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LENTEN SPIRITUAL RENEWAL

Diakonia Day - Community Service

Saturday, March 20, Bethel volunteers gathered to prepare, serve and share a pancake breakfast with our homeless friends.



Wood Family Members

After breakfast, a Sending Service was led by Pastor Sarah Harrold. Volunteers then dispersed into the community for a day of helping, serving and caring for others. Activity locations included the Salvation Army, Hephatha Lutheran Church in Milwaukee, Bethel Horizons (Art Ventures), Serenity Homes (DeForest), Oakwood West for a hymn sing, Habitat for Humanity, Bethel - assembling health-activity kits for children, visiting some of our homebound, Coalition for the Elderly and Hope House.



John and Paul

Over 100 people participated in this first Diakonia Day, committing to service opportunities, and making new community connections. The Young Adult group found serving at the Salvation Army to be a wonderful experience, and plan to return.



Resurrection, Peggy Flora Zalucha
BETHEL LUTHERAN CHURCH ART COLLECTION

April 4 Easter Worship Services

AM: 6:00 7:30 9:00 10:45

Spanish: 12:30 PM

No Sunday School - children worship with their families

Easter Breakfast-Borgwardt Hall

Hot Egg Bake	Bacon	Fresh Fruit Salad
Coffee Cake	French Toast	Turnovers
Orange Juice	Coffee	Milk

Adults \$6.50 Under 12 years old: \$3.25

7:00-9:30 am

FROM THE PASTOR

As I was reflecting with some friends who had just come back from Latin America, the topic of insecurity, safety and crime was inevitable. We were alarmed at the growing number of kidnappings. After our conversation, I came across the following story.

A few years ago, a pastor in San Diego, Mark Trotter, told a true story about a man in New York City who was kidnapped. His kidnappers called his wife and asked for \$100,000 in ransom. She talked them down to \$30,000.

The story had a happy ending: the man returned home unharmed, the money was recovered, and the kidnappers were caught and sent to jail. But, don't you wonder what happened when the man got home and learned that his wife had negotiated his return for a discount? Calvin Trillin was the writer of this story. He imagined out loud what the negotiations must have been like: "\$100,000 for that old guy? You have got to be crazy. Just look at him! Look at that gut! You want \$100,000 for that? You've got to be kidding. Give me a break here. \$30,000 is my top offer."

Mark Trotter concluded his rendition of the story in a sermon with this thoughtful comment: "I suppose there are some here this morning who can identify with the wife in that story, but for some reason I find myself identifying with the husband. I'd like to think if I were in a similar situation, there would be people who would spare no expense to get me back. They wouldn't haggle over the price.

EDUCATION

Getting Ready for Easter Sunday

Story: The Empty Tomb

Biblical Text: Luke 24:1-12, SPARK Bible, pgs 482-487

Bible Point: Jesus is more powerful than death.

Key Bible Verse: *Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here but has risen.* Luke 24:5b

Prayer: Dear God, for sending your Son, we shout, "Alleluia!" For dying on the cross to forgive our sins, we shout, "Alleluia!" For raising Jesus up to a new life, we shout, "Alleluia!" In Jesus' name, amen.

*There will be no Sunday School on Easter morning, April 4.
The nursery is available for children under age 5 from 8:30 am-2:00 pm.*



Giving Your Best

They wouldn't say, 'Well, let me think about it.' I like to think that they would say, 'We'll do anything for you.' "

There are moments in life that we would do anything for someone we love, particularly if it has to do with health, or life and death situations. Other times we would do something extremely nice for someone because we are thankful. When Mary, Martha and Lazarus' sister anointed Jesus with an expensive perfume (John 12), she was doing something very special for someone special. She was thankful, and gave him her best in a gesture of genuine love.

That is why at these significant celebrations like Holy Week, we do something special and give our best in church, at home and in our community. Because we are thankful to Jesus for what He has done on our behalf.

Thank you, Lord Jesus, for all that you went through for us. Your death brought us life. ¡Muchas gracias, Jesucristo!

-Peace, Pastor Pedro Suárez

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NEWS & EVENTS



AUGUSTANA SPRING PREVIEW April 6 or 20

An opportunity to preview this campus, for high school students and their parents. Go to: www.augustana.edu/springpreview.

Bethel Scholarships Available

\$1,500 is available to Bethel members attending Lutheran Colleges. Bethel pays \$500 for each of the first three semesters. To apply, contact Alice Mowbray, 257-3577, or: alicem@bethel-madison.org.

Madison Meals For Haiti

April 8, 9 & 10, Madison Relief Organization is sponsoring a volunteer event to prepare half a million meals for Haiti. Contribute \$25 and 90 minutes: www.mealsforhaiti.org.

Bethel Married Couples Club

"What's Happening to Your Newspaper?"

Join us **April 9 at 6:15 pm** for a presentation by Bethel member John Fett. Dinner of ham with trimmings, \$8. Contact Susan or Harold Siekert, 271-2019, or: HRS102599@aol.com

Senior High Youth

Youth-led worship service on **April 18** at 10:45.

Million Pound Challenge Update

Bethel's team has contributed 5,895.5 pounds of food to our Food Pantry.

Feed and Read-12:00 Bethel Book Women-7:00

The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society by Mary Ann Shaffer and Annie Barrows will be discussed at meetings of both groups **April 19**.

SAVE THE DATES

- April 17:** MALC Quilt Auction-Pie Sale
- May 23:** Family Pentecost Brunch-Bethel
- June 5:** Race for the Cure
- June 26:** Bethel Children's Musical
- June 28:** Primetimers Brewers Baseball, \$47
- August 2-5:** Vacation Bible Camp

Bethel Men's Book Study

Meets every Friday morning at 7:00 am. Newcomers welcome!

Recycle Cardboard Egg Containers

Horizons needs your *cardboard* egg containers for camp projects. Donate at the Reception desk, or call Angie, 257-3577.

Circle Meeting Schedule

Compassion

April 7 at 6:30 pm Library Media Room

Inspiration

April 8 at 9:30 am Bonnie Kulke

Dorcias

April 8 at 9:00 am Nancy Herritz

COMMUNITY MEAL PROGRAM

Annual Easter Celebration, **April 4** at Luke House. To provide food, or help prepare for the day, please call: 256-6325.

Hope House and Spring Flowers

Again this year, Klein's Floral and Greenhouses will set aside **10% of your purchase price** for a Hope House donation. This generous offer is available all year - please be sure to mention at check-out.

China's Three Gorges Dam

CHRISTIAN MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Join us **April 6**, at 10:30 am, when Paul Hartwig shares his travelogue about the world's largest dam and hydroelectric project.

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Host Families Needed

June 18-July 30

Six Week Commitment

Six children, grades 4 thru 7, are eagerly anticipating their time in Wisconsin.

Bethel's global mission program, now in its 11th year, brings children from the radiation affected area of Borodyanka to receive medical, dental and vision care. Contact Jacqui Shanda, Circle of Love Coordinator, or Susan Straus, Host Family Coordinator, to host a child this summer: 257-3577.



Summer Internships for Bethel College Students

Bethel Staff is Awaiting the Arrival of You and Your Talents!

These paid positions offer a variety of interesting and challenging opportunities for college students who are Bethel members, and will be in the Madison area this summer. Projects available include:

Concert Dinner Coordinator

Circle of Love Activities Coordinator

Nursery Room & Worship Bag Care

Update and Produce Building Maps

Receptionist

Genesis Café Support

Landscaping

Window Washing

Contact Stacy Gahlman-Schroeder for an application. 257-3577, ext 325, or: stacyg@bethel-madison.org,

or go to the website: www.bethel-madison.org for an application

Applications due by May 1, 2010

Children's Musical - June 26

Performance at Oakwood West

Open to Bethel children completing grades 2-7. Laura Borgwardt, back from New York this summer, will direct kids in a musical based on "Alice in Wonderland." Rehearsals will be in the evenings. Cost is \$75 per actor, which includes a script and practice CD. Call Jacqui Shanda for information: 257-3577.

Vacation Bible Camp August 2-5

Open to Bethel children and their friends, ages 3 - 12, Bethel Horizons Camp. Call Jacqui for information, or to help, 257-3577.

MALC QUILT AUCTION AND PIE SALE

This fourth annual event will be held **April 17** at noon, Christ Lutheran Church in DeForest. Proceeds will benefit the Madison Area Lutheran Council Jail Chaplaincy Program.

Matching funds for auction and sale provided by Thrivent Financial for Lutherans.

Women's Retreat Bethel Horizons

April 30-May 1



Women in the Church

Women of all ages are invited to attend this weekend of relaxation, learning and fun. The featured speaker will be Professor Elizabeth Leeper, Wartburg Seminary. Additional activities include:

Breakfast with the Birds-Eric Volden Messages, Yoga, Scrapbooking and Art Ventures creative pottery

The cost is \$20 for Saturday only, \$40 for the entire weekend, which includes Friday night lodging. Information at:

www.bethelhorizons.org

Events start Friday at 4:00 pm, and conclude with Worship on Saturday at 3:15 pm.

EASTER

BETHEL CALENDAR ■ APRIL 4-10

April 4 Sunday-Easter Sunday

- 6:00a **Worship Service** (*Sanctuary*)
- 6:45a Coffee Fellowship (*Fireside Gallery*)
- 7:00a Easter Breakfast (*Borgwardt Hall*)
- 7:30a **Worship Service** (*Sanctuary*)
- 8:30a Childcare available until 2:00p (*Nursery*)
- 9:00a **Worship Service** (*Sanctuary*)
- 10:45a **Worship Service** (*Sanctuary*)
- 12:30p **Worship-La Santa Misa** (*Sanctuary*)

April 5 Monday

- 8:30a Friendship Pad Volunteers (*Room 104*)
- 6:30p Latino Senior High Youth (*Youth Room*)
- Advanced Computer Classes (*Pentecost Room*)
- 7:00p Bethel Series-New Testament (*Good Shepherd Chapel*)

April 6 Tuesday

- 9:00a Library Open until 12:00p
- 10:30a Christian Men's Fellowship (*Borgwardt Hall*)
- Homeless Spiritual Support Group (*Good Shepherd Chapel*)
- 12:00p Homeless Support Services (*Pentecost Room*)
- Homeless Book Group (*Library Media Room*)
- 3:30p Southdale After-School (*Pentecost Room, Fireside*)
- 5:00p Grupo Latino Practica de Musica (*Sanctuary, Balcony*)
- 5:15p Women's Choir (*Choir Room*)
- 6:00p Spanish Class (*Room 216 AB*)
- 6:30p Creative Worship Singers (*Choir Room*)
- 6:45p Separated & Divorced Group (*Rm 101, Good Shepherd, Library*)
- 7:00p Conversational Norwegian Class (*Library Media Room*)
- 7:45p Worship Rehearsal (*Sanctuary*)

April 7 Wednesday

- 9:30a **Worship Service** (*Good Shepherd Chapel*)
- 5:30p Bethel Ringers (*Room 202*)
- 6:30p Hot Topics (*Youth Room*)
- Compassion Circle (*Library Media Room*)
- 8:00p Senior Youth Ensemble (*Choir Room*)

April 8 Thursday

- 7:00a Current Christian Concerns (*Library Media Room*)
- 10:00p Homeless Support Services (*Pentecost Room*)
- 3:30p Southdale After-School (*Pentecost Room, Fireside*)
- 6:00p Middle School Ministry (*Fireside*)
- 6:30p Beginners Computer Class (*Pentecost Room-3*)
- 7:00p Bethel Choir Rehearsal (*Choir Room, Nursery*)

April 9 Friday

- 7:00a Men's Book Study (*Borgwardt Hall*)
- 9:30a XYZ (*Locations throughout building*)
- 6:15p Married Couples Club (*Borgwardt Hall, Pentecost*)

April 10 Saturday

- 8:00a Bible Study Group (*Library*)
- 9:00a Latino Yoga Class (*Emmaus Room*)
- Discipleship Class (*Room 216*)
- 5:00p **Worship Service** (*Pentecost*)



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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

VIGIL OF EASTER-SATURDAY, APRIL 3 7:00 PM
Pastor John Swanson

EASTER SUNDAY APRIL 4

SUNDAY 6:00 AM Pastor Curt Everson

SUNDAY 7:30 AM 9:00 AM 10:45 AM

Pastor Bill White

SUNDAY 12:30 PM -SPANISH Pastor Pedro Suárez

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>
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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	9:30 am & 9:00 pm KFXB-TV 43

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<http://bethelvtv.bethel-madison.org>

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Eva Ann Peterson by her family.