



BETHELITE

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The Spreading Flame

Bethel's Forty Days of Spiritual Renewal begins on **Ash Wednesday, February 17**

Renewal

Through daily Scripture reading, daily prayer, weekly worship, weekly Bible study, and one service activity, refresh and renew your spiritual life during this time of preparation and reflection.

The weekly Bible Study will focus

on The Acts of the Apostles, the New Testament book chronicling the growth of the early Christian church, which was likened to "a spreading flame." Brochures with commitment cards were included in the January 27 *Bethelite*, and are also available in the Emmaus Room.

JOYFUL, JOYFUL WE ADORE THEE YOUTH DINNER & CONCERT



Members of the Worship Team, and Youth ticket sellers, Casey & Heather

WEEK 1 ASH WEDNESDAY

- 7:00a **Worship Service**
 - 11:00a **Worship Service**
 - 12:00p Lunch - Selections vary
 - 12:30p Faith Talk-*Bill Webb*
 - 1:15p Lent Bible Study
 - 5:00p Dinner - Luedtke's Stadium Bar
Hamburgers or Chicken Caesar Salad
 - 6:00p Bethel Horizons Program
Birds of a Feather-*Eric Volden*
 - 6:30p Lenten Kids Series
Movie & Popcorn, *Chicken Run* or *Veggie Tales: The Story of Flibber-O-Loo*
 - 6:30p **Worship Service**
 - 6:30p Lent Bible Studies & Worship
 - 8:00p **Worship Service** in Spanish
- Imposition of Ashes at all Worship Services*
Child care 5:30-8:15 p

A vibrant, joy-filled youth concert, featuring the sixteen voice Senior High Choir and Bethel's Worship Team, was enjoyed by hundreds of members and friends on Saturday evening, January 30. Under the direction of Katie Czechowicz, the chorale performance was accompanied by the Yahara Project five-piece band, and pianist, Patrick Kenney.

Proceeds from ticket sales and dinner sales will help underwrite costs of the youth trip to Puerto Rico this summer.

Dinner was prepared and donated by the Jim & Betsy Luedtke family, and their Stadium Sports Bar & Eatery.



FROM THE PASTOR

It's that time of year when Lindsey (our program director at Bethel Horizons) and I set out to colleges and universities to hire staff for our summer program at Bethel Horizons. It's always an intriguing exercise as we listen to aspiring staff members articulate their values, goals and ambitions. In the midst of our conversations I usually hear the applicant say that he/she wishes to gain experience in working with young people. Oftentimes they have taken courses in college like child psychology, teaching methods, etc. and now want an opportunity to "put the theory into action." In other words, they now want to practice what they have been taught about working with young people.

I find it interesting that they are articulating the same feelings that religious people have expressed down through the centuries. Going back to the early days of Christianity we hear the words of Abbot Pastor, one of the most quoted of the desert fathers. He said, "If you have a chest full of clothing, and leave it for a long time, the clothing will rot inside it. It is the same with thoughts in our heart. If we do not carry them out by physical action, after a long while they will spoil and turn bad."

Barbara Brown Taylor, in a new book entitled, "An Altar in the World", says that the great wisdom traditions of the world all

Pastor's Study



recognize that the main impediment to living a life of meaning is being self-absorbed. And that is the continual dilemma of many college students that we interview for jobs at Bethel Horizons. Whenever I visit with a student whose first questions revolve around "what's in it for me?", I realize that he/she will have a hard time "loving the neighbor as oneself." That person will have a hard time giving up "their world" for the sake of campers.

For what that young person doesn't realize is that it's difficult to love the neighbor as the self. Barbara Brown Taylor says it this way, "to love the neighbor as the self - to encounter another human being not as someone you can use, change, fix, help, save, enroll, convince or control, but simply as someone that can spring you from the prison of yourself, if you will allow it... is the hardest spiritual work in the world. But it is also the most rewarding. And that is what our counselors at Bethel Horizons learn every summer... it is in giving that they receive. It is in giving that they experience personal growth. It is in giving that they learn more about the God they meet in Jesus. May this also be our experience as we enter this Lenten season.

-Pastor Duane Hanson

Art and Faith Trip

February is the month to register for this trip to Eastern Europe, scheduled for **August, 2010**. Meet people in congregations, camps and Art Fairs in Poland and Slovakia. Tour Warsaw, Wroclaw, Krakow, and Prague. This trip will be hosted by friends who have visited us at Bethel. For more information, please call Pastor Hanson, 257-3577, or visit with him on Sunday morning, February 14.



EDUCATION

Getting Ready for Sunday School

Story: The Transfiguration

Biblical Text: Luke 9:28-36

Bible Point: Jesus shows us the glory of God.

Key Bible Verse: *Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!"* Luke 9:35

Prayer: Dear God, prepare our hearts to witness your glory and open our mouths to share your glory. In Jesus' name, amen.



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NEWS & EVENTS

Luther College Nordic Choir Sunday, February 21 at 4:00 pm

This performance by one of the top college choirs in the nation will feature choral works by Christiansen, Fritschel, Gjello, Martin, Paulus, Vaughan Williams, plus various spirituals. Tickets for this top-rated college choir are \$15 for adults and \$10 for students, available at: 1-800-4-Luther, or: www.luthertickets.com

Christian Men's Fellowship will feature a program about *The University Avenue Holiday Lights*, presented by Dr. Jack Kammer, **February 16**. Coffee at 10:30 am, followed by devotions, meeting and program. Lunch at 12:00.

Prime Timers

Join the fun on **Saturday, February 13**, when the Prime Timers gather at 5:30 pm for dinner at the new Bonfyre restaurant, followed by a Valentine Sweethearts Concert at 7:30 pm. For reservations and meal choices, please call Marty and Carol Clarke at **221-3249**.

BETHEL CAMERA CLUB SHARE YOUR WORK

Next meeting will be **Thursday, February 18** at 7:00 pm in Borgwardt Hall. The program will feature a visual tour of the Eastern Mediterranean area. In addition, members are asked to bring their work on a disc to share with the group.

Bethel Book Women *The Last Empress*, by Anchee Min, will be the book discussed on **Monday, February 15 at 7:00 pm**.

HELP FOR LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF HAITI EARTHQUAKE

With the recent tragedy in Haiti, all of the Lutheran World Relief Health Kits have been shipped out of their warehouse in Minneapolis – and you can help in one of three ways:

Donate money for supplies before **February 24**: Make checks payable to Bethel Lutheran Church – Health Kits. If mailing the check to Bethel, send it to Jacqui's attention.

Shop for supplies on Saturday, **February 27**: shoppers will meet at 9:30 in Bethel's Fireside Gallery to receive instructions and shopping lists.

Assemble and pack supplies. Meet on Saturday morning, **March 6** at 9:00 for assembly line duty. The boxes of health kits will be delivered to the warehouse on March 15.

If you have questions, call Nancy Wanless, 246-8219.

Bethel Men's Book Study

Every Friday at 7:00 am. Book discussion is Outliers, by Malcolm Gladwell

Borgwardt Hall-Coffee and pastries provided

If you haven't already done so, go to www.princetonclub.net



MILLION POUND Challenge

to register for Team Bethel Lutheran Church. You can then contribute money, lose weight, or exercise (at home or at any health club) to help provide for Bethel's Food Pantry. Our team currently has contributed 1,109.5 pounds of food.

Marriage Renewal Service - February 14

You're invited to participate in a Renewal of Marriage Vows during the 9:15 and 10:45 services next Sunday. Each couple will receive a votive candle and holder. Please contact Pastor John Swanson to pre-register: jswanson@bethelmadison.org, 257-3577, ext. 330.

35 Members of Bethel's **One-A-Week Blood Donor Club** gave 38 units during November and December.



Annual Women's Retreat "Women in the Church"

Women of all ages are invited to join us for a weekend of relaxation, learning and fun, **April 30-May 1**, at Bethel Horizons. Cost: \$40, which includes meals, lodging and all activities. www.bethelhorizons.org

Circle Meeting Schedule

Blessings

February 16 at 7:00 pm Cheryl Allen

Abigail

February 17 at 9:30 am Marilyn Cleveland
Meets at Bethel-Library Media Room

Evelyn

February 18 Betty Bridge

Bethel Estate Sales

Mark your calendars for two upcoming sales: **February 24-25** in the Hill Farms area, and **March 24-25** in the Parkwood hills area. Contact Pat Bruden, 246-1813, for information.

Youth Events

Middle School Movie Night,
February 19, 6:30-10:30 pm

Indianhead Mountain Ski Trip, **February 25-27**. Please complete and return the release form with the \$110 fee by **February 12**. Whitewater Canoe Trip, **July 25-30**, \$250, register by Feb. 18.

Dinner Schedule

Feb. 17	Luedtke's Stadium Bar
Feb. 24	Milio's Sandwiches
March 3	Mad Dog's Chicago Style Eatery
March 10	Tex Tubb's Taco Palace
March 17	Wah Kee Chinese Noodle Restaurant
March 24	Luedtke's Coliseum Bar and Banquet

Kick Off Lent with Mardi Gras † February 16

Join in for pancakes, Mardi Gras themed crafts, great music and fellowship. This pre-Lenten dinner will feature pancakes with a variety of toppings, Red Beans and Rice, Beignets, coffee from Café du Monde in New Orleans, plus music, parade floats and lots of beads!

5:30-7:30 pm \$5 ages 5 and up

GET UNMASKED!



Spreading the Flame – Lent Bible Study Times and Locations

Wednesdays	1:15 Good Shepherd Chapel	Pastor Sarah Harrold
	6:30 Couples, Good Shepherd Chapel	Pastor Bill White
	6:30 Library	Pastor Curt Everson
Fridays	9:30 Pentecost Room	Pastor Curt Everson
Saturdays	8:30 Men - Room 200	Pastor John Swanson
Sundays	10:30 Good Shepherd Chapel	Pastor Laura Sutherland
	6:30 Young adults - Youth room	Pastor Sarah Harrold
Mondays	12:00 Room 200	Pastor John Swanson
Tuesdays	12:00 Room 200	Pastor Bill White
	1:30 Oakwood East-4 th floor lounge	Pastor Laura Sutherland
	2:00 Oakwood West	Pastor Curt Everson

DIAKONIA DAY March 20

A day of service to the Madison community, as part of our 40 Days of Spiritual Renewal. Projects will be identified for teams of Bethel members.

A project list will be available in early March.

Help make a difference in the lives of the people of Dane County!

BETHEL CALENDAR ■ FEBRUARY 14-20, 2010

Feb 14 Sunday-Last Sunday After Epiphany-Transfiguration

- 6:45a Coffee Fellowship (*Fireside Gallery*)
- 7:55a **Worship Service** (*Sanctuary*)
- 8:00a Sunday School Teachers' Meeting (*Genesis Café*)
- 8:30a Childcare available until 2:00p (*Nursery*)
- Genesis Café Open (*Borgwardt Hall*)
- 8:45a Library Open until 11:45a
- 9:15a **Worship Service-Renewal of Marriage Vows** (*Sanctuary*)
- Sunday School
- What is Baptism (*Good Shepherd Chapel*)
- 9:45a Rehearsal for 10:45a Worship service (*Choir Room*)
- 10:15a Children's Choir (*Room 216A*)
- Cherub Choir (*Room 202*)
- Junior Youth Choir (*Pentecost*)
- 10:30a ESL Classes (*Room 216B*)
- Prime Timers Meeting (*Room 101*)
- 10:45a **Worship Service-Renewal of Marriage Vows** (*Sanctuary*)
- 11:00a Sunday School (*Rooms 204, 210, 212*)
- 11:45a Latino Children's Choir (*Room 202*)
- 12:00p Bethel Friends Luncheon (*Fireside Gallery*)
- 12:30p **Worship-La Santa Misa** (*Sanctuary*)
- 1:30p Refrigerio (*Borgwardt Hall*)

Feb 15 Monday

- 8:30a Friendship Pad Volunteers (*Room 104*)
- 9:00a XYZ Board Meeting (*Library*)
- 12:00p Feed and Read (*Library*)
- BLCEF Investment Committee (*Room 200*)
- 6:30p Latino Senior High Youth (*Youth Room*)
- 7:00p Bethel Book Women (*Library Media Room*)
- Bethel Series-New Testament (*Good Shepherd Chapel*)
- Camera Club (*Fireside Gallery*)

Feb 16 Tuesday

- 9:00a Library Open, until 12:00p
- 10:30a Homeless Spiritual Support Group (*Good Shepherd Chapel*)
- Christian Men's Fellowship (*Borgwardt Hall*)
- 11:30a Jail Chaplaincy Support Group (*Library Media Room*)
- 12:00p Homeless Book Group (*Library*)
- 3:30p Southdale After-School (*Pentecost Room 1-2, Fireside, Gallery*)
- 5:00p Grupo Latino Practica de Musica (*Sanctuary, Balcony*)
- New Member Class (*Library Media Room*)
- 5:15p Women's Choir (*Choir Room*)
- 5:30p Mardi Gras (*Borgwardt Hall*)
- 6:30p Creative Worship Singers (*Choir Room*)
- Advanced Computer Class (*Pentecost Room 3*)
- 6:45p Separated & Divorced Grp (*Rm 101, Good Shepherd Chapel, Library*)
- 7:00p Conversational Norwegian Class (*Library Media Room*)
- 7:15p Church Council (*Room 201*)

Feb 17 Wednesday-Ash Wednesday

- 7:00a **Worship Service** (*Sanctuary*)
- 11:00a **Worship Service** (*Sanctuary*)
- 12:00p Lunch and Faith Talk (*Borgwardt Hall*)
- 1:15p Lent Bible Study
- 5:00p Dinner (*Borgwardt Hall*)
- 5:30p Bethel Ringers (*Room 202*)
- 6:00p Horizons Program (*Fireside Gallery*)
- 6:30p **Worship Service** (*Sanctuary*)
- Lenten Kids Series (*Game Room*)
- Hot Topics (*Youth Room*)
- Lent Bible Studies & Worship (*Good Shepherd Chapel, Library*)
- 8:00p **Worship Service** in Spanish

Feb 18 Thursday

- 7:00a Current Christian Concerns-Lent Bible Study (*Library Media Rm*)
- 9:00a Bethel Series-Old Testament (*Good Shepherd Chapel*)
- 3:30p Southdale After-School (*Pentecost Room 1-2, Fireside, Gallery*)
- 6:30p Beginners Computer Class (*Pentecost Room-3*)
- 7:00p Bethel Choir Rehearsal (*Choir Room*)
- Camera Club (*Fireside Gallery*)

Feb 19 Friday

- 7:00a Men's Book Study (*Borgwardt Hall*)
- 9:30a XYZ Meeting (*Numerous locations throughout the Building*)
- Lent Bible Study (*Pentecost Room*)
- 6:30p Middle School Movie Night (*Game Room, Middle School Room*)

Feb 20 Saturday

- 8:00a Bible Study Group (*Library*)
- 8:30a Lent Bible Study (*Room 200*)
- 5:00p **Worship Service** (*Pentecost Room*)



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

TRANSGURATION OF OUR LORD

FEBRUARY 14, 2010

SATURDAY 5:00 PM

SUNDAY 7:55 AM, 9:15 AM, 10:45 AM

Pastor John Swanson

SUNDAY 12:30 PM -SPANISH † Pastor Curt Everson

Exodus 34:29-35 Psalm 99 2 Corinthians 3:12-4:4:2 Luke 9:28-36

TELECAST INFORMATION

Madison	Green Bay*
10:00 am WKOW-TV 27	8:30 am WACY-TV 32
<u>Eau Claire*</u>	<u>Milwaukee-Cable 15*</u>
9:00 am WQOW-TV 18	9:30 am WPXE-PAX 55
<u>La Crosse*</u>	<u>Wausau*</u>
9:00 am WXOW-TV 19	9:00 am WFXS-FOX 55

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