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A city-wide church with a world-wide ministry

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

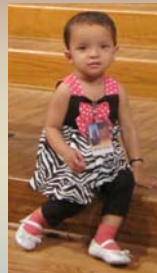
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Stewardship

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What Is That in Your Hand?



This fall, you have been receiving information about the ministries and missions of Bethel:

- † Worship: Six weekly services, plus holidays
- † Education for Children: Nursery, Sunday School, Vacation Bible Camp and Confirmation
- † Youth Ministry for grades six through twelve
- † Adult Education: Book and Bible Studies, Classes
- † Music Ministry: 10 Choirs and 3 Ensembles
- † Family Ministry and the 20†30 Group
- † Outreach and Care Ministry: Circle of Love, Food Pantry, Hope House, Outreach Houses, Grief and Stephen Ministries and Visitation, to highlight a few
- † Mission Church Partners and Trips
- † Local Missions supported by Bethel
- † Homeless and Bhutanese Refugee Ministries
- † Latino Ministry
- † Women's Ministry: Circles, Lutheran World Relief
- † Fellowship: XYZ, Friendship Club, PrimeTimers
- † Bethel Horizons: camping, adventure, nature and art
- † Media Ministry: telecasts to all of Wisconsin and northeast Iowa
- † Hospitality: New Members, Genesis Café

The list continues, and truly reflects that Bethel is a *city-wide church with a world-wide ministry*

The abundance of life at Bethel is in your hand, to have and to hold as stewards and participants. Join with fellow members on Commitment Sunday, **October 30** in making an Estimate of Giving. Commitment cards will be collected at all services as we celebrate the bounty of fall at Bethel with Reformation Sunday and Confirmation.





FROM THE PASTOR

Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received. 1 Peter 4:10



One of the most amusing dialogs in the Bible occurs between God and Moses. Here is Moses, in the presence of Holy God via a burning bush. He must take off his sandals before the great "I am."

But, once Moses grasps the magnitude of what he is called to do -- stand before the Pharaoh himself -- it seems that Moses is more afraid of Pharaoh than confident in God. And what follows is a long line of excuses as he tries to convince the Almighty that he is not the right man for the job!

Moses gives a series of five arguments that eventually try God's patience. Personally, that's why I find the dialog amusing. The fact is, all the great characters of the Bible reveal the most common of human traits, and here Moses tries everything to get out of this job. And mostly, it's out of a sense of inadequacy. Many can identify with Moses.

Finally God asks him this question: "What is that in your hand?" It happens to be his shepherd's staff. Moses finally relents as God demonstrates, through that staff, the power he will give to and through Moses. Nevertheless, it takes some real convincing.

Trevor Hudson (*Questions God Asks Us*), identifies three things "in our hands" that God regularly uses: our abilities, our life experiences and our inadequacies. If the last of

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these surprises you, give it some thought. It's really true. Like Moses, one of our greatest failings is to underestimate what we have to offer when consecrated to God. This includes even our weaknesses (which Paul described as opportunities to rely all the more on God!).

Imagine God asking: "what is that in your hand?" You hold abilities and resources, life experiences and weaknesses. Nobody in all creation will hold exactly what you hold. Nor will any other congregation hold exactly what Bethel does. Do you believe God has an important call for you and for Bethel?

Stewardship has everything in the world to do with God's purpose for us in this time and place. Through God's amazing grace, things of eternal significance can be done through you and your fellow travelers. Yes, like Moses it is not unnatural to offer excuses. But really, don't we hope God wins the argument and we step forward in both faith and generosity?!

-- Pastor Peter Strommen



EDUCATION

Getting Ready for Sunday School

Story: The Burning Bush **Biblical Text:** Exodus 3:1-15
SPARK Story Bible, pages 72-75

The Bible Story "God Calls Moses" (j 220.95 Tur) in the Library

Bible Point: God calls us and helps us do important things.

Key Bible Verse: *God said, "I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you."* Exodus 3:12a (NRSV)

Prayer: Dear God, thank you for speaking to us through the story of Moses and the burning bush. Help us to know that you are with us to keep us safe. Guide us to listen to you and do your will. In Jesus' name, amen.



All school age kids are invited to join the fun on **October 27** for a day trip to Bethel Horizons. Bus leaves Bethel's

parking lot at 8:45 am and returns at 5:00 pm. Cost for transportation, food and activities is \$20. Registration deadline: **Oct. 22.**

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NEWS & EVENTS



Family Ministry

Tail Gate Party-October 16

Join us for an indoor Tail Gate and watch Packers vs. St. Louis on Bethel's big screen TV! Susan 257-3577, ext 336.

Halloween Party-October 21

Enjoy a spooky dinner, crafts and a costume parade - all indoors! 6:00 pm.

Volunteers needed: Folks to decorate treat stops - dinner included for volunteers. Susan:familyministry@bethel-madison.org

Don't Sing Songs to a Heavy Heart

A class on how to relate to those who are suffering, providing critical tools, understanding and compassion to help comfort others. 10:30 am, Good Shepherd Chapel.

Oct. 16 Chapters 1-4

Nov. 6 Chapters 5-18

Nov. 20 Chapters 9-12

Book available at the receptionist's desk, \$15. Jacqui to register: 257-3577.

Madison Area Jobs Project State Hiring Taskforce

Meeting **Oct. 15** at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 9:00 am - 10:30 am. This meeting will focus on State jobs, and the hiring of 1,000 new employees in the near term. A State HR manager will present information on types of jobs and how the hiring process works. Questions will be answered. Info: Bill Berkan: 233-8327, berkan726@charter.net

Christian Men's Fellowship

Men of all ages gather on the first and third Tuesday of each month at 10:30 am in Borgwardt Hall. Program at 11:00 am, with lunch following at noon. **Oct. 18** *Applaud the Apple*, by Gardens of Goodness owners, Jim & Barb Lindemann.

Exploring the Heavens

Join us for an evening of astronomy on **Oct. 29** when Jupiter will be at its brightest. Telescopes will be available. Dress warmly and bring binoculars. Eric Volden: 608-574-1992.



Parenting Group

Meet at 8:30 am for breakfast and programs, **Oct. 15**, and on the second Friday of the month, **Oct. 14** for *Date Night*, 5:30 pm - 8:30 pm. Susan for info, 257-3577 x 336

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.*

Oct. 20 Teachers' Unions

Oct. 27 In God We Trust: Dominionism

Love and Logic Parents Class

For parents and caregivers of children of all ages. Begins Wednesday, **Nov. 2** for six weeks, through Dec. 7, 6:00 - 7:30 pm, facilitated by Julie Martinelli. The cost is \$25 per person or \$35 per couple, and includes one workbook. Childcare provided. Jacqui 257-3577 x 333.

20+30

Dance at Bethel - November 4

Sponsored by the Prime-Timers and the 20+30 Group, featuring a professional caller for square and line dancing! Doors open at 6:00 pm for dinner. Child care provided.



Feed and Read

Meeting **Oct. 17** at noon for lunch and discussion of *Tall Grass*, by Sandra Dallas.

Bethel Book Women

Meeting **Oct. 17** at 7:00 pm for discussion of *Cutting For Stone*, by Abraham Verghese.

All are welcome to drop-in at either of these book groups!

Inspiration Circle-Coffee Sales

Fair trade coffee, teas and chocolates will be available in the Parking Lot Foyer, **Oct. 23**.



Puerto Rico Mission-

Friendship Trip, Jan. 30-Feb. 6, 2012

Work, play, swim, worship, work some more - all with our Mission Church Partner, Bethel Lutheran Church, Dorado, PR. Application forms are available at the Reception desk. Cost is \$575. and includes airfare. Deposit of \$275 and application due Nov. 30. For info, contact: Einstein Gonzalez, 257-3577 x 337, Lindsey Scheid, 608-574-3993.

Bethel Ushers

Parking Lot Usher Meeting **Oct. 16** at 11:00 am. Enjoy lunch before the Packer Game! **Ushers needed in Week 2-Sanctuary Group and Week 3 -Parking Lot Group. Contact Stacy if you would like to join an Usher Group: 257-3577 x 325.**

Lutefisk Listing!

Here's where you can find that Norwegian favorite, Lutefisk and Lefse:

Oct 22 Sons of Norway Idun Lodge

Oct 29 Orfordville Lutheran Church

Nov 4 Lakeview Lutheran Church

Nov 5 Barneveld Lutheran Church

Bonnet Prairie Lutheran Church

Western Koshkonong Luth. Ch.

Nov 12 Christ Luth. Church, DeForest



Oct 21 Haunted Forest at Schuster's Farm, 4:45-9:00 pm for grades 6-12 \$15.

Wreath Sales - Nov. 6 and 13

Pick-up at Bethel **Nov. 20** and **27**

Senior High group meets every Wednesday, 6:30-8:30 pm for "Hot Topics."

Anita: 257-3577, ext.344

Circle Meeting Schedule

Rejoice

Oct. 18, 7:15 pm, Jacqui Shanda

Abigail

Oct. 19, 9:30 am, Bethel, Joan Gilbertson

Evelyn

Oct. 20, 1:00 pm, Nancy Westman

Celebration

Oct. 20, 7:00 pm, Jeanne Hrovat

Compassion

Oct. 20, 6:30 pm, at Bethel

Beth Keyes

Oct. 25, 1:30 pm, Dorothy Leon

University Hill Farms

Oct. 27, 12:30 pm, Alice Hansen

Women's Ministry

Nov. 6 is Women's Ministry Sunday, featuring exhibits in the Emmaus Room. Learn about Blanket Workshop, Lutheran World Relief, Lydia's House, Hope House, Women of the ELCA, book clubs and so much more! Finish by joining one of the 19 Circles of Bethel. Jo Thomley: 838-8091.

Thank you, Don

Long time Bethel member, Don Koch, recently retired from the board of Bethel Outreach Inc, after serving for 21 years. Bethel Outreach, Inc.



was established in 1982 and provides housing on Washington and Johnson Streets for mentally ill men who are able to care for their daily needs but can't live independently. Bethel Outreach, Inc. owns the houses and Lutheran Social Services operates the program.



Oct 16 Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

- 7:45a Coffee Fellowship (*Fireside Gallery*)
- 7:55a **Worship Service** (*Sanctuary*)
- 8:00a Sunday School Teachers Meeting (*Genesis Café*)
- 8:30a Childcare available until 2:00p (*Nursery*)
- Genesis Café Open (*Borgwardt Hall*)
- 8:45a Library Open until 11:45a
- 9:15a **Worship Service** (*Sanctuary*)
- Sunday School
- 9:45a Worship Rehearsal for 10:45 (*Choir Rm*)
- 10:15a Cherub Choir (*Rm 202*)
- Children's Choir (*Rm 216A*)
- Junior Youth Choir (*Pentecost Rm*)
- 10:30a ESL Class (*Rm 216B*)
- Bethel Series-New Testament (*Library Media Room*)
- What Do You Do After You Say Hello?* Class (*GS Chapel*)
- Bhutanese Support Group Meeting (*Youth Rm*)
- 10:45a **Worship Service** (*Sanctuary*)
- 11:00a Sunday School, bi-lingual (*Rms 204, 210, 212*)
- Parking Usher Team Meeting (*Genesis Café*)
- 11:45a Latino Children's Choir (*Rm 202*)
- 12:00p Family Ministry Tail Gate and Packer Game (*Borgwardt Hall*)
- 12:30p **Worship-La Santa Misa** (*Sanctuary*)
- 1:30p Refrigerio (*Borgwardt Hall*)

Oct 17 Monday

- 8:30a Friendship Pad Volunteers (*Rm 104*)
- 9:00a XYZ Board Meeting (*Library*)
- 12:00p Feed and Read (*Library*)
- 7:00p Bethel Book Women (*Library Media Rm*)
- Camera Club (*Fireside Gallery*)
- Bethel Series-New Testament (*Rm 200*)

Oct 18 Tuesday

- 8:30a Homeless Book Group (*Rm 216*)
- 9:00a Library Open until 12:00p
- 10:00a Homeless Support Services (*Pentecost Rm*)
- Christian Men's Fellowship (*Borgwardt Hall*)
- 10:30a Homeless Spiritual Support Group (*Pentecost Rm*)
- 3:30p Southdale After School (*Pentecost, Fireside*)
- 4:30p Refugee Support Meeting (*Library Media Rm*)
- 5:00p Grupo Latino Practica de Musica (*Sanctuary*)
- 5:15p Women's Choir (*Choir Room*)
- 6:00p Latino Computer Class (*Pentecost Rm*)
- 6:30p Creative Worship Singers (*Choir Rm*)
- Latino Senior High Youth Group (*Youth Rm*)
- Spanish Class (*Room 216*)
- 6:45p Separated & Divorced Group (*Rm 101, GS Chapel, Library*)
- 7:00p Conversational Norwegian (*Library Media Rm*)
- 7:15p Church Council (*Rm 201*)

Oct 19 Wednesday

- 9:30a **Worship Service** (*Good Shepherd Chapel*)
- Abigail Circle (*Library Media Rm*)
- 10:00a Homeless Support Services (*Pentecost Rm*)
- 3:30p Southdale After School (*Pentecost, Fireside*)
- 5:30p Bethel Ringers (*Rm 202*)
- 6:30p Hot Topics (*Youth Rm*)

Oct 20 Thursday

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



- 10:00a Homeless Support Services (*Pentecost Rm*)
- 12:00p Grief Support Group (*Rm 100*)
- 3:30p Southdale After School (*Pentecost, Fireside*)
- 6:00p Bible Study Dinner (*Borgwardt Hall*)
- 6:30p Stephen Ministry Continuing Educ. (*Rm 200-201*)
- Compassion Circle (*Library Media Rm*)
- 6:45p Bible Study Class (*Borgwardt Hall*)
- 7:00p Bethel Choir (*Choir Room*)

Oct 21 Friday

- 7:00a Men's Book Study (*Borgwardt Hall*)
- 9:30a XYZ (*Fireside Gallery, Pentecost Rm*)
- 5:30p Halloween Party (*Borgwardt Hall-Fireside Gallery*)

Oct 22 Saturday

- 8:00a Bible Study (*Library*)
- 5:00p **Worship Service** (*Pentecost Room*)

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WORSHIP SCHEDULE
EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
 OCTOBER 15 5:00 PM
 OCTOBER 16 7:55 AM 9:15 AM 10:45 AM
 PASTOR JOHN SWANSON
 12:30 PM-SPANISH PASTOR JAIME DUBON

Isaiah 45:1-7 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10 Matthew 22:15-22

TELECAST INFORMATION

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

To contribute to the Media Ministry, contact Dona Meyer: 608-257-3577, ext 225, or: donameyer@bethel-madison.org.



BETHEL Memorials In Honor

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

August & September 2011

TELECASTS SPONSORED DURING SEPTEMBER

Sept. 18 *Lord let my heart be good soil*
by Laverne & Betty Forest.

Sept. 25 *Lord let my heart be good soil*
by Laverne & Betty Forest.

ART VENTURES-AUGUST

In memory of Lorraine Disrud by JoAnn Six Plesko

ART VENTURES-SEPTEMBER

In memory of Kathryn Larson
by John & Nancy Forest, William & Susan Paulson

BETHEL CHOIR-AUGUST

In memory of Caryl Wolf by DuWayne & Joan Gilbertson,
James & Myrna Hanson, Leo & Lorna Sebald

BETHEL CHOIR-SEPTEMBER

In memory of Caryl Wolf by Judy Christenson, Debra Ericksen,
Alice Kvamme, Randall Wolf

BETHEL SPECIAL MUSIC-AUGUST

In memory of Caryl Wolf by Bill & Diane Wiedenbeck

BETHEL HORIZONS CAMPSHIP-AUGUST

In memory of Michael Alexander by Angie Burnett
In memory of Lorraine Disrud by Lowell & Virginia Corwin,
Sue Munson, Lou & Jean Unverzagt, Robert & Barbara Weaver
In memory of Pauline Lenz

by Richard & Patricia Christensen, Gary & Beth Forbess

In memory of Bart Richardson by Jeannette Richardson

In honor of Bill White by Elizabeth Skowlund

In memory of Caryl Wolf by Anonymous

BETHEL HORIZONS CAMPSHIP-SEPTEMBER

In memory of Harlan Siebrecht whose birthday is Sept. 29th
by Diane Siebrecht

CHOIR MEMORIAL-SEPTEMBER

In memory of Caryl Wolf
by Carolyn Aradine, Mary Bakken, Lowel & Delores Levy

ENDOWMENT FOUNDATION-AUGUST

In memory of Marie A. Bredensteiner by Debra Bredensteiner

In honor of the Call Committee by Roger Mott

In memory of Lorraine Disrud by Janette Arneson, Daniel & Sara

Costello, Mark Disrud, Douglas & Susan Ganske, Edward &
Constance Hellegers, Irene Kringle, Raymond & Helen Kruse,
Donna Marie Marx, Jodell Meyer, Carol Ross, Michael & Sally
Schnarr, John & Kay Schulz, Nancy Berg

In memory of Mr. & Mrs. Stanley & Violet Hagen by Gene Hagen

In memory of Bart Richardson by Maureen Anderson, Frank &
Jean Holmes, Dick & Dixie Lindsey, Mike & Gloria Sabo

In memory of David Slickman by Irene Kringle, Andy & Jane Myers,
Neil & Nancy Perry, Steve & Amy Perry, Stuart & Lissa Perry

ENDOWMENT FOUNDATION-SEPTEMBER

In memory of David Cornell by Lois Hudson

In memory of Eleanore Damman

by Mark Damman, Viola Mabis, Steve Schmitt

In memory of Lorraine Disrud by Marian Osterberg

In memory of Elmer Homburg by Karl Peterson

In memory of Pat Ibach by Bob & Ethel Bronson

In memory of Pauline Lenz

by Janet & Lester Floeter, Marian Osterberg

In memory of Harlan Siebrecht whose birthday is Sept. 29th

by Diane Siebrecht

In memory of James & Dorothy Stoltenberg by Marian Osterberg

In memory of Caryl Wolf by Abigail Circle, Barbara Grambsch,

Marian Osterberg, Shirley Sundquist, Joyce Von Arx

FOOD PANTRY-AUGUST

In honor of Carolyn Aradine's retirement

by the Steve Young family

FOOD PANTRY-SEPTEMBER

In memory of Harlan Siebrecht whose birthday is Sept. 29th

by Diane Siebrecht

FRIENDLY VISITORS-AUGUST

In memory of Lorraine Disrud

by Harold & Audrey Cushman, Donna Fox

HOMELESS MINISTRY-AUGUST

In honor of Laura Sutherland & Sarah Harrold

by Ken & Suzanne Roeh

MEDIA MINISTRY-AUGUST

In memory of Lorraine Disrud by Dorothy Dyreson, Lena Hinton,
Lorraine Hoel, Joyce Lowe, Else Solberg, Dorothy Solheim

