



The Bethel Lighthouse

Season Three - Episode Four - April 2015

Shining the Light of Christ to a broken world.



Bethel Church Celebrates Easter

Once again the Sanctuary was made beautiful by the "Flowering Of The Cross". This has become a very significant tradition over the past few years. Thanks to Ginger Olsoy and her team who were instrumental in bringing it all together. We were also

blessed with music from the Bethel Orchestra who played during the service. **Congratulations** also to Josh Catway who was baptized on Easter Sunday.

Liturgical Worship Sunday The Worship Team lead us in a very meaningful "high church" service on the 12th of April. Here is an excerpt from the website www.crivoice.org/whatisliturgy.html that offers further explanation.

A fully liturgical service has very recognizable elements, just like the various aspects of a service of worship in a mega-church, or a charismatic church, or an old-fashioned evangelical church. They may vary widely in application in different church traditions, but the basic elements remain the same. The most important liturgical elements are:

1. Communal Prayer
2. Reading/Hearing the Word
3. Confessing our historical faith
4. The Lord's Supper
6. Great hymns
7. The Church Year



The Gideons also visited on the 12th and spoke about the great things God is doing in their ministry of Bible distribution.

From the Pastoral Staff - Our thanks to Dr. Jim Wisland and his wife Jane who presented the Suicide Postvention Weekend. Their story was inspiring to all who heard it. We received some very helpful feedback from the Seminars and are considering more ways to help in this area.

Bethel Men - Thanks to the trustees who keep our building in good shape. Men's Bible Study continues with "The Measure of a Man".

The Women In Our Lives - Our current Bible Study is "Financial Peace" featuring Dave Ramsey's book. Make plans now to attend the Annual "Clear The Clutter" Sale on Monday May 25th.

Prayer Ministry - Thursday May 7th is the National Day Of Prayer. Please join us for "Prayer On The Street" from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. Several stations will be set up along Colby Avenue for folks to visit, write prayer requests, share stories and also pray for the city.



Missions - Please remember to PRAY!

The International Fellowship in March was, for lack of a better word, different. There were more Hispanics and no Mid Easterners. There were several immigrants and few students and the total number was 24.

The majority were Christians. This caused us to think about what we were doing, whether we had offended. We realized that it was Spring Break at the college and many students were out of town. And so we prayerfully move ahead not knowing what is next.

Ground Zero Youth Ministry

Pastor Abe writes: We have been going through Hebrews in my "By Faith Series" in youth group for the last month. One of my messages was called "Accidental Art" where we went over the sovereignty of God's hand in our creation.



We have been averaging about 15 kids but this last Friday we had 30 people packed in the youth room! Yes that included some adults but still pretty incredible :) The change in youth group meeting times (to 6:00 p.m.) has been pretty solid and hasn't seemed to affect us in a negative way at all. About every other week Andrew Johns offers to extend the end time for about an hour to host any video game playing for the kids who would like to stay.

On Good Friday we had a traditional scripture reading that I composed from Matthew and Old Testament prophecies that point to the Messiah and his death and resurrection, followed by candle light worship. The mood was very somber and sobering, speaking only God's Word through the story of the last 24 hours of our Lord's life.

*Calling all
Awakenings Prayer Institute Alumni*
May 16th 2015 10:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m.
API Graduation Brunch & Fundraiser will
be held at the home of Stan & Julia
Youngs. Steve Welling from Converge
Northwest will be our featured speaker.

From The Church Council

- ◆ **A bid** has been received for the re-carpeting of the Fireside room. Carpet choices are in process and this project should begin within the next couple months.
- ◆ **Sunday May 24th** is the Annual Church Business meeting for the purpose of electing the Officers who will serve in the next year and also for hearing reports from the various committees and ministry teams here at Bethel. The meeting will be after church and include a potluck lunch. Make plans now to attend.
- ◆ **Thanks** to a generous gift from the family of Cleo Miller we are ahead of budget in our giving. Praise the Lord!

UPCOMING EVENTS

- ◆ Saturday May 2nd - API #1 & #2
- ◆ Tuesday May 5th - First Tuesday Fast & Pray -
The theme is National Revival
- ◆ Sunday May 10th - Mother's Day
- ◆ Thursday May 7th - National Day of Prayer
- ◆ Saturday May 9th - Church Work Day & Second Saturday Sewing Circle.
- ◆ May 9th 2:00 p.m. - Memorial Service for Cleo Miller
- ◆ Saturday May 16th - API Graduation Brunch
- ◆ Sunday May 17th - Family Project with Dr. Mary.
- ◆ Friday May 22nd - International Fellowship at Steve & Diane Mosman's home.
- ◆ Sunday May 24th - Church Annual Meeting.
- ◆ Monday May 25th - "Clear the Clutter" Sale.



Pictorial Church Directory

You can pick up a copy of the New Church Directory at the back table in the Sanctuary. Please let the office know if there are any changes that need to be made.



Meets the fourth Friday of every month at Steve & Diane Mosman's home. Call (425) 348-9245 for more information.

May is Women's Ministry Month.

Needed Now: Prayer For Our Country and Leadership

It has become increasingly evident and very obvious that there are many ways our country is not following Biblical principles. Every day the media touts "tolerance" for this group or "political correctness" for that cause. There has even been compromise in some of the churches as far as adherence to Biblical teaching and relevance to current issues of our day.

It makes one think of Old Testament times when the ruling Kings of Israel did not do what was right in the sight of the Lord. God's laws were very specific during these times and the judgment from our Righteous God was sure and swift. There was no compromise to the Laws that were well known by the nation of Israel. God was and is and always will be a jealous God, a righteous God and a just God; a God of relationship.

What then are the prospects for our country should we continue on the current path of doing what is not right in the sight of the Lord? What will it be like 5 or 10 years from now when current world views are allowed to remain? What sickness or disease will be prevalent in the medical world as a result of sinful practices? Will we have a president who will honor God and his precepts? How can we see the "big picture"? To think about all of these questions is a daunting process.

Our **only** hope is in Christ the Lord who made heaven and earth. He **is** coming again and that is his promise. We do not deserve God's mercy but God is a merciful God. He does not tolerate sin but is faithful and just to forgive sin and cleanse from all unrighteousness, if we only ask. The country and its leadership would do well to turn back to God and the tried and true practices set forth in the Bible.

Our prayer for our country and it's leadership should come straight out of 2 Chronicles 7:14. which says *"If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land."* - by Rebecca J. Woods, Editor

National Day of Prayer
Thursday May 7th, 2015

"Hear the cry and the prayer that your servant is praying in your presence this day." — 1 Kings 8:28



Dr. Mary Hoppa is available for personal or family counseling on Sunday and Monday afternoons and into the evenings on Mondays. You may sign up for an appointment on your blue registration card, or contact Dr. Mary personally at 425.879.5283 or by email at lighthousecounseling@frontier.com



Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you."
Luke 6:38 (NIV)