



*"The LORD is  
my light and  
my salvation;  
whom shall I fear?"*

PSALM 37:1, NRSV

# The Bethel Beacon

## SEPTEMBER 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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### SIGN UP TODAY FOR BETHEL'S NEW MINISTRY



worship • connect • serve

**BRIDGE** groups are sermon-based groups that meet weekly to study, share, and support one another in their Christian lives.

**What will we study?** The studies are based on the previous Sunday's sermon. The pastors will write discussion questions that expand upon the main points of their sermon. They will include additional Bible verses that pertain to the topic and practical applications. Best of all, there is no preparation!

**When will we meet?** When you sign up you will indicate a preference of a meeting time and day. You can form your own group or join a group based on the time they meet or a shared demographic (i.e. parents with small children, retired, Vikings fans, etc.). A typical meeting lasts a minimum of an hour and includes informal and guided discussion, prayer, and refreshments. No homework is required.

**Where will we meet?** Groups of 8-10 people will gather together in a place determined by the group. This can be in a home of a group member, at Bethel, or... be creative! Your lives can determine the best way for this group to work.

**How will we serve?** Each group will determine one mission project to do together or participate in a church-wide mission project to be announced.

**What is the commitment?** Small group sessions are in 8-week segments. Session One begins the week of September 26 and ends the week of November 20 (before Thanksgiving week).

**How do we sign up?** Sign up tables and on-line registration will be available at the end of August. For more information contact **BRIDGE** Small Group Directors, Cindy and Doug Boese at [boesemom@yahoo.com](mailto:boesemom@yahoo.com), #285-1866, Avis Hagen at [hagen@bethellutheran.com](mailto:hagen@bethellutheran.com), #288-6430 or Pastor Anjanette Rist.

#### NEXT BEACON

Articles Due:  
**Tuesday**, Sept. 21, 2010  
by 12 Noon

Beacon Mailed:  
**Monday**, Sept. 27, 2010

## RALLY WEEKEND



### Saturday, September 11

6:00pm - Worship with Potluck following - bring a dish to share and your own plates & utensils if possible.

### Sunday, September 12

9 & 10:30am - Worship  
9 & 10:30am - Sunday School  
Carnival - 10am-1:00pm  
All Church "Picnic" in  
Bethel Hall

11:30am-1:15pm

Bring a salad or dessert to share  
(main dish will be provided)

Bring your own plates and  
utensils if possible.



See you Rally Weekend!

## DRAFT OF SOCIAL STATEMENT ON GENETICS

The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America is preparing a social statement that addresses issues in genetics and biotechnology. A task force authorized by the 2005 Churchwide Assembly was formed in 2007 to lead this process and craft a proposed social statement to be considered by the 2011 Churchwide Assembly. **The hearing on the draft of this statement will be at Bethel Lutheran Church in the Chapel on Tuesday, September 21 at 7:00pm.**

Hearings like this one provide an opportunity for participants to share with the task force their concerns, appreciation, and suggestions about the draft of a social statement. They also provide a place of sharing in which participants can hear what others are thinking. This hearing is sponsored by the Southeastern Minnesota Synod in cooperation with the program unit for Church in Society.

A record of comments from each hearing is shared with the task force, who will consider this feedback while developing a revised document called a "proposed" social statement. The proposed statement is scheduled to be finished in February of 2011.

For more on the statement, including downloading a draft of the statement, go to [ELCA.org](http://ELCA.org) and click on Social Issues and then click on "In Process - A Social Statement on Genetics". Please read the draft before the hearing! (And bring it with you to the hearing.)



**Evangelical Lutheran  
Church in America**

God's work. Our hands.

## BRIDGE HOSTS NEEDED

To build this BRIDGE Program successfully, we need to begin with some strong support beams ... the HOSTS for these groups! :)

**H = Hospitable** ... You would love to bring a group together to meet in your home, at church or in an entirely different location. It's up to you how you organize your group!

**O = Organizer** ... You will be responsible to make sure the group has copies of the weekly sermon-based questions for reflection by either picking them up at church or having copies ready at your meeting by printing them off the website. You see that by giving a little of your time to organize a group, God can build strong relationships through this ministry!

**S = Share** ... You may not be sure if you are the right person for this, but by trusting God, He will take the lead! Allow this group to be a place where you can share your story of faith, hear the stories of others and be encouraged in your daily work and home life to live as a Christian. Make sure everyone has a chance to speak in the group.

**T = Thoughtfulness** ... Keep track of your group members and make sure they know about upcoming meetings, group service projects and anything else that would be helpful in the continuity of your BRIDGE group. You will lead by example! We need you!

Is God calling you to BRIDGE Bethel's members together? Contact Avis Hagen or Pastor Anjanette Rist at the church office (288-6430) if you are interested in serving in this way! Thank you!

## 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

**ADULT FORUMS** - 10:30am on Sundays in room 115:

- **Sunday, September 19** - "Shabbat: Sabbath" - Pastor Wahl will explore the idea of restoring your soul by restoring sabbath in your life.
- **Sunday, September 26** - "How Coffee Saved My Life and Other Stories of Stumbling to Grace" with author Ellen Roscher - exploring the themes of grace, mission, empowerment, rural poverty and cross-cultural ministry.

## FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY

Bethel's Stewardship Team is bringing FPU to Bethel this Fall, beginning Sept. 16 for 13 sessions. Childcare will be provided upon request. If you want to know more about FPU, go to [daveramsey.com](http://daveramsey.com). You can read about the class, even sample a class. And if you are 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 a \$100 for either a couple or a single. The class is 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.



## BETHEL HAS A BELL TOWER!

Thanks to all that have contributed toward the bell tower as it is now completely installed and is ringing God's praises loud and clear. The digital carillons ring every quarter hour and on the hour will ring the time as well from 7am until 9pm. At 12:15 and 6:15pm, a hymn is scheduled to play. The actual bell will be rung both at the beginning and the end of each worship service.



## 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*

7/24	Mariah Fretty, Ella Petersen
7/31	Faith Coffman
8/14	Celia Bizien
8/15	Landon Oswald

### WEDDINGS

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

7/24	Jill Bigelow & Jim Shea
7/31	Carla Kindschy & Ben Leslie
8/7	Rachel Sinn & Richard Markee

### 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)

7/27	Gerald "Jerry" Wyatt
8/2	Margaret Pehrs
8/20	Duane Arnold

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



Bethel holds a monthly pre-baptism class on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month and the **next class** will be **Sunday, Sept. 12**, 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](mailto:jgittus@bethellutheran.com).



## **Scarves, Scarves ... Everywhere!**

The Sunday morning Youth Forum classes will be making fleece scarves this fall as a service project to local organizations. To complete this project we are looking for donations of fleece in **1 yard increments (60 inches in width)**. Various fleece patterns (children, youth and adults) **and** solids are needed for this project. If you enjoy purchasing fleece, or have some 1 yard fleece that you could donate, please consider giving to this service project. Donations may be dropped off at the main office or to Darcy Youngstrom.

**Pancake Breakfast and  
Silent Auction to Benefit  
Kids Against Hunger**

On Saturday, September 18, 2010, a pancake breakfast and silent auction will be held at Hosanna Lutheran Church, 2815 57<sup>th</sup> St. NW and hosted by Bethel, Gloria Dei, Good Shepherd and Mt. Olive Lutheran churches. From 8am-12pm you can enjoy an "all you can eat" breakfast of pancakes, sausages, coffee and juice at a cost of \$6.00 per person (Kids 5 and under eat free). Proceeds for this breakfast will go to Kids Against Hunger for the October 16 fill. Tickets will be available at each church or you can purchase tickets at the door. The silent auction will be going on during the breakfast at Hosanna. There will be baskets to bid on with gift certificates and items for adults and children of all ages. Call 285-0092 or e-mail [secretary@hosannalutheran.org](mailto:secretary@hosannalutheran.org) for more information



**DONATE FOR SILENT AUCTION**

Please consider donating items to be used for the silent auction at Hosanna Lutheran Church going on during the pancake breakfast on September 18, 2010 to benefit Kids Against Hunger. Bring new or gently used items for baskets or completed baskets to Hosanna Lutheran by September 3. Ideas for items include gift cards to restaurants or hotels, theater tickets, or games, movies, jewelry, glassware, dishes, sports memorabilia, food items etc. Ideas for baskets include themed baskets for the kitchen, for babies, for girls or boys, for birthdays or holidays or sports or food or a game night etc. Or help with set up for the auction on September 10 & 11. Call 285-0092, or e-mail [secretary@hosannalutheran.org](mailto:secretary@hosannalutheran.org)

**KIDS AGAINST HUNGER FILL  
October 16, 2010**

Join 5 Lutheran churches (Bethel, Gloria Dei, Good Shepherd, Hosanna and Mt. Olive) at the 4th annual Kids Against Hunger Fill at Bethel Lutheran Church, on Saturday, October 16, 2010 from 9am-3pm. At the fill you'll be packaging 100,000 meals at a cost of \$.15 per meal for hungry children around the world and in Rochester. Ten percent of the meals will be donated to Channel One.

There are 2 hour shifts and jobs include filling bags, weighing and sealing bags, making boxes, loading the semi-truck or serving food for volunteers. All ages can work, some are sit down jobs. For more information please go to Hosanna's website, [www.hosannalutheran.org](http://www.hosannalutheran.org). To sign up to work at the fill, call Barb Anderson at Hosanna, 507-285-0092 or e-mail [secretary@hosannalutheran.org](mailto:secretary@hosannalutheran.org).

**GOOD EARTH VILLAGE  
QUILT AUCTION**

The 25<sup>th</sup> annual Good Earth Village quilt auction will take place this year on **Saturday, September 18**. Come enjoy a day of fellowship, quilts and an opportunity to support a great cause. Donated quilts from various congregations and individuals will be auctioned off throughout the day. Schedule is as follows:

Friday, Sept. 17: 4:30 — 7:00 pm Quilt Review  
Saturday, Sept. 18:  
9:00 — 11:00 am Quilt Review and Silent Auction  
Opens  
11:00 am Live Auction Begins

**CHRISTMAS IN JULY RESULTS**

Channel One - \$328  
72 Mac & Cheese, 32 Jelly, 56 Peanut butter, 16 Soup, 32 canned or packaged meals, 36 Pkg. Fruit Snacks, 5 Miscellaneous

Operation Hometown Gratitude - \$585  
50 Pkg. granola bars, 2 Fruit Snacks, 60 Pkg. Drink Mix, 11 Meat Snacks, 91 Chap Sticks, 56 Bags of Candy, 32 Pkg. Popcorn, 3 pre-packed boxes with notes, 13 Miscellaneous

## **CHILDREN'S MINISTRY NEWS**

### **2010 / 2011 SUNDAY SCHOOL REGISTRATION!**

Please register as soon as possible if you have children who are 3 years old by September 1, 2010 through 5<sup>th</sup> grade. The registration fee is \$10/child with a maximum of \$20/family. The fee is waived for Sunday school volunteers. \*PLEASE NOTE THAT CHILDREN WILL NOT BE PLACED IN A CLASS ON RALLY SUNDAY.

### **SUNDAY SCHOOL VOLUNTEER INFO SESSION**

**10:30am, August 29:** Please plan to join us in the Chapel for an information session to learn about the upcoming Sunday school year. The session will last approximately 1 hour. You will receive information about curriculum, calendar, class lists and plans for the year. If you have questions please contact Daryl or Susan in the church office.

**WE NEED YOUR HELP!** We need volunteers to help prepare crafts and activities. We will have a variety of projects that could be completed at Bethel or your home. This would be throughout the Sunday School year. This is a VERY FLEXIBLE job that can be done on your own time. If you are interested in helping, please contact Susan at [smlars16@hotmail.com](mailto:smlars16@hotmail.com) or 280-4263.

### **BEGINNERS ORIENTATION and BIBLE BAGS –**

**September 11:** Mark your calendars for September 11 at 9:00 or 10:30am. We will have a special milestone event for our 3 year old Beginner Sunday school children and their parents. We will meet at the same time as you are registered for Sunday school (9:00 or 10:30am). More information will be mailed out soon.

### **RALLY DAY CARNIVAL – September 12:**

Join Children's Ministry as we kick off the beginning of a new Sunday School year with a carnival followed by an all church picnic. We will have inflatables, popcorn and freeze pops. We will need volunteers to help from 10am–1pm. If you would like to help for one hour, please contact Susan in the office or by e-mail: [smlars16@hotmail.com](mailto:smlars16@hotmail.com)

### **PRE-K BIBLE MILESTONE – September 19:**

On September 19 Pre-K children and their parents will participate in the Bible Milestone event. During your child's regular Sunday School hour, we will present your child with a special story Bible. This event is for Pre-K children (2<sup>nd</sup> yr. SS) and their parents. It will take the place of their regular Sunday School class. Watch your mail in for an invitation!

### **BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS – September 19:**

Children of Bethel are encouraged to bring their backpacks to worship on September 19 for a special blessing.

**5<sup>TH</sup> GRADE 1<sup>ST</sup> COMMUNION:** Parents of 5<sup>th</sup> graders, please mark your calendars for one of the following first communion training evenings: Sunday, September 26 or Tuesday, September 28 from 6:30–8pm. In addition to the training, 5<sup>th</sup> Graders will take their First Communion on Sunday October 3 at the hour opposite their Sunday School hour. Please let your child's sponsors and family members know about this very special milestone so they can attend too! You will receive a letter in September with more details.

**3<sup>RD</sup> GRADE BIBLE MILESTONE:** There are two parts to this milestone: an evening to learn about the Adventure Bible that the 3<sup>rd</sup> Graders will receive and second a worship service where parents will present the Bible to their child. Please plan to attend the Bible Orientation on either October 10 or 12 from 6:30–8pm. On October 17, 3<sup>rd</sup> Graders will receive their Bible during worship. Please plan to attend the worship service opposite your child's Sunday School hour. You will receive more information in September.

### **UPCOMING CHILDREN'S MINISTRY EVENTS!**

- \* August 29 – 10:30am SS volunteer info session.
- September 11 – 9:00/10:30am – Beginner's Orientation
- September 12 – Rally Sunday, Sunday school begins
- September 19 – Blessing of the Backpacks during worship
- September 19 – Pre-K Bible Milestone during regular Sunday School hour
- September 26/28 – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade 1<sup>st</sup> Communion Training – 6:30 p.m.
- October 3 – 5<sup>th</sup> Graders receive 1<sup>st</sup> Communion during regular worship services
- October 10/12 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Bible Orientation – 6:30 p.m.
- October 17 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Graders receive Adventure Bible during worship

## NEWS FROM THE WOMEN OF BETHEL

**Mission of the Month for September:** Marie Sandvik Center Christmas shoe boxes. The Marie Sandvik Center serves an inner city population in Minneapolis. Designating this mission for September is an attempt to avoid confusion with another mission for similar items later in the season. All items need to fit into a shoe box. Choose a category of from below to gift. Each shoe box should contain an age-appropriate winter hat & gloves/mittens, warm socks, toothbrush, comb and/or brush, soap and sample size shampoo. Additional items for the box are (1) For boys and girls ages 1-3 a small stuffed animal/toy and a book (preferably Bible-based), or (2) For boys & girls 4-6 a small stuffed animal/toy, coloring book, crayons, book (preferably Bible-based), or (3) For boys and girls 7-9 a toy or game, cars, doll, stuffed animal, coloring/activity book, crayons/watercolor paints, child safety scissors, book (preferably Bible-based), or (4) For boys 10-teens a game/small ball, paper/notepad, markers/colored pencils, or (5) For girls age 10-teens a game, paper/notepad, markers/colored pencils, book/tract/Christian music, hair accessories, lotion/body spray, deodorant, or (6) for adult man a razor/small can of shaving cream, pen and notepad, travel size Kleenex, gift item, deodorant, tract/small Bible and (7) for adult woman, pen and notepad, travel size Kleenex, thread and needles, make up, lotion, body spray, gift item, deodorant, tract, small Bible.

**Marie Sandvik Center** - On Thursday, Sept. 9, a group of women from Bethel will caravan to the Marie Sandvik Center in Minneapolis to volunteer our services. For more information or to sign up, contact Nadine Anderson, 289-6748.

### **Dates to Remember:**

Thursday, September 9 — visit to Marie Sandvik  
Thursday, October 7 — Rummage Sale

## MOMS AND KIDS

Join Moms and Kids as we begin a new year of study on Thursday, September 9. We will begin with a morning of fellowship and a time for prayerful reflection on the new fall season. We are a relaxed group of moms with children of all ages that gather weekly on Thursdays for fellowship from 9-9:30am, and Bible study from 9:30-10:30am with other moms and Pastor Anjanette. Young children are cared for in the nursery by wonderful and caring volunteers while we meet next

door in Room 115. Please join us for an informal time to enjoy motherhood in all seasons. For more information, contact Heather Schenck, 261-1702, or Dawn Mitchell, 206-0310.

## SAMARITAN BETHANY ANNUAL DINNER

The Annual Benefit Dinner will be on Thursday, October 7, at the Rochester International Event Center.

This year we have the male quartet sensation, Tonic Sol-fa. These four guys do a super job with their singing. But don't take our word for it – go to their web site at [www.tonicsof.com](http://www.tonicsof.com) and hear for yourselves.

Libby Witzeman, your liaison, at Bethel has tickets (\$50) to sell for this dinner. We hope you will join us and support this fundraiser – the proceeds will go to the *Creating Home* Building Project. Treat yourself to a delightful evening!

## LIBRARY NEWS

Too busy? Check again!

The end of summer signals the start of a new school year, resumption of committee meetings and choir practices, and also offers a time for us to consider priorities and degrees of busyness. Here are some books from our library that can guide your journey:

Is the first item on your "To Do" list to "Make more 'To Do' lists"? Gary Holloway's book You Might Be Too Busy If... has great suggestions for regaining the unhurried life.

Does your Sunday ever consist of madly rushing not to be late, grabbing the offering envelope on the way out the door and admonishing children to be quiet? Making Sunday Special by Karen Mains, offers creative ways to make Sunday your best day of the week.

Do you want to be alive to cash in your 401(k)? Local author, Dr. Ed Creagan, suggests secrets for staying healthy and surviving any diagnosis. His book is titled How Not To Be My Patient.

So much to do ...work, school, friends, family, recreation and then the crises hit! Who are you going to call? Bill Hybels knows for himself that prayer doesn't happen on the run. His book Too Busy Not To Pray explores many facets of prayer and hearing God's response.

Is there ever any quarreling at your house? Have you ever had a hassle over household chores? Don't Sweat The Small Stuff With Your Family by Richard Carlson, is overflowing with ideas to keep a sane pace, make peace and end the day with love.

## YOUTH NEWS

Parents and students! Are you currently checking your lists to make sure you have everything ready for the start of a new school year? We are too, and we've made a short checklist to help prepare for the upcoming youth activities here at Bethel. When you check these items off, you will be ready to participate in all the fun activities we have planned. All forms may be found at the Youth board or on our website:

### \_\_\_\_\_ **Youth Forum Class Registration:**

Students (in grades 6-9) wishing to participate in Sunday morning Youth Forum are encouraged to register prior to Sept. 12.

\_\_\_\_\_ **2010/2011 Health Form:** Each year students participating in the youth activities here at Bethel must complete a new health form (previous forms will not be kept on file). If you have registered for Sunday morning Youth Forum classes you may check this item off! You completed this form with your registration.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Activity Waiver:** Each event/activity that we offer to the youth will require the completion of an Activity Waiver for that specific event. Activity waivers for specific events may be found at the youth board or on our website.

**Youth activities for this fall are on the calendar!** Please make sure to mark down the following events and register for them as soon as possible. Specific information regarding each activity will be on our website!

### **UPCOMING ACTIVITIES**

**Sunday, Sept. 12: Rally Sunday!** Youth Forum classes (grades 6-9) meet in Youth Hall at either 9:00 or 10:30am. Please **register now** if you have not already done so.

**Sunday, Sept. 12, (7-9pm): Elevate High School Ministry** - Registration is available now for this weekly meeting. This year we are using a different program called **re:form** ([www.wearesparkhouse.com](http://www.wearesparkhouse.com)). There is a cool journal/book we will be using, thus the need for registration and a cost. To ensure that you will have one of the books on Sept. 12 please register no later than August 29. We will

start meeting on Sept. 12 at 7-9pm in the Youth Hall. We will have some worship with the Youth Band as well as some fellowship time and study time. If you have any questions please see the Registration Packet available at the Youth Board in the Narthex or contact Michael in the Church office.

**Wednesday, Sept. 22d Youth Leadership Training - (Formerly Peer Ministry)** Registration will be available for this ministry opportunity for youth going into 10<sup>th</sup> grade. We will be meeting on **Wednesday nights from 7-8:30pm**. This ministry will allow youth to discover their gifts of leadership within their church, school and community. Sessions will include group discussion, journaling and hands on experiences. Youth Leadership Training will take the place of Peer Ministry Training, and will use some of the same aspects of Peer Ministry with more of a focus on how to be integrated into the life of our congregation and ministries. Please contact Michael for more information or with questions.

**Saturday, Sept. 25, (5:30-7:30pm):** Middle school fall kickoff event! **Families** of middle school students are encouraged to attend. Supper will be provided. Please **RSVP** the number attending when turning in the activity waiver. (Registration due in by **Sunday, Sept. 19**).

**Volunteer Information Available!** Just a reminder that the youth volunteer page is up and running on our website. This is a great way to see the opportunities to assist with the various youth activities. We update this page weekly - so check back often.

**Summer Softball ends with a 10-3 regular season record.** Bethel had a great team of around 25 players - half guys and half girls! Thanks to all of the parents and fans who came down and supported us (and assisted with the coaching) this season!

**More information on the above activities and announcements can be found at our website:**

[www.bethellutheranyouth.com](http://www.bethellutheranyouth.com)

We update this site weekly, so please continue to check back for changes!

**GIFTS & MEMORIALS**

- † Music Fund, Bell Tower Fund, Young In Spirit, Rochester Senior Center, Organ Fund and Children's Music Fund in memory of Robert Nord from family and friends
- † Sheet Music Fund in memory of Gerald Wyatt, Shirley Thorn's brother, from family and friends
- † Bell Tower fund in memory of Kelly Engwall, granddaughter of Clarence and Marilyn Engwall from Helen Anderson
- † Organ Fund in memory of Lois Geminer from friends and family
- † Young in Spirit Fund and Bell Tower Fund in memory of Margaret Pehrs from family and friends

<b>2010 STEWARDSHIP GIVING</b>			
<b><u>General Giving</u></b>		<b><u>Building Fund</u></b>	
7/25	\$11,058.50	Offerings to Date (as of 8/15)	\$238,839.31
8/1	\$20,310.41	Total Pledged for 2010	\$392,000.00
8/8	\$11,567.00	Number of Families Pledging	443
8/15	\$22,299.17	YTD Mortgage Payments	\$323,416.00
		Annual Mortgage Payments	\$485,124.00
		Mortgage Balance	\$4,774,334.80
As of 8/15/2010:		<b><u>Simply Giving</u></b>	
YTD Projected Envelope Offerings	\$618,655.50	General Offerings Rec'd in 2010	\$161,505.71
YTD Actual Envelope Offerings	\$612,286.12	Building Offerings Rec'd in 2010	\$71,397.00
Difference	- \$6,369.38	% of General Offerings Rec'd 2010	29.0%
		# of Families Participating	189

**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
Organist	Jim Bahler
Weekend Receptionists	Barb Larson, Lois Graif
Financial Secretary	Alice O'Groske
Nursery Coordinator	Shelly Savage

## **NEW MEMBER CLASSES**

Have you been thinking of making Bethel your church home? Great! We are glad that you are here. The first of 4 classes will start on **Thursday, September 30, at 7pm** and will meet weekly until **October 21**. Registration for the classes is required and must be done prior to **September 20**. Registration information can be found at <http://www.bethellutheran.com/join> or call Lorrie Schuchard, 273-3832. If you are not able to attend the evening classes, please call Lorrie to discuss alternative solutions. We don't want the timing of the classes to be a road-block preventing you from joining. If now is not a good time to join, you can look forward to the next new member classes in 2011. We want you to feel free to participate in any activity that Bethel has to offer as you don't need to be a member first to get involved. **Welcome to Bethel!**

## **CONFIRMATION NEWS**

**Confirmation Make-up classes!** Confirmation students in 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> grades who did not attend Confirmation camp. Please make sure you have marked your calendar for confirmation camp make-up on Saturday morning September 11 and 18 from 8:00am to 12noon.

**Confirmation Mentorship Reminder!** To all confirmation students in the 10<sup>th</sup> grade who will be confirmed on Sunday, October 31. We hope you are staying in contact with your mentor, and finding time to meet. The final confirmation mentor meeting is scheduled for Sunday, September 19 at 11:30am in Bethel Hall. Mentors and students should have this date marked on their calendars. Please plan to worship together at the 10:30am service and then attend the mentor meeting in Bethel Hall.

**Confirmation Youth & Parent Night!** All 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> grade confirmation students and their parents. Please mark your calendar for Wednesday night September 15 from 7-8:30pm in the Sanctuary. We will kick-off the 2010 / 2011 confirmation classes with our annual Youth & Parent Night meeting. This is considered a regular class night and attendance is expected ... SEE YOU THERE!

**Confirmation Service Sunday, October 31, 2010!** All 10<sup>th</sup> grade confirmation students and their parents! MARK your calendars for 2 very important dates. (1) Confirmation service rehearsal scheduled for Saturday, October 30 at 9:00am in the Sanctuary. We need all students in attendance along with 1 parent. (2) The Confirmation Service on Sunday afternoon October 31 at 1:30pm in the Sanctuary. Please call or email Daryl for questions regarding rehearsal and or the service.



## **FALL RUMMAGE AND BOOK SALE!**

Time for Fall Cleaning - remember Bethel's semi-annual Retired Treasures and Book Sale, Thursday October 7, 7:30am-2pm; Bag Sale, 2:15- 4pm. Coffee, rolls and pie will be served in the morning BBQ lunch beginning at 10:30am.

Donations may be brought Tuesday, Oct. 5 from 4-8 PM or Wednesday, Oct. 6 from 8am-6 pm (**SHARP**) to Bethel Hall using the loading dock door or south door of the church. Please bring Furniture and Books to the Narthex (south door).

We will happily accept Furniture in good "sellable" condition, households, books, **FALL** and **WINTER** clothing etc. It is extremely helpful to have bedding/table linens/men's suits labeled with sizes when they arrive. Please do **Not Bring** Computers, curtain rods or blinds, lighting fixtures, plumbing fixtures, microwaves or out-of-season clothing. Unsellable items take away from what we have to give to missions as we must pay for their disposal. All monies made from the sale help support local, state and national missions. Some funds will be matched from Thrivent Financial for Lutherans.

## **FACILITY FEES AND USES**

Each year, discussions regarding the various policies, procedures and fees that Bethel collects for use of the facilities are done and it is thought to be a good idea to share the fee information with the congregation. The following is a summary of the facility fees and its subsequent uses at Bethel.

Bethel charges a facility fee for various uses of the building, and in all cases, these fees fall into three categories:

**No Fee** – is charged to support groups or organizations whose primary purposes is to serve or help people in need, but which have no financial resources from which to pay rental fees..

**Nominal Fee** – is charged to recoup a reasonable portion actual costs of providing the facilities for congregational members, groups, or organizations whose primary purposes is to help people in need and which have limited financial resources from which to pay- particularly fund raising events.

**Regular Fee** – is charged to recoup all costs to Bethel Lutheran Church of providing the facilities for all other outside groups and organizations.

These fees are charged for various functions/activities at Bethel and range from no fee (for support groups), to a nominal fee (for non-profit organizations and congregational member events such as birthday parties, anniversary celebrations, rehearsal dinners, baptism parties, etc.) in order to take care of some of the expenses associated with these “extra” functions (particularly utility costs) to a regular fee (for-profit organizations, Augsburg, etc.) that recoups all expenses associated with a function. The nominal fees range from \$5.00 for a single classroom to \$200.00 for the Sanctuary while the regular fees range from \$10.00 for a single classroom to \$400.00 for the Sanctuary. Finally, these fees collected are then used as part of the general church budget to support the ministries of the teams, for benevolences, personnel and other church expenses.

If you would like to learn more about the fees that are charged or their uses, please contact Chris, 288-6430 or Zabel@bethellutheran.com.

## **ANNUAL CROP WALK**

On Sunday, October 3, 2010 Bethel members will gather with 21 other local faith-based groups at Peace United Church of Christ, 1503 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue NE (behind Silver Lake Shopping Center) for the 28<sup>th</sup> Rochester Area CROP Walk. Registration starts at 1:30 pm and the walk starts at 2 pm.

What is a CROP Walk? CROP stands for Communities Responding to Overcome Poverty. Last years walkers raised \$18,200.35, of which \$4,550.09 (25%) stayed at Channel One Food Bank for local hunger assistance. Stop at the table in the narthex to pick up a registration sheet so you can get pledges to fight world hunger before the day of the walk. We will have information about all the places and all the ways your money helps across our world. You may choose from a list of approved international hunger-fighting agencies (Lutheran World Relief is on the list) or allow Church World Service to provide funds where they are needed the most.

Any donation is welcome! You don't need to raise a certain amount, though there is a nice tee shirt for those raising \$150 or more! The walk itself is about 5 miles (though you aren't required to complete it if unable to), so plan on about 3 hours time depending on your speed!

There will be a table in the narthex on September 12, 19 and 26 to get more information and a registration packet.

There were lots of youth from other churches, so let's see some Bethel youth this year as well! Need more information? Call Lynn Myhre, 282-7975.

## **IHN TRAINING COMING**

Interfaith Hospitality Network (IHN) works to help homeless families with children under the age of 16 achieve and sustain their independence by providing them with food, shelter and time.

Bethel is a Buddy Church for IHN, joining with Holy Spirit and Homestead United Methodist volunteers for one week, four times a year to host IHN families. You could volunteer to cook, host the evening meal, drive van, or stay overnight. Homestead United Methodist, on the corner of 13<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 4<sup>th</sup> Street SE, is where the families stay overnight and our volunteering takes place.

Please join us on *Tuesday, September 21 at 6:30pm* at Homestead United Methodist Church, 400 13<sup>th</sup> Avenue SE for the training. (This training is mandatory before volunteering.) Can't make it to this training, but still want to help?

Call Lynn Myhre 282-7975 for alternatives times and sites for training or if you have questions.



## NATIONAL NIGHT OUT RESULTS

A huge thank you to everyone who made our August 3 National Night Out event with Redeemer Lutheran and Rochester Community Church such a hit! Our major planners were Kori Petersson, Maria Neely and Lorrie Schuchard - thank you for your organization and flexibility. Here are the results of the generous donations we received for Riverside School (the school supplies have been given to Riverside already): 15 pairs of shoes, 70 notebooks, 48 folders, 9 scissors, 8 boxes colored pencils, 30 boxes of crayons, 1 paint box, 18 packs of pencils, 19 glue sticks, 6 bottles of glue, 1 calculator, 2 book covers, 4 rulers, 22 erasers, 5 pencil boxes, 9 packs of markers, 4 backpacks, 8 totes, 1 pencil sharpener and 2 packs of post-it notes. What a difference you make in the lives of these children!



## OUR SAVIOR'S FAIR TRADE MARKET

Saturday, October 2 & Sunday, October 3  
9am-2pm

International Food served  
on Sunday, 11am-1pm (freewill offering)  
Our Savior's Lutheran Church  
2124 Viola Rd NE

This market features high quality, hand-made crafts from around the globe including wood carvings from Honduras, Equal Exchange coffee, Divine Chocolate and Wapapa popcorn. Vendors include Ten Thousand Villages, Lutheran World Relief, Maya Works, Bead for Life and Asante Network.

All proceeds are returned to those growing and producing the goods. Donations from the simple lunch on Sunday will benefit Kids Against Hunger.

## FROM THE BIGG TEAM

### Care for Creation in Bethel's own yard.

BIGG is kicking off a three-phase program to not only beautify Bethel but to also delight in God's greenery.

Phase 1 — landscaping at front entrance, around the electronic sign and around the original sign.

Phase 2 — landscaping the parking lot across 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue.

Phase 3 — Prayer Labyrinth between Church and 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

Stop by the BIGG table for the next few weeks to pick up more information. Scheduled work days are Saturday, September 18 and 25 from 8am-12pm to complete Phase 1. Monetary donations are accepted - you can designate funds to be in memory of or in honor of loved ones.



## YOUNG IN SPIRIT FELLOWSHIP

The SPOTLIGHT is on all Bethel SENIOR MEMBERS age 62+.







SEPTEMBER will begin with a BANG on Thursday September 16 at 12 noon (there will be a chapel communion service at 11:30am - so come early). We'll enjoy a Swiss steak meal and be entertained by "CACTUS", a versatile musical group that has been delighting people for many years and come to us highly recommended. Our meal is catered and to kick off the Fall season we will be enjoying the meal for only \$6. That is right! Only \$6 (for this month only).

Call your reservations in to Norma Isaacson, 282-0423 on or before Tuesday Sept. 14. Your neighbors and friends are welcome. This is a wonderful way to enjoy an afternoon of devotions, fellowship, and meeting new people! We will be expecting you!!

# Smart cookies

September is an exciting time, as you begin growing in wisdom with a new year of school and Sunday school. Be a "smart cookie" by making this special container for your kitchen. Change the pictures as your year goes by. Or fill the container with cookies to give as a gift.

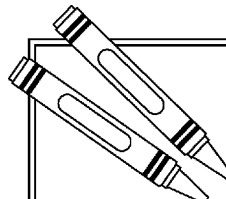
**What you need:**

- 2 identical disposable plastic containers (rectangular and clear) 
- 1 lid 
- 4 photos or drawings 
- Scissors 
- Sticky bow or ribbon (optional) 
- Cookies 

**What you do:**

1. Cut four different pictures or drawings to fit the sides of your container. Allow the edges to slightly overlap around the four sides of one container.
2. Gently set one container inside the other. Then slide the pictures or drawings down between the two containers to cover the four sides. Press the inner container down to secure the pictures in place between the sides.
3. Fill the container with cookies, and put the lid on top of the inner container.
4. You can put a sticky bow or ribbon on the lid to make the container look like a present.

## KID'S PAGE (FOR ALL AGES)!



**Just for KIDS**

### GOD'S INSTRUCTION

The Bible is a guide for how we should live. In Sunday school and at home, we learn how God loves and saves us. Solve this puzzle to find Proverbs 4:13 (NIV), which tells about the importance of God's Word.

First, write the word that means the opposite of the one given. Then write the correct letters on the number-coded lines below.

young    1    2    3    death    2    6    7    8    cold    4    1    5    come    9    1

sweet    10    1    11    12    can't    13    14    15    no    16    8    10    later    15    1    17

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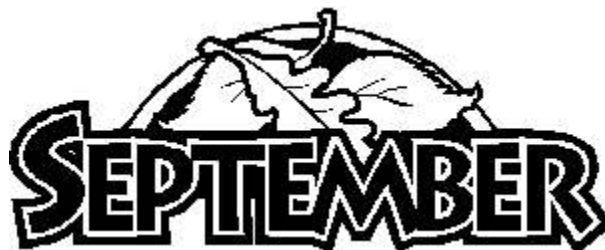
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Answers: old, life, hot, go, sour, can, yes, now  
 "Hold on to instruction, do not let it go; guard it well, for it is your life."  
 (Proverbs 4:13, NIV)



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SEPTEMBER 11 & 12**

**SATURDAY, SEPT 11**  
**WORSHIP AT 6PM**  
**POTLUCK AFTER SATURDAY WORSHIP**

**SUNDAY, SEPT. 12**  
**WORSHIP - 9 & 10:30AM**  
**SUNDAY SCHOOL - 9 & 10:30AM**  
**CARNIVAL - 10am-1pm**  
**CHURCH PICNIC - 11:45am-1:15pm**

**Church office, 507-288-6430.**

**WORSHIP TIMES**

Saturday	6:00pm
Sunday	9:00 & 10:30am

**OFFICE HOURS**

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

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