

BETHEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

May 2018 BEACON

May Day! May Day!

Wow! It's May already and maybe we're done with snow. I don't want to be overly optimistic about it because I have shoveled six inches of snow on May 6th years ago. But, assuming we are really in May and not make-up February, there's a lot happening this month.

There are three church festivals to be celebrated. On the 13th, which is Mother's Day, it is also Ascension Sunday. Ascension Day is really on May 10th, but who goes to church on Thursday? On May 20th it is Pentecost, the birthday of the church. Finally, on May 27th it is Trinity Sunday, the last church festival until next fall. I'll also put here, just so I don't forget, that this month is our anniversary and I had better not forget that.

But May is more than just festivals, it is a time for Bethel to begin looking ahead. Twice in May a candidate will come to offer themselves as the future pastor of our church. So, May is a time for earnest prayer about the will of God. "Lord, lead us in the knowledge of Your will," needs to be a daily prayer. The next prayer is, "Lord, give us unity of mind and spirit that we may demonstrate to all the unity of Christ." Finally, we need to pray, "Lord, change happens, so help me to live in the delightful wonder of Your unchanging promises to us."

May is a month to celebrate the many festivals of Christ and also to celebrate the gracious promises of God to be with and watch over His Beloved Church. And maybe it won't snow again until November.

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David Craig
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Abundant Grace Daily Devotion

Call Committee Update

The Call Committee is excited to announce that we will have a couple pastoral candidates as guest pastors in May. The first guest pastor will be on May 6th and the second on May 20th. We hope and pray everyone is able to attend church service these days. Everyone's feedback on these services is greatly appreciated and we look forward to hearing it. Feedback can be shared with any call committee member (Bruce Simon, Jim Schwarz, Jeremy Paulson, Stacy Palmer, Jay Herter, Jenny Hansmann, Dan Frey, Diane Buss, Perry/Adrian Bernard).

Thank you,

Jeremy Paulson
Call Committee Chair

Ministry Teams

Plan to gather in the sanctuary on **Wednesday, May 2nd at 7:30 pm** for a short opening before splitting into individual teams with a Council Liaison.

Membership Directory

It's time to create an updated address/phone/email directory of our members. Please stop in the office following worship or on Wednesday or Friday morning to verify that your information is correct and up-to-date. Thank you.

April 11, 2018 Church Council Minutes

(to be reviewed at the May Council meeting)

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

Approval of the Agenda: Motion made by JoAnne Schwarz, 2nd by Carol Chapman

Approval of the Minutes: Motion made by Carol Chapman, 2nd by Darla Drewelow

Approval of the Treasurer's Report: Motion made by Stacy Palmer, 2nd by Marilyn Ingalls

Ministry Team Reports:

- Children & Youth Ministry Team – Council approved full payment of church camp for five youth from Bethel to attend Village Creek Bible Camp. Funds from Youth account will pay for registration. Bethel will not be hosting VBS this year due to low attendance but will contribute supplies/snacks as needed. Confirmation is scheduled for June 10th and plans will need to be made for the confirmation supper.
- Outreach & Fellowship Ministry Team – Requests were received to move two couches from upstairs to allow for further seating for fellowship after church. Council was concerned about the amount of space the couches will take up and congestion after church. Couches will be measured and discussed further at a later date. Reminder that Reimbursement Forms need to be completed for any reimbursements. A suggestion was made to place some in the sanctuary for ease of use as the office isn't always open to get the forms.
- Property Ministry Team – Filters were replaced for A/C blower unit. Proposal was received by Rod Mulder for \$65 for thatching the church and parsonage lawns, including fertilization, with motion to approve by Bruce Simon, 2nd Michelle Krohn. April 28th at 9:00 is the scheduled "work day" for cleaning up lawn, shrubs, etc.
- Worship & Music Ministry Team – April 1st we changed back to the 1st setting of our liturgy in the green hymnal and the following changes were implemented: Congregational response after the scripture changes from "Halle, Halle, Halle..." to "Alleluia, Lord, to whom shall..." on p. 61; Offertory used on non-Communion Sundays will change from "Give Thanks" to "Create in Me a Clean..." on p. 75. Hymns were chosen for April 15th during Pastor Craig's vacation and May 6th.
- Social Concerns Ministry Team – Relay for Life will start in May.
- Missions/Benevolence Ministry Team – \$739 left remaining for benevolence and decision was made to allocate funds on a quarterly basis.

Old Business:

1. Lighting Update – Four fixtures were ordered and will be in the end of April and placed the first part of May. They will be temporarily installed and then a vote will be needed to determine quality and approve cost. Should congregation approve the lighting update, lift options for final install will need to be determined.
2. Confirmation Update – Memory work was presented to Pastor and did well, but Pastor felt it needed to be polished a bit, so 2nd attempt will be on April 22nd for Pastor and some members of Council.
3. Church Camp – Five youth from Bethel will attend Village Creek over the summer. Motion to approve payment for full registration to come from Youth account by JoAnne Schwarz, 2nd by Bruce Simon.
4. Easter breakfast – Good attendance, over 50 attendees; great food.

New Business:

1. Sign Up for lawn mowing – Henry and Janice Gerloff completed a large amount of lawn care last year and did a great job, Council will approach to see if there is interest from them again this year.
2. Approval of Pastor for Lane Luhning & Eisha Oden's wedding – Pastor Shaedig agreed to officiate their wedding upon arrival from Council. Motion to approve by Carol Chapman, 2nd by Marilyn Ingalls.
3. Copy Machine Lease renewal – Council will check with office personnel for pros and cons of current copier and see about any changes that will need to be made on next lease.
4. CCB Contract Renewal – whose names should be on it? Current Package? – June 1st appears to be the renewal date for Community Church Builders web page. Council wants more information and discuss at next meeting.
5. VBS – See above: low attendance in past; will opt out of hosting and will get a list of supplies that we can furnish or donate.

Closing Prayer/The Lord's Prayer: Motion to adjourn the meeting by Marilyn Ingalls, 2nd by Carol Chapman

May Communion Assistants: Dan Frey & JoAnne Schwarz

June Communion Assistants: Michelle Krohn & Stacy Palmer

Graduation Recognition will be May 13th – Two graduates from Bethel

Submitted by Stacy Palmer, Council Recording Secretary

Family Devotions for May

Become Like a Child

Bible Verse: *"Let the children come to me, do not hinder them; for to such belongs the kingdom of God. Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it."*

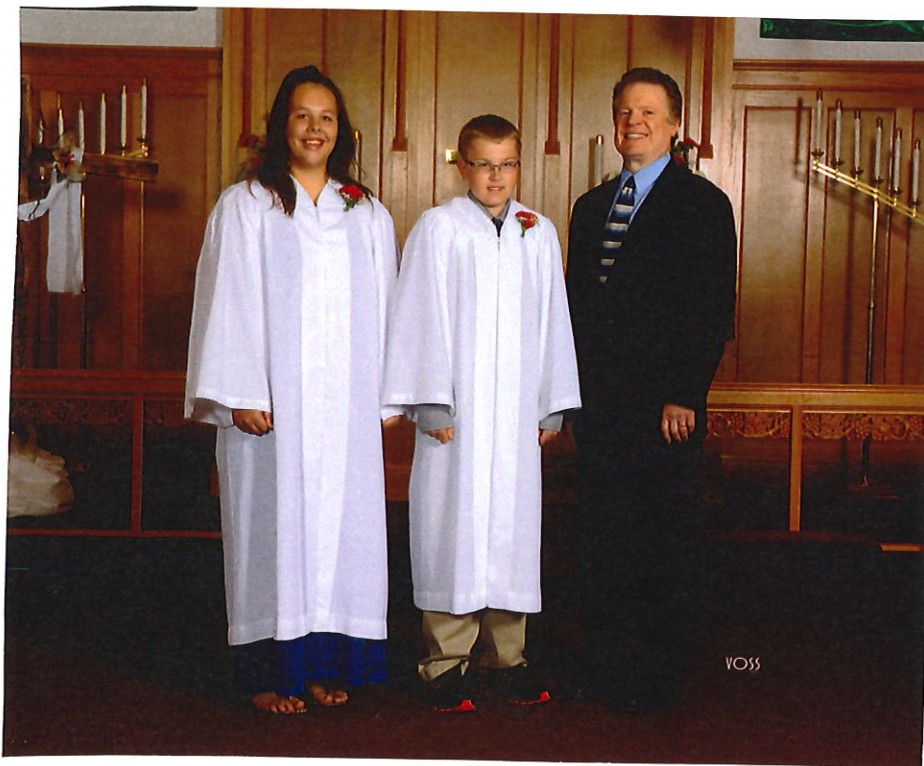
Mark 10:14-15.

Talk with your family about why Jesus said we must receive God's kingdom like a child. Describe how a child shows how they feel about their Father and Mother; describe how they show their feelings for Jesus. What does a little child have that we need? Unscramble the words and read the Bible passages to keep the conversation going:

- S T T U R - Read Jeremiah 17:7
- O V L E - Read 1 Corinthians 13:13
- E I B F L E - Read John 3:16
- I T F H A - Read Ephesians 2:8
- M Y U I I H L T - Read Matthew 18:2-4

Pray: Dear God, Help us to become like a child in our relationship with you. Thank you for being our loving Heavenly Father. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

Confirmation Class of 2014



Kaitlin Marlette, Clayton Palmer, Pastor David Hagstrom

Senior Recognition Sunday, May 13th

The women of the BLCW will be having a graduation reception following worship service. Everyone is invited to congratulate the seniors.

May Bible Reading Schedule

May 1, Tues: II Kings 4:32-44, Lev. 11:1-19, Jer. 34:1-11

Wednesday: II Kings 5:1-14, Lev. 11:20-28, Jer. 34:12-22

Thursday: II Kings 5:15-27, Lev. 11:29-47, Jer. 35

Friday: II Kings 6:1-18, Lev. 12, Jer. 36:1-19

Saturday: II Kings 6:19-33, Lev. 13:1-17, Jer. 36:20-32

Sunday: Exodus 18

May 7, Mon: II Kings 7, Lev. 13:18-28, Jer. 37

Tuesday: II Kings 8:1-15, Lev. 13:29-46, Jer. 38:1-13

Wednesday: II Kings 8:16-29, Lev. 13:47-59, Jer. 38:14-28

Thursday: II Kings 9:1-20, Lev. 14:1-20, Jer. 39

Friday: II Kings 9:21-37, Lev. 14:21-42, Jer. 40

Saturday: II Kings 10:1-17, Lev. 14:43-57, Jer. 41

Sunday: Exodus 19

May 14, Mon: II Kings 10:18-36, Lev. 15:1-15, Jer. 42

Tuesday: II Kings 11, Lev. 15:16-33, Jer. 43

Wednesday: II Kings 12, Lev. 16:1-19, Jer. 44:1-14

Thursday: II Kings 13:1-13, Lev. 16:20-34, Jer. 44:15-30

Friday: II Kings 13:14-25, Lev. 17, Jer. 45

Saturday: II Kings 14:1-16, Lev. 18:1-18, Jer. 46

Sunday: Exodus 20

May 21, Mon: II Kings 14:17-29, Lev. 18:19-30, Jer. 47

Tuesday: II Kings 15:1-20, Lev. 19:1-18, Jer. 48:1-25

Wednesday: II Kings 15:21-38, Lev. 19:19-37, Jer. 48:26-47

Thursday: II Kings 16, Lev. 20:1-9, Jer. 49:1-19

Friday: II Kings 17:1-18, Lev. 20:10-27, Jer. 49:20-39

Saturday: II Kings 17:19-41, Lev. 21:1-15, Jer. 50:1-20

Sunday: Exodus 21

May 28, Mon: II Kings 18:1-16, Lev. 21:16-24, Jer. 50:21-46

Tuesday: II Kings 18:17-37, Lev. 22:1-16, Jer. 51:1-19

Wednesday: II Kings 19:1-19, Lev. 22:17-33, Jer. 51:20-40

Thursday: II Kings 19:20-37, Lev. 23:1-22, Jer. 51:41-64

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

Showing We Care

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).

Quilters Update

The quilters got off to a slow start in 2018 but managed to complete 60 quilts and gave 58 quilts to the following: Adult Stabilization, Clarksville Nursing Home, Friends of the Family, Friends of the Library, Grundy Center Nursing Home, Social Concerns, Shell Rock Nursing Home and Bethel Church Family. We have stopped quilting for the summer and will return in the fall.

Organized Prayer for Bethel Families

WEEK OF MAY 6 – Henry & Janice Gerloff, Randy & Janelle Gorter, Josh & Ted, Jeff & Stacy Palmer, Clayton & Evan, Jeremy & Brooke Paulson, Rylan & Bexlee, Arlo Williams & Sarah Briggs, Ruth & Bryce Zacharias

WEEK OF MAY 13 – B.J. Gorter & family, Rob & Maggie Gorter, Aiden & Wyatt, Harvey Peters, Bob & Lista Patterson, David & Jacque Craig

WEEK OF MAY 20 – Bill & Jackie Hager, Lee & Kathy Aalfs, Allen & Rachael Redman, Nate, Chad & Sarah, Roger & Doralene Renken

WEEK OF MAY 27 – Ken & Karla Beckman, Gary Bergman & family, Mike & Penney Neisen, Kyle & Mary Rice, Kassi & Kolbi, Bob & Connie Rule

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

	May 6	May 13	May 20	May 27
USHERS				
ORGANISTS/PIANISTS	Greg Carolus			
ALTAR GUILD	Janet Mennen/Sharleen Hubbard/Jacque Craig			
	Carol Warneka/Shirley Cassidy			
GREETERS	Roger & Doralene Renken	Steve & Sherry Brouwer	Bruce & Cindy Simon	Tom & Sara Mann & family
LECTORS	Dan Frey	Sandi Shepard	Dave Hubbard	Darla Drewelow
LITURGISTS	Terry Mennen	JoAnne Schwarz	Bonnie Gerloff	Sharleen Hubbard
ACOLYTES	Corryn Mann	Devin Bernard	Evan Palmer	Gavin Bernard/Ava Mann
COMMUNION ASSISTANTS	Dan Frey JoAnne Schwarz		Dan Frey JoAnne Schwarz	
COFFEE FELLOWSHIP				
SOUND SYSTEM	Marilyn Ingalls/Bruce Simon			

April Summary of Attendance and Financial Contributions

	Attendance	Bene./Mission	Current	Building Maintenance
Sunday, April 1	165	\$348.01	\$4,360.63	\$0.00
Sunday, April 8	66	\$186.30	\$2,487.70	\$0.00
Sunday, April 15	57	\$84.90	\$1,510.15	\$0.00
Sunday, April 22	78	\$194.10	\$2,559.92	\$0.00
January 1-April 22, 2018		\$2,604.27	\$36,042.88	\$0.00

Expense Reimbursement Form

Occasionally our members are asked to purchase an item for the church and need to be reimbursed. A form has been created just for that purpose; it is available near the church mailboxes in the upper entryway. For reimbursement, please complete the form as directed, attach the receipt, and leave it in the church office. The Church Council will review all reimbursement forms at their monthly meeting before passing them on to the Treasurer. Please direct any questions to Dan Frey or an office volunteer.

May Anniversaries

- 4 – Matt & Nora Stahlhut (5)
- 13 – Randy & Janelle Gorter (40)
- 17 – Daniel & Nancy Hemann (21)
- 22 – Vern & Marilyn Ingalls (48)
- 24 – David & Jacque Craig (43)
- 27 – Dennis & Julia Dudley (40)
- 30 – Paul & Jenna Hubbard (10)

May 2018 Calendar

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

May Birthdays

2 – Virgil Lindaman
 5 – Angie Ellermann
 8 – Kielinn Herter
 10 – Emilie Herter
 16 – Kelsie Knock
 19 – Karla Beckman
 27 – Bill Senne
 28 – Clayton Palmer

29 – Rachael Redman
 30 – Tessa Matherly
 30 – Matt Stahlhut
 30 – Faye Tuitjer

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