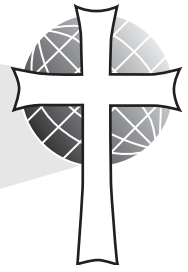


# Foundation Life



Bethel Lutheran Church Endowment Foundation

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Spring / Summer 2009

*Providing Christian care and support:*

## Stephen ministers touch lives during a time of crisis

*Imagine . . .*

*A Bethel member from Madison passes away. Her daughter from another state grieves alone while staying in Madison to finalize details with her mother's estate. Bethel offers a Stephen Minister to provide Christian care to the daughter while she is here.*

*A Bethel member is struggling financially and feeling depressed. A Stephen Minister supports this person and helps move him toward healing and wellness.*

We all face challenges and other difficult times in our lives – from dealing with a terminal illness or death to getting divorced or losing a job. These situations can take a big toll on us. Fortunately, Stephen Ministers are available to provide support during a time of crisis.

“A Stephen Minister is someone who is not a family member, not a co-worker, not a friend – but someone who is there specifically for you – to provide one-on-one Christian care by listening, talking and praying,” Pastor Laura Sutherland said. “Our Stephen

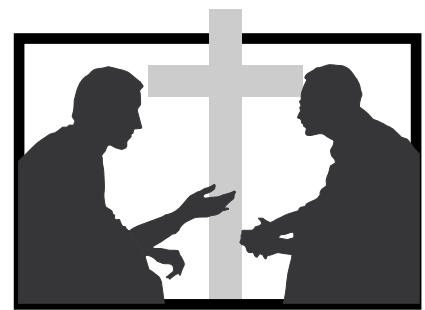
***A Stephen Minister provides one-on-one Christian care by listening, talking and praying with a Bethel member in need.***

Ministers are available to work with care receivers for one hour weekly for up to two years.”

Bethel's Stephen Ministers always are matched with care receivers of the same sex.

“It is important to note that this is not a personality match,” Pastor Sutherland said. “Rather, the purpose is to match someone from our congregation in need with a Stephen Minister who is compassionate, trustworthy, faith-filled and skilled. And, I am confident that all of our Stephen Ministers possess those qualities.”

Stephen Ministers are thoroughly trained to take on the commitment. They complete about 50 hours of training, which includes retreats. They also participate in continuing education and monthly support meetings.



### **They are a gift**

More than 10,000 congregations around the world have Stephen Ministry programs. Bethel has been offering this program for two years and currently has more than 20 trained Stephen Ministers. Pastor Laura regularly receives calls from individuals seeking care through this program. Because of the need, she would like to eventually grow the program to include 40 trained Stephen Ministers at Bethel.

“The feedback I get from care receivers is wonderful,” Pastor Sutherland said. “Many participants have shared what a blessing their Stephen Minister has been. I am proud to head up a program that is a true gift for our congregation.”

A grant from the Bethel Endowment Foundation supports the Stephen Ministry program.

# Wanted: ALL youth for fun and faith

All Bethel youth should have the opportunity to spend time with their peers and discover the love of Jesus. They should not be left out simply because their household budget does not include funding for “extra activities.”

Thanks to a grant from the Bethel Endowment Foundation, more Bethel youth can participate in retreats, synod events and recreational activities.

“Youth ministry is about planting seeds, and seeds can’t be planted if youth can’t attend events,” said Anita Grue, Coordinator of Youth Ministries. “It is invaluable for youth to gather with peers, hear



positive messages, grow in their faith and have fun.”

More than 40 youth have benefited from activities held this year. Middle school youth went miniature golfing and enjoyed time at a climbing gym. High school youth participated in a synod lock-out event that included a museum tour, rock climbing, laser tag and more.

And, the fun is just getting started. Upcoming activities include: mission trips, recreational trips to Noah’s Ark Water Park and Six Flags® Great America, paintball, skiing and several Christian concerts.



## 2009 Bethel Foundation grants

Latino ministry	\$75,000
Sanctuary painting	\$42,830
Year II confirmation mission trip	\$10,947
Choral work in worship	\$10,300
Stephen ministry training	\$9,500
Children’s summer musical	\$3,400

In 2009, the Bethel Endowment Foundation will give more than \$500,000 to projects that will help people in your backyard and those across the globe.

This year, like past years, some projects are not able to be funded – projects that could touch hearts, grow faith and make a lifelong impact.

We continue to need your support to offer more opportunities for others. Be part of this valuable mission.

Call Alice Mowbray, 257-3577.

## Gifts and memorials create opportunities

*Thank you for your generous gifts that enable the Bethel Endowment Foundation to contribute to many special programs.*

*Bethel Lutheran Church has established memorials for each deceased member since 1964. You may add to one of these, start a special fund or offer general contributions.*

**Memorials were established for the following Bethel members between October 1, 2008, and March 31, 2009:**

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Ruth Wang

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# Deep roots

I grew up on a dairy farm. From that background, I have always known that a strong root system is important – on many levels. Plant wise, Faith wise, Family wise. It creates the life giving sustenance for growth. Abundant crops were continually necessary for herd nourishment and thriving production.

It's not just happenstance that we call our longstanding undergirding for all that is the mission of Bethel – the Foundation. And really the maintenance required to keep it robust is the same, metaphorically speaking, that I helped with 40 years ago as a youngster on our Winnebago County farm – planting seeds, cultivation, bountiful (or sometimes scarce) harvests, good stewardship – regardless.

In the daily meditation book *God Calling*, one of the springtime readings *Roots and Fruits* speaks to this; Remember the lesson of the seed too

in its sending a shoot down so that it may be rooted and grounded, while at the same time it sends a shoot up to be the plant and flower that shall gladden the world. The two growths are necessary. Without the strong root it would soon wither, as much activity fails for lack of growth in Me. The higher the growth up, the deeper must be the enrooting. Many forget this and thus their work ceases to be permanent for Me. Beware of the leaves and flowers without the strong root.

That last line is so much about church stewardship, vision and mission! Without a soundly defined theological path, a church body easily morphs into feeling like the flavor of the day, rather than the body of Christ. Certainly, the solid farm asset stewardship was the training ground for my Dad being the longtime treasurer of my childhood church.

So here we are, midway through a financial year as tumultuous as the



Alice Mowbray

Great Depression 80 years ago. Without an unwavering root system, we could easily be swept away with these winds of change. Yet our Foundation stewardship practices remain confident in their sound methods and in the ultimate mission of Bethel Lutheran Church.

Alice Mowbray  
Director of Development

*“Money won't buy happiness – but poor stewardship of money will steal happiness.”*

*Becoming Your Own Banker*



**700**  
Bible Study  
participants

**90,629**  
Meals  
provided

## Hundreds experience a spiritual awakening

Participants improved their lives with God – and fed hungry people by taking part in the *40 Days of Spiritual Renewal* program. *40 Days* provides resources for daily prayer and scripture reading, weekly worship and Bible study – and the opportunity to complete a major service project. *Feeding 80,000* was this year's church-wide service component. The goal was to buy or raise funds for 80,000 meals during Lent. The Bethel Endowment Foundation supports printing, promotion and materials' costs for this project, which impacts the lives of many members – and non-members.

## 2009 Bethel Foundation grants

Food Pantry footprint expansion	\$43,000
Senior high mission trip	\$17,376
Summer interns	\$16,500
Subsidized youth events	\$14,825
Sunday evening worship	\$6,000
Children of Chernobyl dental project	\$3,000



## Latino ministry is a blessing to many



*“I came to accompany a friend and I could not believe how easy it was to understand the sermon.”*

*“I love the music – it makes me feel like (I am) at home in my country.”*

*“My children never wanted to go to church – I had to drag them. Now, they are the first ones ready to go to church.”*

Bethel’s Latino ministry continues to impact the lives of the growing number of Latinos in the Madison area.

“We have seen a recent increase in Latino participation at Bethel,” Pastor Pedro Suárez said. “Considering worship and other Bethel activities, we are serving more than 300 Latinos each week – and that is wonderful.”

Moving forward in 2009, the Latino ministry will put greater emphasis on stewardship with a goal of increasing prayer circles by 20%.

“We also would like to increase worship attendance by about 20% this year,” Pastor Suárez said.

Funding from the Bethel Endowment Foundation supports the growing Latino ministry, which offers Latinos a place to come together and be part of a faith community.

## What’s love got to do with it?

Twenty-two young adults, including three from Puerto Rico, worshipped, participated in camp activities and spent time with their peers in a safe, educational environment in April. They attended the annual Latino Youth Spring Break at Bethel Horizons.

The theme of the event was *Sex: What’s Love Got To Do With It?* Pastor Pedro Suárez held workshops on this topic. He also led devotions and worship.

“The program was a resounding success,” said Lindsey Scheid Program Director. “Not only did the young people get to experience all three of Horizons’ programs (*Art Ventures, Environmental Education, and Adventure*), but they reveled in the fellowship and camaraderie. They were able to explore prayer and worship in a safe place in addition



*Latino Youth Spring Break participants enjoyed taking part in a dance/talent show. They also played games, took a night hike and watched the movie, Juno.*

to enjoying time relaxing, bonding and sharing.”

Grants from the Bethel Endowment Foundation make enriching opportunities at camp possible for Latino members.



*Arnaldo Cruz displays his rock-climbing skills at the Latino Youth Spring Break. He will travel from Puerto Rico to join the Horizons’ staff for part of the summer.*



# The sound of music from this organ is magnificent

Bethel's pipe organ will make beautiful music for years to come – thanks to some recent updates.

This organ is one of the most valuable instruments of its kind in Madison. It literally sets the tone for worship – leading the congregation's song and accompanying the choirs.

The swell shades (*see photo at right*) are a key part of the organ. These large louvers in the front half of the pipes soften their sound, making them sound like they are in another room. The organist opens the louvers with a foot control to make the sound "swell," and closes them to make the sound quieter.

Over the years, the old mechanisms became ineffective. To revive the shades, Peter Duys, organ technician, implemented an idea from Gary Lewis, Music Director and organist, and designed extensions to make the louvers more effective. He also added state-of-the-art motors to complete the project.

The pipe organ project was labor intensive, but with skilled woodworkers from the choir, Bethel was able to bring down the overall cost. Funding from the Bethel Endowment Foundation helped cover the cost of the organ improvements so we can continue to enjoy its beautiful sound during worship.



## Welcome back



Music Director Gary Lewis returned to Bethel on Palm Sunday from a sabbatical that began Jan. 5. During his time away, he composed, studied and observed the worship of other churches.

A grant from the Bethel Endowment Foundation covered the costs of a temporary organist and music director during Gary's three-month sabbatical.

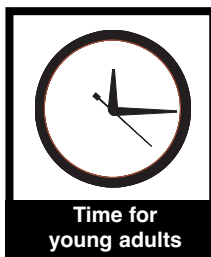


## 2009 Bethel Foundation grants

Seminarian scholarships	\$38,125
Music Director's sabbatical	\$12,925
Hope House	\$12,000
Appliances / repairs - Lutheran Campus Center	\$8,000
Organ swell shades/motors	\$7,256
Women's retreat	\$5,700
Fall family cookout	\$2,000
Puerto Rico mission trip	\$2,000
Sunday student bus	\$2,000
Forty Days of Spiritual Renewal	\$1,500
Admin. & Publicity	\$41,925
Contingency reserve	\$20,154

## Reaching out to young adults

Plans are under way to develop more young adult ministry opportunities to help foster relationships among these Bethel members.



there has been little deliberate programming for this age group.

This effort kicked off with an event in February where about 25 individuals gathered for food and fellowship. A spring retreat and other events are planned for the future.

"There are more than 1,000 Bethel members who are between the ages of 23 and 40," said Kirsten Fryer, Pastoral Associate. "Despite this large number,

A grant from the Bethel Endowment Foundation is helping this project move forward.



## Memorials

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*The following individuals contributed general gifts to the Foundation between October 1, 2008, and March 31, 2009:*

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### 2009 Bethel Foundation grants

Vacation Bible Camp	\$18,000
Grants for Bethel youth to attend camp	\$10,000
Latino children's week	\$5,000
Latino family opportunities	\$4,500
Polish visitors to Madison	\$4,500
Fall hymn festival	\$3,060
Bethel young adults	\$2,500
Slovakian retreat center	\$2,500
Men's retreat (cancelled)	\$1,000
Latino worship at church picnic	\$850



**In memory of Wayne Randl** by Karyn Wood

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**More than just playing in the sand!**

*Thirty people participated in Bethel's ninth mission trip to Puerto Rico earlier this year. They sifted sand (above), which was mixed with cement and used to complete a brick wall at Dorado's Lutheran Church. The group also explored the island, worshipped and spent time with Puerto Rican friends. Funding from the Bethel Endowment Foundation helps enhance Bethel's connection to Puerto Rico and supports other international outreach efforts.*

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**In memory of Gerhard Ellerkamp** by Mary Anne Marsden

**2009 Bethel Foundation grants**

<b>Bethel Horizons' projects</b>	
Art Shack repair	\$40,000
Camperships	\$10,000
Cultural immersion	\$8,000
Prairie Center blinds/carpet	\$3,141
Latino youth spring break	\$3,000
Bob Westervelt honorary scholarships for camp	\$2,500
Canoe trailer	\$2,500



## HOPE HOUSE

More than 60 mothers and 70 children have received mentoring and education on parenting, child development, nutrition, budgeting, job placement and more – at Madison's Hope House. This residential ministry houses homeless, single women with babies or small children for 90 days. Bethel founded this program with the Dane County Parent Council in 2002.

Funding from the Bethel Endowment Foundation helps cover the cost of the program manager, utilities and maintenance.

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## \$ 2008 financial results

It is no longer headline news that last year's worldwide security markets had their worst year since the Great Depression – with most of the bad news coming in the last quarter. Our Foundation portfolio suffered along with this collapse, but its balance with the bond portion helped cushion the losses.

	Actual annualized return	Benchmark
2009 (1 <sup>st</sup> quarter)	-6.4%	-6.8%
2008	-24.2%	-23.9%
3 years	-2.5%	-3.1%
5 years	2.0%	0.5%
10 years	3.4%	1.2%
19 years	8.5%	7.3%

The portfolio mix after the first quarter was 59% stocks, 32% bonds, 9% money market/cash. We continue to appreciate the expertise of our Investment Committee, who steadfastly steward our financial resources.

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