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The lessons of late may have appeared on the surface to be simple stories, and yet there is a calling to pause, to take time with them, to listen for God's faint whispers, even amidst the hustle and bustle. So, as we move into October and November and the end of the Church year, I look forward to continuing to dig into God's Word with you all as we continue to live out His mission for us as His disciples here in this place.

God bless you all!

Pastor Jesse



Pastor's Column

Dear Friends in Christ-

You know how you can read a text several times and yet then there is that ONE time. That one time when you come to it, and you say, Lord, what are you trying to say, and in God's grace, the text is opened up in amazing, sometimes awe inspiring ways. Well, the Gospel readings from the past several week have done exactly this for me. Jesus' distinct calling to the Church, His body, to have in mind the mind of God, thinking back to Jesus' affirmation of Peter, and then His rebuke. Also thinking back to Jesus words to desire those things that please Him (please excuse the rough paraphrase). Along with that, to care about His body as He does. To disdain (Norwegian understatement here) sin, to seek restoration for all, to practice the forgiveness that He has practiced, and to desire that His Grace be shared with all, no matter when they come to the table...And to rejoice with Him when as Luke shares with us, "there is joy before the angels of God over one sinner who repents."





Minutes of Meetings:

Bethany's Church Council Meeting for September 20, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

Attendees: Barb Kesl, Mary Nehring, Norma Newton, Pastor Jesse Peterson, Joyce Peterson, Cathy Potter, Chuck Potter, Cheryl Kalsem

The meeting was called to order by Vice President, Chuck Potter

Devotions: Barb Kesl

Additions/Deletions to Agenda: Add organ repair to the Action Items. Barb made the motion to add the organ repair to the Action Items and Cathy second the motion. Motion approved.

Consent Agenda: Norma made the motion to approve the Consent Agenda for September 20, 2017 and Barb second the motion. Motion approved.

Pastor's Report:

- Had a several Pastoral visits and meetings. Also, we hosted Orland Nerness's funeral
- Thank you again to Sara H. for joining us on Communion Sunday and being the accompanist. Thank you to Ann and Worship and Music for making the necessary arrangements.
- If you are foreseeing needs upcoming for your committee or group and need to meet and discuss it with me, please approach me sooner than later so we can get ahead of any items forthcoming. Thank you!
- A month in review of the Ministries to celebrate within the church:
 - o Sunday school is still on break through the month of September. Please see the note below for more information about the upcoming study.
 - o The Orphanage – We continue to seek a few individuals to join our Orphanage Liaison Team which will be a person or two from each of the churches that are involved with Orphanage – If you are interested, please talk to me.
 - o Thank you to all those who gave toward the new refrigerator for the Orphanage. Pastor Swen emailed and shared his many thanks for all of our “loving support and encouragement.”
 - o The Sunday morning Prayer Group is going strong. If you have any prayer requests you would like for them to lift up in their time of gathering, please email them to dolwil@huxcomm.net and bethanypastor@huxcomm.net . If you would like to receive prayer, please consider joining the group, Sunday mornings from 9:00 to 9:15 in the Children's Sunday school room.
 - o Thank you to everyone who helped out serving in various ways at Orland Nerness's funeral. We as a church would not be able to provide these ministries of hope and encouragement during these times of loss without you!
 - o I am sure there is more. Sorry for anyone I missed!
- Looking toward the future:
 - o Sunday school is scheduled to resume Sunday, October 1st. Eileen helped us to locate a video and discussion series which we are planning on using as we prepare for the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation. The study will be open to all ages and then we will break up into discussion groups as is fitting.
 - o Thank you to everyone who has supported the Food Pantry and the Backpack Buddies program. Please continue to remember them as you shop for groceries this month.
 - See the flyer posted on the bulletin board for Backpack Buddy monthly request.

Pastor Jesse

Committee Reports:

Secretary Report: approved via e-mail for printing in *Bethany Banner*

Treasurer's Report: e-mail sent to all

Pastor's Report: e-mail sent to all

Worship and Music Committee Report for Council meeting 20 September 2017

Mike Olson Committee Chair

Nothing received

Outreach and Service Committee Report for Council meeting 20 September 2017

Submitted by Cathy Potter Committee Chair

Outreach is planning a pot luck plans after service Reformation Sunday, Oct 29th

Also, are planning a hot dog roast, bonfire, and hayrack ride scheduled for Saturday, Nov 4th at 5:00 pm.

Facilities Committee Report for Council meeting 20 September 2017

Submitted by Kevin Winchell Committee Chair

Facilities has talked with several church, council and former facilities members to explore options to replace the siding on the church. We will be talking to several different companies in the coming weeks to gather cost, time frames and get the best look for the church. Taking down the chimney, rebuilding the roof in that area and the wood around the window frames are also items needing to be considered.

Staff and Volunteer Committee Report for Council meeting 20 September 2017

Submitted by Barb Kesl Committee Chair

I continue to review documents related to staff and volunteer responsibilities. I met with Pastor Jesse and Jenny Olson to discuss office manager responsibilities.

Christian Education Committee Report for Council meeting 20 September 2017

Submitted by Mary Nehring Committee Chair

Nothing to report

Finance Committee Report for Council meeting 20 September 2017

Jerry Ryerson Committee Chair

Nothing received

Action Items:

Jean Finch donated to the church Yetta Olson's confirmation certificate nicely framed. Discussion by the council as to where to hang it in the church and suggestion was made to have an article in the *Banner* of the history.

Staff and Volunteer Committee along with the Pastor informed the Council of the receipt of Jenny Olson's request for them to find a new Office Manager to replace her. Jenny suggested to them that she could stay on in volunteer capacity until the new Office Manager is found. She is willing to help train-in and be a resource for the new Office Manager going forward. Staff and Volunteer Committee and the Pastor will be working together to find and recommend the new Office Manager for hire to the Council. If anyone knows of any retired Church Office Managers who are looking for part time work, the duties average about 10 hours a week and pays approximately an average of \$10 to \$12 per hour.

The Outreach Committee is continuing to work on the church directory.

Joyce Peterson reported on the need to have the organ repaired. Joyce made the motion to allow expenditure up to \$1,000 beyond the Worship & Music Committee budget and Norma second the motion. After discussion, motion was amended to \$2,000. Motion approved.

The meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Cheryl Kalsem, Secretary

The Collection Plate:

August offerings -----\$4,771.00

Needed monthly -----\$ 6,512.78 (2017 offering budget divided by 12 months)

----Norma Newton, Treasurer

Library News

One Sunday morning when I was putting books in the Bethany Library before church, a congregation member asked me, "Where do you get the books?" I was glad he asked because that is another way you can help at Bethany. I recently added eight books and will share information about them and where I got them.

1. Tim Tebow, an NFL quarterback, wrote his biography called "Through My Eyes." His book covers from growing up with Christian missionary parents through his experiences playing football. I had read about this book in the newspaper and wrote it down as one I should buy for the Bethany library. But the price of \$26.99 is higher than I usually pay so thought I would be patient. Then when I wasn't looking for it, there it was at a Ankeny garage sale in September for \$2.00. I hope one of you will read it and share a report with all of us.

2. A devotional book, "A Wife After God's Own Heart" by Elizabeth George, I found at the same garage sale for \$.25. She talks about 12 things that really matter in a marriage. Even though I have been married for 57 years, I learned several points that I could work on in my marriage. I read it during my devotional time and found it very easy to read.

3. "A Bag of Penny Candy," filed in the Miscellaneous section of our library, is a collective memoir of women who lived in the 1930s. Each memoir is one to four pages long; some funny; some sad; and some religious. Again, I bought it at a garage sale. Easy to read and brings back memories for many of us.

4. "Tell Someone" by Pastor Greg Laurie was a \$5 special of the month on christianbook.com. I had heard about this book and wanted to buy it because I personally need help in sharing my faith with others more assertively. Pastor Laurie shares stories from his own life of both failures and successes in attempts to share his faith. The most important thing in the book is the biblical principles that you can apply in your life. Pastor Laurie says in his opening comments, "If you will take the time to read this book from beginning to end, I believe that as you apply these biblical truths, you will be able to not only share your faith but also bring others to Christ."

5. Another way we receive books is congregation members bring them to us after they have read them. Recently the book "Painted Desert" was donated. It is a fiction by Nancy Farrier, a new author to our library. The person who donated it said the book was enjoyable.

6. A book written by Beverly Lewis, a famous Christian fiction author, is called "Summer Hill Secrets." I found it on the shelves at the Ballard clothing pantry in Huxley.

7. Colleen Coble, another Christian fiction author, wrote "Journey of the Heart Trilogy." Generally the trilogy books cost less than buying all three books separately. In this case I spent \$10 on this one book at christianbook.com where the three separately were \$8 each. So watch for specials in the store and let me know if you think there is something the library could use.

8. The last one we recently added is written by Melanie Dobson called "Love Finds you in Amana Iowa." Darold and I read this book together. We learned a lot about the Amish in Iowa, how and why they came to settle here in Iowa and a lot about their culture. I bought this book at a consignment shop in Florida where I buy many books from \$.25-\$2.

We appreciate that the Finance Committee at Bethany has allotted \$100 per year for new books. We also appreciate your sharing books with us to put in the library. Our policy is to keep books for seven years and then either give them away to you folks or donate to a local library for their annual book sale. I bought 20 books at the Slater Library book sale in May of this year by the sackful so spent \$2.00.

Again, we are always glad to print book reports that any of you have from the Bethany Library books in the newsletter. Please enjoy your adventures in reading.

-----Submitted by Eileen Primmer

Activities and Events

Those Who Serve in October:

Greeters: October 1 – Jerry & Carol Ryerson; October 8 & 15 – Ron & Jean Finch; October 22 & 29 – Dean & Deb Osterhout

Usher: Darold Primmer

Klokker: (October 8) – Morey Hill

Lectors: October 1 – Chuck Potter; October 8 – Morey Hill; October 15– Julia Sullivan; October 22 – Dolores Williams; October 29 – Jenny Olson

Communion Preparation: (October 1) – Jean Finch

Communion Assistant: (October 1) – Phil Ringgenberg

Cookies: October 1 – Helen Miller and Marilyn Osterhout; October 8 – Julie Winchell and Cheryl Kalsem; October 15 – Shirlene Brendeland and Joyce Peterson; October 22 – Barb Kaltenheuser and Charlotte Nutty; October 29 – Mary Nehring and Jenny Olson

Hospice Cookies: October 19 – Carol Ryerson

Visits to less than mobile members:

October 1-15 – Carol Ryerson

October 16-31 – Need volunteer

Dates to Note on Your Calendar:

Sunday, October 1: 10:45 a.m. Sunday school for all ages begins.

Tuesday, October 10: 9:30 a.m. Service Group will meet. Hostess – Carole Begg

Tuesday, October 17: 1:30 p.m Faith Circle will meet with Joyce Peterson leading the Bible study on Chapter 12, Wise in His Own Eyes. Helen Miller will be the hostess. Join in our study of Proverbs 27 and 28.

Wednesday, October 18: 7:00 p.m. Church Council meeting.

Sunday, October 29: There will be a potluck lunch Reformation Sunday, October 29th following church service. The Outreach Committee will provide meat, buns, chips and drinks. We would ask the congregation to bring a side or dessert to share. Hope to see you there.

Saturday, November 4: 5:00 p.m. Bethany will host a bonfire, hot dog roast, and hayride. Dress warmly and join in the fun. The committee will provide hot dogs, buns, chips, drinks, and cookies.

Don't forget the food pantry – food or dollars. The second Sunday of each month (Heritage Sunday) has been designated as the time to bring items for the food pantry.

Letters to India: Next batch goes out on October 20th. Please get them to the mailbox by then!

Backpack Buddies: The fourth Sunday of the month has been designated for donations for the Backpack buddies program, which will begin collection for the following month. The item of request for October is soup. Also, gift cards to stores such as Walmart, Aldi's and Fareway, etc. are greatly appreciated.

Happy Birthday:

October 10 - Roland Newton; October 17 - Jean Finch; October 28 - Norma Newton

Anniversaries:

October 11 - Norman & Marcia Berrett; October 20 - Ron & Jean Finch; October 25 - Phil & Cyndi Ringgenberg



Come to Me

There is a correlation between the way you feel about yourself and the way you feel about others. If you are at peace with yourself you will get along with others. The converse is also true. If you don't like yourself, if you are ashamed,

embarrassed, or angry, other people are going to know it. Unless the cycle is interrupted!

Which takes us to one of the kindest verses in the Bible. Jesus said, "Come to me, all of you who are tired and have heavy loads, and I will give you rest. Accept my teachings and learn from me, because I am gentle and humble in spirit, and you will find rest for your lives" (Matthew 11:28-29).

"Come to me," the verse reads! Let Christ be kind to you...and as you do, you'll find it easier to be kind to others.

From his book, *When God Whispers Your Name*

The Lighter Side

An engineer dies and reports to the Pearly Gates. Saint Peter checks his dossier and not seeing his name there, accidentally sends him to Hell. It doesn't take long before the engineer becomes rather dissatisfied with the level of comfort in Hell.

He soon begins to design and build improvements. Shortly thereafter, Hell has air conditioning, flush toilets and escalators. Needless to say, the engineer is a pretty popular guy.

One day, God calls Satan and says: "So, how are things in Hell?"

Satan replies: "Hey, things are going great. We've got air conditioning, flush toilets, and escalators. And there's no telling what this engineer is going to come up with next."

"What!" God exclaims: "You've got an engineer? That's a mistake - he should never have been sent to Hell. Send him to me."

"Not a chance," Satan replies: "I like having an engineer on the staff, and I'm keeping him!"

God insists: "Send him back or I'll sue."

Satan laughs uproariously and answers: "Yeah, right. And where are you going to get a lawyer?"

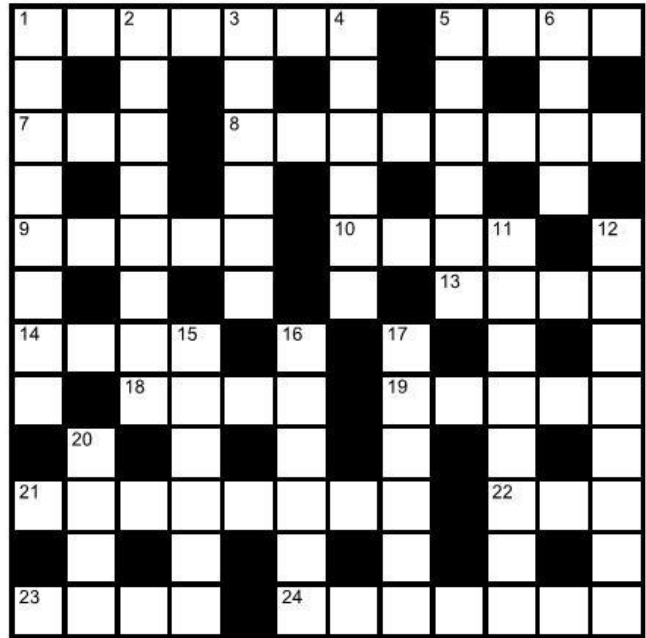
QUICK BIBLE CROSSWORD V

Across

- 1 Cleansing ritual (7)
- 5 Fair (4)
- 7 Listening device (3)
- 8 Taken into custody (8)
- 9 Deal (5)
- 10 Leader (4)
- 13 Locks (4)
- 14 Left-handed (4)
- 18 Naomi's bitter name (4)
- 19 Provided by the sun (5)
- 21 Seller (8)
- 22 Commandment count (3)
- 23 Happy (4)
- 24 Bears (7)

Down

- 1 Lived (8)
- 2 One of the seven churches (8)
- 3 Visions (6)
- 4 Bethany resident (6)
- 5 Idolatry abolisher (6)
- 6 Offspring (4)
- 11 Keziah, to Job (8)
- 12 Collected works of an author (8)
- 15 Moved to the music (6)
- 16 Royal home (6)
- 17 Joyful (6)
- 20 Drawing place (4)



by Philologus

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QUICK BIBLE CROSSWORD IV - SOLUTION



Across: 1 Sharp, 4 Gilgal, 7 Resurrection, 9 Upright, 10 Last, 12 Sees, 14 Arab, 18 Cana, 19 Ezekiel, 20 Pomegranates, 22 Closes, 23 Lydia.

Down: 1 Shroud, 2 Assyrian, 3 Phrygia, 4 Guests, 5 Little, 6 Ago, 8 Net, 11 Assisted, 13 Eternal, 15 Ravens, 16 Beards, 17 Elisha, 18 Cup, 21 Oil.

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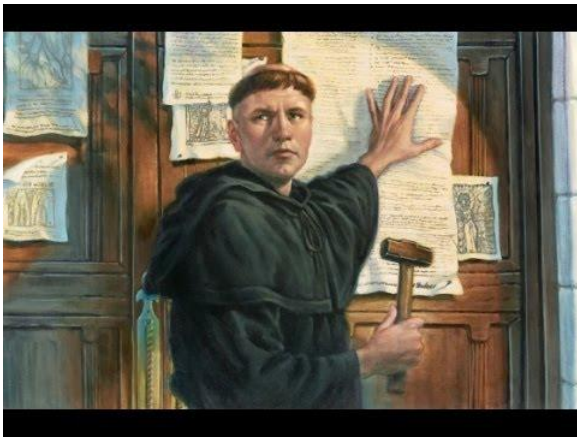
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October 2017 at Bethany Lutheran

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Worship at 9:30 a.m. Communion Sunday school for all ages 10:45 a.m.	2	3	4	5	6	7
8 Heritage Sunday Worship at 9:30 a.m. Sunday school for all ages 10:45 a.m.	9	10 Service Group meets at 9:30 a.m.	11	12	13	14
15 Worship at 9:30 a.m. Sunday school for all ages 10:45 a.m.	16	17 Faith Circle meets at 1:30 p.m.	18 Church Council meeting at 7pm	19	20 Letters to India	21
22 Worship at 9:30 a.m. Sunday school for all ages 10:45 a.m.	23 Deadline for Bethany Banner Submission	24	25	26	27	28
29 Worship at 9:30 a.m. Reformation Sunday Potluck after Worship Service	30	31				