



# BETHEL CHRONICLE

“The Small Country Church with a BIG Heart”

Sunday Worship with Jr. Church 9:00 a.m. - Sunday School 10:15 a.m.

Bethel’s Vision: **Connect** with God through Prayer, **Grow** in Christ through Love, **Go** into the world & serve. **Connect, Grow, Go...**



## PASTOR’S CORNER



### FEBRUARY MINISTRY MEETINGS

- Tues. Feb. 4 – 7:00 p.m.**  
Worship Team
- Thurs. Feb. 6 - 7:00 p.m.**  
Education Committee
- Tues. Feb. 11 –** After Friends Fellowship  
Health & Welfare
- Wed. Feb. 12 - 7:00 p.m.**  
Administrative Board

### Organization Meetings/Events

- Sat. Feb. 8 – 8:00 a.m.**  
Men’s Group
- Tue. Feb. 11 – 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.**  
Friends Fellowship Planning Mtg.
- Fri. Feb. 14 – 1:00-3:00 p.m.**  
Happy Workers Circle

Dear Bethel,

As we journey through February, we come to the conclusion of our study of the Book of Acts. What a powerful reminder it has been of the Spirit’s work in the early church! From the bold witness of the apostles to the growing community of believers, Acts has shown us how the gospel can transform lives and overcome obstacles.

As we reflect on the final chapters, we are reminded that the story doesn’t end here. The mission of the church continues in each of us as we are called to be witnesses of God’s love in our homes, workplaces, and communities.

May we carry forward the lessons we’ve learned in Acts—bold faith, generous hearts, and a reliance on the Holy Spirit—as we seek to live as the hands and feet of Christ in the world.

Let us move into this next season of ministry with the same courage and commitment as the early church, trusting that God will guide us every step of the way.

Go forth,

Pastor Beth "PB"

### FEBRUARY COLLECTION




Personal Care Items like soap, shampoo, deodorant, toothpaste, etc. Bethel is reaching out our hearts to those that need the help most!

### Souper Bowl of Caring Challenge

Sunday, February 9<sup>th</sup>

GOAL: 100 cans of soup for Community REACH

## FEBRUARY SERMON SERIES

Sunday February 2, 2025	<b>Sermon – Hallelujah Anyhow with Communion</b> Acts 6:8 – 7:60	
Sunday February 9, 2025	<b>Sermon- <i>Who'd a Think It?</i></b> Acts 9:1-19	
Sunday February 16, 2025	<b>Sermon – <i>When God Chooses</i></b> Acts 13:1-3	
Sunday February 23, 2025	<b>Sermon – <i>They've Turned the World Upside Down</i></b> Acts 17: 1-9	

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## SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

*Back Room Sunday School Class studies “The Jesus I Never Knew”*

How would you respond to the following: Describe the Jesus that you know. Would you say that He was brilliant, flexible, creative, challenging, fearless, compassionate, or unpredictable? The Backroom Small Group has begun a new study titled, “The Jesus I Never Knew” by Philip Yancey. As part of this study, we will see Jesus in some ways that we don’t normally think of Him. As a result, our relationship with Him will be enhanced and deepened. Join us each Sunday morning as we explore who Jesus was, why He came, and what He left behind.

### December Financials

**Offerings     \$9,249.**

**Budget Exp.   \$12,391.**

## INCLEMENT WEATHER SCHEDULE



**\*\*If the Red Lion Area School District is on a 2 hour delay, snow day, or let out early, then all church activities will be canceled for the day. A decision about Sunday morning worship will be made by 8:00 AM. The announcement will be put through email, text, Facebook and the phone prayer chain.**

## FRIENDS FELLOWSHIP

Bethel's Senior Group will meet on **Tuesday, February 11th at 10:00 a.m.** to plan events for 2025. The January planning meeting was postponed due to inclement weather.

Bring your ideas for group adventures in the new year. All suggestions welcomed: Games, local day trips, crafts, etc.

**Bring your lunch and a board game.**



Over 60? Come join the group and see how much fun Seniors have together!

## MENS GROUP

Monthly meeting will be held  
**Saturday morning – February 15<sup>th</sup>**  
8:00 a.m. in the social hall.



## Souper Bowl of Caring Sunday, February 9th

Souper Bowl Challenge! Let's **collect 100 cans of soup for Community Reach.**



Bring a can of soup to church to support our local food pantry. Place your soup in the box of the team who you think will win the big game. Let's tackle hunger together! Also, **wear your favorite team's colors to worship**—even if your team isn't in the big game! It's a great way to show your spirit and have some fun.

(We know Michael Holz will be wearing his Buffalo Bill's jersey with pride)

## CHICK'N PICK'N DAY

**Mark your calendar**

Prep for future soup sales be:

**March 17<sup>th</sup>**

**7:30 a.m. to clean chicken for cooking**

**9:30 a.m. – Cutting up the chicken**

**HELP NEEDED!!!**



## HAPPY WORKERS CIRCLE



The Happy Workers Circle will meet **Friday – February 14<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm**

Nancy Clever will be leading the group both as President & February Leader.

During the January meeting the group planned some events for the upcoming year including a summer picnic with the Men's Group.

If you haven't been to a Circle meeting – please consider visiting the meeting.



## METHODIST MORSELS

Methodist Morsels was a newsletter column created by former pastor Martin Lorah's wife, Jayne, and contained recipes from the Bethel congregation. To warm up your cold winter days the following recipe is one that my mother used to say will, "stick to your ribs". This recipe is from Geraldine Schields and is surely a favorite with me. Darla

### **BAKED OATMEAL**

2 Cups Sugar (1 white and 1 brown)	4 Eggs Beaten
6 Cups Oatmeal (Quick cooking)	1 Tbsp. + 1 Tsp. Baking Powder
2 tsp. Salt	2 Cups Milk
1 cup Oil - (I substitute applesauce)	Sprinkle cinnamon on top
Optional Add Ins: 1 cup nuts – 1 cup peaches or canned fruit of your choice	
Raisins or dried cranberries can also be added.	



Bake in 9 x 13 pan in Preheated Oven at 350 degrees 30 to 40 minutes

For a brownie size pan – Use half of the ingredients shown above.

For an easy breakfast – cut a square, add to a bowl with some milk and microwave 1 minute.



### **HEALTH TIP of The Month**

**Eat more whole foods (and less processed food)**



Whole foods are foods that haven't been heavily processed or altered. They don't contain a lot of added chemicals or artificial ingredients to help them taste good or give them a long shelf-life.

In general, whole foods are healthier for you and provide your body with more vitamins, minerals, and essential nutrients than processed foods. Because they are more nutritious, whole foods give you more energy and possibly lower the risk of many types of health issues. Processed foods are often healthier than whole foods because they tend to be higher in certain ingredients such as: added sugars or artificial sweeteners -- salt (sodium) --trans fats—preservatives-- artificial colors

#### **Whole foods vs. processed foods**

#### **Some examples of whole foods include:**

fruits and vegetables-nuts and seeds-legumes (beans and lentils)-eggs-meat and poultry  
fish and seafood-plain yogurt- olive oil - whole grains (brown rice, quinoa, steel-cut oatmeal, farro, bulgur)

#### **Some examples of processed foods include:**

commercial baked goods (cakes, pies, pastries, cookies)-chips and crackers  
processed meats (hot dogs, lunch meat, sausage)-sugar-sweetened beverages  
boxed rice or pasta dishes-pre-packaged microwaveable meals  
white bread, white rice-flavored yogurts, ice cream

Eating too much processed food and not enough whole foods can be harmful to your health. That's because you won't be getting enough of the nutrients your body needs. Instead, you'll be eating higher amounts of sugar, salt, unhealthy fats, or other ingredients that don't provide much nutritional value.

Source: *Healthline.com*

**Deadline for March Newsletter is Sunday, Feb. 16, 2025 – Submit info to Thalia McKinley**  
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## FUN FOR COLD WINTER DAYS

1. Who pretended to be mad to avoid capture and death at the hands of an enemy king?
2. Which disciple held a feast for Jesus and invited tax collectors and 'sinners'?
3. In the parable, what did the servant whose debt had been forgiven? *(Answers at bottom of page)*



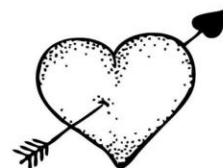
# Valentine's Day Word Search

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Gift  
Hugs  
Love  
Arrow

Candy  
Cupid  
Heart  
Sweet

Kisses  
Flowers  
Chocolate  
Valentine



1. David (1 Samuel 21:13) 2. Matthew (Matthew 9:10) 3. Choked someone who owed him  
(Matthew 18:28)