

Bethelite

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It is January 16 and I still have most of my Christmas decorations up, including my Christmas tree. I will be taking it all down this weekend (except my 5000 outdoor lights), but this transition from Christmas lights, bells, candles, crèches, stockings, and stars all over my home to “normal” is not an easy one for me. In fact, as I go through the process of putting all my Christmas decorations away each year, there is a part of me that feels like I am “hiding the magic of Christmas” for another year.

As I mentioned in my sermon on Christmas Eve, the magic of Christmas is misunderstood if it is connected only or even primarily with Santa Claus, getting stuff, going to parties or some sentimental memory of what things used to be like. The magic of Christmas is the promise – the radical, wild, unfathomable promise – of hope. Hope, that despite our flaws and shortcomings, we have a God of second chances and new beginnings. This wild hope reminds us of God’s great love for this world and invites us into sharing that love in all that we say and do. That, in my mind, is the message of Christmas. The magic of Christmas – this radical message of hope – is a message, then, that should be declared and celebrated always.

So, as I take down the lights and the candles, the trees and the stockings, the crèches and the stars, my sense of “hiding the magic of Christmas” comes out and fills me with a bit of trepidation, because it seems that we Christians are not really good at remembering and then sharing this radical, wild and unfathomable promise of hope from God. Reminders seem to help us – reminders like lights, and trees, and stars, and stockings. Reminders help us to work at being the people we strive to be – that we are invited to be by God. Such reminders serve us well because they help define what is truly important.

Even though my home will not have those wonderful Christmas reminders up for too much longer, I will be perfectly able to move on. After all, there is one reminder beyond any other that daily assures me of this unfathomable gift of hope from God – it is the little mark of the sign of the cross on my forehead given to me at my baptism. You have one too! And that mark is really the only reminder that any of us need – it gives our lives purpose, meaning, and direction. 🌈

—Pastor John O. Swanson

Welcome Dr. John Bauer



Dr. John Bauer is serving as the Interim Director of Administration. In this part-time capacity he will be coordinating the work of Bethel’s support staff and overseeing financial and property management.

John comes to Bethel after a career that began in Lutheran education. He worked at Wisconsin

Lutheran College for 25 years as the chief academic officer and academic dean. He retired in 2014 as the president and CEO of Bethesda Lutheran Communities in Watertown, Wisconsin, an agency that supports over 2,000 individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities in 14 states. He was also instrumental in developing partnerships with NGOs in 9 foreign countries to demonstrate how people with disabilities can be supported in the community.

In 2015 John started his own consulting practice, working with nonprofit organizations with strategic planning, organizational development, board governance, executive coaching, succession planning, risk management, and mergers and acquisitions. His clients have included nonprofit agencies in the senior services, early childhood, veterans’ affairs and denominational sectors.

John lives in Greenfield, Wisconsin, and is married to Sarayu Meraki, who works with John in his consulting practice as an associate and operations manager. He has three adult sons, who are all married, and is proud of his six grandchildren.

He holds masters (Concordia, Chicago) and doctoral (Marquette) degrees in education administration and was awarded an honorary doctor of laws degree from Wisconsin Lutheran College for his servant leadership. John enjoys reading, traveling, golf and riding his ‘03 Heritage Softail when the weather permits. 🌈

Church Council Nomination Biographies



Kimberly (Kym) Davick: Kym has been a Bethel member since 1997. An elementary educator for 26 years in the Monona Grove School District, she has used her gifts to teach Sunday School, help rewrite Confirmation curriculum, and has been a Confirmation teacher. She is a member of the Lifelong Learning Team and the Orange Leadership Team. She is currently the Director of Implementation & Educational Support

at TeachingBooks where she works with state libraries, school districts, and public libraries throughout the country to help support their literacy mission. She has two children, Anika and Soren who were baptized and confirmed at Bethel Lutheran Church. Kym is honored to present herself as a nominee for our church council and for the opportunity to continue to serve.



Jeanne Hilton: I have been a Bethel member twice! Chico and I were members and were married in the church. We had to leave Bethel in 1990 when we moved to Chicago. During a 17 year period Chico and I moved several times due to his job. Each move brought us to a new church and new friends. I have always been a choir member and that is a good way to meet people and get involved. I was always active in the

church and deeply involved. I have been a Deacon, on Church Council twice once rising to Vice Pres. We moved back to Madison in early 2007. I immediately joined the Bethel Choir and still am an active member. I am currently President of the choir and have been for several years. I was on the Task Force as part of the Staffing Team. I retired in Jan 2018 from the banking industry which allowed me the time to be very active within our new model as I think that this is a very important way to help Bethel grow and be vital in the 21st century. I was the Facilitator for the Worshiping Team and also am a member of the HR Team. This has kept me very busy and involved. I do believe that Bethel is on the right path and will continue to grow.



Kim Kindschi: A 43-year member of Bethel, Kim served on the Church's Transition Task Force (Staffing and Leadership Needs Team) and is currently a member of the Call Committee. In addition, he has worked with the Food Pantry Program for many years.

Professionally, Kim has an extensive background in education, banking, finance, government relations, entrepreneurship and economic development. At this time, he

is the president of a small, private consulting firm specializing in planning, coordinating and implementing strategic initiatives for businesses and non-profit organizations.



Sigrid Knuti: I am a native of Wisconsin and a graduate of the University, although I have spent most of my life elsewhere. My husband David and I moved back to Madison in January 2005, when he retired from the Foreign Commercial Service. We spent fourteen years in Washington DC and six years with the American Embassies of Moscow and Budapest. Prior to moving to

Moscow, I was the Campaign Director at St. Andrew's Episcopal School, where I completed a large campaign to purchase property and build a new campus in Potomac, Maryland. In Moscow, I joined the Anglo-American School's fund-raising efforts to build a new campus—joining the lower and upper schools.

I was a member of Bethel in the mid 1960's. Since returning to Madison and rejoining Bethel, I have served as one of the organizer of the Caring for Creation speaker series, an ex-officio member of Bethel Horizons Board, and on the newly organized Ministry and Financial Resource Teams. I am also a regular contributor to the Bethelite. Bethel will be the fourth Church Council I have served on, and I look forward to representing the community in this capacity as we work together to move Bethel forward.



Bonnie Orvick: A lifelong Lutheran, I was born and raised in Minnesota, lived in South Dakota, Iowa, California and Indiana before moving to downtown Madison 9 years ago. I found Bethel soon after arriving and was introduced to the Bethel Choir singing in the summer choir. Despite initially feeling overwhelmed by the size of Bethel I was drawn to many of the outreach ministries, especially Hope House. It didn't take long to meet

people who led me to feel welcome, get involved and find my new Church home to continue my faith journey. I'm currently participating in the Bethel Choir, Serenity Circle, Hope House Board, Community Ministry Team, and Sunday Night Small Group. At previous congregations I was active serving as Church Treasurer, Council VP, President, Sunday School teacher and superintendent and women's groups.

I'm a widow with 2 adult children, both married and each have a son. My careers were in retailing and education. I retired as Director of Military Education at Vincennes University, an outreach degree completion program for active duty service members.



Soren Schoff



Renee Tennant: I am a nominee for secretary of the Bethel Church Council. I come from a long line of ELCA Lutherans. I was born, raised, and confirmed in Green Bay, Wisconsin. I have recently retired from the Monona Grove School District after 20 years of service as a school administrator. I attended graduate school at UW-Madison and have lived here for 28 non-consecutive years. I have been a Bethel member for

about ten years. Since my retirement I've partaken in many rich opportunities at church including choir, the Community

Ministry Team, Serenity Circle, Table for 3 Generations, and cooking for the Luke House. It has been a pleasure to get involved in our church on a deeper level and to experience the church's commitment to serving others.



Kay Wickland: I have been a Bethel member for 13 years. I live on the east side of Madison with my husband Tom, and am Mom to 2 20-somethings, Anne & Alec. I have been a Confirmation Homeroom teacher and taught numerous Confirmation classes. Sharing with middle schoolers, how the words of Christ have meaning in our lives today, is an honor, privilege and a challenge.

I have great memories of bonding and sharing experiences at Horizons during Confirmation Retreats. I have worked at American Family National Headquarters for 22 years in the I/S Division. In my spare time I like to watch Star Wars & Marvel movies and travel. 🌈

YOU'RE CORDIALLY INVITED TO

Horizons Annual Winter Celebration

Come and celebrate with Bethel Horizons! We will share a meal and review accomplishments of 2018 along with looking forward to 2019 and all the 50th anniversary has to offer! The cost of the event is \$16

January 27 2019, 5 pm
Bethel Lutheran Church

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Madison Gas & Electric: Working for Sustainability

February 10 | 10:15am
Borgwardt Hall



MGE is an investor-owned, regulated utility which provides electricity to all of Madison and surrounding suburbs, and gas service to a wider area. It is our energy lifeline, providing us very reliable power and warmth. It now has added the objective of fulfilling our local responsibility to fight climate change. MGE is shouldering this job through its Energy 2030 framework which is aligned to meet the goals of the U.S. Mid-Century Strategy for Deep Decarbonization.

The headline goal is to generate 30% of its power from renewable sources by 2030, most of which will be from new construction. Already, MGE has invested \$100 million in the 66 megawatt (MW) Saratoga wind farm in Iowa, and will create 100 MW more in two solar installations in Wisconsin. MGE is also committed to facilitating a 40% reduction in the greenhouse gas emissions of its customers by 2030 and 80% by 2050. To make this happen, MGE is encouraging energy conservation and supporting the sustainability plans of Madison and Dane County. It also expects to remain a strong business from economic growth and new energy demands from electric cars and buses.

Leah Samson, MGE Residential Services Manager, is an energy geek at MGE with a passion for sustainability and energy efficiency. In her current position at MGE she educates and engages customers about their energy use. She attended UW-Madison and has a degree in mechanical engineering. Previously she owned a sustainability consulting firm where she provided green building consulting and sustainability planning for clients.

Caring for Creation (C4C) partners with Caring for Social Justice (C4SJ). The shared vision of the two programs derives from the 4 Harmonies of the Bethel Bible Series: to live in harmony with environment, others, ourselves and God. After several forums on environmental issues, the series will continue with a workshop and Sunday forums in March and April, which will focus on Social Justice topics: "Empowering people to break the bias habit: creating inclusion and reducing bias" (March 2), and Issues of Social Justice in the Prison/Jail System.

Please see the full schedule for Caring for Creation and Caring for Social Justice at www.bethel-madison.org. These events are open to the public. Plan to come and bring a friend. 🌈

Serving with Grace



On Sunday, Dec 30, 2018, confirmation youth of Bethel served food at Grace Episcopal Food Shelter. 🌈



Humans of Bethel



This year our family decided to do a reverse advent calendar. So instead of getting something each day, we gave something. We had a list of 25 items to donate to the food pantry that we then donated after the holidays. It was so wonderful to be able to give back and our daughter learned how giving back is rewarding and can be fun at the same time. 🌈

—The Schneider Family

Growth, Enthusiasm: Ministry Teams Support a Vibrant Bethel Community

The **Ministry Teams** have equipped and supported the Bethel community in exciting ways in 2018. We gladly share what we have been up to this year.

The **Lifelong Learning Team** is proud to support Caring for Creation and Caring for Social Justice. Both groups teach about and discuss issues relevant to people inside and outside of the church. The team also kept Sunday School and Youth programs running smoothly despite a complete turnover in staff. Thanks to lay leaders and many volunteers, VBC, Sunday School, Rally Sunday, Confirmation and Youth Group continued without interruption despite having no paid staff for several months. As we welcome our new staff: Pam Shelberg, Cindy Melrose and Henry Elling, think how much more we can accomplish together next year!

Do you ever wonder how often new people come to Bethel? The **Community Team** welcomed 50 first-time worshipers in

Ministry Fair. It was amazing to see the number of displays of organizations reaching out with Gods love into our world.

The **Worship Team** has been hard at work to keep Bethel an inspiring place to worship. The team selected our beautiful new processional cross. New paraments have been ordered and will add even more color and beauty to our worship space. Music ministry at Bethel is vital to our worship experience. The team was thrilled to welcome Amy Hartsough as a permanent Director of Music. The youth and adult choirs have been collaborating, bringing fellowship and joy to music at Bethel for all ages.

The **Nurturing Team** has succeeded in bringing people together into loving and meaningful intergenerational relationships. One new program, Table for Three Generations, involved 25 families forming new friendships over dinner and conversation. Other successes included the intergenerational



two months with Welcome Bags. Their other responsibilities include Sunday morning fellowship, and the Bethel nursery. Sunday fellowship is a cornerstone of hospitality. When the staff coffee host was on extended leave, the Community team organized volunteers to keep the coffee service going. Its thrilling that the Emmaus room is packed with members enjoying coffee and conversation each Sunday, into the afternoon. The team also helped move into our beautiful new nursery, and revived staffing and staff-training to strengthen our nursery program. The success of these hospitality efforts was possible because of the inspiring space we enjoy using, and Bethel owes a huge thank you, also, to the Remodel and Property Resources team for the beautiful worship level remodel.

The **Serving Team** supports over 40 of Bethel's ministries. The team is compiling a resource guide for all of Bethel's ministries. This will be a valuable gift to all of us as we work to include more members in our ministry efforts. The robust ministries were on display on Rally Sunday during the Serving Team's

retreats at Horizons. Children were running together as a pack while adults of all ages relaxed by the fire in the beautiful setting of Bethel Horizons. It was a time for fun, fellowship and inspiring worship.

Each of these efforts show the energy, life and love abundant at Bethel. Best of all, collaboration is happening at every level of Bethel. As one team suggests a new idea, other teams and staff respond with "how can we help?" When pastors or staff have a problem or need, teams brainstorm solutions, volunteering labor and resources to help. When an event is planned, the Ministry Council reaches deep into the congregation to invite as many volunteers as possible. People who have never volunteered are involved and valued as members of the team. The biggest success of the Ministry Team structure is the sense of belonging and community that is now accessible to many more of our Bethel members. Jesus loves us all, and we look forward to walking with Him, together in the coming year. 🌈

—Heather Moen
Ministry Council Facilitator

The gift of a WELCOME BAG! Thanks to the Community Ministry Team, we now offer a 'WELCOME BAG' as a gift to those who are worshipping with us for the first time. These bags are available following each worship service. At our 5pm, Sat worship and at our 11:15am, Sun worship, these Welcome Bags are available in the Pentecost Room. First time worshipers at 7:45am and 9am on Sun, are invited to pick up their Welcome Bag at the reception Desk. Thanks for worshipping with us and 'WELCOME'!

Prayer-Partners for you after the 9am Sunday worship on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month. Members of our Stephen Ministry Team are available to pray with you or simply have a conversation. Look for the blue PRAYER PARTNER name tags in the Emmaus Room after worship.

Help Wanted - Do you want to help welcome others to our Bethel Community? Participate in planning hospitality and outreach events at Bethel. Join the Community Ministry Team. Contact Heather Moen at heather.rainwater@yahoo.com or 608.609.9619.

Seekers Circle Says 'Thanks' - On behalf of Seekers Circle we would like to thank you for your donations of winter hats and gloves. We collected 224 winter hats, 214 pairs of gloves and 23 scarves. Adult sizes were given to our homeless group and child sizes were given to families coming to our food pantry. Thank You!

Lutheran World Relief Tracking Update - Bethel's past donations of LWR kits and quilts from 2017 are now providing relief, comfort and hope to those who live in Mauritania. On Nov 23, 2018 a shipment of Mission Quilts, Baby Care Kits and Personal Care Kits were sent to the country of Mauritania on the Africa continent. -Patty Saxe, LWR Coordinator

Christmas Pageant DVDs will be available at the Sunday School office (Room 207) on the second floor. Cost \$5

Men's Friday Book Study (Jan 25) - Will begin a 5-week discussion of Michael Booth's *The Almost Nearly Perfect People: Behind the Myth of the Scandinavian Utopia*. This is a witty and informative book about the intriguing and revealing facts about life in today's Scandinavia. Come and join us every Friday at 7am in Room 120. There will be lots of coffee along with humor and pithy comments.

Bethel Horizons Events: Breakfast with the Birds (Jan 26, Feb 9 & 23; March 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 information contact Eric Volden at 608.574.1992. **Cost:** \$10/adult, \$6/child. **Time:** 9-11am

Men's Current Christian Concerns (Thurs at 7am; Community Rm)
Jan 24 - Optimism in a Pessimistic Age
Jan 31 - Business Ethics in Today's World

Blanket Workshop (Jan 24) - 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.

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Annual Meeting (Jan 27) - The Annual Meeting will be held on January 27, the fourth Sunday of January per our constitution. The time will be immediately after the 9am service in the sanctuary.

Christian Men's Fellowship (Feb 5) - Fill'er Up: The Glory Days of Wisconsin Gas Stations; Jim Draeger, author of publications on Wisconsin's Bars & Breweries and Wisconsin Gas Stations, has worked in the field of historic preservation and architecture at the Wisconsin Historical Society for more than 20 years. He celebrates the importance of ordinary buildings to our daily lives through his research, writing and lectures. He is the State Historical Society Preservation Officer.

Friendship Club (Feb 8) - Jessie Garcia the first female sports anchor in the state of Wisconsin: "My Life with the Green and Gold". Please call Judi Griffin at 608.222.9290 by Noon on Tuesday, Feb 5 for reservations. Dinners are \$12 for members, and \$15 for visitors.

Socks of Love (Feb 10) - On Feb 10, Compassion Circle will be holding Socks for Love, in memory of Pastor Curt. Please bring in new socks for men and women in the homeless community. Socks are the number one need for the homeless community and the least item donated. We will have a table set up in the Emmaus room for drop off. Thanks for your support.

Community Meal Program (Feb 11) - Bethel volunteers serve the Community Meal at Luke House, 310 Ingersoll Street, once a month. The next serving date is Feb 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.*

Feed & Read (Feb 18) - Have you read Hillbilly Elegy by JD Vance? It was the 2017 UW Go Big Read book. Come share your thoughts while we have lunch together. We meet at noon on Monday Feb 18 in room 120. Bring your bag lunch or a dish to share (grocery store deli salads are always a good option). All are welcome. Come and bring a friend.

SAVE THE DATE - Special Event Coming to Bethel (March 2) - Caring for Social Justice (C4SJ) will sponsor a unique (and free!) workshop for Bethel and community members on Saturday, March 2. Two UW-Madison social psychologists will help us examine our common human challenge to acknowledge and resist prejudice and stereotyping - specifically our own personal, unrecognized, unintentional bias. Using scientific methodology, Drs. Patricia Devine and William Cox have defined the social, cognitive and cultural mechanisms that perpetuate stereotypes, and interventions that might reduce them in our society. Understanding others means first understanding ourselves. Unintentional bias lurks within each of us;

we can learn to break prejudice habits by learning to recognize the unconscious patterns and beliefs that underlie our attitudes and behaviors. Watch for more information soon on workshop substance and registration for "Empowering People to Break the Bias Habit: Creating Inclusion and Reducing Bias." For more info: www.bethel-madison.org/breakingbias



"Drop in the Barrel" for the Bethel Food Pantry February: Bar Soap

New Members to be Received: Sun, March 17 - If you or someone you know is interested in becoming a member with us at Bethel, please contact Pastor Margo or Pastor John.

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.

The Food Pantry is looking for plastic and cloth grocery bags. Please drop off on the table across from the Food Pantry on the lower level.

Texas Roadhouse Fundraiser - Come in to Texas Roadhouse in Madison every Sunday, with your church bulletin and we will donate 10% of your food purchases back to Bethel each month!

Text to Give - Text "BLC" to 73256 to give.

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EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

***Bible Study on Sundays at 10:15am in Room 120

The Narrative Lectionary is a plan that takes you through the Bible, story by story. Developed by a Lutheran Pastor, this plan keeps you centered on God's story each week. We will read and study a story each week, following this plan. Bibles welcome but not necessary. Text will be provided each week. Led by Mimi Troutman

****Bethel's Sunday School Program** - Faith! Family! and Fun! are woven together to help children experience God's grace and love through music, stories, games, and crafts. Prayer, friendship, and building relationships with one another and God are emphasized throughout the morning.

Families attend the 9am worship service together in the sanctuary. During the service, children are encouraged to come forward for a message from a pastor or a church leader. Following the Children's Moment, the children leave with their Sunday School Leaders for a fun morning of JAM ("Jesus And Me!" featuring the day's theme, story, and song), small group classes per age/grade level, and either Choir or Kids Fellowship.

Bethel's Sunday School programming is for children ages 2 (potty training is not necessary - we can help as needed!) - 5th grade. The morning concludes at 11am. Please contact cindy@bethel-madison.org for more details. We look forward to meeting you and your children!

***Bethel HS Youth Group** - 1st & 3rd Sundays, 6:30-8pm. All 9-12th grade youth welcome.

******Middle School Youth** - Confirmation CoreGroups meet 2nd Sun evenings, 6-7:30pm from Sept-May & confirmation classes take place (generally) Sun mornings, 10:15-11:15am in the Game Rm.

***Share your gifts with our youth!** Small group leaders are needed for confirmation (2nd Sun nights, 6:30-8pm), classes (Sun mornings, 10:15-11:15am), and for youth group (1st & 3rd Suns, 6:30-8pm). A young person who knows 10 adults in the congregation and is called by name during their school years is more likely to continue to be part of a church community in college & into adulthood. Join us in building relationships and connecting in faith! No expertise needed, just being human and willing to share in the journey of being a part of God's story with young people. Contact Henry to see what might work for you (so much flexibility, so much fun to be had with our youth!)

***Henry Elling:** henry@bethel-madison.org

****Cindy Terhune Melrose:** cindy@bethel-madison.org

*****Deacon Lisa Huber:** lisa@bethel-madison.org

******Pastor John O. Swanson:** swansonj@bethel-madison.org

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3 EPIPHANY

Pastor Margo R. Martens - Jan 26 at 5pm - Pentecost
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ErPastor Margo R. Martens - Jan 27 at 11:15am - Pentecost

4 EPIPHANY

Pastor Roger H. Black - Feb 2 at 5pm - Pentecost
Pastor Roger H. Black - Feb 3 at 7:45am & 9am - Sanctuary
Pastor Roger H. Black - Feb 3 at 11:15am - Pentecost

SUNDAY, JANUARY 27

7:45a Worship Service (Sanctuary)
8:00a Coffee Fellowship (Emmaus & Fireside)
Bethel Choir Rehearsal (Choir)
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 Annual Congregational Meeting (Sanctuary)
Adult Bible Study (Rm 120)
11:15a Worship Service (Pentecost)
5:00p Horizons Winter Celebration (Borgwardt Hall)
6:30p Youth Group (Pentecost)

MONDAY, JANUARY 28

12:00p Food Pantry Open 12-3pm (M-F) (Lower Level)
6:00p Rebuilding - Tai Chi Fundamentals (Fireside)
6:30p Community Ministry Team (Rm 120)

TUESDAY, JANUARY 29

8:30a Homeless Support Services (T&TH) (Pentecost)
9:00a Library Open (Library)
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, JANUARY 30

5:00p Lifelong Learning (Rm 120)
6:15p Bell Choir (Rm 202)

THURSDAY, JANUARY 31

7:00a Current Christian Concerns (Community)
8:00a Second Harvest Delivery
7:00p Bethel Choir (Choir)

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 1

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

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 2

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

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GETTING READY FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL

Preschool: First Look

Jan Basic Truth: I need Jesus.
Memory Verse: You are everything I need. (Psalm 119:57)

Feb Basic Truth: Jesus wants to be my friend forever.
Memory Verse: How wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ.
(Ephesians 3:18)

Jan 27 Bible Story: Calming the Storm. Matthew 8:23-27

Feb 3 Bible Story: Jesus and the Children. Luke 18:15-16

K-Grade 5: 252 Kids

Jan Life App: SELF-CONTROL—Choosing to do what you should even when you don't want to.
Memory Verse: God's power has given us everything we need to lead a Godly life.
(2 Peter 1:3a)

Feb Life App: Lending a hand to help someone else
Memory Verse: Jesus sat down and called for the 12 disciples to come to him. Then he said, 'Anyone who wants to be first must be the very last. They must be the servant of everyone. (MARK 9:35)

Jan 27 Bible Story: Too Much of a Good Thing (Proverbs 25:16)
Bottom Line: Know when to stop.

Feb 3 Bible Story: Jesus Washes the Disciples' Feet. (John 13:1-17)
Bottom Line: Serve others because of what Jesus did for us.



Hearing Loop available in all our worship spaces.