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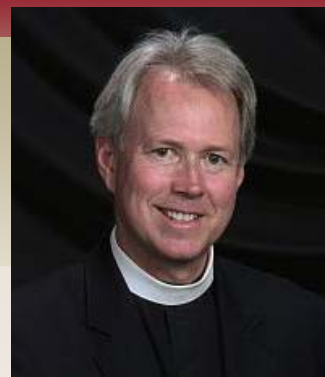
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"So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us." 2 Corinthians 5:17-20a



September 19, 2011

Dear Community of Bethel Lutheran Church,

After deep prayer and discernment, I accept the call to serve our Lord Jesus Christ in shared ministry with you as Senior Pastor of Bethel Lutheran Church. I am humbled, honored and excited for this call and the wonderful possibilities God has in store for us all in the coming years. Bethel has been built on deep faith by gifted clergy and lay leaders for over 150 years. While our debt to all who have gone before us is great, I believe the debt we owe to the future generations is even greater. Thus we must boldly honor the past, live fully in the present, and prepare for the future.

The author of Hebrews reminds us that "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever." However, though Jesus remains constant in grace and mercy, through the Holy Spirit we are always being recreated. As new creations in Christ we are always being sent as God's ambassadors. Jesus has chosen and entrusted us, all of us, with this ministry of reconciliation. The collective task before us all is to discern the preferred and promised future that God holds for the community of Bethel. It is an exciting and challenging task.

My immediate plans are to take time from now through the end of the Church year, Christ the King Sunday, November 20 to conclude my ministry here at St. John's. After Thanksgiving I will head to Madison and begin at Bethel around December 1 with my first Sunday December 4. My wife Kathy and eight year-old son Kai will remain in Sacramento through December as they both finish the semester. After Christmas Eve I will fly back to Sacramento as we pack and all plan to be in Madison around the first of January.

I am filled with excitement and anticipation as I look forward to our arrivals in Madison. I am certain that the Holy Spirit has brought us together at this time for the challenges and celebrations that God has prepared. I would ask for your prayers during this time of transition and be assured that I hold you in my prayers.

Together in Ministry, **Pastor Scot Sorensen**



FROM THE PASTOR

Sitting at the Feet of Jesus

There's a story in Luke 10 about two women named Mary and Martha; most of you are probably familiar with it. Jesus comes to their village and stops in to see his friends. Martha is running around trying to do everything required for good hospitality, and Mary simply sits at Jesus' feet, listening to him talk. Martha gets angry at Mary but takes it out on Jesus, Jesus in turn tells her that Mary's actually chosen more wisely in her actions than Martha, and we now have had centuries of asking ourselves whether we're a "Mary" or a "Martha." The story takes all of 5 verses (38-42), but it has profound wisdom.

circle, collectively they've found a way to both sit at Jesus' feet and listen to God's word, as well as live out those words in the world.

The insert in our *Bethelite* this week is about our Women's Ministries. If you're not super-involved in these ministries, you might not know about the tremendous things that happen through them. Everything from supporting education across the world, to helping refugees, to attending retreats and Bible studies, to sewing and fundraising, is facilitated through these women. So while I'm sure that individually there are many "Marys" and many "Marthas" in each

As we head into our future both as children of God and as the community of Bethel, we could learn a little bit from Mary and Martha, and our women here. Are you taking time individually and as a community to sit at the feet of Jesus? And, are you taking his words and finding faithful ways of living them out? Questions that are more easily asked than answered, I would guess. But my prayer is that, as you think about it, you'd find tremendous peace in the God who's willing to let us sit at his feet. And then that you would find tremendous courage to go out and give that peace to the world as well.

-- Pastor Sarah Harrold

EDUCATION Getting Ready for Sunday School

Story: Joseph Helps His Family **Biblical Text:** Genesis 45:1-15, 50:15-21 SPARK Story Bible, pages 60-65
Dandy Dreams DVD from Bethel's Library

Bible Point: God uses people in surprising ways to help during times of need. **Key Bible Verse:** *Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today.* Genesis 50:20 (NRSV)

Prayer: Dear God, thank you for loving and forgiving us, even when we feel ashamed and alone. Help us to love others so we aren't jealous of them and can act with kindness to everyone. In Jesus' name, amen.

Spooktacular

All school age kids are invited to join the fun on **October 28** for a hauntingly good day trip to Bethel Horizons. Bus leaves Bethel's parking lot at 8:45 am and returns at 5:00 pm. Cost for transportation, food and activities is \$20.

Registration deadline: **Oct. 22.** Jacqui , 257-3577.



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NEWS & EVENTS



Love and Logic Parents Class

For parents and caregivers of children of all ages. Begins Wednesday, **Nov. 2** for six weeks, through Dec. 7, 6:00 - 7:30 pm, facilitated by Julie Martinelli. The cost is \$25 per person or \$35 per couple, and includes one workbook. Childcare provided. Jacqui 257-3577 x 333.

New Member Class - October 8

Are you interested in joining Bethel? The fall class will be held 9:00 am-1:00 pm. The class of new members will be introduced at the 9:15 am worship service on **October 23**. Sandy Ripp, 257-3577 x 231

Prayers Without Words-Class

Join Bethel member Phyllis Anderson to discover Bethel's rich heritage of stained glass window symbols of faith. **Oct. 2** at 10:30 am. Good Shepherd Chapel.



A ministry of and for people in their 20's and 30's. Whether you're single or married you're welcome to be a part of faith-

filled fellowship, service and community!

Oct 5 Potluck at Bethel, 6:30 pm, followed by a bonfire at Picnic Point.

Oct 8 Meet at Bethel at 1:30 pm, we will travel to the Eplegaarden Apple Orchard in Fitchburg.

Contacts: Pr. Sarah Harrold, 257-3577
Peter Clark, 698-7927, Liz Williams, 438-7105

Madison Area Jobs Project

At Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. Trained volunteer staff help individuals with resumes and other job finding skills. Info: Bill Berkan, 233-8327

Oct. 1 or 15 9:00 am -10:30 am.

Sunday Greeters Needed

Would you like to serve periodically as a welcoming presence on Sunday morning? Call Sue Marking to learn more about this vital ministry: 721-2984.

Parenting Group

Meets on the first and third Saturday of each month at 8:30 am for breakfast and programs, **October 1 and 15**, and on the second Friday of the month, **October 14** for *Date Night*, 5:30 pm - 8:30 pm. Please call Susan for info, or to register for Oct. 14: 257-3577 x 336

Christian Men's Fellowship

Men of all ages gather on the first and third Tuesday of each month at 10:30 am in Borgwardt Hall. Program at 11:00 am, with lunch following at noon.

October 4 *Bethel's Contribution to a Love Affair*, by Al Felly. Hear Al's story about founding a high school in San Pedro, Belize. **October 18** *Applaud the Apple*, by Gardens of Goodness owners, Jim & Barb Lindemann.

Free Spanish Classes at Bethel!

Call Einstein Gonzalez: 257-3577 x 337.

Family Ministry Tail-Gate Party



Join us for an indoor tail-gate **October 16** and watch Packers vs. St. Louis on Bethel's big screen TV! Susan Straus 257-3577 x 336.

Community Meals-Luke House

Please drop-off donations at Bethel's Salad Kitchen by 10:00 am, **Oct. 10**.

Grace Episcopal Church-Free Concert

You're invited to hear the Kendalwood String Quartet, **Oct. 18** at 11:30 am

PUERTO RICO Mission Trip



Travel to Puerto Rico on this Mission-Friendship Trip, Jan. 30-Feb. 6, 2012

Work, play, swim, worship, work some more - all with our Mission Church Partner, Bethel Lutheran Church, Dorado, PR. Application forms are available at the Reception desk. If the number of people applying exceeds 30, preference will be given to Bethel members and first time participants. For info, contact:

Einstein Gonzalez, 257-3577 x 337, or
Lindsey Scheid, 574-3993
Lindsey@bethelhorizons.org

Halloween Party-October 21

Enjoy a spooky dinner, creepy crafts and a costume parade - all indoors! 6:00 pm.

Volunteers needed: Creative folks to decorate treat stops - dinner included for all volunteers. Susan: 257-3577 x 336, or: familyministry@bethel-madison.org

One-A-Week Blood Donor Club

During July and August, 39 donors gave 41 units, total of 157 pints for 2011. The Blood Drive held Sept. 13 had 20 donors.

Congregational Meeting Report

September 18, 2011

Over 400 Bethel members attended this special meeting called by the Church Council. Ann Leon, Council President, called the meeting to order, and established that a quorum was present. Pr. Strommen led us in prayer.



Ann reviewed provisions of the constitution, described the voting process and thanked the Call Committee. Al Schultz, Chair of the Call Committee, then presented the report of the committee, the recommendation for Senior Pastor, and answered questions. Ann called for a motion to vote. Ballots were collected and counted with results announced:

382 Yes votes

20 No votes 1 Abstain

Our deep appreciation and thankful prayers

go to the Church Council and the Call Committee: Al Schultz, Arlen Christenson, Kathy Pielage, Dan Stein, Bev Thom and staff liaison, Jacqui Shanda for their diligence and commitment to this process.





Oct 2 Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

- 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
- 9:45a Worship Rehearsal for 10:45 (*Choir Room*)
- 10:15a Cherub Choir (*Room 202*)
- Children's Choir (*Room 216*)
- Junior Youth Choir (*Pentecost*)
- 10:30a ESL Class (*Room 216*)
- Bethel Series-New Testament (*Library Media Room*)
- Prayers Without Words* Class (*Good Shepherd Chapel*)
- 10:45a **Worship Service** (*Sanctuary*)
- 11:00a Sunday School, bi-lingual (*Rooms 204, 210, 212*)
- After School Orientation Meeting *Room 216*)
- 11:45a Latino Children's Choir (*Room 202*)
- 12:30p **Worship-La Santa Misa** (*Sanctuary*)
- 1:30p Refrigerio (*Borgwardt Hall*)

Oct 3 Monday

- 8:30a Friendship Pad Volunteers (*Room 104*)
- 7:00p Bethel Series-New Testament (*Room 200*)

Oct 4 Tuesday

- 7:30a Executive Committee Meeting (*Room 201*)
- 8:30a Homeless Book Group (*Room 216*)
- 9:00a Library Open until 12:00p
- 10:00a Homeless Support Services (*Pentecost Room*)
- Christian Men's Fellowship (*Borgwardt Hall*)
- 10:30a Homeless Spiritual Support Group (*Pentecost Room*)
- 3:15p Celebration Circle (*Library Media Room*)
- 5:00p Grupo Latino Practica de Musica (*Sanctuary*)
- 5:15p Women's Choir (*Choir Room*)
- 6:30p Creative Worship Singers (*Choir Room*)
- Latino Senior High Youth Group (*Youth Room*)
- 6:45p Separated & Divorced Group
(*Room 101, Good Shepherd Chapel, Library*)
- 7:00p Conversational Norwegian (*Library Media Room*)

Oct 5 Wednesday

- 9:30a **Worship Service** (*Good Shepherd Chapel*)
- 10:00a Homeless Support Services (*Pentecost Room*)
- 5:30p Bethel Ringers (*Room 202*)
- 6:30p Hot Topics (*Youth Room*)
- 20+30 Group Potluck (*Borgwardt Hall*)

Oct 6 Thursday

- 7:00a Current Christian Concerns (*Library Media Room*)
- 10:00a Homeless Support Services (*Pentecost Room*)
- 12:00p Grief Support Group (*Room 100*)
- Lutheran World Relief (*Library Media Room*)
- 3:30p Southdale After School (*Pentecost, Fireside*)
- 6:00p Bible Study Dinner (*Borgwardt Hall*)
- Latino Confirmation Class (*Room 216*)

- 6:30p Stephen Ministry Continuing Educ. (*Room 200-201*)
- 6:45p Bible Study Class (*Borgwardt Hall*)
- 7:00p Bethel Choir (*Choir Room*)

Oct 7 Friday

- 7:00a Men's Book Study (*Borgwardt Hall*)
- 9:30a XYZ (*Fireside Gallery, Pentecost Room, various locations*)

Oct 8 Saturday

- 8:00a Bible Study (*Library*)
- 8:30a Homeless Breakfast (*Borgwardt Hall, Kitchen*)
- 9:00a New Member Class (*Emmaus Room*)
- Latino New Member Class (*Room 216*)
- 12:00p New Member Lunch (*Borgwardt Hall*)
- 5:00p **Worship Service** (*Pentecost Room*)

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We reserve the right to edit all submitted material.
The deadline for each issue is the Wednesday prior to the issue date.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

OCTOBER 1 5:00 PM
OCTOBER 2 7:55 AM 9:15 AM 10:45 AM

PASTOR PETER STROMMEN

12:30 PM-SPANISH PASTOR JAIME DUBON

Isaiah 5:1-7 Philippians 3:4b-14 Matthew 21:33-46

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

*Telecast delayed one week.

To contribute to the Media Ministry, contact **Dona Meyer:**
608-257-3577, ext 225, or: donameyer@bethel-madison.org.



Women's Ministry

...and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue. PROVERBS 31:26B

The Women's Coordinating Council (WCC) serves to coordinate all women's groups, linking Bethel groups with the South Central Synodical Wisconsin Women's Organization and the Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America. We welcome all women of Bethel and visitors into full participation. We meet quarterly at Bethel. 2011: **October 11**, 2012: **January 10, April 10, July 10** and **October 9**. The Mission of the WCC follows that of the Women of the ELCA: *To mobilize women to act boldly on their faith in Jesus Christ.*

Pr. John Swanson, Pastoral Advisor **Nancy Wanless**, President, WCC 246-8219

Circles

A Bethel Circle is a group of women who meet once a month for fellowship, Bible study, refreshment and mission. Meetings are held in private homes, and at Bethel.

Currently, there are 19 active Circles. Membership is open to all adult women.



Circle Names and Contact Information

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 Naomi Bekkum 270-0023
Blessings Nancy Beck 238-9732
Celebration Helen Kruse 238-8606
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 Jeanne Gill 635-8830
Dorcas Shirley Dokken 850-4364
 Nancy Herritz 222-7282
Evelyn..... Dee Buchler 244-0088
Gabriel..... Kay Wickland 628-6065
Grace Dinah Thies 221-3029

Hope Kate Young 233-3535
Inspiration..... Lynne Krainer 238-5310
Joy Diane Meredith 255-9160
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Latino Women Patricia Garcia 692-6606
Peace Rae Carman 271-8997
Rejoice..... Margie Czechowicz 244-5452
Renew Cristel Gjerde 833-7638
Seekers..... Judy Olson 230-6211
Serenity..... Marti Treutelaar 215-5549
University Hill Farm.... Jeanne Moren 256-9333
Jo Thomley, Circle Coordinator 838-8091

Women's Ministry Sunday

November 6
Emmaus Room
Tables & Info



Circle Missions

Mission opportunities are an important and integral part of Circle activities. Through these missions, members provide financial support, and share time and skills in ministry to others.

Some of our ministries include:

Blanket Workshop for Lutheran World Relief: 200 quilts made and distributed throughout the world each year.

Financial: Meeting offerings, Thankoffering, Blessed to Be a Blessing, Media Ministry, Horizon Camperships, Synodical Women's Organization, Skaalen Home, Oakwood Service League.

Time and Skills: Bethel Mission Wheels, Circle of Love, Hope House, Latino Ministries, Madison Schools & Homeless Children, Fair Trade Coffee Sales, Lutheran World Relief kits, Church Ladies Ministry.



Musical Benefit for Hope House

Bethel Book Women

This lively discussion group meets monthly at Bethel, on the third Monday, 7:00 pm. Newcomers always welcome.

Oct 17 *Cutting for Stone*, Abraham Verghese
Nov 21 *Half Broke Horses*, Jeannette Walls
Dec 19 *Made for Goodness*, Desmond and Mpho Tutu, *Reclaiming the L Word*, Kelly Fryer

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Jan 16 *Thinking in Pictures*, Temple Grandin
Feb 20 *The Warmth of Other Suns*, I. Wilkerson
March 19 *The Faith Club*, Idliby, Oliver & Warner
April 16 *True Grit*, Charles Portis
May 21 *Enrique's Journey*, Sonia Nazario
June 18 *Marcelo in the Real World* F. Stork

Beth Olson 338-8148

Feed and Read

This book group meets monthly at noon, on the third Monday for lunch and book discussion. Please bring a dish to pass or a bag lunch - drop-in anytime!

Oct 17 *Tall Grass*, Sandra Dallas
Nov 21 *The Secret Life of Anne Boleyn*, R. Maxwell
Dec 19 *How Starbucks Saved My Life*, M. Gill
Jacqui Shanda 257-3577



Bethel Library

Bethel Archives

The Archives are maintained by Kathryn Ramberg and Alice Kvamme, open Tuesday, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm, or by appointment. **Jacqui Shanda** 257-3577

MISSION STATEMENT

As a community of women created in the image of God, called to discipleship in Jesus Christ, and empowered by the Holy Spirit, we commit ourselves to grow in faith, affirm our gifts, support one another in our callings, engage in ministry and action, and promote healing and wholeness in the church, the society, and the world.



Women's Ministry

So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith. GALATIANS 6:10

HISTORY of Women's Ministry

Bethel Ladies Aid Formed 1879

The First Ladies Aid was encouraged by Mr. A. C. Anderson, a Seminary student. The first meeting was held in Mrs. O. Torgerson's home, with 6 ladies attending.



Bethel's second church-Hamilton St.

Mr. Anderson conducted the meetings. The first mission project was to knit stockings and do mending for the Seminary students. In 1896 the Norwegian Evangelical Lutheran Church of Madison changed its name to **Bethel Lutheran Church.**

Six years later in 1902, Bethel Lutheran Church built its second house of worship on Hamilton Street. The Aid worked diligently to help pay off the new building debt, purchase Communion cups, finance decorating of the church and help with choir salary and robes.

In 1922, the congregation purchased a site for a new church, with Ladies Aid contributing \$22,000 for that purchase. **June 4, 1941**, Ladies Aid held their first meeting in the beautiful, new Bethel Lutheran Church.

During 1959, the Bethel Parish Shoppe opened. In 1961, Ladies Aid name changed to *Bethel Lutheran Church Women.* 1987 was the year our first woman pastor was hired, Pr. Kathleen Panning. In 2002, another name change occurred, to *Women's Coordinating Council (WCC)*, incorporating all women's groups into one organization. WCC is the oldest auxiliary organization at Bethel.



Bethel WCC members at ELCA Triennial Gathering - 2011



Kay Ramberg and Alice Kvamme, Bethel's Archivists with photos of Bethel's first church - 1863

Women's Retreat at Bethel Horizons



Lydia's House Gathering at Bethel



Blanket Workshop Borgwardt Hall

Women's Ministry is about fellowship, sharing, mission and service to others in Christian discipleship. *Come join the fun and catch the excitement of faith in action!*

Women's Choir

Under the direction of Gary Lewis, this choir rehearses Tuesdays at 5:15 pm and sings during the 7:55 and 9:15 am worship services on the first Sunday of the month, September through May. *All are welcome!* **Gary Lewis** 257-3577

Blanket Workshop

Assembles quilts for the Lutheran World Relief worldwide shipments. Meets on the fourth Thursday of the month, 9:00 am - 2:00 pm. 141 quilts completed in 2010. **Dorothy Leon** 233-0268 **Jeanette Pochebut** 244-8067

Lydia's House

An informal gathering of women of all ages for nourishment of mind, body and soul. We have warm-hearted conversation, a savory soup supper for \$5.00, and featured speakers. You're invited to our **October 24** presentation by Pr. Jaime Dubon, Bethel's Interim Pastor for Latino Ministry. Pr. Dubon will speak about his experiences and the Latino Ministry here at Bethel. Dinner at 5:30 pm, and we finish at 7:00 pm.

Lynne Krainer 238-5310

Lutheran World Relief Kits

Blessings Circle, through the Women's Coordinating Council sponsors this effort to collect items for Personal Care (Health), School, and Baby Care (Layette) kits. These kits, along with quilts, are shipped to Lutheran World Relief for distribution worldwide. **Volunteer Needs:** Purchase bar soap and items for kits, knit or crochet baby items and assemble kits. **Bev Hanson** 274-6122

Church Ladies Ministry

Women from Bethel meet at the ARC - Dayton House, 2009 E. Dayton St. on the third Saturday of the month from 1:00 - 3:00 pm. This facility is for women who are transitioning back into society. We provide a craft project (such as stamping notecards), food, a Bible story and friendship. **October 15, November 19, and a Christmas party in December.**

Alice Hansen 271-3388 or **Jacqui Shanda** 257-3577

Women of the ELCA

The national organization to which Bethel's WCC belongs. There are over 7000 units in the United States and Caribbean. Mission: *To mobilize women to act boldly on their faith in Jesus Christ.*

Inspiration Circle Coffee Sales

September 25	October 23	November 20
December 18	January 22	February 26
March 25	April 22	

Purchase Fair Trade coffee, tea and cocoa in Bethel's Parking Lot Foyer!