

# BETHEL NEWS

Our Mission: Love Christ, Grow Faith, and Share Hope

## Thank You Notes

To My Wonderful Church Family,

“Thank you” does not even begin to cover the amount of love and gratitude I have in my heart for you. From cards, memorial money, food, hugs, kind words...and the list goes on. I must include the delicious funeral luncheon and the selfless workers who donated their food and time. Thank you all for the outpouring of your love!

In Christian Love, Dawn Barr and Family

## Movie to See

Great movie to see:  
The Case for Christ!

## New Worship Schedule

Starting the on May 7 we will worship together in one combined worship service at 10:00 am. Sunday school will be at 9:00 am.

## Confirmation Sunday

We will celebrate the confirmation of Cole Becker, Shelby and Kayden Homan, Sarah Kempel, and Kiersten Kromm, at 10:00 am Sunday, May 7. A reception to honor them will follow in the fellowship hall.



## Prayer Chain

If you would like to be a part of the prayer chain at the church, please email Mike at [pastormikejones@gmail.com](mailto:pastormikejones@gmail.com) or text at 815-499-1943.

## Thank You Notes

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Thank you to all who donated food and those who served it at Jim Slick's funeral. Thank you for the many prayers for our family and for me while dealing with cancer. Thank you all for the warmth you have shown me since attending Bethel. Thank you to Pastor Mike for his visits to Jim and me also and prayers for us.

God Bless You All,  
Betty Slick & Family

## Birthday Card Shower

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Henrietta Heeren is 90 years young on May 2; cards can be sent to:

Henrietta Heeren  
209 S Stanton  
Shannon, IL 61078

## Graduation Sunday

We will celebrate the accomplishments of our graduates at 10:00 am Sunday, May 21.

Graduating are Tyler Dambman, Bryan & Markus Edler (Highland Community College), Hannah Kempel, Merrick Misiewicz, Grace Norton, Clayton Ruter (Blackhawk College East Campus), Katie Woessner (University of Illinois), and Adam Young (University of Nebraska). Let us know of other graduates.

## Summer Fun Events

This summer we are planning to have Summer Fun Events to offer opportunities for fun and building relationships. These nights will be free of charge to all. Our first Summer Fun Night will be a drive-in movie in which we will serve food, popcorn, and drinks. The drive-in movie will be at 7:00 pm Saturday, June 3, at the Shannon City Park across from the church. If the weather is poor that evening, we will have the drive-in movie at the church. Children will have an opportunity to decorate their cars and then watch the movie with their family while sitting in the car.

Other summer fun events in the works are a pool party, and weekend Vacation Bible School. If you and a group would like to plan a summer fun event please contact Pastor Mike at 815-499-1943 or [pastormikejones@gmail.com](mailto:pastormikejones@gmail.com). We will provide the financial resources for the event you want to plan.

### Thank You Note

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Thank you for the cards and phone calls since my surgery. Also thank you to Pastor Mike and Jeanne for the visits. I appreciate your thoughts and prayers.

Don Mantzke

### Native American Christian Academy

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A generous donor has given \$125,000 and challenged the Academy to raise matching funds. Make checks payable to NACA and indicate that the gift is for Matching Funds Campaign. Mail donations to: Native American Christian Academy, PO Box 4013, Sun Valley, AZ 86029

## The Church at the Lake New Worship Experience



We are excited about a new church service starting Memorial Day weekend. We will have weekly worship services at 8:30 am Sundays at the shelter house by the East Marina on Lake Carroll from Memorial Day weekend thru Labor Day weekend. Our 4Him Praise band will provide music. Walk up, bike up, or boat up; we would love to have you join us. Come casual and bring a blanket or chair if you wish and we will provide coffee, juice, and donuts.

## Calendar

Our church calendar can now be found online at our website at <http://bethelumcshannon.org/newsletters/calendar/> or stop by the office to get a copy.

## Thank You Note

We couldn't have asked for a more beautiful Easter Sunday! I was extremely blessed to have my family, Michele & Mark Horner, Mike & Linda Yackle, Mary & Tim Berryhill, and Marcy & Monica Campbell join me in church. I enjoyed every hug I received from the congregation and want to thank you for the large number of beautiful cards I received for my 90th birthday, which I am still enjoying. Grandchildren from afar joined us for an Easter Brunch at the Lake Carroll Club House.

With Sincere Thanks  
and God's Blessings,  
Clare Yackle

## 40 Day Prayer Adventure Starts May 8

When I was in South Korea this past week, I saw firsthand the power of God at work when a congregation seeks God with their whole heart. The people there cried out with a passion that I haven't witnessed before. It was as if God didn't answer their prayers then they were in real trouble. I witnessed their fervent prayer each morning at the 5:00 am Dawn Prayer Service when 500 people would gather.

I saw the Bupyeong Methodist Church in Incheon, South Korea, impacting their community and world in amazing ways as a result of these prayers. In the early morning hours God spoke to me and laid on my heart that our church likewise could be used by God if we cried out to him as though our very lives depended on Him. Our leadership and I would like to invite you to be a part of a 40 Day Prayer Adventure to see what great things God would do as we seek God with our whole heart.

We would like to invite you to come to our Fresh Encounters Prayer Services at 6:00 am on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday mornings, and at 6:30 pm on Tuesday and Thursday evenings beginning on May 8. The pastor said because their people sought the face of God with their whole heart, God was blessing their families and helping them overcome trials and that their church was being used in powerful ways.