



BETHELITE

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Lent is a time of *promise* and *renewal* accomplished over days and through moments; shaped by service, study, Bible reading, prayer and worship.

The choices at Bethel to love, do good and grow in your faith during the season of Lent are many. Schedules and information are included in this issue. Dive in, refresh and renew your right spirit.

Ash Wednesday

February 22

**Worship Services
with Imposition of Ashes**

7:00 am 11:00 am

7:00 pm Bilingual

Lunch and Faith Talk

Tomato Tortellini Soup (\$1.75),
Grilled Cheese (\$1.75), Broccoli Salad
or Cottage Cheese-Peaches (\$1.00),
Pie (\$1.75)

12:00-1:00 pm

Bethel Staff member-Jeff Bittner
Borgwardt Hall

Dinner-Mad Dog's

Chicago Style Eatery

BBQ Pork on Kaiser Roll or Chicago
Dog, with Beans. Salad Bar, pizza,
cake and pie.

5:30 - 6:45 pm

Bethel Horizons Program

Birds at Bethel 6:15-6:45 pm

Eric Volden, Naturalist

Bible Studies

Pr. Swanson - Pr. Harrold

Sundays 10:30 am

Good Shepherd Chapel

February 26 - March 25

Pr. Curt Everson

Oakwood West

Tuesdays 2:00 pm

February 28 - March 27

Pr. Scot Sorensen

Wednesdays 7:00 - 7:45 pm

Emmaus Room

7:45 pm Closing Worship

Sanctuary

February 29 - March 28

Childcare available 6:15 - 8:15 pm

Pr. Curt Everson

Oakwood East

Thursdays 10:00 am

March 1 - 29



Help your community during Lent

Service to others:

Register for a three hour work shift at
Second Harvest and help package
food items for distribution throughout
southern Wisconsin

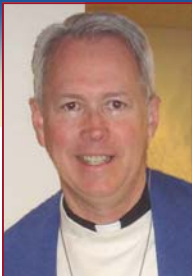
Personal Care Item Collection:

Bethel will collect a different personal
care item each week during Lent, to
be distributed through our Food Pantry

Goal of 1000 items per week



FROM THE PASTOR



Promise & Renewal

Lent 2012 at Bethel will build upon the Lenten practices of previous years in that the entire congregation will be invited into a 2-2-1 Lenten Discipline; two daily disciplines, two weekly disciplines and one season discipline. The daily disciplines are prayer and Bible reading. The weekly activities are worship and study. The seasonal activity is the discipline of service.

The theme for our Lenten Journey is *Promise & Renewal*. It is a wonderful theme for us to guide our days. Indeed, as we hear the promises of God we are renewed as individuals and as a community.

On Sunday mornings, the First Lesson will draw our hearts to the covenants God has made with God's people. And so, through the weeks, we will hear of God's covenantal promise to Noah, and Abraham and Moses and Jeremiah. God's promises have sustained through the generations and we, too, will find ourselves renewed through those covenants of promise.

The text for our daily Bible reading and for our weekly Bible Study will be Paul's Letter to the Romans. Martin Luther was deeply influenced by the message of Romans. In his *Preface to Romans* Luther wrote, "This epistle is really the chief part of the New Testament, and is truly the purest gospel...It is a bright light, almost sufficient to illuminate the entire Holy Scripture."

I encourage you to make these 2-2-1 Lenten disciplines part of your routine. Personally, simply the practice of daily Bible reading has been powerful in my life. Back in the early 1990's, I was challenged to read through the Bible on an annual basis. This past December I completed what was my sixteenth reading of the Bible from Genesis to Revelation. (I have done it 16 out of the past 19 years...and the three years I missed were spiritually a trying time in my life.) So I commend to you the practice of daily Bible read-

ing. The Book of Romans will be divided up into bite-size pieces for daily reading. And, with those readings each day, take time to pray.

The weekly offering of worship and study are community endeavors. The rhythm of our life of faith is always moving between personal and community. Worship and study (though these can be personal disciplines, too) are seminal times to be built up in the Body of Christ. The Bible Study schedule is printed in this issue of the *Bethelite*. Enrich your spiritual life through regular worship and study.

Finally, just as one rhythm of faith moves us between the individual and corporate life, another rhythm of faith moves us between time apart from the world and time engaged in the world. Acts of service in the name of Christ are integral components of a full life of faith. You will find many opportunities to engage in such service.

May Lent 2012 be a time of great *Promise & Renewal* for God's people gathered together as Bethel Lutheran Church.

Joy, **Pastor Scot**

Getting Ready for EDUCATION Sunday School

Story: Jesus Heals **Biblical Text:** Mark 1:29-39
SPARK! Story Bible, pages 256-257
Bible Point: Jesus cares and hears our prayers.
Key Bible Verse: *In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place and there he prayed.* Mark 1:35
Prayer: Dear God, thank you for sending Jesus to care and hear our prayers. Please comfort and heal those who are sick and give strength and assurance to those who love them. In Jesus' name, amen.

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>
Sarah Harrold	<i>Evangelism & Mission</i>
John Swanson	<i>Confirmation, Visitation, Women's Ministries</i>

Program Staff

Annette Durkin	<i>Director of Communications</i>
Stacy Gahlman-Schroeder	<i>Assistant to the Senior Pastor</i>
Anita Grue, AiM	<i>Coordinator of Youth Ministries</i>
Gary Lewis	<i>Director of Music - Organist</i>
Alice Mowbray	<i>Business Admin. & Director of Development</i>
Sandy Ripp	<i>New Member Coordinator - Wedding Secty.</i>
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

Hours: Mon through Fri, 8:30 am - 5:00 pm, Sat 9:00 am - 1:00 pm
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Email: bethel@bethel-madison.org **Web site:** www.bethel-madison.org
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



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

Food Pantry Volunteers

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*

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.



A ministry of and for people in their 20's and 30's. Pr. Sarah, 257-3577, sarah@bethel-madison.org, www.meetup.com

Feb 24-26 Spiritual Retreat at Bethel Horizons. Healthy Lent Practices. Food, lodging for \$25. 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!*

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.

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 Tiikikila River in the Lake Clark Wilderness with Tim Andrews - **Feb. 7** 10:30 am, Borgwardt Hall.



Bibles To Be Presented February 12
Kindergarten Bible presentation, 9:15 am.

Family Ministry

Feb. 10 Date Night

Child care and child's meal provided from 5:30-8:30 pm. Enjoy downtown Madison while we entertain your children! Pre-register with Susan Straus: susans@bethel-madison.org, or: 257-3577 x 336.

Feb. 21 Mardi Gras

Dinner, games, crafts and music in Borgwardt Hall, 5:30 - 7:30 pm. All ages.

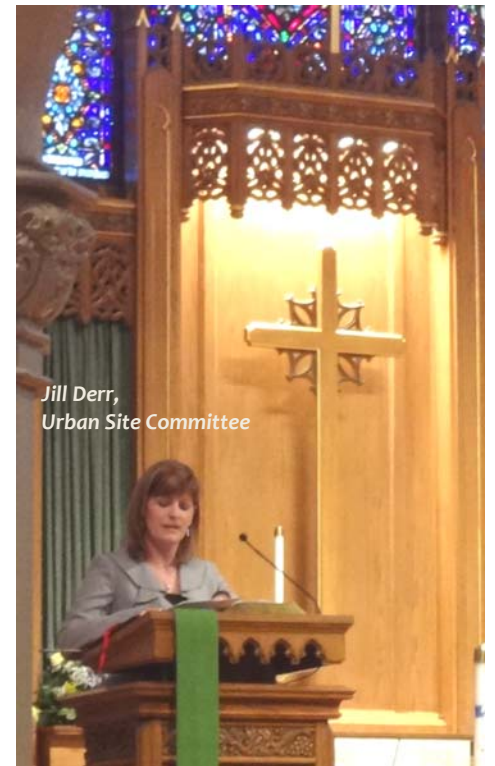
March 9 Family Pizza Party

Dinner and a movie, 5:30-7:30 pm.

Scenes from the Annual Meeting January 22, 2012



Bishop
Bruce Burnside



Jill Derr,
Urban Site Committee



Laura Vogel, Treasurer



THANK YOU, ANN LEON

On behalf of the congregation, I want to sincerely thank Ann Leon who just completed her term as President of the Church Council for successfully steering Bethel through the uncharted waters of transition. Through her efforts and those of the Call Committee, we have arrived safely on a quiet shore at the dawn of a new era. Through their efforts we are blessed. Our best days truly are yet to come.

-- **Vern Leibbrandt**, Bethel Church Council President

Circle Meeting Schedule

Inspiration

Feb. 9, Kathy Pielage

Renew

Feb. 9, 7:00 pm, at Bethel

Abigail

Feb. 15, 9:30 am, Marilyn Cleveland

Compassion

Feb. 16, 6:30 pm, Library Media Room

Celebration

Feb. 16, 6:00 pm, at Bethel

Blessings

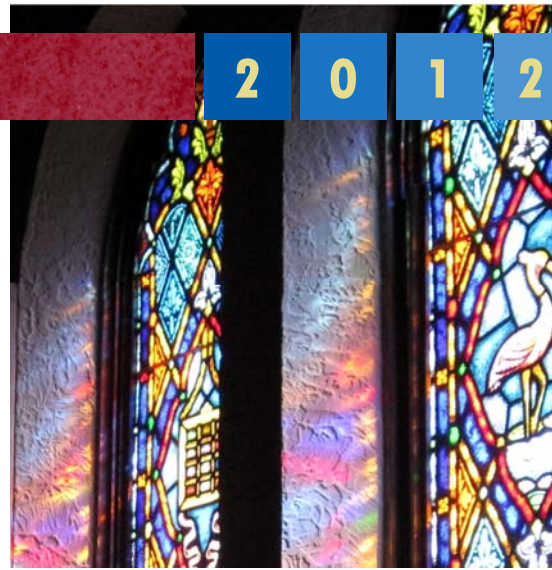
Feb. 21, 6:30 pm, Bev Hanson

Rejoice

Feb. 21, 7:15 pm, at Bethel

Wartburg College Castle Singers

This vocal jazz group will join us **Feb. 11** during the 5:00 pm worship service. They have toured internationally and are under the direction of Dr. Jane E. Andrews.



Feb 5 Sunday-5 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*)

Feb 6 Monday

- 8:30a Friendship Pad Volunteers (*Rm 104*)
- 12:00p Friendly Visitors (*Library*)
- 5:30p 40 Days Volunteer Challenge (*Library*)
- 7:00p Bethel Series-New Testament (*Rm 200*)

Feb 7 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*)
- Christian Men's Fellowship (*Borgwardt Hall*)
- 3:30p Eagle's Wings After School
- 5:00p Grupo Latino Practica de Musica (*Sanctuary*)
- 5:15p Women's Choir (*Choir Rm*)
- 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*)
- 7:45p Worship Rehearsal (*Sanctuary*)

Feb 8 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 Latino Baptism Class (*Rm 216*)
- 5:30p Bethel Ringers (*Room 202*)
- 6:30p Hot Topics-Senior High Youth (*Youth Rm*)

Feb 9 Thursday

- 6:00a Business Christian Fellowship (*Pentecost Rm*)
- 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*)
- 3:30p Eagle's Wings After School
- 6:00p Middle School Ministry (*Game Rm*)
- 6:30p Guitar Class (*Rm 216*)
- 7:00p Bethel Choir (*Choir Rm*)
- Renew Circle (*Rm 100*)

Feb 10 Friday

- 7:00a Men's Book Study (*Borgwardt Hall*)
- 5:30p Family Ministry Date Night (*Nursery*)

Feb 11 Saturday

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

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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

FEB 4 5:00 PM FEB 5 7:55 AM 9:15 AM 10:45 AM
PASTOR SARAH HARROLD

12:30 PM-SPANISH PASTOR JAIME DUBON

Isaiah 40:21-31 1 Corinthians 9:16-23 Mark 1:29-39

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.

Telecast also available on Bethel's web site at:
<http://bethel.tv.bethel-madison.org>

Please make your work shift selections from the available listings on the February, March and April calendars. The evening shifts are flexible, and can be worked 1, 2 or 3 hours, as your time allows.

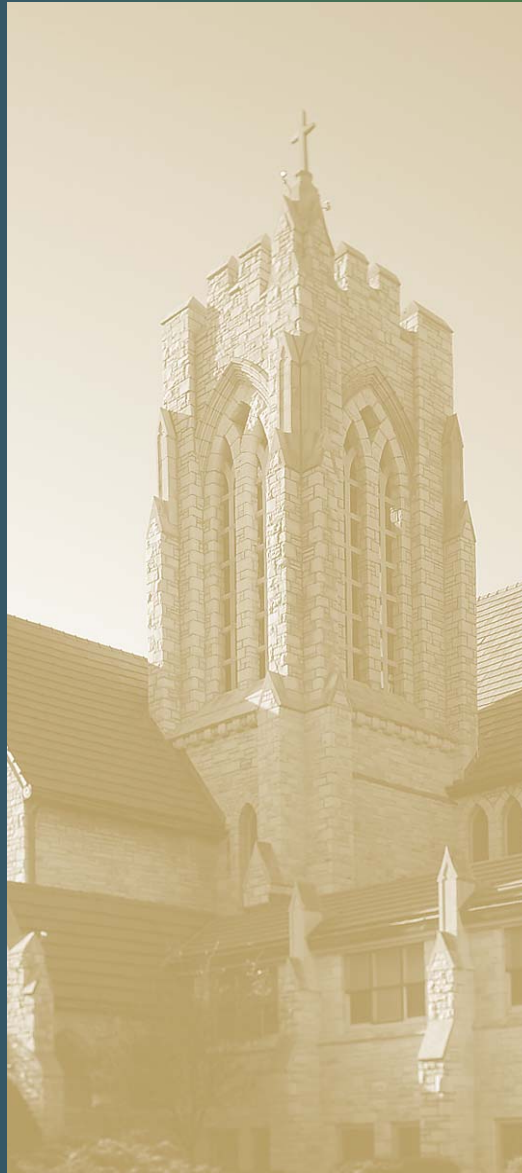
Yes! Please register me for the following date(s) and time(s) to work at Second Harvest Foodbank of Southern Wisconsin:

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____ Email _____

Preferred Shifts
1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Please return to: Jacqui Shanda, Bethel Lutheran Church, 312 Wisconsin Avenue, Madison, WI 53703




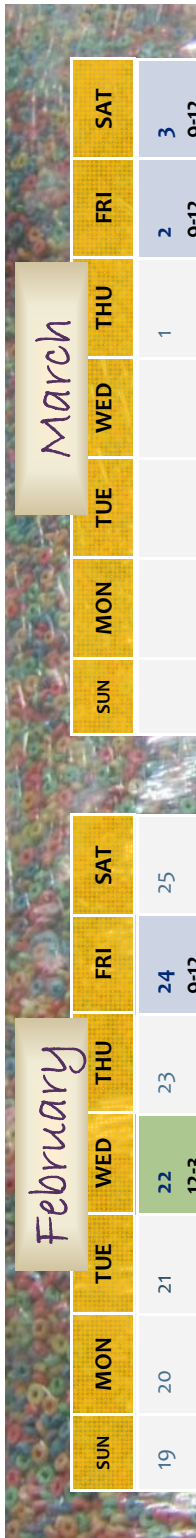
Help your community during Lent with service to others and/or by donating personal care items

Here's how it works:
Volunteer service
at Second Harvest Foodbank
Register for a three hour work shift and help package food items for distribution throughout southern Wisconsin

Donate
Personal Care Items

Bethel will collect a different item each week during Lent, with a goal of 1000 per week





March

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1	2 9-12	3 9-12
4	5 4-7	6 9-12	7 12-3	8 4-7	9	10 9-12
11	12 12-3 4-7	13 4-7	14	15	16 12-3	17
18	19 9-12	20 4-7	21	22 12-3 4-7	23	24 9-12
25	26 4-7	27 4-7	28	29 9-12 4-7	30	31 9-12

February

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
19	20	21	22 12-3	23	24 9-12	25
26	27 9-12	28 4-7	29			

April

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2 9-12 4-7	3 12-3 4-7	4	5	6 9-12	7

Volunteer Service

At Second Harvest Foodbank of Southern Wisconsin

GOAL

1000 Volunteer Hours during February, March and April

We have a wonderful service opportunity during Lent. Bethel will partner with Second Harvest Foodbank of Southern Wisconsin in a series of three hour shifts. You can work morning, midday or evening. Pick one shift, or work as many as fit your schedule. Dates and times are listed on the calendars on the left.

Shifts can be worked individually, as a family, with your Circle or small group, with co-workers or non-Bethel members. *Must be at least 12 years old to participate.*

All jobs involve getting food ready for distribution to the hungry in southern Wisconsin. As an example, break down a 700 pound bag of cereal into family-sized packages. No heavy lifting required. The jobs are performed standing.

Register with the form attached, or in the Emmaus Room on Sunday mornings, beginning Feb. 5.

Questions and information:

Jacqui Shanda, 257-3577, ext 333
blceducation@bethel-madison.org

Personal Care Item Collection

At Bethel Lutheran Church

GOAL

1000 Items Each Week during February, March and April

We are asking Bethel members to donate personal care products each week to help keep our Food Pantry guests well and healthy. Cleanliness helps prevent nutritional problems and the spread of disease and illness.

Fact: People participating in the FoodShare Wisconsin program (formerly known as Food Stamps) are not allowed to use this to purchase personal care items.

The following products will be collected each week before worship on Saturday evenings and Sunday mornings. These will go directly into Bethel's Food Pantry for distribution to our guests:

- Feb 26** Diapers, Wipes, Baby Shampoo
- March 4** Toothbrushes, Toothpaste
- March 11** Shampoo, Combs
- March 18** Toilet Paper (*single wrapped rolls*)
- March 25** Kid's Day: *Juice boxes, Animal Crackers, Micro popcorn, Fruit Roll-ups, Books*
- April 1** Personal Products: *Deodorant, Feminine Products, Bath Soap, Hand Sanitizer*