

Bethel *beacon*

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER | BETHEL CHURCH, BRANDON, WI
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Consistory Meeting—August 21, 2025

- Discussion was held in regards to a National Exchange Bank inquiry.
- Youth Code of conduct was presented and approved.
- Pastoral & Staff are meeting soon.
- Care Team is having a outing with 75+ on October 15.
- Pastor Barry Lange of First Reformed Church, Waupun is assisting Bethel at this time.
- Love fund gifts were given to two families.
- The parsonage is being upgraded for handicap accessibility.
- Mission Pillar is setting up to assist a family in the area.



55+ Fall Trip & Luncheon October 15, 2025

Registration deadline October 12.
Leaving the church parking at 11:00
Lunch at 11:30
Transportation provided if needed.
Langford's Pub,
Green Lake Conference Grounds
Cost \$20.00 all inclusive.
Sign up on the Information Table.
Questions, contact Sharon Bos.

Renae's Thoughts

"Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart." Hebrews 12:1-3

So many Christians lose hope because of the fog of life's circumstances. We lose our focus on the purpose that we were created for and get caught up in the challenges and distractions that are tempting us or getting in the way. Many will eventually give up and fall to the worldly temptations.

We all have dealt with situations that hinder us from staying on course. So you may ask yourself, "How do I stay on course when distractions blind me from the truth?"

Answer: Faith.

Faith is one of those words we hear so often. How strong is our faith to keep us going in those tough times? What does it look like to have a life of faith?

In Hebrews 12:1 it tells us to throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles us. Many fail at this. We flirt with the influences that are confusing our thinking and often get entangled in them causing us to follow the ways of the world rather than the ways of God.

That's not putting our faith in God is it? How many of us are giving into our own personal desires? When we focus on Him it is so much easier to see clearly God's ways, which are always the best ways.

Hebrews 12:1-3 instructs us to throw those temptations away. Maybe that means getting rid of some of the apps on our phone, not playing a video game that has consumed our thinking, and lessening our computer time. Maybe it means surrounding ourselves with people who will help build our faith and encourage in our walk with Jesus rather than with those who will distract us from it.

But then what?

To encourage us to be faithful and stay focused on Jesus we need to fix our eyes on Jesus.

Fixing your eyes on Jesus means spending more time with him. Spend time reading His teachings (read the Bible), practice living the example He set for us, and remember the sacrifice He made for us by giving His life for us.

When we focus on Him our faith continues to grow. We are more focused Christians who want to live a life for Jesus. The things that once hindered us and brought us down are no longer important. When our faith is strong we won't grow weary and lose heart because we know that God is there helping us to continually fix our eyes on Him.

Renae Lind
Youth Director

OCTOBER

1st Brian & Pam Beekman

2nd Matilda Arndt

Rhett Beekman

Mike Wegner

Jack & Deanna Theyerl

3rd Bill Post

Melody Coehoorn

Jimmy & Kaelyn Huebschman

Jay & Danelle Smit

4th Rosanne Bresser

Art VandeBerg

Doralee Coehoorn

5th Craig & Jodi Mulder

6th Donna Schmuhl

8th Justin Beekman

Dave Freiberg

Jared & Missy Hoinacki

9th Grayden Riedeman

Mike & Kathy Owens

10th David Bresser

Bekah Hiemstra

Allen Coehoorn

Jeanette Winkel

11th Lisa Kamphuis

12th Danielle Schmuhl

Kyle & Jamie VandeZande

13th Janet DeBoer

14th Cathy Rens

Justin & Nicole Beekman

Brian & Melissa Lavota

15th Josh & Jennifer Erdahl

17th Levin VandeBerg

18th Karen Redeker

20th Scott VandeBerg

David 'Charlie' Blank

Duane & Sally Kok

22nd Ed & Kathy Montsma

23rd Robin Gunnink

25th Mel Gunnink

Bert Leusink

Corey & Lori Dahlke

26th Amy Redeker

27th Ken Smit

Brian Youngwirth

Dan & Pam VandeBerg

28th Kevin Beekman

31st Jordan Kastein

Jared Kok

Melanie Brunsdon



Thankful
FOR YOUR KINDNESS

Our family would like to thank Bethel Church for all your warmth and support throughout our family's loss. The spiritual guidance and comforting words from everyone truly helped our family navigate through this difficult time. For all the delicious meals, flowers, gifts, and help with arrangements was a blessing. We are grateful to Pastor Kevin, Ann, Kelly, and Leesa for their outstanding job during the funeral. We also want to express our gratitude to all the volunteers who helped serve the meal after the burial. Everyone's kindness will always be remembered.

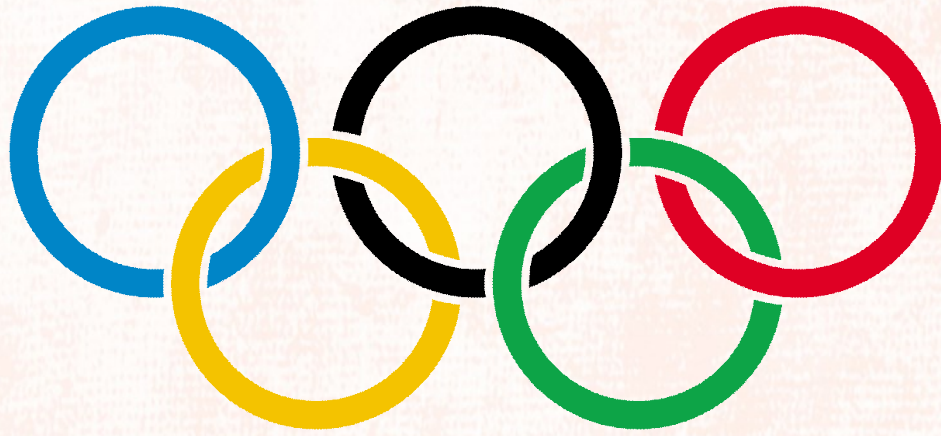
Charlene Kamphuis family



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LIFT	5th	Floyd Smit
	12th	Harley Coehoorn
	19th	Ken Beekman
	26th	Ed Montsma
SOUND	5th	Merwin Kimble
	12th	Kelly VandeZande
	19th	Harley Coehoorn
	26th	Merwin Kimble
GREETERS	5th	Bob Winkel
	12th	Dallas VandeSlunt
	19th	Merwin Kimble
	26th	Nic Mattheis
LITURGIST	5th	Karen Redeker
	12th	Jen Post
	19th	Amanda Hiemstra
	26th	Mark Kastein
NURSERY	5th	Lena Arndt
		Cameron Hiemstra
	12th	Mac Mattheis
	19th	Rosanne Bresser
	26th	Danica Riedeman
FELLOWSHIP	5th	Brian Brown
	12th	Jared Hoinacki
	19th	Jay Smit
	26th	Torrie Grade
DVD DELIVERY	5th	Jeanette Winkel
	12th	Shelly Hiemstra
	19th	Karen Redeker
	26th	Rosanne Bresser
CHILDREN'S MESSAGE	5th	Amanda Hiemstra
	19th	Danica Riedeman

Wed., 1st	6:00 p.m. Junior High Youth Group 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice 7:30 p.m. Senior High Youth Group
Sun., 5th	9:20 a.m. Prayer Time, Youth Room 9:30 a.m. Worship-Pastor Bill Zuhlke, Communion 10:30 a.m. Sunday School, all ages, Fellowship 4:00 p.m. High School Girl's Bible Study
Mon., 6th	6:00 p.m. Young Women's Bible Study
Tue., 7th	1:00-3:00 p.m. Senior Gathering 6:30 p.m. Bible Study of Ruth
Wed., 8th	9:10 a.m. 55+ Bible Study 6:00 p.m. Junior High Youth Group 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice 7:30 p.m. Senior High Youth Group
10th-12th	Junior High Silver Birch Retreat
Sun., 12th	9:20 a.m. Prayer Time, Youth Room 9:30 a.m. Worship-Ray Tilstra 10:30 a.m. Deacon's Meeting, Fellowship Sunday School, all ages
Mon., 13th	5:30 p.m. Adventures Club 6:00 p.m. Young Women's Bible Study
Tue., 14th	1:00-3:00 p.m. Senior Gathering 6:30 p.m. Bible Study of Ruth
Wed., 15th	12:00 p.m. 75+ Outing 6:00 p.m. Junior High Youth Group 7:30 p.m. Senior High Youth Group
Thu., 16th	9 a.m. Bethel Quilters 5:45 p.m. Exec. Meeting 6:30 p.m. Consistory
Sun., 19th	9:20 a.m. Prayer Time, Youth Room 9:30 a.m. Worship-Ray Tilstra 10:30 a.m. Sunday School, all ages, Fellowship 4:00 p.m. High School Girl's Bible Study
Mon., 20th	6:00 p.m. Bestway Drivers Ed Class 6:00 p.m. Men's Ministry 5:30 p.m. Adventures Club 6:00 p.m. Young Women's Bible Study
Tue., 21st	1:00 p.m. Senior Gathering 6:30 p.m. Ruth Bible Study
Wed., 22nd	6:00 p.m. Junior High Youth Group 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice 7:30 p.m. Senior High Youth Group
Sun., 26th	9:20 a.m. Prayer Time, Youth Group 9:30 a.m. Worship-Bruce Wilterdink 10:30 a.m. Deacon's meeting, Fellowship Sunday School all ages 6:00 p.m. Bestway Driver's Ed Class
Mon., 27th	5:30 p.m. Adventures Club 6:00 Young Women's Bible Study
Tue., 28th	1:00 p.m. Senior Gathering 6:00 p.m. Bible Study of Ruth
Wed., 29th	6:00 p.m. Junior High Youth Group 7:30 p.m. Senior High Youth Group



Olympic Hopefuls Adventures Club

For 3K-5th Grade

When: Oct. 13, Oct. 20, Oct. 27, Nov. 3 & Nov. 10

Where: Bethel Church of Brandon

Time: 5:30 - 7:00 P.M.

We will travel with the Apostle Paul on his life journey using Bible truths, crafts, games and snacks.



Mission Statement:

To demonstrate God's love in a tangible way to children in need around the world, and together with the local church worldwide, to share the Good News of Jesus Christ and make disciples of the nation.

Since 1993, over 220 million boys and girls in more than 170 countries and territories have experienced God's love through the power of simple shoebox gifts from Operation Christmas Child instead of Angel Tree. Samaritan's Purse works with local churches and ministry partners to deliver the gifts and share the life-changing Good News of Jesus Christ.

This year Bethel Church will once again be partnering with Operation Christmas Child. Our goal is to pack 100 shoeboxes (50 boy and 50 girl boxes) and we need your help. There are sign up sheets in the back of the church of supplies needed for this wonderful event. Please have items in church by October 26. There will be bins in the Information Center for your items.

We are planning a service project day to prepare these boxes, fellowship together, and show students how to share the love of Jesus with others around the world.

On November 16 during the Sunday School hour, we will be packing these boxes. As a church we need you to help our students in the assembling of these boxes, praying over these boxes, and fellowshiping with the students of our church. After the assembly we will be sharing a meal together, which will be provided.

This event will not only change the lives of those who will receive them but all those who help assemble these special gifts.

Hope to see you there!!

Consistory 2025

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