



The Bethel Beacon

JUNE 2010

MISSION STATEMENT: We, the Bethel Lutheran Congregation, called by God, commit ourselves: to proclaim the gospel, to prepare our members for outreach and service, and to minister to human needs.



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BETHEL'S ON FACEBOOK!

Please join our new Bethel Lutheran Church Rochester facebook page! We look forward to much activity on our new page as we share Bethel news and hear your comments about Bethel moving forward in ministry. Share the good news! The link to the Bethel facebook page is <http://www.facebook.com/bethelrochester>.

FIRST ANNUAL OUTDOOR NEIGHBORHOOD CONCERT

Sunday, June 27, 7:00pm
Popcorn and root beer floats



OUTDOOR CONCERT

Music will include family talent, Elvis will make an appearance, bluegrass, male quartet, Praise Team and more. Open to the entire community!

FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY

Says one pastor about Financial Peace University, "FPU has, quite literally, changed the way our congregation handles money. With hundreds of our people in the training, we have experienced a noticeable difference in finance and peace. That's because FPU is both Biblical and practical. Further, because it strengthens marriages and families, FPU has actually become an outreach mechanism for us."

Bethel's Stewardship Team is bringing FPU to Bethel this fall, beginning September 16 (13 sessions). If you want to know more about FPU, go to daveramsey.com. You can read about the class, even sample a class. And if you are very interested, you can register for Bethel's class by clicking through to "locate a class". Type in our zip code, 55904, and Bethel will be at the top of the list.

The cost will be just under \$100 for either a couple or a single. The class will be limited to 100 people. While Bethel will be officially registering people (including payment for class materials) later this summer, you can assure yourself a spot by signing up now on the website.

NEXT BEACON

Articles Due:
Tuesday, June 22, 2010
by 12 Noon

Beacon Mailed:
Monday, June 28, 2010

PASTORAL PERSPECTIVE

SO, JESUS WAS PART OF A SMALL GROUP...

Dear Bethel Members and Friends:

Jesus didn't pick 4300 people (Bethel's membership number) to be his closest friends. He picked twelve. Oh, he had many more friends than twelve. And he preached to thousands at a time, but he chose a small group who would offer him support and to whom he could offer support, spirit, and wisdom.



Very early in my ministry I learned the value of small groups. With those small groups I could share more easily, I could trust in their words and support, and I could be part of a most meaningful group that would touch the lives of others. Every place I have been,

from rural to city, I have started small groups so that I could find accountability and closeness.

Some small groups start naturally — a bowling team, a neighborhood coffee club, a group that likes to socialize after work. Others are more intentional — like many small groups at a church.

This fall, Bethel will roll out a tremendous small group opportunity. Last spring Pastor Anjanette and Avis Hagen were at an intentional learning event about small groups while I was simultaneously meeting with pastors from large Lutheran churches. Our collective learning has led us to initiate this program at Bethel — one that can significantly influence peoples' satisfaction with our mission and ministry in this large congregation.

Oh, we already have a lot of small groups (circles, men's ministry, Bible studies, etc.) and large groups (WELCA, choirs, Young in Spirit, etc.). But we are looking at some intentional small groups that will involve hundreds, even thousands of Bethel members!

Do you remember "40 Days of Purpose"? It was such a wonderful program for Bethel. But we didn't have anything to follow up the energy, the study, the small groups. Now we do.

We are looking for everyone to get involved. We see at least three benefits from these groups:

- Spiritual growth
- Greater connection to our Sat/Sun worship services
- All the connections and support that a small group offers

If you are wondering if this is for you, hold a mirror under your nose. If you see condensation on the mirror, this is for you. Check your pulse. If you sense any blood flowing through your veins, this is for

you. You get the idea.

One church has called this their "Sticky Church" program. We will "stick" together as we join together in learning, mission and support.

No less than Jesus found value in small groups ...

In the Grace of Christ,
Pastor Norman Wahl

CHURCH COUNCIL NEWS

The following is from the church council meeting of April 20, 2010. A copy of the monthly church council packet can be found in the church library:

- The Staff retreat is scheduled on 4/27 with Fran Gallagher from Colorado.
- Pastor Wahl reported more than 120 "fans" participating on Bethel's Facebook.
- Pastor Wahl's upcoming sabbatical leave is June, July and August.
- "Coffee and Prayer" has begun on Wed. mornings.
- A mission trip involving middle school age students will go to St. Paul.
- Ascension service is scheduled on May 13.
- The Music Department's concert involving all groups is scheduled on May 19 at 7pm.
- Mike Buttshaw has resigned as Christian Education Board representative — Mark Engel volunteered to be appointed for 8 months.

POST SCRIPT ON SABBATICAL

From Pastor Wahl

I have been overwhelmed by all of your good wishes as I enter into a three month sabbatical on June 1. From personal conversations to e-mails to people stopping at the office door, you have been so kind. It is a blessing to me as I venture into those summer months. A significant part of the sabbatical is changing at this late date. Augsburg College has tendered an opportunity to me to teach an upper division level religion course here in Rochester. While it is a little tentative at this point, I plan to do a good amount of reading and study in world religions over the summer. It will be a good time for carving out significant reading and research time. You people of Bethel will be sorely missed over the three months. I already look forward to a "homecoming".

REFLECTIONS

By Pastor Andy Nelson

On May 13, we celebrated a frequently confessed, though sometimes little-remarked event in the history of our faith - the Ascension of Jesus. The story of his Ascension is told in several places — in the Gospels of Matthew and Luke as well as in the first chapter of Acts — and we confess our faith in it weekly in the Apostles Creed. Yet we don't talk a great deal about it.

Truth be told, for a long time I've felt a little ambivalent about the Ascension. There is the strangeness factor certainly — imagining Jesus just sort of floating away like a balloon that got loose. But more than that, I've felt conflicted about it because at first glance it feels like Jesus is just getting taken away from us again.

After all the fear and darkness before the resurrection, when Jesus was dead and gone, the disciples finally get him back only to have him whisked away again! He's been around, he's been appearing, he's been eating with them and talking to them and forgiving them for abandoning him, and things seem good, and then he Ascends and he's gone again.

It seems so anti-incarnation, so anti-Immanuel "God with us." At least that's how it sometimes feels to me.

But it *is* an article of our faith. It *is* something the early church thought to be so important that it should be included in the creeds. And what is more, the disciples who saw him ascend, don't appear to have felt at all discouraged by that departure, as I am sometimes tempted to feel — they didn't return to Jerusalem feeling lonely or distraught. They apparently returned to Jerusalem "with great joy," and were "continually in the temple blessing God."

So what's going on here? What's this Ascension thing all about?

The beautiful, if not necessarily obvious, truth about the Ascension, is that Jesus ascended not to create distance from his people ... but to collapse that distance. He ascended not to become absent, but to become more fully present.

On the one hand, this makes some logical sense. In bodily form, here on earth, Jesus could only see, hear, and touch a few people. Ascended to the right hand of the Father, he is

capable of being present to all people, all creation. In Luther's words, "He ascended to heaven where all hearts can see him, where he can deal with all [people], the he might fill all creation. He is present everywhere and all things are filled with his fullness."

In this way Jesus' Ascension is not an act that *unravels* or *undoes* incarnation. It is an act which fulfills it. It is an act that brings the incarnation close, by making Christ available and present to all. It is an act that makes way for our encounter with the Spirit — the Comforter, the Faith Giver — who makes Christ present to us through faith.

There are days when it is tempting to do as the disciples did initially, to gaze into the sky in awe and to wonder: where did he go? Where is my Jesus? But the eyes of faith, the pull of the Spirit, draw our gaze downward from the clouds and out into the world where Jesus is present — fully present — in his people and through his people.

ADULT EDUCATION NEWS

BIBLE STUDIES AND MORE: All of our studies welcome new members and meet in various rooms (check the calendar on the kiosk in the Narthex):

- **Monday Night Bible Study** - 6:30pm in room 115 - study Sunday's lessons
- **Wednesday Early Morning Bible Study** (6:30am—read through the Bible) - Rm 115
- **Wednesday Morning Bible Study** (10am – studying Sunday's lessons), room 115
- **WELCA Bible study**, 10:45am on the first Thursday of each month, room 115

BETHEL BOOK CLUB

Join the Bethel book club for a discussion of The Camel Bookmobile at our June 15 meeting at 6:30pm. This is a Book Club in a Bag book from the Public Library. It is available for sign out in the Bethel Library only for participants of the June book club meeting. The books we borrow from the Public Library have to be returned together in their bag. New members are always welcome. After the book club meeting the Bethel Library will have a copy available for check out to anyone wishing to read it.



Pastoral Acts at Bethel

We encourage you to share in the times of joy and sorrow with fellow members of God's family at Bethel:

BAPTISMS

Go therefore and make disciples of the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Matthew 28:19

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| 5/2 | Brandon, Meghen & Tyler Larson |
| 5/9 | Austin Engler, Adalynn Dunker,
Marshall Dick |
| 5/15 | Alexzander Osburn |
| 5/16 | Teagan Koehler, Carter Johnson,
Boston Cartney |

WEDDINGS

And now faith, hope and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love. 1 Corinthians 13:13

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| 5/1 | Beth Burington & David Hennessey |
| 5/7 | Deborah Rippie & Chris Yoch |
| 5/15 | Samantha Holman & Daniel Roellinger |

FUNERALS

Listen, I will tell you a mystery! We will not all die, but we will all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable and we will be changed.

(1 Corinthians 15:51-52)

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| 4/28 | Elizabeth "Betty" Roy |
| 4/29 | Karine Vaux |

ARE YOU EXPECTING A CHILD? COME TO THE PRE-BAPTISM CLASS



Bethel holds a monthly pre-baptism class on the 2nd Sunday of the month and the **next class** will be **Sunday, June 13, 6:30-7:30pm** in room 115. This class is held for those planning baptisms - even if the baby isn't due for awhile, call Judy in the office and tell her which class you'd like to attend. Parents and

local sponsors are expected to participate in this opportunity to review the meaning of God's gift of new life. You are welcome to bring the child that is to be baptized as well. Even if this isn't your first child, we encourage you to attend one of the pre-baptism classes.

You must let the church office know the date you will attend the pre-baptism class to ensure that a pastor will be present to conduct the class. If we don't have anyone signed up for the evening, the class will not be held.

To schedule a baptism, please contact Judy Gittus, 288-6430 or jgittus@bethellutheran.com.



We're hosting National Night Out again this year and we'll have our planning meetings to coincide with our Neighborhood Outreach Team. We had our first meeting Monday, May 17 at Bethel. Area churches will be partnering with us again as well. Anyone interested in helping coordinate this FUN event is welcome to attend! High school students or adults are all welcome! We had a very successful inaugural event last year -- Rochester as a city even made it into the top 3 across the nation last year in participation! Questions can be directed to Kori Petersson, 285-3132 or petefamily@charter.net.

COFFEE & A PRAYER

Coffee and a Prayer on Wednesday mornings from 7:30-8:30am has been going for over a month now and has been a great addition to the ministries of Bethel. The Neighborhood Outreach Team started this new outreach hoping to connect with our SE neighbors and anyone else driving by on 3rd Avenue - we can all do with a prayer and a cup of coffee! This new concept has been featured in the Post Bulletin by the "Answer Man" - read the article posted on the community bulletin board by the office.

Coffee and a Prayer is for you, too. Come to Bethel on Wednesdays, from 7:30-8:30am and share a prayer with one of our pastors and a cup of coffee to get you on your way. Can't think of a better way to start the day!

50 Years of Ministry

Pastor Jack Friedli, who served Bethel from 1977-1996, celebrated 50 years of ordained ministry as of May 25, 2010. His family is requesting that we "shower him with cards" of thanks and appreciation. Cards should be sent to: Pastor Jack Friedli, 708 31st St NW, Rochester, MN 55901.

GOLF TOURNAMENT

It is never too early to begin planning for the Samaritan Bethany's Fourth Annual Golf Classic to be held at Somerby Golf Club on Monday, August 2, 2010. We are hoping to have at least one team from each of our sponsoring churches to join in on the Church Challenge with a traveling trophy. The fee per person is \$175 which includes 18 holes of golf, golf cart, putting green, driving range and a reservation at dinner. Play will get underway at 1:00pm and dinner will be served at approximately 6:30pm. Awards will be presented at dinner. Please feel free to call Bev Stoehr (424-4034) or Tom DeRienzo (289-5042, ext. 4158) for reservations.

TERRIFIC TUESDAYS

The Neighborhood Outreach Team looking for volunteers and donations to help out with Terrific Tuesday's crafts at Riverside Elementary school in June and July. Terrific Tuesdays is a weekly craft program supporting the kids receiving food assistance at Riverside Elementary school. We are able to reach out to as many as 30 kids a week that come for lunch at Riverside during the summer. These are kids that may not have the resources to go to summer activities or camps to do crafts. We are looking for volunteers to help with either prepping crafts and supplies on June 1 and 8 at 6:30pm in room 115, or helping assist children with the crafts on Tuesdays 11:00am-12:00pm at Riverside Elementary on Tuesdays, June 15-July 27. Please contact Kristi LaPlante at jd_laplante@msn.com or 367-2456 if you are interested in helping with this great outreach opportunity.

Neighborhood Outreach Team's **next planning meeting** will be Tuesday, June 8 at 6:30pm in room 115. We are looking for more people to complete plans for summer activities as well as share ideas for fall. We are also looking for a photographer to help us document our events to share with the congregation. All are welcome, please join us!



WANTED: DIRTY CARS!!!

The "Galveston Mission Group" will be having a car wash fund raiser on Sunday, June 6 from 10am until 1:30pm. The money raised will help them reduce their cost to help those affected by Hurricane Ike. So if you would like a clean car and help out the mission trip to Galveston, please drive by and let us help you out while you help us out. Thank you.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY NEWS

Thank You Sunday School Volunteers! We truly appreciate the great work and commitment of each of you. Bethel couldn't have a wonderful Sunday school program without the help of many volunteers who share their faith and help our children grow in their own faith. Thank you so much for your service to God's family.

Sunday School Registration! It's time to register for Sunday school 2010/11. Please register your child(ren) ASAP to help Children's Ministry plan for the upcoming year. Sunday school is for children who will be 3 by 09/01/2010 (no exceptions) through 5th grade. The registration fee is \$10/child with a maximum of \$20/family. The fee is waived for children of Sunday school volunteers. Financial assistance is available by marking the box on the registration form.

HIGH SEAS EXPEDITION!! VBS 2010 registration continues until we have 150 children enrolled. This year VBS will run June 21-24 from 9:00am to 12 noon. The registration fee is \$15/child with a maximum of \$30/family. Children must have completed Beginners Sunday school class through completed 4th grade. Children 5th grade and older are encourage to sign-up as VBS volunteers.

VBS Decoration Help Needed. We will be looking for volunteers to help decorate for **High Seas Expedition**. We will decorate the church on Saturday, June 19 and Sunday, June 20. If interested please contact Daryl for more information.

Take Dad Out to the Ballgame is Monday night June 14! The tradition continues and this year Children's Ministry would like to see more Bethel folks in the stands than ever before!! Mark your calendars right now and lets STUFF A SECTION. Watch the Bits for further ticket information!!

UPCOMING CHILDREN'S MINISTRY EVENTS

- VBS registration received 06/01/10 will increase to \$25 per child with a maximum of \$50 per family.
- June 13: VBS volunteer orientation at 10:10am in the Chapel.
- June 14: Take Dad Out to the Ball Game!

- June 19: VBS decorating, 9:00am
- June 20: VBS decorating 11:30am
- June 21-24: VBS "High Seas Expedition"
- June 24: VBS Ice Cream Social, 6:30pm

YOUNG IN SPIRIT!

The SPOTLIGHT is on all SENIOR BETHEL MEMBERS!!!

This is to remind you to mark your calendars for the 3rd Thursday of every month from now through December. You won't want to miss The YOUNG IN SPIRIT Group that is organized just for you! On the 3rd Thursday of each month, we meet for a delicious noon meal with fun entertainment that follows. Our meal is catered so we ask everyone to call their reservations in to Norma Isaacson, 282-0423 on the prior Tuesday. Your neighbor and friends are welcome. This is a wonderful way to enjoy an afternoon of devotions, good food, fellowship and meeting new people!

TIPS FROM THE BIGG TEAM WAYS TO SHOW

YOUR LOVE FOR GOD'S CREATION!

1. Save energy and increase the life of your computer by putting it to sleep during the day instead of using screensavers. At night turn it off completely.
2. Buying Energy Star-certified appliances saves you money, conserves water and energy, and eliminates large amounts of greenhouse gases and pollutants.
3. Recycle! If every U.S. citizen recycles half of their annual waste, we'll recycle a 280-million ton mountain of trash – the equivalent of 550 Empire State buildings.
4. Install ceiling fans to keep you cool in the summer. When winter rolls around, run the fans in reverse to push warm air down and conserve heat.
5. Millions and millions of plastic water bottles end up in landfills each year. Break the habit by switching to filtered tap water and a re-usable container.
6. Make room for your feathered friend. Build a birdhouse.
7. Take a shorter shower and skip baths. A 5-minute shower uses approximately 15-25 gallons of water. Most baths require 40 gallons of water.

NEWS FROM THE WOMEN OF BETHEL

Mission of the Month for June is Hope Lodge, a residential facility which provides free lodging, among other services, for cancer patients undergoing treatment and their families. We help support this effort through providing the Lodge with paper products. In-kind gifts may be brought to the wooden collection box or cash donations may be put in the Mission of the Month envelope and placed in the collection plate.

Women's Day at GEV Join us for a day that is just for women - a day filled with learning and laughter, fun and fellowship! The day will include an introduction to the Lutheran Women Today's annual Bible Study, as well as worship, wagon rides and lunch.

It's a day you won't want to miss! Saturday, June 19, 9am-3pm - Cost: \$25/person. For more information, visit www.GoodEarthVillage.org.

Dates to Remember:

June 19 — Women's Day at Good Earth Village
Monday, August 16 - WELCA Board Meeting
Thursday, October 7 – Fall Rummage Sale

THANK YOUS!

Thank you, Bethel Lutheran members and friends of Bethel! We are very grateful for all of the help we received from you. We are all one in the body of Christ, and you have shown us the love of Christ through your generous gifts. Thank you also to the team of Doreen, Susan and Avis. We are doing well in our new home. Thanks in Christ. From Wililam, Rebecca & Ayen Deng

From the Devotional Team:

The Bethel devotional team thanks all of you who donated last month to the wooden box beside the monthly devotionals that are for everyone's use. We want you all to use the devotionals and they are free but due to our cut in budget the extra money will be put to good use and certainly put a smile on all of our faces.

From Riverside Elementary:

Thank you for the 25 spring baskets that were donated to our families during spring break. With

spring break being such a large break (6 days), the supplemental food was very valuable for the families that received the baskets. Thanks to BLC members who organized, shopped, packed and donated to these incredible food baskets.

- From Stephanie & family: Again we owe you a HUGE thank you for the basket. It was so very welcome and helpful. I hope your Easter was joyous and wonderful.
- From Angie and family - Thank you for your generosity and thoughtfulness. It couldn't have come at a better time and was appreciated by my sons and myself.

And another one ...

Thank you so much for welcoming us into your church family. It was a comfort to know that you were praying for us during this time. What a wonderful ministry you have at Bethel. It was a wonderful surprise to be visited by Pastor Anjanette in the hospital, we shouldn't have been too surprised though. You all are a blessing to out-of-town visitors. Thanks again for blessing us with your prayers, they truly are powerful!

God Bless,

Andy and Luann Kiander (Tomahawk,WI)

SUMMER MUSIC CAMP

"Sounds of Nature"

Come join in the musical fun August 2–5! Camp activities will include a wide variety of musical "need-to-knows", such as reading clefs, music theory, ear training & aural skills and exposure to singing, conducting, piano, chimes, handbells, and various other instruments. A family potluck and program will be held in the evening on the last day of camp. Camp is open to all children ages 7 or older (or completing the 1st grade in June). Registration Forms are available in the Bethel Office. This camp is open to the entire Rochester community.

Dates: Monday, August 2–Tuesday, August 5, 9am–3pm. Camp Fee: \$25.00 For more information, please contact Chrissy Misso, Camp Director (misso@lclark.edu or 507.259.7384), Angie Misso, Assistant Director (california-559@hotmail.com or 507.696.3176) or Gary Thorn, DMA (thorn@bethellutheran.com or 507.288.6430).

YOUTH NEWS

Wondering what's going on for activities this summer? Check the youth website (bethellutheranyouth.com) for the latest information!

Families interested in participating in **Youth Forum** next fall will find registrations available this summer. Youth Forum is available on Sunday mornings, throughout the school year, for all youth in grades 6-9.

Youth Leadership Fall 2010 - Youth currently in 9th grade are encouraged to continue their growing in faith through our Youth Leadership Training (formerly known as Peer Ministry). We are making some changes to the program and will have more information posted as it becomes available. Please keep posted at our website, youth board and in the bits!

Summer Softball Team - Interested in having some fellowship time during the summer? Why not come on down to the softball games on **Wednesday nights**? We play at **Slatterly Park at 6, 7 or 8pm!** Then we usually head over to **Dairy Queen** after the game for some ice cream! Anyone is welcome to join us! Hope to see you there!

CONFIRMATION NEWS

Confirmation Camp 2010: Confirmation students currently in grades 6, 7 and 8. By now you should have received from Good Earth Village (GEV) your balance due information along with the health form. Please pay particular attention to the return date of June 1 and please send both balance due (if applicable) and health form **BACK TO GEV**. Remember to mark your calendars for the camp dates of July 11-16.

Confirmation Campers. On Sunday July 11, the day we leave for camp, we invite all campers and their families to the 10:30am service so we can have a special "send off" blessing!

Confirmation Make-up classes: Confirmation students currently in grades 6, 7 and 8 not registered for Confirmation camp. Please make sure you have marked your calendar for confirmation camp make-up on Saturday mornings September 11 and 18 from 8:00am to 12 noon.

Confirmation Mentorship program: Confirmation

students currently in the 9th grade. We hope you are staying in contact with your mentor, and finding time to meet.

SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED

Congratulations to the following nine Bethel members on receiving a \$1,200.00 scholarship from Bethel Lutheran Church: Erica Bisbey, Kevin Heetland, Allison Alpers, Emily Alpers, Scott Bisbey, Lisa Harney, Laura Harney, Tracy Heetland and Mary Godi. These students will be attending the following colleges: St Olaf, Gustavus Adolphus, Luther and Augsburg.

LIBRARY NEWS

Journey into Summer with Reading
Reading is a great substitute for an actual journey to a distant place. The following three books found in the Bethel library will transport you to far away northeastern Africa.

In the true story of three young boys from southern Sudan, They Poured Fire on Us from the Sky, we read about the many struggles of these 5 and 6 year olds as they escape their war-torn village in 1987 and travel for three years with about 20,000 other boys finally ending in a UN sponsored refugee camp in Kenya. There they attend school and are often without enough food or medical care. Eventually they are given the opportunity to relocate in the U.S. William Deng, who was one of the "lost boys", is a member of Bethel.

Tanzania, another country in east Africa, has for many years been a mission destination of the Lutheran church, including groups from Bethel. Two missionaries, Eunice and Dave Simonson, spent over 45 years living among the Masai people, preaching, building schools and setting up clinics. Their story is the subject of The Cross under the Acacia Tree by Jim Klobuchar. In his usual entertaining style Mr. Klobuchar, a former Minneapolis Star-Tribune columnist, takes us into the bush of Tanzania and into the lives of the Simonsons.

The third book was the Rochester Reads selection for 2010. The author, Marsha Hamilton, had the idea for this work of fiction, The Camel Bookmobile, when her daughter came home from school with a request for donations to a camel bookmobile in Kenya. It is difficult to believe that camels are still the main mode of transportation in some parts of the world, but they do not breakdown and can travel across undeveloped landscape with little water. In this story the conflict occurs when a book is not returned. The entire village goes into an uproar and their ancient way of life is threatened.

GIFTS & MEMORIALS

- Youth Activities Fund in memory of LCPL Curtis Swenson from family and friends
- Undesignated Fund and Bell Tower Fund in memory of Cory Brandt from family and friends
- Prayer Shawl Ministry, Bell Tower Fund, Bethel Quilters, and Building Fund in memory of Trish Bendtsen's mom, Alice Enderson, from family and friends
- Youth Camp Scholarship Fund in memory of Harry Schmitz, Judy Gittus' father, from family and friends
- Building Fund, Undesignated Fund and Undesignated Endowment Fund in memory of Gerry Flickinger from family and friends
- Heifer Project International and Organ Fund in memory of Ferdy Daniels
- Children's Music Fund in memory of Dave Gross' father
- Undesignated Fund in memory of Nancy Selby from Tracy Selby Pavlick

2010 STEWARDSHIP GIVING

<u>General Giving</u>		<u>Building Fund</u>	
4/25/10	\$11,181.50	Offerings to Date (as of 5/16)	\$158,241.46
5/2/10	\$32,225.16	Total Pledged for 2010	\$392,000.00
5/9/10	\$13,700.50	Number of Families Pledging	443
5/16/10	\$21,608.27	YTD Mortgage Payments	\$202,135.00
		Annual Mortgage Payments	\$485,124.00
		Mortgage Balance	\$4,826,336.13
As of 5/16/2010:			
YTD Projected Envelope Offerings	\$384,030.00		
YTD Actual Envelope Offerings	\$400,182.43		
Difference	+ \$16,152.43		
		<u>Simply Giving</u>	
		General Offerings Rec'd in 2010	\$92,641.82
		Building Offerings Rec'd in 2010	\$40,731.00
		% of General Offerings Rec'd 2010	27.8%
		# of Families Participating	180

BETHEL'S STAFF

Pastors:

Norman Wahl	Executive Pastor (on Sabbatical)
Anjanette Rist	Visitation, Outreach & Missions
Andrew Nelson	Education & Youth
Roy Satre	Assisting Pastor of Visitation

Office Staff

Judy Gittus	Communications/Membership
Janet Hoffmann	Administrative
Patricia McEwan	Education & Youth
Sylvia Ramaker	Receptionist/Secretary

Program Staff

Chris Zabel	Parish Administrator
Gary Thorn	Minister of Music
Dave Gross	Youth Music Assistant
Michael Beckmann	Youth Director
Darcy Youngstrom	Assistant Youth Director
Daryl Jans	Children's Ministry Director
Avis Hagen	Shared Ministry & Small Groups
Lorrie Schuchard	New Member Coordinator

Custodial Staff

Bill Freytag	Properties Supervisor
Bryan Kohn	Custodial Supervisor
Tony Wright	Custodian
Dustin Christopherson	Part-time Custodian
Principal Organist	Dale Mundahl
Saturday Organist	Jim Bahler
Weekend Receptionists	Barb Larson, Lois Graif
Financial Secretary	Alice O'Groske
Nursery Coordinator	Shelly Savage



Summer Worship Theme - "Celebrating Bethel's Ministry"
Local - National - World

"Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near." Philippians 4:4-5

JUNE: Celebrating Bethel's Ministry Locally

Date	Theme	Special Feature
June 5/6	Celebrating Bethel's 141 st anniversary	Steve Timm, son of the congregation will be our guest preacher
June 12/13	Celebrating Rochester	Neighborhood Outreach Ministry and Rochester Partner Ministries
June 19/20	Celebrating our Families	Father's Day - families involved in worship
June 26/27	Celebrating our Children	Songs and highlights from VBS



JULY: Celebrating Bethel's Ministry Nationally

Date	Theme	Special Feature
July 3/4	Celebrating our Freedom	Independence Day and kick-off of Christmas in July, including "Hometown Gratitude"
July 10/11	Celebrating our Partner Ministries	Confirmation Camp blessing - lift up our partner ministries in the ELCA like Good Earth Village
July 17/18	Celebrating Hope in Places of Crisis	Lutheran Disaster Relief in national efforts - blessing of summer mission trip
July 24/25	Celebrating mission opportunities for our Youth	Blessing of St Louis group and Minneapolis Servant Trip



AUGUST: Celebrating Bethel's Ministry in the World

Date	Theme	Special Feature
July 31/Aug 1	Celebrating the ELCA World Hunger Appeal	World Hunger awareness
Aug 7/8	Celebrating Fair Trade	Fair Trade coffee and Fair Trade Market
Aug 14/15*	Celebrating The Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania (ELCT)	Our partners in the Central Diocese in Tanzania; Malaria Initiative of the ELCA
Aug 21/22	Celebrating The Evangelical Lutheran Church in Mexico (ELCM)	Our partners in Latin American Lutheran Mission (LALM)
Aug 28/29	Celebrating Lutheran World Relief (LWR)	LWR quilts and layettes and other LWR efforts



* On Wednesday, August 11, one of our missionaries, Kristopher Hartwig, will be at Bethel. Please join us for a potluck at 6:30pm and a presentation at 7:00pm.

Some of the missions we support:



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THANK YOU!

Thanks to all our musicians who provide inspiration and beauty to our worship services. They give of their time for each rehearsal and on Sundays. It is a great honor and privilege to work with these fine musicians.

CHANCEL CHOIR

Gary Thorn, director

**Dale Mundahl,
accompanist**

Sopranos

Pam Alpers
VJ Anderson
Dorothy Becher
Debbie Bennes
Leslie Harrington
Dana Northouse
Marcia Odenbach
Emily Porcher
Jean Rysavy
Kim Schmidt
Kari Solak
Carol Steffenson
Diana Vogt
Terry Wiltise

Altos

Iva Anderson
Julie Bisbey
Merle Bolin
Kay Buske
Rachel Coltvet
Erica Devine
Mary Dutton
Jody Hanson
Pam Mayo
Lynn Pearson
Connie Post
LuAnn Remme
Kari Rowe
Shirley Thorn
Kathy Wahl

Tenors

Louis Bortolon
Dave Gross
Mike Huls
Matt Mayo
Nate Parent
Jerry Ramaker
Jon Rask
Brian Rowe
Merle Savage
Norman Wahl
Jim Weaver

Basses

Tim Alpers
Vern Anderson
Don Buske
Ron Hanson
Dave Kaehler
Don King
Dave Moen
Bruce Odenbach
Paul M Peterson
Gary Poulson
Al Southwick
John Stone
Jeff Thorn
Joel Worra

ORCHESTRA

Gary Thorn, director

<u>Violins</u>	<u>Flutes</u>	<u>Piccolo</u>	<u>Clarinets</u>	<u>Keyboard/Percussion</u>
Angie Misso Sheila Misso Nicole Swanson Kari Rowe Emily Porcher	Beth Aakre Ann Erickson Synneva Hicks	Victoria Waugh	Kay Buske Emily Gross Christopher Inglett Rebecca Schafhausen	Pam Alpers Charles Bysheim Leslie Harrington Shirley Thorn
<u>Alto Sax</u>	<u>Tenor Sax</u>	<u>Trumpets</u>	<u>French Horn</u>	<u>Bassoon</u>
Laura Post	Cindy Boese	Joshua Buttshaw Joy Inglett	Connie Post	VJ Anderson
<u>Cello</u>	<u>Baritone</u>	Merle Savage Brian Rowe Eric Gross Tristan Inglett	<u>Tuba</u>	<u>Oboe</u>
John Stone	Bill Bakken		Jon Rask	Brenda Johnson

ALLELUIA RINGERS

Gary Thorn, director

Hannah Buttshaw Leslie Harrington Danielle Larson Amber Paske	Josh Buttshaw Ashley Horejsi Josie LaVoi Kiona Paske	Shawn Buttshaw Alyssa Inglett Angela Misso Taylor Rome	Natalie Grimm Tristan Inglett Sheila Misso Shirley Thorn
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CANTABILE RINGERS

Gary Thorn, director

Beth Aakre Marlene Durst Sharon Jones Patricia McEwan Janet Olson Lavonne Sasse Shirley Thorn	Nadine Anderson Celena Goodman Janna Kjome Sheila Misso Wendy Olson-Hodde Janet Scheid Jean Wittmer	Shawn Buttshaw Jen Jacobson Roxanne Knoedler Loya Olsen Jean Rysavy Marty Schwartz
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PRAISE TEAM

Joel Worra, Leader

Rachel Coltvet, Accompanist

Julie Bisbey Don King Paul M Peterson Jim Weaver	Jody Hanson Matt Mayo LuAnn Remme Terri Wehrman	Ron Hanson Pam Mayo Jeff Thorn Joel Worra	Leslie Harrington Nate Parent Diana Vogt
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MEN'S QUARTET

Tim Alpers
Dave Gross

David Moen
Merle Savage
Pam Alpers, accompanist

SING FOR JOY

Vern Anderson
Don King

Pastor Andy Nelson
Bruce Odenbach
Gary Thorn
Pastor Norman Wahl
Diane Roellinger, accompanist

LADIES' TRIO

Julie Bisbey
Marcia
Odenbach
Kari Solak
Rachel Coltvvet, Accomp.

CHERUB CHOIR

Lennon Davidson
Emily Vomhof
Lydia Hamand
Brydon Schafhausen
Mikkel Norby

Elizabeth McGeeney, director

Gambit Sok
Hannah Beckmann
Madisen Meyer
Maren Tollefson
Eliana Anderson

Elsa Deutsch
Jace Short
Madelyn Pretzer
Jonah Tollefson
Kristen Graham

Rachel Coltvvet, accompanist

Annika Deutsch
Addison Short
Tayla Gurtner
Annika Norby
Zach Ringen

CHORISTERS

Annie Allhisier
Hannah Buttshaw
Jasmine Graham
Anna McGeeney
Elli Rowe

Lydia Burmeister
Emory Deutsch
Meghen Larson
Hannah Morehart
Taryn Sanford

Dave Gross, director

Sophia Burmeister
Madison Engel
Chris Lewis
Nicole Morehart
Kaitlyn Vomhof

Pam Alpers, accompanist

Alexis Busse
Molly Engel
Molly Lewis
Simeon Mortimer
Ingrid Wilder

Autumn Busse
Rachel Glazier
Samantha McElmury
Kiona Paske
Nicole Williamson

JUBILATE SINGERS

Jessie Aney
Greta Gabrielson
Katie Hansen
Sierra Paske
Carter Williamson

Katie Aney
Emily Gross
Taylor King-Rome
Megan Jans
Haley Zincke

Dave Gross, director

Michael Brandt
Eric Gross
Hannah Lucey
Jena Sanford
Shawn Gudlin

Diane Roellinger, accompanist

Hannah Brown
Shawn Gudlin
Julie Nelson
Kjirsten Savage
John Lundquist

Ashley Gabrielson
Jordan Hanf
Amber Paske
Rebecca Schafhausen

MUSIC AND WORSHIP TEAM

Vern Anderson
Jackie Ladsten
Wendy Olson-Hodde

Jim Bahler
Patricia McEwan
Kim Schliesman

Cindy Corey
Elizabeth McGeeney
Gary Thorn (Chair)

Dave Gross
Dale Mundahl
Pastor Norman Wahl

Werner Kaese
Marcia Odenbach

MUSIC STAFF:

Gary Thorn, DMA
Dave Gross
Dale Mundahl
Jim Bahler
Pam Alpers
Elizabeth McGeeney
Synneva Hicks
Merle Savage
Rachel Coltvvet
Diane Roellinger
Joel Worra

Minister of Worship and Music
Director of Youth & Children's Music
Principal Organist
Saturday Evening Organist
Substitute Organist, Accompanist
Cherub Choir Director
Woodwind Director
Bethel Brass Director
Substitute Organist, Accompanist
Accompanist
Praise Team Leader



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Sunday	9:00 & 10:30am

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Mon-Fri	7:30am-5:00pm
Sat	8:30am-12 Noon
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