

Bethel *beacon*

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Pastor's Pen

We at Bethel have been considering spiritual warfare on Sunday mornings during the summer. What we discovered is if we are to stand firm against Satan's attacks, we must use the Word of God, and let it fight for us, "It is written..."

So, you and your family have opportunities to dive into the Word of God beginning in September. Sunday School starts on September 10 for all ages. The children and youth will be using the *Answers in Genesis* curriculum. The mission of this curriculum is *to present the gospel, beginning in Genesis, to all generations, to train believers to know, obey, and defend God's Word; and to encourage believers to become conformed to the image of Christ.* The current adult class, led by Jon Post, will be deciding soon as to their study direction. Also, Pastor John will be leading a study in the book of Romans beginning Sunday, September 10 at 6:00 in the sanctuary overflow. We will meet every second, fourth, and fifth Sunday of each month with one exception in November/December. For men, Men's Ministry meets on the third Sunday evening of each month at 6:00 in the youth room. All men from post-high school up are welcomed to attend. Resources from *RightNow Media* are used for study and discussion.

Finally, Heather Wegner is facilitating a Christian book study at the old Methodist church building beginning Thursday evening, September 21 at 6:15. This study will meet once a month.

Let me end with this. One of the best ways for Christians to grow in Christ is through small groups. If any of you would like to see a small group ministry restart at Bethel, share your idea(s) with the education pillar or Pastor John.

Let's not let the devil have his way! Let's learn from the Word! Have a wonderful September!

Pastor John

Renae's Thoughts

Summer is slowly fading and fall is just around the corner. As I reflect upon this summer, I can only think about the journey God has put me on. The summer was filled with adventures from Lifest, and our Mission Trip to Benton Harbor, MI. With each of these events, I was able to see our God at work.

First of all, Lifest. It is a four day event where Christians gather and worship our Lord and Savior through song and testimonies. People from all over the states come to this big event and it is amazing to be able to worship our one true God. It was an exciting time also to see our youth gathered together and lifting their voices and hands up praising our loving Lord. It was encouraging to see all of these youth because they are the future of the church and if this is any indication where the church is going, I think it is looking pretty good. We need to continue to pour into our youth, support, love, and show them God's goodness. During this gathering of believers I am always reminded of a saying that one of our youth kids said the first year that I went with them. "Isn't amazing to see so many Jesus loving people in one place." This has always been something that reminds me of the strength that we as Christians have when we unite as one to serve our Lord Jesus Christ.

Secondly, was our mission trip to Benton Harbor, MI. This was a little bit more stressful for me this year since I was the one towing the trailer through the business of Milwaukee and Chicago. But again God showed himself and guided us through with safety. The mission trip itself is beyond what I could have even imagined. We all worked hard and sweated a lot but we united as a team and accomplished more than we could have even known. It's amazing what you find out about people when you spend 24 hours a day for 6 days. I went into this trip thinking about blessing others but were blessed way beyond what I could have even imagined. We met so many strong faithed Christians who pushed all of us to strengthen our own faith.

Our life is a journey. God has given us all a road map to follow. He has put people in our paths that will help us grow and become better because of it. God can use each and everyone to better his kingdom. I learned that we need to quiet ourselves and listen for God's direction because it is so much better than what we have planned for ourselves.

Renae Lind
Youth Director

September Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 1st Greg Smit
Jack Belmer
- 2nd Jim & Charlene Kamphuis
Bret & Stephanie Henning
- 4th Greg & Angie Smit
- 5th Phil Laper
John & Ruth Navis (Missionary)
- 6th Jeff Gunnink
Leesa Tilstra
Bill & Judi Post
- 7th Eric & Katie Mulder
- 8th Vanessa Slager
- 9th Hollyn Gunnink
- 10th Ally Redeker
- 11th Dan VandeBerg
- 12th Logan Smit
- 14th Jeff & Melissa Henker
- 15th Sarah Whelan
Grady Vis
Ken & Linda Smit
- 19th John Peterson
Adam Kok
Jodi Mulder
Kyle VandeZande
- 20th Doug & Kim Kamphuis
- 21st Judith Larson
Lena Arndt
Jacob Redeker
Jimmy Huebschman
Rich & Gerri Buteyn
- 23rd Carley Madigan
Craig & Rosanne Bresser
- 24th Logan Sauer
Ruth Navis (Missionary)
Steve Weisnicht
Cason Huebschman
Lynn & Nancy DeBoer
Dan & Ann Kastein
- 25th Jen Post
- 27th Jenni Post
Kevin & Lisa Kamphuis
- 28th Les & Shelly Hiemstra
- 29th Cole Arndt
Orrin & Dione Kimb;e
- 20th Jacob Rens

September Schedule

Lift

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

Sound

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

Greeters

- 3rd Brian Brown
10th Harley Coehoorn
17th Shaun Hiemstra
24th Ed Montsma

Fellowship

- 3rd Jared Hoinacki
10th Torrie Grade
17th Jon Post
24th Lynn DeBoer

Nursery

- 3rd Sophie Newbury
10th Rosanne Bresser
17th Danica Riedeman
24th Lori Coehoorn

Liturgist

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

DVD Delivery

- 3rd Karen Redeker
10th Charlene Kamphuis
17th Shelly Hiemstra
24th Karen Redeker

September Church Calendar

1st & 2nd Sun., 3rd	Friends of Brandon Library Brat Fry 9:20 a.m. Prayer Time, Youth Room 9:30 a.m. Worship-Communion Special Guest Emma Lurvey from Collective Coalition, Ripon College Following the service: Adult Sunday School Fellowship
Mon., 4th	6:00 p.m. Church & Culture Discussion Offices Closed
Tue., 5th	10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting 1:00-3:00 p. m. Senior Gathering
Wed. 6th	7:00 p.m. Choir Practice
Sun., 10th	9:20 a.m. Prayer Time, Youth Room 9:30 a.m. Worship-Emergency Workers Recognition- Speaker Officer Eder Salmeron Following the service: Sunday School for all ages Deacons Meeting Executive Meeting Fellowship
Mon., 11th	6:00 p.m. Romans Bible Study Beacon Items Due
12th & 13th	Pastor Unavailable
Tue, 12th	12:00-3:00 p.m. Senior Gathering & Potluck
Wed., 13th	6:00 p.m. Junior High Youth 7:30 p.m. Senior High Youth
Sun., 17th	9:20 .m. Prayer Time, Youth Room 9:30 a.m. Worship-Special Offering Sunday School Following the service: Sunday School for all ages Fellowship
Mon., 18th	6:00 p.m. Men's Ministry 6:30 a.m. Elders Meeting
Tue., 19th	10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting 1:00-3:00 p.m. Senior Gathering
Wed., 20th	6:00 p.m. Junior High Youth 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice 7:30 p.m. Senior High Youth
Thu., 21st	6:15 p.m. Bible Study with Heather Wegner at the old Methodist Church
Sat., 23rd	9:00 a.m. Bethel Quilters Meeting
Sun., 24th	9:20 .m. Prayer Time, Youth Room 9:30 a.m. Worship Following the service: Deacons Meeting Sunday School for all ages Fellowship
Tue., 26th	6:00 p.m. Romans Bible Study 10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting
Wed., 27th	1:00-3:00 p.m. Senior Gathering 6:00 p.m. Junior High Youth

Thank You

Dear Members of Bethel Reformed Church,

From the bottom of our hearts we thank you all so much for your prayers, cards, and well wishes during this difficult time. We know that God is hearing our prayers and we are hopeful for what the future holds.

Eric & Katie Mulder

Dear Bethel Reformed Family

Thank you for your support of our ministry in the UAE. We are grateful for your prayers and for your financial contribution. We are encouraged by your partnership!

Josh, Alison, Eva, Gabe, & Philip Perkins

Thank you!

Matthew 6:21—For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

Boy Bethel, that is you! VBS and sack lunches were again successful because of your Big hearts and generosity. Thank you so very much!

From all the kids who received lunches and the Henker Gary & Judy.

See the following pages for some thank you from some of the kids!

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