

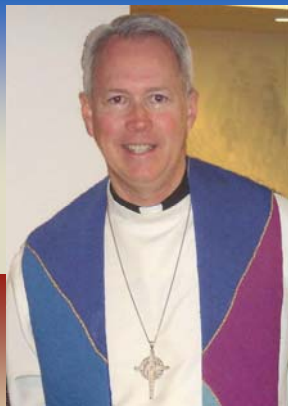


BETHELITE

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Senior Pastor Installation Service January 22, 2012

Please join in the Installation Service for Bethel's Senior Pastor, Scot Sorensen, at the 9:15 am and 10:45 am worship services. Bishop Bruce Burnside will preach at these two services. A celebration luncheon will be held in Borgwardt Hall at 12:00 pm. Cost of \$6 per adult, with no charge for children 12 and younger.

The Annual Congregational Meeting will be held on January 22 following the 9:15 am service, in the Sanctuary.

The Annual Meeting will last approximately 30 minutes. There will be a financial review of 2011 by our Treasurer, Laura Vogel, presentation of the 2012 Operating Budget, Report of the Senior Pastor and elections for five Church Council members with new three year terms. *Nominating Committee Members:* Jill Derr, Bob Mertes, Carolyn White, Tim Semmann, Al Schultz, John Shanda and Jo Thomley.



Bruce Carroll

Bruce and wife, Kristen, have been Bethel members for six years. Their daughters are Casey and McKenna. Bruce has been active in Lent Bible studies, Family Ministry, Lutheran Campus Ministry and the Puerto Rican Mission trip.

Bonnie was confirmed at Bethel by Dr. Wee, and has been a member most years since that time. She is married to Paul Aspinwall, and is Senior Director of Development for Gift Planning at the UW Foundation. Bonnie serves on the Lutheran Campus Ministry Board, and as a Greeter at Bethel.



Bonita Bruce

Kate and family have been members for 12 years. She and husband Todd have 3 children, Alex, Erik and Rebecca. Kate works at the UW Medical School in Neuropsychology. Kate has volunteered with Vacation Bible Camp, and serves as a Stephen Minister.



Kate Young

Dirk and wife, Wendy, have been members for 6 years. Both daughters, Amelie and Luise, were confirmed at Bethel. Dirk is an architect. His interests at Bethel include mentoring and working with



Dirk Von Below

Church Council Nominees



children in the after school program and serving as a Confirmation teacher.

Greg and wife Kathy have been Bethel members for 3 years, and have resided in McFarland for 35 years. Recently retired, Greg worked for the State as



Greg Smith

an attorney. Greg has participated in Bible and book studies, serves as a volunteer in the Confirmation Prayer Friend program, and has volunteered in the Lent Second Harvest program.

Attend the Annual Meeting and meet the Church Council Nominees - 10:15 am

FROM THE PASTOR

A member of my former congregation once told me that there are many people in church who have not gone through the "road to Damascus." He was a very devoted and committed Christian, but several issues had been raised in church by that time.

"What do you mean?" I inquired. Well, he answered, you might remember the story of Paul. He was a Jewish-Roman who persecuted the early Christians in the area of Jerusalem. While traveling from Jerusalem to Damascus on a mission to "arrest them, both men and women, and bring them back to Jerusalem," (Acts 9:2b), the resurrected Jesus appeared to him in a great light. Saul was struck blind. After three days, his sight was restored by Ananias of Damascus, and Paul began to preach that Jesus of Nazareth is the Jewish Messiah and the Son of God, (Acts 9:20).

In other words, this fellow Christian concluded, Paul's life was transformed by the encounter with Jesus on the road to Damascus. While there are many people who have encountered Jesus, their lives have not been changed. They still need to go through the road to Damascus.

I guess this child of God was right. Paul moved from Gentile to Christian, from Saul to Paul, from persecuting to being persecuted. He became one of the most prominent early Christian leaders. Fourteen epistles of the New Testament are attributed to him. We also know that he was a great missionary and founded many congregations throughout the Greek-Roman empire. The story of Paul's conversion is so important that Luke tells it three times: Acts 9:1-19; 22:4-16 and 26:12-18. According to the church's tradition, this conversion is celebrated on January 25th.



EDUCATION

Getting Ready for Sunday School

Story: Jonah and the Big Fish **Biblical Text:** Jonah 1-4
SPARK! Story Bible, pages 190-193

Bible Point: God calls us to help him.

Key Bible Verse: *But the Lord provided a large fish to swallow up Jonah; and Jonah was in the belly of the fish for three days and three nights* Jonah 1:17

Prayer: Dear God, please help us to trust that your plans are for the best for us, even when we don't understand them. Help us to follow you to tell about your love and care for others. In Jesus' name, amen.



Road to Damascus

Paul is an example of a transformation and commitment. Transformation needs to be done in many areas of our lives. People need to be transformed by Christ; the world needs transformation so that peace and justice may reign; a comprehensive immigration reform needs to happen in this country; churches need to set aside their differences and move towards more joint work. But in order for these transformations to happen we must first be aware of the need.

Have you ever entered a one way street in a wrong way? Once you realize that you are driving the wrong way, you are desperate to turn around, and you do it as soon as you can.

Lord God, through the preaching of your apostle Paul, you established one Church from among the nations. As we celebrate his conversion, we pray that we may follow his example and be witness to the truth in your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen (LBW).

-- Pastor Jaime Dubon

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Food Pantry: Call 9:00 am - 12:00 pm to reserve places day of attending. Pantry open 12:00 - 3:00 pm, Monday - Friday.

NEWS & EVENTS



SIGNIFICANT DATES FOR 2012

February 12

Kindergarten Bible presentation 9:15 am

February 21

Mardi Gras, sponsored by Family Ministry

February 22

Ash Wednesday, Lent begins

April 1

Palm Sunday, Holy Week begins

April 8

Easter Day, 5 Worship services, Breakfast

BETHEL HORIZONS

Breakfast with the Birds - January 28

Join naturalist Eric Volden for a morning of bird watching, bird lore and a hearty breakfast. \$8 adult \$5 child. Eric: 608-574-1992.

Inspiration Circle-Coffee Sales

Fair trade coffee, teas and chocolates will be available in the Parking Lot Foyer on **Jan 22**. Proceeds benefit local outreach.

Art and Faith Trip

It's not too late to register for the August 2012 trip to East Central Europe. Contact Pr. Hanson, 257-3577 x 329.

XYZ - Meeting Friday, Jan. 20

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

Madison Area Jobs Project

At Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. Trained volunteer staff help individuals with resumes and other job finding skills. Meetings on **Jan. 21, Feb. 4** and **18** at 9:00 am. Info: Bill Berkan, 233-8327

Men's Shelter Dinners

Bethel has responsibility for 10 dates in 2012 to serve dinners at the Grace Episcopal Homeless Shelter. Peg Olson is coordinating this effort, and would deeply appreciate volunteers to help. The first meal will be served **Jan. 29**. Help at the Shelter from 7:30-9:00 pm. Peg, 235-2273, or: Margaret.olson@cnamutual.com

PrimeTimers Event

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. Join us **Feb. 12** at 12:15 pm for Lunch at Gus' Diner followed by the Sun Prairie Civic Theatre production of *On Golden Pond*. \$20, includes theatre ticket and choice of Beef or Chicken entrée with Caesar Salad and Baked Potato. Sign-up Sunday, Jan. 22.



Feed and Read

Bethel Book Women

The Warmth of Other Suns, by Isabel Wilkerson, is the selection for the **Feb. 20** meeting and discussion of both book groups. *Feed and Read* meets at noon and *Book Women* meets at 7:00 pm.



A ministry of and for people in their 20's and 30's. **Our mission:** to be a growing and hopeful community centered on the love

of Christ; and to build and participate in community with other people in their 20s and 30s, the larger Bethel community, and our local and global communities. Pr. Sarah, 257-3577, sarah@bethel-madison.org, www.meetup.com

- Jan. 22-Feb. 19 Epiphany Lectionary** discussion: 10:20-10:40 am, Genesis Café.
- Feb 1** Potluck with sledding afterwards
- Feb 29** *Salt Shakers*, dinners for 8, organizational dinner-5:30 pm, Borgwardt Hall - *all ages welcome to join these dinner groups!*

Blanket Workshop

Meeting **Jan. 26** at 9:00 am, Borgwardt Hall.

Christian Men's Fellowship



Fast forward six months to a mid-summer Alaskan wilderness experience during *Cabin Fever Reliever*. Take a

trip down the Tlikikila River in the Lake Clark Wilderness with Tim Andrews - you'll even learn how to cook fish chowder in the wild! **Feb. 7** at 10:30 am, Borgwardt Hall.



- Jan 27** Bowling-Middle and High School Youth. Ten Pin Alley, 6:00 pm. Cost: \$5 for shoes, 2 games, pizza and drink.
- Feb 17** Movie Night-Middle and High School Youth at 6:30 pm.
- Feb 23-25** Indianhead Ski Trip, Senior High. \$110 includes bus, food lodging, two lift tickets. Senior High group meets every Wednesday, 6:30-8:30 pm for "Hot Topics."
Anita: agru@bethel-madison.org

Hospitality Forum - Feb 19

Learn about the good, the bad, and the really, really ugly at this Congregational forum, 10:30 am in Good Shepherd Chapel. Beth Lewis, President and CEO of Augsburg Fortress will lead, based on her experiences visiting a different congregation almost every Sunday since 2002. She has developed a strong sense of what works, and what doesn't... you will come away from this session with specific, practical ideas for living out our Biblical mandate of **welcome**. Jacqui Shanda 257-3577 x 333

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Prayer Shawls will be blessed on Sunday, **January 29**. Knitters and Crocheters stitch their colorful yarns and prayers into beautiful shawls. Touched by the compassion of these knitters, those who receive the shawls respond: "My prayer shawl is a reminder of my Christian faith," "I love my prayer shawl," "I always wanted one." God's love is made visible through the colorful, soft yarns, reaching people's hearts in times of loneliness, illness, pain and sadness. People know they are remembered by God's people as they touch and wrap themselves in the prayer shawls. If you know of someone who would benefit by receiving a prayer shawl, please contact Receptionist, Linda Kubly, or Diane Meredith, or Helen Kruse. Instructions for making prayer shawls are available at the Reception desk. -- **Helen Kruse**





Jan 22 Sunday-3 Epiphany

- 7:45a Coffee Fellowship (*Fireside Gallery*)
- 7:55a **Worship Service** (*Sanctuary*)
- 8:30a Childcare available until 2:00p (*Nursery*)
- Genesis Café Open until 11:30a (*Borgwardt Hall*)
- 8:45a Library Open until 11:45a
- Fair Trade Coffee Sales (*Parking Lot Foyer*)
- 9:15a **Worship Service** (*Sanctuary*)
- Sunday School
- 9:45a Worship Rehearsal for 10:45a (*Choir Rm*)
- 10:15a Annual Congregational Meeting (*Sanctuary*)
- Cherub Choir Rehearsal (*Rm 202*)
- Children's Choir Rehearsal (*Rm 216*)
- Youthful Praise Choir Rehearsal (*Pentecost Rm*)
- 10:20a Epiphany Lectionary (*Genesis Café*)
- 10:30a Bethel Series-New Testament (*Library Media Rm*)
- Bhutanese Support Meeting (*Youth Rm*)
- 10:45a **Worship Service** (*Sanctuary*)
- 11:00a Sunday School (*Rm 204, 210, 212*)
- 11:45a Latino Children's Choir (*Rm 202*)
- 12:00p Installation Luncheon (*Borgwardt Hall*)
- 12:30p **Worship-La Santa Misa** (*Sanctuary*)
- 1:30p Refrigerio (*Borgwardt Hall*)

Jan 23 Monday

- 8:30a Friendship Pad Volunteers (*Rm 104*)
- 12:00p BLCEF Investment Committee (*Rm 200*)
- 1:00p Bethelite Stuffers (*Fireside Gallery*)
- 7:00p Bethel Series-New Testament (*Rm 200*)

Jan 24 Tuesday

- 8:00a Homeless Book Club Movie (*Fireside*)
- 9:00a Library Open until 12:00p
- 10:00a Homeless Support Services (*Pentecost Rm*)
- 10:30a Homeless Spiritual Support Group (*Pentecost Rm*)
- 3:30p Eagle's Wings After School
- 5:00p Grupo Latino Practica de Musica (*Sanctuary*)
- Hope House Board Meeting (*Rm 100*)
- Endowment Foundation Meeting (*Borgwardt Hall*)
- 5:15p Women's Choir (*Choir Rm*)
- 6:00p Latino Computer Class (*Pentecost Rm*)
- 6:30p Creative Worship Singers (*Choir Rm*)
- Spanish Class (*Rm 216*)
- Latino Senior High Youth (*Youth Rm*)
- Rebuilders (*GS Chapel, Library, Rm 101*)
- Conversational Norwegian (*Library Media Rm*)
- 7:45p Worship Rehearsal (*Sanctuary*)

Jan 25 Wednesday

- 10:00a Homeless Support Services, until 4:00p (*Pentecost Rm*)
- 3:30p Eagle's Wings After School
- 5:30p Bethel Ringers (*Room 202*)
- 6:30p Hot Topics-Senior High Youth (*Youth Rm*)

Jan 26 Thursday

- 7:00a Current Christian Concerns (*Library Media Rm*)
- 9:00a Blanket Workshop (*Borgwardt Hall*)
- 10:00a Homeless Support Services, until 4:00p (*Pentecost Rm*)
- 3:30p Eagle's Wings After School
- 6:30p Bethel's Faithful Future (*Library*)
- Chicas Bethel (*Library Media Rm*)
- Guitar Class (*Rm 216*)
- 7:00p Bethel Choir (*Choir Rm*)

Jan 27 Friday

- 7:00a Men's Book Study (*Borgwardt Hall*)
- 9:30a XYZ (*Fireside Gallery*)

Jan 28 Saturday

- 8:00a Bible Study (*Library*)
- Mental Health Summit
- 5:00p **Worship Service** (*Pentecost Rm*)

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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

JAN 21 5:00 PM JAN 22 7:55 AM

PASTOR JOHN SWANSON

JAN 22 9:15 AM 10:45 AM BISHOP BRUCE BURNSIDE

12:30 PM-SPANISH PASTOR JAIME DUBON

Jonah 3:1-5, 10 Mark 1:14-20

TELECAST INFORMATION

<u>Madison</u>	<u>Green Bay*</u>
10:00 am WKOW-TV 27	8:30 am WACY-TV 32
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<u>La Crosse</u>	<u>Wausau*</u>
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Today's statewide telecast is given in memory of Charles "Chuck" Thomley by Jo Thomley, family and friends.