

THE BETHEL EXPRESS

From Pastor Geoff

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I was out running one morning on a warm, humid summer morning. As I ran, I kept thinking to myself, "It sure stinks out here today!" It smelled like rotting garbage. It was so powerful, it almost made me sick. I had been running for about 10 minutes or so when it finally dawned on me, it was garbage day! I was running the same route as the garbage truck and there was a trail of liquid garbage on the street in front of me. The containers were still out, lids open and the smell wafting down the street. I looked up and could see the truck less than a block ahead of me. I was literally "chasing stink!" The smell was overpowering and it was not going to get any better unless I changed my route. I was faced with a decision, would I continue to "chase stink," or change my route and find clean air?

As I thought about my decision, I was struck by the thought that many of us find ourselves in the same situation in our lives. We find ourselves in a habit that has us believing we have no options. We keep going, knowing what is ahead, and not wanting to go where it is leading us, but feel we have no choice.

We do have a choice, however, and it is the Gospel that gives us a choice to break free. We can choose a different route, and find the freedom of clean air and new hope. Paul speaks of this change in 2 Corinthians 5:17 "***Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has passed away, and see, the new has come!***" (CSB). I changed my route that day so that I could breathe clean air and not "chase stink" around the community. We can all do that in our spiritual lives as well. We have to choose to change our route.

Hello from Your Bethel Office



Praise Kids News!

Under the direction of Amber Browers, we invite all kids in Kindergarten through 6th grade to join them in presenting this year's Christmas Program on Sunday, December 13. October 4 and 11, we will have a sign up for kids who are interested. The first rehearsal will be October 18 from 4:00 to 5:00 pm in the Quad. The full rehearsal schedule will be provided that day. The title of the program is ***The Christmas Carol Special Report!*** We are also looking for a few helpers. If you are interested in helping, please contact Amber at amber.willard@doane.edu.



Nice, solid wooden table 66" L, 38" W, with 2 - 12" leaves, 5 regular chairs, & 1 arm chair. Asking \$150 OBO. If interested please call Earleen McNare @ 605.638.0966 or email cemcnare@gmail.com
(This dining set was used by Lynn & Lois Kent while they were here in North Platte)

BETHEL BIBLE CAMP in Wellfleet, NE is hosting a Fall Retreat, Friday, October 16th – Sunday, October 18th for 3rd-12th graders. Cost is \$30. All campers will need to preregister for this retreat. You can register online at www.bethelbiblecamp.org or by filling out a registration form (available in the church office). Any questions, please call Kevin Domes 425-308-4203.

KJLT/KJTF will be holding it's annual Sharathon October 6th, 7th, and 8th. The theme this year is "In God's Hands." Gary Hofer, Glenn Littrell, Deb Dishman, and Roger Olson will host the Sharathon. Keith Becker from the Todd Becker Foundation will join us as well. You can hear **KJLT** at 970 AM or 94.9 FM, and **KJTF** at 89.3 FM. Listeners are invited to make their faith promise by calling 308-532-1659 or 1-800-532-1659. You can also make your faith promise and listen online at kjlt.org.