

# HIGHLIGHTS

## January 5 & 6, 2019

### BAPTIZED UNTO THE LORD

Sunday, December 30, 2018

Private Adult

Logan Thomas Dirks

Private Child

Easton Phillip Dirks

Son of Logan and Emily (McMurtrey) Dirks

Sponsors: Nolan and Maggie Sinclair

### • SUNDAY ADULT EDUCATION – 9:30 – 10:30 am

1. Breakfast Bible Class Pastor Greg Room P1  
“On the Road: Following Jesus in Everyday Life”

2. Faith Milestones/Preschool Karen Remmele Room P2  
January 20 & 27 For parents of children ages 3-5  
See full explanation on page 6 of January edition of Bethel Star

3. First Place for Health “Be Free” Room P3  
Will teach that freedom is neither perfection or permission. This study will help explore the freedom we have and at the end we will be able to boldly proclaim, “I know the truth, and the truth can set me free.”  
Led by Carolynsue Wolf / Mary Lou Nichols

4. Bethel Basics Pastor Jeff Room 110  
Begins January 13th. 5-week class that will review the Lutheran doctrine along with the 3M approach here at Bethel. This class is great for anyone attending Bethel, but especially anyone wanting to become a member. Please sign-up in Realm, Sign-Up Central, or call church office @ 309-263-2417.

5. RLD in Action Group Room 111  
If you have taken the “Real Life Discipleship” class, this group focuses on putting in to action what was taught in that class.

### • NEW Apologetics class Pam Lichtenstein Prayer Room Wednesday January 16-February 6 (4 weeks)

A study about answering tough questions about God and Christianity-Why does God allow suffering and tragedy? Does science disprove Christianity? Is Jesus really the only way? Having faith isn't always easy. Author **Matt Chandler** provides powerful teaching from Scripture and helps us understand why believing God and the Bible is not only reasonable, but also essential. That's what apologetics is all about. Knowing what you believe and why you believe it, & then being able to share with others why you think your beliefs are reasonable. Please sign up at Sign-Up Central, Realm or call church office.

### • DISCIPLESHIP GROWTH OPPORTUNITIES BROCHURE

New brochure for January – March 2019 is available at the Connection Center. Please pick one up. This is where you will find out information about all classes, groups, and outreach activities available during these months.

### • AGAINST THE FLOW

Resumes THIS Wednesday, January 9<sup>th</sup> in the Youth Room from 7-8:30pm!

### • 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> GRADE CONFIRMATION

Class resumes THIS Wednesday, January 9<sup>th</sup> in Parish Hall from 7-8:30pm!

### • SUNDAY CHILDREN'S & YOUTH EDUCATION

9:30 – 10:30 am All children and youth have classes that meet this weekend. If you have any questions about where these classes meet, please head to the Children's Sunday School Welcome Desk.

### • PRAYER REQUESTS

If you want your prayer request(s) included in the corporate prayers during services, you must give your permission through the church office.

### • BETHEL STAR MAILING REMINDER

We will not be mailing the Bethel Star through bulk mailing any longer. The following options to receive the monthly Bethel Star will be:

1. View on Bethel's website: [blcmorton.org](http://blcmorton.org) (click on Media)
2. Limited paper copies will continue to be available at the Connection Center.
3. Special delivery by volunteers (option for Senior Citizens or Shut-Ins) requested through the church office.

### • MIDWEEK TRADITIONAL HYMNAL WORSHIP SERVICES

**WEDNESDAYS at 10:30am**

**JANUARY 16, 23, and 30 (Weather Permitting)**

### • LADIES BIBLE STUDY

Tuesdays 9 – 11 am in Room 110. We will start a new study January 8, 2019. We'll study I and II Thessalonians by Beth Moore. We'd love you to join us! We need to order books, so please call Sheila Lovell (925-5347) or church office to register. Childcare is available. The variety of ages / stages is very stimulating as we gather around God's Word. For questions or to order materials, call Sheila Lovell at 925-5347.

### • FOUND: ONE WISE GUY

In his search of the Baby Jesus, one Wiseman got separated from his other Magi friends and he is feeling forgotten. If you brought your nativity set to share, please be sure you have all your pieces. This lonely Wiseman is staying in the church office with Alanna until someone comes to pick him up.

- **BETHEL'S BOOK CLUB**

January Book Club will meet on January 28 at 7:00 pm at the church. We will be discussing *It's Not Supposed to Be This Way* by Lysa Terkeurst. We'll discuss "finding unexpected strength when disappointments leave you shattered." For questions, call Sheila Lovell at 925-5347.

- **ALTAR FLOWERS**

Thank you to all who have been so generous in providing the beautiful altar flowers for our services. Please contact Malena Rogers @ [jr\\_mr@frontier.com](mailto:jr_mr@frontier.com) or 309-657-2156 if you have a special occasion to celebrate or an important date to remember. December 29/30 are open.

- **MONTHLY BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING**

Immediately following church services in the Church Library on Saturday, January 12 @ 7:00 pm and Sunday, January 13 @ 9:00am and 11:45am

- **GIVING/STEWARDSHIP**

1. 2019 assigned giving envelopes are available in the church foyer and are in alphabetical order.
2. To eliminate the use of giving envelopes and donate online, please contact the church office.
3. To have giving envelopes assigned, please contact Alanna in the church office ASAP.
4. 2018 Giving Statements will be available to print from your REALM account in January. If you need help or a copy printed, please let us know by calling 309-263-2417.

- **THIS WEEK'S BUILDING USAGE**

**January 6 - Sunday**

8:00 am Traditional Worship Service / Sanctuary  
 8:00 am Gilles Small Group Ladies' / Room 110 (9:15)  
 9:00 am Blood Pressure Check / Library  
 10:45am Blended Worship Service / Sanctuary  
 11:45am Blood Pressure Check / Library  
 11:45am Hobson Small Group / Room 126 (1:00)  
 1:30 pm American Heritage Girls / Rooms P1; P2; Kitchen; / Sanctuary  
 4:00 pm ROOTED Class / Room 110  
 7:00 pm Men's Basketball / Gym (9:00)

**January 7 - Monday**

8:00 am Tellers / Room 110  
 8:30 am First Aid Training / Rooms P1; P2; P3; Kitchen (2:00)  
 10:00am NO Staff Meeting  
 1:00 pm Brummerstedt Small Group / Room 111 (3:30)  
 4:00 pm CID Evangelism Meeting / Room 126 (5:00)  
 6:00 pm Lorentzen Small Group / Room 126 (8:00)  
 6:30 pm Lutherans for Life Meeting / Room P3 (8:30)  
 6:30 pm Elder REALM Class / Room 110 (8:30)  
 7:00 pm Church Council / Room 111

**January 8 - Tuesday**

8:30 am Bethel School Girls' Core / Room 126 (9:15)  
 9:00 am Ladies' Bible Study / Room 110; 122 (11:00)  
 6:30 pm Praise Practice / Sanctuary (9:00)

**January 9 - Wednesday**

6:00 am Bethel Brothers Bible Study / Room 111 (7:00)

8:30 am School Chapel / Sanctuary  
 8:30 am Parent Prayer / Room 126  
 10:30am **NO** Traditional Hymnal Service  
 6:30 pm Elsas Small Group / Room 111 (8:30)  
 6:45 pm Mooberry Small Group / Room 110  
 7:00 pm Dietrich Small Group / School Library Room #1 (9:00)  
 7:00 pm Against the Flow / Rooms 141; Gym (8:30)  
 7:00 pm Jr Hi Confirmation / Rooms P1; P2; P3; 124; 125  
 7:00 pm KIC / Commons; Gym (8:30)

**January 10 - Thursday**

9:00 am Bailey Small Group / Room 111 (11:00)  
 1:00 pm Quilters / Room 146 (2:30)  
 4:30 pm Bell Choir / Sanctuary (6:00)  
 7:00 pm Adult Choir / P1 (8:00)

**January 11 - Friday**

6:30 am TGIF Men's Bible Study / Room 111 (7:30)  
 8:15 am Faithful Folders / Room 110

**January 12 - Saturday - Communion**

4:00 pm Praise Practice / Sanctuary 6:00 pm Contemporary  
 Worship Service / Sanctuary  
 MISSION MOMENT:  
 Bethel School  
 7:00 pm Blood Pressure Check / Library

## 10 New Year's Resolutions for Christian Moms

This year, with God's help, I resolve:

1. to make spending time with God a priority and to let my children see me spending time with Him;
2. to teach my children about God, His ways, and His love for them;
3. to treat my children with respect and love, and to have their best interests at heart;
4. to apologize to my children when I wrong them;
5. to allow myself the grace to be imperfect and to stop beating myself up over my imperfections;
6. to rejoice in the mom God made me to be and to stop comparing myself to any other mom;
7. to play more with my children;
8. to show my children they are important to me by making time for them;
9. to work on strengthening my relationship with my husband (if I'm married);
10. and to love my children more than life itself and to make sure they know it.

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