



# BETHELITE

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## Finding Home

**Bethel's Homeless Ministry Restores Hope and Gives New Direction**

Early in 2009, Pastor Laura Sutherland began formation of Bethel's Homeless Ministry. She initiated conversations with Porchlight, St. John's Lutheran Church and First United Methodist Church, the three main men's shelters.

Along with a dedicated group of Bethel members and staff support, a ministry emerged. Through weekly Book Group meetings, Spiritual Support Group and the Support Services office, men and women are welcomed into new, loving Christ-centered relationships.

**Spiritual Support Group** on Tuesday mornings is the point of entry. Through sharing of joys and struggles, prayer requests, hymn singing and lunch, trust is rebuilt, community is formed and hope is renewed.

**The Support Services office**, open twice weekly, and staffed by Bethel volunteers, provides help with applications for housing, health care, food and jobs. Documents are located and follow-up phone calls are made.

**Book Group** meets weekly, and has enjoyed a Skype session with author Garth Stein, and a personal visit from Robert Kurson, author of *Shadow Divers*.

**Retreats** have been held at Bethel Horizons Camp and Devil's Lake State Park. A two-day retreat is planned for this fall at Bethel Horizons.

**Funding** is from the generosity of our Bethel members, who have provided food, gift certificates and financial support.

**Home** has been found and sustained for 7 clean and sober men.

**Next?** Possibilities include a choir and adult literacy classes.



Robert Kurson, author of *Shadow Divers*



## Helping

**Helping:** Homeless friend painting a wall in the Youth Room.



## Sharing

**Sharing:** Spiritual Support Group with Pr. Laura and Arlen Christenson

## FROM THE PASTOR

Years ago I heard Will Willimon, long time dean of the chapel at Duke, who is now a Methodist bishop, tell this story.

A young man who had just graduated from high school went to hear Tony Campolo speak. Following his presentation, Campolo, a well known preacher and activist, invited people present to participate in an inner-city ministry in Philadelphia. The young man accepted the invitation.

A large group accepted his invitation, and for two days were taught by Campolo. Finally, he asked the group, "Are you ready to go out and tell people about Jesus?" The group shouted, "Yes!"

They all climbed on buses which drove deep into the heart of the city. As the houses got worse, the group got quieter. The bus stopped at one of the worst-looking projects in Philadelphia. Tony said, "Ok gang, get out there and tell them about Jesus. I'll be back at five o'clock."

Slowly the young men and women made their way off the bus, stood on the corner and prayed. A young man, who was alone, walked to a huge tenement, said another prayer, and ventured inside. There was a terrible odor. Windows were out. There was no light in the hall. When he heard a baby crying inside a room he knocked on the door.

"Who is it?" a loud voice asked. The door opened and a woman holding a naked baby peered out. "What do you want?"

"I want to tell you about Jesus."

The woman swung the door open and began cursing. She cursed the young man all the way down the hall, and out to the sidewalk.

Shaken, he sat on the curb and cried. Then he looked up and saw a store with the windows all boarded up. He went to the store, bought a box of disposable diapers and a pack of cigarettes.

The young man then walked back to the house, said a prayer, went inside and knocked on the door again.

This time when the door opened he slid the box of diapers and the cigarettes in. The woman looked at them and let him in.

As he stepped into the dingy apartment, she commanded, "Sit down." He sat on an old sofa and began to play with the baby. He put a diaper on the baby, even



### Meeting Jesus

though he had never put one on before. He had never smoked, but when the woman offered him a cigarette, he lit the cigarette. He stayed all afternoon. About four o'clock the woman looked at him and said, "What is a nice boy like you doing in a place like this?"

He quickly told her everything he knew about Jesus, though it took him less than five minutes. Then she said, "Pray for me and my baby that we can make it out of here alive." So he prayed.

That evening, after all were back on the bus, Tony asked, "Did any of you get to tell someone about Jesus?"

The boy said, "I not only got to tell about Jesus, I met Jesus. I went out to save somebody, and I ended by being saved. I became a disciple."

That is the miracle of faith. As we care about our neighbor and share with our neighbor, we meet God. If we are fortunate, we might even be saved in the process.

*-Pastor Bill White*

### Pastoral Staff


Bill White	<i>Senior Pastor</i>
Curt Everson	<i>Visitation &amp; Worship</i>
Duane Hanson	<i>Bethel Horizons</i>
Sarah Harrold	<i>Evangelism &amp; Mission</i>
Pedro Suárez	<i>Latino Ministries</i>
Laura Sutherland	<i>Care Ministry</i>
John Swanson	<i>Confirmation &amp; Visitation</i>

### Program Staff

Mary Conlin	<i>Director XYZ &amp; Volunteers</i>
Annette Durkin	<i>Director of Communication</i>
Stacy Gahlman-Schroeder	<i>Senior Pastor's Assistant</i>
Anita Grue, AIM	<i>Coordinator of Youth Ministries</i>
Gary Lewis	<i>Director of Music &amp; Organist</i>
Alice Mowbray	<i>Business Administrator &amp; Director of Development</i>
Sandy Ripp	<i>New Member Coordinator</i>
Jacqui Shanda	<i>Director of Parish Education</i>
Susan Straus	<i>Family Life Coordinator</i>
Cindi Schwab and Ray Weihofen	<i>Assistant Business Administrator, shared part-time</i>

### Office Information

Monday through Friday, 8:30 am - 5:00 pm, Saturday 9:00 am - 1:00 pm  
 Office: 608-257-3577 Fax: 608-257-4044  
 Email: [bethel@bethel-madison.org](mailto:bethel@bethel-madison.org) Web site: [www.bethel-madison.org](http://www.bethel-madison.org)



**10:45 am Worship Service - Change**  
 In the **Pentecost Room**. As you enter the Parking Lot Foyer, take the stairs down. Please contact Pastor Sarah Harrold for information: 257-3577, ext. 332, or: [sarah@bethel-madison.org](mailto:sarah@bethel-madison.org)

# NEWS & EVENTS



## New Bethel Photo Directory Is Here!

One copy free if you had your photo taken for the Directory, \$5 to purchase. Available at the Reception desk.

### YOUTH EVENTS

- July 23** Senior High Lock-out, for youth going into 9th grade. \$20.
- July 25-30** Canoe Trip-Brule River, \$50.
- July 29** Great America Trip, grades 6-12, \$25 includes bus, admission

### YOUTH MISSION TRIPS

- July 11-17** Benton Harbor, MI  
Information: Anita Grue, 257-3577, 698-0345

### Adamah Clay Studios Workshops

- July 16-18** Family Clay Camp, Linda Schrage
- July 18-23** Communing with Clay, Geof Herman
- July 23-25** Wisconsin Woodfire, David Smith
- July 25-30** Professional Studio Andre'e Valley  
Information: Kathy Hunt 608-767-8767

### ART FAIR - PARKING UPDATE

**July 10 and 11** is the annual Art Fair on the Capitol Square. When you park at the Carroll St. ramp, please mention to the attendant you are worshipping at Bethel, and we will be billed for your parking fee.

### Women's Coordinating Council

All women are invited to attend the next WCC meeting, **July 13** at 11:30 am. We will begin with lunch, \$5 cost, followed by a business meeting from 12:10-1:30. Main topic will be the Triennial Convention, scheduled for July 14-17, 2011 in Spokane, WA.

### Current Christian Concerns

- July 15** John Anderson for President-revisited
- July 22** Do Paranormal Experiences and God Conflict?
- July 29** Our Changing Society

### Circle Meeting Schedule

#### Renew

July 13 at 7:00 pm Bethel-Room 100

#### Evelyn

July 15 at 1:00 pm Ellen Buck

#### Rejoice

July 20 at 7:15 pm Donna Ulteig

#### University Hill Farms

July 22 at 12:30 pm Joan Halverson

To join a Circle: Jo Thomley, 838-8091

### Boxed Dinners

Pre-order your Concert dinner from Bethel. **Included:** utensils, bottled water, dessert, fruit and parking in Bethel's lot.

To place an order:  
Call 257-3577, or  
susans@bethel-madison.org **\$10**



Order deadline: Monday by 3:00 pm.

Dinners ready rain or shine.

### Concert Menus

- July 14** Shrimp Caesar or Sandwich
- July 21** Cheese/Sausage box or Salad
- July 28** Pork Sandwiches or Salad
- Aug 4** Salmon Wrap or Salad

### Blanket Workshop

**July 22** at 9:00 am in Borgwardt Hall.

### Community Meal Program

Please bring your donations to the Salad Kitchen by 10:00 am Monday, **July 12**.

### Travel with XYZ

- Aug 16** It's Not Easy Being Green \$49
- Sept 9** Naval Reminiscing \$79
- Oct 12** Mississippi Explorer \$79
- Nov 20** Santa's Express \$35

### Knit or Crochet Baby Sweaters-LWR

Directions for these easy to make little sweaters are on Bethel's website. Click on Ministries, go to Women's Ministries and scroll down to LWR - 4 sets of directions.

### Puerto Rico Choir at Bethel

Sunday, **July 25**, Bethel Dorado, PR choir will sing during our worship services.

### Family Ministry Event

Join us **July 24**, 10:00 am at the new Middleton Splash Pad in Lakeview Park. Free admission. Juice, snacks and games will be provided. Susan Straus: 257-3577  
susans@bethel-madison.org



### Coming This Fall: Bethel Bible Series

This series will be offered Sunday mornings, Monday evenings and Thursday mornings. Dates and times out soon. Information: Jacqui Shanda, 257-3577.



### Summer Choir You're Invited

Summer Worship is a great time to sing in a choir. We meet once on Sunday morning and then sing! Gather in the choir room at 8:30 AM for 30 minutes, take a short break, and then sing at the 9:15 AM Worship service. Summer Sundays for this Choir: **July 11 & 18 and August 1 & 22**.

**No registration required - just show up and sing!**

### Family Movie Night

Bring blankets or lawn chairs - Movies will be shown in the parking lot at 8:45 pm.

**July 16:** "Joseph, King of Dreams."

### Habitat for Humanity

Bethel Builds, the housing ministry of Bethel, is partnered with Habitat for Humanity of Dane County. We are seeking volunteers to help with a Habitat build in the Northport Commons area, Madison, on Saturday, **July 10** from 8:30 am-3:30 pm.

8:15 Arrive at site, register  
8:30 Devotional, volunteer assignments  
12:00 Lunch, please bring your own  
3:30 Finish

This home is sponsored by Thrivent Financial. Contact: Paul Moen, bethel-builds@gmail.com



## NOAH'S ARK

Everyone is invited to join the Circle of Love kids and host families for a fun day at Noah's Ark on Monday, **July 19**. Meet in Bethel's parking lot at 7:45 am for the bus and return at 5:30 pm. Enjoy riding the slides, playing in the wave pools or relaxing in the river. The cost for the bus ride, lunch and admission is \$30 (made payable to Bethel Lutheran Church - Circle of Love). Please reserve your spot by calling Jacqui Shanda, 257-3577, or: [circleoflove@bethel-madison.org](mailto:circleoflove@bethel-madison.org), or mailing your check with the names of your participants by Wednesday, July 14.

### Bethel Horizons Nature and Adventure Camps

<b>5 year old-2<sup>nd</sup> grade</b>	
Outdoor Discovery Day Camp	July 19-22
<b>4-6<sup>th</sup> grade</b>	
Mammoth Hunters	July 25-30
Nature at Night	August 8-13
<b>6-8<sup>th</sup> grade</b>	
Outdoor Pursuits	August 8-13
Hike, Bike, Kayak, Create	August 15-20
<b>7-8<sup>th</sup> grade</b>	
River Trip	July 18-23
Bike & Canoe Trips	July 25-30
<a href="mailto:bhorizons@bethel-madison.org">bhorizons@bethel-madison.org</a>	



# BETHEL CALENDAR ■ JULY 11-17



## July 11 Sunday-7 Pentecost

- 7:45a Coffee Fellowship (*Fireside Gallery*)
- 7:55a **Worship Service** (*Sanctuary*)
- 8:30a Childcare available until 2:00p (*Nursery*)
- 8:45a Library Open until 11:45a
- 9:15a **Worship Service** (*Sanctuary*)
- 10:00a Summer Treats (*Parking Lot Foyer*)
- 10:15a Prime Timers Meeting (*Room 101*)
- Benton Harbor Mission Trip Leaves Bethel (*Parking Lot*)
- 10:30a ESL Classes (*Room 216*)
- 10:45a **Worship Service** (*Pentecost Room*)
- 12:00p Bethel Friends Luncheon (*Fireside*)
- 12:30p **Worship-La Santa Misa** (*Sanctuary*)
- 1:30p Refrigerio (*Borgwardt Hall*)
- 2:45p Bus Leaves for Camp (*Parking Lot*)

## July 12 Monday

- 8:30a Friendship Pad Volunteers (*Room 104*)
- 10:00a Community Meals (*Salad Kitchen*)
- 12:00p Friendly Visitors (*Library*)

## July 13 Tuesday

- 9:00a Library Open until 12:00p
- Statement Stuffers (*Room 216*)
- Circle of Love English Classes (*Room 205, Pentecost Rm*)
- 10:30a Homeless Spiritual Support Group (*Good Shepherd Chapel*)
- 11:30a Women's Coordinating Council (*Borgwardt Hall, Kitchen*)
- 12:00p Homeless Book Group (*Library Media Room*)
- Homeless Support Services (*Pentecost-Computer Room*)
- MALC Meeting (*Room 201*)
- 1:00p Wisdom Meeting (*Good Shepherd Chapel*)
- 5:00p Grupo Latino Practica de Musica (*Sanctuary, Balcony*)
- 6:00p Spanish Class (*Rooms 214, 216*)
- 6:30p Latino Senior High Youth (*Youth Room*)
- 6:45p Separated & Divorced Group  
(*Rm 101, Good Shep. Chapel, Library*)
- 7:00p Renew Circle (*Room 100*)

## July 14 Wednesday

- 9:00a Circle of Love English Classes (*Room 205, Pentecost Rm*)
- 9:30a **Midweek Chapel** (*Good Shepherd Chapel*)
- 12:00p Circle of Love (*Game Room*)
- 5:00p Concerts on the Square Meals (*Parking Lot Foyer*)
- 6:30p Hot Topics (*Youth Room*)

## July 15 Thursday

- 7:00a Current Christian Concerns (*Library Media Room*)
- 9:00a Circle of Love English Classes (*Room 205, Pentecost Rm*)
- 11:00a Homeless Support Services (*Pentecost-Computer Room*)
- 12:00p Urban Site Committee Meeting (*Room 201*)
- 5:00p Celebration Circle and LWR Project and Meeting  
(*Borgwardt Hall*)
- 6:00p Latino Confirmation Meeting Night (*Youth Room*)
- 6:30p Stephen Minister Continuing Education (*Rooms 200-201*)

## July 16 Friday

- 1:15p Bus arrives from Camp (*Parking Lot*)
- 6:00p Takkunen/Klein Wedding Rehearsal (*Sanctuary*)
- 8:30p Family Movie Night (*Parking Lot*)

## July 17 Saturday

- 8:00a Bible Study Group (*Library*)
- 9:00a Latino Yoga Class (*Emmaus Room*)
- 11:00a Benton Harbor Mission Trip Returns (*Parking Lot*)
- 2:30p Takkunen/Klein Wedding  
(*Sanctuary, Good Shep. Chapel, Rm 100*)
- 5:00p **Worship Service** (*Pentecost Room*)
- 6:30p Busch/Clark Wedding (*Sanctuary, Emmaus, Rm 100*)



### WORSHIP SCHEDULE THE SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SATURDAY, JULY 10 5:00 PM  
 SUNDAY, JULY 11 7:55 AM & 9:15 AM  
 Pastor Bill White  
 SUNDAY, JULY 11 10:45 AM Pastor Sarah Harrold  
 SUNDAY 12:30 PM-SPANISH Pastor Pedro Suárez  
 Deuteronomy 30:9-14 Psalm 25:1-10 Luke 10:25-37

### 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>
10:00 am WQOW-TV 18	9:30 am WPXE-PAX 55
<u>La Crosse*</u>	<u>Wausau*</u>
10:00 am WXOW-TV 19	9:00 am WFXS-FOX 55
	<u>Dubuque*</u> *Telecast delayed one week.
	9:30 am & 9:00 pm KFXB-TV 43

Telecast also available at: <http://bethelvtv.bethel-madison.org>

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