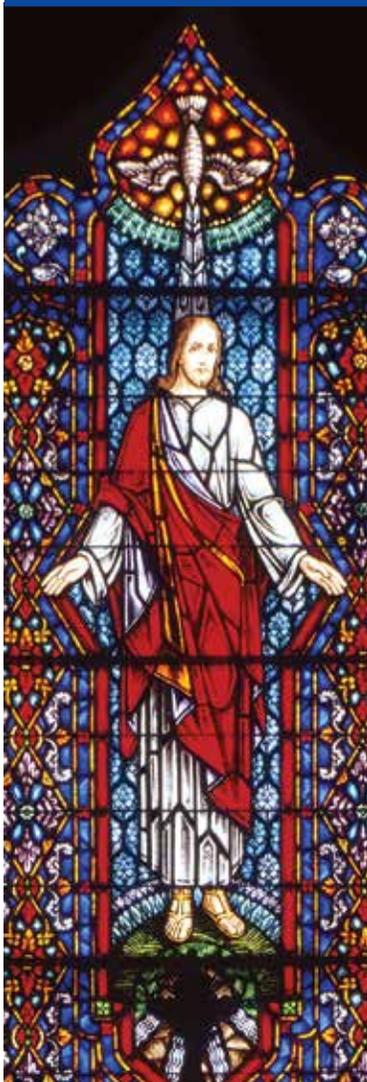


Stay Tuned to Bethel



A publication for viewers of
Worship at Bethel



BETHEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

A love for music and worship

Which came first, the chicken or the egg? Who knows! Which came first, in my life – the impact (and subsequent love) of music or the impact (and subsequent love) of worship? I am unable to answer that question, as surely as I fail to find an answer to the chicken/egg question. Baptized a week after birth, with a strong family tradition of church music in my bones, these precious gifts both were basically innate to me as I was being ‘knitted together in my mother’s womb. (Psalm 139:13)

How rich, then, for me, coming to serve with you at Bethel Lutheran, to find myself immersed in such an incredibly faithful, fruitful and evangelical ministry of music. These fitting adjectives apply not only to the paid staff of musicians but also to the congregational participation in the singing of hymns, the chanting of psalms and liturgical responses at all our worship times. Do you ever stop singing during a hymn so that you can simply listen, absorbing the text and tune from the voices of all your sisters and brothers at worship? It’s a wondrous experience!

Celebrating our mutual love for music and for worship, I offer you:

- Appreciation: Thank you for the ways YOUR music preaches to me each weekend. This congregation understands so well that our music in and for worship is always chosen most carefully to bring a new dimension to the scripture texts, bearing truth to text, within that worship, often giving us tune and text to sing our way home.
- Invitation: Come sing along with us! Sing with us during worship – whether you’re at Bethel or watching from home.

Pastor Margo



Pastor Margo Martens

Pastor Margo . . .

- ✝ Loves to cook – especially when there are people around to eat what she cooks. Favorite German recipes include beef rouladen and Bavarian apple torte.
- ✝ Recalls her most influential teacher – Leo Yorde in Marshall, Minn. He taught her how much fun it is to work hard to learn something and then the fun of doing it well.
- ✝ Is fascinated with new language learning options. French was one of her majors in college.
- ✝ Plays the piano, organ, saxophone and oboe. She always wanted to learn to play the French horn.

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Where there's a will, there's a way

Have you written or updated your will - especially if life-changing events have taken place? This relatively simple action can provide great peace of mind and help gather your wishes together so they are carried out in a manner that you choose. This is an act of Christian Stewardship; we know that all we have is a gift from God, so we keep close the story from Matthew 25 - *we are stewards of everything we have been given, including our time, money, abilities, information, wisdom, relationships, and authority.* And we will all give account to the rightful owner as to how well we managed the things he has entrusted to us. We are called to exercise our dominion under the watchful eye of the creator managing his creation in accord with the principles he has established.

One resource to get your planning juices flowing is: www.freewill.com (basic and advanced legal wills, 100% free). Take about a half hour to type your information and wishes, then print your personalized legal documents.

If you have a large or complex estate, you may want to have your will drafted by an attorney. Many people have assets that pass via beneficiary designation, which needs careful

consideration. If you have art and jewelry, you may need to carefully handle those designations. A revocable trust may be better suited for your circumstance. But, you can still go through this will-making process and then provide your set of documented wishes to your attorney to speed up the process.

This free will option is legal in all states. It was built with extensive input from legal experts – and is made possible by the support of many nonprofit organizations. It is changeable/replaceable – simply destroy the old will and sign the new one with witnesses.

Keep in mind too that there are other aspects of planning, such as health care powers of attorney, living wills, etc., that are important. If you are still reading this helpful article to the end ;), perhaps it's simply inspired you to act, to get off 'go'. That's great! That's success. Many estate planning attorneys in the Madison area offer an initial no-obligation conference, if you are interested and feel this is a more suitable path to take for your individual or family situation.

But the bottom line is – take action now. Thank you for remembering your Church.

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Bethel Lutheran Church calendar

2018 Sundays	First Reading	Second Reading	Gospel
Sept. 2	Lectionary 22	Deut. 4:1-2, 6-9	James 1:17-27
Sept. 9	Lectionary 23	Isa. 35:4-7a	James 2:1-10 (11-13) 14-17
Sept. 16	Lectionary 24	Isa. 50:4-9a	James 3:1-12
Sept. 23	Lectionary 25	Jer. 11:18-20	James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a
Sept. 30	Lectionary 26	Num. 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29	James 5:13-20
Oct. 7	Lectionary 27	Gen. 2:18-24	Heb. 1:1-4, 2:5-12
Oct. 14	Lectionary 28	Amos. 5:6-7, 10-15	Heb. 4:12-16
Oct. 21	Lectionary 29	Isa. 53:4-12	Heb. 5:1-10
Oct. 28	Reformation Sunday	Jer. 31:31-34	Rom. 3:19-28
Nov. 4	All Saints Sunday	Isa. 25:6-9	Rev. 21:1-6a
Nov. 11	Lectionary 32	1 Kings 17:8-16	Heb. 9:24-28
Nov. 18	Lectionary 33	Dan. 12:1-3	Heb. 10:11-14 (15-18) 19-25
Nov. 25	Christ the King	Dan. 7:9-10, 13-14	Rev. 1:4b-8
			John 18:33-37

