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Bethany Reformed Church Monthly Newsletter/October 2020



Ah yes, school is in full swing. Our kids finally have direction for their daily lives. But what about you? Do us adults have direction? The summer has been red hot with a pandemic, riots, and political battles. Yet do we adults know where we are headed breaking out of all this?

Often during times that organizations are asking for my attention I ask myself where does the gospel fit into all of this? Put another way, what should be my corporate and personal direction during difficult times? I hope you ended that last question with a resounding "duh". Our daily lives should be always directed toward the Gospel of Jesus Christ! How are we actively sharing the hope found in the cross?

Perhaps the problem isn't all the tension, division and injustice in our world. Maybe just maybe we didn't commit to sharing the Gospel during the wonderful times. So how can we expect to be bold enough to share it in outrageous times?

Personal mission isn't optional, but we tend to treat it like it is. It isn't up to the pastor or the elders....it is really up to us.... together.

I admire those who have a strong sense of personal mission: the idea that we all have this hope of a better way and for sure are willing to share it!

If we commit to being about the hope of Jesus Christ, then we can be called a faithful servant.

Blessings,
Pastor Al

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<p>2020-2021 FAMILY NIGHT</p> <p>It seems the pandemic has affected many parts of our lives and Family Night is no exception. So, how will BRC's Wednesday evenings look different? This year, we will <i>not</i> be holding class for 3 years old through Kindergarten children and for the time being, there will <i>not</i> be a meal offered prior to classes starting.</p> <p>However, we are still having: GEMS (girls) 1st -5th grade. Future Life Leaders (boys) 1st -5th grade. Action Group- 6th-8th grade students. RCYF- 9th-12th grade students.</p> <p>Kick-off for 1st-5th grade students will be Wednesday, October 7th, from 6:45-8:00pm.</p>	<p>Updating...</p> <p>If you have a NEW phone number, mailing or email address please let Jill D. know.</p> <p>If you are currently <i>not</i> receiving Prayer Chains and would like to be added to the outgoing list, see Jill D.</p>	<p>Consistory Meeting Sunday, October 11.</p> <p>Anyone seeking transfer of membership, profession of faith or baptism is welcome to come to the Elder's mtg at 6PM. The Deacon's will meet at 6:30PM and full consistory at 7PM.</p>
	<p>www.bethanyrcsd.org</p> <p>Visit our church website to keep up to date on happenings and to connect to Sunday morning services. Just click on the <i>Sermon</i> tab. This page has a link for you to click on that will bring you to a live feed of our Sunday morning Worship service. You can also watch, or re-watch, past services.</p>	<p>A pastor never gets to say "I'm off duty". Never gets to punch out at 5. Never gets to have a normal schedule. We don't know how many sleepless nights they spend on their knees praying for their church. How much opposition they face. How many family opportunities they miss to meet with hurting people. We can't carry their burden for them but we can do what the Bible tells us to: Pray for them. Encourage them. Support them. By blessing them we will only be blessed in return.</p>

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 Harvey Windschill	2 Trinity Strohfus	3 Daniel & Stacy Brown
4 9:30am Worship (Communion) Benjamin Wallenburg	5 Selena Rus <i>AJ and Tami Nelson</i> <i>Eric and Doreen Zomer</i>	6 Lenae Wiersma	7 Family Night 6:45-8:00pm AnnaLee Jacobs <i>Bubba and Sally Bierschbach</i>	8	9 <i>Dustin and Roxy Wallenburg</i>	10 Seth Peterson
11 9:30am Worship 6pm Consistory Meeting Laura Dozark Becky Winter <i>Leroy and Nancy Feekes</i>	12 Janet Wiebe Connie Lamp	13 Miyah Strohfus Sawyer Wallenburg	14 Family Night 6:45-8:00pm	15 Ryan Scott	16	17
18 9:30am Worship Kenadi Baune	19	20 Wyatt Jacobs	21 Family Night 6:45-8:00pm <i>Dennis and Jeanne Boote</i>	22 CharleeAnn King	23 Gene Lamp Mike Niemeyer	24
25 9:30am Worship Graham Robinson <i>Joe and Rachel Kelderman</i>	26	27	28 Family Night 6:45-8:00pm	29 AJ Nelson	30 Tim Devitt	31

October Monthly Servants

Sound Room/PowerPoint

- 4- Tim Lems and Elijah Van De Stroet
- 11- Joe Kelderman and Lorna Haverhals
- 18- Tim Devitt and Jordan Van De Stroet
- 25- Jerome Van De Stroet and Bubba Bierschbach

Praise Team

- 4- Melanie Van De Stroet, Nancy Feekes, Breanna Bierschbach
- 11- Kristi Robinson, Breanna Bierschbach, Karren Peterson, Kate Devitt
- 18- Brenda Van Zee, LaVonna Lems, Brad Peterson, Angela Baune
- 25- Praise Band

Sunday School

Sunday School is held from 11:00-11:40am.

1st-3rd Grade = teacher Angie Wiersma

4th-5th Grade = teacher John Van De Stroet

6th-8th Grade = teacher Brad Peterson

High School = teacher Tami Van De Stroet

Adult Class = leader Karren Peterson (Class is held in the church library)

3yrs old – Kindergarten = The Education Committee has decided that these students will have their learning time during Children & Worship. Children & Worship is held during the morning Worship Service.

We are in need of a few substitute SS teachers, if you're interested please see Jill Devitt. Thank you!

Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen.
Ephesians 4:29



Volunteers

*They don't necessarily have the time;
they just have the heart.*

Thank You!

Greetings from the Action Group and RCYF!

It's hard to believe another month has flown by and we are in the beginning of Fall. As I watch the early morning sunrise, I am in awe at the beautiful colors that appear before my eyes. How does God make these beautiful colors that are indescribable? I wonder how many beautiful sunrises and sunsets I've missed in the past because I was blind or not aware of my surroundings? I then began questioning what else we have been blind to? Do we see people as God sees them? Are we blind even though we see? These questions will hopefully help us to learn more about each other, to lift up our brothers and sisters in their daily lives and yet, help us to learn about the gifts, we ourselves have been given by God.

My mind then brings me to the story of Paul/Saul in Acts 9:17-18. *17So, Ananias went to the house, and when he arrived, he placed his hands on Saul. "Brother Saul," he said, "the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on the road as you were coming here, has sent me so that you may see again and be filled with the Holy Spirit."* *18At that instant, something like scales fell from Saul's eyes and his sight was restored. He got up and was baptized.* Much like Saul, we can't see what's in front of us, until our scales fall off. The actions of our decisions of today will change the outcome of tomorrow.

During all these thoughts going through our mind, we become aware that our student really don't know each other, their leaders, or themselves. We decided to have a little fun with the students getting to know themselves and others. Our first night of group, we had an activity much like speed dating, but no dating involved, a speed getting to know you. After we completed that activity, we had a face-off between the students of who really listened. We will admit that some of the students were not ready to share about themselves, while others were willing to take a brick out of the wall of protection. During the face-off, students were not allowed to use the questionnaire to remember who said what. We presented the questions and asked what a particular student's answer was. Surprising how sometimes we need a little push to be awakened to

who God has placed in our lives, in order to see. Alone we do so little but together we can do so much.

This activity leads us back to the story of Saul. Even though Ananias was not ready to listen, he soon learned in doing so he and his brother Saul were able to see. They were able to see that the best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched, they must be felt with the heart to truly see what God has placed before us.

Your Action Group and RCYF Leaders

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I WILL GIVE
you pastors
ACCORDING
TO MINE HEART,
which
SHALL FEED YOU
WITH
knowledge &
understanding.
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