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# Stay Tuned to Bethel



A publication for viewers of

*Worship at Bethel*



BETHEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

## Connecting with others in Christ

In the many years that I have been at Bethel, I have had the opportunity to baptize numerous babies, confirm hundreds of young men and women, officiate at many weddings and funerals and visit countless people in their homes or at the hospital. Those moments are a blessing to me because they are times when I am invited into a sacred moment with you and often times, with your family.

One of those moments took place recently. I was asked by a Bethel member to come to the hospital as a family member was dying. I arrived, and as family and friends gathered around the hospital bed, we held hands and prayed. Shortly after we together prayed the Lord's Prayer, the person died.

While driving to Bethel afterwards, I remembered something Pastor White had said years before to me and the other pastors at that time. He explained that being a pastor was a great privilege because with that role we were invited into the lives of the members of the congregation we served. We were invited into the good and the bad, the joyous moments and the deeply sad moments.

And through all of that, we were allowed to walk with people – offering love, support, comfort and most importantly, the reminder of God's presence with them. All of that we gave them without judgment, with no strings attached, and with

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*Pastor John Swanson*

### Pastor Swanson . . .

- ✚ Has favorite family recipes for Swedish meatballs and rice pudding custard.
- ✚ Enjoys both sweet and salty snacks – depending on his mood.
- ✚ Could give a 30-minute presentation (without any preparation) on football, baseball, basketball or hockey. His hockey card collection exceeds 60,000!
- ✚ Working at Bethel and connecting with families as they journey through life is an accomplishment he is most proud of.
- ✚ Would like to master the skill of carpentry.

### Bethel pastoral staff \_\_\_\_\_

**Paul Svingen**, *Interim Senior Pastor*

**Antonio Cabello**, *Director of Latino Ministries*

**Margo Martens**, *Visitation Pastor*

**John Swanson**, *Director of Congregational Life*

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### In memory of Marian Francour by Marie Molstad

## Connecting with others, continued from front

the assurance that we would not share anything we witnessed with others.

As I drove thinking about Pastor White's words and what I had just been a part of at the hospital, I marveled at how God's Spirit does indeed work in this world. Truly, being a pastor is a great privilege. We pastors are indeed invited into the lives of members in special and unique ways.

However, each of us as a child of God has the opportunity to connect in powerful and deeply meaningful ways with other brothers and sisters in Christ. Such connections begin as we make ourselves vulnerable and they grow as we dare to open ourselves up to someone else and show them genuine love and concern. Such a journey takes time and it takes the promise of mutual concern, a lack of judgment and the understanding that God is blessing the relationship. When that kind of growth occurs, consider yourself blessed – because you have a friendship that is rich and deep.

I am so fortunate that I have and continue to experience such moments in my ministry here at Bethel. I am also fortunate because I see Bethel members who take the time to be deeply connected with other folks and share the love of God with them in wonderful ways. God is good!

Pastor John

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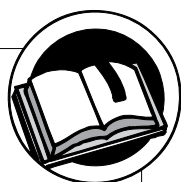
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- ◆ **April 16: In memory of Ralph A. & Mae Nelson** by their loving family

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**Bethel Lutheran Church calendar**

2017 Sundays	First Reading	Second Reading	Gospel
June 4.....	Day of Pentecost Acts 2:1-21	1 Cor. 12:3b-13	John 20:19-23
June 11.....	The Holy Trinity Gen. 1:1-2:4a	2 Cor. 13:11-13	Matt. 28:16-20
June 18.....	Lectionary 11 Exod. 19:2-81	Rom. 5:1-8	Matt. 9:35-10:8 (9-23)
June 25.....	Lectionary 12 Jer. 20:7-13	Rom. 6:1b-12	Matt. 10:24-39
July 2.....	Lectionary 13 Jer. 28:5-9	Rom. 6:12-23	Matt. 10:40-42
July 9.....	Lectionary 14 Zech. 9:9-12	Rom. 7:15-25a	Matt. 11:16-19, 25-30
July 16.....	Lectionary 15 Isa. 55:10-13	Rom. 8:1-11	Matt. 13:1-9, 18-23
July 23.....	Lectionary 16 Isa. 44:6-8	Rom. 8:12-25	Matt. 13:24-30, 35-43
July 30.....	Lectionary 17 1 Kings 3:5-12	Rom. 8:26-39	Matt. 13:31-33, 44-52
Aug. 6.....	Lectionary 18 Isa. 55:1-5	Rom. 9:1-5	Matt. 14:13-21
Aug. 13.....	Lectionary 19 1 Kings 19:9-18	Rom. 10:5-15	Matt. 14:22-33
Aug. 20.....	Lectionary 20 Isa. 56:1, 6-8	Rom. 11:1-2a, 29-32	Matt. 15:(10-20) 21-28
Aug. 27.....	Lectionary 21 Isa. 51:1-6	Rom. 12:1-8	Matt. 16:13-20

