



**Jesus Teaches
the Crowds...**

**4th Sunday after
Epiphany
February 5, 2012**

So far in our telling of Jesus' story out of Mark, things have gone remarkably well for Jesus. He has successfully called disciples to follow him; he has healed many; he has driven out demons (even a demoniac with a legion of evil spirits!); he has offered significant teaching (parables and otherwise). That "winning streak" comes to an end today. Not welcome in his home town. John the baptizer beheaded and buried. Death has the last word. No. Never. It is part of the continuing story. Stay tuned...

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Children: color your prayers for those who teach us.



**WELCOME TO WORSHIP
GATHERING**

<u>Prelude</u>	"Teach Us Thy Ways"	
<u>Welcome and Announcements</u>		
	<u>Mission Minute</u>	Souper Bowl of Caring
<u>Call to Worship</u>	"People Get Ready/This Train"	Celebrant Singers
<u>Confession and Forgiveness</u>		
		See Screens
<u>Gathering Song</u>	"O Day of Rest and Gladness"	#521, vss. 1,3,4
<u>Prayer of the Day</u>		
<u>WORD</u>		
<u>Bible Reading</u>	Leviticus 18:1-6, 16, 30	Bible page 92
<u>Gospel Acclamation</u>		See Screens
<u>Gospel</u>	Mark 6:1-29	Responsive Reading
<u>Children's Word</u>	"Packing Light"	
<u>Sermon</u>	"Bumps (or Worse) in the Road"	
<u>Hymn of the Day</u>	"In the Hour of Trial"	See Screens
<u>Prayers of Intercession</u>		
<u>MEAL</u>		
<u>Gathering of Gifts</u>	"Thy Will Be Done"	Chancel Choir Kim Schmidt, Soloist
<u>Offering Prayer</u>		
<u>Sacrament of Holy Communion</u>		
	<u>Dialogue</u>	
	<u>Preface</u>	
	<u>Holy, Holy, Holy</u>	
	<u>Words of Institution</u>	
<u>Lord's Prayer</u>		Page 208
<u>Distribution</u>	"Lamb of God"	Page 208
<u>Distribution Hymns</u>	#517 - "Lord Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word"	
	#502 - "The King of Love My Shepherd Is"	
<u>Post-Communion Prayer</u>		See Screens
<u>SENDING</u>		
<u>Blessing</u>		See Screens
<u>Sending Song</u>	"Sent Forth by God's Blessing"	#547
<u>Dismissal</u>		
<u>Postlude</u>	"Joyous Postlude"	

WORSHIP INFORMATION

- **Worship Hours:** Saturdays, 6:pm (w/ Communion); Sundays, 9 and 10:30am (Communion 1st & 3rd Sundays).
- **Worship Services Broadcast** Sundays at 11:30am & 6:30pm and Mondays, 6:30pm on Cable Channel 10 Access the service at: www.bethellutheran.com
- **Visitors:** Welcome - stop at the **Welcome Center** for more information about Bethel.
- **Personal Sound Enhancement Systems** are available from an usher.
- **Children's Worship Folders and Bulletins** can be found on the cart outside the Sanctuary.
- **Nursery:** If you feel your child is being too vocal, we invite you to use our **Parenting Room**, located in the back of the Sanctuary. We also have a large **nursery** past the office. A TV is available in the Nursery to watch the worship service.
- **Visit our adult and children's libraries.** On Sunday mornings, a library assistant is available between services.
- **Sunday Morning Coffee** is served from 8:45-10:45am in Bethel Hall - join us for fellowship, coffee and cookies.
- **Worship Participants:** Preacher: Norman W Wahl; Worship Leader: Andrew O Nelson; Worship Assistants: (9) Haley Zincke, (10:30) Dara Kautz; Organist: Jim Bahler; Music Minister: Gary Thorn; Interpreter for Deaf/HH: Becky Wulff; Lectors: Saturday, 6pm - Kathy Spaniol; Sunday - 9am - Bob Prouty; 10:30 - Brenda Valadez-Franken

Kathryn Brown and Jamie Herr announce their plans to marry on Saturday, Feb. 11, 2012 and ask for our prayers.

The Flowers by the Altar today are given by the Bethel Staff in honor of the wedding on 2/4/2012 of Pastor Anjanette and Warren Bandel.

Young In Spirit fellowship will meet on Thursday, Feb. 16, beginning at noon with a delicious roast beef dinner. Following the meal Jay Furst, Managing Editor of the Post Bulletin, will speak to us on "Faith & Family Values in the Local Media". Please call Norma Isaacson, 282-0423, with your reservation no later than Tuesday, Feb. 14. Cost is \$8 per person. We look forward to seeing you there for this Valentine event.

NEW MEMBER CLASS The next new member class will be a one day session on **Saturday March 3, 2012** from **8am-1pm**. Registration for the class is required and must be done prior to **February 13**. Registration info can be found on our website, <http://www.bethellutheran.com/join> or by calling Lorrie Schuchard, 273-3832.

If now is not a good time to join, we'll have our spring class starting early May 2012 which will be four 90 minute sessions on Wednesdays at 6pm. Please feel free to participate in any activity that Bethel has to offer as you do not need to be a member first to get involved. We are glad you are here. **Welcome to Bethel.**

SCRIPTURE & STUDY

NEXT WEEKEND SCRIPTURES, Feb. 11/12 - Theme: What defiles a person?: Primary text: Mark 7:1-23; Complimentary Text: Romans 14:13-20

Synod Joined in Prayer: Feb. 4/5: Bear Lake Concordia, Albert Lea; Cross of Christ, Houston; Ikungi & Iambi, Tanzania; Bear Creek, Grand Meadow; Bethlehem, Mankato

SUNDAY EDUCATION FORUM: 10:30am, room 115; **Forum on Sunday, Feb. 5** "Faith Like a Child" What is Children's Faith Like" with Jessica Pleuss and Pastor Andy Nelson - faith in childhood and how to nurture faith in children.; **Forum on Sunday, Feb. 12** - "The Book of Revelation" Final Tribulation or Testament to Hope" with Prof. Karoline Lewis, Luther Seminary - dispelling myths and misinterpretations of the last book of the Bible.

STEWARDSHIP

Last week's envelope offerings	\$13,414.10
Offerings to Date	\$99,797.00
YTD Projected Income	\$86,920.00
Difference	+ \$12,877.00

Building Fund	
Last Week's Offering	\$16,388.50
YTD Offerings	\$38,907.54
Total Pledged in 2012	\$414,000.00
Number of Families Pledging	450
YTD Mortgage Payments	\$40,427.00

OPPORTUNITIES

SCHOLARSHIPS FOR ELCA COLLEGES All students who are or will be attending an ELCA College are encouraged to complete an application for a scholarship. Applications are available in the church office. Scholarships will be awarded in April.

NEW TO BETHEL? A 30 minute informative walking tour is available on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month starting at 10:05am. For Saturday night 6pm worship guests, it's on the 1st Saturday immediately following worship. Call Lorrie Schuchard, 273-3832.

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED! We are in need of a couple individuals who will oversee and co-chair Sunday Morning Coffee. There is a good job description in place and people to make the coffee and set up for each month. This opportunity doesn't have to be 2 women - it could be a family, husband and wife, 2 friends, etc., who would make Sunday Morning Coffee happen. Please contact Sylvia Ramaker or Avis Hagen (288-6430) to offer your services for this wonderful fellowship opportunity.

The Christian Caring Team will meet on Sunday, Feb. 19 from 2-3:30pm in room 115. If you are interested in one-on-one home visitation - please come for information about how this important relational ministry is organized.

Children, Youth & Family (CYF)

www.bethellutherancyf.com

Sun., Feb. 12

- 1st Grade Bible Bingo, during SS hour; Graduation Stepping Stone, 4-5:30pm; Elevate

Sun., Feb 19

- NO Sunday School, Forum 56 or BRIDGE for Youth; Family Movie Night; Elevate

FAMILIES MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR SUMMER VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL! Bethel's VBS will be offered this summer from Monday, June 18–Thursday, June 21. Mark your calendars now and watch for registration later this spring.

1ST GRADE BIBLE BINGO: Our First Graders are invited to play Bible BINGO on Sunday, February 12 in room 214 (upstairs) during their regular Sunday School hour. We will play Bible BINGO, have prizes and enjoy a morning snack. Please let Susan know if you are willing to help, all parents are invited to stay and help. We need at least 3 parents for each hour.

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT: Join the Children's Ministry Team for Family Movie Night on Sunday February 19 at 6:30pm in **Bethel Hall**. We will be watching *Gnomeo and Juliet*. Friends are also invited. We'll provide popcorn and lemonade. Bring a snack to share. Don't forget a blanket, stuffed animal or pillow (even a chair/beanbag since we are in Bethel Hall instead of Youth Hall) if you want to get really comfortable! Or rent a "Love Sac" (super-sized bean bag chair) from Youth Hall for \$5.00 (1st come 1st served). Proceeds go to Bible Ministry. See you there!

FORUM 56 @ GOOD EARTH VILLAGE, FAMILY OVERNIGHT RETREAT: Bethel families with current 5th or 6th grade students are invited to Forum 56@ Good Earth Village for an overnight retreat. **Two** rooms remain for this overnight event on Friday/Saturday, March 30/31. Plan for some time away as a family to enjoy the outdoors/indoors, participate in Bible study and devotional time with your own family and your Bethel family. Cost is just \$100/room and includes three meals for four people (costs deferred by monies from the Endowment Fund)! Registration and additional information available at the CYF board or online.

CONFIRMATION & CAMP REGISTRATION: Families of **current grade 6 & 7 students** ... Please note that the registration materials and fees for Bethel's Confirmation Ministry and Confirmation Camp are due in to Bethel by **March 1**. Please contact Darcy Youngstrom with any questions.

9th GRADE CONFIRMATION STUDENTS Just a reminder that your Parent Affirmation form (for selecting a mentor for the upcoming mentor ministry) was due on **Wednesday, January 25**, please turn in to Michael ASAP.

MENTOR MINISTRY LISTENING MEETINGS: During the fall of the 9th grade school year your youth will enter into the Confirmation Mentor Ministry. A mentor will be chosen by your family to walk alongside your youth in faith. Through the introduction of the "Marks of Discipleship" we will frame our Mentor Ministry around these six areas: Prayer, Worship, Scripture, Service, Spiritual Friendships and Giving. We are

developing what this will look like and are looking to have some conversations around this ministry. We have scheduled three listening sessions to help us continue to develop this ministry within confirmation. If you are interested please see the information on the website and respond with the RSVP form. This is an exciting time at Bethel as we continue to have conversations around faith formation, families and mentors.

- Sunday, February 12, 10:30-11:30am- Conference Room
- Wednesday, February 15- 6-7pm- Conference Room
- Sunday, February 19, 11:30am-12:15pm- Youth Hall

GRADUATION STEPPING STONE: SUNDAY, FEB. 12, 4-5:30pm *Session 2: Looking to the Moment.* Seniors and their families look at the gifts that God has given them in their family and motivates them to take specific steps to restore any brokenness in their family relationships in the months before graduation. **Please RSVP by Feb. 5, RSVP cards located at CYF Table in Narthex.**

ELEVATE ON SUNDAY NIGHTS: Upcoming Elevate schedule: We are off Tonight, February 5- Super Bowl Sunday. We will return on February 12 with our final session from our GodView Series. Look for more information on our new series Lost In Translation for February! Also, check out our new page on Facebook: Bethel Lutheran Youth- Elevate. A great week of small group discussion, free time and worship with Three Days Later, we hope you can join us on February 12!

GodView: Panoramic *Weekly Overview*

The tendency for each one of us is to think we have God all figured out. But this week is about one simple truth—we don't. This week we want you to see how the more you come to know God, the more you will realize you'll never really know Him completely. There is always more of God to know. He's that big, that mysterious, that amazing. At the close of this series, we hope you will walk away with the desire to pursue a relationship with God and to know God more every day.

LENTEN MEAL FUNDRAISER: Ash Wednesday (Feb. 22) **Lenten Meal-** Sign-up at the CYF board for a shift to help with this fundraiser! Funds raised can be applied to Confirmation Camp and other Bethel sponsored events! You can find out more information at the website under the link "Fund raising". Space is limited so sign up quickly!

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We will be having our yearly **Valentine Dinner** on Saturday, Feb.18 (couples, families, singles, friends - everyone) sponsored by the Fellowship Team. Our delicious menu will include lasagna, salad, garlic toast, beverage and dessert and we will start serving at 4:30pm. Tickets prices are \$7, for adults [ages 13 and up] \$5, for children [ages 5-12] children under 5 will be free. Families can purchase a ticket for \$20. Tickets will be on sale Feb.4-5 and Feb. 11-12 in the Narthex.

We'll have very enjoyable entertainment. All proceeds from the dinner will go toward purchasing pizza on Wednesday nights for our youth.

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ZUMBRO RIVER CONFERENCE ANNUAL MEETING
VOTING MEMBERS FROM BETHEL DESIRED! Each year ELCA congregations in Zumbro, Dodge, and Mower counties meet for some business, learning and fellowship. This year the meeting is Sunday, February 12, 2-4:30pm, at Our Savior's in Austin. Bethel can take 25-30 voting members. This year is especially important as voting members to the 2013 Churchwide Assembly will be determined. If you would like to attend the meeting in Austin, let one of the pastors know as soon as possible!

MORE BITS AND PIECES

MOMS AND KIDS Each Thursday, moms with kids of all ages meet from 9:15-10:30am in room 115. Moms meet with Pastor Anjanette and discuss a topic taken from the online magazine, Café. Children are cared for by loving volunteers in the nursery next door. There is no homework! All reading is done during the meeting. No registration is required. Contact Dawn Mitchell, 206-0310, for more information.

A New Opportunity Do you love history? Do you want to know more about Bethel's history and help us conserve and organize it? Then contact Judy Gittus, 288-6430 or jgittus@bethellutheran.com to express your interest. We hope to put together an Archival Team that will go through all of our records, etc. Our 150th anniversary is only 8 years away and now is the time to get started on saving our precious records.

Mission Trip to Alabama We will be leaving on our trip February 11 to Tuscaloosa, AL to work with Habitat for Humanity on homes damaged in last April's tornado. There is a group leaving Feb. 11-18 and one leaving Feb. 18-25 (some will be staying both weeks). We have about 20 signed up now and have room for 5 more. We do have donations to cover expenses, it's not too late to make the decision to come. If you would like more information call Larry Vomhof, 507-251-1342 or e-mail dvomhof@gmail.com.

Holden Village Our group has been accepted to go to Holden Village (in the Cascade Mountains of Washington State) from August 12-19 - we are so jazzed. There are 20 people signed up to go but if you are still interested, please contact Judy Gittus as we may be able to add more people. Our next meeting for the group is Feb. 12 at 11:30am in the Conference Room.

WELCA Pins Do you know someone who readily shares her gifts with the church? Ever wondered how to recognize her for her service? WELCA has the answer - nominate her for a WELCA pin. The pin is given to women who actively serve Bethel and over the years 323 women have been recognized. Nomination forms are found at the Welcome Center and in the church office and need to be returned no later than March 15, 2012.

Callers Needed! We need callers to secure greeters for both services on Sunday mornings - callers would serve a month or two at a time to make the calls to our able volunteers. An updated list is supplied with names of members who have indicated they are interested in greeting. Please sign up today on the Count Me Ins to call for greeters. Thank you!

Past Beacons Recently we discovered that we are missing some past Beacons Nov. 1987-May 1988 and Oct. 1991-Dec. 1999. Have you kept your past Beacons? If you have any of these months or years, contact Judy in the office know so we can make copies. We'd really appreciate it!

Super Bowl Sub Sandwich Youth Fundraiser! Subs that were pre-ordered may be picked up this morning in the mini kitchen area. Thank you for supporting Bethel's Youth Ministry.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

(No outside groups noted on calendar)

Sunday, February 5

8:45-10:45am

9 & 10:30am

9 & 10:30am

10:00am

10:30am

6:00pm

Monday, Feb. 6

6:30pm

Tuesday, Feb. 7

8am-12pm

6:00pm

7:00pm

Wednesday, Feb. 8

6:30am

7:30am

10:00am

5:00pm

5:15-6:00pm

6:00pm

6:00pm

7:00pm

7:00pm

8:00pm

8:30pm

Thursday, Feb. 9

9:15am

6:00pm

6:00pm

7:00pm

7:00pm

Friday, Feb. 10

5:00pm

Saturday, Feb. 11

9:00am

4:00pm

6:00pm

Sunday, Feb. 12

8:45-10:45am

9 & 10:30am

9 & 10:30am

10:00am

10:30am

10:30am

10:40am

11:30am

2:00pm

4:00pm

6:00pm

6:30pm

Coffee, Cookies and Fellowship
Worship Services
Sunday School, Forum 56, Youth BRIDGE
Jubilate
Sunday Morning Education Forum
No ELEVATE

Bible Study - Next Week's Lessons

Quilting
Worship and Music Team
Social Missions Team
BITS Articles Due, 12 noon
Bible Study - Studying the Bible
Coffee and a Prayer
Bible Study - Next Week's Lessons
Personnel Team
Pizza in the Commons
Confirmation Classes
Brass, Cherubs, Choristers
Celebrant Singers, Orchestra
Youth Leadership Training
Chancel Choir
Three Days Later Rehearsal

Moms & Kids
Alleluia Ringers
Fellowship Team
Cantabile Ringers
Neighborhood Outreach Team

Brown/Herr Rehearsal

Sabbath Women
Brown/Herr Wedding
Worship with Holy Communion

Coffee, Cookies and Fellowship
Worship Services
Sunday School, Forum 56, Youth BRIDGE
Jubilate
Sunday Morning Education Forum
Mentor Ministry Listening Session
Family Story Time
Holden Village Meeting
Zumbro River Conference Meeting (off-site)
Graduation Stepping Stone #2
ELEVATE
Pre-baptism Class

SOUPER BOWL OF GIVING Are you ready for some giving? That's right our Third Annual Souper Bowl of Caring is here. Donations will be taken this Super Bowl weekend, February 4 and 5. Half the proceeds will go to Lutheran World Relief and the other half will be given to Channel One.