



Bethel *beacon*

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Pastor's Pen

The following was written by Dan Orlovsky, ESPN football analyst and former NFL quarterback. Printed on the website sportspectrum.com.

A Prayer for Fathers

Father God, thank You for these men You have blessed with the role of impactful love. God, that is where I want to start this time with You, and where I want to end this time with You — with love. I pray these fathers know they are loved by You no matter what, and that this love bursts through them in that same way to their children.

I pray these fathers are intentional with their love, the way You were intentional with Yours with Jesus for us. I pray in this journey of fatherhood they know they are not alone, just like Jesus wasn't alone. And that they can and will tap into You and Your strength, to know when to get out of the way and let You be God the Father.

So often we as fathers make being a father about ourselves and our ego — the things we want. And that thought/desire/emotion drives our actions/thoughts/intentions. I pray that fathers make fatherhood about You and their children.

I pray that in the moments of success You get praise and glory. I ask that in those moments, Your name is magnified, not ours. And I pray that in the valley, in the hard times, these moments turn into times where fathers can turn to You, their Heavenly Father, for strength, confidence, belief and wisdom to be the daddy Your Word calls them to be — the daddy their child needs them to be.

Father, teach Your children toughness, but not before love.

Father, teach Your children knowledge, but not before love.

Father, teach Your children work ethic, but not before love.

And may we do the same for our children.

Father, I pray that the foundation of these children, which comes from their fathers, is found in an identity of love from their Heavenly Father.

In Jesus' name, Amen.

Amen and Amen.

Pastor John

Renaë's Thoughts

Summer is just around the corner and we are anticipating many days spent outside enjoying the sunshine. For many of us it may mean picnics under a shade tree, cheering on someone at a baseball game, or jumping into a pool or lake to cool off.

There are so many options and events to do but did you know that as a Christian we only have two options. We can choose to follow the world or we can choose to follow God. How good are we if we only follow God ½ or less of the time and the rest of the time we pursue the things of this world.

Think of this way: How much good is a half a pair of glasses, or ½ of a drinking cup?

How is a halfway commitment to Christ like these items? This was a question asked of our senior high group. You can't do much with either of them if there are only ½ of them. We would probably throw them out because they are of no use. Then how good are we as Christians if we are only giving ½ of ourselves to Him?

How many of us think "But I want to do my own thing-God'll mess up my thing?" God's whole thing is to mess up our thing because he has something way better. God will not settle for half of our lives or half of our hearts-he wants ALL of us. He created our lives, he purchased them with the blood of his son, Jesus. God gave us His all.

All of us are going through a revival. There is a revival that is leading us to God or a revival that is leading us away from God. We can't go halves-part of your life to Jesus, part of your life to the world.

The world is pulling us away from Him because of all that is fun, exciting, good, pleasing, easy and comfortable. We want God but we don't want to give up our lifestyles. I can do both: God and the world. But that is quite a balancing act isn't it? If we are not giving it all to God it may seem that Christianity is boring. If you are a baseball player you give it all you can on the field. Many of us give 100%+ at work. Why would we not want to give 100% to God? The rewards on earth will fade away but our heavenly rewards will last forever. Did you hear that FOREVER!!!

Which are you going to choose: World or God? Jump in both feet, 100% committed to Him and watch the joy and excitement He will provide in your life. Time is running out. God is coming back and each day finds us closer to that time. Are you ready?

Renaë Lind, Youth Director



Elders & *Consistory Information*

May 18 Consistory Meeting

- May 17 last night for youth groups
- Car Hop Fry May 20th
- Bible School June 12-18
- Five youth planning on attending Lifest
- New electronic sign is paid for and Nick Kamphuis and Brock Post are updating as needed.
- Alliance Conference, Aug. 9-11 in Denver Colorado
- Next Elders meeting July 19
- Purchase of new light fixtures and they will be changed out in July.
- New storage building will be purchased.
- Next Executive Meeting June 11.
- Worship Pillar meeting May 21.
- Mission Pillar gave a donation to Nora Alsum for her mission trip.
- Care Team will have a Summer luncheon for 75+ on July 19
- Next Care Team meeting will be June 17.
- Next Consistory meeting will be June 15.



Recommended

READ

from the Bethel Library

"The Lie" by Ken Ham

From the author:

"THE BIBLE PROPHETICALLY WARNS that in the last days false teachers will introduce destructive lies among the people. Their purpose is to bring God's truth into disrepute and to exploit believers by telling them made-up and imagined stories (see 2 Pet. 2:1-3).

SUCH A LIE IS AMONG US. THAT LIE IS EVOLUTION! Today many laypeople, ministers, and Christian educators are powerless in their presentation of the gospel. They have rejected Genesis, the foundation of biblical doctrine. They have believed the modern origins myth of evolution.

If you believe that Genesis is not important to presenting the Gospel, you need to read this book. ! If you believe that what you think about Genesis does not affect you personally, this book is for you. If you believe that evolution can be made to fit the Bible, this book is for you. If you are a witnessing Christian seeking to bring the gospel to this spiritually drifting world, This book is for you.



Lift

- 4th Ken Beekman
- 11th Ed Montsma
- 18th Floyd Smit
- 25th Harley Coehoorn

Sound

- 4th Kelly VandeZande
- 11th Harley Coehoorn
- 18th Merwin Kimble
- 25th Kelly VandeZande

Liturgy

- 4th Shelly Hiemstra
- 11th Sandy VandeZande
- 18th Karen Redeker
- 25th Jen Post

Greeters

- 4th Dan Brown
- 11th Brian Brown
- 18th Harley Coehoorn
- 25th Shaun Hiemstra

Fellowship

- 4th Jack Theyerl
- 11th Jared Hoinacki
- 18th Torrie Grade
- 25th Jon Post

Nursery

- 4th Sophie Newbury
- 11th Rosanne Bresser
- 18th Faaris Turner
- 25th Danica Riedeman

DVD Delivery

- 4th Karen Redeker
- 11th Charlene Kamphuis
- 18th Shelly Hiemstra
- 25th Karen Redeker

SUPPORT FAMILIES BY HELPING CHARIS

Charis Pregnancy and Family Help Center is looking for supplies to stock their baby boutique. These items are earned by clients with points after their weekly attendance, completing lessons and in some cases learning memory verses (Earn while you learn). The NEW items are appreciated by the clients, the mentors and the Charis Board in helping meet their yearly budget. Monetary donations are also accepted towards this cause.

ITEMS INCLUDE:

- Backpack Style Diaper Bags
- Teethers, Bibs, Pacifiers, Burp Cloths
- Crib Sheets
- Baby Toys, Stuffed Animals (all ages)
- Frida Postpartum Kit/Kit supplies (Target)
- Frida Brand Nail Clippers
- Baby Thermometers
- Baby Humidifiers
- Boppy Nursing Pillows
- Bouncer, Swings
- Travel Diaper Mat
- Changing pad and covers
- Bumbo and/or other baby seat
- Carseat Cover, Nursing cover
- Diaper Caddy/Organizer
- Bottles/Sippy cups/snack cups
- Breastmilk storage bags
- Disposable/reusable nursing pads
- Lansinoh Lanolin Salve
- Lansinoh breastfeeding products
- Haakaa silicone breast pump
- Swaddles/starfish-style Swaddles
- Baby/Toddler socks, tights, leggings

A basket will be in the information center for your donation. Thank you!!



1st-6th Pastor & Leesa Vacation
 Sun., 4th 9:20 a.m. Prayer Time, Youth Room
 9:30 a.m. Worship-Bruce Wilterdink
 Following the service:
 Adult Sunday School Fellowship
 6:00 p.m. Church & Culture Discussion

Tue., 6th 1:00 p.m. Senior Gathering
 Sun., 11th 9:20 a.m. Prayer Time, Youth Room
 9:30 a.m. Worship-Communion
 Following the service:
 Adult Sunday School Fellowship

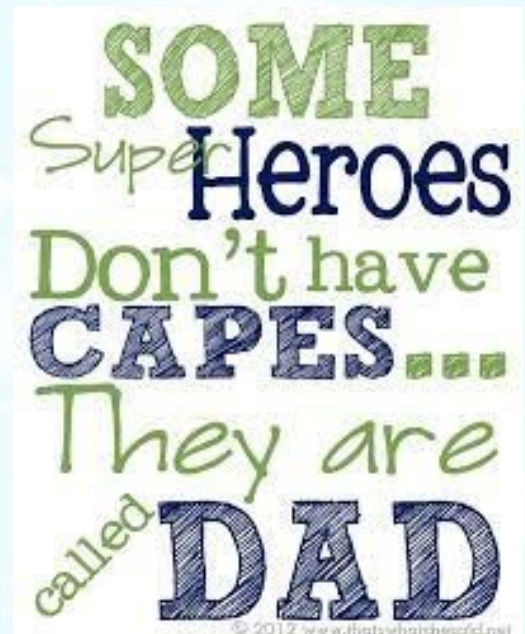
12th-16th 1:30-4:00 p.m. VBS
 Thu., 15th 6:30 p.m. Consistory Meeting
 Sun., 18th Father's Day
 9:20 a.m. Prayer Time, Youth Room
 9:30 a.m. Worship Offering VBS
 Following the service:
 Adult Sunday School Fellowship
 6:00 p.m. Men's Ministry

Mon., 19th Beacon Items Due
 Tue., 20th 1:00-3:00 p.m. Senior Gathering
 Sun., 25th 9:20 a.m. Prayer Time, Youth Room
 9:30 a.m. Worship
 Following the service:
 Adult Sunday School Fellowship

Tue., 27th 1:00-3:00 p.m. Senior Gathering

Big Shout out to all those who supported the Car Hop Fry. Not only did we have fantastic weather but we had a fantastic turnout. The kids worked hard and it showed. We were able to fill 81 orders in 3 hours. We profited over \$1,100.00. Thank you again for all your support . Bethel Youth

Bethel Church,
 Thank you so much for the support, prayers, and generosity you have given our family. We feel very blessed to be part of such an amazing community.
 The Hannah Schultz Family





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| 1st | Quinn Laper
Shanna Peterson
Herb & Pat Beekman (60) | 16th | Steve Smit
Ann Kastein
John Navis (Missionary) |
| 2nd | Kevin & Brenda Beekman
Rick & Shelly Pluim
Brittany DeBoer | 18th | Shaun & Amanda Hiemstra |
| 3rd | Jenna Vis
Shawn & Allison Ward | 19th | Kalen Montsma
Vicky Mulder
Sadie Newbury |
| 4th | Caleb Riedeman
Paul Brunsdon
Craig Mulder | 20th | Harley & Melody Coehoorn
Caleb Navis (Missionary) |
| 5th | Randy Pinnow | 21st | Mike Owens |
| 6th | Bella Beltezore
Caleb & Danica Riedeman | 22nd | Angela Arndt
Charlie & Connie Blank |
| 7th | Jesse Beekman
Lori Dahlke
Shelly Pluim
Krista Schliep
Mitch & Jenna Vis
David & Torrie Grade (20) | 23rd | Emily Smit
Lori VandeBerg |
| 8th | Marisa Youngwirth | 24th | Ben Coehoorn |
| 10th | Lori Coehoorn
Rick & Janet DeBoer | 25th | John Luczak, Jr.
Alex & Ann Zabel |
| 11th | Jack Theyerl
Glenn Ebert
Sydney Dahlke
Paul & Melanie Brunsdon | 26th | Gary & Judith Henker
Keith & Sharon Krohn |
| 12th | Randy & Deb Pinnow | 27th | Corey Dahlke
Connie Dahlke
Ryan Hiemstra |
| 13th | Ron & Sharon VandeBerg | 28th | Melissa Henker
Glen Belmer
John & Shanna Peterson |
| 15th | Tony Sauer | 29th | Seth Gosse
Pastor John & Leesa Tilstra |
| | | 30th | Lori Madigan
Bert & Cheryl Leusink (50) |

Consistory 2023

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Torrie Grade (25) 920-948-7419
Jon Post (25) 920-960-1402

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Byron Navis

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Nick Kamphuis
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Danica Riedeman
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Randi Turner
Shelly Hiemstra
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Randi Turner
Denise Hiemstra
Ron Mulder
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Cathy Rens
Rick DeBoer
Dan Brown

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Jane Brown
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Jon Post
Torrie Grade

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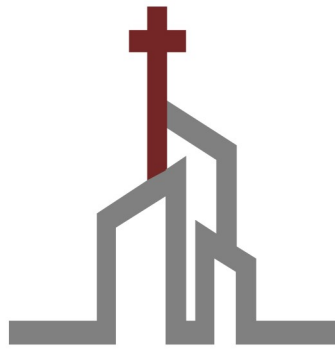
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