

BETHEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

June 2018 BEACON

Be Strong in the Lord

When I was a pre-teen and reading my *Boys Life* magazine, there were always ads that appealed to the pride of walking down the beach and being that guy every girl was looking at. Yes, we were to get buff, pumped up and be "The Guy." For only X amount of dollars and hundreds of hours of working out, we could be that guy. And, yes, we did want to be that guy. But did we want to spend the money and put in all the effort to do it? Not so much.

It is like that in our walk with Christ. We want to be, or should want to be, the man/woman who others recognize as being a person strong in Spirit. It doesn't demand that we are pastors or teachers, it is only that we are seen as truly knowing God and understanding His Word and living that Word in our lives. We should want to be the man/woman about whom others say, "Ask him/her, he/she are really grounded in the Word and can help you."

But just like the ad, there is a catch. We have to spend something, not money in this case, but spend our time, and to put in the work of studying God's Word, living in prayer, being faithful to His ministries, and be diligent in doing so. There is no financial charge. But, just like being that guy on the beach, it does require effort.

Many of us want to be the man on the beach but our only real exercise is lifting our fork to our mouth. That will certainly result in being big, but not like the guy on the beach. We must diligently exercise our faith, use our faith, increase our faith. This is the man/woman that God wants us to be. Paul concludes Ephesians with these words, "*Finally brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might.*" This is my final article for the Beacon and my final prayer for you all, "*Be strong in the Lord, and in the power of His might.*"

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Abundant Grace Daily Devotion

Notice: The Special Congregational Meeting that was to be held on Sunday, June 3, 2018, has been CANCELED.

A Special Congregational Meeting will be held on Sunday, June 10, 2018, immediately following worship at 10:15 a.m. in the church sanctuary. At this meeting, we will discuss and vote on whether to offer a call for a full-time pastor, including the compensation package. In addition, we will also discuss and vote on a lighting upgrade for the sanctuary. Please plan to attend this very important meeting.

May 9, 2018 Church Council Minutes

(to be reviewed at the June Council meeting)

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

Approval of the Agenda: Motion by JoAnne, second by Allen. Passed.

Approval of the April Minutes: Motion by Michelle, second by JoAnne. Passed.

Approval of the Treasurer's Report: Motion to accept report by Bruce, second by Michelle. Passed.

Ministry Team Reports:

- **Children & Youth Ministry Team:** no report
- **Outreach & Fellowship Ministry Team:** We are responsible for Meals on Wheels during May. We are encouraged to volunteer for delivery dates. Please see the bulletin board for available dates. Free discarded books from our Library are available on the table in the handicap entrance.
- **Property Ministry Team:** Dan mentioned they would be looking into some moisture issues detected in the kitchen area. A sampling of new lighting options would be in place by Sunday. Feedback from the Congregation is welcomed. Outside clean-up day was accomplished.
- **Worship & Music Ministry Team:** All hymns have been selected up to May 27th.
- **Social Concerns Ministry Team:** Relay for Life is Friday, July 13th from 6:00-11:00 pm @ the Allison Fair Grounds. A signup sheet for a Bethel Walking Team will be posted. Brooke Paulson will speak to the congregation this coming Sunday to encourage participation.
- **Missions/Benevolence Ministry Team:** No meeting. Benevolence distribution is on track and directed each quarter.

Old Business:

1. Copy Machine lease renewal: This will be tabled for now.
2. CCB contract renewal (cost would be \$864.00). Motion by Allen to renew, second by Michelle. Passed.
3. Lawn mowing: Thank you to Henry & Janice Gerloff for volunteering to mow again this year!
4. Vacation Bible School: Dan will touch base with Stacy on her follow-up with the other churches.

New Business:

1. Congregational meeting date will be June 3 immediately following services @ 10:15 am. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss & vote on whether to offer a call for a full-time pastor including a compensation package. In addition, we will discuss and vote on a lighting upgrade for the sanctuary. Bruce made the motion to approve the ballot & sign to be posted. Second by Michelle. Passed.
2. Tornado Memorial Community Service Sunday, May 27, 2018 @ 10 am. Our Congregation is invited to attend this Community Service remembering the tornado of 2008, at the AP High School. It was decided we would still have our normal 9 am Sunday service. Those that want to attend the Community Service are welcome to do so.
3. New Testament Stiks: These Bible Stiks are an audio drama designed for the Military. They contain selected Psalms plus a 40-day listening plan and are available for purchase @ \$25. It was discussed these could be purchased using Benevolence Funds.
4. Parkersburg Hardware Store: Motion by Allen to open an account at the Hardware Store, second by Darla. Passed.
5. Parkersburg Fun Days: This year's celebration will be August 17 & 18th. Discussed parade participation. This was tabled and will be discussed further at the next Outreach & Fellowship Ministry Team meeting.

Motion to adjourn by Bruce, second by JoAnne. Passed.

Closing Prayer/The Lord's Prayer

Communion Assistants: June: Michelle Krohn, Stacy Palmer

July: Carol Chapman, Allen Redman

Submitted by Carol Chapman

Family Devotions for June

Keeping His Word!

Bible Verse: "Fix these words of mine in your hearts and minds; . . . Teach them to your children, talking about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up." Deuteronomy 11:18-19

At long last, it's here! Summer! It's often a fun, exciting time when we take a break from our normal routine. Just remember to keep the most important thing #1 on our list – spending time with God and His Word! Along with daily Bible reading with your family, borrow a book from the Bethel library to help "fix God's word in your hearts and minds." Here are just a few:

- The Lord's Prayer by Rick Warren – This beautifully illustrated children's book "helps make this prayer come alive for readers young and old!"
- The Gospel According to Molly by Dr. David Craig – Just one of the wonderfully-written books by our Pastor, "these 'tails' will inspire, encourage and give hope to all who will go for their daily walk with Molly and with God."
- Fully Alive by Ken Davis – Christian comedian, radio host and speaker, Ken Davis, shares his story of how to "live life to the fullest, life overflowing from the power of Christ, life as God intended."
- There are more books and videos in our library you'll want to borrow! Also, watch for those that are looking for a new home!

Pray: Dear God, please help us walk with you this summer, keeping your Word fully alive in our hearts and minds. We ask this in Jesus' Name, amen.

Organized Prayer for Bethel Families

Week of June 3 – Perry & Adrian Bernard, Devin, Gavin, Bella & Lorna, Barb Brouwer, Josh Brouwer, MacKenzie & Jessie, Steve & Sherry Brouwer

Week of June 10 – John & Erin Hubbard, Vern & Marilyn Ingalls, Andy & Kayla Jacobson, Clair & Bo, Jon & Tricia Jacobson, Anna, Wesley & Laura

Week of June 17 – Bob & Connie Rule, Pat Rule, Merle & Merna Schrage, Ryan & April Schrage, Rylee & Reygan

Week of June 24 – Molly O'Brien Brouwer, MacKenzie, Jessie & Jaycee, Dave & Sharleen Hubbard, Joyce Hoffman, Shirley Bergman

Membership Directory

We are working towards a current directory for our church family. It would be nice for a new minister to be able to reach you. Thank you to those who have updated their address, email, and phone numbers, but there are many left. Please contact the office by phone ([319-346-2028](tel:319-346-2028)), email (bethelparkersburg.org), or on the attendance slips on Sunday morning. Or better yet, stop in on Wednesday morning and visit Pam 😊 or Friday morning to visit Doralene 😊!

June Bible Reading Schedule

June 1, Fri: II Kings 20, Lev. 23:23-44, Jer. 52:1-16
Saturday: II Kings 21, Lev. 24, Jer. 52:17-34
Sunday: Exodus 22

June 4, Mon: II Kings 22, Lev. 25:1-17, Mark 1:1-20
Tuesday: II Kings 23:1-20, Lev. 25:18-38, Mark 1:21-45
Wednesday: II Kings 23:21-37, Lev. 25:39-55, Mark 2:1-12
Thursday: II Kings 24, Lev. 26:1-13, Mark 2:13-28
Friday: II Kings 25:1-17, Lev. 26:14-26, Mark 3:1-19
Saturday: II Kings 25:18-30, Lev. 26:27-46, Mark 3:20-35
Sunday: Exodus 23

June 11, Mon: I Chronicles 1, Lev. 27:1-15, Mark 4:1-20
Tuesday: I Chron. 2, Lev. 27:16-34, Mark 4:21-41
Wednesday: I Chron. 3, Numbers 1, Mark 5:1-20
Thursday: I Chron. 4, Num. 2, Mark 5:21-43
Friday: I Chron. 5, Num. 3, Mark 6:1-13
Saturday: I Chron. 6, Num. 4, Mark 6:14-29
Sunday: Exodus 24

June 18, Mon: I Chron. 7, Num. 5:1-15, Mark 6:30-44
Tuesday: I Chron. 8, Num. 5:16-31, Mark 6:45-56
Wednesday: I Chron. 9, Num. 6:1-12, Mark 7:1-23
Thursday: I Chron. 10, Num. 6:13-27, Mark 7:24-37
Friday: I Chron. 11, Num. 7:1-17, 84-89, Mark 8:1-21
Saturday: I Chron. 12, Num. 8:1-14, Mark 8:22-38
Sunday: Exodus 25

June 25, Mon: I Chron. 13, Num. 8:15-26, Mark 9:1-13
Tuesday: I Chron. 14, Num. 9, Mark 9:14-29
Wednesday: I Chron. 15, Num. 10:1-13, Mark 9:30-50
Thursday: I Chron. 16:1-22, Num. 10:14-36, Mark 10:1-16
Friday: I Chron. 16:23-43, Num. 11:1-15, Mark 10:17-34
Saturday: I Chron. 17:1-15, Num. 11:16-35, Mark 10:35-52

June Anniversaries

8 – Kory & Deb Walters (34)
11 – Kyle & Mary Rice (24)
14 – John & Eric Hubbard (4)
16 – Mark & Marilyn Buss (12)
17 – Larry & Carol Chapman (51)
22 – Terry & Janet Mennen (44)
24 – Jay & Angi Herter (23)
28 – Jerry & Lisa Luhring (33)

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 June. Thank you

Ministry Teams –

plan to gather in the sanctuary on **Wednesday, June 6th at 7:00 pm** for a short opening before splitting into individual teams with a Council Liaison.

June Birthdays

3 – Bryer Kressley, Dale Krohn	14 – Rob Gorter
5 – Henry Gerloff	15 – Dennis Ellermann
6 – Dave Hubbard	18 – Bob Patterson
7 – Lance Marlette	22 – Darlene Johnson, Natalie Spree
10 – Jackie Hager	23 – Nora Mann, Bruce Simon
11 – Derek Kressley, Merna Schrage	29 – Mystica Harreld, Lindey Hedrick, Nancy Hemann
13 – Allen Redman	

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

	June 3	June 10	June 17	June 24
USHERS	Jeff Johnson	Jeff Johnson		
ORGANISTS/PIANISTS	Janet Mennen/Sharleen Hubbard/Jacque Craig			
ALTAR GUILD	Marilyn Ingalls			
GREETERS	Leah Knock & Jason Uhlenhopp	Shirley Cassady & Carol Warneka	Jeff & Pam Jacobson	Dennis & Julia Dudley
LECTORS	Jeff Jacobson	Sherry Brouwer	Dave Hubbard	Dan Frey
LITURGISTS	Dale Krohn	Michelle Krohn	Sharleen Hubbard	Terry Mennen
ACOLYTES	Corryn Mann	Gavin Bernard	Ava Mann	Evan Palmer
COMMUNION ASSISTANTS	Michelle Krohn Stacy Palmer		Michelle Krohn Stacy Palmer	
COFFEE FELLOWSHIP				
SOUND SYSTEM	Dan Frey/JoAnne Schwarz			

May Summary of Attendance and Financial Contributions

	Attendance	Bene./Mission	Current	Building Maintenance
Sunday, May 6	74	\$230.25	\$2,659.30	\$0.00
Sunday, May 13	76	\$163.10	\$1,687.95	\$0.00
Sunday, May 20	75	\$152.90	\$2,136.10	\$0.00
Sunday, May 27	49	\$105.00	\$1,390.71	\$0.00
January 1-May 27, 2018		\$3,353.22	\$44,534.39	\$0.00

June 2018 Calendar

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

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