



*Forty Days of  
Spiritual Renewal*  
*The Spreading Flame*

**Register today!**

It's as easy as 2-2-1! For the fifth year, Bethel is challenging our congregation to commit to five disciplines during the 40 days of Lent. They are:

- ♦ Daily prayer and scripture reading.
- ♦ Weekly worship and Bible study.
- ♦ One significant service activity for someone in need.

To help you with this commitment, we offer:

- ♦ Classes and a workbook with daily scripture readings and a Bible study on Acts.
- ♦ A daily devotion and prayer written by Bethel staff and members on the scripture readings.
- ♦ Worship services on Wednesdays, Saturday evenings and Sundays.
- ♦ A Diakonia Day on Saturday, March 20 dedicated to helping people in the Madison area.



Registration forms and materials are available on Sunday mornings in the Emmaus Room and at the Receptionist's Center during the week.

## Acts overview for Lent

Sarah Henrich, professor of New Testament studies at Luther Seminary, will present an introduction to the book of Acts on Wednesday, Feb. 10. Why Acts? Our Bible readings, devotions, study and sermons will all be centered on the Acts of the Apostles during Lent (*beginning Ash Wednesday, Feb. 17*). You can pick up your *Spreading Flame* workbook in the Emmaus Room on Sunday.

She will make the same presentation twice — you can choose which session works best for you. The schedule is: 4:30 presentation, 6:00 dinner and 7:00 repeated presentation. We hope you can join us for one of these two sessions and dinner. For details, contact Jacqui Shanda at 257-3577, ext. 333.

## Love and Logic class begins Feb. 25

Bethel member, professional educator and mother of two, Julie Martinelli will teach a Love and Logic course for parents and caregivers of children of all ages. The five sessions will be on Thursday evenings, Feb. 25-March 25 from 7:00-8:30. The cost is \$20/person or \$30/couple (with a shared workbook). Child-care is provided. Registrations should be received by Tuesday, Feb. 16. Contact Jacqui Shanda at 257-3577, ext. 333.

## Social networking: the real story

This Sunday, Feb. 7 at 10:30 a.m. in Good Shepherd Chapel, Kelly Beckett and June Groehler from the Madison Police Department will lead a forum examining MySpace safety issues, the cyber bullying epidemic and current trends on online tools. No registration is necessary.



## Finding a community

When my daughter moved from the Midwest to the West Coast about 20 years ago I was concerned not just for her safety but for her well being. How would she find a good dentist? Where would she go to get her car fixed at an honest price? Who was going to care for her the way I could?

One of my pieces of advice was, "Find a church as soon as you can. After worship stick around and get acquainted. Before you need it ask someone you trust at the church for the names of a good hardware store, a dependable mechanic and other professionals who will treat you fair. Think of your church as a powerful resource center." She did what I asked and she had immediate community.

When my son biked across the United States from Portland, Oregon, to Portland, Maine, I provide him with a list of ELCA churches along his expected path. Many times he stopped at one of those churches who allowed him either to pitch his tent on church grounds, spread his sleeping bag in a church basement or even stay in a home. He even ended up eating a few home cooked meals, courtesy of fine Lutherans. He learned that the ELCA has an amazing chain of churches in small and large towns across this great land of ours.

Years ago my friend Jack had major surgery in a Jacksonville, Florida hospital. I called the ELCA

## From the Pastor



pastor in that town and asked if he would visit our member in the hospital. Three hours later we received a phone call from Jack's wife, Marty, telling us the pastor had just visited them. That pastor visited them a dozen times during the next few weeks, and Marty went to church at the congregation on Sundays before she visited her husband. By the way, the name of the Lutheran pastor in Florida was Bill White.

Recently a pastor friend from Gahanna, Ohio had a similar experience. A member of his congregation was visiting a family in Las Vegas. While at dinner the man went into cardiac arrest and ended up in the hospital. When the Ohio pastor learned of his friend's condition he called the senior pastor of Community Lutheran Church in Las Vegas. That very day the Las Vegas pastor not only made a visit to the hospital, but he arranged for his staff to visit the man regularly.

You not only belong to Bethel Lutheran Church, you belong to the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. Bethel is a city-wide church, but the ELCA is a nationwide church. Each church or congregation in this chain is not just a place where you can worship, it is a resource center, full of loving and caring people, who can help you on your journey.

~Pastor Bill White

## Looking for wedding coordinators

A wedding coordinator is responsible for:

- ♦ Attending the rehearsal (which is usually scheduled the night prior to the wedding).
- ♦ Attending and orchestrating the wedding.



There are about 30 weddings at Bethel per year, sometimes two weddings on the same day. Wedding assignments will be divided so coordinators will have about 10 per year. There is compensation for this position. If you are interested, please contact Sandy Ripp at 257-3577, ext. 231.

## EDUCATION

Getting Ready For Sunday School

**Story:** The Disciples

**Biblical Text:** Luke 5:1-11; 8:1-3

**Bible Point:** We can all be disciples and follow Jesus.

**Key Bible Verse:** *Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people.* Luke 5:10b (NRSV)

**Prayer:** Dear God, thank you for loving us and making us Jesus' disciples. Help us to be disciples and tell others all about Jesus. In Jesus' name, amen.

*Lenten devotion booklets for children and youth are available in the Emmaus Room, on second floor and at the Pentecost Room door.*

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## What's Happening

### **Art exhibit in Bethel's Fireside Gallery through February**

Local and Norwegian landscapes by Odvar Klovrud are on display through the end of the month. Stop by to see these small oil paintings, which feature detailed outdoor settings.

### **WomenAde selects Bethel's Food Pantry for their first 2010 focus**

The Madison WomenAde recently held an event at Bethel to highlight the needs of our well-used Food Pantry. If you did not attend but would like to make a donation to the Bethel Food Pantry on behalf of WomenAde, please mail it to Julie Patrick, 3312 Country Grove Dr., Madison 53719.

## What's Happening

**New Member Class:** Bethel's new member class will be held on **Saturday, Feb. 6 from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm**. For more information, contact Sandy Ripp, Director of New Members at [sandy@bethelmadison.org](mailto:sandy@bethelmadison.org) or call 257-3577 x231. New member Sunday is Feb 28 at the 9:15 am service.

### **Bethel Couples Club, Friday, Feb. 12 at 6:15 pm**

The evening entertainment will feature Men of Note from Verona—the cost of the program is \$8.00. For reservation or questions, please contact Judy Griffin at 222-9290.

### **Primetimers, Saturday, Feb. 13**

Dinner will be held at 5:30 pm at the new Bonfyre restaurant. A Valentine Sweethearts concert will follow at 7:30 pm. Performers include the Midwest Vocal Express, a male a cappella chorus (performing barbershop favorites, show tunes and pop music). This event is sponsored by the Verona Area Performing Arts Series. For information about meal choices and to make a reservation, call Marty and Carol Clarke at 221-3249. Seats are limited, so don't delay!

### **Celebration Circle, Thursday, Feb. 18 and Thursday, March 18 at 7:00 pm**

February hostess is Sharon Starkey. March hostess is Alice Mowbray.

### **Breakfast with the Birds at Bethel Horizons Feb. 20, and March 20, from 8:30 to 11 am**

With the cold, snowy weather we've been experiencing, birds have been flocking to the feeding station at Bethel Horizons in large numbers. Now's the time to get out of the house and join naturalist Eric Volden for an entertaining morning of bird watching and bird lore. A hearty breakfast will be served as Eric identifies birds coming to the feeders and relates bird feeding information. Bring binoculars if you have them. Cost for the breakfast and program is \$8.00. Call (608) 574-1992 for more information or to make reservations.

### **Bethel Art & Faith Trip, Aug. 6-20**

Are you interested in learning about the Art & Faith trip to Eastern Europe this summer? Stop by the Emmaus Room and visit with Pastor Hanson following worship services on Sunday, Feb. 14. For more details, pick up the four-page brochure in the kiosk in the Emmaus Room.

