

BETHELITE

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Church Council Nominees 2011



These five Bethel members have been nominated to each serve three year terms on the Church Council. Plan to attend the Annual Meeting, January 23, following the 9:15 am Worship service. Meeting at 10:05 - 10:45 am.



Christine Gessner

Christine has been a member for 14 years. She has been active in Sunday School, and as a Confirmation Prayer Friend. Christine is married to Nate, and they have three sons, ages 8, 11 and 14. The entire family enjoys their involvement with Blackhawk Ski Club, where Christine serves on the Board of Directors. The family also spends time camping, canoeing, golfing, hiking and biking. Christine is employed by the Monona School District as an Educational Assistant.

Craig has been a member for 16 years, active in many areas, including The Bethel Choir, Good News Committee, Puerto Rico Service Trip, 40 Days of Spiritual Renewal, Bethel Bible Series and study groups. Craig recently completed 4 years on the Lutheran Campus Ministry's advisory committee. Craig is married to Cristel, and they have two married daughters and four grandchildren. Craig is recently retired from the position of UW professor of medical education.



Craig Gjerde



Randall McLaury

Randy has been a member for 15 years. He and his wife, Elise, were married at Bethel in 1995. Both sons were baptized here, as well. Randy began his association with Bethel after graduating from UW-Madison with a degree in Economics. He came to know Bethel through watching the Sunday service on TV in the early 1990's. Randy has served on the Media Ministry Board for over a decade, and is employed by Tricor Insurance in Risk Management.



Cathie Trevallee

Cathie has been a member for 7 years, introduced to Bethel by her husband, Bob. She is a 26 year Congressional employee, the last 7 years with Congresswoman Tammy Baldwin. Cathie is active in the Circle of Love, serving on the planning committee and as a host family. She also belongs to the Bethel Book Women group. Cathie and Bob live in Cambridge.

Manny has been participating in the Latino Ministry since 2006. He serves as a percussionist in the Latino Band for Sunday worship, is a member of the Latino Pastoral Support Team, has been a Mentor for new members, helps in the office and is a student in the Leadership and Discipleship course.



Manuel Vellon

Manny has been married for 34 years to Judith. They have three children and two granddaughters. Manny is a retired US Army Vietnam veteran, and works as a professional percussionist.

FROM THE PASTOR

And what does the LORD require of you, but to do justice, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God. --Micah 6:8

Will you allow me to act like a teacher for a few paragraphs? I promise not to be too pedantic, but to give you a short lesson in the Hebrew language in order to make, what I think is, an important point.

The word *mishpat* (Hebrew) occurs more than 200 times in the Old Testament and is translated, "justice." The word for mercy is *chesedh*, which refers to God's unconditional grace and compassion. It may sound that the prophet Micah is talking about two different things, justice and mercy; he is really talking about one.

Though *mishpat* has many meanings, its primary emphasis is on giving people their rights. God's people are challenged over and over again to do justice by supporting people who are powerless and therefore have lost their rights. We are also challenged to love mercy by providing compassion. Taken in context the two commands are nearly the same.

Who are the primary recipients of *mishpat* and *chesedh*? The prophets of the Old Testament point to four groups of people who are frequently in need.

This is what the LORD Almighty says: Administer true justice, show mercy and compassion to one another. Do not oppress the widow or the fatherless, the immigrant or the poor.
--Zechariah 7:10-11

As Tim Keller has pointed out in his wonderful little book, "Generous Justice," these were the groups in Biblical times who needed support from believers. Since society did not provide them with power (their rights) God's people were told to do so.

Immigrants had little stake in the country in which they were dwelling. They were people with no voice. God, through the prophets, commanded believers to be that voice.

The poor, particularly the homeless poor, were and are people with no voice, and no power. Many poor people did not have full time positions. Many struggle with debilitating illnesses, physical or emotional. Some are temporarily homeless, victims of misfortune, and just need a friendly hand.



EDUCATION

Getting Ready for Sunday School

Story: The Lamb of God

Biblical Text: John 1:29-42, SPARK! Story Bible, pages 246-247.

Bible Point: Jesus came for us.

Key Bible Verse: *And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God.* John 1:34

Prayer: Dear God, thank you for sending Jesus. Thank you for always being with us. Help us to be your hands on earth. In Jesus' name, Amen.



Mishpat and Chesedh

As you can see, at least two things have not changed in the 3,000 years since Micah spoke for God. We still have groups of people in our society who live without their rights, and God still expects his people to be advocates for those who are powerless.

God blesses all of you who reach out to those in need. God is blessing the amazing homeless ministry that is growing slowly, but steadily, at Bethel. Led by Pastor Laura Sutherland, people like Arlen Christenson, Suzanne Alexander, Dave Baskerville, and Mark Wilson have created a welcoming environment for dozens and dozens of homeless/powerless men and women.

God blesses Pastor Pedro and Aura Suárez who provide *mishpat* and *chesedh* for dozens and dozens of new Americans who, like my grandparents, long to provide their children and grandchildren opportunities they have not experienced.

God blesses the people of Beth-el (in Hebrew Beth-el is translated: House of God) who provide financial and moral support to the people who work to follow God's directives.

-Pastor Bill White

Pastoral Staff

Bill White
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Pedro Suárez
Laura Sutherland
John Swanson

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Evangelism & Mission
Latino Ministries
Care Ministries
Confirmation, Visitation &
Women's Ministries

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NEWS & EVENTS



Bethel Financial Review - Jan. 16

One week prior to the Annual Meeting, Church Council Treasurer, Laura Vogel, will host a review of Bethel's financial position. 10:30 am in the Library.

Bethel Book Women

Meet **Jan. 17** at 7:00 pm to discuss *The Lacuna*, by Barbara Kingsolver.

Feed & Read

Meet in the Library **Jan. 24** at noon (please note date change for this month only).

Love and Growth Parents Class

New class begins Wednesday, **Jan. 19** for six weeks, through February 23, 6:00 - 7:30 pm, facilitated by Julie Martinelli. The cost is \$25 per person or \$35 per couple, and includes one workbook. Childcare is provided. **Jacqui** 257-3577.

Current Christian Concerns

Jan. 20 Sharing: 5 Bible Versus
Jan. 27 What Is Living?

Third Grade First Communion

Parents and their third grade Sunday School students meet **Jan. 23** at 9:15 am to begin Holy Communion instruction. First Communion will be celebrated on **March 6** at 9:15 am.

Bethel Financial Update

On December 15th, your congregation was \$90,000 in the red and we had just suffered through a major snow storm that cut short the time to make up the deficit before the end of the year. We wrote a letter to you, the Bethel congregation, telling of our need, concluding, "We need help. If you are able to assist us with the shortfall please do so."

Today, a week after the first of the year, we write a letter saying, "Thank you!" You responded magnificently. We paid our bills and ended the year a few thousand dollars on the plus side. In a few weeks we will present a full financial report for 2010 and a budget for 2011.

God bless you all.

Al Schultz

Bill White

Facebook and Twitter

Find Bethel and join the conversation:
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-Pr. Sarah Harrold

Young Adult Retreat

Join Pr. Sarah Harrold for "Propelling Spirituality," a weekend retreat at Bethel Horizons, **Jan. 14-16**. sarah@bethel-madison.org to register or for questions.

Augustana Choir



Sunday, January 30, 2011

Enjoy this premier Lutheran College Choir during the 9:15 am Worship service, and also during the afternoon concert at 3:00 pm.

Host Families Needed

We are looking for families to host two or more choir members for two nights, **Jan. 29** and **Jan. 30**. If you are willing to host, please contact: David Olson, davidjohnolson@gmail.com, or Sharon Sumner, ssumner@bethel-madison.org, or the Bethel Music Dept., 257-3577, ext 424.

BETHEL LUTHERAN CHURCH



Auction Donations Needed

Saturday, **March 12**, a festive Dinner Auction will be hosted by Bethel youth groups to help fund their Mission Trip to New Orleans. Please call Anita, 257-3577, to donate art, sports tickets, furniture, etc.

Events Schedule

Jan. 13 Middle School Ministry 6:00 pm
Feb. 13 Valentine's Bake Sale-Parking Lot Foyer, after worship services
Feb. 24 Senior High Ski Trip to Indianhead, \$110, reserve by Feb. 19
Anita: 257-3577, ext.344

Winter Woodland Retreat

Separated and Divorced Ministry

Jan. 28-30, at Bethel Horizons. Theme: *Boundaries*. Pr. Laura, 257-3577, ext.331.

Your Loss Can Be Bethel Food Pantry's Gain!

Join Team Bethel Lutheran to help raise

money to benefit Bethel's own Food Pantry. Princeton Club president, Dave Gerry, is sponsoring the Million Pound Challenge to benefit Second Harvest Foodbank of Southern Wisconsin. For every pound of weight you lose, or hour of exercise you complete between now and **May 31**, Princeton Clubs will contribute 10 pounds of food that will be distributed through Bethel's Food Pantry.

How does it work? Go to the web site: www.princetonclub.net and click on the Million Pound Challenge icon. Register to be on Bethel Lutheran Church's team. Each week, you'll respond by email to chronicle your past week's achievement. All information is confidential and no purchase of any kind is necessary.

Circle Meeting Schedule

Blessings

Jan. 18, 6:30 pm, Bev Hanson

Compassion

Jan. 19, 6:45 pm at Bethel

Celebration

Jan. 20, 7:00 pm, Helen Kruse

Fair Trade Coffee Sale

Inspiration Circle will sell Fair Trade Coffee on **Jan. 23**, Parking Lot Foyer.

Christian Men's Fellowship

The **Jan. 18** program will feature Norm Olson, retired Food Science professor, presenting: *Cheese: A Product of Art or Science or Both?* Meet for coffee at 10:30 am in Borgwardt Hall, program at 11:00 am.

LYDIA'S HOUSE

Jan. 17, Mary Brennan will present *Activities for Heart and Soul*. Dinner at 5:30 pm, program at 6:00 pm, Borgwardt Hall.

Family Ministry Valentine's Day Party

Saturday, February 12 9:00 am - noon

Join the Valentine's Day party, featuring brunch, crafts and fun for all family members. We will make cards, ornaments and other crafts while enjoying great food and fellowship. Call Susan Straus, 257-3577, ext. 336.



Jan 16 Sunday-2 Epiphany

- 7:45a Coffee Fellowship (*Fireside Gallery*)
- 7:55a **Worship Service** (*Sanctuary*)
- 8:30a Childcare available until 2:00p (*Nursery*)
- Genesis Café Open (*Borgwardt Hall*)
- 8:45a Library Open until 11:45a
- 9:15a **Worship Service** (*Sanctuary*)
- Sunday School
- 9:30a Youth Mission Trip Meeting (*Good Shepherd Chapel*)
- 10:15a Cherub Choir (*Room 202*)
- Children's Choir (*Room 216*)
- Junior Youth Choir (*Pentecost Room*)
- 10:30a Bethel Bible Series-Old Testament (*Library Media Room*)
- 10:45a **Worship Service** (*Sanctuary*)
- 11:00a Sunday School (*Rooms 204, 210, 211, 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*)

Jan 17 Monday

- 8:30a Friendship Pad Volunteers (*Room 104*)
- 9:00a XYZ Board Meeting (*Library*)
- 12:00p BLCEF Investment Committee (*Room 200*)
- 1:00p *Bethelite* Stuffers (*Fireside Gallery*)
- 5:30p Lydia's House (*Borgwardt Hall*)
- 6:30p Latino Senior High Youth (*Youth Room*)
- 7:00p Bethel Bible Series-Old Testament (*Good Shepherd Chapel*)
- Camera Club (*Fireside Gallery*)
- Bethel Book Women (*Library Media Room*)

Jan 18 Tuesday

- 8:30a Homeless Book Group (*Room 216*)
- 9:00a Library Open until 12:00p
- 10:00a Homeless Support Services (*Pentecost Room*)
- 10:30a Homeless Spiritual Support Group (*Good Shepherd Chapel*)
- Christian Men's Fellowship (*Borgwardt Hall*)
- 12:30p Jail Chaplaincy Support Group (*Room 216*)
- 3:30p Southdale After School Program (*lower level*)
- 5:00p Endowment Foundation Quarterly Meeting (*Borgwardt Hall*)
- Hope House Annual Meeting (*Library Media Room*)
- 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 (*Rm 101, GS Chapel, Library*)
- 7:00p Conversational Norwegian (*Library Media Room*)

Jan 19 Wednesday

- 9:30a **Midweek Chapel** (*Good Shepherd Chapel*)
- Abigail Circle (*Library Media Room*)
- 10:00a Homeless Support Services (*Pentecost Room*)
- 5:30p Bethel Ringers (*Room 202*)
- 6:30p Hot Topics (*Youth Room*)
- Compassion Circle (*Library Media Room*)

Jan 20 Thursday

- 7:00a Current Christian Concerns (*Library Media Room*)
- 9:00a Bethel Series-New Testament (*Good Shepherd Chapel*)
- 10:00a Homeless Support Services (*Pentecost Room*)
- 3:30p Southdale After School Program (*lower level*)
- 4:30p Media Board Meeting (*Library Media Room*)
- 6:00p Stephen Ministry Training (*Good Shepherd Chapel*)



- Bethel Choir Officers Meeting (*Library Media Rm*)
- 6:30p Stephen Minister Continuing Education (*Room 201*)
- 7:00p Bethel Choir Rehearsal (*Choir Room*)

Jan 21 Friday

- 7:00a Men's Book Study (*Borgwardt Hall*)
- 9:30a XYZ (*Various locations*)

Jan 22 Saturday

- 8:00a Bible Study (*Library*)
- 9:00a Latino Yoga Class (*Emmaus Room*)
- 11:00p Delores E. Bjoraker Memorial Service (*Sanctuary*)
- 11:45a Delores E. Bjoraker Reception (*Borgwardt Hall*)
- 5:00p **Worship** (*Pentecost Room*)

WORSHIP SCHEDULE
SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
SATURDAY, JANUARY 15 5:00 PM
SUNDAY, JANUARY 16 7:55 AM 9:15 AM 10:45 AM
PASTOR BILL WHITE
12:30 PM-SPANISH Pastor Pedro Suárez

Isaiah 49:1-7 1 Corinthians 1:1-9 John 1:29-42

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> 9:30 am & 9:00 pm KFXB-TV 43	

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