

# BETHELITE

A city-wide church with a world-wide ministry

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## Bridge the Gap Apartment Night

At Bethel Lutheran Church  
**August 14**

Bethel will open its parking lot  
and its doors to UW students  
needing a sanctuary during the  
24 hours between apartments.

Volunteers needed to help with:  
Check-in, Chaperoning, Parking, & more!



Contact Pastor Sarah Harrold  
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**BETHEL LUTHERAN YOUNG ADULTS**

Watch for information  
on Bethel's new addition to the worship service  
schedule, starting in September!



Cory Hamilton,  
Youth Director  
Assistant  
(red shirt)  
with Bethel  
youth and  
young adults



**Learning new skills and sharing faith** - a summer journey for two college interns, three youth, two guides and leader, Cory Hamilton. The first two days were spent learning canoe strokes, and then onto the white-water of the Brule River. Our group traveled 45 miles in the course of 4 days, camping on the river shores, and finishing at Lake Superior.

At night, food was cooked over camp fires, followed by Bible studies and group Faith Talks. Cory has completed 12 of these trips. For the rest, this was one of many new community building experiences this summer.

## FROM THE PASTOR

Almost eight months ago I moved to Madison (crazy that it was that long ago!)... in the middle of a blizzard. Thankfully, I'm a died-in-the-wool Midwesterner, so I recognize winter as a part of life. But the circumstances gave all of you a great opportunity to tell me about the amazing Madison summers. Almost everyone I talked to couldn't say enough about how incredible they were: how much you were looking forward to them, what I had to make sure I attended. Now, I'm a summer person anyway, so it doesn't take much to convince me of the wonders of summer. But I really did think that most of you were just a bit overly anxious to be rid of the snow and that I needed to actually lower my expectations. Madison, of course, proved me wrong. You were correct - there are few things that can compare to a summer here.

Of course, I could repeat everything you mentioned: the farmer's market, Concerts on the Square, free movies and music at the Union Terrace, Paddle & Portage, Maxwell Street Days, etc. I've even managed to join a sand volleyball league (I'm terrible, but it's great fun!), so the entertainment is available in spades. What gets me isn't so much that there are a lot of opportunities for summertime activities; almost every city has those. They might not be as unique as those here, but they're definitely available. The bigger thing for me is that it seems as though the entire Madison community comes together for these events. You don't have to live in a particular neighborhood or know the right people or possess a certain superpower in order to attend. By right of simply being in Madison, people apparently just "know" about these things and show up. I find this to be truly amazing. A community of over 200,000 that comes together on a regular basis and in such fun ways? It's almost unheard of.

I think Bethel has this same sort of community, too.

## PRAYER POSTCARDS



Again this summer, we are contacting families to let them know a specific week during which a Pastor will pray for them. Our pastors find it a privilege to share in the joys and burdens of our members.



## The Blessing of Community

The amount of times we come together during a year, and the types of events we have, are almost endless. We worship, serve, celebrate, mourn, learn, travel, and eat together. We believe together. We pray and we plan together. But in the midst of everything else going on in life, it's easy to forget what a blessing we have in community. How great is it that so many people with so many different backgrounds continue to come together because of a faith that God has given us? So this week, my challenge is for us to take some time to look at others in our community and rejoice that God has given us such wonderful friends to walk with us in life. You're a blessing!

Oh, and by the way, we're joining in Madison community fun on August 14, with "Bridge the Gap," a nighttime sanctuary for university students prior to move-in day. This is an alternative to sleeping in their cars... we're providing parking, a space to sleep, food, a bathroom, and new friends! Come join us!

**Pastor Sarah Harrold**

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## NEWS & EVENTS



### Circle of Love Golf Outing

Monday, **Sept. 27**, brochure and registration on Bethel's web site: [www.bethel-madison.org](http://www.bethel-madison.org)

### Blanket Workshop

**August 19 & 26** at 9:00 am in Borgwardt Hall.

### Current Christian Concerns

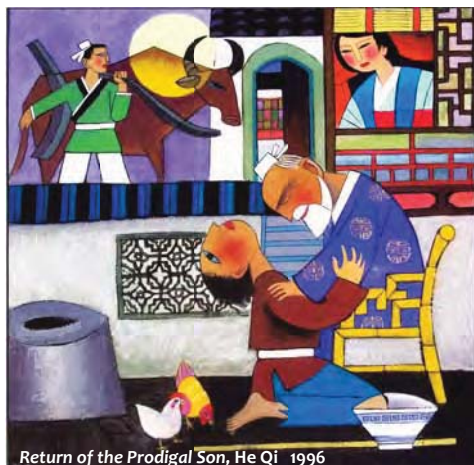
**Aug 19** Moral Changes

**Aug 26** A Coming Revolution

### Lydia's House Meeting

**Sept. 13** "Heart & Soul" theme: Joan Ellingson speaking about Stephen Ministry.

### Prodigal Son Sermon Series & Art Exhibit



Return of the Prodigal Son, He Qi 1996

### Special Events - September 12

- † Prodigal Son Sermon Series begins - Pr. Bill White
- † Art Exhibit Opens - Docent Tour by Jerry Evenrud, Luncheon and Presentation
- † Sermon Study begins - Pr. Curt Everson

### Lutheran World Relief

### Health, School & Layette Kits

Blessings Circle information table in the Emmaus Room beginning **August 15**, and continuing August 22, 29 and Sept. 12. Lists of needed items will be available. Please choose items without obvious country of origin insignia or logos. Except for the toothbrush and bar soap, please remove plastic and cardboard from items to reduce the bulk and shipping weight. Return all donations by **Sept. 30**.  
Bev Hanson, LWR Coordinator: 274-6122

### Middle School Ministry-Parents Meeting

**Sept. 5** in the Library Media Room at 10:15 am

### Join the Bethel Ringers

The Bethel Handbell Choir is looking for a couple of new ringers. Rehearsals are Wednesdays, 5:30 - 7:00 pm, and we play for services the second Sunday of each month. Experience not required. Ability to read music, ages high school or older.

Melodie Stranberg Aas: 848-5615  
[melodie@warf.org](mailto:melodie@warf.org)



Information sessions will be held Sunday **Sept. 19** and **26** at 10:30 am in Good Shepherd Chapel. Applications must be returned by October 3. Training starts October 21.

### Travel with XYZ-Extra Years of Zest!

<b>Sept 9</b>	<i>Naval Reminiscing</i>	\$79
	Great Lakes Naval Museum	
<b>Oct 12</b>	<i>Mississippi Explorer</i>	\$79
	Cruise on Upper Mississippi River	
<b>Nov 20</b>	<i>Santa's Express</i>	\$35
	Woodfield Mall in Schaumburg	

Contact Mary Conlin: 257-3577, or Fay Linehan: 251-1265

### Prodigal Son Art Book

Jerry Evenrud, the art collector of this amazing series, will be available for a book signing of *And Grace Will Lead Me Home*, a full color book featuring 55 images from the collection. Descriptive and theological text by Pr. Robert Brusci, Seminary Pastor emeritus at Luther Seminary. To pre-order your copy, send a check in the amount of \$40, payable to Bethel Lutheran Church, attn: Jacqui Shanda, by **August 30**.

### Meet Harold Blossom: Artist and Bethel Member

For a number of years I have had the good fortune of visiting Harold and Joan Blossom in their home. With each visit I bring Holy Communion, share with them news of what is happening at Bethel and talk about things that are happening in their lives. During our visits I have come to find out that Harold is an accomplished artist. Over the years I have been the recipient of several of Harold's pieces of art, as has Bethel. Recently, Harold donated 12 pieces of his original art. These are on permanent exhibit in the Sunday School hallway on the second floor. The paintings depict the life of Jesus, with images borrowed from an old family Bible, *Egermeier's Bible Story Book*, given to him by an aunt. Thank you Harold, for your generous gift!



Harold Blossom with Pr. John Swanson

### Bethel Book Women

Meet to discuss *The Innocent Man*, by John Grisham, **August 17** at 7:00 pm.

### You're Invited - Retirement Party

**Pr. George Bauman on August 15** at First Lutheran Church, 612 North Randall Ave, Janesville WI. Celebrate 45 years of Ministry with brunch and tributes.

### Circle Meeting Schedule

#### Rejoice

August 17 at 7:15 pm Liz Gangstad

### Confirmation: Steps to Adult Faith

This program is structured around a series of flexible electives for students entering 7th grade. The program finishes with the Confirmation service, two months after the start of 9th grade. Each month, Bethel offers 7 - 10 class choices. Students pick and attend one of these 3 hour sessions. Classes are from the three main areas of Bible study, Our Faith, and Our Society. Classes meet at a variety of times, including weekends and school holidays.

Once a month, students meet with their Homeroom, a small group of 5-7 students plus 1 or 2 teachers. Additionally, students complete 15 hours of community service, submit Sermon reports and attend 2 one night Retreats at Bethel Horizons over the course of the 2+ years.

-Pastor John Swanson

### Confirmation Kick-off 2010

Orientation and registration meetings will be held **Sept. 8** at 6:00 pm or **Sept 12** at 10:45 am.

Students and parents of students must attend one of these meetings to enroll in Year One Confirmation at Bethel. This is Pastor John Swanson's opportunity to meet with you and describe the "elective" confirmation program. You will receive your handbooks and binders at this meeting. Call Lori, 257-3577, ext 335 or email with questions: [lori@bethel-madison.org](mailto:lori@bethel-madison.org)



# BETHEL CALENDAR ■ AUGUST 15-21



## Aug 15 Sunday-12 Pentecost

- 7:00a "Bridge the Gap" Breakfast (*Borgwardt Hall*)
- 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*)
- 10:30a ESL Classes (*Room 216*)
- 10:45a **Worship Service** (*Sanctuary*)
- 12:30p **Worship-La Santa Misa** (*Sanctuary*)
- 1:30p Refrigerio (*Borgwardt Hall*)
- 2:45p Bus Leaves for Camp (*Parking Lot*)

## Aug 16 Monday

- 8:30a Friendship Pad Volunteers (*Room 104*)
- 12:00p BLCEF Investment Committee (*Room 200*)
- Feed and Read (*Library*)
- 1:30p Prodigal Son Art Task Force Meeting

## Aug 17 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 Rm*)
- 5:00p Grupo Latino Practica de Musica (*Sanctuary, Balcony*)
- 6:00p Spanish Class (*Room 216*)
- 6:30p Latino Senior High Youth (*Youth Room*)
- 6:45p Separated & Divorced Group  
(*Rm 101, Good Shep. Chapel, Library*)
- 7:15p Church Council (*Room 201*)
- 7:30p Bethel Choir Officers Meeting (*Library Media Room*)

## Aug 18 Wednesday

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

## Aug 19 Thursday

- 7:00a Current Christian Concerns (*Library Media Room*)
- 9:00a Blanket Workshop (*Borgwardt Hall*)
- 10:00a Homeless Support Services (*Pentecost-Computer Rm*)
- 4:30p Media Board Meeting (*Library Media Room*)
- 6:30p Stephen Minister Continuing Education  
(*Rooms 200-201*)
- Worship Rehearsal (*Pentecost*)
- 7:30p Bethel Choir Officers Meeting (*Library Media Room*)

## Aug 20 Friday

- 11:45a XYZ Dinner (*Borgwardt Hall*)
- 1:15p Bus arrives from camp (*Parking Lot*)
- 5:30p Henke/Paustian Wedding Vow Renewal (*Sanctuary*)
- 8:00p Family Movie Night (*Parking Lot*)

## Aug 21 Saturday

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



**WORSHIP SCHEDULE**  
THE TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SATURDAY, AUGUST 14 5:00 PM  
SUNDAY, AUGUST 15 7:55 AM 9:15 AM 10:45 AM  
Pastor Pedro Suárez  
SUNDAY 12:30 PM-SPANISH Pastor Pedro Suárez

Psalm 82 Hebrews 11:29-12:2 Luke 12:49-56

**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	

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