

Bethel *beacon*

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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Pastor's Pen

So, how often have you shared the gospel of Jesus Christ with someone? My guess is that most of you reading this have not done so. It is estimated that 80 to 90 percent of Christians have never evangelized. This is a sad commentary on where the church is today. If you too are amazed at this statistic, you can do something about it. You can attend a seven-week course that will teach you how to evangelize those around you. The course is called "Great Commission Study," produced by Go & Tell Ministries. Rev. Jim Halstead, founder of this ministry, spoke at Bethel and led a three-hour seminar on this process this past June. All who attended were challenged to get out of their comfort zones and learn to engage people through a relational approach to doing evangelism. The course will begin Sunday night, September 8, running from 6:00 to 8:00, meeting in the sanctuary overflow. We will watch and discuss a video, discuss the previous week's personal study, and role play if necessary. By the end of the course, you should have the tools necessary to engage your family, friends, and acquaintances how to know Jesus. Our meeting dates are September 8, 22, 29, October 6, 13, 27, and November 3. I hope you will prayerfully consider being a part of this movement.

Pastor John



Go & Tell Ministries

Renae's Thoughts

As I was wondering what to write in this Beacon article, I came across this beautiful prayer for the youth of not only our church but of our community. I encourage everyone to pray this prayer for our youth as we know that each year life for them becomes more challenging in a world that has lost its moral compass.

Father, we pray that our students will become devoted Christ-followers. Give them a hunger for the fellowship of other believers in the local church. Give us the opportunity to create engaging small group discipleship experiences on campus that will fuel their desire for more of You. Help us to bring your Word to life in class so that they might see the world through the lens of Scripture.

Father, we pray that our students will become committed servant leaders. Plant in their hearts a sense of gratitude for the many blessings they have been given. Grant them the joy that comes through serving others. Help us to inspire them through the way we live our lives in service to others.

Father, we pray that our students will become respectful relationship builders. Give them the wisdom to see the emptiness of being consumed with public perception. Awaken them to the beauty of deep personal connections with their families and with others in the body of Christ. Raise up student leaders who will demonstrate respect for their teachers and coaches. Bless those who treat their peers with honor and dignity.

Father, we pray that our students will become consistently honest communicators. Break through the facade of the social media obsession and restore the joy of honesty and transparency in our relationships. Help us inspire students to speak boldly and honestly no matter the consequence.

Father, we pray that our students will become relentlessly hard workers. Fuel in these young lives with a zeal for doing hard things. Reward those who are diligent and dedicated. Encourage those who are timid. May our school be the place where a counter-cultural view of work produces a new generation of exemplary leaders for the sake of the Gospel.

All of these things we pray in the Name that is above all names, the Name of Jesus.
Written by Dr. Steve Whitaker, Head of School at The First Academy

Our students are the ones who can change this world. Let's help them have the courage to stand up to the ways of God and not the ways of this world. Let's show them the love we as Christians share by supporting them in all things and being there when they need extra encouragement.

Renae Lind
Youth Director

September

Sun., 1st	9:20 a.m. Prayer Time, Youth Room 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m. Sunday School for all ages Fellowship
Mon., 2nd	Offices Closed
Tue., 3rd	10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting 1:00-3:00 p.m. Senior Gathering
Wed., 4th	6:00 p.m. Jr High Youth Group 7:00 p.m. Choir 7:30 p.m. Sr High Youth Group
Sun., 8th	9:20 a.m. Prayer Time, Youth Room 9:30 a.m. Worship-Emergency Workers Recognition Sleep in Heavenly Peace Quilts 10:30 a.m. Sunday School for all ages Deacon's Meeting Fellowship 6:00 p.m. Go & Tell Course
Tue., 10th	10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting 12:00-3:00 p.m. Senior Gathering Potluck & Fellowship 6:00 p.m. Young Adult Ministry, Youth Room 6:30 p.m. Bible Study, parsonage
Wed., 11th	6:00 p.m. Jr High Youth Group 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice 7:30 p.m. Sr High Youth Group
Sun., 15th	9:20 a.m. Prayer Time, Youth Room 9:30 a.m. Worship- Special Offering for Sunday School Children's Message-Amanda Hiemstra 10:30 a.m. Sunday School for all ages Fellowship 6:00 p.m. Men's Ministry
Mon., 16th	Beacon Items due 8:30 a.m. Care Team Meeting 6:30 p.m. Elders Meeting
Tue., 17th	10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting 1:00-3:00 p.m. Senior Gathering 6:30 p.m. Bible Study, parsonage
Wed., 18th	6:00 p.m. Jr High Youth Group 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice 7:30 p.m. Sr High Youth Group
Thu., 19th	5:45 p.m. Executive Meeting 6:30 p.m. Consistory Meeting
Sun., 22nd	9:20 a.m. Prayer Time, Youth Room 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m. Sunday School for all ages Fellowship 6:00 p.m. Go & Tell Course
Tue., 24th	10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting 1:00-3:00 p.m. Senior Gathering 6:30 p.m. Bible Study, parsonage
Wed., 25th	4:30-7:30 p.m. Youth Soup Supper/6:00 p.m. Cake Auction
Sun., 29th	9:20 a.m. Prayer Time, Youth Room 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m. Sunday School for all ages Fellowship Deacon's Meeting 6:00 p.m. Go & Tell Course

September

1st	Greg Smit		
2nd	Jim & Charlene Kamphuis Bret & Stephanie Henning	20th	Doug & Kim Kamphuis
4th	Greg & Angie Smit	21st	Judith Larson Lena Arndt Jacob Redeker Jim Huebschman Rich & Gerri Buteyn
5th	Phil Laper John & Ruth Navis (Missionary)	23rd	Carley Madigan Craig & Rosanne Bresser
6th	Jeff Gunnink Leesa Tilstra Vicki Luczak Bill & Judi Post Brian & Kristin Erickson	24th	Logan Smit Ruth Navis (Missionary) Steve Weisnicht Cason Huebschman Lynn & Nancy DeBoer Dan & Ann Kastein Keegan & Sadie Madigan Anthony & Tiffany Martinek
7th	Eric & Katie Mulder	25th	Jen Kay Post
8th	Vanessa Slager	27th	Jenni Post Kevin & Lisa Kamphuis
9th	Hollyn Gunnink	28th	Les & Shelly Hiemstra
10th	Ally Redeker	29th	Cole Arndt Orrin & Dione Kimble
11th	Dan VandeBerg Dennis & Sue Dahlke, Jr. Logan Smit	30th	Jacob Rens
14th	Jeff & Melissa Henker		
15th	Sarah Whelan Grady Vis Ken & Linda Smit		
19th	Adam Kok John Peterson Jodi Mulder Kyle VandeZande		



September

Lift

- 1st Ed Montsma
- 8th Rick Redeker
- 15th Bob Winkel
- 22nd Floyd Smit
- 29th Harley Coehoorn

Sound

- 1st Merwin Kimble
- 8th Kelly VandeZande
- 15th Harley Coehoorn
- 22nd Merwin Kimble
- 29th Kelly VandeZande

Liturgist

- 1st Mark Kastein
- 8th Shelly Hiemstra
- 15th Sandy VandeZande
- 22nd Karen Redeker
- 29th Jen Post

Greeters

- 1st Jared Hoinacki
- 8th Jay Smit
- 15th Torrie Grade
- 22nd Jon Post
- 29th Ed Montsma

Nursery

- 1st Sadie Newbury
- 8th Rosanne Bresser
- 15th Lori Coehoorn
- 22nd Lena Arndt & Cameron Hiemstra
- 29th Mac Mattheis

Fellowship

- 1st Dallas VandeSlunt
- 8th Merwin Kimble
- 15th Dan Brown
- 22nd Jack Theyerl
- 29th Byron Navis

DVD Delivery

- 1st Shelly Hiemstra
- 8th Karen Redeker
- 15th Charlene Kamphuis
- 22nd Rosanne Bresser
- 29th Jeanette Winkel



Wednesday, October 9 will be the 75+ Fall Luncheon. More information upcoming!.

Grandparents Day

September 8, 2024

Young at heart

I like to walk with Grandpa and Grandma,
Their steps are short like mine.
They don't say, "Now hurry up."
They always take their time.

I like to walk with Grandpa and Grandma,
Their eyes see things like mine do ...
Wee pebbles bright, a funny cloud,
Half-hidden drops of dew.

Most people have to hurry,
They do not stop and see.
I'm glad that God made Grandpa and
Grandma
Unrushed and young like me.

Author Unknown



“The God Who Sees”
A six session Bible study

In the Bible, we read that Hagar gave God the name El Roi, “The God Who Sees,” when she recognized that the Lord had seen her in her plight. In this six-session video Bible study, Kathie Lee Gifford and Joanne Moody delve into the lives of five people in the Bible who, like us, wondered if God saw them in their distress. Through the stories of Hagar, Ruth, Boaz, David, and Mary of Magdala, you will discover that even in the darkest times, God constantly watches over you. He has promised to never abandon you, and he empowers you to fulfill the purpose that he has for your life.

This Bible study will start on Tuesday, September 10 at 6:30 p.m. and run for the following 5 Tuesdays until October 15. We will meet at the home of Leesa Tilstra (the parsonage). Please join this study by signing up on the sign-up sheet on the information table or by letting Leesa know that you plan to come. The study guides will be \$10.00 each. Each week, we will watch a 20-minute video and discuss questions as a group. You will have 5 personal study days to continue reading and answer questions.

Please come, invite friends and family, and learn more about the God who really does see YOU!



We will be having a new ministry group (20-30 year olds) beginning September 10, 2024 at Bethel in the Youth Room. The group will meet from 6:00-7:00 p.m. It will include a Bible study from RightNow Media.



The 55+ Bible Study Group will begin to meet on Wednesday, October 23, 2024. Fellowship and coffee time will begin at 9:10 a.m. with the introduction to the Bible study “Meeting the Spirit.”

We will meet every other Wednesday, weather permitting.

Dates: October 23;	November 6
November 20;	December 4
December 18;	January 8
January 22;	February 5
February 19;	March 5
March 19	

All study materials will be furnished for you.

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