



BETHELITE

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*Thanks for the memories
Pastor Bill White*



Scenes from May 1 and 2

“Pastor Bill has taught me so many things, but mostly I am grateful to him for being such a fine model of what it means to be a Gospel preacher. Week after week he has delivered sermons that are challenging, that have helped me to stretch and grow as a Christian but, most significantly, he has preached sermons that are faithful to the Gospel text.

I hope to live up to his standard.”

-Pastor Laura Sutherland



Emmaus Room Reception

“I will really miss Bill’s sermons. He is a great storyteller.”
-Linda Kubly, Receptionist



“Bill has taught me that ministry is only limited by our lack of imagination and with God all things are possible.” - Jacqui Shanda, Director of Parish Education

Photos Annette Durkin · Sandy Ripp



FROM THE PASTOR

Last May during a rainy night with thunder and lightning, we buried our family dog, 'Mazing. He was a thirteen year old Irish Setter. 'Mazing loved swimming in Lake Monona and chasing the ducks, even in the frigid November waters. He had been a service dog for a friend of mine in seminary and everyday would go with her to chapel and classes; he could open doors and drawers and was far too smart for his own good. After spending his retirement with us, he now rests in the garden under a stone painted by our daughter Tasha.

Last October, our family brought home a new puppy, Forest. Forest is an English Crème, Golden Retriever. In June he will be a year old and he weighs over sixty pounds. Ever since we acquired him, Forest has spent many a day, happily accompanying me to work at Bethel. And what a delight... First, Forest visits Linda at the front desk for his friendly good morning hello and treat. Then he scampers to the break room and gobbles up whatever hasn't been completely cleaned off the floor. The excitement of his morning rounds peaks as he races up the steps, heads directly for Pastor Bill's office where he is greeted with Pastor Bill's hearty, "FOREST," "I have




New Beginnings

biscuits!" Long ago, I learned to simply drop the leash and let Forest and Pastor Bill enjoy their morning time together. They quickly developed a close bond. If Forest disappeared out of my office, I always knew where I could find him.

As the months passed, Pastor Bill began dropping hints that a nice retirement gift might involve a dog but it wasn't clear whether Sally and Pastor Bill shared the same sentiments. Last Sunday, Sally came to church and shared with me the wonderful news that she got Pastor Bill a dog for his retirement. Amazingly, their new puppy, an eight week old female, happens to have the same parents as Forest! Little Maddie is just beautiful and will enjoy many "biscuits" from both Sally and Bill.

God continues to bless us with new beginnings and new love in our lives at all stages throughout our life; sometimes through the simple gift of a puppy's wagging tale and sloppy kiss, and for that we give God our praise.


--Pastor Laura Sutherland



"Bill is a down to earth pastor, dancing, laughing and crying with his people. He has taught me that 'accompaniment' in ministry can really happen with respect. I will miss his enthusiasm to go to Puerto Rico every year."

-Pastor Pedro Suárez

Pastor Pedro with Pastor Ivette Salgado, April 29 in Borgwardt Hall



EDUCATION

Getting Ready for Sunday School

Story: Early Believers **Biblical Text:** Acts 2:43-47; 4:32-37
SPARK Story Bible, pages 504-505

Bible Point: God's people care for each other.

Key Bible Verse: *There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold.* Acts 4:34 (NRSV)

Prayer: Thank you, God, for all that you have given us. Give us generous hearts that we may share so that everyone has enough. In Jesus' name, amen.

Pastoral Staff

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NEWS & EVENTS



SAVE THE DATES

- May 12** Urban Site Meeting, 6:15 pm
- May 15** Urban Site Meeting, 10:30 am
- May 20** XYZ-last program of the year
- May 22** Baccalaureate-10:45 am service
- June 4** Bike-A-Thon
Rehearsals begin-Seussical, Jr.
- June 5** Congregational Picnic
- June 16** Youth Group-Noah's Ark, \$20
- July 7** Youth Group-Great America \$25
- Aug 1-4** Vacation Bible Camp

DreamBikes

Sunday, May 15

8:30 am to 11:30 am

In the Bethel Parking Lot

Bring in and donate bikes no longer being used to *DreamBikes!* When you donate a bike, youth in the JOB READY! program of the Boys and Girls Club of Dane County clean it, tune it and prepare the bike for resale, providing a safe work environment for kids who would not otherwise have a job. *Tax receipts available on site.*

Feed & Read Meets May 16

Infiel by Ayaan Hirsi Ali will be discussed at our noon meeting in the Library.

Bethel Book Women

Meet **May 16**, 7:00 pm to discuss *The Help*.

XYZ Day Trips

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| June 16 | Edelweiss, Milwaukee | \$79 |
| July 20 | Chicago's Best Secrets | \$75 |
| Aug 11 | Green Bay | \$79 |

Circle Meeting Schedule

Blessings

May 17, at 6:30 pm, Cheryl Allen

Rejoice

May 17, 7:15 pm, Sue Murray

Compassion

May 18, 6:45 pm at Bethel

Abigail

May 18, 9:30 am, Shirley Ryan

Christian Men's Fellowship - May 17

Railroad Photography at 10:30 am.

Spring Serenade May 20 at 6:30 pm

An evening of dinner and music at Bethel. Tickets: \$13, available May 15, Emmaus.

Homeless Ministry Forum

Pr. Laura Sutherland will lead a presentation at 10:30 am, **May 22.**

Prime Timers Events

- May 21** Dinner and "Hello Dolly"
Dale or Deb: 241-4751
- June 20** Brewer Game. Bus, ticket and tailgate: \$47. Jack or Sue: 721-2984



Borgwardt Hall - Youth Tribute Song

"I'll miss Bill's attentive ear when he knows that I have something on my mind, then his hug when I'm done."

-Sandy Ripp,
Data Administrator

"Bill worked hard and appreciated playing hard, too - I think the schedule he kept was really laudable - getting a lot out of most all days. He is not a frivolous person - which is a good standard for church leadership."

Alice Mowbray, Business Administrator & Director of Development



Puerto Rico Friends, Grand Ballroom of the Concourse Hotel

Grand Ballroom with Carrie Bernhardt and visiting friends

Sally White



In the first few years at Bethel, Pastor Bill, the Church Council, the Program staff and others began to talk about and then develop plans for a remodeling project. After a fair amount of work by several committees, the project was presented to the congregation for a vote. A vote of 51% or more would allow the project to move forward. At this first vote, about 53% of the congregation voted to go ahead with the remodeling project. Pastor Bill and the Congregation could have said, we won and begun the project. But Pastor Bill said, wait. We cannot ask the congregation to make this kind of a financial commitment without a stronger consensus. So, under Bill's leadership, the committees again met, this time with people who opposed the project included on each committee. Plans were tweaked, ideas were shared and people began to see a new vision. Several months later a second vote was taken. This time, around 80% of the congregation voted to remodel. Then and only then, did Pastor Bill say, let's move forward. The result, of course, is a beautiful Emmaus Room, Library and Pentecost Room. That was a great lesson to learn - when you are working with people to make change, it is not simply or even mostly about winning. Rather, it is about finding consensus and working together to make positive change. That is something I hope to remember for the rest of my ministry and beyond. -Pastor John Swanson



May 15 Fourth Sunday of Easter

- 7:45a Coffee Fellowship (*Fireside Gallery*)
- 7:55a **Worship Service** (*Sanctuary*)
- 8:30a Childcare available until 2:00p (*Nursery*)
- Dream Bikes Collection (*Parking Lot*)
- Genesis Café Open until 11:30a (*Borgwardt Hall*)
- 8:45a Library Open until 11:45a
- 9:00a Mother's Day Brunch (*Borgwardt Hall*)
- 9:15a **Worship Service** (*Sanctuary*)
- Sunday School
- 10:15a Cherub Choir (*Room 202*)
- Children's Choir (*Room 216*)
- Junior Youth Choir (*Pentecost Room*)
- 10:30a Lutherans United to Assist After Disaster (*Good Shepherd Chapel*)
- ESL Classes (*Rooms 214-216*)
- Bethel Series-Old Testament (*Library Media Room*)
- Circle of Love Golf Outing Meeting (*Room 200*)
- Urban Site Committee-Listening Session (*Genesis Café*)
- 10:45a **Worship Service** (*Sanctuary*)
- 11:00a Sunday School (*Rooms 204, 210, 211, 212*)
- 11:45a Latino Children's Choir (*Room 202*)
- 12:00p Bethel Friends Luncheon (*Fireside Gallery*)
- 12:30p **Worship-La Santa Misa** (*Sanctuary*)
- 1:30p Refrigerio (*Borgwardt Hall*)
- 6:00p **Worship-final service** (*Pentecost Room*)

May 16 Monday

- 8:30a Friendship Pad Volunteers (*Room 104*)
- 9:00a XYZ Board Meeting (*Library*)
- 12:00p BLCEF Investment Committee (*Room 200*)
- Feed and Read (*Library*)
- 7:00p Book Women (*Library Media Room*)
- Camera Club (*Fireside Gallery*)
- Bethel Series Old Testament (*Good Shepherd Chapel*)

May 17 Tuesday

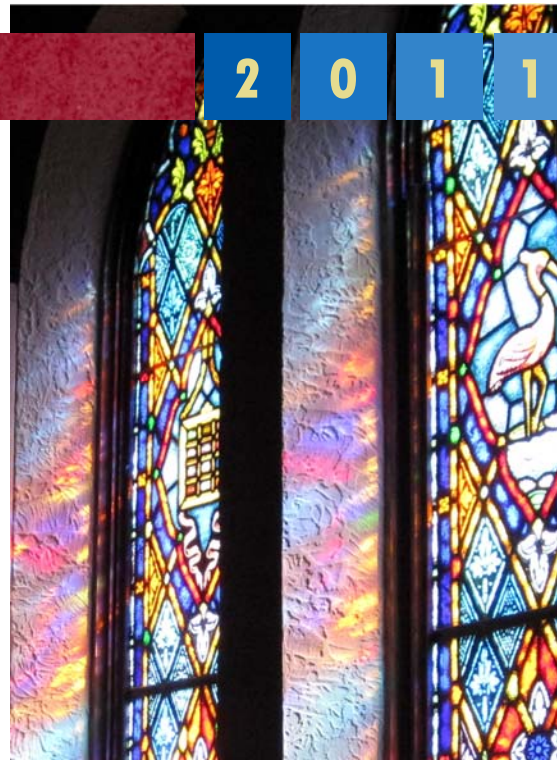
- 8:30a Homeless Book Group (*Fireside Gallery*)
- 9:00a Library Open until 12:00p
- 10:00a Homeless Support Services (*Pentecost Room*)
- 10:30a Homeless Spiritual Support Group (*Pentecost Room*)
- Christian Men's Fellowship (*Borgwardt Hall*)
- 12:30p Jail Chaplaincy Support Group (*Room 216*)
- 3:30p Southdale After School Program (*lower level*)
- 5:00p Grupo Latino Practica de Musica (*Sanctuary*)
- 5:15p Women's Choir (*Choir Room*)
- 6:00p Spanish Class (*Room 216*)
- 6:30p Creative Worship Singers (*Choir Room*)
- Computer Class (*Pentecost Room*)
- Latino Senior High Youth Group (*Youth Room*)
- 6:45p Separated & Divorced Group
(*Room 101, Good Shepherd Chapel, Library*)
- 7:15p Church Council (*Room 201*)

May 18 Wednesday

- 9:30a **Worship Service** (*Good Shepherd Chapel*)
- 10:00a Homeless Support Services (*Pentecost Room*)
- 5:30p Bethel Ringers (*Room 202*)
- 6:30p Hot Topics (*Youth Room*)
- 6:45p Compassion Circle (*Library Media Room*)

May 19 Thursday

- 7:00a Current Christian Concerns (*Library Media Room*)
- 10:00a Homeless Support Services (*Pentecost Room*)
- 1:00p Evelyn Circle (*Library Media Room*)
- 3:30p Southdale After School Program (*lower level*)
- 4:30p Media Ministry Board Meeting (*Library Media Room*)
- 6:00p Bethel Choir Officers Meeting (*Library Media Room*)
- 6:30p Computer Class (*Pentecost Room*)



Stephen Ministry Continuing Education (*Rooms 200-201, GSC*)

7:00p Bethel Choir Rehearsal (*Choir Room*)

May 20 Friday

- 7:00a Men's Book Study (*Borgwardt Hall*)
- 9:30a XYZ-last meeting until fall (*Throughout Building*)
- 5:00p Peterson/Leikip Wedding Rehearsal (*Sanctuary*)
- 6:30p Spring Serenade (*Borgwardt Hall, Pentecost*)

May 21 Saturday

- 8:00a Bible Study (*Library*)
- 8:30a Parenting Group (*Fireside Gallery*)
- 3:30p Peterson/Leikip Wedding (*Sanctuary, Emmaus Room*)
- 5:00p **Worship Service** (*Pentecost Room*)

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

SATURDAY, MAY 14 5:00 PM

MAY 15 7:55 AM 9:15 AM 10:45 AM

PASTOR JOHN SWANSON

12:30 PM-SPANISH PASTOR PEDRO SUÁREZ

6:00 PM PASTOR SARAH HARROLD

1 Peter 2:19-25 John 10:1-10

TELECAST INFORMATION

<u>Madison</u>	<u>Green Bay*</u>
10:00 am WKOW-TV 27	8:30 am WACY-TV 32
<u>Eau Claire</u>	<u>Milwaukee-Cable 15*</u>
10:00 am WQOW-TV 18	9:30 am WPXE-PAX 55
<u>La Crosse</u>	<u>Wausau*</u>
10:00 am WXOW-TV 19	9:00 am WFXS-FOX 55
<u>Dubuque*</u>	9:30 am & 9:00 pm KFXB-TV 43

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