

Bethelite

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A couple of weeks ago, Bethel Horizons' Executive Director, Eric Knueve, and I drove around the Dane County area in a twenty-six foot truck moving furniture. No, Eric and I were not running a side business called, "Two Bearded Men and a Truck." Instead, we were picking up unwanted and gently used furniture from Bethel members. After stopping at five homes where we collected beds, dressers, desks, tables, lamps, sofas, TV's, and chairs, we headed out to our church camp, Bethel Horizons, in Dodgeville. Now these unneeded items have a new home.



The new home that this furniture has found is the house that you see on the right as you drive into the main site at Bethel Horizons. For over 25 years this house was home to Dan Ensrude and his family. Dan was Bethel Horizon's care taker for over 30 years and since he retired a few years ago the home has served as a housing space for Adamah summer interns, office space for some Bethel Horizons staff, and lodging space for other Bethel Horizons staff. Now it is experiencing a tad bit of "pampering."

In addition to the influx of this furniture delivered by two very capable men (that would be Eric and me, if you were not clear), its inside has also received a fresh coat of paint and new carpeting. The carpeting was installed professionally, but the painting was done by two Bethel members who come out each week to help in whatever way they can.

Bethel Horizons and Bethel Lutheran Church could not exist without such

generosity. Those who donate their furniture and those who donate their time and those who donate their money all allow ministry to happen. It is so wonderful to be a part of that process! If you are one who helps in these kind of ways – thank you so very much! Your support is so greatly appreciated. And to be very frank, we need it to keep coming and we need others to step up as well.

God's work, Our hands – that is the ELCA (Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, which is the denomination that Bethel is a part of) tag-line and it is so spot on. We are called to be God's hands and God's feet in this world. As we strive to do that at Bethel Lutheran Church and Bethel Horizons Camp, we clearly count on your support – financially, physically, prayerfully, and emotionally as we join hands with one another and with others near and far our hands can together awesomely do God's work. 🌈

–Pastor John O. Swanson

Bethel Estate Sales

Our next estate sale will be June 27-28 in the Bishops Bay Area. Watch the Sunday bulletin on June 24 or eNews on June 27 for times and location - and bring your friends!



Did you know the Bethel Estate group is the off-shoot of the Bethel Consignment shop which was formerly housed in the Steensland House? For the past 40+ years this group of volunteers, made up of both members and non-members of Bethel Lutheran, have been assisting older adults who are downsizing and those who are closing the estates of deceased loved ones.

Bethel's share of the proceeds from these sales support various church and community ministries including T-shirts for summer campers at Horizons. Last year this group distributed a total of more than \$32,000! 🌈

WELCOME JERRY BUSS



Thank you for your warm welcome and encouragement since I started my position at Bethel Lutheran Church (and for repeating your names as I get them into my memory).

Growing up I walked the woods and fished the cold trout streams in southwestern Wisconsin--loving to explore both the big picture and the details of the landscape. There is a lot of landscape and people-scape to come to know at Bethel, and I'm greatly enjoying the process.

Please know that my position is not the same as the former business administrator. It's been common for people to say, "So you're the new business administrator." That's partially true: I do sign all the checks, for example. But there is a broader scope to being Bethel's new "Director of Administration and Ministry Support."

I would describe it this way: to help all the aspects of Bethel live out the mission and vision of the congregation, in service to God's larger mission. This means that I invest myself in supporting lay leaders just as much as supporting staff members. I focus much of my time with Ministry and Resource Team leaders,

because Bethel's vision is to turn loose the amazing gifts of God's people who connect with this church. Of course, I also support the work of our capable staff, but without a focus in any one area. I keep in mind the big picture, and work with all the staff for the sake of God's mission lived out here.

I strive, ever so imperfectly, to be a servant leader as defined by Robert K. Greenleaf in *The Servant as Leader*, an essay he published in 1970. Servant leadership is needed not only in the church but in private and public sectors of society. I will report to the new lead pastor, who I trust will also embrace being a servant leader.

When I can, I will happily visit your group or activity so that I meet more people and get a picture of what's going on around Bethel. Many of you have extended such invitations, and feel free to keep them coming. I have a lot to learn, and you are my best teachers.

My wife, Darlene, is still in Washington state preparing for our household belongings to be moved later in June. We are in the process of buying a home in Monona, which means we'll be close to where our daughter and her family live. Thank you for your kindness and support to both my wife and me. 🌈

—Jerry Buss
Director of Administration and
Ministry Support

Faithful Stewardship

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| Bethel Lutheran Church 2018 Budgeted Operating Revenue: | \$ 1,948,000 |
| Budgeted Pledge Income: | \$ 1,350,000 |
| Pledges Promised YTD: | \$ 1,348,746 |
| Number of Pledging Units: | 516 |

| | 2018 May EOM | 2018 YTD May | 2017 YTD May | Compare + - |
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| Income | \$ 150,014 | \$ 828,879 | \$ 867,676 | \$ (38,797) |
| Expenses | \$ 161,336 | \$ 805,831 | \$ 905,446 | \$ (99,615) |
| Excess/(Deficit) | \$ (11,322) | \$ 23,048 | \$ (37,770) | \$ 60,818 |

Note: The new tax law changes resulted in higher pre-pays for 2018. As a result, we may see a Dec bump that is smaller than previous years. Expenses are \$99.6k lower ytd than in 2017, over 80% of this is in Program Staff salaries and benefits.

Bethel Series Pilgrimage to the Holy Land in 2019

Join Reverend Jeff Quinto, Bethel Series Executive Director, and his wife Toni on **10 life-changing days in the Holy Land**, Feb 22-March 3, 2019.

- You will visit Bethlehem, Jerusalem, Jericho, Nazareth, Sea of Galilee and much more
- You will walk where Jesus walked.
- You will swim in the Dead Sea.
- You will dance on a fishing boat on the Sea of Galilee.
- You will pray at the Garden of Gethsemane where Jesus prayed for God to "let this cup pass from me, ..."

25 faith-filled believers like you will see the Scriptures come alive! **This will be the trip of a lifetime!**



The cost of the trip, including airfare from Chicago, is \$3,590 based on double occupancy. Breakfast and dinner each day are included. As this is a limited opportunity at an excellent price, we expect to fill the 25 spots quickly. If you are interested in joining us, please download our brochure here: www.bethel-madison.org/holyland. For more information call 608.579.5700 or visit the Bethel Series office in Room 106 at Bethel. 🌈

—Rev Jeff Quinto
Bethel Series Executive Director

Youth Milestone Ministry Worship - Whether you weren't able to worship at Bethel at 9am on May 20 or were here and thought that once wasn't enough, you can see it streamed on Bethel's YouTube under the worship tab at www.bethel-madison.org.

Homeless Ministry Need - It is mosquito season and the Homeless Ministry is looking for donations of mosquito wipes and small spray bottles of repellent. They are also requesting men's underwear. These can be dropped off at the reception desk. Thank you!

Bratfest Thank You - On behalf of Bethel Horizons we would like to thank all the volunteers who braved the heat over the Memorial Day Weekend and helped during Bratfest. We appreciate your time and efforts! Tom & Mary Anne Smith

Bethel's Summer Hours - For the summer months of June, July, and August, each Friday the church office will close at 3:30pm.

"Earthly Harmonies" by Patricia Freres Stinger and Charles Stinger (Now-June 29) - "Earthly Harmonies," exhibit of paintings by Patricia Freres Stinger and Charles Stinger, are on view in the Fireside Gallery until June 29. The paintings include landscapes and other related subjects, in oil and in pastel. Charles and Patricia, enthusiastic amateur artists, have been especially captivated by their explorations of Wisconsin since their move here in 2011. Their recent paintings take inspiration from the beauty and harmony found in our natural places, depicting scenes that inspired the artists' creative attempts to capture the colors, light, forms and moods they experienced.

Men's Current Christian Concerns

(Every Thurs at 7am in the Community Rm)

June 21 - Diamonds are Forever? | **June 28** - Our Changing World

XYZ Activities: June 22: Chapel (9:30am) - Ruth Hanson; **Lunch (11:45am)** - Scalloped Potatoes n Ham, corn, fresh fruit; **Program (after lunch)** - Jerry Apps' latest documentary "One Room Country School" March 2018. **June 29: Chapel (9:30am)** - Bev Thom; **Lunch (11:45am)** - Bar-B-Ques, chips, Jell-O w fruit, cookie; **Program (after lunch)** - Mission Friday: Addressing "Badger Honor Flight" cards/packing detergent for Bethel's Food Pantry.

Bethel Youth Send Off for Houston & Farewell Cake Reception for Elisabeth Pynn Himmelman (June 24) - Join us in worship at 9am to send off our 39 participants headed to the ELCA Youth Gathering in Houston! Last day to donate books for our trip! See booklist here: www.bethel-madison.org/bo4b. There will also be a cake reception in the Emmaus Room to wish Elisabeth farewell and best wishes in her future ministry!

Save the Date! Bethel Summer Socials: Sundays (June 24 & July 15)

Let's get together after the 9am service for a chance to visit and play! If weather cooperates we will be heading to James Madison park with our packed lunches (bring your own) and whatever gear you would like to have - hats, sunscreen, frisbees, balls, swimsuits and towels, chairs, blankets...anything! More details as we get closer to June 24. Hope to see you there!

Bethel's Summer Choir (June 24, July 29 & Aug 19) - Please join Amy this summer as part of Bethel's Summer Choir Crazy Fun on Sundays June, 24, July 29 and Aug 19! We will meet at 8:10am in the Choir Room (below the Sanctuary), and learn one song. We will sing during the offertory at 9am worship, from the balcony. No robes or experience required...just your voice, and a willingness to sing and make friends with others!

Social Justice Group (June 24) - The social justice group is encouraged to attend the synod's next Racial Equity Ministry event featuring Jail Chaplain Christa Fisher who will speak on "The Realities of Incarceration." Sun, June 24, 4-6pm; New Life Church, 7564 Cottage Grove Road, Madison

Blanket Workshop (June 28) - Meets from 9am-2pm in Borgwardt Hall.

7th Annual Blood Drive in Honor of Chas Bertun (July 12; 12-5pm; Borgwardt Hall) - Donate blood in honor of Lance Corporal Charles Bertun. Charles "Chas" Bertun was a life-long member of Bethel Lutheran Church, serving many years as a food pantry volunteer and camp counselor at Bethel Horizons. Also a dedicated blood donor, Chas is loved and missed by many. To honor and celebrate his life, please come and donate blood. Non-perishable food items and/or cash donations will be accepted for the Bethel Foodbank. We have 60 spots to fill and you can sign-up online for an appointment, so no waiting in line! Go to redcrossblood.org, then the 'Donate Blood' tab at the top of the page, next click 'Schedule an Appointment' option, and enter sponsor code: BethelChasBertun to sign-up online. If interested in volunteering at the blood drive please contact Dale at holmendd13@att.net with available times between 12-5pm. Thanks in advance.

Food Pantry Needing Volunteers - The pantry is in need of more volunteers to help out while a few of our faithful volunteers recover from illness and injury. Please contact Cheryl Frazier at 608.240.1770 if you can assist in staffing the pantry from 12-3pm weekdays, or 9:30-11:30am on Saturdays.



FUND FACT \$

Bethel is multi-faceted in its ministries, which gives you the donor so many worthwhile mission focused areas to consider supporting with your planned gift. Bethel's Endowment Foundation, or the Church itself, or Bethel Horizons, or Media Ministry telecast, or our Youth - the future leaders. Prayerfully consider what touches your heart and inspires your generosity.



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6 PENTECOST

Pastor Margo R. Martens - June 30 at 5pm - Sanctuary
Pastor Margo R. Martens - July 1 at 7:45am & 9am - Sanctuary
Pastor Margo R. Martens - July 1 at 11:15am - Sanctuary

7 PENTECOST

Pastor John O. Swanson - July 7 at 5pm - Pentecost
Pastor John O. Swanson - July 8 at 7:45am & 9am - Sanctuary
Pastor John O. Swanson - July 8 at 11:15am - Pentecost

SUNDAY, JUNE 24

7:45a Worship Service (Sanctuary)
8:15a Summer Choir Rehearsal (Choir)
8:30a Childcare provided 8:30am-12pm in the Nursery
Coffee Fellowship (Emmaus & Fireside)
Library Open (Library)
9:00a Worship Service (Sanctuary)
10:00a Reception for Elisabeth Pynn Himmelman
10:15a Sunday Schedule Task Force (Rm 216)
11:15a Worship Service (Pentecost)
2:00p Horizons Bus Departs for Camp (Parking Lot)
4:00p Social Justice Group (New Life Church)

MONDAY, JUNE 25

12:00p Food Pantry Open 12-3pm (M-F) (Lower Level)
5:30p Serving Ministry Team (Community)
6:00p Lead Pastor Call Committee Meeting (Rm 201)
6:30p Community Ministry Team Meeting (Rm 120)

TUESDAY, JUNE 26

8:30a Homeless Support Services (T&TH) (Pentecost)
9:00a Library Open (Library)
6:15p Rebuilding at Bethel (Rm 100, 120 & Library)

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 27

8:30a Bethel Estate Sales (Middleton)

THURSDAY, JUNE 28

7:00a Current Christian Concerns (Community)
8:00a Second Harvest Delivery
9:00a Blanket Workshop (Borgwardt Hall)

FRIDAY, JUNE 29

7:00a Men's Book Study (Rm 120)
8:30a XYZ Activities
1:00p Horizons Bus Arrives from Camp (Parking Lot)

SATURDAY, JUNE 30

8:00a Meditation (Rm 213)
9:30a Food Pantry Open 9:30-11:30am (Lower Level)
5:00p Saturday Evening Worship (Pentecost)
Bhutanese Worship in Nepali (GS Chapel)

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