

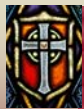


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Bible Study

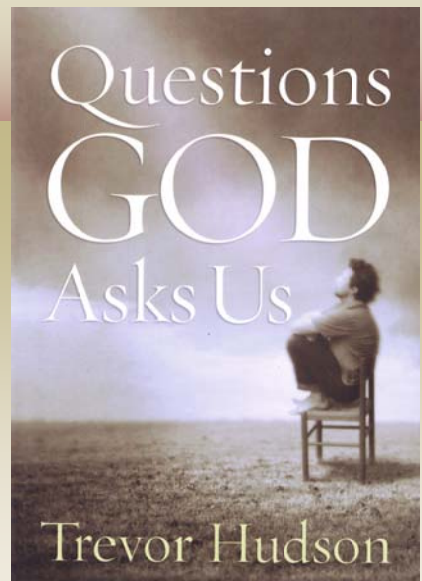
Good questions engage, make us think and even open up possibilities. God asks some great questions at the heart of life itself. Five of these will organize our new Thursday Night Bible study this fall. This five week series was developed and will be led by Interim Senior Pastor Peter Strommen:

Questions God Asks Us as We Look Ahead to God's Preferred Future for Bethel

This Bible Study will focus on two important considerations:

- † Our identity as God's people
- † 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. Each question is related to Scripture, our personal lives and our ministry as Bethel.



New Wednesday CLASSES

by Normajean Strommen

Creating a Life With God

This six week class will focus on ancient prayer practices.

Good Shepherd Chapel, 10:30 am - 12:00 pm.



The Way of Transforming Discipleship

This six week class will engage the group in a deeper understanding of our Baptismal call and vocation through scripture, prayer and discussion. Good Shepherd Chapel, 6:30 - 8:00 pm.

Books available through Bethel's Reception desk, \$10 each.
Both classes begin September 21. Register with Stacy: 257-3577 x 325
stacyg@bethel-madison.org

Thursday Night Schedule

- 6:00 pm** Dinner
- 6:45 pm** Presentation by Pastor Peter
- 7:20 pm** Small Group Breakout
- 7:50 pm** Large Group Closing

Book available at the Reception desk, \$12. Class begins **September 22** through October 20. Child care available. Call Stacy Gahlman-Schroeder to register: 257-3577 x 325



FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Members and Friends of Bethel:

I am truly looking forward to fall in Madison and being with you these next few months. Thank you again for your warm hospitality and helpfulness. We are beginning to feel more at home with the congregation and community, even certain roads here and there. It would appear that Norma and I will be here through November. That gives me my first opportunity to observe Wisconsin's legendary communal rituals around the Packers. It should be fun.

On a more reflective note, I want to encourage each of you to find (or continue in) regular practices of what might generally be called "prayer." I put "prayer" in quotations because many don't realize there are different ways of praying besides what we observe in public worship. And it is these ways that deserve our special attention.

One of the things I've noticed over my 36 years of ordained ministry is that back in 1975 people were very busy. Around 1990, that seemed to have only increased. And over this last decade, it seems to have increased again. Among the technologically savvy especially, constant multi-tasking is often the norm.

As with all exciting innovations and opportunities, there can be an unseen "downside" to constant stimulation and packed schedules. We become under-nourished when it comes to knowing God, knowing ourselves, even knowing others. Certain kinds of "knowing" come not



Prayerful Practices

through more data but less! Practices like "silence," "contemplation," "meditation," "being" and "listening" get crowded out. We may admire the Bible but not have much time to read it.

But these practices are what center us, help us to understand, cause us to re-appraise, lead to greater intimacy, or even face our "demons." And it is often in the "still, small voice" that we receive our guidance from God. All of these connect to prayer. Many connect to the idea behind a Sabbath.

May I encourage you to continue in those practices that create space to think and to pray. And if you have not yet discovered them, you might explore the resources and practices that are being taught this fall at Bethel. (see.....Norma's classes, listed on the front.)

Blessings, **Pastor Peter**

Getting Ready for Sunday School

Story: The First Sin **Biblical Text:** Genesis 3:1-24
SPARK Story Bible, pages 14-19

Bible Point: We can trust God's rules and God's forgiveness.

Key Bible Verse: *And the Lord God made garments of skins for the man and for his wife, and clothed them.* Genesis 3:21 (NRSV)

Prayer: Dear God, Thank you for loving us, even when we do something wrong. Help us to tell you when we're wrong and to ask for forgiveness. In Jesus' name, amen.

Preschool, Kindergarten and 11:00 classes begin in their classrooms
 Grades 1 - 5 begin in the Pentecost Room
 Grade 6 begins in the Genesis Café
 Questions: Jacqui Shanda, 257-3577, ext 333

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NEWS & EVENTS



PrimeTimers Events

Building Friendships through Christian Fellowship and Social Activities

Our large community of Bethel single adults and married couples are encouraged to attend PrimeTimers social activities. PrimeTimers - the perfect place to meet people. **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. Jan Markwart, 845-8387, or 497-1004.

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 Normajean Strommen, Thursdays, 12:00 - 1:00 pm. Pr. John: 257-3577, ext 330.

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.



Sound Ushers Needed!

Bethel is looking for help at the Sanctuary sound console. The time commitment is one Sunday per month. Help is needed for the 1st, 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month. Training will be provided, and you will work with other Sound Ushers each month. The sound console just "looks" complicated, and is not too difficult to operate. Please consider helping out in this vital role. Contact James Drews, drews@engr.wisc.edu, 332-1936.

Employment: After-School Assistant

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

Lutheran World Relief

Please turn in kits and bar soap by **Sept 30**.

Eagle's Wings Needs Volunteers

Our after school program for *at risk* kids will start again this year on **Oct. 11**. The program runs Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:45 to 6:15 pm during the school year. We need Volunteers to help with recreation, Bible studies and homework. If interested, please contact Yolibeth at yolibethr@gmail.com.

Free Spanish Classes!

Professional teacher, Fritz Lazo, will lead this class. We will announce a start date when we have 12 registrations. Call Einstein Gonzalez: 257-3577 x 337.

Blanket Workshop - 9:00 am

Meets **Sept. 22** in Borgwardt Hall.

Bethel Book Women

Meeting **Sept. 19** to discuss *The Soloist* by Steve Lopez. An inspiring story of heart-break and hope about Nathaniel Ayers, a homeless violinist. *All are welcome*. The October book will be *Cutting For Stone* by Abraham Verghese.

Inspiration Circle-Coffee Sales

Fair trade coffee, teas and chocolates will be available in the Parking Lot Foyer on **Sept. 25** and **Oct. 23**. Proceeds benefit Hope House and ARC House. Also available through Kathy Pielage: 845-3396.

Men's Book Study - Fridays

Join us for an hour every Friday at 7:00 am in Borgwardt Hall. Coffee and pastry are furnished, with a small donation. The group is currently reading and discussing *13 Things That Don't Make Sense* by Michael Brooks. Larry for information: 249-9982.

Food Pantry Needs Volunteers

Please help once a month for a few hours with this important Bethel ministry. We feed 50 people per day, five days a week. Contact Ruth Berkan for information: 233-8327, or: Berkan726@charter.net.

Bhutanese Refugee Support Group

We would welcome additional help with this ministry. Call: Mary Lou Tyne, 222-9233, or Joanne Ellingson, 837-0051. Please check Bethel's web site for a list of current needs.

Feed and Read

Meeting **Sept. 19** at noon in the Library for lunch and discussion of *People of the Book*, by Geraldine Brook. October book will be *Tall Grass* by Sandra Dallas. All are welcome. Jacqui Shanda: 257-3577 x 333.

Current Christian Concerns

Join this lively men's discussion group on Thursday mornings at 7:00 am in the Library Media Room. *Drop-ins welcome*.
Sept. 22 Our Changing World
Sept. 29 Living the Dream

Ride the Drive - Sept. 25 - Bike to Bethel

Information for this bike event and a map: www.cityofmadison.com/ridethedrive

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
- Bethel Mentors
- Lunch & photos



Sandy Ripp, 257-3577, ext 231, sandy@bethel-madison.org

Middle School Ministry

Off site event will be Laser Tag at Ultrazone on **Sept. 23**. Parents provide transportation. Meet at the Sapphire Room at 5:30 pm, check in and pay \$15 for pizza and games. Pick up at 7:30 pm. Anita: 698-0345.

XYZ Fridays

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

SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

September 18, 2011 at 10:15 am

The Church Council has scheduled a special congregational meeting on Sunday, September 18 at 10:15 a.m. for the purpose of taking a congregational vote to call the Senior Pastor candidate recommended by the Call Committee.

The Call Committee met on Monday, August 29 and selected a candidate for Senior Pastor. Per Bethel's constitution, the congregation must vote on the proposed Senior Pastor in a special meeting. Also, fourteen days notice must be given prior to the meeting.

Call Committee members will be available to answer questions at 4:30 pm on Saturday, Sept. 17, prior to the 5:00 pm worship service, and at 8:40 am on Sunday, Sept. 18 in Good Shepherd Chapel prior to the 9:15 am worship service. The congregational meeting to vote will be held at 10:15 am, in the Sanctuary.



Sept 18 Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

- 7:45a Coffee Fellowship (*Fireside Gallery*)
- 7:55a **Worship Service** (*Sanctuary*)
- 8:30a Childcare available until 2:00p (*Nursery*)
- Genesis Café Open (*Borgwardt Hall*)
- 8:40a Call Committee Report (*Good Shepherd Chapel*)
- 8:45a Library Open until 11:45a
- 9:15a **Worship Service** (*Sanctuary*)
- Sunday School
- 9:45a Worship Rehearsal for 10:45 (*Choir Room*)
- 10:15a Cherub Choir (*Room 202*)
- Children's Choir (*Room 216*)
- Junior Youth Choir (*Pentecost*)
- Special Congregational Meeting (*Sanctuary*)
- 10:30a ESL Class (*Room 216*)
- 10:45a **Worship Service** (*Sanctuary*)
- Bethel Series New Testament (*Library Media Room*)
- Grief Ministry Caregivers Class (*Good Shepherd Chapel*)
- 11:00a Sunday School, bi-lingual
- 11:45a Latino Children's Choir (*Room 202*)
- 12:30p **Worship-La Santa Misa** (*Sanctuary*)
- 1:30p Refrigerio (*Borgwardt Hall*)

Sept 19 Monday

- 8:30a Friendship Pad Volunteers (*Room 104*)
- 12:00p Feed & Read (*Library*)
- BLCEF Investment Committee (*Room 200*)
- 1:00p Bethelite Stuffers (*Fireside Gallery*)
- 5:30p Youth Activity Planning Meeting (*Youth Room*)
- 7:00p Bethel Series-New Testament (*Room 200*)
- Bethel Book Women (*Library Media Room*)
- Camera Club (*Fireside Gallery*)

Sept 20 Tuesday

- 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*)
- 12:30p Jail Chaplaincy Support Group (*Room 216*)
- 3:30p Southdale After School (*Pentecost, Fireside*)
- 4:30p PrimeTimers leave (*Parking Lot*)
- Bhutanese Support Group (*Library Media Room*)
- 5:00p Grupo Latino Practica de Musica (*Sanctuary*)
- 5:15p Women's Choir (*Choir Room*)
- 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 Conversational Norwegian (*Library Media Room*)
- 7:15p Church Council (*Room 201*)
- 10:15p Prime Timers return (*Parking Lot*)

Sept 21 Wednesday

- 9:30a **Worship Service** (*Good Shepherd Chapel*)
- Abigail Circle (*Library Media Room*)
- 10:00a Homeless Support Services (*Pentecost Room*)
- 10:30a *Creating a Life With God* Class (*Good Shepherd Chapel*)
- 12:00p Lutheran World Relief (*Borgwardt Hall*)
- 5:30p Bethel Ringers (*Room 202*)
- 6:30p Hot Topics (*Youth Room*)
- The Way of Transforming Discipleship* Class (*Good Shepherd Chapel*)

Sept 22 Thursday

- 7:00a Current Christian Concerns (*Library Media Room*)

- 9:00a Blanket Workshop (*Borgwardt Hall*)
- 10:00a Homeless Support Services (*Pentecost Room*)
- 3:30p Southdale After School (*Pentecost, Fireside*)
- 6:00p Bible Study Dinner (*Borgwardt Hall*)
- 6:45p Bible Study Class (*Borgwardt Hall*)
- 7:00p Bethel Choir (*Choir Room*)
- Sept 23 Friday**
- 7:00a Men's Book Study (*Borgwardt Hall*)
- 9:30a XYZ (*Fireside Gallery, Pentecost Room, various locations*)
- Sept 24 Saturday**
- 8:00a Bible Study (*Library*)
- 3:30p Gutierrez Quinceanera (*Good Shepherd Chapel*)
- 5:00p **Worship Service** (*Pentecost Room*)

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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
SEPTEMBER 17 5:00 PM
SEPTEMBER 18 7:55 AM 9:15 AM 10:45 AM
PASTOR PETER STROMMEN
12:30 PM-SPANISH PASTOR JAIME DUBON

Jonah 3:10 - 4:11 Philippians 1:21-30 Matthew 20:1-16

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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