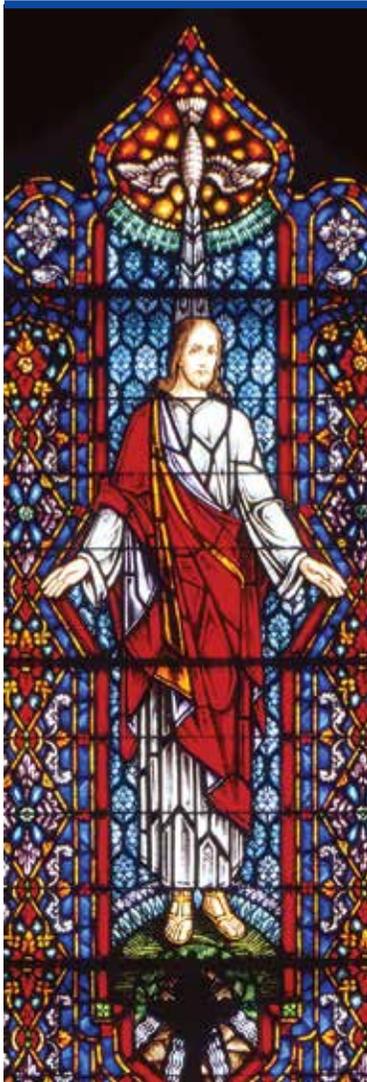


# Stay Tuned to Bethel



A publication for viewers of  
*Worship at Bethel*



## Chosen family

Previously, I was a volunteer coach for the St James Catholic School's touch football teams that my son, Caleb, and his classmates played on.

Izzy was my center for the first three of those years. Izzy was the only girl on the team – in fact, she was the only girl who played in the entire MAISL football league.

I was always grateful for the wisdom of those who made the decision to let Izzy play. And it was at least a bit of a risk, because Izzy was not your typical football player. She was small, even by middle school standards, and the play during the games got rather rough (broken noses, black eyes, and concussions were not uncommon).

But Izzy wanted to play and she eagerly embraced snapping the ball and blocking whomever came her way. Izzy was tough – she was a true fighter.

One day, I got a message from Izzy's mom. She told me that her husband, Dave, was dying. The cancer that he had been battling for the past three years had finally advanced to the point that nothing more could be done.

In the message, Izzy's mom told me that her husband had always

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*Pastor John Swanson*

### Pastor John . . .

- ✚ Would really like to be a more capable carpenter. He can build a shelf – assuming it is to be used in a garage or basement!
- ✚ Typically has coffee and toast or a bagel for breakfast. Occasionally, he makes his own scrambler with hash browns, bacon, sausage, green peppers, onions and cheese.
- ✚ Enjoys golfing and playing cards – especially euchre, spades and hearts.
- ✚ Relaxes by reading, taking walks, watching television or sitting in his hot tub.
- ✚ Tries to be early, but typically arrives at least on time.

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

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## Chosen family, continued from front

enjoyed talking with me during gatherings at school and after football games and had hoped that I would officiate at his funeral. So, she asked. I desperately wanted to say no – after all, I did not want the pressure of somehow trying to make sense of something that made no sense. I wanted to say no, but I said yes.

And now, after the service has taken place, I am so glad that I did. In talking with Izzy's Mom I learned something about Dave that was absolutely wonderful. She told me that Dave grew up in a military home, so he moved around a lot. As a result, he viewed home and family in a rather unique way. They were both far less defined

by structure and far more defined by choice.

Dave used the term “chosen family” to describe all those people that came into his life that he felt connected to. Chosen family and home seemed to be much the same thing for Dave. It was enjoying a warm welcome and special connection between people, not because of blood relation, but simply because both understood the goodness and the value of the other.

Dave's chosen family was a mix of young and old, rich and poor, light skinned and dark skinned, liberal and conservative, religious and irreligious.

As I thought about this wonderful group that gathered together to celebrate Dave's far-too-short life, I marveled at the diversity. And, I could not help but imagine being part of a congregation with such a wonderful blend of people. Bethel (and most other ELCA churches for that matter) need such diversity – not because of how it would help those folks, but because how it would help us.

In the midst of all this transition “stuff,” I hope we see diversity as a transition we need to take on. Our “chosen family” at Bethel is wonderful, but I think we can become even more wonderful.

*Pastor John*

*Memorials were given by these non-members:*

**In memory of Albert Oleson**  
by John & Sandra Carlson, Robert & Joan Conley, Mary Lavin, Phillip & Eileen McConnell, Norman & Marcella Raberding, Jon & Jenny Smithback, Mary & Douglas Stoffels, Ralph & Pamela Zebell, Gloria & Charles Zeman

**In memory of my mother, Edna Pribbenow, a faithful media worshiper who passed away at the age of 105** by Jerome Pribbenow

**In memory of Edna Pribbenow** by Redeemer Lutheran Church

**In memory of Mary Lou Tyne's birthday** by Carolyn Anderson, Grinnell McDonald

### Correction

In the March - May 2018 issue, a sponsored telecast was listed incorrectly. It should have read:

**Jan. 21: In memory of Charles Thomley**  
by Jo Thomley, family and friends



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## Sponsored telecasts

- ◆ **March 11: In memory of Mary Jo Hoel** by her mother Lorraine Hoel & family
- ◆ **March 18: In loving honor of Earl Mylrea's 90th birthday** by his wife Marian
- ◆ **March 25: In memory of Jeanette Paul** by family and friends
- ◆ **April 1: In memory of Ralph A. & Mae Nelson** by their loving family
- ◆ **April 29: In memory of Helen Struckmeyer through memorials given** by her family, nieces, nephews & cousins and many friends and neighbors

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## Bethel Lutheran Church calendar

2018 Sundays	First Reading	Second Reading	Gospel
June 3 .....	Deut. 5:12-15	2 Cor. 4:5-12	Mark 2:23-3:6
June 10 .....	Gen. 3:8-15	2 Cor. 4:13-5:1	Mark 3:20-35
June 17 .....	Ezek. 17:22-24	2 Cor. 5:6-10 (11-13)	Mark 4:26-34
June 24 .....	Mal. 3:1-4	Acts. 13:13-26	Luke 1:57-67 (68-80)
July 1 .....	Lam. 3:22-33	2 Cor. 8:7-15	Mark 5:21-43
July 8 .....	Ezek. 2:1-5	2 Cor. 12:2-10	Mark 6:1-13
July 15 .....	Amos. 7:7-15	Eph. 1:3-14	Mark 6:14-29
July 22 .....	Jer. 23:1-6	Eph. 2:11-22	Mark 6:30-34, 53-56
July 29 .....	2 Kings 4:42-44	Eph. 3:14-21	John 6:1-21
Aug. 5 .....	Exod. 16:2-4, 9-15	Eph. 4:1-16	John 6:24-35
Aug. 12 .....	1 Kings 19:4-8	Eph. 4:25-5:2	John 6:35, 41-51
Aug. 19 .....	Prov. 9:1-6	Eph. 5:15-20	John 6:51-58
Aug. 26 .....	Josh. 24:1-2a, 14-18	Eph. 6:10-20	John 6:56-69

