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Family Ministry



Mardi Gras Festivities
March 8, 2011

Family Ministry events are open to Bethel members, friends and visitors, offering a variety of programming throughout the year. Many events include a meal, at a nominal charge.

Susan Straus 257-3577, ext 336



Fall Kick-Off, September 2010

Parenting Group

Meets on the first and third Saturday of each month at 8:30 am for breakfast and programs, and on the second Friday of the month for Date Night, and other activities from 5:30 pm - 8:30 pm. Child care provided at all events. **Pr. Sarah Harrold** 257-3577, ext 332.

Fall Schedule 2 0 1 1

- September 9** Fall Kick-Off in Bethel's Parking lot with food, games, crafts, music, inflatables and a Bounce House. \$5 suggested donation.
- September 17** Clothing Swap-new or gently used children's clothing, 8:30 am Breakfast included. Bring clothing to Bethel by Sept. 11.
- October 16** Enjoy the Packers vs. St. Louis football game on our big screen TV, along with a tail-gate indoor lunch.
- October 21** Spook-tacular, fun and safe Halloween event. Dinner, treat bag decorating and a costume parade with treats. Starts at 5:30 pm.
- November 12** Fairy Brunch begins at 9:30 am with fairy 'make-over', fairy treats and fairy movie.
- November 19** Calling all cowboys! Rustle up a great breakfast and watch a western movie, 9:30 am - 11:30 am.
- December 3-4-5** Help decorate Bethel for Christmas. Food provided.
- December 17** Christmas Craft Brunch, complete with wrapping table!



FROM THE PASTOR

This summer, I had the opportunity to take part in a very fine writing workshop in Iowa City called "Writing as a Meditative Practice," led by poet Elizabeth Robinson. Our little group had a number of clergy (not the majority, thankfully), Protestants, Roman Catholics, Jews and searchers. One of the participants was a native of Charleston, South Carolina, currently living in Atlanta. He read a piece he was working on about a conversation in a southern church. The preacher was repeating the phrase "The bones of Lazarus never did get cold!" (Read it with a glorious Georgia accent.) Finally a little boy in the congregation turns to his daddy and says, "But the chicken's gonna get cold." In the course of the conversation he adds this: "Ain't nobody saved Sunday afternoon!"

I told Russ that us northerners don't have the fine oral tradition of the south and I wasn't familiar with the phrase; had he made it up or was it something said 'down there.' He replied "Oh, no... that's something we say... We say, 'Preacher, you got me for an hour this morning. Get it done cuzz ain't nobody saved Sunday afternoon.'"

Well, the theology could be questionable and with our Sunday evening service continuing here at the Lutheran Campus Center, maybe we could make the claim that saving begins again Sunday evening, but I liked the phrase. It is printed over my desk now. Here's what it means for me: There is something precious and promising about the present moment. We live conscious of the blessed past and hopeful for God's future, but we live this present moment. For me the first year students coming to campus are not simply potential seniors but current sisters



Gracious Moments

and brothers. The grace of God is filling this moment and there is a gracious urgency about being true to the one who saves and sustains in that moment by exercising hospitality, proclaiming the grace of God in as many ways as possible, living forgiveness and seeking openness. We honor all their time commitments - since their chief calling from God just now is to be students - and exist not to drag them away from that important calling to spend all their hours here, but to make their time here special enough that the rest of their week-work is touched by grace.

That is what we have experienced at Bethel over the years ... you know that. That is what we share in campus ministry in the crazy rhythm of semesters, mid-terms, finals and labs and reports and writing and reading and testing and passing and failing and trying to find a gracious God in the midst of all this.

-- Pastor Brent Christianson

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Susan Straus Family Life Coordinator & Secretary to Evangelism, Mission & Care Ministries

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NEWS & EVENTS



New Member Class - October 8

Are you interested in joining Bethel? The fall class will be held 9:00 am-1:30 pm.

Class Overview

- Our Church: beliefs, history, mission
- Tour of the church
- Staff Introduction
- Learn about programs & activities
- Assistance from Bethel Mentors
- Lunch and photos

The class of new members will be introduced at the 9:15 am worship service on **October 23**. Sandy Ripp, 257-3577, ext 231, sandy@bethel-madison.org



Lutheran World Relief Kits

Two dates are scheduled to pack boxes:

September 21

12:00-4:00 pm - Borgwardt Hall

October 6

12:00-4:00 pm - Library Media Room

If you can't come for the entire work time don't worry...any length of time you can help us would be great! Sherri Hahn: sahahn@charter.net cell phone 712-6903.



Golf Outing-September 26

Join the fun as we raise funds for the Children of Chernobyl project at Nakoma Golf Club. Brochures with registration forms are available in the

Emmaus Room, or on our web site.

Jack Poulson: 219-4799.

MADISON REMEMBERS

A SEPTEMBER 11 CONCERT - 3:00 PM

Directed by Gary Lewis, this free community concert will feature appropriately reflective and inspiring works for the Overture Concert Organ. Community choruses and instrumentalists will perform with readings of secular texts between pieces. All ages, no tickets required.

XYZ (Extra Years of Zest) Events

September 9 - Fall Schedule Begins

- 9:30 am Chapel in Pentecost Room
- 10:00 am Fellowship with treats
- 10:30 am Classes
- 12:00 pm Lunch in Borgwardt Hall
- 12:45 pm Topical program/Speaker

Sept. 27 - Walk on the Wild Side Baraboo with a tour of the Wisconsin Big Cat Rescue and Educational Center, then lunch and music at Wisconsin Opry. \$69.

Mary Conlin: 257-3577, ext 334

Prime Timers

Sept. 20, travel to the Fox Cities Performing Arts Center to see Garrison Keillor's *Prairie Home Companion*. Cost for transportation, dinner and orchestra seating ticket: \$82. Mary Conlin: 257-3577, ext 334.

Art and Faith Trip

Join Pr. Duane Hanson **August 3-17, 2012** and travel to Germany, Poland, Czech Republic, Slovakia & Austria, optional extension to Vienna, **August 17-20**, 257-3577.

Friends of Art Ventures Board

We are looking for 4 or 5 volunteers to serve on our Board. Duties include working with program leaders to maintain a variety of projects at the Art Ventures site. Bill Wiedenbeck, 839-8588, billwieden@frontier.com.

Bethel Horizons Camperships

Goal: **350** To Date: **349** Needed: **1**



Thank you for your generous support of this ministry - *only one more needed to reach our goal!!*
Angie, 257-3577

Grief Ministry Support Group

Beginning **Sept. 29**, this support group will meet for six weeks. We will offer an emotionally supportive environment for people grieving the loss of a loved one. Led by Pr. John Swanson and Normanjean Strommen, Thursdays, 12:00 - 1:00 pm. Pr. John: 257-3577, ext 330, jswanson@bethel-madison.org.

Grief Ministry Caregivers Class

What Do You Do After You Say Hello?

This three session course, led by Stephen Ministers Tim Fritz and Katy Rykken Schweitz, will meet **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*, class will examine do's and don'ts of expressing care to the suffering. Participants will walk away better armed for Christian care giving. No registration necessary. Book available for \$15. Jacqui: 257-3577.

theBethelidea

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.
--Sponsored by Urban Site Committee

VBC Lost and Found

Wow - do we have treasures from camp! Please take a moment to look through the items in the white cabinets, across from the first floor elevator. Gretchann, 257-3577.

Bhutanese Refugee Support Group

Bethel sponsors 25 people from Nepal, and would welcome additional help with this ministry. Call: Mary Lou Tyne, 222-9233, or Joanne Ellingson, 837-0051. Please check our web site for a list of current needs.

Women's Ministries Fall Meeting

Join women from throughout our Synod on **Sept. 8** at Hope Lutheran Church, 3702 County Road AB from 6:00-8:30 pm. An overview of the year will be presented. Conference officers are encouraged to attend, all are welcome. Nancy: 246-8219.

Employment:

After-School Program Assistant-Musician

Assist in creating, organizing and instructing a recreation/academic program for up to 24 elementary school kids. Yolibeth@gmail.com

Household-Estate Sale

September 7-8 Tonyawatha Trail
Pat Bruden: 246-1813

Pr. Bill White Honorary Named Fund

This Spring at Pr. Bill White's retirement banquet - the presentation and announcement was made telling him and all in attendance of the Fund established and held within our Endowment Foundation. Grants provided for by this fund will be at the direction of Pr. Bill's mission interest areas - and will include Caribbean Synod ministries. All members and friends are invited and encouraged to donate toward this named fund, in his honor - and can do so via check or stock gifts, with the notation 'Bill White Honorary Fund.' Thank you in advance for your consideration of adding to this meaningful retirement gift from Bethel's congregation.

-- Alice Mowbray



Sept 4 Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

- 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*)
- 9:45a Worship Rehearsal for 10:45 (*Choir Room*)
- 10:45a **Worship Service** (*Sanctuary*)
- 12:30p **Worship-La Santa Misa** (*Sanctuary*)
- 1:30p Refrigerio (*Borgwardt Hall*)

Sept 5 Monday-Holiday

Church and Office Closed

Sept 6 Tuesday

- 7:30a Executive Committee Meeting (*Room 201*)
- 8:30a Homeless Book Group (*Room 216*)
- 9:00a Library Open until 12:00p
- 10:00a Homeless Support Services (*Pentecost Room*)
- 10:30a Homeless Spiritual Support Group (*Pentecost Room*)
- 5:00p Grupo Latino Practica de Musica (*Sanctuary*)
- 6:30p Worship Rehearsal (*Sanctuary*)
- Latino Senior High Youth Group (*Youth Room*)
- 6:45p Separated & Divorced Group
(*Room 101, Good Shepherd Chapel, Library*)

Sept 7 Wednesday

- 9:30a **Worship Service** (*Good Shepherd Chapel*)
- 10:00a Homeless Support Services (*Pentecost Room*)
- 6:00p 20+30 Group (*Borgwardt Hall*)
- Confirmation Kick-Off (*Pentecost Room*)
- 6:30p Hot Topics (*Youth Room*)

Sept 8 Thursday

- 6:00a Business Christian Fellowship (*Pentecost Room*)
- 7:00a Current Christian Concerns (*Library Media Room*)
- 10:00a Homeless Support Services (*Pentecost Room*)
- 6:00p Middle School Ministry (*Fireside, Game Room*)

Sept 9 Friday

- 7:00a Men's Book Study (*Library*)
- 9:30a XYZ Resumes
(*Fireside Gallery, Pentecost, various locations*)
- 5:30p Fall Kick-Off (*Parking Lot*)
- Parenting Group (*Fireside Gallery*)

Sept 10 Saturday

- 7:00a Homeless Breakfast (*Borgwardt Hall*)
- 8:00a Bible Study (*Library*)
- 5:00p **Worship Service** (*Pentecost Room*)



Sunday School begins September 11

All children ages 2 – 6th grade are invited to attend class at 9:15 am in English, or bi-lingual class at 11:00 am in Spanish/English.

Based on Augsburg Fortress SPARK! Curriculum, designed to activate faith in our children. Prayer, friendship and small group connections within the classroom are emphasized.

If your child was active in Sunday School last year, s/he is promoted to the next grade level and you do not need to register again. Sunday School invitations with teachers' names and class locations were mailed earlier this week. If you would like to enroll in Sunday School for the first time or want to change the age level or class time, please contact Gretchann at 257-3577, ext. 335 or gretchann@bethel-madison.org.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 3 5:00 PM
SEPTEMBER 4 7:55 AM 9:15 AM 10:45 AM

PASTOR PETER STROMMEN
12:30 PM-SPANISH PASTOR JAIME DUBON

Ezekiel 33:7-11 Romans 13: 8-14 Matthew 18:15-20

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A publication for viewers of

Worship at Bethel



BETHEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Changing directions

Or what woman having 10 silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house and search carefully until she finds it? When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, "Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost." Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents. Luke 15:8-10

I lost two checks I intended to take to the bank to deposit. The value of the checks did not amount to a lot, but that in no way affected the intensity of my search. I had been organizing some mail on a shelf in our kitchen. These two checks were part of that pile, and I remember placing the checks in that area. A few days later when I wanted to go to the bank to deposit those checks, they were not there.

Panic set in. I began looking through the pile of mail. I searched through other piles nearby. I began lifting up cookbooks, crawling on the floor, sorting through drawers and going through the pockets of my clothes. I invited the rest of my family into this search in a less than gracious way, "Can everyone come up to the kitchen now – I mean now – we have an emergency!" While my family thought my emergency declaration might have been a bit of an overreaction, they were very helpful. Still, we never found those two checks.

During my search, I kept remembering other moments when I lost something. I found it interesting, but not surprising, that the strongest memory in each of those situations was the moment I found the lost item. That moment of joy and relief was so fulfilling and so necessary, given the fact that I had become so consumed by finding the object.

The parable of the lost coin describes what it is like to lose and then find something. It goes on to reveal that such is God's joy when one of his children repents. To repent is to change – to turn from the



Pastor John Swanson

Did you know?

Pastor John Swanson . . .

- ✚ values sincerity, kindness and a sense of humor in others.
- ✚ makes his favorite breakfast on rare occasions – scrambled eggs, hash browns, green peppers, onions, sausage and hot sauce mixed together with toast on the side.
- ✚ got his first job a few months after getting his driver's license. He was a delivery boy for a laundromat.
- ✚ would choose his wedding day if he could pick one day to re-live.

bad that we do and embrace a more positive way of dealing with life.

It is terrible to be truly lost. The frustration I described over losing a few checks pales in comparison to the pain so many people feel. But being lost does not have to be our final lot in life. God calls us to strengthen our relationship with him, turn to him in prayer, serve him eagerly and love him always.

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May 22: The members of St. John's Lutheran Church in Prairie
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Green Bay, Wis.

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Inside: Changing directions

Bethel Lutheran Church calendar

| 2011 Sundays | First Reading | Second Reading | Gospel |
|--------------------|--|-----------------|----------------|
| Sept. 4 | Lectionary 23 Ezek. 33:7-11 | Rom. 13:8-14 | Matt. 18:15-20 |
| Sept. 11 | Lectionary 24 Gen. 50:15-21 | Rom. 14:1-12 | Matt. 18:21-35 |
| Sept. 18 | Lectionary 25 Jonah 3:10-4:11 | Phil. 1:20-30 | Matt. 20:1-16 |
| Sept. 25 | Lectionary 26 Ezek. 18:1-4, 25-32 | Phil. 2:1-13 | Matt. 21:23-32 |
| Oct. 2 | Lectionary 27 Isa. 5:1-7 | Phil. 3:4b-14 | Matt. 21:33-46 |
| Oct. 9 | Lectionary 28 Isa. 25:1-9 | Phil. 4:1-9 | Matt. 22:1-14 |
| Oct. 16 | Lectionary 29 Isa. 45:1-7 | 1 Thess. 1:1-10 | Matt. 22:15-22 |
| Oct. 23 | Lectionary 30 Lev. 19:1-2, 15-18 | 1 Thess. 2:1-8 | Matt. 22:34-46 |
| Oct. 30 | Reformation Sunday Jer. 31:31-34 | Rom. 3:19-28 | John 8:31-36 |
| Nov. 6 | All Saints Sunday Rev. 7:9-17 | 1 John 3:1-3 | Matt. 5:1-12 |
| Nov. 13 | Lectionary 33 Zeph. 1:7, 12-18 | 1 Thess. 5:1-11 | Matt. 25:14-30 |
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