

# BETHEL MESSENGER



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## From The President

As we move into Fall, it won't be long before the trees turn different colors and the hot sticky days of Summer are gone. Our new Interim Minister will begin on September 9th with 10:00 am worship and Holy Communion. Rev. Tom Schroeder will preach 3 Sundays a month with our lay people helping us out with the other Sunday.

Sunday, August 19th our special meeting was held and the members present gave the Search Committee a unanimous vote to check into shared ministry for Bethel. That does not mean that if a special candidate comes along that we would not look into having that person as our minister. So with that being said, let's welcome Rev. Tom Schroeder on September 9 and see where the future takes us. God's Blessings be with each one of you.

Dennis Roethel

## REMINDER

Starting September 9<sup>th</sup> our worship time changes back to 10:00 a.m. Sunday School starts at 8:45 a.m.



## Change of Address

Marilyn Spindler  
Pine Haven  
220 Haven Dr, Room 209  
Sheboygan Falls, WI 53085



## September Worship Leaders

Sept. 2 - Bonnie Ziegler  
Sept. 9 - Rev. Tom Schroeder w/Communion  
Sept. 16 - Rev. Tom Schroeder  
Sept. 23 - Rev. Tom Schroeder  
Sept. 30 - Dana Dunton

## Bethel Sunday school

Bethel's youth had a fun time at Polar Blast, our Vacation Bible school program.

We learned stories about Jesus' teaching; discussed the North and South Poles; made autograph books, cross hangings and tied fleece quilts. They all did a good job of singing new songs. We were blest by a duet sung by Addison Johannes and Hannah Ziegler. Great job girls and 'thank you'. Thank you teachers —Bonnie, Crystal and Cary, and all those people who donated snacks for our hungry crew.

Sunday school classes will begin on Sunday, September 9th at 8:45a.m. Please be on time. We will be marching in the Ada parade that afternoon at 2:00. Please wear your 'Polar Blast' shirt. Rally Sunday is September 16th. The Junior choir will be singing during the church service.

Mardell Blohm,  
Sunday School Superintendent

## IT'S CHILI SUPPER TIME!!

- \* Our Chili Supper will be on Wednesday October.3, 2018 serving 4:00pm until 7:00pm.
- \* Get tickets from Pam Raquet or Lindsey Puetz
- \* Prices are not on the tickets, they are:  
\$7.00 for adults  
\$4.00 for children 4yr. to 10yrs. old  
Children under 4 yrs old eat free.
- \* Each family unit or member to donate 2 pans of bars or cookies.
- \* We will have a bake sale with a free will offering.
- \* You can also bring crafts for the sale, please have items priced.
- \* Posters and sign-up sheets will be in the narthex.
- \* We could use more tubs for clearing tables and bringing clean dishes up. If you are able, bring them the day of the Chili Supper.
- \* Please start saving ice cream pails and bring them to church for excess Chili.

Find your red Chili Supper T-shirts!!!!



## APPLE PIE FUNDRAISER

I hope this summer has treated you all well! I have discussed the apple harvest with the Ada Orchard, and it looks like the best date for making apple pies this fall is Saturday, October 13th. Please mark your calendars and save this date to help out. With Chili Supper on Wednesday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>, we can take orders there.

In the next couple weeks, I will get more detailed information out and make the order slips available so we can start getting our orders in. Please keep this in mind when talking with family and friends. Start getting the word out.

Thank you for your anticipated support and let me know if you'd like to be a part of this team.  
Faye Spindler, 565-4248  
or email @

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## Ending Hunger One Step at a Time CROP WALK

DATE October 14<sup>th</sup> 2018

REGISTRATION 12:15 PM

START OF WALK 12:30 PM

PLACE Memorial Park, Howards Grove, WI

HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE FOR 2018:

Bethel and Bethlehem

There are Donation Envelopes on the table in the Narthex for individuals to make a financial contribution or participate in the walk, please bring envelopes with you the day of the walk. If you have any questions please contact Tom B at [ebirs54@gmail.com](mailto:ebirs54@gmail.com) or talk to Karen Lisowe or Crystal Ducharme because they have participated in the walk the past few years. There will be a 2 and 4-mile walk!

A cookie signup sheet is located on the table in the Narthex for anyone interested in making cookies for the CROP WALK .. please have cookies at Bethel by 10:30 am on the 14<sup>th</sup> of October

## Consistory Minutes 8-14-18

Members Present: Dennis Roethel, Rich Lange, Mark Zimmerman, Bev Voss, Tom Birschbach, Lenora Stuckmann

Meeting called to order at 6:25pm and a prayer was led by Dennis.

The secretary's reports of both last month's meeting and the informational meeting were approved (Mark/Rich) as read. The motion carried unanimously.

The treasurer's reports were all approved (Rich/Mark) as read. The motion carried unanimously. There was discussion on Pastor Tom's pay, we will need to discuss with him for clarification. If we have extra funds at the time of annual meeting, we will need to discuss the

idea of having the parking lot repaired to some degree. We will also receive a refund for the copier insurance as we already have other insurance to cover it. We believe this will arrive in the form of a check.

We discussed tables as there are some new black leg tables in some boxes, and there are tables out in the garage. We do not use the garage tables for chili supper or any other event so it is ok that they remain out there. We also will look into something to get the scratches out of the tables in the fellowship hall.

**Pastor's report**-There is no pastor's report this month. There will likely not be one next month, as Pastor Tom will have only preached the week prior.

**Special Report**-Fred Kraemer came to represent the Pastoral Relations committee. There was not much to update, however he wanted to confirm that Violet, Audrey and Marilyn are receiving large print newsletters. After the meeting, we were able to confirm with Cindy that they are.

### Old Business

- Dennis is still in touch with Natalie Stauss' attorney, and there is nothing new to report.
- There have been some tools added to the janitorial closet, which should help with some of the basic repairs.

### New Business

- September 9<sup>th</sup> church will be at 10 am, and this will be Pastor Tom's first day preaching, communion will also be served. Sunday School starts that day as well.
- There will be a special congregational meeting on August 19<sup>th</sup>.
- Tom talked about the Rural Church Fellowship Meeting he recently attended.

- The crop walk will be October 14<sup>th</sup> and registration will begin at 12:15 and the walk will start at 12:30. The walk starts at Memorial Park in Howards Grove. Bethel is responsible for apples, grapes and cookies. There is a signup sheet for cookies in the narthex. There will be grapes and apples purchased by the church with script cards. There are going to be both a 2 and 4-mile walk available, and they will both remain in Howards Grove.
- Their next meeting is at Bethlehem on October 22<sup>nd</sup>.
- There were 7 kids they were able to send to the Great Lake Youth Event from their recent fundraisers.
- They mentioned that Rev. Klein attended all their meetings and there was hope that our new pastor would continue to do the same.
- They are working to gain more volleyball teams.
- A new representative from Bethel will be needed for the Rural Church Fellowship to replace a representative that resigned.
- The apple pies will be assembled October 13<sup>th</sup>. This is the weekend after chili supper, so we will have someone set up to take orders at the chili supper. Faye, Dennis and Carol cannot be here the weekend prior.
- We are working to figure out a plan for lighting the candles in the front of the church, as there will not be a confirmand for a few years.

The meeting was adjourned (Tom/Rich) at 7:37pm. We ended with the Lord's Prayer.  
Respectfully Submitted,  
Lenora Stuckmann

## Congregational Meeting

### 8-19-18

The meeting was called to order at 10:13am after the church service concluded.

Dennis opened the floor for questions.

Karen Lisowe mentioned that many churches are starting to switch to shared ministries. She also asked if the services would alternate every other Sunday with the other church. Dennis clarified that we could make that determination when we found a church to share with.

Dennis mentioned that he is trying to meet with other churches in shared ministries in the month of September to find out some more information. He already spoke with an individual at another church. This member mentioned that both churches will have to give to make sure that both churches are in the best situations.

The search committee is really just looking for direction from the congregation, hopefully by the end of the meeting there will be a good direction.

Lisa Grubisic asked if we have talked with our lay people about being comfortable with the amount of preaching they may have to do if we have a shared ministry. Dennis said he has not yet asked because we have used them a lot over the past few months.

Rev. Tom Schroder will be here on September 9<sup>th</sup>, which is the first day of Sunday School, and church will start at 10 am with communion being served. Rev. Tom will be working 3 Sundays a month which will give our lay academy people a break.

Janet Wesley asked if Dennis has a feeling one way or the other on the direction we should go. Dennis said he struggles with the fact that our insurance rate will be increasing in 2020. He does know that Schwarzwald had a vote about a shared ministry, even though they

have a full-time minister. He believes that this means the church may have some sort of concern in the back of their mind. If we were to move forward, all we are doing is giving the search committee the ability to search, not a guarantee that we are getting a shared ministry.

Bob Eckardt, made a motion and Karen Lisowe seconded the motion to vote on the search committee having the opportunity to look into a shared ministry.

While the votes were being collected and counted, Dennis mentioned that our red hymnal is very out of date and that a new minister, shared or not, would likely be using the New Century Hymnal more. Karen Lisowe also mentioned that in lay academy while working on worship plans, they were using the New Century Hymnal as well. Dennis also mentioned that he has heard about a minister in the area that may be looking for a church in the near future, but that it was not a guarantee. Ken Dederig also mentioned that this ballot is not guaranteeing a shared ministry, but instead allowing the search committee to learn more about shared ministry. Dennis added that all churches across all denominations are running into the same struggle that we are.

The votes tally came in, 30 votes were yes, and the motion carried unanimously.

Dennis added that if the search committee finds anything out, it would be brought to the church's attention. The search committee will reconvene, and we will see if Jane Anderson would like to attend an upcoming meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:28am.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Lenora Stuckmann

## Bell Choir Schedule

### Tentative Bell Choir Practices:

Wednesday, Sept. 12th	7 – 8 pm
Wednesday, Sept. 19th	7 – 8
Wednesday, Sept. 26th	7 - 8
Wednesday, Oct. 10th	7 – 8
Wednesday, Oct. 17th	7 – 8
Wednesday, Nov. 7th	7 - 8
Wednesday, Nov. 14th	7 - 8
Wednesday, Nov. 28th	7 - 8
Wednesday, Dec. 5th	7 – 8
Wednesday, Dec. 12th	7 – 8
Wednesday, Dec. 19th	7 - 8



### Bell Choir will be playing:

Sunday, October 21st  
 Sunday, November 18th  
 Sunday, December 2nd  
 Monday, December 25th



### SCHOOL SUPPLIES

Members of Bethel UCC will again be collecting school supplies for the Kiel, Elkhart Lake-Glenbeulah and Howards Grove School Districts.

Please place items in a bin located in the narthex of church from August 1<sup>st</sup> – September 16<sup>th</sup>.

If you would like to instead make a monetary donation, the Mission Team will purchase additional items.

Here is a list of school supplies that would be appreciated:

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|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| #2 pencils                        | pencil pouches                       |
| <u>Crayola</u> Crayons – 24       | Mechanical pencils                   |
| <u>Crayola</u> Markers            | pens – black or blue                 |
| <u>Elmer's</u> Glue               | Post Its                             |
| Elmer's Glue Sticks               | Scissor                              |
| Clorox wipes                      | Sharpie – black fine or regular tip  |
| paper toweling                    | Tissues                              |
| 3 ring binder – 1"                | Ziploc Bags – gallon size            |
| backpack                          | Ziploc Bags – quart size             |
| colored pencils                   | paper plates – large                 |
| EXPO Dry Erase Markers – fine tip | paper plates – small                 |
| folders – 2 pocket                | healthy snacks – fruit snacks, teddy |
| highlighters                      | grahams, animal crackers             |
| index cards – 3x5                 |                                      |

Thank you for your support!