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Welcome SUMMER INTERNS



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Again this summer, Bethel is blessed by the presence of enthusiastic college student interns. These interns are working on a variety of projects, including web site content management, photography with editing and storage, Latino Ministries assistant, Vacation Bible Camp, Circle of Love, youth group activities, Family Ministry activities, Summer Treats program, Music department and library, Reception desk help, kitchen and mechanical room help, painting and internet wiring, window washing and the Food Pantry - we like to keep them busy!

*-Stacy Gahlman-Schroeder,
Intern Project Manager*

Front Row: Daniel Last, Ale Vizcarra, Christin Buccholz

Second Row: Kara Gentilli, Amanda Chicks, Tony Elizalde

Third Row: Lizzie Dies, Anna Spiekerman, Emily Schreiber

Fourth Row: Luke Hrovat-Staedter, Patrick Kenney

Congregational
Picnic &
Festival June 5
BETHEL HORIZONS



Photos Lindsey Scheid





FROM THE PASTOR

Compassion and Kindness

Recently, our goldfish died. I am not sure if a goldfish's death warrants much, if any, note. After all, goldfish are typically not seen as the most lasting of pets, nor are they the most affectionate. However, Goldie (our not so uniquely named fish) somehow seemed to swim her/his way into our hearts and then remained there for quite some time. Goldie became a part of our family in the summer of 2002 – just a few months before our son Caleb arrived into our hearts and home.

When Beth, Lydia and I were at *Rhythm and Booms* that summer, Lydia and I went to the attractions while Beth remained by our chairs and blankets. Lydia, who was then 5, and I went to a game where we paid a few dollars for the opportunity to try to throw a ping pong ball into a bowl of water with a goldfish. Lydia, who desperately wanted to win that goldfish, went 0 for 3. She was so disappointed. I was not - I acted disappointed, of course, but was secretly thrilled. As we turned to leave, however, the woman who was behind the table said, "Sir, you forgot your goldfish." I quickly responded, "Oh, you're mistaken. She didn't get any of the ping pong balls into the bowl." The woman then covered her mouth so that only I could see what she was saying and told me, "The little ones always win," and handed Lydia the fish in a zip-lock bag full of water. Lydia jumped up and screamed "Hurray" as my stomach began to sink. So, we took our little fish home, named him/her and made a fish bowl out of an old 2 liter bottle of soda.

After a month, Goldie was still alive and Lydia lobbied for a real fish bowl. So, Goldie got her/his first "housing" upgrade. Over the years, Goldie received a few additional living improvements – new rocks to decorate the bottom of his/her bowl, a goldfish friend (named Buddy, who only lasted a year or so), a castle to swim around and finally, two or three Christmases ago,

a filtered tank. All the while, the family, particularly Lydia and Caleb, became increasingly attached to this little aquatic pet. So, as we said good-bye to Goldie, our hearts, Lydia's and Caleb's most especially, were filled with sadness.

Goldie's passing has served as a reminder to me of how the simple kindness of others can turn out to be a true blessing to us. The woman's act at *Rhythm and Booms* nine years ago certainly did not change our lives, but her generosity did indeed touch my family in a positive way. If a simple goldfish can do that much for a family, think of what your kind words, gestures or actions might do for an elderly neighbor, a child or youth from Bethel or a relative going through a tough time. It is so easy to forget that our faith calls us to live lives of compassion, kindness, grace and mercy. Such lives, lived with a focus on others, can begin to make our world a better place.

Who knows what the impact will be on the person to whom you show some measure of kindness today? Whether it is small or great is unknown, but the chance for an impact is there only because of the kindness that you first showed.

Peace -Pastor John Swanson

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NEWS & EVENTS



Area Bishops to Preach at Bethel

During this time of transition, four Wisconsin Bishops will serve as guest preachers during the month of July. We are delighted to welcome to Bethel's pulpit:

July 10 - Bethel's Bishop

Bishop Bruce Burnside, South Central Synod

July 17

Bishop Jim Arends, La Crosse Area Synod

July 24

Bishop Jim Justman, East Central Synod

July 31

Bishop Jeff Barrow, Greater Milwaukee Synod

Summer Choir every 4th Sunday

Join us **June 26** at 8:30 am to sing at the 9:15 am service. Summer Choir rehearses just before the service, all ages welcome. Also singing **July 24** and **August 28**. A great opportunity to give choir a try and to help provide worship music during the summer!



Vacation Bible Camp

Children ages 3 - 12 can register now to take the Bethel Horizons' bus to Dodgeville for this year's Vacation Bible Camp (VBC). The adventure begins

August 1 and ends with a family picnic on **August 4**. In between, we will use Bible stories to discover

that Jesus chooses people one by one to follow him and weaves them into a community. Jacqui: 257-3577.



Feed and Read

June 20 at noon, we will discuss *Truck: A Love Story*, by Michael Perry. All welcome!

Bethel Book Women

You're Not You: A Novel, by Michelle Wildgen, will be discussed at 7:00 pm on **June 21**.

Bethel Library

New books and DVD's featured monthly. Check it out in person, or on the web site.

Carroll Street Construction

The block adjacent to Bethel's parking lot exit will be under construction the month of June. Please check with Parking Lot Ushers for updates on exiting the lot.

Banking on Hope House

Please return your donations bank on Father's Day, **June 19**. Your contributions will support our mothers and children.

Hope House at Klein's

Please mention Hope House when you make a purchase at Klein's Floral, and we will receive 10% of your amount spent.

Blanket Workshop - June 23

Meet in Borgwardt Hall at 9:00 am.

Age/Date	Jun 26-Jul 1	July 10-15	July 17-22	July 24-29	Aug 7-12	Aug 14-19
8-10	Tepee	Tepee Cultural Immersion	Tepee Music Camp	Tepee	Tepee	Tepee
10-12	Tepee Underground Adventure	Tepee Cultural Immersion	Tepee Music Camp Underground Adventure	Tepee	Tepee	Tepee Wet & Wild
13-16	River Trip	Survival Challenge Cultural Immersion		Bike & Canoe	Nature at Night Bike & Canoe	Earth & Art Adventure

Adamah Clay Studios-Art Ventures

Workshops:

- July 8-10** Wisconsin Woodfire
- July 10-17** Professional Studio
- July 15-17** Family Clay Camp
- July 24-29** Communing with Clay III
- Aug 7-12** Clay Ventures
- Aug 14-19** Earth & Art Adventure

Information: Krista Loomans 608-574-8100
www.bethelhorizons.org

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Correction to April memorials:

In Media Ministry, it should have been listed as "In memory of Mildred Herwig (not Helwig) by Kristine Kennedy, Marian Osterberg, Jeannette Richardson."

Addition to April Parish Record:

Death: Mildred Herwig April 1

Princeton Club Results

Team Bethel lost weight and exercised its way to sixth place, donating **25,919.5** pounds of food through Second Harvest Foodbank to Bethel's Food Pantry. A big "thank you" to all our team members!

Seussical Performance

Join us Friday, **June 24** at 7:00 pm in the Oakwood West auditorium for this free event!



- June 19-24** Brule Canoe Trip \$250
- July 7** Great America Trip \$25
- July 16-24** New Orleans Mission Trip \$375

Anita: 257-3577, ext.344

American Red Cross

Beach Days Blood Drive, featuring summer refreshments and door prizes.

July 5: Sheraton Hotel, 11:30 am-5:30 pm

July 6-9: Madison West Donation Center, 4860 Sheboygan Ave., or Madison East, 2109 Zeier Rd. Alinda: 850-9476

CHURCH COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENT

Pr. Laura Sutherland, our pastor for Care Ministries, will be leaving Bethel at the end of summer to accept a Call as Senior Pastor for Mt. Olive Lutheran Church in Rochester, MN. During her four years at Bethel, Laura was instrumental in starting and developing our Homeless Ministry. She has provided leadership for grief groups, divorced and separated, the Stephen Ministry and individual counseling. Additionally, Laura has been an integral part of the worship team, preaching and leading services. We will miss Laura and her many gifts she has so generously shared with our Bethel family. We wish Laura, her husband, Rich, and their children, Tasha and Josh, all the best as they transition to a new home and faith community!



June 19 Sunday-The Holy Trinity

- 7:45a Coffee Fellowship (*Fireside Gallery*)
- 7:55a **Worship Service** (*Sanctuary*)
- 8:30a Childcare available until 2:00p (*Nursery*)
- 8:45a Library Open until 11:45a
- 9:15a **Worship Service** (*Sanctuary*)
- 10:15a Summer Treats (*Parking Lot Foyer*)
- VBC Coordinators Meeting (*Library Media Room*)
- 10:30a Homeless Program Committee (*Room 201*)
- 10:45a **Worship Service** (*Sanctuary*)
- 12:30p **Worship-La Santa Misa** (*Sanctuary*)
- 1:30p Refrigerio (*Borgwardt Hall*)
- 2:45p Bus leaves for Bethel Horizons (*Parking Lot*)

June 20 Monday

- 8:30a Friendship Pad Volunteers (*Room 104*)
- 12:00p Feed and Read (*Library*)
- 1:00p Bethelite Stuffers (*Fireside Gallery*)
- 2:00p PrimeTimers Brewer Game (*Parking Lot*)
- 3:00p Synod Refugee Meeting (*Room 200*)
- 5:30p Youth Activity Planning Meeting (*Youth Room*)
- Seussical Rehearsal (*Room 216*)

June 21 Tuesday

- 8:30a Homeless Book Group (*Good Shepherd Chapel*)
- 9:00a Library Open until 12:00p
- Circle of Love Classes (*Room 205*)
- 10:00a Homeless Support Services (*Pentecost Room*)
- 10:30a Homeless Spiritual Support Group (*Pentecost Room*)
- 5:00p Grupo Latino Practica de Musica (*Sanctuary*)
- 5:30p Seussical Rehearsal (*Room 216*)
- 6:00p Spanish Class (*Fireside Gallery*)
- 6:30p Creative Worship Singers (*Choir Room*)
- Latino Senior High Youth Group (*Youth Room*)
- 6:45p Separated & Divorced Group
(*Room 101, Good Shepherd Chapel, Library*)
- 7:00p Book Women (*Library Media Room*)
- 7:15p Church Council (*Room 201*)

June 22 Wednesday

- 9:00a Circle of Love Classes (*Room 205*)
- 9:30a **Worship Service** (*Good Shepherd Chapel*)
- 10:00a Homeless Support Services (*Pentecost Room*)
- 12:00p Urban Site Meeting (*Room 201*)
- 5:30p Seussical Rehearsal (*Room 216*)

June 23 Thursday

- 7:00a Current Christian Concerns (*Library Media Room*)
- 9:00a Blanket Workshop (*Borgwardt Hall*)
- Circle of Love Classes (*Room 205*)
- 10:00a Homeless Support Services (*Pentecost Room*)
- 5:00p Knoop/Gottenberg Wedding Rehearsal (*Sanctuary*)
- 5:30p Seussical Rehearsal (*Room 216*)

June 24 Friday

- 7:00a Men's Book Study (*Library*)
- 1:15p Bus arrives from Bethel Horizons (*Parking Lot*)
- 3:30p Knoop/Gottenberg Pre-Wedding Rehearsal (*Sanctuary*)
- 4:30p Dunpal/Hotz Wedding Rehearsal (*Sanctuary*)
- 6:00p Knoop/Gottenberg Wedding (*Sanctuary*)

June 25 Saturday

- 8:00a Bible Study (*Library*)
- 12:00p Confirmation Trip Returns (*Parking Lot*)
- 3:30p Dunlap/Hotz Wedding (*Sanctuary, Emmaus Room*)
- 5:00p **Worship Service** (*Pentecost Room*)

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

THE HOLY TRINITY

SATURDAY, JUNE 18 5:00 PM

JUNE 19 7:55 AM 9:15 AM 10:45 AM

PASTOR SARAH HARROLD

12:30 PM-SPANISH PASTOR PEDRO SUÁREZ

Genesis 1:1-2:4a 2 Corinthians 13:11-13 Matthew 28:16-20

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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