



# BETHEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

ELCA Evangelical Lutheran Church in America



*Pastoral Staff*



## WELCOME

Whether you are a life-time member, or new to our faith community, *Welcome!*

**Welcome** to the excitement of new learning opportunities with Children's Sunday School, Adult classes and Bible studies, book clubs, and discussion series.

**Welcome** to the many areas of service to our community and the world available through the ministries of Bethel.

**In the fall issues of the *Bethelite***, you will be receiving inserts specific to Bethel's ministry areas. This *Welcome* issue features an insert on Sunday School, Confirmation and Adult Education. Please save these inserts, store in this cover, and use for reference throughout the fall.



**Peter Strommen**

*Interim Senior Pastor*



**Curt Everson**

*Visitation and Worship*



**Duane Hanson**

*Bethel Horizons*



**Sarah Harrold**

*Evangelism and Mission*



**John Swanson**

*Confirmation, Visitation and Women's Ministries*



**Jaime Dubon**

*Interim Latino Ministry*



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### **Peter Strommen** *Interim Senior Pastor*



A former Bishop for the Northeastern Minnesota Synod, Pr. Strommen has also served as an Associate Pastor and Senior Pastor. He is a graduate of Augsburg College, and has a Master of Divinity from Yale Divinity/Luther Seminary.  
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### **Jaime Dubon** *Interim Latino Ministries*

Leadership of the Latino Ministry at Bethel, including Youth Group, Confirmation classes, First Communion, Sunday School, after school programs, small group study and prayer meetings.  
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### **Curt Everson** *Visitation and Worship*

Since his retirement in 1997, Curt has been serving part-time in the areas of Worship, Bible studies and Visitation to hospitals, hospice care and homebound.  
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### **Duane Hanson** *Bethel Horizons*

For over forty years, Duane has served as Camp Director for the 548 acre Bethel camp near Dodgeville. The camp is all ages and features camp weeks, retreats, plus adventure, education and pottery centers.  
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### **Sarah Harrold** *Evangelism and Mission*

Sarah has formed the 20†30 Group for Young Adult Ministry, and is pastoral support for our Outreach Ministries. Sarah is part of Pastoral Care, teaching and preaching.  
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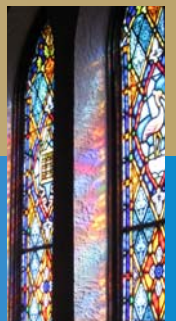
### **John Swanson** *Confirmation, Visitation and Women's Ministry*

On staff for seventeen years, John's areas are Bethel's Confirmation program for youth, grades 7-9, visitation to homebound, hospitals and care centers, Women's Ministry and Care Ministry.  
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## Mission Statement

*A city-wide church with a world-wide ministry, responding to God and God's world; nourished by Word and Sacrament, offering diversity in worship, mission and learning opportunities. Bethel sees diversity as a gift from God. We welcome all people without regard to race, family or economic status, age, disability or sexual orientation, and invite them to participate fully in the life of our congregation.*



## Program Staff

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**Mary Conlin**

**Director XYZ and Volunteers**

XYZ group, Prime Timers, scheduling volunteers for ministries, care visit scheduling, Greeters, Ask Me Desk.

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**Stacy Gahlman-Schroeder**

**Assistant to the Senior Pastor**

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**Jacqui Shanda**

**Director of Parish Education**

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**Alice Mowbray**

**Business Administrator-**

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**Annette Durkin**

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**Anita Grue, AIM**

**Coordinator of Youth Ministries**

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**Susan Straus**

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**Sandy Ripp**

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Classes for new members, database management, wedding reservations.

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**Ray Weihofen**

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Cory Hamilton, Asst. to Youth Ministries Coordinator ..ext 226

Linda Kubly, Receptionist .....ext 221

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Connie Scholz, Saturday Receptionist ..... ext 221

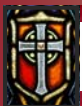
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## Volunteer Contacts

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Bethel Book Women	Beth Olson .....	338-8148
Bethel Builds	Paul Moen.....	233-9734
Bethel Food Pantry	John Shanda .....	249-6644
Bethel Friends	Stan Bang .....	445-9226
Blanket Workshop	Jeanette Pochebut .....	244-8067
Christian Men's Fellowship	David Lewke .....	245-0287
Church Ladies Ministry	Alice Hansen .....	271-3388
Circles	Jo Thomley .....	838-8091
Community Meal Program	Janet Johnson.....	274-6745
Cup Washers-Sunday	Greta Hammonds. ....	204-9205
Current Christian Concerns	Larry Larrabee .....	249-9982
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Friends of Horizons	Wayne Raether .....	274-9661
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Friendship Club	Judi Griffin .....	222-9290
Hope House	Burt Olson.....	238-6594
Household-Estate Sales	Pat Bruden.....	246-1813
L.U.A.D.	Bill Berkan.....	233-8327
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Lydia's House	Nancy Wanless.....	246-8219
Meals on Wheels	Meg Weaver .....	243-7774
Men's Book Study	Roland Paul.....	222-2421
Mission Wheels Hosts	Frank Rudrud.....	251-2223
Outreach Homes	Roland Paul.....	222-2421
Pie Lady	Mary Savall .....	829-0230
Read and Feed	Kathy Pielage.....	845-3396
Red Cross-Blood Donors	Alinda Nelson.....	850-9476
Saturday Bible Study	Mary Brennan .....	249-1848
Sunday Greeters	Jack & Sue Marking .....	721-2984
Triangle Ministry	Frank Rudrud.....	251-2223
Women's Coord. Council	Nancy Wanless.....	246-8219





## Office Hours & Contact Information

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## Education for Children

*"Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them, for it is to such as these that the Kingdom of God belongs."* LUKE 18:16B

**Ministry for children** provides Nursery, Sunday School in two languages, Holy Communion instruction, Bible presentation, special days at Bethel Horizons and Vacation Bible Camp.

### Child Care - Nursery

Bethel's nursery is located off of the Fireside Gallery (lower level) in room 21. Features include natural sunlight, restroom facilities, toys, and a secure environment, with a check-in and personal paging system. The nursery is staffed on Sundays from 8:30 am - 2:00 pm. Volunteers also assist the staff at the 9:15 am service from September through May. Bethel provides childcare during many adult classes and large group events.

**Susan Straus** 257-3577 ext 336



All children ages 2 years old - sixth grade are

### Sunday School - begins Sept 11

invited to attend at 9:15 am in English or at 11:00 am in Spanish/English. The traditional classes use the Augsburg Fortress SPARK! curriculum which is designed to be biblically sound, educationally effective, and engaging. Prayer, friendship and small group connections within the classroom are emphasized. Sixth grade meets in Genesis Café for *Breakfast Club* and participates in worship. At 11:00 am, students meet in their classroom and use the bilingual SPARK! curriculum.

General Information: **Jacqui Shanda** 257-3577 ext 333

Enrollment: **Gretchann Dalgaard** 257-3577, ext 335

**Sunday School Milestones** Bethel is committed to equipping parents to develop their children's life in faith. We offer quarterly family devotionals and special devotional materials for Advent and Lent. We assist parents and sponsors with their baptismal promise to, "place in their hands the holy scriptures" by presenting kindergarten children with a copy of the SPARK Story Bible, featuring stories from their weekly curriculum. This year's third grade students will receive a copy of the NRSV Bible on **October 9**. Third grade students will receive instruction for their preparation to celebrate Holy Communion. All Sunday School students participate in the annual Christmas pageant on Sunday afternoon, **December 18**.



**Jacqui Shanda** 257-3577 ext 333

**Special Days at Bethel Horizons** Bethel's camp is adjacent to Governor Dodge State Park in Dodgeville. On Thursday, **October 27**, (WEAC Convention) we load the Horizons bus with kids at 8:45 am in Bethel's parking lot for a Spook-tacular day. The return trip brings us back to Bethel at 5:00 pm. We'll also celebrate Martin Luther King Day at Horizons on Monday, **January 16, 2012**. Cost for food, transportation and activities is \$20.

**Jacqui Shanda** 257-3577 ext 333



**Vacation Bible Camp at Horizons** Children ages 3-12 pack up their backpacks from **August 6-9, 2012** and head to Bethel Horizons for four days of Bible stories, outdoor fun, swimming and singing. Buses and vans leave Bethel's parking lot every morning at 8:00 am, and return at both 12:30 pm and 5:30 pm. Camping overnight at Horizons is available. *This camp is substantially subsidized by a generous grant from the Bethel Endowment Foundation.*

*Participation is limited to Bethel members and one friend.*

**Jacqui Shanda** 257-3577 ext 333

### Volunteer Needs

Administrators and Assistants for Sunday morning; help with special events.

**Gretchann Dalgaard** 257-3577, ext 335



## Confirmation Ministry

**The Confirmation program** is structured around a series of flexible electives for students entering Seventh grade. The program finishes with the Confirmation service, two months after the start of 9th grade. Each month, Bethel offers 7 - 10 class choices. Students pick and attend several of these 3 hour sessions. Classes are from the three main areas of Bible study, Our Faith, and Our Society. Classes meet at a variety of times, including weekends and school holidays. Once a month, students meet with their Homeroom, a small group of 8-12 students plus 1 or 2 teachers. Additionally, students complete 15 hours of community service, submit Sermon reports and attend 2 one night Retreats at Bethel Horizons, plus a one week event over the course of the 2+ years.

General Information: **Pr. John Swanson** 257-3577 ext 330

Enrollment: **Gretchann Dalgaard** 257-3577 ext 335

Orientation and registration meetings:

**Sept 7**, 6:00 pm; **Sept 11**, 10:45 am; **Sept 17**, 9:00 am

**Sept 30-Oct 1** Confirmation Retreat at Horizons

**Oct 30** Confirmation Sunday, 10:45 am worship service

**Volunteer needs:** Teachers for small groups of 8-10 students. Curriculum and training provided.

### Prayer Friends-Volunteer Needs

Each Year 1 Confirmation student is paired with a Prayer Friend. This volunteer prays for and supports the student throughout the 2+ year process. At a Brunch in the spring of Year 1, students and families meet the Prayer Friends. The Prayer Friend program has been a meaningful part of the Confirmation experience at Bethel for many years. Watch for Sunday morning sign-up tables during October.

**Gretchann Dalgaard** 257-3577 ext 335





## Adult Education

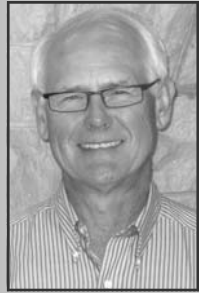
*"and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free."*  
JOHN 8:32

Enriching our spiritual lives and preparing us for service are the goals of Bethel's adult education ministry. Bethel Bible Series, Bible study groups led by our Pastors, classes, discussions and book studies abound.

*All are welcome - members and non-members.*

### Senior Pastor Bible Study

**New this fall**, a five week Bible Study developed and written by Interim



Senior Pastor, Peter Strommen. Beginning **September 22**, explore *Questions God Asks Us as We Look Ahead to God's Preferred Future for Bethel*. This Bible Study will keep an eye on two important considerations: our identity as God's people and our desire for God's blessing on Bethel's ministry going forward. The questions come from a book by Trevor Hudson, *Questions God Asks us*, and direct our attention to core concerns of life-changing ministry.

Dinner will be at 6:00 pm in Borgwardt Hall. Class time: 6:45 - 8:00 pm.

Registration: **Stacy Gahlman-Schroeder** 257-3577 ext 325

### Bethel Bible Series

Bethel offers two opportunities to participate in the second year of the Bethel Bible Series congregational level class, an overview study of the Bible that ties Old Testament concepts to New Testament themes. Explore the power and mystery of God's grace.

**Sunday**, 10:30 - 11:45 am beginning **September 18**

**Monday**, 7:00 - 8:15 pm beginning **September 12**

The cost of materials for each class is \$40. Scholarships are available.

**Jacqui Shanda** 257-3577 ext 333

### Love and Logic

The primary mission of the Love and Logic Institute is to make the world a better place by helping parents and caregivers raise great kids... kids who will grow up to be great citizens. The practical and proven tools will help you raise responsible, productive, respectful, and happy kids. Most importantly, parenting will be fun and rewarding, and you will be able to discipline your kids effectively without losing their love and respect. Facilitated by Julie Martinelli on Wednesdays, **November 2-December 7** from 6:00 - 7:30 pm. The cost is \$25 per person or \$35 per couple, and includes one workbook.

Childcare is provided.

**Jacqui Shanda** 257-3577 ext 333

### The Bethel Idea

This on-going discussion of planned expansion for Bethel's downtown campus will focus on three *Idea Sessions* this fall. Please join the thought process and share your ideas and questions on Second Sundays: **September 11, October 9** and **November 13** at 10:30 am in Good Shepherd Chapel.

### Grief Group Ministry

This three session course will focus on *What Do You Do After You Say Hello?* The group will meet on Third Sundays, **September 18, October 16** and **November 20** at 10:30 am in Good Shepherd Chapel. Based on the book, *Don't Sing Songs to a Heavy Heart*. Book, \$15. No registration needed.

### Prayers Without Words

Taught by Phyllis Anderson, this is a study of the Christian symbols found in Bethel's stained glass windows and needlepoint pieces. Learn how these common symbols used throughout Christian history connect us with the saints who've gone before us, and the family of God we are today. Offered on Sundays, **September 25** and **October 2** at 10:30 am in Good Shepherd Chapel.

### Bethel's Library

Located on the first floor, down the hallway from the Sanctuary, it has an extensive collection of media for adults and children. Check out our special children's section, Spanish and bi-lingual materials, Christian rock DVDs, magazines, and reference collections. The library is open Sunday and Tuesday mornings from 9:00 am - 12:00 pm and by appointment. You can now access the online catalog through Bethel's website, under the education and library tab.

**Jacqui Shanda** 257-3577 ext 333

### Book Studies-Year round

#### Feed & Read

Meets at noon on the third Monday of the month in the Library. Please bring a dish to pass, or a lunch.

**Sept 19** *People of the Book*, Geraldine Brook

**Oct 17** *Tall Grass*, Sandra Dallas

**Nov 21** *The Secret Life of Anne Boleyn*, Robin Maxwell

**Kathy Pielage** 845-3396

### Bethel Book Women

Meets at 7:00 pm on the third Monday of the month.

**Sept 19** *The Soloist*, Steve Lopez

**Oct 17** *Cutting For Stone*, Abraham Verghese

**Nov 21** *Half Broke Horses*, Jeanette Walls

**Beth Olson** 338-8148

### Current Christian Concerns

Men's discussion group meeting on Thursday mornings in Borgwardt Hall at 7:00 am. Focused on current issues from a Christian perspective.

**Larry Larrabee** 249-9982

### Friday Morning Men's Book Study

Meets on Fridays at 7:00 am in Borgwardt Hall for fellowship, continental breakfast and discussion.

On **September 9**, our group will begin *13 Things That Don't Make Sense: The Most Baffling Scientific Mysteries of Our Time* by Michael Brooks.

**Roland Paul** 222-2421

### Saturday Morning Book Study

Fellowship, prayer and discussion group meeting weekly at 8:00 am in the Bethel Library. The fall study begins **September 10**, with *Love Wins* by Rob Bell. Discussion will center on the reconciliation between God's Love and God's judgment.

**Mary Brennan** 249-1848

### Book Studies-New Fall Series

Join Normajeane Strommen in two class offerings:

*Creating a Life With God*, a focus on ancient prayer practices. This invitation to recognize and focus on the longings of your heart for God is a pilgrimage of transformation. Six week class will be held in Good Shepherd Chapel, beginning Wednesday, **September 21**, 10:30 am - 12:00 pm.

*The Way of Transforming Discipleship*, will engage the group in a deeper understanding of our Baptistal call and vocation through scripture, prayer and discussion. Six week class will be held in Good Shepherd Chapel, beginning Wednesday, **September 21**, 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm.

Normajeane is a spiritual director and experienced retreat leader. Classes limited to 10 each.