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## Pastor's Column

Pastor Jesse was given time off for this month's column! Enjoy your May!



### *A Greenhouse of Prayer -*

All people are God's people—including the small people who sit at our tables. Wise are the parents who regularly give their children back to God.

Parents, we can do this. We can take our parenting fears to Christ. In fact, if we don't, we'll take our fears out on our kids! A family with no breathing room suffocates a child. Fear can also create permissive parents who are high on hugs and low on discipline.

How can we avoid the two extremes? We pray. Jesus makes no comments about spanking, sibling rivalry, or schooling. Yet his actions speak volumes about prayer. Each time a parent prays, Christ responds. His message to moms and dads? Bring your children to me. Raise them in a greenhouse of prayer.



# Minutes of Meetings:

## Bethany Church Council Meeting for April 18, 2018

**Attendees:** Barb Kesl, Ashley Nehring, Norman Newton, Roland Newton, Pastor Jesse Peterson, Cathy Potter, Chuck Potter, Jerry Ryerson, Kevin Winchell, Cheryl Kalsem

**The meeting** was called to order by President, Roland Newton

**Devotions:** Cathy Potter

**Agenda:** Following additions, the Agenda was as follows:

- 1) Audit Committee
- 2) Facility Committee report on furnace
- 3) Pastor Vacation

**Consent Agenda: Pastor, Treasurer, and Committee Reports:** Norma moved to approve the Consent Agenda with spelling and grammar corrections. Chuck seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### Pastor's Report for the Consent Agenda for April 18, 2018:

- Thank you to all who came out for the Lenten Midweek series, Holy Week's services and our Easter Celebration Service. All were well attended. A big thank you to all who helped with the meals for the midweek Lenten services, and for Easter Sunday. And thank you to Pastor Scott and Shepherd of the Prairie for their ongoing partnership with us in both the Midweek Lenten services and the Orphanage ministry.
- I had a few pastoral visits and meetings this past month. As with Lent, much of my time has been spent in preparations for the various services and cooperation with the different participants.
- A big thank you to Taleigha and Rilynn for singing "Jesus Love Me" for the opening Prelude. And thank you to Ashley for all her work with the Sunday school youth.
- Just a friendly reminder, if you are foreseeing needs upcoming for your committee or group and would like to visit about them, please approach me sooner than later so we can get ahead of whatever it is you are considering. Also, I know that everyone is aware that because of the part time nature of my schedule, I am not able to do all of the things a full time pastor might be expected to do. That being said, I am here to be a resource to you and to help you to be successful in the various Ministries the Lord has called you all to.
- Items for general information:
  - o Announcements- if you have an announcement you would like to be included in the bulletin, the email announcements, or the Banner, please email the details and how you would like it to read to [bethanyofficemanager@huxcomm.net](mailto:bethanyofficemanager@huxcomm.net) and copy me at [bethanypastor@huxcomm.net](mailto:bethanypastor@huxcomm.net). Please let us know where you would desire the information to be shared and for how long.
    - Also, if you have items you would like to see go onto the Bethany FaceBook page, please contact Ashley Nehring.
- Other items for the past month and the next couple of weeks:
  - o Adult Sunday School is about to conclude their study of the Reformation and Disc 3 – "A Man Named Martin – The Movement". We will be wrapping up our study in the next week or two and then we will be looking at a new study surrounding sharing your faith. If you are interested in watching the DVD's, the first two are already in the Library and 3<sup>rd</sup> will join them when the lessons conclude.
  - o If you have any prayer requests you would like the Sunday Morning Prayer group to lift up in their time of gathering, please email them to [dolwil@huxcomm.net](mailto:dolwil@huxcomm.net) and [bethanypastor@huxcomm.net](mailto:bethanypastor@huxcomm.net). And, 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 I am sure there is more. Sorry for anyone or anything I missed!

- Looking toward the future:
  - o Joyce Peterson will be sharing with us about the upcoming LCMC International Gathering this coming Sunday, April 22, 2018.
  - o Thank you to everyone who continues to support the Food Pantry and the Backpack Buddies program. Please continue to remember them in your prayers and as you shop for groceries this month. See the flyer posted on the bulletin board for BackPack Buddy monthly requests.

Pastor Jesse

**Committee Reports:**

**Secretary Report:** Approved via email for printing in *Bethany Banner*

**Treasurer's Report:** Email sent to all

**Worship and Music Committee Report for Council meeting 18 April 2018**

Mike Olson Committee Chair

Nothing to Report

**Outreach and Service Committee Report for Council meeting 18 April 2018**

Submitted by Cathy Potter Committee Chair

Eileen Primmer will be proofreading the weekly announcements and Banner. A Gideon representative was scheduled for a brief presentation April 8<sup>th</sup>.

**Facilities Committee Report for Council meeting 18 April 2018**

Submitted by Kevin Winchell Committee Chair

The filter rack for the furnace has been made and installed with filters. The A/C system also will be looked into to see what corrections need to be made, if any. We would like to have consideration of a service agreement for the furnace, air conditioning system beginning this fall, after A/C season is complete. We have met with and getting bids for the siding project. We have not received all the bids back at this time.

**Staff and Volunteer Committee Report for Council meeting 18 April 2018**

Submitted by Barb Kesl Committee Chair

Nothing to Report.

**Christian Education Committee Report for Council meeting 18 April 2018**

Submitted by Mary Nehring Committee Chair

Nothing to report.

**Finance Committee Report for Council meeting 18 April 2018**

Jerry Ryerson Committee Chair

Nothing to report.

**Action Items:**

The Staff and Volunteer committee are to work with the Nominating Committee to find two individuals to be on the Audit Committee, prior to a special Congregational Meeting.

Kevin reported on the issues with the furnace and discussion followed.

The Council gave Pastor Jesse Sunday, April 29<sup>th</sup>, a vacation day. The service will be conducted by members of the congregation.

The meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,  
Cheryl Kalsem

## The Collection Plate:

Offerings -----\$4,356.00

Needed monthly -----\$7,081.75 (2018 budget divided by 12 months)

---Norma Newton, Treasurer

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## BWOW News

Service Group – Tuesday, May 8, 9:30am – Hostess: Norma Holland

Faith Circle – Tuesday, May 15, 1:30pm – Hostess: Barb Finch, Lesson Leader: Eileen Primmer

Chapter 3: “Balancing Schedules and Interruptions” in *Living a Life of Balance*

\*Will be meeting at the Kelley Historical Hall

## Library News

Nothing Reported

## Staff and Volunteer (S & V) Committee News

Nothing Reported

# Activities and Events

## Those Who Serve in May:

Greeters: May 6 & 13 – Mike & Jenny Olson; May 20 & 27 – Norman & Marcia Berrett

Usher: Roland Newton

Klokker: May 13 – Joyce Peterson

Lectors: May 6 – Dolores Williams; May 20 – Don Brendeland; May 27 – Chuck Potter

Communion Preparation: May 6 – Charlotte Nutty

Communion Assistant: May 6 – Morey Hill

Cookies: May 6 – Julie Winchell & Norma Holland; May 13 – Cathy Potter & Lorraine Kennedy; May 20 – Barb Kesl & Carole Begg; May 27 – Deb Osterhout & Marilyn Osterhout

Hospice Cookies: Julia Sullivan

Visits to less than mobile members:

May 1-15 – Need Volunteer

May 16-31 – Need Volunteer

## Dates to Note on Your Calendar:

**Friday, May 4, 4:00-7:00pm** – Retirement Open House for Carla Were (see announcement below)

**Tuesday, May 8, 9:30am** – Service Group Meets. Hostess: Norma Holland

**Tuesday, May 15, 3:30pm** - Faith Circle. Lesson Leader: Eileen Primmer; Hostess: Barb Finch

**Wednesday, May 16:** Letters to India are due

**Saturday, May 19, 9:00am** – Thrivent Financial @ Bethany (see announcement below)

**Wednesday, May 23, 7:00pm:** Church Council Meeting

**Tuesday, May 29:** Deadline for June Banner

**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:** Your letters to India are due on May 16!

**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 May is Peanut Butter & Jelly. Also, gift cards to stores such as Walmart, Aldi's and Fareway, etc. are greatly appreciated.

## *Happy Birthday:*

May 1 – Leah Osterhout; May 2 – Marvin Holland; May 10 – Millie Berrett; May 11 – Cheryl Kalsem; May 12 – Mark Holland; May 13 – Dean Hanks; May 14 – Doris Stark; May 15 – Megan Hadaway; May 23 – Rachel Pietsch; May 25 – Daniel Sullivan; May 28 – David Kalsem

## *Anniversaries :*

May 3 – Morey & Rhonda Hill; May 8 – Steve & Kathy Pietsch

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## *Affiliated and Neighboring Organizations*

### **Madrid Home Communities News**

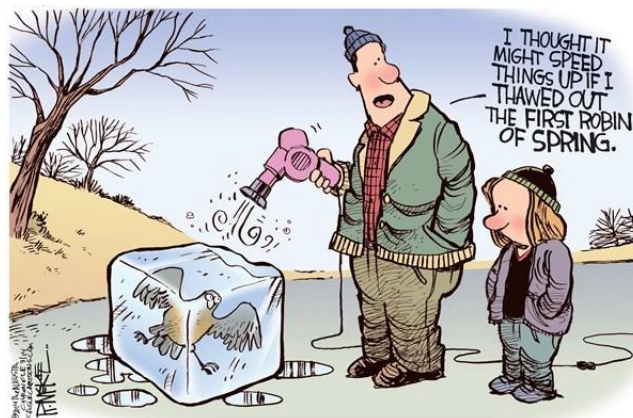
Carla Were, Chaplin of Madrid Home Communities the last 32 years, will be retiring and moving to Rochester, Minnesota to be near her family. An open house retirement party will be held at the Madrid Home in Madrid in the Pedretti Room from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. on Friday, May 4.

### **Thrivent Financial**

Duane Faas, Thrivent Financial Associate for Thrivent Financial for Christians, will be retiring by the end of the year. Duane will be coming to Bethany on Saturday, May 19, at 9:00 a.m. All who wish to come are invited. We will furnish coffee and treats while we listen to some updates with Thrivent. As advocates for Thrivent at Bethany, Darold and I would like to thank you for designating dollars from your Thrivent Choice program to Bethany. We have accumulated over \$10,000 and we need to have a discussion and vote on how you as members would like that money to be spent. Bring your ideas with you to this farewell time we spend with Duane. Thanks. Darold & Eileen Primmer

## *The Lighter Side*

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**Birds of the Bible -**

Bat	Hawks	Ossifrage	Pigeon
Bitterns	Heron	Ostriches	Quail
Cormorants	Kites	Owl	Raven
Cuckow	Lapwing	Partridge	Sparrow
Doves	Nighthawk	Peacock	Stork
Eagles	Ospray	Pelican	Swallow
			Vulture

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## May 2018

at Bethany Lutheran

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> Retirement Open House for Carla Were 4-7pm	<b>5</b>
<b>6</b> Worship at 9:30 a.m. Communion Sunday Sunday School for all ages 10:45 a.m.	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> Service Group Meets 9:30-11:30 am	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>13</b> Worship at 9:30 a.m. Heritage Sunday Sunday school for all ages 10:45 a.m. Mother's Day	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> Faith Circle Meets @ Kelley Historical Hall 1:30pm	<b>16</b> Letters to India are due  Church Council Meeting 7-8pm	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> Thrivent Financial Meeting 9am
<b>20</b> Worship at 9:30 a.m. Sunday school for all ages 10:45 a.m.	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>27</b> Worship at 9:30 a.m. Sunday school for all ages 10:45 a.m.	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> Articles for June Banner are due	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>		