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THE BETHEL CONNECTION

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Bethel COVID Guidelines Update

On behalf of the leadership of Bethel, we thank God for our church family and the gracious response throughout this past year to the various guidelines and inconveniences that allows us to meet and worship together during the pandemic. While there are different perspectives and patience can wear thin, God has blessed us with a unity, love and protection – we thank you for your part in that.

With the expectation that guidelines from the state authorities will change in the next few weeks, beginning Wednesday,

April 7, the Elders want to refresh our guidelines for gathering here at Bethel for our various meetings. If state and local authorities move from masks being required to masks being recommended, our guidelines for April and May will be:

- Our 'mask in and mask out' guideline will change to 'masks are recommended but not required.'
- Our distanced seating in the sanctuary will continue through May.
- Our overflow options in the West Fellowship, Family Center and parking lot will continue to be offered.
- Simple Supper on Wednesday evenings will remain the same with some cautions for distancing and serving.

We encourage the church family to remain aware of others and continue to think of others concerns in this matter as being important. We recognize that there are concerns about new strains of the virus, a spike after spring break travel and the number of our church family who are yet vulnerable. We are encouraged by the number of vaccinations and the decrease in the numbers of infections in our county. We believe a gradual and careful approach to relaxing the guidelines is wise. Again, thank you for your cooperation in these challenging days. Please let us know if you have questions or concerns.

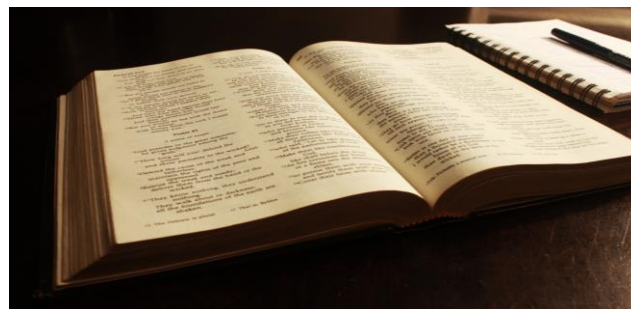
EASTER SUNDAY

Please join us for breakfast at 8:00 am on Easter Sunday! The teens are gearing up to cook you some Biscuits & gravy, bacon, scrambled eggs, fruit, coffee and juice! Then plan on staying for our corporate worship service at 9:15 am. We are providing overflow areas in the West Fellowship and also the gym. We will also have the service available for you to listen to from the comfort of your own car on FM 91.3.



April 9-11: Matthew & Evangeline Dodd will be joining us for a weekend of meetings with the elders. Matt will be preaching in the morning worship service on April 11, followed by a combined Sunday School Hour with adults & teens as we hear testimonies from the Dodd's and have a chance for Q&A. Remember to submit any questions that you might want answered to the church office or Pastor Don. There are still some information packets concerning this process available at the information center. Thank you for continuing to pray for the Dodd's and for the search process.

Men's Bible Reading Group will begin again on Monday evening April 5th at 730 PM at the church. This is a one-hour Bible reading workout where we encourage one another and sharpen our Bible understanding skills. The group will meet for the next 8 weeks and pick up our reading in Genesis where we left off doing one chapter a week. Plan to join us and encourage others to come along.



HAPPENING THIS WEEK:

- **Today, Wednesday March 31—Simple Supper @ 5:30 pm; Family Night classes @ 6:00 pm**
- **Saturday, April 3—Elders Meeting @ 7:00 am**
- **Saturday, April 3—Ladies Bible Study @ 9:00 am**
- **Sunday, April 4—Easter Breakfast @ 8:00 am; Corporate Worship @ 9:15 am**
- **Monday, April 5—Teens helping at HDC @ 7:00 pm**
- **Wednesday, April 7—Mom2Mom @ 9:30**

A Note from Dave & Linda Childs:

Dear saints at Bethel,

Thank you for the wonderful weekend with you and the sweet reunions that blessed us so much. Your kindness and encouragement is always refreshing to our hearts.

Thank you also for the very generous gift. We are overwhelmed by your thoughtfulness and for the help those funds will be when we retire and move.

God certainly used you to remind us He is always faithful!

Love & prayers,

Dave & Linda Childs

PRAYER CONCERNS:

- **Alyssa Kreitl:** Alyssa (daughter of Jeff & Susan Braun) has been diagnosed with a very rare form of slow-moving cancer. She is also pregnant. Pray for a healthy pregnancy and that the doctors will have wisdom in her treatment plans.
- **Brad Garling:** Continue in prayer for Brad as he continues with his treatments.
- **Joie Grenner:** Joie will be back at the hospital in Chicago for another round of chemotherapy treatments. Pray that God would strengthen her mind as well as her physical body. Pray for her family, for endurance and peace.
- Continue in prayer for the Associate Pastor search. Pray for Matt & Evangeline Dodd as they prepare to visit April 9-11. Pray that we would seek God's will as a church body.



Calling All Teens!!

We will be prepping for Easter Breakfast Saturday evening starting at 7:00 pm. Then be at the church Sunday morning at 7:00 am to be ready to serve and finish cooking!

We will be loading pallets at the Humanitarian Distribution Center on Monday, April 5 @ 7:00 pm. We will need 12-15 teens to help load boxes.

If you have any questions, please contact your Youth Leaders!

Bethel Adults: Growing Together

We are trying to strengthen our adult classes and ministries to help us grow and mature in Christ. There are some exciting spring/summer classes that we want everyone to be aware of and take advantage of.

For April and May:

- Adult Sunday School - we will be combined for a Bible Reading Class where we will learn and practice how to get more and the most out of our Bible reading.
- Wednesday evenings for the adults we will continue to work our way through the Bible doing summaries of each book. It is a great opportunity to get the 'bigger picture' of the Bible storyline and enjoy interaction in a smaller group setting.
- Wednesday evenings there is a Ladies Bible Study which also meets on Saturday morning for those who can not meet Wednesday. Contact the church office for details.
- Monday evenings the Men's Bible Reading group meets at 7:30 at the church.

Looking ahead for the Adult Sunday School classes over the summer months we will offer a class on 'How to Teach' for those who want to begin or get better in their teaching ministry. A Systematic Theology class will also be offered as a continuation of our study to better understand the major doctrines of our faith. For August, our Sunday adult classes will be combined for what we're calling "Ask the Pastor". In this class our Elders will field questions focused on relevant topics.

Plan to participate in these opportunities to grow together and be better equipped to serve our Savior and each other.