



BETHELITE

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You're Invited To Usher at Bethel

One of the largest Volunteer Ministries at Bethel, the Usher Group is responsible for many areas of the weekly worship services.

There are four Usher Groups, each working one Sunday per month. The three main areas of service are:

- ▶ Parking Lot Direction
- ▶ Sound and Light Technicians
- ▶ Sanctuary Ushers

Bethel Ushers are friendly and courteous, performing duties which include greeting people, distributing bulletins, collecting the Offering, assisting Pastors with Communion, helping those with disabilities and picking up the Sanctuary after services.

When you join, you will receive training specific for your area, plus general information about Bethel, the physical layout of the church, how to greet visitors and answer questions, emergency procedures, where to find calendar information, what to do if you are unable to serve at a scheduled time, and how to be a truly welcoming presence at Bethel.

Please consider joining this important Bethel Laity Ministry



Members of Usher Group 3

Photo: Chris Homburg

Welcome Brunch and Training Session
Saturday, June 12
 Bethel-Borgwardt Hall
 Contact: Susan Straus, 608-257-3577, ext 336
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FROM THE PASTOR

"I loved the story you told in church yesterday," a Bethel member told me at the grocery store. "It had a real point to it."

I thanked him, it is always nice to know people have heard what you said, but then I had a question. "What service did you attend?" I hadn't seen the person in several months and was wondering whether I just wasn't paying attention.

"Oh, I attended on TV," he told me. "It is a much better use of my time."

I'm grateful for our television ministry. I know that it is a terrific blessing for people who can't leave their houses. I don't know how many people, Bethel members and non-Bethel members alike, have told me that during a recent illness the TV service was a great blessing.

I also know that many of you who are able-bodied are using TV as your church. It is your choice. You know how to meet your needs better than I do, but I need to make certain that you know how much we need you at worship.

We need you just to be seen. Our TV ministry is a witness to the world, and it is not as powerful a witness when the front of the church is seen on TV as nearly empty. Those watching don't know this is our early service and they draw conclusions about Bethel.

We need your voice. We need you to pray with us. We need you to sing with us. We need you to greet people, particularly strangers. If you aren't here, who will say hello to the person who is back at worship for the first time in three years?

I think the street runs north and south. I think you need us as much as we need you. Communion at home, via TV is pretty thin. Last Sunday the Minnesota BoyChoir warmed our hearts. Though one of their songs was used on TV, the atmosphere at church was electric. The music and the smiles soothed our souls. You can't catch that on TV.



Life Together

The Germans have a saying: *Ein mensch ist kein mensch*. Translated: one person is no person. The suggestion is that we can't be a full person all by ourselves. We need a community. We need other people. We need the music, and the communion, and the handshakes.

One of the great pastors of the last century, Dietrich Bonhoeffer, wrote that each of us needs another Christian to speak the word to them. Why? *The Christ in my own heart is always weaker than the Christ in my brother or sister's heart. My own heart is uncertain; my sister's heart is sure.*

Left to ourselves we don't read scripture critically, or pray for the whole people in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. We don't meditate on hymns. By ourselves there is no communion, and therefore no community.

You know what is best for you, but if you are healthy, I hope you will use TV as an emergency place to worship. Bethel needs you, and my guess is, you need the community. It is easy to be a child of God, but it is difficult to be a disciple of Jesus. We need all the help we can get.

-Pastor Bill White

Getting Ready for Sunday School

Story: Lydia

Biblical Text: Acts 16:9-15
SPARK! Bible, pages 532-535

Bible Point: We can spread the Good News!

Key Bible Verse: *The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul.* Acts 16:14b NRSV

Prayer: Dear God, Thank you for Jesus and all of the people that teach us about Jesus. Help us to listen with a glad heart. Open up our eyes, our ears, our hearts, our minds and our lives to you. In Jesus' name, amen.



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NEWS & EVENTS



SAVE THE DATES

- May 16:** Bethel Marketplace, 9:30am-12pm
DreamBikes Donations
- May 23:** Family Pentecost Brunch-Bethel
First Communion-9:15 am
Dove Release-10:15 am
Baccalaureate Service-10:45 am
Last Day of Sunday School
- June 5** Horizons Bike-A-Thon
Race for the Cure
- June 6** Congregational Picnic & Festival

MOTHER'S DAY BRUNCH-MAY 9

Borgwardt Hall 8:30 am-12:30 pm

Menu includes: Omelet Bar, Potatoes, Pancakes, Sausages, Gravy and Biscuits, Spinach Egg Bake, Melon Basket, Turnovers, Muffins, Juice, Coffee and more...
Advance purchase: \$10, adult, \$5, child under 12. At the door: \$12, adult, \$6, child. Children 3 and under are free.

Million Pound Challenge Update

Bethel's team has contributed 8,844 pounds of food to our Food Pantry-3 weeks to go!

Feed & Read to Discuss *The Help*

Bring a bag lunch or dish to pass and join Feed & Read on Monday, **May 17** at noon to discuss *The Help*, by Kathryn Stockett.

BETHEL MARRIED COUPLES CLUB

Historic Wisconsin Barns

Join us **May 14** at 6:15 pm for a presentation by architectural historian, Jim Draeger. Swiss Steak, Mashed Potatoes, and Vegetable Medley for dinner, \$8. Contact: Leo or Lorna Sebald, 608-244-6338

Meals on Wheels-Volunteers

Drivers needed for Sundays in May. Two routes: Monona and Oakwood West. Contact: Meg Weaver, 608-345-3783

Lydia's House-May 10

Gather at 5:30 pm for *God Answers Prayer-Even in a Polish Forest*. A Wisconsin native, Sigrid Knuti has lived and worked in locales throughout the world. Enjoy her fascinating stories of spiritual joy and renewal.



Friendly Visitor Opportunities

Volunteers needed to deliver Altar flowers on occasional Sundays to homebound and elderly Bethel members who live in the area.
Barb Weaver: 608-256-4232, or
bandbweaver@gmail.com

Prime Timers

Brewers Baseball outing, Monday, **June 28**
Cost is \$47 for this excursion.
Sue or Jack Marking, 608-721-2984

Congregational Forum - May 16

Urban Site Committee

Join us at 10:30 am in the Pentecost Room to share your thoughts and ideas regarding the Steensland House (former Parish Shoppe), located in the Bethel parking lot.

YOUTH EVENTS

- May 16** Benton Harbor Mission Trip Meeting for youth and parents at 10:15 am, Good Shepherd Chapel, Pastor John.
- May 21** Middle School Youth: Vitense Golf Outing, 6:30-8:30 pm. Cost of \$7 includes pizza, soda, 18 holes of golf, plus one additional activity.

Art Shack Spring Opening

Help clean and organize the Horizons Art Shack, **May 15** at 9:00 am. Lunch provided: Lindsey@bethelhorizons.org, 608-574-3993

Pie Donations Needed

Mary Savall, the Pie Lady, needs pies for the Congregational Picnic, Sunday, **June 6**. She will be in the Emmaus Room May 9, 16, 23 and 30, or call: 608-829-0230

Hospital Visits

When you or a loved one is hospitalized, please notify Bethel - your pastoral team and caregivers would love to visit you!

Current Christian Concerns

- May 13** DNA: Intelligence, Personality And Empathy
- May 20** Christian Implications of Genetic Alteration

Christian Men's Fellowship

A Brief History of Beer and Home Brewing Join us at 10:30 am on **May 18** for a program sure to improve your spirits. Presentation by Bethel member, Errol Hartman.

Healing Grief Through Clay

Bethel Horizons-Art Ventures Workshop
May 8, 9:00 am-3:00 pm, Lunch included, \$30.
Kathy Hunt: 608-767-8767, or
Pastor Laura Sutherland: 608-257-3577

Bethel Book Women

Meeting **May 17** at 7:00 pm to discuss *Tallgrass* by Sandra Dallas. World War II setting, from the perspective of a 13 year old.

Community Meals

Please bring food contributions to Bethel Sunday, May 9, or by May 10, 10:00 am.

Circle Meeting Schedule

- Renew**
May 11 at 7:00 pm Room 100
- Dorcas**
May 13 at 9:00 am Shirley Dokken
- Inspiration**
May 13 at 9:30 am Carrie Bernhardt

Bethel's Library:

Oh, The Places You will Go, and the Thinks You will Think!

Established in 1953 and expanded in 1964, Bethel's Library contains over 7,500 titles, in books, music CD's, DVD's, and current periodicals.

Subject areas include Theology, Ethics, Philosophy of Christianity, Devotionals, Sermons, Missions, Religious Education, Comparative Religions, Sociology, Marriage and Family, Child Rearing, Cooking, Music and so much more! Special sections feature the Children's Book Nook, complete with cozy chairs, and the Norwegian and Spanish collections.

The entire Bethel catalog is on our website, with access at the bottom of the home page. Click on "Library," and begin your search.

Books for sale are offered, and an ever-changing selection of free books are available on a cart outside the Library door. Hours: Sunday, 8:45 am - 11:45 am, and Tuesday, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm, or by appointment with Jacqui, 257-3577.

New Children's Books

WAITING FOR BENJAMIN:

A STORY ABOUT AUTISM

A GAGGLE OF GEESE AND A CLUTTER OF CATS

GOD'S OAK TREE

I WILL NOT BE AFRAID

MY HEART IS A MAGIC HOUSE

THAT'S MY COLT: AN EASTER TALE

THE EASTER DAY SURPRISE

ANGELS AMONG US

THE REAL STORY OF THE CREATION



BETHEL CALENDAR ■ MAY 9-15



May 9 Sunday-The Sixth Sunday of Easter - Mother's Day

- 6:45a Coffee Fellowship (*Fireside Gallery*)
- 7:55a **Worship Service** (*Sanctuary*)
- 8:30a Mother's Day Brunch (*Borgwardt Hall*)
Childcare available until 2:00p (*Nursery*)
- 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*)
Prime Timers Meeting (*Room 101*)
- 10:30a ESL Classes (*Room 216B*)
- 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*)
3:00p Young Adult Bible Study (*Youth Room*)

May 10 Monday

- 8:30a Friendship Pad Volunteers (*Room 104*)
- 9:30a Community Meals (*Salad Kitchen*)
- 5:30p Lydia's House (*Borgwardt Hall*)
- 6:30p Latino Senior High Youth (*Youth Room*)
Advanced Computer Classes (*Pentecost Room*)

May 11 Tuesday

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

May 12 Wednesday

- 9:30a **Midweek Chapel** (*Good Shepherd Chapel*)
- 5:30p Bethel Ringers (*Room 202*)
- 6:30p Hot Topics (*Youth Room*)

May 13 Thursday

- 7:00a Current Christian Concerns (*Library Media Room*)
- 10:00a Homeless Support Services (*Pentecost-Computer Rm*)
- 11:30a Grief Support Group (*Room 100*)
- 3:30p Southdale After-School (*Pentecost, Fireside Gallery*)
- 6:00p Middle School Ministry (*Fireside Gallery*)
- 6:30p Beginners Computer Class (*Pentecost-Computer Room*)
- 7:00p Bethel Choir Rehearsal (*Choir Room, Nursery*)

May 14 Friday

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

May 15 Saturday

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

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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
SATURDAY, MAY 8 5:00 PM

SUNDAY, MAY 9 7:55 AM 9:15 AM 10:45 AM
Pastor Pedro Suárez

SUNDAY 12:30 PM-SPANISH Pastor Pedro Suárez

Acts 16:9-15 Revelation 21:10,22-22:5 John 14:23-29

TELECAST INFORMATION

<u>Madison</u>	<u>Green Bay*</u>
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