel embarrassed! I will assume that you are unsure where to find the book of Genesis! If you have wanted to feel confident and comfortable with the Bible...THIS CLASS IS FOR YOU! It is also for all you intermediate Bible Scholars who could use a refresher course!

Wednesday Nights: The story of Christmas!!

During the months of October, November, and December I would love to take you on a ride through the first two Chapters of Matthew and the first two Chapters of Luke! There is a world of historical documentation of these events! Turns out Matthew and Luke left behind incredible clues about the world at the time of our Lord's birth!

Let's take a deep dive into the Word of God,

Pastor Kent

RSVP for Brunch on RALLY DAY (October 6, 2019 at 10:15 am)

Name _____

Number Attending _____

Please cut and return to the church office or sign-up on the sheet in the entryway by September 29th.

September 11, 2019 Church Council Minutes

(to be reviewed at the October Council meeting)

Present: Allen Redman, Darla Drewelow, Carol Chapman, JoAnne Schwarz, Jeff Jacobson, Sherry Brouwer, Dale Krohn, Michelle Rients

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

Devotions: Pastor Wallace led us in prayer.

Approval of the Agenda: Motion made, second & approved as is.

Approval of the August Minutes: Motion made, second & approved.

Approval of the Treasurer Report: Motion made, second & approved.

Pastors Report: Pastor Wallace provided an update on their move and getting settled.

Ministry Team Reports:

1. Children & Youth – Meeting was held & they discussed options for upcoming Sunday School & Confirmation classes.
2. Outreach & Fellowship – Met and discussed various needs within the congregation/community.
3. Property Committee – The new back door for the Church kitchen is in & installation is being scheduled. They did meet with the Tuckpointing Rep & further action/discussions will be addressed at the end of the year. Concerns were expressed that gutter covers & new weather stripping on exit doors may be warranted. Pastor reports the parsonage microwave is working adequately right now and they recently purchased new blinds for the Living Room windows. Motion made, second & passed to reimburse Pastor Wallace for the new blinds purchase.
4. Worship & Music Ministry Team – JoAnne advised selections are finalized through October.
5. Social Concerns – They would like to have another Socktober fundraiser this fall. They are also working out details on Adopt a Family for Thanksgiving & for Christmas.
6. Mission/Benevolence Ministry Team – \$3,000 was equally divided between the AP Food Pantry, LCMC Disaster Relief & Ronald McDonald House.

Correspondence/Bill Approval: None.

Old Business:

1. Computers & Sound System: The new iPad for the Sound System will be switched out soon. Pastor & Michelle are working together for solutions relative to Pastor's & the office computer needs.
2. Custodian open position: Motion made, second, passed we go into Closed Session to review & discuss the two applications. Motion made, second & passed to resume an Open Session.
3. Sunday School, Confirmation, and Rally Day: Pastor shared some of his previous practices, successes, etc. Communications will be forthcoming pertaining to all the kick off events.

New Business:

1. Change of meeting nights: Ministerial Committee Meeting for October will be October 2 @ 7:30 pm. They can then discuss if any changes are warranted. Church Council will be making a change starting in October. They will be having their monthly meeting on the 2nd Sunday each month @ 11:15 am.
2. Parsonage Improvements completed: An update on the parsonage improvements will be included in the October Beacon.
3. Christmas congregational gifts: This will be tabled until the October Council Meeting.
4. Motion to adjourn, second & passed.

Closing Prayers/The Lord's Prayer

Communion Assistants: October: Michelle Rients, Marilyn Ingalls

Submitted by Carol Chapman, Recording Secretary

Social Concerns

It is time once again for Soctober! So please bring socks of all sizes, from infant to adult, to church every Sunday in October. We will be collecting these socks and donating them to a local charity. Thanks in advance!

Brooke Paulson

All Ministry Teams

Council Liaisons and all members of Ministry Teams plan to attend **Wednesday, October 2nd at 7:30 pm** in the sanctuary.

Calling All Women!

Women's Bible Study will be starting soon! Learn about this Fall's study; look at the study books; and sign up at church on Sunday, September 29 and October 6, or call the office (319-346-2028), so books can be ordered for you. All women are welcome – not just from Bethel – so invite your friends!

BLCW News

October is our annual Bakeless Bake sale to replenish the account so we can continue to keep the kitchen stocked with coffee and paper products. We also pay the quarterly fees for the Portals of Prayer and Christ in Our Home devotional booklets available for your daily devotions at home and buy flowers for the Graduates. The Bakeless Bake sale envelopes will be in your mail box at church. We will also have some envelopes next to the guest book in the Narthex. Please place your donation in the provided envelope and place it in the offering plate or leave it in the church office during the month of October. Thank you so much for your help and have a blessed fall season.

October Anniversaries

6 – Dennis & Karol Ellermann (57)
14 – Ken & Karla Beckman (41)
17 – Dennis & Bonnie Gerloff (38)
24 – Bob & Lista Patterson (4)

October Birthdays

5 – Sherry Brouwer
6 – Vern Ingalls
9 – Shirley Cassady, Chad Redman, Kassi Rice
12 – Candy Krohn
15 – Adrian Bernard
23 – Jeremy Paulson
26 – Gavin Bernard, Darwin Miller
28 – Dale Hansmann, Morgan Knock, Kaitlin Marlette,
Ryan Schrage, Jim Schwarz

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

	October 6	October 13	October 20	October 27
USHERS	Dennis & Bonnie Gerloff	Bruce Simon	Dennis & Bonnie Gerloff	Jeff Johnson
ORGANISTS/PIANISTS	Janet Mennen/Sharleen Hubbard			
ALTAR GUILD	Pam Jacobson/Beth Van Lengen			
GREETERS	Virgil Lindaman/ George Miller	Jim & JoAnne Schwarz	Roger & Doralene Renken	Bill & Irene Senne
LECTORS	Sherry Brouwer	Diane Buss	Pam Jacobson	Darla Drewelow
LITURGISTS	Bonnie Gerloff	WOV	JoAnne Schwarz	Terry Mennen
ACOLYTES	Evan Palmer	Gavin Bernard	Corryn Mann	Eliza Buss
COMMUNION ASSISTANTS	Marilyn Ingalls/ Michelle Rients		Marilyn Ingalls/ Michelle Rients	

September Summary of Attendance and Financial Contributions

	Attendance	Bene./Mission	Current	Parsonage Improvements
Sunday, September 1	38	\$134.90	\$1,869.10	\$0.00
Sunday, September 8	72	\$197.50	\$3,058.50	\$0.00
Sunday, September 15	63	\$101.45	\$1,423.05	\$0.00
Sunday, September 22	80	\$169.40	\$1,899.62	\$0.00
January 1-September 22, 2019		\$5,860.94	\$77,374.19	\$5,760.00

Parsonage Improvements Update

The flooring and painting have been completed; the front door has not been replaced yet.

Expenses paid through September 9, 2019	\$8,081.13
Estimate for Door including installation	<u>\$1,400.00</u>
Total estimated cost	\$9,481.13

Contributions received through September 22, 2019	<u>\$5,760.00</u>
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Estimated funds needed	\$3,731.13
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October 2019 Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
LCMC 19th Annual Gathering and Convention, Omaha, NE, September 29-October 2		1	2 6:30 pm Choir 7:30 pm Council Liaisons and All Ministry Teams	3 9:00 am Quilting	4	5
6 9:00 am Worship/Holy Communion/ World Hunger Sunday 10:00 am Coffee 10:15 am RALLY DAY with Brunch	7	8	9 6:00 pm Confirmation Orientation 6:30 pm Choir 7:30 pm Adult Bible Class	10 9:00 am Quilting	11	12
13 9:00 am Worship 10:00 am Coffee 10:15 am Sunday School & Adult Bible Class 11:15 am Church Council	14	15	16 6:30 pm Choir 7:30 pm Adult Bible Class	17 9:00 am Quilting	18	19
20 9:00 am Worship/Holy Communion/ Noisy Nickels 10:00 am Coffee 10:15 am Sunday School & Adult Bible Class	21 2:00 pm Bingo, Allison Rehab. Center	22	23 6:30 pm Choir 7:30 pm Adult Bible Class	24 9:00 am Quilting	25	26
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