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Report from the Pastor Nominating Committee

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*Our Mission:
To equip people
to be fully
devoted to Jesus
Christ through
relevant and
practical
ministries.*

St. Bridget Pantry
Donations
1st Sunday of
Every Month



August 2 – The Shearrow's
August 9 – The Hewitt's
August 16 – The Bailey's
August 23 – The Buske's
August 30 – The Munger's

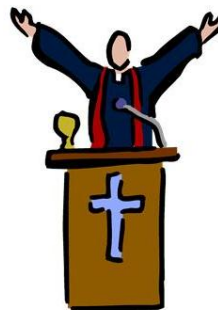
As Bethany's PNC continues our search for our new pastor, we continually remind ourselves that we operate on God's timeline, not ours. We have experienced both exhilaration and frustration during our search. There have been two or three candidates that have gone into the finally interviewing stages who seemed to be great matches for Bethany, and that all of the pieces were falling into place only to change within days. Every time this happens, God shows us an even better candidate. So we continue our work, knowing that we are exactly where God intends us to be.

Currently, we have one candidate that is in the interviewing process that we are very interested in and a second candidate in which we have just started the interviewing process with.

In the meantime, we have faith that God has brought us the music and worship ministry of Tim Krug, inspiring messages from Pastor Joe and church leaders to guide us through this time of transition and that He will reveal His plan to us in His time. We ask for your continued prayers as we fervently continue our search for the right person to lead Bethany.

"And I will give you pastors according to mine heart, which shall feed you with knowledge and understanding." Jeremiah 3:15

Tom Smith
Co-Chair, PNC



*Bethany Youth Group
Celebrating a Safe Homecoming!*

BYG has returned from its July Mission Trip to New Orleans, LA. Praise God for their safe return and the work they accomplished in Louisiana! Thank you to the leaders, Melissa McCormick, Dave Bock and Kayla Chandler, for their inspiration and dedication to God and our young adults!



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

This June, we had the privilege of ministering to 30 local children during our vacation Bible school program. Children learned about the story of Moses through God's Great Vacation Club! Who wouldn't want to spend 40 years in the wilderness with all your family and friends? We sang songs, told stories, played outside, ate snacks (including Jello frogs and gummy serpents - if you're talking Moses, you'd be remiss not to mention the plagues in Egypt), and learned several Bible verses. Thank you to Mr. John Elliot at Dairy Depot for his continued generosity to our VBS. We enjoyed ice cream day immensely!! Join us August 23 as our VBS kids sing "Pharaoh, Pharaoh" during the 10:15 service!



Last year Session put forth a challenge to the Congregation to raise enough money to replace one of our two boilers that had failed and could not be repaired due to its age.

The Congregation came through in spectacular fashion, contributing enough money to cover the cost of our new boiler with a little to spare. That allowed us to skip going to the bank for another loan.

At the time the new boiler was being installed, Session was warned that our second boiler was also going to fail soon. With that warning, Session began setting money aside in anticipation of replacing the second boiler. Unfortunately, the second boiler failed sooner than expected, and as warned, it cannot be repaired; only replaced.

God has already blessed Bethany with over half the needed funds, so we are asking for our congregation's help in raising the other half, which is roughly \$6,000.

With that in mind, we are calling this the "Half Off Offering Sale!"; as we only need half the money that was needed for the first boiler. Please consider donating HALF of what you donated for the first boiler. If the congregation does that, then we will raise enough money to cover the rest of the cost of the second boiler.

Much is asked of Bethany's congregation, and you usually come through. Please consider donating to our 2nd boiler fund. Please use the blank line on your regular offering envelopes and write in "Boiler Fund", or there are extra offering envelopes at the welcome center marked "2nd Boiler Fund" for you to use.

AUGUST DATES TO REMEMBER

August 2 – “The Witness” featuring the New Testament Singers

August 12 – Harlem Schools Resume Classes

August 16 – Contemporary Service @ 5pm

August 23 – Primary and Youth Sunday School Classes Resume

Rally Sunday Coming Soon (Watch for Details)

Adult Bible Study Continues on September 6.

Confirmation Class Coming Soon!

PAPER ANGEL CLOSET



Bethany's Deacons served several families in the month of July with paper products, cleaning aids and prayer. Items that will be needed to serve families in the month of August are: bleach, laundry soap, toilet bowl cleaner and other cleaning aids, band aids, bar soap, hand soap with pumps, shampoo, dryer sheets, shaving cream, sponges, and tooth brushes. Two-quart ice cream pails with handles make very good cleaning buckets as well. Thank you and God bless all of you who give generously to make possible this ongoing mission.

MISSION OF THE MONTH

*August's Mission of the Month is
Stateline Youth for Christ*

Stateline Youth For Christ works alongside churches, schools, and organizations to reach at-risk youth through mentoring and tutoring, and helps students improve their social, academic, and spiritual health. Their goal is to be a transformational ministry, seeing God do immeasurably more than we can ask or imagine.

A representative from YFC will be with us on Sunday, August 9, to share with us all that is currently happening with this organization as it reaches out to at risk youth in our area. YFC provides tutoring in 7 different church sponsored clubs. The combined clubs have 130 to 150 members, combined. Adult tutoring and mentoring are a part of what happens. Helping students to improve their reading and math skills, reaching the next generation of children and youth "one at a time" to serve and follow Jesus Christ for a lifetime. I pray that we will generously help YFC to become even more fruitful in the coming year.

For nine years, Bob Griffin served as Campus Pastor at Taylor University and has served in a number of church positions--including Youth Pastor and Senior Pastor. Bob stepped aside from the leadership of Rockford Renewal Ministries to join the Stateline YFC staff as part-time Interim Executive Director which led to his becoming part-time Executive Director in April, 2013. He's led a capitol campaign which will allow Stateline YFC to add Tutoring Clubs and extend its impact into middle and high schools through Campus Life Clubs.

May Bethany continue to open our hearts in prayer and financial support for this very vital work for our Lord.

Bethany Calendar – August 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 10:15am – “The Witness” – The New Testament Singers	3	4 7pm: PNC 7pm: AA 7pm: Al-Anon 7pm: Al-Ateen	5 Weekly Bulletin deadline 3:30pm: Julie Badowski 6pm: Praise Team 7pm: Chancel Choir	6 7pm: Al-Anon	7 4:30pm: Julie Badowski	8
9 10:15am: Worship Celebration	10 6pm Mission & Outreach	11 7pm: PNC 7pm: AA 7pm: Al-Anon 7pm: Al-Ateen	12 Weekly Bulletin deadline 3:30pm: Julie Badowski 6pm: Praise Team 7pm: Chancel Choir	13 6pm: Parents Prayer Group 7pm: Al-Anon	14 4:30pm: Julie Badowski	15
16 10:15am: Worship Celebration 5pm -- “ it’s a contemporary thing “ Service and Food	17 5:45pm Paper Angel Closet 7pm: Christian Education	18 7pm: PNC 7pm: AA 7pm: Al-Anon 7pm: Al-Ateen	19 Weekly Bulletin deadline 3:30pm: Julie Badowski 6pm: Praise Team 7pm: Chancel Choir	20 7pm: Al-Anon	21 Beacon Articles Due 4:30pm: Julie Badowski	22
23 9am: Primary, Youth Sunday Sch Resumes 10:15am: Worship Celebration 11:30am: Fellowship	24	25 7pm: PNC 7pm: AA 7pm: Al-Anon 7pm: Al-Ateen	26 Weekly Bulletin deadline 3:30pm: Julie Badowski 6pm: Praise Team 7pm: Chancel Choir	27 7pm: Al-Anon	28 4:30pm: Julie Badowski	29
30 9am: Primary, Youth & Adult Sunday Sch 10:15am: Worship Celebration 11:30am: Fellowship Confirmation Resumes!	31					

“The Witness”
New Testament Singers
Sunday, August 2
@ 10:15 am

Harlem Schools
Resume -
Aug 12

Confirmation
August 30

Parent’s
Prayer Group

August 13
6pm

FINANCIAL REPORT – MISSION OF THE MONTH

Thru July 26, 2015

Mission Of The Month Giving*		
Jan	Bethany Youth Group	\$1050
Feb	Love Inc	\$355
Mar	Pregnancy Care Center	\$455.20
Apr	Rockford Rescue Mission	\$260
May	Bethany Youth Group	\$640
June	St Bridget's Pantry	\$170
July	Christ The Cornerstone	\$435
Aug	Stateline Youth for Christ	\$15
Sept	Rockford Reachout Jail Ministry	
Oct	Rock House Kids	
Nov	Carpenter's Place	
Dec	Baskets of Hope	\$15
<i>*Monies received that are not a mission of Bethany will be given toward the mission of the month in the month they are received.</i>		

Capital Loan Offering*	
January	\$535
February	\$675
March	\$825
April	\$655
May	\$685
June	\$590
July	\$545
Aug	
Sept	
Oct	
Nov	
Dec	
• July 26, 2015	

Capital Improvement Loan	
Loan Balance as of 5.15.15	Monthly Amount Needed
\$6,394.21	\$606.44

Session's Goal is to pay off the Capital Improvement Loan in 2015! Please continue to give toward this goal. When we have extra money not being used to pay for facility repairs, we pay ahead on the loan.

