



# Bethel *beacon*

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF BETHEL CHURCH OF BRANDON, WI  
JULY 2022 – VOLUME 37

## Pastor's Pen

### Freedom in Christ

On July 4, we as Americans will celebrate our independence from the domination of foreign powers. There is, however, a greater freedom that we Christians enjoy— freedom in Christ. “For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery” Galatians 5:1.

In Galatians 3:21–29; 4:1–7, 21–31, Paul argues that under the old covenant, the people of God were slaves to sin and death. In Galatians 5:1, Paul begins his argument that the whole point of the new covenant is to provide liberation through the work of Jesus for those formerly under the curse of sin (3:10–14): “For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery” (5:1).

What is Paul saying here? He is saying that God does not command His people to possess certain qualities before He recognizes those qualities in them; rather, He declares that we are something prior to ordering us to do or be that something. In sanctification our Father declares us “saints” or holy ones in Christ (Ephesians 1:1), and then He exhorts us to be holy (2 Timothy 1:9). Christian maturity is living out what our Creator says that we are positionally in His Son. In Jesus we have been freed; therefore, we must live as free people, not taking up the yoke of the Law to secure our own righteousness lest we be re-enslaved to sin (Galatians 5:1).

Freedom from the Law's supervision can be abused, so let us never believe that God wants less of us now than under the old covenant. The Law does not pass away entirely, for Paul commends its fulfillment through love (Galatians 5:14). Still, we are now free from the paralyzing burden of our failure to “cross every t and dot every i” when it comes to keeping the Law — being forgiven in Christ, we need not suffer an accusing conscience without relief, nor need we give into sin any longer. In this life we will transgress our Father's will (1 John 1:8-9), but we are now able by the Spirit not to sin (Romans 6:1–11, Galatians 5:16). We are also liberated from the distinctions the Law introduced and able to fellowship with one another and serve others without the ceremonies and regulations of Moses as barriers between us. All of this is enabled by our union with Christ.

Pastor John

## Renaë's Thoughts

There is a song sung by the Christian group the Talleys called the "Broken Road". If you ever get a chance, I encourage you to listen to it. It is a song that fits so well with what is going on in the world today. So many of us feel like the world around us is falling apart and no matter where we look it doesn't seem like it is getting any better. But like the chorus of this song says:

We're living in a broken world  
A broken world won't give you any answers  
Everything is upside down  
Wrong is right and right is wrong  
But not for long, no, not for long  
This broken world is cradled by a savior  
And nothing here can take him by surprise  
Someday all this hurting will be over  
And every tears been wiped away and dried  
But for now, we're living in a broken world  
But not for long, no, not for long

This world is only our temporary home and we need to prepare ourselves for our eternal home. So many of us get caught up in the world and all its issues that we forget that someday it will all go away. We put so much time and effort into our earthly home that we often forget to use our energy to prepare ourselves for our eternal home. It is comforting to know that what we are experiencing here on earth is no surprise to our Heavenly Father.

We should feel comfort in knowing that this world is "cradled by our Savior". He is here with us every day and that we are only here on earth for a short time. We all need to get back to Jesus so that when we are called home we are ready to live in our eternal home with our Lord Jesus Christ.

Renaë Lind  
Youth Director

## Weather Related Church Cancellation Information

The following information is the communication process in the event of a cancellation of a church related activity. It is important to note that church activities are always cancelled in the event there is a tornado watch or tornado warning. If there is a snowstorm warning, or wind chill warning (per policy) we will communicate cancellations on Sunny 97.7 (including website), WBAY Channel 2 (including closing listings), our Facebook page (and Youth Group Facebook Group if appropriate), and website home page. A churchwide email and mobile app notification will be sent as well. Bethel Buddies will be communicating information to their respective Buddy (those who have requested to be reached by phone due to internet access restrictions). We are hopeful that at least one of these options will work for all members, regular attendees, and visitors of Bethel Church in the event of a cancellation.

**REMINDER:** If school is cancelled due to weather youth church activities will also be cancelled.

## Evangelism/Outreach Pillar

We will again be serving lunch to pilots, missionaries, and staff in the MASA Fellowship tent on Sat., July 23rd prior to the start of EAA Air Venture (July 25). We will be serving 75 to 100 people. Pork sandwiches, chips, salads and bars will be served. We are looking for 6 -7 dozen bars. If you are interested in helping to serve the meal or would be willing to help provide bars, contact Randy and Deb Pinnow at 920-517-5131. Anyone wishing to come and mingle with the pilots, missionaries and staff are welcome. We need to arrive at the EAA grounds around 10:30 am.

**Community Band 8:00 p.m.  
Fireworks at Dusk**



**The Old Paths Quartet**

July 4, 2022 ~ 6:30 to 8:00 pm  
First Reformed Church - Friesland, WI  
107 East Winnebago St.  
Bring your own chairs or blankets  
Join us for fun and fellowship, in an alcohol free environment!  
Dinner service begins at 5:30 pm

**Youth for Christ Peach Sale is back!** Peaches will be available at The Union Youth Center in Waupun, from 11am-6pm, July 6-8th until sold out. Peaches... direct from Georgia! For more info visit [www.badgerlandyfc.org](http://www.badgerlandyfc.org) or call 923-1416.

## A BIG Thank you

What a week was had at Bible School June 6-10. The weather outside was sometimes a little dreary but inside the church there was lots of sunshine and ENERGY. We averaged about 70 students each day. This program sure could not have been as successful without all of the volunteers that came and gave of their time and talents. A big thank you to the following people. (I apologize if I missed someone).

Also thank you to each and everyone of you for your support of this program. Thanks for the cookies, chips, and monetary donations, but most of all thank you for your prayers.

Renae Lind, Youth Director

Teachers: Shelly Hiemstra  
Sandy Vande Zande  
Jenni Post  
Angela Arndt

Craft leaders: Geri Buteyn  
Jeannette Winkle  
Connie Dahlke  
Mary Ann Smit  
Nancy De Boer  
Olivia Miller  
Colton Postotnik

Game Leaders: Brock Post  
Blaise Post  
Levi Phillips  
Cyra Alsum

Sound System: Judi Post  
Anna Lind

Group Leaders: Karen Redeker  
Deb Pinnow  
Maci Hoinacki  
Jack Hoinacki  
Missy Hoinacki  
Kenna Freiberg  
Evan Postotnik  
Renee Postotnik  
Eyon Yunto  
Landen Yunto  
Kendra Yunto  
Kelsey Meenk  
Hailey Lange  
MaKayla Martinek

Lunch Crew: Gary Henker  
Judy Henker  
Charlene Kamphuis



# UPCOMING EVENTS



- 3rd 9:20 a.m. Prayer Time in the Youth Room  
9:30 a.m. Worship\*  
Following the service:  
High School/Adult Sunday School  
Outdoor Fellowship
- 4th Offices Closed  
5:30-8:30 p.m. Friesland Activities
- 5th 1:00-3:00 p.m. Senior Gathering
- 6th-8th Youth for Christ Peach Sale
- 7th-10th Lifest
- 10th 9:20 a.m. Prayer Time in the Youth Room  
9:30 a.m. Worship\*  
Following the service:  
Care Team Meeting  
High School/Adult Sunday School  
Outdoor Fellowship
- 12th 12:00-3:00 p.m. Senior Potluck & Fellowship
- 13th 12:00 p.m. 75+ Summer Luncheon
- 14th-20th Pastor & Leesa Vacation
- 17th 9:20 a.m. Prayer Time in the Youth Room  
9:30 a.m. Worship\* Special— Benevolent Fund  
Following the service:  
Education Meeting  
High School/Adult Sunday School  
Outdoor Fellowship
- 19th 12:00-6:00 p.m. Community Blood Drive
- 23rd MASA Meals Served
- 24th 9:30 a.m. Worship\* Al & Holly Schut  
Following the service:  
High School/Adult Sunday School  
Outdoor Fellowship
- 26th 1:00-3:00 p.m. Senior Gathering
- 31st 9:30 a.m. Worship\*  
Following the service:  
High School/Adult Sunday School  
Outdoor Fellowship

\* Indicates the service will be streamed live on

## Lift

- 3rd Ken Beekman  
10th Ed Montsma  
17th Floyd Smit  
24th Harley Coehoorn  
31st Ken Beekman

## Sound

- 3rd Kelly VandeZande  
10th Harley Coehoorn  
17th Merwin Kimble  
24th Kelly VandeZande  
31st Harley Coehoorn

## Liturgist

- 3rd Karen Redeker  
10th Sandy VandeZande  
17th Shelly Hiemstra  
24th Jen Post  
31st Amanda Hiemstra

## Greeters

- 3rd Harley Coehoorn  
10th Shaun Hiemstra  
17th Lynn DeBoer  
24th Ed Montsma  
31st Troy Newbury

## Fellowship

- 3rd Nick Kamphuis  
10th Randi Turner  
17th Dan Brown  
24th Jack Theyerl  
31st Les Hiemstra

## Nursery

- 3rd Sophie Newbury  
10th Farris Turner  
17th Bella Beltezore  
24th Danica Riedeman  
31st Lori Coehoorn

## DVD Delivery

- 5th Danica Riedeman  
11th Charlene Kamphuis  
18th Shelly Hiemstra  
25th Danica Riedeman



1st Ron & Ann Mulder (55)  
2nd Mitchell Kastein  
Brock Post  
Laurie Walker  
3rd Kathy Owens  
5th Chris Navis  
6th Kate Doris  
Cade Brunsdon  
Graham Brunsdon  
7th Dick Roeming (87)  
Danielle Hiemstra  
Jim Kuik (85)  
8th Curt & Karen Franke  
9th Doug Kok  
10th Tenley Riedeman  
Harley Coehoorn  
Camden Smit  
Jaxon VandeSlunt  
Carson VandeSlunt  
Katie Mulder  
11th Annette Ebert  
13th Tim Kamphuis  
14th Dan Beekman  
Keegan Madigan  
Ron VandeBerg  
Grant Brown  
Gary & Vicky Mulder

16th Dan Coehoorn  
17th Gary Henker  
18th Cayla Sauer  
19th Adam Smit  
Mark & Linda Sippel  
20th Matt & Samantha Giese  
21st Dave & Shelly Freiberg  
Jim & Donna Schmuhl (55)  
22nd Jason Derksen  
23rd Ron Mulder  
Kylie Sippel  
Nick Mattheis  
26th Elaine Hiemstra  
Ryan & Laurie Walker  
27th Amelia Arndt  
Rylee Lavota  
28th Beth Venard  
Kohen VandeZande  
29th Samantha Giese  
Cash Farrell  
Nick Tank  
Mark Sippel  
30th Sam Hiemstra  
Shirley Margers  
31st Lynn DeBoer



I would like to thank the church for sending the plant to Froedtert when Kathy was there. It also went to Kathy's Hospice, Werner-Harmsen Funeral Home, and finally back to church.  
Thank you  
Ken Beekman

## Consistory 2022

### Elders

Les Hiemstra (22) 920-948-1942  
Randy Pinnow (22) 920-904-7703  
Harley Coehoorn (23) 920-229-6953  
Shaun Hiemstra (23) 262-308-9266  
Lynn DeBoer (24) 920-948-0380  
Ed Montsma (24) 920-948-5926

### Deacons

Troy Newbury (22) 920-539-7048  
Greg Smit (22) 920-229-7159  
Nick Kamphuis (23) 920-597-0048  
Randi Turner (23) 920-251-9697  
Dan Brown (24) 920-204-2125  
Jack Theyerl (24) 920-979-3918

### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

John Tilstra, President  
Lynn DeBoer, VP  
Shaun Hiemstra, Clerk  
Nick Kamphuis, Deacon Chr.  
Greg Smit, Treasurer

### TREASURERS

Greg Smit, Main Account  
Randi Turner, Mission

### PASTORAL/STAFF

Lynn DeBoer  
Nick Kamphuis  
Greg Smit  
Shaun Hiemstra  
Kelly VandeZande  
Mary Kimble

### BUILDING

Troy Newbury, Chr.  
Karl Rens  
Phil Laper  
Mike Bos  
Byron Navis

### ELECTION/SELECTION

Dan Brown  
Les Hiemstra

### PULPIT SUPPLY

Lynn DeBoer  
Shaun Hiemstra

### WORSHIP PILLAR

Jack Theyerl, Co-Chr.  
Deanna Theyerl, Co-Chr.  
Caleb Riedeman  
Danica Riedeman  
Leesa Tilstra  
Randi Turner  
Shelly Hiemstra  
Dianne Kastein

### MISSION/OUTREACH PILLAR

Dione Kimble, Chr.  
Rick Redeker  
Randi Turner  
Randy Pinnow  
Denise Hiemstra  
Ron Mulder  
Kay Hiemstra  
Cathy Rens  
Ed Montsma  
Jon Post  
Rick DeBoer  
Dan Brown

### CARE TEAM

Betty DeBoer, Chr.  
Sharon Bos  
Shirley Margers  
Carol Flegner  
Darlene Kamphuis  
Ann Mulder  
Jane Brown  
Mary Ann Smit  
Connie Blank  
Les Hiemstra, Elder Rep.

### EDUCATION PILLAR

Gerri Buteyn, Chr.  
Nick Kamphuis  
Jenni Post  
Lori Coehoorn  
Kim Miller  
Shelly Freiberg  
Angela Arndt  
Rena Lind  
Jen Post

### COMMUNICATIONS PILLAR

Angela Arndt, Co-Chr.  
Jenni Post, Co-Chr.  
LaRae Vander Plas  
Greg Smit  
Craig Bresser  
Judi Post

### YOUTH GROUP SPONSORS

Dallas VandeSlunt  
Nick Kamphuis  
Kenna Freiberg  
Anna Lind  
Bill Lind  
Chase Hoinacki  
Kylie Lichtenwald  
Dawson Drews

### CARE ELDERS

Les Hiemstra  
Shelly Hiemstra  
Linda Smit  
Herb Beekman



## **BETHEL CHURCH**

### **Bethel Church**

305 W Main St  
Brandon, WI 53919  
920-346-5810

[www.bethelbrandon.org](http://www.bethelbrandon.org)

Find us on Facebook, Twitter & Instagram

### **John Tilstra, Pastor**

[pastor@bethelbrandon.org](mailto:pastor@bethelbrandon.org)  
Office: 920-346-5810 Ext. 12  
Home/Cell 815-238-8514

### **Renae Lind, Youth Director**

[youthministry@bethelbrandon.org](mailto:youthministry@bethelbrandon.org)  
Office: 920-346-5810 Ext. 16  
M, T, Th: 8 a.m. - 3 p.m.  
W, F: 8 a.m. - Noon  
Home/Cell 920-960-2852

### **Judi Post, Secretary**

[secretary@bethelbrandon.org](mailto:secretary@bethelbrandon.org)  
Office 920-346-5810 Ext. 10  
M - Th: 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.  
F: 9 a.m. - Noon  
Cell 920-979-3908

### **Custodians**

[jasonssmit438@yahoo.com](mailto:jasonssmit438@yahoo.com)  
**Jason Smit** Home/Cell 920-858-1739  
**Danelle Smit** Home/Cell 920-851-8624