

BETHELITE

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In early February, 31 Bethel members and friends left a snowy Wisconsin winter for Puerto Rico, to work and serve at our Mission Church Partner, Bethel Lutheran.

Work projects included painting the houses of two church members and working at Camp Eduorado Roig to install cement and repair the roof of the main building.

A festive party was hosted one night, with food prepared by the Bethel P.R. hosts. Traditional dancing and music of the area was enjoyed by all. Other evenings included visits to local restaurants and to Old San Juan.

Concluding Worship on Sunday morning was a 2 ½ hour experience celebrating community with our Puerto Rico family.

Postcards of love and faith: *Puerto Rico*

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The last week of July, members from Bethel P.R. will visit Madison. This fall, we will begin planning our 2011 Puerto Rico Mission trip.

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FROM THE PASTOR

In a February New York Times edition, columnist Bob Herbert tells this story about Governor Ed Rendell when he was mayor of Philadelphia. The city had a long cold snap with about a month and a half of below freezing temperatures. Then abruptly, the mercury rose into the 60's and 58 of their water mains broke, causing all sorts of havoc. The Governor said that some pipes were old. Some were ancient. "My water people told me that some had been laid in the 19th century and they were laid shallow, without much protection. So with any radical changes in temperature, they were susceptible to breaking. We had a real emergency on our hands."

Bob Herbert goes on to reflect in his column, "It's easy, especially in tough economic times, to push aside infrastructure initiatives, including basic maintenance and repair, in favor of issues that seem more pressing or more appealing." He concludes that infrastructure spending that is thoughtful and wise is an investment in the nation's future.

Could this not also be true of the faith life of many people who intersect our lives on a daily basis? We have become a nation in which many Christians have succumbed to a very shallow faith life. There has been little time for faith development... limited Bible study, little or no study of faith issues, only occasional worship time, and virtually no financial commitment to the mission of the church. And then, in the midst of a crisis, there is no infrastructure left to provide the emotional and spiritual support one needs to weather the storms of life.

Bethel is a congregation which has chosen to deal with the infrastructure of faith life. For six weeks during Lent, hundreds of Bethel members joined in weekly Bible studies, daily devotions, weekly worship, and a Diakonia day to strengthen the infrastructure of faith life in our congregation. For the past two years my wife has joined with other Bethel members as a student of the Bethel Series... it is a Bible study which digs deeply into the roots of our faith. Every week Bethel pastors preach from a Biblical text...

✝ EDUCATION Getting Ready for Sunday School

Story: Doubting Thomas

Biblical Text: John 20:19-31
SPARK Bible, pgs 492-495



Bible Point: We can believe in Jesus, even if we haven't seen him.

Key Bible Verse: Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." John 20:29

Prayer: Dear Jesus, we haven't seen you with our eyes. Help us to see you and believe in you with our hearts. Amen.

Third grade parents and students meet at 9:15 in the Pentecost Room for Group Gathering and an introduction to Holy Communion this Sunday, April 11.



Building Faith Daily

hoping to uncover insights for our daily living. Yes, we have seen brokenness in our community ...both children and adults...and we have responded...Johnson Street House, Hope House, ministry to the homeless...to name a few. At Bethel Horizons this summer I hope to offer camperships to over 400 young people from low income families in our community. It's one thing to acknowledge brokenness in our midst; it's another to take on the challenge to heal and renew.

For just as it takes commitment, planning, visioning, and financial support to address a city's failing infrastructure, so also it takes those same attributes for a congregation to begin to see the big picture. The good news is that we have just shared in the good news of Easter...God had made a commitment to care for his people. Yes, the infrastructure is broken in many places...but there is hope, there is a church, including a people named Bethel, who are willing to carry the message of wholeness into the future. It may not seem glamorous, but basic maintenance and repair of lives is needed if we are to be the people of God living in community.

God give us the grace and wisdom to respond to the infrastructures of our life and the lives of those in our community.

-Pastor Duane Hanson

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NEWS & EVENTS



Madison Meals For Haiti

April 8, 9 & 10, Madison Relief Organization is sponsoring a volunteer event to prepare half a million meals for Haiti. \$25 donation and 90 minutes: www.mealsforhaiti.com. The \$25 fee has been underwritten for Bethel members by a donor. Contact Stacy, 257-3577, for registration information.

All-ages Show - April 16

Come and enjoy Tim Hannig, illusionist and comedian. Dinner at 5:30 will be followed by his performance at 6:15. Tickets, including dinner, are \$10 Adults, \$5 Child, under 12.

Senior High Youth

Youth-led worship service on **April 18** at 10:45. Brunch will follow the service, \$ 5.00 Adults, \$ 3.00 Child, under 12 years old.

The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society will be discussed at meetings of Feed and Read, at noon, and the Bethel Book Women, 7:00 pm, on **April 19**.

Bethel Horizons Camperships

Goal: **350** Received: **194**
Needed: **156**

Contact Pastor Hanson or Angie Burnett, 357-2577, to donate to this ministry. \$275 purchases a full campership; donations of any size are appreciated.

Circle Meeting Schedule

Renew

April 13 at 7:00 pm Room 100

Evelyn

April 15 at 1:00 pm Library Media Room

Celebration

April 15 at 7:00 pm Joanne Borgwardt

Spiritual Abstracts Art Exhibit

This Easter season, experience the colorful abstract watercolors, oil paintings and Pentecost intaglio print reproductions of Bethel member and artist, Grace Lund, on display in the Fireside Gallery. These pieces illustrate Grace's strong Christian faith and desire to honor God in her life and work. Sales information: Grace, grlund@aol.com, or Dana, lundcardlr@aol.com.

Lydia's House Gathering

Bethel women are invited to this **April 12** gathering in Borgwardt Hall. At 5:30 pm, featured speaker, Jacqui Shanda, will present "Kleenex, Shoelaces and Discipleship," a journey through her 16 years as Director of Christian Education at Bethel. Dinner will be served, \$5.00.

Current Christian Concerns

Meeting at **7:00 am** every Thursday morning

April 15: Twilight of the Elites

April 22: Mayan Calendar: Past and Future.

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.

Community Meal Program

Please bring your food to Bethel by 10:00 am, Monday, April 12.

Grief Support Group

April 16 through May 21

11:30 am-12:30 pm

An emotionally supportive environment with other Bethel members and friends experiencing the loss of a loved one. We will examine spiritual issues and the different stages of grief. Led by Pastor Laura Sutherland, 257-3577, or: laura@bethel-madison.org.

Thank you to Bethel Members

The Friends of Overture Concert Organ thank Bethel Lutheran Church members for supporting the organ "Three-For-All" on March 23. It was truly a glorious evening of grand organ music. Gary Lewis's musicianship added immensely to the depth and quality of the experience. -*Tom Farrell, President*

PRIMETIMERS TOUR

May 1: Milwaukee Museum "Dead Sea Scrolls" exhibit and Mitchell Conservancy Domes "Jung at Heart" exhibit. Call Mary Conlin for reservations, 257-3577.

MALC QUILT AUCTION AND PIE SALE

This fourth annual event will be held **April 17** at noon, Christ Lutheran Church in DeForest. Matching funds for auction and sale provided by Thrivent Financial for Lutherans.

Lifting Up of Bethel's Laity

Sunday, April 11

Join the celebration as we honor the service of Bethel members. Flowers, treats and hot dogs served between 11:45 am and 12:30 pm.

A Summer With Clay

The Adamah Clay Studio in Dodgeville offers opportunities for beginners through advanced. www.bethelhorizons-artventures.org, or: Kathy Hunt, 608-767-8767.

Mother's Day Gift Baskets



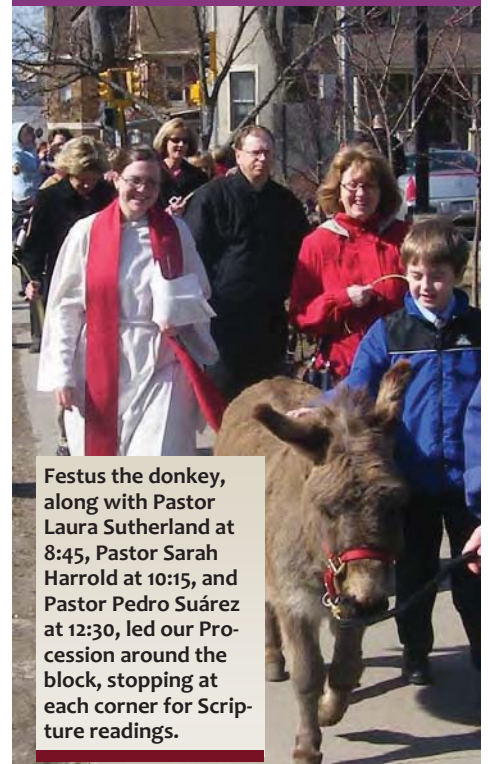
Chocolate Basket made by Abigail Circle for the Silent Auction

Just in time for Mother's Day gifts, the Circles of Bethel are sponsoring a Silent Auction of lovely gift baskets.

View and place bids in the Emmaus Room, April 18, 24, 25 and May 2. Basket pick-up is May 9. Proceeds will help defray travel costs to the 2011 Triennial Convention.

Pictured, L to R, Seated: Shirley Ryan, Ruth Berkan. Standing: Carol Stern, Joan Gilbertson, Jan Tweed, Val Marquart, La Verne Ahrens, Myrna Hanson, Connie Nelson, Devona Swiggum and Marilyn Cleveland.

In Joyful Procession: Palm Sunday



Festus the donkey, along with Pastor Laura Sutherland at 8:45, Pastor Sarah Harrold at 10:15, and Pastor Pedro Suárez at 12:30, led our Procession around the block, stopping at each corner for Scripture readings.

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BETHEL CALENDAR ■ APRIL 11-17



April 11 Sunday-Second Sunday of Easter

- 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 until 11:30a (*Borgwardt Hall*)
- 8:45a Library Open until 11:45a
- 9:15a **Worship Service** (*Sanctuary*)
- Sunday School
- 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** (*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*)

April 12 Monday

- 8:30a Friendship Pad Volunteers (*Room 104*)
- 9:30a Community Meals (*Salad Kitchen*)
- 12:00p BLCEF Investment Committee (*Room 200*)
- Friendly Visitors (*Library*)
- 5:30p Lydia's House (*Borgwardt Hall*)
- 6:30p Latino Senior High Youth (*Youth Room*)
- Advanced Computer Classes (*Pentecost Room*)
- 7:00p Bethel Series-New Testament (*Good Shepherd Chapel*)

April 13 Tuesday

- 9:00a Library Open until 12:00p
- 10:30a Homeless Spiritual Support Group (*Good Shepherd Chapel*)
- 12:00p Homeless Book Group (*Library Media Room*)
- Homeless Support Services (*Pentecost-Computer Room*)
- Women's Coordinating Council (*Good Shepherd Chapel*)
- MALC Meeting (*Room 201*)
- 3:30p Southdale After-School (*Pentecost Room, Fireside Gallery*)
- 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 Chapel, Library*)
- 7:00p Conversational Norwegian Class (*Library Media Room*)
- Renew Circle (*Room 100*)
- 7:15p Bethel Horizon's Board Meeting (*Room 201*)
- 7:45p Worship Rehearsal (*Sanctuary*)

April 14 Wednesday

- 8:00a Wisconsin Council on Children and Families (*Borgwardt Hall*)
- 9:30a **Midweek Chapel** (*Good Shepherd Chapel*)
- 5:30p Bethel Ringers (*Room 202*)
- 6:00p Bethel Greeters Dinner (*Borgwardt Hall*)
- 6:30p Hot Topics (*Youth Room*)
- 8:00p Senior Youth Ensemble (*Choir Room*)

April 15 Thursday

- 7:00a Current Christian Concerns (*Library Media Room*)
- 8:00a Wisconsin Council on Children and Families (*Borgwardt Hall*)
- 10:00a Homeless Support Services (*Pentecost-Computer Room*)
- 11:30a Grief Support Group (*Room 100*)
- 1:00p Evelyn Circle (*Library Media Room*)
- 3:30p Southdale After-School (*Pentecost, Fireside Gallery*)
- 6:00p Middle School Ministry (*Fireside Gallery*)
- 6:30p Beginners Computer Class (*Pentecost-Computer Room*)
- Stephen Minister Continuing Education (*Rooms 200-201*)
- 7:00p Bethel Choir Rehearsal (*Choir Room*)

April 16 Friday

- 7:00a Men's Book Study (*Borgwardt Hall*)
- 9:30a XYZ Meeting (*Numerous locations throughout the Building*)
- 5:30p Dinner, Tim Hannig Illusion Show (*Borgwardt Hall, Kitchen*)

April 17 Saturday

- 8:00a Bible Study Group (*Library*)
- 9:00a New Member Class (*Emmaus Room*)
- 12:00p New Member Luncheon (*Borgwardt Hall*)
- 5:00p **Worship Service** (*Pentecost Room*)



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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER
SATURDAY, APRIL 10 5:00 PM

SUNDAY, APRIL 11 7:55 AM 9:15 AM 10:45 AM
Pastor John Swanson

SUNDAY 12:30 PM -SPANISH Pastor Pedro Suárez

Acts 5:27-32, Revelation 1:4-8, John 20:19-31

TELECAST INFORMATION

<u>Madison</u>	<u>Green Bay*</u>
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9:00 am WQOW-TV 18	9:30 am WPXE-PAX 55
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9:00 am WXOW-TV 19	9:00 am WFXS-FOX 55
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