

# BETHEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

## February 2018 BEACON

### Love and Sorrow

February is the month of Love! Valentines went on sale the day after Christmas. Candy sales are booming and if you want to give your true love a dozen roses, make it an early Valentine's Day gift because the price will triple starting February 11th. Romance, hearts, and flowers will be the theme of the day on February 14<sup>th</sup>.

But that date also holds another special event, a day celebrated in the Church since very early in Church history. It is Ash Wednesday. It is a time of penance. A time of looking at our sin and not at our bouquets of roses. It is a night when the faithful will gather to confess and mourn their sins that sent Jesus to the cross to die for our forgiveness. It is the beginning of a period of self-examination that is designed to help us remold our life not just for forty days, but for life.

With that sorrow also comes a remembrance of a greater love than we can ever have for our sweethearts here on earth. It is time to remember the great love that God the Father had in sending His Son to die for us that we might live not just now, but forever. It is a time to remember our commitments to God that were made at our baptisms, our confirmations, and at other major moments in our lives. Have we kept the promises we made to our truest love, Jesus Christ? Have we strayed from our devotion of love and service to God while we are really trying to seek the things of earth? Ash Wednesday is to remind us to reorder our thinking and realize that the things of earth do not remain, but that our call to be faithful to the true Lover of Our Soul does remain.

Perhaps it is the most apt of all alignments to find Valentine's Day on Ash Wednesday. It is time to be reconnected in true faith, love, and devotion to Him who loves us so.

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Abundant Grace Daily Devotion

### What Can I Do to Help?

If you ask this question about the needs of Bethel, the answer will be, "The church could really use your help! Would you be willing to . . .

- Be an Usher, a Greeter, a Lector, or a Liturgist?
- Arrange the flowers for the Easter service?
- Provide a meal (or part of one) for someone who's ill?
- Decorate a bulletin board?
- Sing in the Church Choir?
- Volunteer in the Church office one morning a week?
- Serve on the Altar Guild?
- Tie a Quilt?
- Make coffee and a treat for Fellowship following worship?

Please pray about these opportunities to be a blessing to others by volunteering your time and talents. Any one and all of these can make a big difference in our Bethel family. Will you help? Just contact any member of the Church Council or stop by the church office to indicate your interest. Thank you!

## Annual Meeting

Bethel Lutheran Church's Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday, **February 4, 2018** following worship. The snow date will be February 11, 2018, also following worship. **Sandi will have activities for all children during Sunday School.** Please plan to attend.

## 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).

## Organized Prayer for Bethel Families

**WEEK OF FEBRUARY 4** – Steve & Sherry Brouwer, Jeremy & Jennifer Buss, Benne & Savannah, Jon & Tricia Jacobson, Anna, Wesley & Lauren, Jeff & Pam Jacobson, Natalie & Shannon Spree & Ethan Allen, Jim & JoAnn Schwarz

**WEEK OF FEBRUARY 11** – Brad & Lindey (Buss) Heddrick & family, Joel & Diane Buss, Darlene Johnson, Jeff & Diane Johnson, Jean Scully, Matt & Nora Stahlhut, Zachary & Mystica Harreld

**WEEK OF FEBRUARY 18** – Mark & Marilyn Buss, Sam & Ami (Carolus) Cordes & Claire, Stauffer Johnson, Leah Ingalls, Abigail & Morgan Knock, Clint & Marcie Sharp, Sam & Sydney, Bruce & Cindy Simon

**WEEK OF FEBRUARY 25** – Greg Carolus & Blake, Shirley Cassady, Kenny & Renae Knock & Kelsie, Kyle Simon, Aaron & Lori Simon, Jack & Max

## Family Devotions for February

### What Do We Know About Jesus?

Bible Verse: "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever." Hebrews 13:8

This month, let's spend time getting to know more about Jesus. As we do, one of the best things we'll discover is that He never changes. Never. #1 – He's our Savior – He died for us. But He is also gentle, kind, loving, strong, and tough on those who distort the truth about God's Word. Everything He did, everything He said, was for one purpose – to save us from our sins, so we can have eternal life! Search the Scripture together to find the never-changing truth of God's love through Christ. Choose one of the Gospels – Matthew, perhaps – and read about:

- Jesus' baptism in Matthew 3
- Jesus temptation and choosing disciples, both in chapter 4
- Jesus' Sermon on the Mount in Matthew 5 and following
- Jesus healing the sick in Matthew 8 and 9
- A few of Jesus' parables in Matthew 13
- Jesus feeding the 5,000 in Matthew 14
- And so much more!

Pray: Heavenly Father, Thank you for the assurance that the Word never changes! Help our belief in your Word only change by growing stronger. Amen.

## February Bible Reading Schedule

Feb. 1, Thurs: II Sam. 17:15-29, Job 22, Deuteronomy 25  
Friday: II Sam. 18:1-18, Job 23, Deuteronomy 26  
Saturday: II Sam. 18:19-33, Job 24, Deuteronomy 27:1-10  
Sunday: Exodus 5

Feb. 5, Mon: II Sam. 19:1-14, Job 25, Deuteronomy 27:11-26  
Tuesday: II Sam. 19:15-30, Job 26, Deuteronomy 28:1-14  
Wednesday: II Sam. 19:31-43, Job 27, Deuteronomy 28:15-26  
Thursday: II Sam. 20:1-13, Job 28, Deuteronomy 28:27-44  
Friday: II Sam. 20:14-26, Job 29, Deuteronomy 28:45-57  
Saturday: II Sam. 21:1-14, Job 30, Deuteronomy 28:58-68  
Sunday: Exodus 6

Feb. 12, Mon: II Sam. 21:15-22, Job 31:1-23, Deut. 29:1-13  
Tuesday: II Sam. 22:1-16, Job 31:24-40, Deut. 29:14-29  
Wednesday: II Sam. 22:17-37, Job 32, Deuteronomy 30  
Thursday: II Sam. 22:38-51, Job 33:1-18, Deut. 31:1-13  
Friday: II Sam. 23:1-17, Job 33:19-33, Deut. 31:14-30  
Saturday: II Sam. 23:18-39, Job 34:1-15, Deut. 32:1-14  
Sunday: Exodus 7

Feb. 19, Mon: II Sam. 24:1-14, Job 34:16-37, Deut. 32:15-27  
Tuesday: II Sam. 24:15-25, Job 35, Deuteronomy 32:28-43  
Wednesday: I Kings 1:1-14, Job 36:1-21, Deut. 32:44-52  
Thursday: I Kings 1:15-27, Job 36:22-33, Deut. 33:1-17  
Friday: I Kings 1:28-40, Job 37:1-13, Deut. 33:18-29  
Saturday: I Kings 1:41-53, Job 37:14-24, Deuteronomy 34  
Sunday: Exodus 8

Feb. 26, Mon: I Kings 2:1-12, Job 38:1-18, Jeremiah 1  
Tuesday: I Kings 2:13-27, Job 38:19-41, Jeremiah 2:1-19  
Wednesday: I Kings 2:28-35, Job 39:1-18, Jeremiah 2:20-37

## February Birthdays

1 – Terry Drewelow, Lee Van Hauen,  
Arlo Williams  
3 – Janelle Gorter  
8 – Carol Warneka  
9 – Deb Walters  
10 – Jeremy Buss  
12 – Klint Knock  
13 – Blake Carolus  
16 – Erica Marlette, Nora Stahlhut,  
Chris Sweeney  
21 – Karol Ellermann  
23 – Joel Buss, April Kressley,  
Doralene Renken  
27 – Peggy Miller  
28 – Mitchell Olson  
29 – Brooke Paulson

## 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 February. A separate sign-up sheet will be posted for future months. Thank you.



## Ash Wednesday Soup Supper



Wednesday, February 14, 2018  
Serving from 5:00-6:30 pm

**BETHEL LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**701 3<sup>RD</sup> Avenue, Parkersburg**

FREEWILL DONATION

Menu: Chicken Noodle Soup  
Chili  
Ham Sandwiches  
Carrots  
Celery  
Kentucky Bomb Bars  
Red Velvet Cake  
Beverages

## **January 10, 2018 Church Council Minutes**

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

Approval of the Agenda: Motion made by Carol Chapman, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Darla Drewelow

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

Approval of the Treasurer's Report: Motion made by Diane Buss, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Darla Drewelow

Pastor's Report: Report of Pastor's November and December hospital and home visits, communion shared and shut-in visits was reviewed.

### Ministry Team Reports:

- Children & Youth Ministry Team – No report
- Outreach Ministry Team – Food was being organized for Jay Herter's father's funeral visitation.
- Fellowship Ministry Team – Setting meeting for birthday tables and cakes; suggested to start thinking about Parkersburg days float now and have youth involved.
- Property Ministry Team – Will replace bulbs up in front of church next week.
- Worship & Music Ministry Team – No meeting
- Social Concerns Ministry Team – Hat and mitten tree during Christmas went very well.
- Missions/Benevolence Ministry Team – Almost caught up for the year of 2017.

Correspondence: Church Mutual

### Old Business:

1. Sound System update – CD player is updated for recording services. Omni Directional mic for pastor is working well too.
2. Bulk Mailing Update – Council decided to leave account open at post office for bulk mail; however, it will not carry a balance. We will get a refund for the little balance that sits in it now, and it will lay dormant. Motion to accept by Bruce Simon, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Michelle Krohn.
3. 2017 Annual report – Children and youth ministry report still needed.
4. Nominating committee update – One nominee so far.
5. Youth Leaders Job Description – Carol was investigating this. Found an outline in the Bethel Lutheran Church Policies. Will review outline.

### New Business:

1. New printer for Treasurer – Current one is on the fritz. A new one will be purchased; Council will be notified of cost and it will be paid from Memorial Fund. Motion to accept by Bruce Simon, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jay Herter
2. Choir CD player – Cost will also come out of Memorial Fund. Motion to accept by Bruce Simon, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jay Herter

Closing Prayer/The Lord's Prayer: Motion to adjourn by Carol Chapman, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bruce Simon

February Communion Assistants: Michelle Krohn, Stacy Palmer

- Michelle Krohn (filled in for Stacy Palmer)

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

	<b>February 4</b>	<b>February 11</b>	<b>February 14, Ash Wednesday</b>	<b>February 18</b>	<b>February 25</b>
USHERS	Dale Krohn				
ORGANISTS/PIANISTS	Janet Mennen/Sharleen Hubbard/Jacque Craig				
ALTAR GUILD	Sharleen Hubbard/Janet Mennen				
GREETERS	Jeff & Pam Jacobson	Randy & Connie Luhring		Jeff & Stacy Palmer	Virgil Lindaman & George Miller
LECTORS	Pam Jacobson	Dave Hubbard		Diane Buss	Jim Schwarz
LITURGISTS	JoAnne Schwarz	Sharleen Hubbard		Michelle Krohn	Dale Krohn
ACOLYTES	Corryn Mann Evan Palmer	Gavin Bernard	Ava Mann Corryn Mann	am - Devin Bernard am - Ava Mann pm - Evan Palmer	am - Devin Bernard pm - Gavin Bernard
COMMUNION ASSISTANTS	Michelle Krohn Stacy Palmer		Michelle Krohn Stacy Palmer	Michelle Krohn Stacy Palmer	
COFFEE FELLOWSHIP	Doralene Renken				
SOUND SYSTEM	Dan Frey/Bruce Simon				

January Summary of Attendance and Financial Contributions

	<b>Attendance</b>	<b>Bene./Mission</b>	<b>Current</b>	<b>Building Maintenance</b>
<b>Sunday, January 7</b>	61	\$198.20	\$2,462.32	\$0.00
<b>Sunday, January 14</b>	56	\$134.90	\$1,884.12	\$0.00
<b>Sunday, January 21</b>	56	\$121.00	\$1,797.02	\$0.00
<b>Sunday, January 28</b>	58	\$156.50	\$2,110.41	\$0.00
<b>Total Receipts January 1-28, 2018</b>		\$610.60	\$8,253.87	\$0.00

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## February 2018 Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 9:00 am-Noon Quilting	2	3
4 9:00 Worship/Holy Communion/ World Hunger Sunday Following Worship--ANNUAL MEETING 10:15 Sunday School	5	6	7 6:30 pm Senior Choir 7:30 pm Church Council	8 9:00 am-Noon Quilting 1:00 pm Ladies Bible Study at Darla Drewelow's home	9	10
11 9:00 Sunday Worship 10:00 Coffee 10:15 SUNDAY SCHOOL-Adult & Children/Confirmation	12	13	14 5:00-6:30 pm Soup Supper 7:00 pm Ash Wednesday Service w/Holy Communion	15 9:00 am-Noon Quilting	16	17
18 9:00 Worship/Holy Communion/ Noisy Nickels 10:00 Coffee 10:15 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-Noon Quilting	23	24
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