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## What can I do now?

Pastor Baerbock had a wonderful presentation on April 22<sup>nd</sup> concerning some of the mission work that Karen and he have been involved with over the years.

The “mission field” isn’t limited to some far away land, nor only to “non-members.” We can look within our own household, neighborhood, workplace, etc. and see opportunities to tell others of Christ; extend an invitation to attend worship (or some other Bethel activity); or even encourage a fellow brother/sister in Christ. This one-on-one connection simply cannot be replicated in any other manner ... although it is closely followed by the example we set in our own lives for regular (and frequent) participation in the life of Bethel congregation.

Let’s make certain that our faith isn’t only exhibited within the walls of the church. When we walk out of the entrance each Sunday, let’s carry the gospel message to others in our lives.

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## Confirmation Class of 2018

God’s blessings to this year’s confirmation class. The students from the Arcadia campus are Kaci Kahler-Pyka, Rachel Knudsen, and Jonathan Thorn. The students from the Galesville campus are DeAndre Casey, Lainey O’Brien, Cole Maliszewski, and Emily Yehle.

## Be a Good Neighbor, Get Involved! Walk the Arcadia Parade for Bethel!

Broiler Dairy Days Parade kicks off at  
**Sunday, May 27<sup>th</sup>, at 1:30 PM**  
**Walk with the Bethel float and family.**  
This is a great chance to be a good neighbor!

Let Keith Witte know that you  
will join in our Evangelism effort.

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## **Evangelism Committee Update**

The Evangelism Committee met on March 12 for consideration of the following two questions:

- How may we increase Bethel member's involvement in regular worship / study ?
- In what way(s) should we direct our efforts for evangelism outreach to non-Bethel members in our respective neighborhoods / communities ?

Several ideas were generated from that meeting:

- Ease back on summer community parade participation (maybe do only 3 out of 7)
- "Friendship Sundays" (specific focus on inviting non-members to worship)
- Some training sessions relating to how to share the gospel
- Utilize multi-media resources (radio; papers; our website; posters; community message boards; Every Door Direct Mail; yard message signs; other)
- Bilingual material(s)

There were other ideas in addition to the ones above. My primary purpose in presenting this article is to encourage your thoughts / ideas (pro &/or con). Please feel free to use the contact info. below or catch me at church.

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## **Galesville Clean-Up Day**

Volunteers are needed for a spring cleaning day at Bethel Galesville. On Saturday, May 19<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 AM, we will gather at the church and "spring clean". This is primarily an inside-the-church cleaning, although any outside tasks that need to be attended to are welcomed. Please bring your rags and buckets. If you can't make it on this day but would like to clean on another day, please contact Rollin Barkeim at 608-534-6544.

## **2018 High School Graduates**

In the next few weeks, five of Bethel's young adults will graduate from high school. We would like to congratulate their accomplishment and wish them God's blessings. We will do this on May 13<sup>th</sup> in Galesville for Rileigh Campbell, MaLeah Haessig, and Alexis Krause. We will do this for Cassie Berg and Sarah Thorn on May 20<sup>th</sup> in Arcadia. Whatever plan God has for you, please know that the congregation of Bethel Lutheran Church will continue to keep you in our prayers.

# Let's Worship Together!

## Why do Christians gather together?

### To worship and thank God for creating and preserving us!

Psalm 100:1-4 "Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth. Worship the LORD with gladness; come before him with joyful songs. Know that the LORD is God. It is he who made us, and we are his. We are his people, the sheep of his pasture. Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name."

Psalm 116:12-14 "What shall I return to the LORD for all his goodness to me? I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the LORD. I will fulfill my vows to the LORD in the presence of all his people."

### To worship and thank the Lord Jesus, for redeeming us!

Revelation 5:11-14 "Then I looked and heard the voice of many angels, numbering thousands upon thousands, and ten thousand times ten thousand. They encircled the throne and the living creatures and the elders. In a loud voice they were saying: 'Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise!' Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and on the sea, and all that is in them, saying: 'To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and honor and glory and power, for ever and ever!' <sup>14</sup> The four living creatures said, 'Amen,' and the elders fell down and worshiped."

### To hear the Message that makes saving faith grow

Romans 10:17 "Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word about Christ."

1 Peter 1:25; 2:2 "... but the word of the Lord endures forever. And this is the word that was preached to you.....Like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation."

### To encourage and be encouraged by time with other Christians

Hebrews 10:24, 25 "And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.."

### To know Christ's saving truths

John 8:31,32 "To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, 'If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.'"

## **Bethel Elders' Meeting Minutes** **April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2018 -- Galesville Campus**

The meeting was called to order by Fred Lintelmann at 6:00 PM.

Present: Fred Lintelmann Keith Witte Martin Knudsen Pastor Cox Pastor Baerbock

The opening devotion was presented by Pastor Baerbock, being a continuation of his February topic regarding the importance and biblical support for attending the worship service regularly.

Copies of the Secretary's Report from the February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2018 meeting had been previously distributed via email to Elders and also published in the March, 2018 Sonlight. Motion made & seconded to accept the minutes as presented -- passed.

### **Pastor's Report:**

#### **Pastor Cox:**

Brief update on pending new members, confirmands, and baptisms.  
We have a total of 7 confirmands this year. Examination Night is April 27<sup>th</sup>  
with the Rite of Confirmation being held on May 6<sup>th</sup> (both locations).  
Several adults are involved in instruction classes.  
Elder "Care Lists" updated.

#### **Pastor Baerbock:**

"Mission Fest" is this coming Sunday (April 22<sup>nd</sup>). He'll keep the displays up for  
an additional week (although switching a few items around at each campus).  
He'll be following up with some personal contact for folks who have moved in to  
the Arcadia area.

### **Old Business:**

- **"Brothers and Sisters in Christ"** (Obtaining baptismal dates and updating/verifying member contact information): on going
- **Elder position vacancies:** Noted, but no specific recommendation(s).
- **Improving worship attendance:**
  - It's been noted that when members (no matter their age) share their musical talents during the worship, attendance improves. We certainly encourage more of this.
  - Share attendance numbers (on some regular basis) so that members may see that even "small", incremental increases may have a profound impact.
- **Worship times at each location:** After consideration of the congregation survey results pertaining to this topic, **a motioned was made/seconded to change the Sunday schedule at each location to: 9 AM Worship and 10:30 AM Education Hour -- motion was tabled to the June meeting.**
- **Baptismal Font replacements:** Proceeding

### **New Business:**

- **Pre-school teacher status:** Call is being returned, The congregation will need to issue the call to another person.

**Our next meeting will be at 6 PM on Wednesday June 20th, 2018 (Arcadia campus).**

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 PM with prayer.

### **Arcadia's WOW Group Minutes**

- Pastor Baerbock lead us in a devotion.
- Mission Festival will be held on April 22<sup>nd</sup>. Pastor Baerbock will lead the services at both campuses. There will be a potluck brunch in Arcadia and a potluck dinner in Galesville. Posters have been distributed around town to invite the public. Pastor Baerbock suggested that we have some food that would relate to the Latin American culture.
- The Garage Sale is set for April 27 & 28. Friday the hours will be 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM and AM Saturday from 8:00 – noon. People are encouraged to bring their items early. Sorting the items will begin on Wednesday. Set-up will happen after the Food Pantry on Thursday. Sandy will make sure the ad is placed in the Tri-County Times and Arrow Shopper.
- Confirmation Examination will be held on Friday, April 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM. Confirmation will be held on Sunday, May 6<sup>th</sup>. There are 3 students at each campus being confirmed this year. Rosa has the frames and is taking pictures of each students. She will put them in the frames along with their verse.
- Senior Recognition will be held on May 20<sup>th</sup>. There are 2 graduates in Arcadia this year.
- VBS will be held August 6 – 10, 2018 from 8:00 AM – 3:00 PM each day. A team from Camp Phillip will come to run the program. We will need to provide snacks and lunch each day.
- A suggestion was made to have a baby shower for Abby Rotering. Karla Johnson will check with Abby to see when would be a good time. Our WOW group usually gives a baby gift for the child's baptism. Levi Rotering will be baptized on Sunday, May 13<sup>th</sup>.
- The Confirmation Picture display is set up. There will be an announcement in the bulletin asking for any old confirmation pictures.
- The next meeting will be held on May 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:00 PM.

### **Galesville Ladies Group Notes**

There was no meeting this month due to Easter and the inclement weather.  
We will have a brief meeting on Sunday, May 13<sup>th</sup>.

### **Arcadia Fellowship Treat Schedule**

We will have fellowship treats each Sunday from 9:30 – 10:00 AM. Listed below is a schedule of ladies to bring treats each Sunday. If you are unable to serve treats on your designated day, please switch with someone else. Please provide a beverage for the children and coffee can be made with the church supplies. Thank you!

May 6 – Deb Rotering & Anita Kiral

May 13 – Ruth Golden & Mardelle Arnoldy

May 20 – Dawn Krage & Amanda Radatz

May 27 – Gina Steinlicht & Wendy Pyka



**BIRTHDAYS IN MAY**

- May 2 – Robert Ali
- May 3 – Shane Davis
- May 3 – Cory Maliszewski
- May 3 – Logan McNamer
- May 3 – Landon McNamer
- May 3 – Casey Radatz
- May 4 – Alyssa Hills
- May 4 – Leland Wier
- May 7 – David Mooney
- May 10 – Julie Haessig
- May 21 – Ryce Harms
- May 22 – Donna Wilber
- May 23 – Jason O’Brien
- May 24 – Marina Eckart
- May 25 – Allison Bender
- May 25 – Geralyn Harms
- May 25 – Dustin Smieja
- May 26 – Claire Davis
- May 26 – Erica Steinlicht
- May 27 – Rick Scholl
- May 27 – Voila Sveen
- May 27 – Janice Knudsen
- May 29 – Frank Berg

**ANNIVERSARIES IN MAY**

- May 1 – Rick & Lisa Geske
- May 6 – Brian & Gina Steinlicht
- May 13 – Rollin & Deb Barkeim
- May 13 – Dave & Anita Kiral
- May 21 – Ryan & Sara Kowalski
- May 28 – Abe & Tracy Weber
- May 29 – Mathew & Lindsay Schober

**Galesville Fellowship Treat Schedule**

We will have fellowship treats each Sunday from 10:00 – 10:30. Listed below is a schedule of ladies to bring treats each Sunday. If you are unable to serve treats on your designated day, please switch your day with someone else. The treats should be ready to serve by 10:00 AM, but you are welcome to bring them before Bible Class at 9:00 AM. Because some people in the congregation have nut allergies, please consider this when planning your treats. If you have any questions, please contact Julie Haessig at 507-450-3214 or email at jahaessig@yahoo.com. Thank you very much!!

- May 6 – Danielle Bakeberg
- May 13 – Kay Evenson
- May 20 – Doris Fruechte
- May 27 – Memorial Day  
(No treats)

**Galesville Church Cleaning Schedule for May**

- May 5 – Doug & Sue Stallman and Ted & Ruth Halderson
- May 12 – John & Edith Loging and Geralyn Harms
- May 19 – Anita Lemke, Carol Sacia and Lou Ann Farley
- May 26 – Mike & Mary Gilbert and Tami Yehle

**Ushers, Greeters & Acolytes  
for the Month of May**

<u>Arcadia</u>	<u>Ushers</u>	<u>Greeters</u>	<u>Acolyte</u>
May 6	Ben Golden Dave Kiral	Martin Knudsen Janice Knudsen	Breah Golden
May 13	Ben Golden Martin Knudsen	Brian Steinlicht Gina Steinlicht	Breah Golden
May 20	Ben Golden Paul Koch	Greg Golden Ruth Golden	Breah Golden
May 27	Bruce Arnoldy Jeremy Conradt	Kathy Fonstad	Kaci Kahler

**Galesville**

- Ushers: Mike Gilbert & Chris Hamilton
- Greeters: Mary Gilbert & Karianne Casey
- Acolyte: DeAndre Casey

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		1 <b>G</b> – Midweek Bible Class 1:15 PM	2 G – Confirmation 4 PM A – Confirmation 6 PM A – WOW meeting 6 PM	3 <b>G</b> – Midweek Worship 6:00 PM	4	5
6 <b>Confirmation Sunday</b> Worship with Communion <b>NO SS/BC</b>	7	8 <b>G</b> – Midweek Bible Class 1:15 PM <b>G</b> – Choir 6:30PM	9	10 <b>G</b> – Midweek Worship 6:00 PM	11	12 Graduation and Call Day at Martin Luther College Pastors Cox and Baerbock to attend there
13 <b>Worship Bible Class</b> <b>G</b> – Ladies meeting 11:45 AM	14 <b>G</b> – Council Mtg. 6:00 PM	15 <b>G</b> – Midweek Bible Class 1:15 PM	16 <b>G</b> – Preschool meeting 12:30 PM	17 <b>G</b> – Midweek Worship 6:00 PM	18	19 G – Cleaning Day 8:00 AM
20 <b>Worship with Communion</b>  <b>Bible Class</b>	21	22 <b>G</b> – Midweek Bible Class 1:15 PM G – Bethel Little Lamb Graduation 6:00 PM	23 <b>Last Day of Preschool</b>	24 A – Food Pantry <b>G</b> – Midweek Worship 6:00 PM	25	26
27 <b>Worship</b> A – Broiler Dairy Days Parade – Walk with Bethel 1:30 PM	28 <b>Memorial Day</b>	29	30	31 <b>G</b> – Midweek Worship 6:00 PM	<b>Sunday Worship</b> A – 8:30 AM G – 10:30 AM	<b>Sunday School/ Bible Study</b> G – 9:00 AM A – 10:00 AM

