



# BETHELITE

A city-wide church with a world-wide ministry

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## Youth Ministry

Get Ready for Sunday School  
September 12 - see inside for details



At the end of a day of service work on the Benton Harbor, MI Youth Mission Trip

### Rag Dolls 2 Love Project

Bethel youth will be making dolls to send to children all over the world. You can help by donating material (no brown, white or tan), stuffing and sharp scissors.

Gaza, Palestine

Information:  
[Ragdolls2love.org](http://Ragdolls2love.org)



Septianus Karno Beno, child sponsored by Bethel Youth Group "First Fruits" ministry.

Every Wednesday night at 6:30 pm Bethel's youth room is host to *Hot Topics*, the Youth Ministry gathering for high school youth. From this weekly event, commitments have been made to sponsor a child in Indonesia, help at Second Harvest Food Bank, create *Rag Dolls 2 Love* for children in orphanages, and numerous other service and mission projects. In addition, Anita Grue, Coordinator of Youth Ministries, provides a Bible study, prayer time and group sharing discussions.

### Fall Youth Events

- Seventh Grade Home Visits**  
Watch for a postcard from Anita
- August 24, 6:00 pm**  
Benton Harbor Mission Trip Reunion, Pielage family hosting
- August 28, 10:00 am - 5:00 pm \$25**  
Paintball event - meet at Bethel
- Sept. 5, 10:15 am**  
Middle School Parent Meeting  
Library Media Room
- Sept. 18, 6:30 pm** Cook-out and Outdoor Movie, Bethel

- Sept. 24, 5:30-7:30 pm \$20**  
Ultrazone for Middle School
- October 9, 7:30 am-8:30 pm \$25**  
Fright Fest
- October 22, 4:45 - 9:00 pm \$15**  
Schuster's Playtime Farm

## FROM THE PASTOR

On July 20, 1969, Buzz Aldrin and Neil Armstrong exited the Lunar Module and for the first time humans walked on the moon. There are many untold tales regarding that adventure. This is one of them.

Buzz Aldrin was an elder at his Presbyterian Church in Texas in 1969. Knowing that he was soon to do something unprecedented in history, he approached his pastor about what was appropriate. What they decided to do was to make it possible for Buzz to commune on the moon.

The pastor consecrated both bread and a small vial of wine which Aldrin took with him as he exited the Earth's orbit and landed on the surface of the moon. Shortly after landing, Aldrin made a public statement: "This is the Lunar Module pilot. I'd like to take this opportunity to ask every person listening in...to pause for a moment and contemplate the events of the past few hours and to give thanks in his or her own way."

He then ended radio communication and read silently a verse from the Gospel of John: "I am the vine, you are the branch. Whoever abides in me will bring forth much fruit. Apart from me you can do nothing (John 15:5)." He opened the little plastic packages which contained the bread and the wine, poured the wine into a chalice his church had given him and watched in the one-sixth gravity of the moon, as the wine slowly curled and gracefully came up the side of the cup.

Aldrin had intended to read his communion passage back to earth, but at the last minute NASA had requested that he not do it. They were already embroiled in a legal battle with Madelyn Murray O'Hare over the Apollo 8 crew reading from Genesis while orbiting the moon at Christmas. Aldrin reluctantly agreed not to read it publicly.

He ate the host and then drank the wine. He gave thanks to God who had brought two young pilots to the Sea of Tranquility. He rejoiced thinking that the very first liquid ever poured on the moon and the very first food eaten there, were the body and blood of Christ.



## Communion on the Moon

Later, Aldrin, writing about this in the devotional booklet, *Guideposts*, said: "It's interesting to think that some of the first words spoken on the moon were the words of Jesus Christ, who made the earth and the moon."

I am grateful to Liz Becker who shared this story with me via email, one of dozens I receive and often fail to acknowledge. The story was included in a book by Eric Metaxas.

Not long ago someone said that they thought that fewer people contemplate the power of God in the world these days. I'm not sure that is true. What is true is that fewer magazines and newspapers find such stories noteworthy, and don't include them. We still live in a world where countless people of faith, in the words of Dante, recognize that..."God is the Love who moves the sun and the other stars."

- Pastor Bill White

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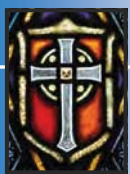
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## PRAYER POSTCARDS

Again this summer, we are contacting families by mail to let them know a specific week during which a Pastor will pray for them.

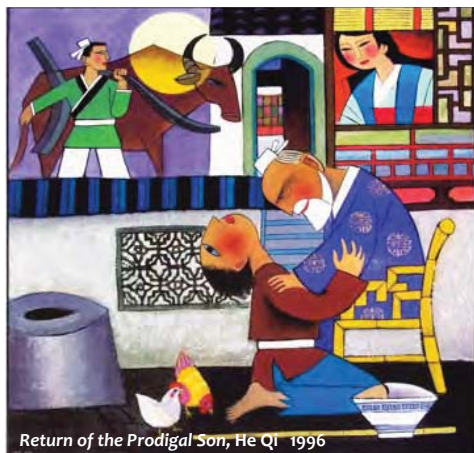
## NEWS & EVENTS



### Circle of Love Golf Outing

Join us at The Legend at Bergamot, Oregon, Monday, **Sept. 27**, for a day of golf, food and fellowship. Minimum contribution is \$125 per golfer. Cost to attend the dinner only is \$25. This is our only fund-raiser, and we appreciate your generous support of this project! Brochure and registration on Bethel's web site: [www.bethel-madison.org](http://www.bethel-madison.org), and in the Kiosk.

### 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 **August 22, 29** and **Sept. 12**. Lists of needed items will be available. Return all donations by **Sept. 30**.  
Bev Hanson, LWR Coordinator: 274-6122



connecting  
in Community

Worship service  
returns!  
**Wednesday, Sept. 1**

Pentecost Room  
6:30 pm

### 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)

**Middle School Ministry-Parents Meeting**  
**Sept. 5** in the Library Media Room at 10:15 am

### Circle Meeting Schedule

#### University Hill Farms

August 26

Meet at 9:30 am for carpooling and a Day at Lake Geneva.

JoAnn Six-Plesko, Hostess at Lake Geneva

### 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 Brusick, 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**.

### Blanket Workshop

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

### Current Christian Concerns

**August 26** A Coming Revolution

### Lydia's House Meeting

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

### Get Ready for Sunday School-Sept 12

All children ages 2 years old - 6<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to attend at 9:15 am in English or at 11:00 am in Spanish/English. We use the Augsburg Fortress SPARK! curriculum designed to activate faith in our children. Prayer, friendship and small group connections within the classroom are emphasized.

If your child was active in Sunday School last year, s/he is promoted to the next grade level and you do not need to register again. Sunday School invitations with teachers' names and class locations will be mailed on September 7. If you would like to enroll in Sunday School for the first time or want to change the age level or time, please contact Lori at 257-3577, ext. 335 or [lori@bethel-madison.org](mailto:lori@bethel-madison.org) by Aug 27.

At 9:15, students grades 1<sup>st</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> meet their teachers in the Pentecost Room for our Great Group Gathering with songs led by Chelsea Lauing, a short liturgy, and an introduction to the Bible story led by Bethel staff. Students are then dismissed to their classrooms for small group time.

Children in Preschool and Kindergarten meet in their classrooms. 6<sup>th</sup> grade students meet their teachers in Genesis Café, and go to their classrooms after Breakfast Club check-in.

The bi-lingual Sunday School students meet in their classrooms at 11:00 am, using the same SPARK! Curriculum.

Weekly offering envelopes will be given to all students on the first day of class. The money collected will be designated to help children in need. Please call Jacqui Shanda in Bethel's education office with questions:

**257-3577, ext 333**



### What is Stephen Ministry?

Members of our congregation receive special training to provide one-to-one Christian care to people in our faith community experiencing grief, loneliness, divorce, hospitalization, disability, job loss, and many other life difficulties. To learn about becoming a Stephen Minister, please attend an Information session on Sunday **Sept. 19** or **26** at 10:30 am in Good Shepherd Chapel. Applications must be returned by October 3. Training starts October 21.

**Pr. Laura Sutherland, 257-3577 ext 331**

### 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. Last summer Sunday for this Choir:

**August 22**

**No registration required - all ages**

### Family Ministry-Fall Cookout



You're invited to a Luau in Bethel's parking lot, Friday, **Sept. 10** at 5:30 pm. Enjoy games, crafts, music, face painting, food and a Bounce House. Susan for information: 257-3577, ext 336, or: [susans@bethel-madison.org](mailto:susans@bethel-madison.org), or to volunteer. Confirmation students receive service credit hours for helping!



# BETHEL CALENDAR ■ AUGUST 22-28



## Aug 22 Sunday-13 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*)
- 10:30a ESL Classes (*Room 216*)
- 10:45a **Worship Service** (*Sanctuary*)
- 12:30p **Worship-La Santa Misa** (*Sanctuary*)
- 1:30p Refrigerio (*Borgwardt Hall*)
- Association of Church Musicians (*Library*)

## Aug 23 Monday

- 7:30a Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship  
(*Borgwardt Hall, Pentecost Rm*)
- 8:30a Friendship Pad Volunteers (*Room 104*)

## Aug 24 Tuesday

- 8:30a Community Shares (*Borgwardt Hall*)
- 9:00a Library Open until 12:00p
- 10:30a Homeless Spiritual Support Group  
(*Good Shepherd Chapel*)
- 12:00p Homeless Book Group and Movie (*Borgwardt Hall*)  
Homeless Support Services (*Pentecost-Computer Rm*)
- 5:00p Grupo Latino Practica de Musica (*Sanctuary, Balcony*)  
Hope House Building Corp (*Room 100*)
- 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*)
- 7:30p Bethel Choir Officers Meeting (*Library Media Room*)

## Aug 25 Wednesday

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

## Aug 26 Thursday

- 7:00a Current Christian Concerns (*Library Media Room*)
- 9:00a Blanket Workshop (*Borgwardt Hall*)
- 10:00a Homeless Support Services (*Pentecost-Computer Rm*)

## Aug 27 Friday

## Aug 28 Saturday

- 8:00a Bible Study Group (*Library*)
- 9:00a Latino Yoga Class (*Emmaus Room*)
- 10:00a Youth Group Paintball leaves Bethel (*Parking Lot*)
- 5:00p **Worship Service** (*Pentecost Room*)  
Youth Group Paintball returns to Bethel (*Parking Lot*)



**WORSHIP SCHEDULE**  
THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SATURDAY, AUGUST 21 5:00 PM  
SUNDAY, AUGUST 22 7:55 AM 9:15 AM  
Pastor Bill White  
10:45 AM Pastor John Swanson  
SUNDAY 12:30 PM-SPANISH Pastor Pedro Suárez

Isaiah 58:9b-14 Hebrews 12:18-29 Luke 13:10-17

**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.
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