

# BETHEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

## August 2018 BEACON

Hello Bethel Lutheran in Parkersburg!

I am happy to be joining you in Christ's ministry for this season. As Abraham journeyed to a land God would show him, the first place he pitched his tent was on the hills east of Bethel. I see faith as a journey for all of us and I am grateful to be able to "pitch my tent" at Bethel Lutheran for a time. I am currently seeking a new pastoral call. I am a candidate for a few churches currently, but the time frame of when a new call will begin did not coincide with the sale of our home. I am in a transition, you needed a pastor and I am available to help your ministry at Bethel for several weeks or up to a few months depending on the process.

I have been in ministry for 31 years, 5 years in Youth Ministry, 5 years preparing for ministry through Bible School and Seminary, and 21 years as an ordained pastor. I served two churches as a youth minister, two years at Our Redeemer in St. Paul, MN and my wife Kris and I served three years together at Our Saviors in Cloquet, MN. My wife is my most excellent and perfect partner in life and faith. We have three sons. David and his wife Britta live in Barnesville, MN. Eric lives in Torrance, CA and Philip and his wife Carly live in Azusa, CA.

I grew up in Montana and have lived in Germany, Washington, Alaska and Minnesota, but this is my first time living in Iowa. I do want to say, it was in Iowa when Kris really started to fall in love with me, but I'll tell you that story later. I was an associate pastor at Christ Lutheran in Whitefish, MT for 10 1/2 years. I was the senior pastor at Hawley Lutheran in Hawley, MN for the past 10 1/2 years.

My life mission is to bring people with me to abundant life in Christ. (John 10:10) Abundant life begins in the here and now and is fulfilled in eternity. Abundant life is when a person discovers the important role they are gifted to play in bringing the kingdom to earth as it is in heaven. I love to hear about the amazing ways that Jesus shows up in the lives of his people.

I love my family and taking adventures with my wife Kris. She has joined me in married life for 29 years. I enjoy being active, riding bike, taking walks, and would like to pick up tennis and golf again. I am a pretty good cook. I play guitar and like to listen to all sorts of music. Some of our best family vacations were camping at Glacier National Park in Montana.

That is a little bit about me, I look forward to meeting and getting to know you.

In Christ,

Pastor Jeff Teeples (you can call me Pastor Jeff)

### Call Committee Update

The call committee is excited to announce that we will have a Pastor candidate preaching for us on August 5<sup>th</sup>. Following the service, the committee will give him and his wife a chance to mingle with the congregation, tour the parsonage, and have lunch with the committee members and families.

We hope everyone is able to attend church this Sunday. Please give your feedback on the candidate to any committee member or church council member.

Jeremy

### Ministry Teams

Plan to gather in the sanctuary on **Wednesday, August 1st at 7:00 pm** for a short opening before splitting into individual teams with a Council Liaison.

# July 11, 2018 Church Council Minutes

(to be reviewed at the August Council meeting)

**Present:** Dan Frey, Stacy Palmer, Darla Drewelow, Allen Redman, JoAnne Schwarz, Michelle Krohn, Carol Chapman

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

**Approval of the Minutes:** Motion made by Michelle Krohn, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Darla Drewelow

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

## **Ministry Team Reports:**

- **Children & Youth Ministry Team** – VBS is taking place this week at United Methodist
- **Outreach & Fellowship Ministry Team** – no formal meeting due to holiday
- **Property Ministry Team** – Light fixtures are to be delivered to Dan within the next day or two and will hopefully be installed by the end of the month; water damage has been detected near the elevator and further investigation will be done to see where water came from; Bruce will address water damage in kitchen
- **Worship & Music Ministry Team** – All hymns selected to September 9<sup>th</sup>
- **Social Concerns Ministry Team** – Relay for Life is July 13<sup>th</sup>
- **Missions/Benevolence Ministry Team** – no formal meeting due to holiday

**Correspondence:** Notice of LCMC Churches and Youth Partnership for mission trip in 2019

## **Old Business:**

1. Parkersburg Fun Days – We will not participate in the kiddie parade, but will ask for volunteers for the adult parade
2. Farewell for Pastor and Jacque – Pastor may come back for a visit on August 12<sup>th</sup>. Request was made to have a card shower and serve cake after service
3. Confirmation – New contract Pastor open to speak with our confirmand to prepare for a possible Fall confirmation date
4. Short term contract Pastor (Pastor Jeff Teeples) – Pastor Jeff will be at Bethel until approximately October 15<sup>th</sup>, while residing in the parsonage full-time after July 27<sup>th</sup>
5. BLCW Treasurer and website coordinator – No volunteers have stepped forward at this time for web coordinator

## **New Business:**

1. Hog Roast – Due to short notice motion made to skip the hog roast this year made by Allen Redman, 2<sup>nd</sup> Carol Chapman
2. Sept. Fall Kick-Off – Motion to have September 9<sup>th</sup> for kick-off, with Diane Buss to cater made by Allen Redman, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Darla Drewelow
3. Sunday School Teacher – Volunteers are needed for Sunday School teachers. Council is hoping for several volunteers to spread out duties for rotation
4. Ministerial Meg representative – 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday 9:00 a.m. at Christian Reform Church – New contract pastor may not be here the second week of August due to previous engagements, but will confirm date and Allen or Carol may be available to assist in attendance of meeting
5. Approval of reimbursements – Approval for reimbursements for VBS donation \$150 to ministerial association, \$29.95 to Sandi Shepard for Sunday School supplies, \$24.52 to Irene Senne for cleaning supplies, \$50 for stamps to Jenny Hansmann; motion to approve by Michelle Krohn, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Carol Chapman

**Closing Prayer/The Lord's Prayer:** Motion to adjourn the meeting by Carol Chapman, 2<sup>nd</sup> by JoAnne Schwarz

**August Communion Assistants:** Bruce Simon & Marilyn Ingalls

**September Communion Assistants:** Dan Frey & JoAnne Schwarz

Submitted by Stacy Palmer, Council Recording Secretary

## Family Devotions for August

### Don't Forget the Fruit!

**Bible Verse:** "Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit." Galatians 5:25

It's that time again - that busy time when we gear up to prepare our children for the first day of school. Besides shopping for school supplies and clothes to replace those they've outgrown, we try to get schedules adjusted so they're well-rested for the upcoming school days. Important stuff! But even more important is to remember the Fruit – the Fruit of the Spirit! Remind your kids how those who belong to Jesus want to live – led by the Holy Spirit to share God's love with others. Together, read Galatians 5:22-23 (NIV) to find all eight of the Fruit of the Spirit in the puzzle. Then each day, focus on one and find ways to live it out – at school and at home! Have a great August!!

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Dear Heavenly Father, Help us "keep in step with the Spirit" as we live each day for you; in Jesus' Name, amen.

### Organized Prayer for Bethel Families

**Week of August 5** – Jeff & Angie Church & Zach; Pam Dohrn; Dale & Candy Krohn; Michelle Krohn; James & Sara Deike, Logan & Claire; Klint Knock, Abigail & Morgan

**Week of August 12** – Terry & Darla Drewelow; Luke & Tricia (Krohn) Smith & family; Dennis & Julie Dudley; Virgil Lindaman; Chris & Nina Sweeney, Rose & Alexander

**Week of August 19** – Ryan Dudley & family; Wayne & Norma Dudley; Jerry & Lisa (Senne) Luhring, Chelsea, Megan & Olivia; Randy & Connie Luhring, Chelsea & Cameron; Rex & Hope Tompkins, Desiree & Blake; Ted & Faye Tuitjer

**Week of August 26** – Joe & Christina (Tjebkes) Edwards & Sloan; Aaron & Angie Ellermann & Riley, & Ryan Bixby; Vada Luhring; Jim & Eileen Lupkes; Lee & Pat VanHauen; Ken & Beth VanLengen

### URGENT: Altar Guild Volunteers

Right now, there are several months without anyone to do Communion, etc. If you are able to help out, please contact JoAnne Schwarz or Bonnie Gerloff. Thank you.

## August Bible Reading Schedule

Aug. 1, Wed: II Chron. 8, Num. 25, Ezek. 9  
Thursday: II Chron. 9:1-12, Num. 26:1-22, Ezek. 10  
Friday: II Chron. 9:13-31, Num. 26:23-43, Ezek. 11:1-13  
Saturday: II Chron. 10, Num. 26:44-65, Ezek. 11:14-25  
Sunday: Exodus 31

Aug. 6, Mon: II Chron. 11, Num. 27:1-11, Ezek. 12:1-16  
Tuesday: II Chron. 12, Num. 27:12-23, Ezek. 12:17-28  
Wednesday: II Chron. 13, Num. 28:1-15, Ezek. 13  
Thursday: II Chron. 14, Num. 28:16-31, Ezek. 14:1-11  
Friday: II Chron. 15, Num. 29:1-19, Ezek. 14:12-23  
Saturday: II Chron. 16, Num. 29:20-40, Ezek. 15  
Sunday: Exodus 32

Aug. 13, Mon: II Chron. 17, Num. 30, Ezek. 16:1-14  
Tuesday: II Chron. 18:1-17, Num. 31:1-20, Ezek. 16:15-30  
Wednesday: II Chron. 18:18-34, Num. 31:21-41, Ezek. 16:31-43  
Thursday: II Chron. 19, Num. 31:42-54, Ezek. 16:44-63  
Friday: II Chron. 20:1-19, Num. 32:1-19, Ezek. 17:1-10  
Saturday: II Chron. 20:20-37, Num. 32:20-42, Ezek. 17:11-24  
Sunday: Exodus 33

Aug. 20, Mon: II Chron. 21, Num. 33:1-18, Ezek. 18:1-18  
Tuesday: II Chron. 22, Num. 33:19-39, Ezek. 18:19-32  
Wednesday: II Chron. 23, Num. 33:40-56, Ezek. 19  
Thursday: II Chron. 24:1-14, Num. 34:1-15, Ezek. 20:1-17  
Friday: II Chron. 24:15-27, Num. 34:16-29, Ezek. 20:18-32  
Saturday: II Chron. 25:1-16, Num. 35:1-15, Ezek. 20:33-49  
Sunday: Exodus 34

Aug. 27, Mon: II Chron. 25:17-28, Num. 35:16-34, Ezek. 21, 1-17  
Tuesday: II Chron. 26:1-15, Num. 36, Ezek. 21:18-32  
Wednesday: II Chron. 26:16-23, I Cor. 1:1-17, Ezek. 22:1-16  
Thursday: II Chron. 27, I Cor. 1:18-31, Ezek. 22:17-31  
Friday: II Chron. 28:1-15, I Cor. 2, Ezek. 23:1-21

## August Anniversaries

4 – Chris & Nina Sweeney (6)  
10 – Dave & Sharleen Hubbard (44)  
12 – Pastor Jeff & Kris Teeples (29)  
17 – Dale & Jenny Hansmann (44)  
17 – Jim & JoAnne Schwarz (55)  
21 – Steve & Sherry Brouwer (47)  
22 – Ryan & April Schrage (9)  
25 – Dan & Kay Frey (34)  
30 – Christina & Joseph Edwards (4)  
31 – Bryce & Ruth Zacharias (44)

## WEBSITE Coordinator

The Church Council is looking for a WEBSITE Coordinator. Any computer with internet access can be used for this volunteer task. Training is available. If interested, please contact Dan Frey or any of the Church Council members. Thank you.

## August Birthdays

2 – Ted Tuitjer  
5 – Pastor Jeff Teeples  
5 – Desiree Tomkins  
6 – Mary Fink  
7 – Connie Rule  
7 – Wilma Schultz  
9 – Hope Tomkins  
10 – Ethan Allen  
10 – Kim Marlette  
11 – Kolbi Rice  
12 – Brenda Everts  
13 – Ken Beckman  
13 – Mark Buss  
14 – Norma Dudley  
15 – Diane Buss  
15 – Pat Van Hauen  
17 – Devin Bernard  
17 – Mike Neisen  
20 – Kyle Rice  
23 – Wayne Dudley  
23 – Ava Mann  
24 – Courtney Frey  
27 – Rylan Paulson  
29 – Sara Deike

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

	<b>August 5</b>	<b>August 12</b>	<b>August 19</b>	<b>August 26</b>
USHERS	Steve Brouwer	Terry Mennen	Terry Mennen	Terry Mennen
ORGANISTS/PIANISTS	Janet Mennen/Sharleen Hubbard			
ALTAR GUILD				
GREETERS	Kory & Deb Walters	Terry & Darla Drewelow	Michelle Krohn & Lee Rients	Randy & Connie Luhring & Cameron
LECTORS	Sandi Shepard	Dave Hubbard	Darla Drewelow	Julie Dudley
LITURGISTS	Aaron Ellermann	Sharleen Hubbard	Michelle Krohn	Terry Mennen
ACOLYTES	Corryn Mann	Evan Palmer	Ava Mann	Gavin Bernard
COMMUNION ASSISTANTS	Marilyn Ingalls Bruce Simon		Marilyn Ingalls Bruce Simon	
COFFEE FELLOWSHIP				
SOUND SYSTEM	Carol Chapman/Allen Redman			

## July Summary of Attendance and Financial Contributions

	<b>Attendance</b>	<b>Bene./Mission</b>	<b>Current</b>	<b>Building Maintenance</b>
<b>Sunday, July 1</b>	68	\$218.95	\$1,833.82	\$0.00
<b>Sunday, July 8</b>	45	\$110.07	\$1,525.74	\$0.00
<b>Sunday, July 15</b>	55	\$142.80	\$1,710.50	\$0.00
<b>Sunday, July 22</b>	50	\$111.00	\$1,429.04	\$0.00
<b>Sunday, July 29</b>	46	\$117.10	\$1,884.05	\$0.00
<b>January 1-July 29, 2018</b>		\$4,624.47	\$60,871.31	\$0.00

### 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).

### 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 August. Thank you.

## August 2018 Calendar

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

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