



BETHELITE

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Congregational Report - Steensland House

We have steadfastly worked towards an ideal scenario whereby the Steensland House would be relocated, restored and remain within the Mansion Hill Historic Neighborhood. On Thursday, January 12, a contract between Bethel and Apex Property was signed to relocate the house from our lot to 124 E. Gorham Street, just 1 ½ blocks east of Bethel. The contract allows 180 days for Bethel and Apex to work simultaneously through the city approval process. While there is no guarantee all approvals will be granted and there are potential obstacles ahead, we are certainly moving in the right direction.



Over the next 180 days, Pr. Scot will lead us at Bethel in a series of Bible studies engaging all ages and ministries, helping us to discern God's vision for our ministry and mission and how a new building can best meet those needs.

I would like to recognize the members of the Urban Site Committee for their dedication to this process: Alice Mowbray, Anita Grue, Annette Durkin, Darren Chicks, Diane Wiedenbeck, Fred Zimmerman, Joe Murphy, Paul Moen, Randy Alexander, Tim Semmann, Pr. Scot, and a special thank you to Peder Moren. Without Peder's tireless search and negotiations, we would not be here today with this good news that lets us take a step forward in our visioning process.

As we go forward, I will ask you to get involved in the Bible studies that will begin after Easter, be willing to attend city commission meetings when called upon in support and pray for the successful move of the Steensland House, thereby giving us control over the future of Bethel's ultimate discerned direction for mission and ministries. -- Jill Derr

Food Pantry
Volunteers



Thank You!

Please come to our thank you gathering for all Food Pantry volunteers, Feb. 16 from 1:00-3:00 pm in the Fireside Gallery. This will be an opportunity to share information, get to know one another and share any concerns or questions. -- Ruth Berkan

Prayer Shawls will be blessed on Sunday, **January 29.** Knitters

Prayer Shawl Ministry



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



FROM THE PASTOR

Thank You

I want to say a huge and heart-felt thank you to the entire Bethel Community. It has been a fast-paced eight weeks since my arrival at the end of November, and I continue to be overwhelmed by the outpouring of welcome that you have shown to me and my family. Transitions always come with a fair share of anxiety about the unknown, but the Bethel community, members and staff has fully embraced us, lessening our anxiety and warming our hearts by your welcome. Thank you.

I think every parent tries to instill in their children the social formalities of "please" and "thank you." But these words do not just form nice social conventions. The words themselves are performative and change our hearts. To say "Please" is to recognize that nothing is expected and "Thank You" is a heart's response to receiving.

But of course, "Thank Yous" are not only given to one another, "thank you" is part of our theological vocabulary, too. Giving thanks to God is woven into our community life of worship and our personal life of prayer and devotion.

So for me, as I say thank you for the ways in which you have invited me and welcomed me so quickly into your community and into your lives, I also give thanks to God FOR YOU. For I experience the hospitality of God in the hospitality I have received here at Bethel.

I want to conclude this word of thanks with a prayer to God and a word of challenge to you. My prayer is that every person who ever walks onto the Bethel campus receives this same spirit of warmth and welcome. My challenge is that all of us, as the people of God here at Bethel, will welcome each and every person, whether they have been here for 50 years or 5 minutes with the same spirit of warmth and welcome.

For living out the Gospel and welcoming the Sorensen's and everyone else whom God sends... Thank You.

Now let me shift gears and let you know a bit about what is coming at Bethel... Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 22. As in previous years, a number of Lenten materials are being prepared so that individually, and as a congregation we can spend these days of Lenten reflection with spiritual practices that will deepen our faith. The familiar 2-2-1 pattern will be used this year around the theme 40 Days of Promise and Renewal. The 2-2-1 refers to 2 daily practices, 2 weekly practices and 1 season action. The daily practices are Bible reading alongside devotion and prayer. Together, we will be reading and studying the Book of Romans. The two weekly spiritual practices are worship and study. Finally, everyone will be encouraged to participate in one act of service in Lent. Again this year opportunities at Second Harvest will be encouraged.

Again, thank you and together let us live into God's future before us here at Bethel.

-- Pastor Scot

Pastoral Staff

Scot Sorensen	<i>Senior Pastor</i>
Jaime Dubon	<i>Interim Latino Ministries</i>
Curt Everson	<i>Visitation & Worship</i>
Duane Hanson	<i>Bethel Horizons</i>
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John Swanson	<i>Confirmation, Visitation, Women's Ministries</i>

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Jacqui Shanda	<i>Director of Parish Education</i>
Susan Straus	<i>Family Life Coordinator</i>
Ray Weihofen	<i>Asst. Business Administrator, part-time</i>

Office Information

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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.



EDUCATION

Getting Ready for Sunday School

Story: Teaching and Healing **Biblical Text:** Mark 1:21-28
SPARK! Story Bible, pages 254-255

Bible Point: Jesus teaches and heals people to show them God's love and power.

Key Bible Verse: *He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him.* Mark 1:27b

Prayer: Dear God, thank you for sending Jesus to live with us and show us that you are the one, true God. In Jesus' name, amen.

NEWS & EVENTS



BETHEL HORIZONS

Breakfast with the Birds

Join naturalist Eric Volden for a morning of bird watching, bird lore and a hearty breakfast. \$8 adult \$5 child. **Jan. 28, Feb. 11 and 25, March 17 and May 5.** Bring binoculars. To register: Eric, 608-574-1992.



Camperships

Goal: **350** To Date: **98**
Needed: **252**

To donate, contact
Pr. Hanson, or Angie Burnett, 257-3577

Art and Faith Trip

Consider a new adventure this year - the August 2012 trip to East Central Europe. Contact Pr. Hanson, 257-3577 x 329.

Madison Area Jobs Project

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



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. 29-Feb. 19 Epiphany Lectionary discussion: 10:20-10:40 am, Genesis Café.

Feb 1 Ice Skating at 6:30 pm

Feb 24-26 Spiritual Retreat at Bethel Horizons. Healthy Lent practices. Food, lodging for \$20. Register with Pr. Sarah by Feb. 19.

Feb 29 *Salt Shakers*, dinners for 8, organizational dinner-5:30 pm, Borgwardt Hall - all ages welcome to join these dinner groups!

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

Men's Shelter Dinners

Peg Olson is coordinating this effort, and would appreciate volunteers to help. The first meal will be served **Jan. 29**. Help at the Shelter from 7:30-9:00 pm. 235-2273, or: Margaret.olson@cunamutual.com

Friendship Club

Join us the **third Friday, Feb. 17** for a *Tribute to Patsy Cline*. Swiss Steak Dinner, \$8 members, \$10 non-members. Gary to reserve: 222-5655.



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.

Christian Men's Fellowship

Fast forward six months to a midsummer



Alaskan wilderness experience during *Cabin Fever Reliever*. Take a trip down the Tlikikila River in the Lake Clark Wilderness with Tim Andrews - **Feb. 7** at 10:30 am.

A Via De Cristo Weekend

Experience faith nourishment and growth through this three day retreat. Join us **Feb. 12** in Good Shepherd Chapel at 10:30 am to learn more about this uplifting opportunity. Kathy Hunt 767-8767, John & Gisela Kutzbach 238-0420, Burt & Darlene Olson 238-6594.

Stewardship

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The 2012 budget was prepared with no increase from 2011, based on Bethel receiving 2012 membership pledges of \$2.0 M. To date, we have Estimates of Giving totaling \$1.8 M. The numerous Bethel ministries reach many individuals on a worldwide basis. To continue the same level of mission and ministry work as in previous years, we hopefully anticipate additional pledges of approximately \$200,000 for 2012. Thank you for your prayerful consideration, and for supporting the missions and ministries of Bethel Lutheran Church. - **Laura Vogel, Treasurer**

BETHEL HORIZONS

Bethel Horizons Elects New Officers

Several Honored at Annual Meeting

Three people were re-elected to the Board of directors of Bethel Horizons at the annual meeting on Monday night, January 9. Elected to three year terms were (L-R)

Thom Straus, Soren Schoff, & Todd Wernkli.



The Board also chose new officers for 2012: Anna Biermeier, president, Wayne Raether, vice president, Janet Johnson, secretary, and Thom Straus, treasurer. The Board recognized three people who provided leadership for the first floor farmhouse renovation. Linda Scheid was acknowledged for overseeing the renovation of the kitchen, dining room, bathroom and program director's office. Ted Cannon was honored for providing electrical work on the farmhouse as well as for several other projects. Staff member Dan Ensrude was thanked for "going above and beyond" in assisting with the farmhouse renovation. Harold Cushman was also honored for his assistance in lawn mowing throughout the summer. Leotha Stanley and his wife Tamara concluded the evening with a musical program. Pr. Hanson presented him with an Art Ventures ceramic bowl in recognition of eleven years as director of the summer music camp.

New From the Library

Children *I Talk to God About how I Feel*
Fiction *Her Mother's Hope*
Her Daughter's Dream
DVD *Complete Bible*, narrated
Please go to the web site for our full catalog!



Jan 29 Sunday-4 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
- 9:15a **Worship Service** (*Sanctuary*)
- Sunday School
- 9:45a Worship Rehearsal for 10:45a (*Choir Rm*)
- 10:15a Cherub Choir Rehearsal (*Rm 202*)
- Children's Choir Rehearsal (*Rm 216*)
- Youthful Praise Choir Rehearsal (*Pentecost Rm*)
- 10:20a Epiphany Lectionary Discussion (*Genesis Café*)
- 10:30a Bethel Series-New Testament (*Library Media Rm*)
- 10:45a **Worship Service** (*Sanctuary*)
- 11:00a Sunday School (*Rm 204, 210, 212*)
- 11:45a Latino Children's Choir (*Rm 202*)
- 12:30p **Worship-La Santa Misa** (*Sanctuary*)
- 1:30p Refrigerio (*Borgwardt Hall*)
- 4:00p Grace Episcopal Shelter Meal Prep (*Kitchen*)

Jan 30 Monday

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

Jan 31 Tuesday

- 8:30a Homeless Book Group (*Rm 216*)
- 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*)
- 6:00p Latino Computer Class (*Pentecost Rm*)
- Latino Young Adults (*Game 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*)
- 7:00p Outreach Board Meeting (*Rm 105*)
- 7:45p Worship Rehearsal (*Sanctuary*)

Feb 1 Wednesday

- 9:30a **Worship Service** (*Good Shepherd Chapel*)
- 10:00a Homeless Support Services, until 4:00p (*Pentecost Rm*)
- 3:30p Eagle's Wings After School
- 5:00p 20+30 Steering Committee Meeting (*Borgwardt Hall*)
- 5:30p Bethel Ringers (*Room 202*)
- 6:30p Hot Topics-Senior High Youth (*Youth Rm*)

Feb 2 Thursday

- 7:00a Current Christian Concerns (*Library Media Rm*)
- 10:00a Homeless Support Services, until 4:00p (*Pentecost Rm*)
- Homeless Women's Book Club (*Game Rm*)

- 2:00p Faithful Future Skype Session (*Rm 200*)
- 3:30p Eagle's Wings After School
- 6:00p Latino Confirmation (*Rm 216*)
- 6:30p Stephen Ministry Continuing Educ (*Rm 200*)
- Guitar Class (*Pentecost Rm*)
- 7:00p Bethel Choir (*Choir Rm*)

Feb 3 Friday

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

Feb 4 Saturday

- 8:00a Bible Study (*Library*)
- 8:30a Parenting Group (*Fireside Gallery*)
- 9:30a Wedding Music Workshop (*Sanctuary*)
- 5:00p **Worship Service** (*Pentecost Rm*)

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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

JAN 28 5:00 PM JAN 29 7:55 AM 9:15 AM 10:45 AM

PASTOR SCOT SORENSEN: KNOWLEDGE OR LOVE?

12:30 PM-SPANISH PASTOR JAIME DUBON

1 Corinthians 8:1-13 Mark 1:21-28

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

*Telecast delayed one week.

Today's Madison area telecast is given in memory of Joseph Hoel by Lorraine Hoel and family.



BETHEL Memorials In Honor

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TELECASTS SPONSORED DURING DECEMBER

- Dec 11** *In memory of Les Glasrud*
by Margaret and family
- Dec 18** *In loving memory of Roger Loff*
- Dec 25** *In memory of Leona Heiking*

BETHEL HORIZONS ART VENTURES

In memory of Don Hunt by John & Cherie Neupert

BETHEL HORIZONS CAMBERSHIP

In honor of our children Kari Albrecht, Zachary Murray & Shawn Murray by Russ & Patricia Dodd

In honor of Hazel Heimstra by Paul White

In memory of Harlan G. Siebrecht by Diane Siebrecht

In honor of Pastor Sorensen's Welcome to Bethel
by Bruce & Rosemary Ehr

In honor of Thom Straus by Susan & Mark Quinnell

In memory of Will White by Bill & Sally White

In memory of Olive Wile
by Philip & Betty Ingwell, Jim & Nancy Herritz

In honor of Nancy Young
by Norv & Carolyn Bernhardt

ENDOWMENT FOUNDATION

In memory of Marie A. Bredensteiner
by Debra Bredensteiner

In memory of Don Hunt and Dennis Buege
by John & Cherie Neupert

In memory of Lyle Lilly by Paul & Anita Lilly

In memory of my mother Gertrude Nacker
by Roger & Karen Nacker

In memory of Burton J. Nicholls by Judith Nicholls

In memory of Pat Soberg by Don Soberg

FOOD PANTRY

In memory of my husband Eddie Baker by Lee Baker

In memory of David Bower by Phyllis Bower

In memory of Francis & Dorothy Clarke
by Marty & Carol Clarke

In memory of David Cornell
by Marshall & Betty Cornell

In memory of our son & brother C.J. Davis
by Faith M. Kelley

In memory of my husband Dennis Hilgendorf
by Donna Jean Hilgendorf

In honor of Susan Kirton & Steve Phipps
by Barbara Grambsch

In memory of Ralph & Mae Nelson
by Nancy R. Nelson

In honor of our sister Joan Raver, brother Mark Shanda & their families by John & Jacqui Shanda

In memory of Marj Shanda by Bob & Mary Johnson, Alice & Bill Mowbray, Peter Narum & Betsy Teigland, Marian Osterberg, Dorothy Solheim

LIBRARY

In memory of my parents Joseph W. & Mary E. Steel
by Roger Steel

MEDIA MINISTRY

In memory of my wife Agnes Bloom who passed away Aug. 23, 2011 by Glen Bloom

In honor of Harris Bollenbach
by Andy & Kristine Jacobson & family

In memory of my dad Melvin L. Dole by Susan Dole

In memory of Dr. T.C. Erickson by Martha Erickson

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Media Ministry, continued

In memory of Garfield Freeberg

by Lowell & Janis Joseph

In memory of Norman Haglund by his family

In memory of my husband Gilbert (Jack) Helland who passed away Dec. 14, 2008 by Lila Helland

In memory of Alta V. Hoffman

by Lowell & Virginia Corwin, Jr.

In memory of Erwin Mueller

by Pastor William Mueller

In memory of Thomas Osterberg, LaRhee Essee & William Matson by Doug & Judi Haag

In memory of Milt Showers by Myrt Showers

In memory of Kathleen J. Smith by Marsha Smith

In memory of my husband Donald Smith

by Dorothy Smith

In memory of my parents Joseph W. & Mary E. Steel

by Roger Steel

In honor of Pastor Peter Strommen

by Doug & Judi Haag

In memory of Ethel West by Dorothy Vollbrecht

In memory of Jerry, Vern, Ray & Helen by Sue Belz

In honor of the Bollenbach family by Kate Ricaurte

OPERATING BUDGET

In memory of Beverly Block by Karl Peterson

In memory of Gerald Gehm & Jill Wilson

by Dolores Gehm

In memory of Harold (Hal) Halstead

by Marlys Halstead

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In honor of Bill White by Arlen & Judy Christenson, The Keller Family Charitable Trust (Robert Keller), Lisa Levy

XYZ FOUNDATION

In memory of Lucille Klipp by Irene Kringle

Baptisms

Dec 10 Aleah MacKenzie Ace, daughter of Benjamin Ace & Kirsten Mack

Dec 11 Keira Juliana Uribe, daughter of Robinson Julian Uribe & Annie Hernández

Dec 11 Lizeth Cruz Martinez, daughter of Dario Cruz Cortez & Annie Hernández

Dec 31 Iome Li Armendariz-Kerr, daughter of Jean Flory Armendariz-Kerr & Matthew James Armendariz-Kerr

Deaths

Dec 7 Donald D. Warren

Dec 13 Marjorie J. Yngsdal

Dec 23 William Briggs

Dec 24 Olive M. Wile

Marriages

Dec 31 Annie Lyn Neumann & Hugh Brandon Sugar

EPIPHANY 2012 - FAMILY MINISTRY

Over 100 people of all ages enjoyed this special presentation of *Old Befana*, the Italian folk tale about Epiphany. Chef Steve provided a Fish Fry dinner prior to the entertainment.



Susan Straus, Family Life Coordinator

