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With Love and Gratitude in Our Hearts



I am really fortunate to have wonderful in-laws. I have known Beth's parents, Mel and Vera, for nearly 30 years and I have come to see them as

my third and fourth parents – they are a true gift to me. This month they are moving out of their Mount Prospect, Illinois home that they have lived in for over 40 years to a senior living community (in Mount Prospect) that is similar to Oakwood.

I will be renting a small moving truck soon to drive to their home one last time to pick up some items that will go from their home to our home. The items themselves are not so remarkable – a bedroom set, a few chairs, an old trunk and a few other miscellaneous things. Vera is thrilled to see things that they cannot keep going to a family that will appreciate them – and we certainly will.

But what I appreciate so much more is something I probably do not share with them nearly enough – I am so appreciative of them. I appreciate how they raised their daughter, Beth. I appreciate the love they have consistently and generously shown to their grandchildren, Lydia and Caleb. And I appreciate the kindness, warmth

and love they have shown me these past 25+ years. For all that I am so grateful. And I am also grateful that Mel and Vera are moving, not because they need to for health or any other reason, but simply because they want to experience greater freedom and flexibility.

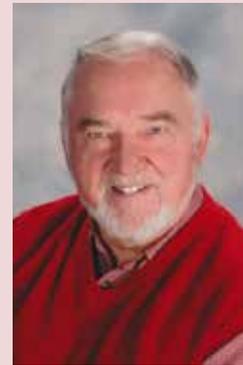
Witnessing this whole process has served to remind me that transition or change is not necessarily a bad thing – in fact, it can be a wonderful thing. The excitement that Mel and Vera are showing is contagious and it absolutely makes the experience easier for the rest of us. The transition is significant, but they have handled things beautifully.

So yes, here is another transition analogy – one that is hopefully neither too sappy nor too inapplicable. It seems to me that the transition process requires a lot of things – planning, organization, hard work, dedication, communication, wisdom, foresight, hindsight, etc. But it also needs a lot of love and a lot of gratitude. In fact, in my mind, there can never be too much love and gratitude as a person, family or group is going through significant transition. It is critical.

As we continue to journey forward – in transition – may we do so with love and gratitude in our hearts. 🌈

–Pastor John O. Swanson

Welcome Pastor Jerry Tews



At their regular meeting on Feb. 19, the Joint Council of Bethel Lutheran hired Pastor Jerry Tews as an Interim Support Pastor, to serve on a part-time basis as our transition reality

continues at Bethel. Pastor Tews will be in the office on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, beginning Tues, Mar 5. His initial contract is a 6-month contract. As Pastor Tews begins his work with us, Pastor Roger Black will reduce his hours as visitation pastor. Pastor Black has taken a new part-time position with All Saints' Lutheran in Fitchburg.

Pastor Tews will provide the ministry support for teams and staff which has been absent in the recent two months. Along with on-site availability for staff, joint council and ministry team members, Pastor Tews will participate in all weekly pastoral and staff meetings and be available as a go-to pastor when requests for emergency financial aid are presented. Pastor Tews will also preach as needed.

Following calls in Illinois, Pastor Tews retired to interim positions with the South Central Synod of Wisconsin. He and his wife, Lynn, reside in Stoughton, Wisconsin. 🌈

Worship Matters (Part 1)

Indeed! Worship DOES matter! Worship matters to all of us.

Throughout the Hebrew Scriptures as well as in the New Testament, God INVITES us to worship. “O come, let us sing to the Lord...let us worship and bow down...” (Ps. 95) In other texts, God speaks even more clearly, in language of COMMANDS that we worship: “Worship the Lord in holy splendor; tremble before him, all the earth.” (I Chronicles 16:29)

Because it is God who has given us the gift of worship, we, as pastors and musicians, plan prayerfully and carefully each and every portion of worship. As we search scripture for guidelines for shaping our worship, we find that God allows much flexibility to worship planners, giving us very few specifics for what we might include in worship. The Third Commandment tells us to use the seventh day as a Sabbath day of rest, keeping that day ‘holy’. So, it is that our Jewish brothers and sisters worship on Saturday, the official seventh day, while as Christians we have chosen to worship most often on Sunday, the first day of the week, in keeping with the resurrection story: “Early on the first day of the week...” with the empty tomb narrative immediately following those words. (John 20:1ff)

The second chapter of Acts (v. 42-47) gives us the most specific information of the shape for public worship for these early converts: gathering in the temple, teaching and fellowship, breaking of the bread, and prayers, as they praised God.

What’s the first thing we notice about early Christian worship guidelines? They are very, very sparse in details, not only as to the order of teaching and fellowship and breaking the bread but also no details of how many hymns to sing, who can or cannot take communion, how long the sermon should be, is there a Children’s Moment included, etc., as the questions among us abound.

So, in this first part of a short series on ‘worship’ I simply invite you to consider how YOU might shape our weekly worship time together. I want YOU to be mindful of what is most important to you, in our time together. More to come....🌈

–Pastor Margo R. Martens

Lent 2019

One of my favorite pieces of poetry is a segment of a longer poem by Wallace Stevens titled, “The Sail”:

Yet always there is another life,	Not an attainment of the will
A life beyond this present knowing,	But something illogically received,
A life lighter than this present splendor,	A divination, a letting down
Brighter, perfected and distant away,	From loftiness, misgivings dazzlingly
Not to be reached but to be known,	Resolved in dazzling discovery.

It’s easy for me to see this poem as a Lenten poem. As a Christian raised in the Easter promise of new life, I see the journey through Lent as a time to remember that there is a dimension of life that exists beyond my everyday knowing, beyond the life in which my senses are dulled by inattention, my hope is diminished by cynicism, and my faith is tarnished by boredom or neglect or sometimes just by my own laziness. Lent is a summons to retrain the eyes of my heart on the resurrected Christ so that I may come to know again “another life,” the life of the Spirit shimmering behind and under and within all things.

But read Stevens’s poem again, and the summons takes on a bit of an edge – we cannot reach this life by our own efforts and we cannot attain this spiritual knowing by our own wills. The life lighter and brighter than what we know as our present splendor will not appear logically to us, the unknown is yet to be discovered, and its discovery will be fraught with our misgivings. The Lenten journey is a summons to sit with anxieties, confusions, and misgivings, to loosen the grip of our wills, and to receive what it is God would have us know in Christ’s passion and resurrection.

And so, this Lent we will journey with the apostle Paul who sees the resurrected Christ on the road to Damascus. Although Christian tradition celebrates Paul’s story as one of conversion, that’s not the whole story – it’s more like the epilogue. The middle chapters tell a different story – the story of Paul’s spiritual trauma when the life he knew as his “present splendor” was illuminated by the dazzling vision of Christ. Paul is initially blinded by that light and it causes a rupture in his life story, throwing him into a time of profound disorientation, loss, and grief. We are told in Acts 9:8, that **“though his eyes were open, he saw nothing.”** For any of us who have faced forceful disruptions to the stories of our lives, this is a palpably familiar experience. With eyes we know are open, we look out at our families, our work or our church, at our communities or our nation—sometimes at our very selves—with a confused and uncomprehending gaze. Well-known and familiar features have become unrecognizable and we simply cannot see how the stories can continue.

With this year’s Lenten study, we invite you to find yourself inside Paul’s story: discover deep biblical wisdom for times when you can’t see clearly what is happening or what future is calling you; together let us creatively reread our sacred texts and reinterpret the sacred texts of our lives; be encouraged to look bravely into the dazzling light of transformational change demanded by our encounters with the resurrected Christ.

There will be many opportunities to worship, pray, sing, study, and be silent together during Lent – along with opportunities to share meals and conversation – all so that we might be good companions to each other on our journeys this season. Join us! 🌈

–Pam Shellberg
Director of Lifelong Faith Formation

Holy Week Worship

Palm Sunday Weekend

All four weekend services will be held in the Sanctuary.

Cry of the Whole Congregation (Interactive Drama in the Sanctuary)

Saturday, April 13, 5pm; Sunday, April 14, 7:45am, 9am & 11:15am

As we come to worship, the entire congregation will assume the role of 'the crowd', present at Jesus' trial and crucifixion. The drama begins with the Palm Sunday procession and re-enacts all phases of Jesus' last three days, as he is taunted, judged, betrayed, and ultimately put to death. You are invited to enter deeply into this age-old story as we prepare to celebrate God's ultimate triumph over death on Easter Sunday.

THE TRIDUUM

(the three day period of prayer from Maundy Thursday through Easter Vigil)

Maundy Thursday

Worship with Foot Washing and Stripping of the Altar

Thursday, April 18, 6:30pm

Good Friday

Tre Ore (Three-Hours of Agony/Jesus on the Cross)

Friday, April 19, Noon

(Everyone is welcome to arrive and depart as they need.)

Tenebrae - Service of Increasing Darkness

Friday, April 19, 6:30pm

Holy Saturday

Easter Vigil - Worship with Reflections & Affirmation of Baptism

Saturday, April 20, 6:30pm

Sunday of the Resurrection

Easter Sunday, April 21

7am

9am

11am

Son-Rise Worship - Dressing of the Altar

Festival Easter Worship

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All Holy Week services (except Good Friday) will include Holy Communion.

Join us (bring your friends and family) as we journey with Jesus to the cross and then celebrate God's victory over death through the resurrection of Jesus Christ.



Looking for a Good Book?

Listed below are suggestions for some good reading:

FOR LENT:

- Making Sense of the Cross, by David Lose. Available from Augsburg
- Lasting Hope: Devotions for Lent, by Laurie J. Hanson. Available from Augsburg and at Bethel's Lent display table
- The First Paul: Reclaiming the Radical Visionary Behind the Church's Conservative Icon, by Marchus Borg and John Dominic Crossan. Available from HarperCollins, New York

ALSO WORTH READING: (these titles are in Bethel's library)

- The Good Grief Devotional: 52 Weeks toward Hope, by Brent D. Christianson.
- Future Faith by Wesley Granberg-Michaelson.
- Holy Currencies: 6 Blessings for Sustainable Missional Ministries by Eric H. F. Law.
- My Two Elaines: Learning, Coping, and Surviving as an Alzheimer Caregiver, by Martin J. Schreiber. 🌈

Works in Worship: Fauré's Requiem

The Bethel Choir, together with the Good Shepherd Lutheran Choir, is pleased to present Gabriel Fauré's *Requiem*, featuring pipe organ and violin solos by Leyla Sanyer, of Wisconsin's Camerata String Quartet. The *Requiem* is sung during our earlier morning worship services, at Bethel on Sunday, March 24, and at Good Shepherd Lutheran (Raymond Rd Campus) on Sunday, March 31.



Fauré began sketching out the *Requiem* in 1887, and it was first performed in 1888, with the movements usually found in this traditional sacred choral piece: Introit and Kyrie, Sanctus, Agnus Dei and In Paradisum. He later added the movement Offertoire, and for an 1893 performance, added another piece called *Libera Me*, written twelve years prior for baritone and pipe organ. His original version called

for pipe organ and low strings, harp and timpani, and later he added horns, trumpets, trombones, and violins.

What is interesting to note, is that Fauré wrote this piece of his own volition, not prompted by the sadness at the passing of a loved one, although he lost both his parents before and during the composing of the *Requiem*. He was also not a very religious man, although he was an organist and choirmaster until about 1897. His final post was at the Madeline in Paris, where Camille Saints-Saëns had been previously posted (and Saints-Saëns was one of Fauré's composition teachers). Fauré also taught composition at the Paris Conservatoire, becoming director in 1905, and his pupils included Maurice Ravel and Nadia Boulanger.

I find the *Requiem* to be full of pushing and pulling, of tension and release, perhaps echoing our feelings about life and death. This particular *Requiem*, although following the religious formula of a musical piece commemorating the dead, is not full of the "fire and brimstone", the fear and trembling that can be heard in, say, Verdi's *Requiem*. For instance, there is no "Dies Irae" movement (the day of wrath), which is rather

dramatic and almost frightening in its description of God's final judgment. Rather, this dramatic feeling is made into pleading by the baritone and choir in the movement "Libera Me" (free me, O God). The entire Fauré *Requiem* exhibits a deeper, more intimate and subtle feeling, not the operatic drama that was popular in the German and Italian compositions of the mid-late nineteenth century. In fact, Fauré's fluid and serene musical ideas helped to establish a distinctive French style which set the stage for the development of the Impressionist style of Debussy and Ravel.

I will close with Fauré's own thoughts on his *Requiem*. Jared Stellmacher and I are looking forward to this collaboration of choirs, music, and spirit as we present this Works in Worship at both of our churches. Thank you to the Bethel Endowment Fund for making this dream a reality!



"It has been said that my *Requiem* does not express the fear of death and someone has called it a lullaby of death. But it is thus that I see death: as a happy deliverance, an aspiration towards

happiness above, rather than as a painful experience. The music of Gounod has been criticized for its over-inclination towards human tenderness. But his nature predisposed him to feel this way: religious emotion took this form inside him. Is it not necessary to accept the artist's nature? As to my *Requiem*, perhaps I have also instinctively sought to escape from what is thought right and proper, after all the years of accompanying burial services on the organ! I know it all by heart. I wanted to write something different.

"Everything I managed to entertain in the way of religious illusion I put into my *Requiem*, which moreover is dominated from beginning to end by a very human feeling of faith in eternal rest." 🌈

—Amy Hartsough
Director of Music

A Special Thank You

One huge **THANK YOU** to Tony Allen, Jeff Bittner, Lois Landsee, Steve Lawrence, Chris McDowell and Fidelis Nsokolo for all the shoveling and snow blowing and parking lot/sidewalk care during these past weeks of such challenging weather, as well as for all the work being done in the Pentecost Room due to damage from the broken pipe. If you see any of these people, give them a shout of thanks!

Homeless Ministry ... Did You Know?

- Each night of the year in Madison, there are people without homes who spend the night outside.
- They do not sleep well, due to extreme weather conditions or for fear of being robbed or assaulted-thus they are nearly always sleep-deprived.
- Many are nutritionally deficient though free meals are available most days.
- People are only allowed 90 nights in the men's and women's shelters with the exception of those nights when the thermometer is below 20 degrees F (freezing is 32 degrees).
- There are only three men's shelters in cold weather (starting in November) and one shelter in warmer weather. There is one women's shelter year around.



Christmas Worship

- Most carry all their belongings in a suitcase or a bag.
- Undiagnosed or untreated mental health issues are common (hopelessness and depression prevail).
- Childhood history of family chaos and instability may lead to impaired coping skills and poor decision-making.
- Emotional pain leads to self-treatment with alcohol and/or drugs.
- BLC has a close working relationship with First United Methodist Church and Catholic Charities day shelter, The Beacon.



Horizons Retreat

Christmas Lunch



For the past eleven years, BLC has provided support services to the impoverished and those without homes by providing:

- Shelter in ALL kinds of weather
- Food (breakfast items, coffee/water, warm meals, healthy snacks)
- Clothing/footwear (boots & shoes)/blankets & sleeping bags/hand warmers/hygiene items
- Weekly support group where participants are encouraged to engage in conversation and express their prayer concerns. Each group session is faith-based and ends with prayer.
- US Mail service (a postal address to receive mail)
- Madison Metro bus tickets
- Transportation to appointments for medical & mental health concerns / Social Security Office / The Job Center / Hospitals
- Computer access to aid with completion of job & housing applications, resumes, SS applications, obtaining a Wisconsin ID
- Memorial services for decedents from our homeless population
- Annual Bethel Horizons Retreats
- Sunday morning respite
- Holiday meals and worship services
- Meaningful relationship- building through providing a compassionate and loving ear
- The Gospel's message of good news and hope for the poor and the poor in spirit

We remain grateful for our Bethel community who so generously support this Ministry. 🌈

—Homeless Ministry volunteers & the members of the Homeless Ministry Board

Announcement from HR Team - Bethel is in the process of recruiting a Director of Administration and Ministry Support to follow our interim Director, John Bauer. His service is scheduled to end around the end of March so a prompt application is required. We have retained the QTI Group (local consultants) to facilitate the search. If you know of a person with good financial, communication, personnel and general management skills who might be interested, please refer them. Here is a link to an online posting where interested persons can get more information and start the application process. www.qtigroup.com/job-posting/director-of-administration/15405.

'Focus of Our Faith' Lent Art Show (Now-Apr 26) - is on display in both of Bethel's Art Galleries: Emmaus Room Hallway Gallery and Fireside Gallery. For Christians, the main focus of our faith is Jesus' death on the cross for our sins, and His resurrection from the dead. The Bethel Fine Art Collection of fine art originals, prints and sculpture on display shows some of the many ways religious artists have chosen to share their faith. Premiering in this show is artist Stuart Krause's "Blue Jesus", a large oil painting donated to Bethel from Lutheran Campus Ministry.

3lb Coffee Cans with Lids Needed - If you have any empty 3lb coffee cans with lids available to donate to Bethel, please drop them off at the Reception desk. Thank you!

Lutheran World Relief Tracking Update and Changes for 2019
Recent tracking data of LWR donations from Bethel reveals that School Kits were sent to Honduras this past November. In January of this year Zimbabwe received School Kits and Baby Care Kits and in February, Rwanda received School Kits. Your donations are continuing to make a positive impact in many areas of need around the world!

The biggest change in Lutheran World Relief expected this year will be a change in the time of collection of items. The ingathering date (which is the date that all our donations are loaded on the train to be transported to a Minnesota warehouse) will be about a full month earlier. This date is Sept 14, 2019. Due to this change items will be collected about a month earlier than in past years. Watch for a full schedule of collection dates that will be provided sometime in April.
-Patty Saxe, LWR Coordinator



Grief Support Group - if you or someone you know might be interested in participating in a 4-week Grief Support Group, please speak with Pastor Margo. Precise dates and times are yet to be determined, although we will meet on Thursdays, during the day, beginning later in March.

Interested in Becoming a Member of Bethel? If you or anyone you know is interested in becoming a member of our Bethel congregation, please call Pastor Margo or Pastor John at 608.257.3577. We will receive new members at our 11:15am worship on Sun, Mar 17. Classes for new members will be held on Sunday Mar 10 at 10:15am, and also on Sat, Mar 16 from 9-11am.

Pentecost Room Closed - Due to a water pipe rupture in the Pentecost Room, all activities scheduled for the Pentecost Room will be relocated until further notice.

Wanted: Church Ride from Middleton Glen - A married couple who live at Middleton Glen would like a ride to and from church on Sundays. If you can help, contact Craig Gjerde at 608.833.7638 or CLGJERDE@wisc.edu.

Special Horizons 50th Anniversary Website - Bethel Horizons' Board of Directors is making plans to mark the 50th Anniversary of Horizons' founding.

- June 1 - Kickoff Celebration held at Horizons in conjunction with the annual Bike-a-thon fundraising event.
- August 30-September 2 Weekend - Plans are underway for a special staff reunion.
- October 19 - Gala to be held in Madison.

Learn more about Horizons 50-year journey and the events planned for 2019, check out www.bethelhorizons.org/50th-anniversary

Men's Current Christian Concerns (7am; Community Room)

Mar 7 - Our Changing World

Mar 14 - The High Cost of Fear

Mar 21 - What Happened?

Mar 28 - Has America Lost Its Sense of Humor?

Men's Friday Book Study (Mar) - Will begin a new book, *Subliminal: How Your Unconscious Mind Rules Your Behavior* by Leonard Mlodinow. This is a witty presentation on the importance of the unconscious in everything we do and perceive. Come and enjoy the lively discussion as well as the rich coffee at 7am on Friday's in Rm 120.

Bethel Horizons Events: Breakfast with the Birds (Mar 9 & 23 and May 4) - Join naturalist Eric Volden for an entertaining morning of bird watching and bird lore at Bethel Horizons' Nature Center. A hearty breakfast will be served as Eric identifies birds coming to the feeders and relates bird feeding information and stories. Bring binoculars if you have them, and bird feeding stories to share. To register or for more info contact Eric Volden at 608.574.1992. **Cost:** \$10/adult, \$6/child. **Time:** 9-11am

Friendship Club (Mar 8) - On Mar 8, you should march over to the Friendship Club dinner. The menu is comfort food: meatloaf, mashed potatoes with gravy, glazed carrots, salad, apple crisp. The program features Gary Lorenz trip-Cruising the Mediterranean. Please make reservations with Judi Griffin before noon Tues, Mar 5 at 608.222.9290. Costs are \$12/members and \$15/guests.

Caring for Social Justice (Mar 10; 10:15am; Borgwardt Hall) - Understanding Community Supervision; The majority of people serving sentences for criminal behavior are not in jails and prisons: they are living in the community, being supervised on probation or post-prison supervision. Although community supervision is often seen as an alternative to incarceration, the relationship between prison rates and community supervision rates is complicated. In the first of two C4SJ sessions on understanding the current state of the criminal justice system in Wisconsin, this forum will explain how community supervision is structured, how it is experienced by those under supervision, and what can be done to improve its quality and success. **Prof. Klingele** teaches criminal law, policing, sentencing and corrections. Her research on criminal justice administration focuses on community supervision and has led her to the conclusion that the criminal justice system needs more than reform; it requires reimagining. Klingele has held various national leadership positions in

academic law groups and has served as law clerk for US District Court and Appeals Court judges and for US Supreme Court Judge John Paul Stevens.

Community Meal Program (Mar 11) - Bethel volunteers serve the Community Meal at Luke House, 310 Ingersoll Street, once a month. The next serving date is Mar 11. Please bring your food contributions to Bethel's main kitchen on the Sunday immediately preceding that date OR no later than 10am on the day of serving. *Contact: Janet Johnson at 608.274.6745 or janetjohnson44@mac.com.*

XYZ Activities: Mar 15 Chapel (9:30am) - Lent Bible Study; (10:30am) *Book Discussion* - Anne of Green Gables or QiGong or Euchre; *Lunch (11:45am)*; *Program (after lunch)* - Celebrate birthdays with five card bingo and prizes. **Mar 22 Chapel (9:30am)** - Lent Bible Study; (10:30am) *Book Discussion* - Anne of Green Gables or QiGong or Euchre; *Lunch (11:45am)*; *Program (after lunch)* - Movie: Sing; In a city of humanoid animals, a hustling theater impresario's attempt to save his theater with a singing competition becomes grander than he anticipates even as its finalists' find that their lives will never be the same. **Mar 29 Chapel (9:30am)** - Lent Bible Study; (10:30am) *Book Discussion* - ELCA article – Five gifts of Discipleship during Lent or QiGong or Euchre; *Lunch (11:45am)*; *Program (after lunch)* - Mission Day packing laundry detergent - Bethel's Food Pantry & addressing cards.

Feed & Read (Mar 18) - *In Love and Ruin* author Paula McLain brings to life the story of Martha Gellhorn — a woman who was one of the great war correspondents of the twentieth century. We'll eat lunch while we talk, so bring a dish to share or a sack lunch. Our discussion will start at noon on March 18. All are welcome. Come and bring a friend.

Christian Men's Fellowship (Mar 19) - Wisconsin's Commercial Fishing Heritage: Past, Present and Future; Titus Seilheimer is a fisheries specialist with Wisconsin Sea Grant and works with commercial, charter and recreational fisheries in Wisconsin's Great Lakes. He has spent more than 100 days since 2015 on Lake Michigan commercial fishing boats studying catch composition and bycatch in the lake whitefish fishery. Titus is a native of northwestern Wisconsin and has a PhD in Biology from McMaster University and currently lives in Manitowoc. He'll talk about the importance of Wisconsin fisheries and how they support local jobs and put fish on our plates for the "Friday Night Fish Fries".

Blanket Workshop (Mar 28) - Consider joining us at Blanket Workshop! Anyone is welcome to drop in between the hours of 9am-2pm to help tie pre-assembled quilts for Lutheran World Relief. No sewing skills are required! If you can tie a knot you are qualified! We meet in Borgwardt Hall. Join us for this wonderful time of fellowship and mission work as we create quilts that benefit those in need around the world.

Friendship Club (Apr 12) - Front Porch String Band: "The Celebration of Spring" - Please join us for a fish dinner with all the trimmings. Our entertainment will be The Front Porch Band. This band has been together since the 1970s. Claire Lynch, who fronts the band, is a talented singer and songwriter, she is a three time winner of the IBMA award for female vocalists. Please make reservations with Judi Griffin (608.222.9290) before noon, Tues, Apr 9. Costs are \$12/members and \$15/guests.

Steensland House for Rent Starting Aug 16 - The historic Steensland House Apartments has an apartment for rent for 2019-2020 (Available Aug 16, 2019). It is located at 15 W. Gorham St, Madison WI. This 4 bed/1 bath, 1,274 sq/ft apartment includes classic design elements, beautiful crown molding, built in storage, and new appliances. A comfortable living room is perfect for relaxing or entertaining friends. Central AC, heat, internet, water, trash, electricity, and in-unit washer/dryer are included. Rent is \$2,920/month (security deposit is \$2,920). Community service hours are also needed (16 hrs/month). It is close to downtown with everything it offers. We have a parking lot that you may be able to park in for \$240/month (optional). Bike and basement storage is also available.

Reception Desk Help - We are looking for a couple volunteers available weekdays to substitute at the Reception Desk. We would train volunteers on the phone system and

daily tasks. If you would like to be one of the friendly faces to welcome folks to Bethel on an occasional basis we would appreciate your time and talents. Contact recep@bethel-madison.org.

Bethel Food Pantry: Drop in the Barrel - March: Shampoo

Easter Giving 2019

Please write **separate checks** for Easter Garden, Food Pantry & Homeless Ministry. The **Deadline is Monday, April 8**, to return this form and money to Bethel for donations to be included in the Easter Publications.

Easter Garden

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Flowers may be picked up after worship on April 21 or after. The deadline for all gifts to be recognized in the Easter Publications is April 8.

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Return entire form to: Bethel Lutheran Church
Attn: Easter Giving
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1 LENT

Pastor John O. Swanson - Mar 9 at 5pm - Sanctuary
Pastor John O. Swanson - Mar 10 at 9am - Sanctuary
Pastor John O. Swanson - Mar 10 at 11:15am - Sanctuary

2 LENT

Bishop Viviane Thomas-Breitfeld - Mar 16 at 5pm - Sanctuary
Bishop Viviane Thomas-Breitfeld - Mar 17 at 7:45am & 9am - Sanctuary
Bishop Viviane Thomas-Breitfeld - Mar 17 at 11:15am - Sanctuary

SUNDAY, MARCH 10

7:45a Worship Service (Sanctuary)
8:00a Coffee Fellowship (Emmaus & Fireside)
Bethel Choir Rehearsal (Choir)
XYZ Table Sales (Emmaus)
2nd Harvest Volunteer Sign-ups (Emmaus)
8:30a Childcare provided 8:30am-12:30pm (Nursery)
Library Open (Library)
9:00a Worship Service (Sanctuary)
9:30a Children's Ministry: Sunday School, Choir and Kids Fellowship
10:15a Caring for Social Justice: Understanding Community Supervision (Borgwardt Hall)
Adult Bible Study (Rm 120)
New Member Class (Rm 21)
11:00a Minecraft for Kids (Rm 216)
11:15a Worship Service (Sanctuary)
6:00p Middle School Confirmation (Emmaus)

MONDAY, MARCH 11

9:30a Community Meals (Kitchen)
12:00p Food Pantry Open 12-3pm (M-F) (Lower Level)
BLCEF Investment Committee Meeting (Rm 200)
1:30p Seekers Circle (Rm 120)
6:00p Executive Board (Rm 201)
Rebuilding - Tai Chi Fundamentals (Fireside)

TUESDAY, MARCH 12

8:30a Homeless Support Services (T&TH) (Pentecost)
9:00a Library Open (Library)
1:00p Homeless Ministry Board Meeting (Rm 20)
1:30p Human Resources Team (Rm 120)
5:30p Women's Choir (Choir)
6:15p Rebuilding at Bethel (Library, Rm 100 & 120)
6:30p Creative Worship Singers (Choir)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13

12:00p Lent Worship (GS Chapel)
12:30p Soup & Sandwich (Emmaus)
1:00p Food Pantry Board Meeting (Rm 120)
5:30p Soup & Sandwich (Emmaus)
6:00p Bell Choir (Rm 202)
Call Committee (Rm 120)
6:15p Lent Worship (Sanctuary)
6:45p Lent Bible Study (GS Chapel)

THURSDAY, MARCH 14

7:00a Current Christian Concerns (Community)
8:00a Second Harvest Delivery
12:00p Blessing Circle (Rm 120)
7:00p Bethel Choir (Choir)
Renew Circle (Rm 100)

FRIDAY, MARCH 15

7:00a Men's Friday Book Study (Rm 120)
9:00a XYZ Activities

SATURDAY, MARCH 16

9:00a New Member Class (Fireside)
9:30a Food Pantry Open 9:30-11:30am (Lower Level)
5:00p Saturday Evening Worship Service (Sanctuary)
Bhutanese Worship in Nepali (GS Chapel)

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GETTING READY FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL

Preschool: First Look

March Basic Truth: God made me.

Memory Verse: I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Psalm 139:14

March 17 Bible Story: You Are Important to God. Luke 12:7, John 3:16

March 24 Bible Story: Respect Myself. 1 Corinthians 6:19-20; 16:13-14

K-Grade 5: 252 Kids

March Life App: Discovering who you are meant to be

Memory Verse: How you made me is amazing and wonderful. I praise you for that. What you have done is wonderful. I know that very well. Psalm 139:14

March 17 Bible Story: Timothy. 1 Timothy 4:12

Bottom Line: God made me to make a difference.

March 24 Bible Story: Samuel and David. 1 Samuel 16:7

Bottom Line: God wants me to see what really matters.