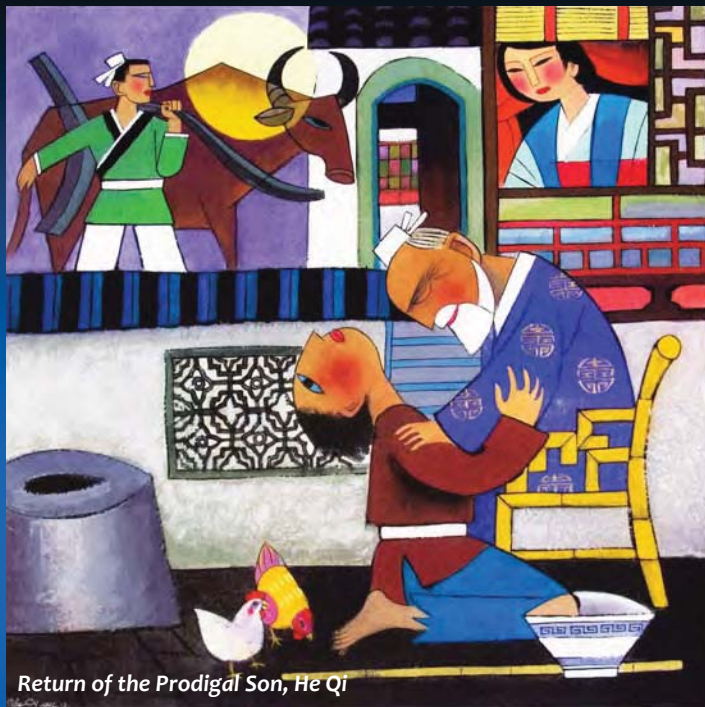


BETHELITE

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Return of the Prodigal Son, He Qi

The Prodigal Son

Sermon Series - Art Exhibits - Lectures

Join Senior Pastor Bill White on Sunday mornings, September 12, 19 and 26 as he explores the powerful story of the Prodigal Son in a series of three sermons. At 10:45 am, there will be a Sermon Study, led by Pr. Curt Everson.

Jerry Evenrud, retired ELCA Director for music and the arts, collected over 200 pieces of Prodigal Son themed art, and donated them to Luther Seminary. We are honored to have Jerry with us September 12-19, and 33 prints of the originals from his collection on exhibit at Bethel during September.

Many events surround this special exhibit. We invite you to fully participate as we explore the themes of Departure, Debauchery, Degradation, Return, Reconciliation and Celebration, as told by Jesus through Luke 15:11-32, *The Parable of the Prodigal and His Brother*.

September 12

8:30 - 9:15 am 10:15 am-12:00 pm 1:30-2:00 pm

Docent tours of art, led by Jerry Evenrud

7:55, 9:15, 10:45 am Worship, with Prodigal Son Sermon series

10:45 am Sermon Study Series

12:00 pm Luncheon, with presentation, *The Genesis of the Prodigal Son Collection*, Jerry Evenrud

September 14

11:00 am - 1:00 pm Public tour of art, led by Jerry Evenrud

September 15

4:30 - 5:00 pm Docent tour of art

5:00 - 6:00 pm Presentation on sculptures by Jerry Evenrud

6:00 - 6:45 pm Dinner in Borgwardt Hall

6:45 - 7:45 pm
7:45 - 8:15 pm

Presentation by Jerry Evenrud, Pentecost Room
Evening Vespers, with Bethel Choir

September 17

12:00-1:30 pm XYZ Luncheon and program by Jerry Evenrud

September 19

8:30-9:15 am Docent tour of art, led by Jerry Evenrud

7:55, 9:15, 10:45 am Worship, with Prodigal Son Sermon series

10:15-11:00 am Bethel art tour, led by Joyce Bromley

10:15-11:30 am Reception for Jerry Evenrud

10:45 am Sermon Study Series

Tickets for Sept. 12 Lunch or Sept. 15 Dinner:

\$7 adult, \$3 children ages 5-12, free for children 4 and younger.

FROM THE PASTOR

I was having a conversation recently with Bethel member Kirby Letheby. Kirby is one of the Bethel members I have on my Confirmation teaching "staff." He and the other 40-some people who lead classes each year for our 7th and 8th graders, do a wonderful job of teaching about, and personally conveying the love and grace of God.

During our conversation, Kirby and I talked about how important it is for Bethel's adults to interact with Bethel's youth. We talked about the connections that develop because one adult has said yes to teach and about 10 middle schoolers have said yes (perhaps a few of them a bit begrudgingly) to attend. While there may not be any magic that takes place during an individual confirmation class, I would argue that through the whole process from the time a young person begins confirmation in the fall of 7th grade until the time he or she is confirmed in the fall of 9th grade, something very wonderful can certainly happen.

In their own ways, these teachers share their time, their energy, their knowledge and their faith with these young people. In return, these young people touch the lives of Kirby and the others, so that faith is shared and relationships begin to sprout. Through this whole process, I hope that at least two things take place for all those involved - I hope that this big church called Bethel somehow becomes a bit smaller in our thoughts and I hope that the God whom we worship becomes a bit bigger in our hearts.

Confirmation provides one opportunity for these connections to take place, but certainly not the only one. I know that Jacqui Shanda would love the opportunity to talk with someone about helping in Sunday School. I know that Pastor Sutherland would be happy to sit down with a Bethel member and have a conversation about the Stephen Ministry program. I know that Sue Straus would be thrilled to have



Making Connections

someone call her to volunteer as a nursery assistant, Genesis Café worker or usher (either in the parking lot or worship service). Pastor Hanson would be ecstatic to have more people attend a Friends of Horizons work day at Bethel Horizons, Pastor White would welcome with open arms all who attended his fall class and the many other people who program activities here at Bethel would love to have your support.

Making connections with each other is a great gift of God's Spirit. Our call as Christians is to reach out into the world with God's message of forgiveness and love. We are more equipped to do that task when we have the strong support of our friends at church.

God Bless, **Pastor John Swanson**

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PRAYER POSTCARDS

Watch for yours in the mail.

NEWS & EVENTS



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

Middle School Ministry Meeting

Sept. 5 in the Library Media Room at 10:15 am
Parents and students attend.

Family Ministry-Fall Cookout

You're invited to a **Luau** in Bethel's parking lot, Friday, **Sept. 10**, 5:30-7:30 pm.

Enjoy games, crafts, music, face painting, food and a Bounce House. Susan for information: 257-3577, susans@bethel-madison.org, or to volunteer.

Confirmation students receive service credit hours for helping!



Lydia's House Meeting

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

Circle of Love Golf Outing

Join us at The Legend at Bergamont, Oregon, Monday, **Sept. 27**, for a day of golf, food and fellowship. Minimum contribution is \$125 per golfer. We are also seeking donations for the Silent Auction. Contact: Flip Varsos, 249-1305. This is our only fund-raiser, and we appreciate your generous support! Brochure and registration on Bethel's web site: www.bethel-madison.org, and in the Kiosk.

Get Ready for Sunday School-Sept 12

All children ages 2 years old – 6th grade are invited to attend at 9:15 am in English or at 11:00 am in Spanish/English.

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.

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**

Grief Support Group

Begins **September 23** for six weeks, 11:30 am to 12:30 pm. Pr. Laura: 257-3577
The group offers an emotionally supportive environment, focusing on different aspects of grief, and spiritual issues that can arise during grieving. Also will discuss holidays, anniversaries and other issues that are significant during this time.



Jesus Through Many Eyes

New this fall, a seven week series developed by Senior Pastor Bill White.

September 23 *Jesus, Jesus, Only Jesus... and James* James 1-5
September 30 *The Firstborn of All Creation* Colossians 1-4
October 7 *The Eternal Logos* John 1, 18-21
October 14 *The Strong Son of God* Mark 1-2, 14-16
October 21 *The Servant* Philippians 1-4
October 28 *The Teacher* Matthew 5-7
November 4 *The Alpha and the Omega* Revelation 4-5, 21-22
Dinner 5:45 pm Class: 6:45 pm

Current Christian Concerns

Sept. 2 What's Next?
Sept. 9 Tiger Woods: A Case Study
Sept. 16 God: What, Where and Why?

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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

Make A Joyful Noise - Join a Choir!

Did you Know: Children who sing in a choir learn to listen...learn to stay on task... have higher self-esteem... show enhanced social skills... Children who sing in a choir have fun!

These Choirs start September 12:

Cherub Choir: Jamie Henke, 831-5749
Children's Choir: Chelsea Lauing, 698-0401
Junior Youth Choir:
Mary Schmitt, Myrna Kay Young, 241-0026

The Bethel Choir - Fall Rush

All adults invited to join us during choir rush week on **Sept. 26** or **Sept. 30** to sing with the choir and learn more about becoming a member. Stop at the Bethel Choir display in the Emmaus room on **Sept. 12** or **19** for more details. Or, call the church choir office at 257-3577, ext 423.



Madison Area Jobs Transition

Bethel is part of this project assisting unemployed and underemployed persons find new positions. Meets **Sept. 4** at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 9:00 - 10:30 am. Assistance with interviewing, job search, resume writing.

Bill Berkan: 233-8327



Worship service
returns!
Wednesday, Sept. 1

Pentecost Room
6:30 pm



Bethel Calendar ■ SEPTEMBER 5-11

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Sept 5 Sunday-15 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*)
- 10:45a **Worship Service** (*Sanctuary*)
- 10:15a Middle School Parent Meeting (*Library Media Room*)
- 12:30p **Worship-La Santa Misa** (*Sanctuary*)
- 1:30p Refrigerio (*Borgwardt Hall*)

Sept 6 Monday-Office Closed HOLIDAY

Sept 7 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*)
- 3:30p Southdale After School (*Pentecost Rm, Fireside Gallery*)
- 5:00p Grupo Latino Practica de Musica (*Sanctuary*)
- 5:15p Women's Choir (*Choir Room*)
- 6:30p Creative Worship Singers (*Choir Room*)
- 6:45p Separated & Divorced Group
(*Room 101, Good Shepherd Chapel, Library*)

Sept 8 Wednesday

- 9:30a **Midweek Chapel** (*Good Shepherd Chapel*)
- 5:00p Genesis Café Open until 9:00p
- 5:30p Bethel Ringers (*Room 202*)
- 6:00p Confirmation Orientation (*Good Shepherd Chapel*)
- 6:30p **Worship Service** (*Pentecost Room*)
Hot Topics (*Youth Room*)

Sept 9 Thursday

- 7:00a Current Christian Concerns (*Library Media Room*)
- 10:00a Homeless Support Services (*Pentecost-Computer Room*)
- 3:30p Southdale After School (*Pentecost Rm, Fireside Gallery*)
- 6:00p Middle School Ministry (*Fireside Gallery, Game Room*)
Bethel Choir Officers Meeting (*Library Media Room*)
- 7:00p Bethel Choir (*Choir Room*)

Sept 10 Friday

- 7:00a Men's Book Study (*Borgwardt Hall*)
- 5:00p Mawst/Bisbee Wedding Rehearsal (*Sanctuary*)
- 5:30p Fall Kick-Off Luau (*Parking Lot*)

Sept 11 Saturday

- 8:00a Bible Study Group (*Library*)
- 9:00a Latino Yoga Class (*Emmaus Room*)
- 3:30p Mawst/Bisbee Wedding (*Sanctuary*)
- 5:00p **Worship Service** (*Pentecost Room*)


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WORSHIP SCHEDULE
THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 4 5:00 PM
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 5 7:55 AM 9:15 AM 10:45 AM
Pastor Laura Sutherland
SUNDAY 12:30 PM-SPANISH Pastor Pedro Suárez
Deuteronomy 30:15-20 Philemon 1-21 Luke 14:25-33

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://bethel.tv.bethel-madison.org>
Let us sow on good soil and bear much good fruit; thanks be to God - telecast given by Laverne and Betty Forest.

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