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“The World Gone Crazy”

“...in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.” Genesis 1:27

Some of the most destructive ideas in our modern era have come from Europe. Beginning in the 1700s, German scholars began to argue that the Bible is just a human book. Karl Marx was a German who hung out in London and wrote up his ideas about Communism. The Netherlands and Belgium took a lead in promoting laws in support of euthanasia. European countries were the first to legalize gay marriage. In 2010 the Council of Europe came out against gender identity discrimination.

These ideas tend to make their way to the US. Sometimes they stop in Canada along the way. We Christians are obligated to love everyone. But these transgender ideas are harming our kids.

Robert Hoogland was arrested last week in Vancouver, British Columbia, for speaking out publicly about how his daughter's public school has been dealing with his daughter. The father discovered that the middle school had been promoting gender identity education. In seventh grade he discovered that her yearbook showed her being referred to by a different name, as the school counselor changed her name without informing her parents. The school decided to do this on its own, without parental consent, after having received input from a psychologist who is supportive of gender transitioning.

Hoogland's ex-wife has been persuaded to go along with the “gender-affirming” medical care. The school psychologist advised Hoogland's daughter to take testosterone and referred her to an endocrinology unit at a nearby hospital. When Hoogland contested the matter in court, the judge ruled that the father's consent was not relevant and that if he did not affirm his daughter as a male he would be implicated in the criminal offense of “family violence.”

“I had a perfectly healthy child a year ago, and that perfectly healthy child has been altered and destroyed for absolutely no good reason. She can never go back to being a girl in the healthy body that she should have had. She's going to forever have a lower voice. She'll forever have to shave because of facial hair. She won't be able to have children...” At last report Hoogland is still in jail. (*The Christian Post*, 3/22/2021)

These are the takeaways from the story. We need to pray for the direction of our country. We need to tune in to what is being taught in our schools. We need to be aware of how our political representatives, including school members view these issues. We need to oppose The Equality Act, which has passed the US House of Representatives. - Pastor Kurt



APRIL BIRTHDAYS

11th Nita Wright
12th Clive Bevan
14th Edie Aldrich
16th Kathy Sloan
18th Nancy Quinn
19th Christina Nycek
30th Mike Barth



APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

17th Kurt & Suzy Hedlund
28th Irv & Patti Childress



Joy for our Journey
(a widow support group)

Bethany has a new support group beginning, it is called ***Joy for Our Journey***. It is a fellowship and support group for widows. I don't want to call this a widows group but rather, "***Joy for our Journey.***" Joy is described in the dictionary as: a feeling of great pleasure and happiness. But I heard another explanation on Christian radio. Joy is an unshakable awareness that God is always there. God is always kind, God is always faithful, God is always loving and He will never, ever leave us.

There has been many of us who have felt lonely, isolated and in need of support, especially during this past year. Because of the pandemic, many of our normal activities and our social events have been canceled. It is time to meet together and offer care, love, and support to each other.

Letters and a questionnaire were sent out to the widows in our church and many have responded that they would be interested in meeting.

On ***Saturday, April 11 at 9:30 am***, we will have a meet & greet time for this new group. We will be sharing some of our experiences this past year, brainstorming on what you need the most, making some plans and discuss what we want this group to accomplish. We will still wear masks, social distance and sanitize Emmaus Hall. A brunch will be served

Please come and join us for this exciting new group. Contact Jenny Fletcher if you will be attending.



UPCOMING LADIES' EVENT...

April 17, 2021 - Ladies' 3rd Saturday Fellowship

Save the date!! More information to come!



April 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	March 29	March 30 9:30 am Prepare eggs for kids hunt	March 31	1	2 6:00 pm Good Friday Service	3
4 Easter Sunday	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17 Ladies' Event
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	

EASTER SUNDAY AT BETHANY

9 AM Easter Stay In Your Car Service

10:15 AM Easter In Worship Center Service

Children's Party during the service time.

Games, Snacks, Crafts!

Easter Egg Hunt for the kids 11:15 am

Bethany's 2021 budget was based on receiving offerings averaging \$24,349.08 each month.

Year to date budget requirement was \$73,047.24. Year to date giving, through March, totaled approx \$69,423.55. The difference is (\$3,623.69).

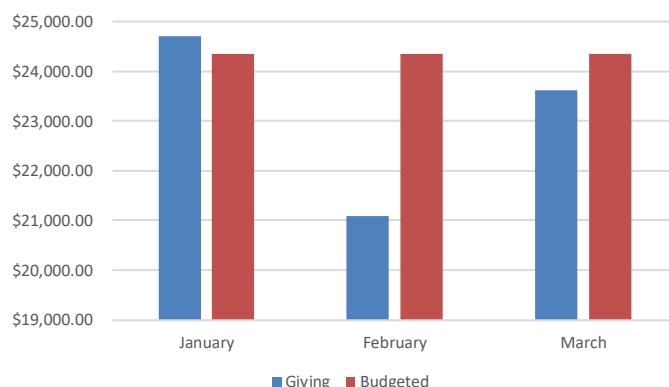
WEEKLY EVENTS

Sunday: Worship Services - 9:00 & 10:15 a.m.
Ladies' Sunday School @ 11:15 a.m. in Emmaus
Adult Study via Zoom @ 11:45 w/ Mac J
Bible Study @ 6 pm via Zoom w/ Rob H.

Wednesday:

Prayer Meeting - 1:00 p.m. via Zoom w/ Rob H.
Ladies' Book Club 10:00 a.m. via Zoom w/ Tina S.

Bethany Financials





Senior Pastor - Kurt Hedlund kurt@bethany.lvcoxmail.com

Music Director/ Office Administrator - Don Scott don@bethany.lvcoxmail.com

SERVICE TIMES

Stay in your car Service: 9:00 a.m.

Indoor Worship Service: 10:15 a.m.

Sunday School: 11:30 a.m.

Office Hours:

Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m.

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2021 Boards

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Board of Deacons - Don Scott, Chairman

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