



MAY 17, 2020

Bethel BEAM

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BETHEL UPDATE FROM PASTOR JON

We are halfway into May already. Congratulations to all our Bethel graduates – McKena Peterson and Cade Wosmek from high school – and various others who are graduating from colleges and universities. We lament with you that your celebrations are not able to happen in the way they normally would but we are very proud of you and your accomplishments and wish you all the best in the next chapter of life. More than ever, we are continuing to discover how much we need and rely upon one another. It truly does take a village to live life.

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Bethel Financial Update
(through April 30, 2020)

April General Fund Giving: \$35,765
Year-to-Date General Fund Giving: \$179,087
Comparison 2019 YTD Giving: \$175,086

April General Fund Expense: \$46,962
Year-to-Date General Fund Exp: \$168,492
Comparison 2019 YTD Expense: \$159,979

2020 Year-to-Date General Fund Surplus: \$10,595

WORSHIP PRAYER LIST

Sandy East, Dan Hanson, the family of Althea Brandt upon her death

UPCOMING SERVICES

May 17, 24, & 31

Available on WRAC 19/188, Sundays at 11:30 am/6:30 pm and Tuesdays at 9:00 am/6:00 pm. Also available on Facebook at any time!

The village that is Bethel has received the news from Governor Walz regarding new recommendations for life in Minnesota. As far as village/church life goes for Bethel, here is how we are planning to move forward at this time:

*Worship will continue to be broadcast online and through WRAC 8/TV. We anticipate this continuing at least through June since the current order is for no group gatherings of 10 or more.

*Through the end of May, our Bethel staff will continue to work primarily from home and there will be no office hours at church.

*Starting on Monday, June 1, we will begin by having office hours Monday-Thursday 9AM – Noon. The church doors will remain locked and we will screen/allow visitors through our video/doorbell system at the south/parking lot entrance. Office hours could resume to our normal 9AM – 3:00PM in mid-June but that decision will be made in the first weeks of June.

*At this point, we are asking that all Bethel groups continue meeting online. In the latter part of June, we could be ready to accommodate groups of up to 10 people meeting/convening at church but we would want to visit with each group looking to meet person-to-person at Bethel and go over safety precautions for such gatherings.

It is our hope that we can gradually resume and turn the dial toward more in-person activity for Bethel and beyond as summer progresses but we also need to be prepared to adjust the dial back-and-forth as we monitor how things go with the gradual and greater reopening that is happening in our community and society at large. We are deeply committed to doing the best we can with the “Jesus Creed” of loving our neighbor when it comes to stewarding (taking care of) both the safety and financial well-being of one another. All in all, we are reaching many with our online/TV video worship, we are trying to connect and provide spiritual and emotional care, and we are continuing to provide financial support when there are cases of individual/family need as well as giving financially to helping organizations throughout our community.

Thank you for your continued support of Bethel.