

Bethelite

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I am writing about something that my wife, Pam, is better at doing than I am. Still, I do admire her for it. I understand why it comes easier for her and harder for me. And I see her ability to share as something that helps me to open my hand and let the gifts of God's grace out a little bit more easily along our journey together.

What I am talking about is "sharing from our storehouse of resources with others who need our help." I admit that I am handicapped when it comes to stewardship. I won't blame it on my parents, although it helps to clarify my stance. They were farmers who struggled most of their lives to "make ends meet." I learned to imitate them, which most of us do in our practice of balancing "keeping for ourselves compared to sharing with others." Still, to be fair they were generous with their family, even though they found it difficult to share more generally with others around them. My Mom and Dad also were generous with the sharing of their time and abilities, even though they were less generous with their financial resources. Because of my experience, I have always held time, talents, and treasure in balance when approaching stewardship, the caring for the resources we have been given.

I must take responsibility for my own exercise of taking care of the resources God gave me. I have been reticent to be as generous as I should be because that is where I can get anxious about life. Even though I have preached Matthew 6 to "not be anxious about tomorrow because God takes care of the plants and birds," I admit I have not always practiced what I preached.

This is where my wife, Pam, comes in. She grew up as the daughter of an accountant and controller of the finances of a company in Chicago. My father-in-law, Arnie, served as a navigator and co-pilot in World War II. He experienced God's grace at an early age when he emerged safely from the Pacific theater of the war. He saw real poverty in the far east at the time and knew how blessed we all are here in America. Pam's father and mother, an immigrant from Norway, were generous with everything that they had. My father-in-law, Arnie, often served in financial leadership in the Lutheran churches where he was a member. My in-law's legacy really was one of generous giving in return for all the blessings that God gave them.

When I approach this time in the church's year, I certainly think of others in the congregations I have served who freely shared from the resources that they had. Even as I have experienced generosity in my wife's family as a spiritual gift, so I have seen it in many others. I have seen generosity from the musician who is ready to play or sing for a special event, even when they must personally sacrifice, to the young child who listens to a presentation on tithing and wants to give a dollar from his five-dollar allowance. And although there are many people who are anxious about sharing too much of what they have with others, as I am sometimes, there are far more within each congregation which I have served who hears the good news that "by grace we are saved through faith. It is a gift; it is not our own doing" and responds by becoming God's workers.

When I think about the overflowing gifts God has given us, and consider my own response, I am reminded of one of

my favorite newer hymns in the ELW, "Shine, Jesus, Shine." The lyrics of Graham Kendrick's refrain include, "Shine, Jesus shine, fill this land with the Father's glory; blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire. Flow, river, flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy. send forth your Word, Lord, and let there be light!" I think of this lyric two ways within this year's message of reflecting on the currency of God's grace and keeping that currency going. First, we are blessed with the fact that Jesus has shared God's grace with us. Through God's Spirit, we have been extended a regular flow of God's grace. Second, we pray that God's Spirit will lead us to share more readily the grace and mercy that first enlightened our lives with those who still need that grace.

What it really comes down to is passing on God's grace that has come into our lives in baptism. We are to increasingly let God's Spirit who is in us, flow into the lives of others. Like a dam that generates power when we open the gates we are to let the energy of God's Spirit loose in our lives, and the lives of others will be made better.

Think about the ways that you, like me, have hung on a little too tightly to all that you have been given in your life. Why not consider sharing a bit more in all ways with your church, your family, your friends, and the world. Let the flow of God's Spirit lead you to grow spiritually and mature as a faithful steward of all that you have.

"Blessed to be a Blessing." I have heard that somewhere at Bethel. How can you and I bless others through the lives that we are given as a gift of God's grace? How can we go with the flow? 

—Interim Pastor Roger Black

Call Committee Update

On Sunday, September 30, the Call Committee announced to the congregation that a strong candidate for lead pastor, who visited Bethel Sept 20-21, chose to withdraw from the Call process and remain in his current congregation. Of course, this a disappointment for all of us who are eager to welcome a new pastor and have been patiently waiting since the Call Committee met in January.

We are touched by the overwhelming support the Committee has received from members of the congregation and staff following that announcement. We want to express our appreciation for that understanding and the caring that comes with it. You can be sure we will roll up our sleeves and continue our search. We ask the Spirit to lead us. 🌈

—Donna Ulteig
on behalf of the Call Committee



Bethel welcomed eight wonderful new residents to Steensland House in August. Two residents renewed their leases for a second year. The photo is of six of the new residents living on the first and second floors. It was taken at a recent potluck dinner hosted by the Steensland House Board and Serving Committee. During the upcoming months, look for a brief biography of each resident in this column; high lighting their diverse areas of study, work and service.

christmas flowers & food 2018

Please write **separate checks** for Poinsettias & Food Pantry. The **Deadline is Monday, Dec 10**, to return this form and money to Bethel for donations to be included in the Christmas Publications.

poinsettia garden

CIRCLE ONE: In Memory In Honor

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Flowers may be picked up after worship on Dec 25 or after. The deadline for all gifts to be recognized in the Christmas Publications is Dec 10.

food pantry donation

CIRCLE ONE: In Memory In Honor

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Return entire form to: Bethel Lutheran Church
Attn: Christmas Giving
312 Wisconsin Ave, Madison, WI 53703

Financial Update

Bethel Lutheran Church 2018 Budgeted Operating Revenue: \$ 1,948,000

Budgeted Pledge Income: \$ 1,350,000

Pledges Promised YTD: \$ 1,308,806

Number of Pledging Units: 512

	2018 Sept EOM	2018 YTD Sept	2017 YTD Sept	Compare + -
Income	\$ 137,771	\$ 1,349,757	\$ 1,413,378	\$ (63,621)
Expenses	<u>\$ 142,740</u>	<u>\$ 1,445,662</u>	<u>\$ 1,598,244</u>	<u>\$ (155,582)</u>
Excess/(Deficit)	\$ (4,969)	\$ (95,905)	\$ (184,866)	\$ 88,961

Note: Expenses are \$152.6k lower that in 2017. This is mostly due to a decrease in Ministerial/Program Expenses of \$115.4K. The bulk of this is in salaries. Offerings are lower than 2017 by \$46.5K. We may see a smaller Dec bump than in previous years due to the tax law change impact.

Grateful for Rally Day

Many thanks from the Community, Service, and Lifelong Learning Ministry Teams for all of the groups who organized a display for Rally Day! It was fantastic to see all of the opportunities available for learning and serving in God's world. Teams are also grateful to Christal Swigart for helping develop so many displays to be eye-catching and



to Mary Lou Tyne for organizing the displays! We appreciate everyone's time and effort, and we hope that members found a service ministry to help and/or an educational opportunity to join. 🌈

– Betty Pohlman
Lifelong Learning Team Facilitator



Why Bethel?

Christianity is rooted in community. Jesus worshiped, taught and broke bread within a community. He commanded us to “love one another” and to care for “the least of these.” Community is the platform from which Bethel's ministries are launched. Bethel's mission statement, which invites us to “Walk with Jesus,” is inviting us to worship and carry out His ministries within the Bethel community.

One of the ways Bethel celebrated community was on Sunday, Oct 14 when ALL who worship at Bethel attended the same 9am service—ALL in the sanctuary AT ONE TIME!

To celebrate this joyous occasion, you will be given the opportunity to share why you have chosen to walk within the Bethel community. On Oct 20 and 21 the Financial Resources Team will have large poster boards available for you to write your reasons for choosing to worship, learn, serve and grow in faith at Bethel. Share your thoughts for: Why Bethel? 🌈

–The Financial Resources Team

Advent & Christmas at Bethel

- **Weekend of ADVENT 1**, Sat and Sun, Dec 1 & 2: regular worship schedule
- **Weekend of ADVENT 2**, Sat and Sun, Dec 8 & 9: regular worship schedule
- **Weekend of ADVENT 3**, Sat, Dec 15 at 5pm
- Sat, Dec 15 from 9am-Noon: **Christmas Pageant Rehearsal & Craft Brunch**
- Sun, Dec 16 at 7:45am and 9am – regular schedule
- Sun, Dec 16 at 11am (NOT 11:15am) **SS CHRISTMAS PAGEANT** in Sanctuary
- Mon, Dec 17 at 6pm: **BLUE CHRISTMAS Worship** (a quiet, contemplative worship, inviting all for whom Christmas may often be a difficult and sad time.)
- **Weekend of ADVENT 4**, Sat, Dec 22 at 5pm: Worship in the Main Sanctuary
- Sun, Dec 23: **NO** 7:45am Worship; 9am and 11:15am, regular schedule
- **CHRISTMAS EVE**, Mon, Dec 24: 4 Worship events: 3pm, 5pm, 7pm & 9pm
- **CHRISTMAS DAY**, Tues, Dec 25: Worship at 10am
- Weekend of Dec 29-30: regular Sat and Sun, worship schedule

Saving lives with local clay: Dodgeville nonprofit Potters for Peace offers low-tech solution for filtering water

When about a dozen people pushed shovels into the earth near Dodgeville in late September, looking for a vein of rich, brown-red clay to mine, it was all to bring clean water to households in countries half a world away. The diggers were part of the Potters for Peace program, learning how to make low-cost, highly effective water filters from clay that can be manufactured, distributed and sold in developing countries where clean drinking water is scarce. Potters for Peace has been around for a long time, but this is the first time the nonprofit has conducted a large workshop of this sort, bringing in participants from around the globe. It's also the debut of its new worldwide headquarters: Dodgeville, WI.

"It's been fantastic. This is their first training, but clearly these guys have lived and breathed this work for many years, and it shows," said Brian Stewart, who with his partner Christine Manson will move to Indonesia in November to start a ceramic water filter factory.

Stewart, Manson and other participants doing work in the Philippines, Nepal, Ivory Coast, Puerto Rico, China, Haiti and elsewhere spent two weeks at Adamah Clay Studios of Bethel Horizons, a camp, fine arts and retreat center located on 548 acres bordering Governor Dodge State Park.



Robert Pillers, international coordinator for Potters for Peace, and Christine Manson trim excess clay from a machine-pressed pot during a two-week workshop at Adamah Clay Studios at Bethel Horizons in Dodgeville. The humble clay pot actually serves as a low-cost, highly effective water filter that can be manufactured, distributed and sold in developing countries where clean drinking water is scarce.

Step by step, they learned every facet of manufacturing, testing and selling ceramic water filters, a low-tech way to save lives. The job requires locating and digging local clay, testing, prepping and shaping it on a special press, then firing it in a hand built brick kiln. The filters are tested for their flow rate and effectiveness in turning contaminated water

into potable water. Then, there are lessons in marketing and distribution. Making ceramic water filters is not a charitable endeavor – it's designed to create jobs.

"It's meant to go back into the community as a sustainable business," said Jennifer Mally, director of Adamah Clay Studios and executive director of Potters for Peace.

"It employs local people. It uses local materials, such as the clay and the fuel."

"Everybody (at the workshop) has their targeted community

and country already in place," she said. "A lot of people are already set up to the point that they have land and a building and funding. The next thing they need is this technology to produce these filters to a standard.

"That's what this course does," she said. "It sends people away with an A to Z (knowledge) about these filters ... to launch them back to their communities."

'Running with it'

The finished filter resembles a large clay flowerpot. Once complete, it is set inside a plastic container with a spigot (picture a big Gatorade cooler on the sidelines of a football game). But this drink dispenser, where dirty water goes in and clean water comes out, is meant to eliminate bacteria and parasites, protecting children and adults from waterborne disease.

"There's about 767 million people around the world that still need access to safe drinking water," said Ron Orcajada of Calgary, Canada, who specializes in water projects for the Christian service organization Samaritan's Purse.

"I wanted to get this technology as one of the items in our toolbox to use," he said. "I want to take this and run with it." With his fellow workshop participants at Adamah, Orcajada learned how to mix local clay with a material such as sawdust to make a pot porous. Colloidal silver is added to each filter as an extra antibacterial agent.

Orcajada, who has worked in 14 different countries in the past, plans to start a ceramic filter factory in the Democratic Republic of the Congo within six to eight months.

"I call this 'appropriate technology,'" he said. In many cultures, some high-tech solution might be tossed out. "But if they're carrying a clay pot, people are comfortable with it. Clay is something familiar in the society."

'Every child's right'

Ceramic filter units usually sell for around \$30 with the housing; the inner clay pots last about two years and replacements cost just a few dollars. Non-governmental organizations and church organizations sometimes buy large quantities to distribute to people in extreme poverty. Dave Nadle, who's lived in the Philippines for nine years, and his wife already run an NGO there that produces large bio-sand water filters.

"We want to expand what we do," said Nadle, who is originally from Vancouver, Canada.

"A ceramic pot filter factory is going to help us to provide other options for clean water. We believe in every child's right to clean water. The secret is picking the right solution for the right need.

"A bio-sand filter is 350 pounds of concrete, sand and gravel," he said. "But if you're having a major disaster, how are you going to get them there?"

"A lot of NGOs are looking for partners on the ground who will actually build the filters on site, using local materials, creating local jobs," said Nadle, who hopes to be producing more than 5,000 units in the next two years. "Because it's all about creating a social enterprise and sustainable solution."

From Nicaragua to Dodgeville

Potters for Peace uses a filter design developed in 1981 by the late Dr. Fernando Mazariegos of the Central American Industrial Research Institute in Guatemala. (PFP's second mission, along with consulting on filter business start-ups, is to help potters create businesses using traditional and indigenous pottery methods).

"We're not an aid organization. We are an education organization," Mally said.



Ceramic water filters are designed to fit into a simple plastic dispenser, left, where potentially dirty water is poured in the top and filtered, safe drinking water comes out of a spigot on the bottom. A more decorative version is shown at right.

PFP members are spread around the world. Through the years, the group has consulted with some 50 independent factories producing ceramic water filters. But in the past, instructors went to individual factories. This year, the trainees traveled to the experts.

The course at Adamah was

developed over two years in conjunction with the Canada-based Centre for Affordable Water and Sanitation Technology. The course standardizes much of the procedure to ensure filters are high-quality and safe. With room and board, it costs \$3,500 per person — plus airfare. Most of the 2018 participants paid about half that thanks to donations from individuals and organizations, Mally said. Originally, however, the two week course was to be held at a working filter factory in Nicaragua, until political unrest and violence erupted in that country in April. The international coordinator for Potters for Peace, Robert Pillers, and his family had to flee their longtime Nicaraguan home. Pillers came to Adamah to set up equipment, including a brick furnace designed to fire the eight pound filters.

"Adamah was Plan B," Mally said.

Now she expects the picturesque rural clay studio — better known for its clay camps and workshops with renowned ceramic artists — to host another Potters for Peace training in 2019, and each year after that.

"Who knows what it'll look like five years from now?," Orcajada said of the knowledge he and his fellow participants will be taking around the world. "To me it's thousands and thousands of people who will have safe drinking water that started out at Adamah Studios." 🌍

—Gayle Worland, WI State Journal

Caring for Creation



Jeanne Hoffman

Caring for Creation (C4C) will host Jeanne Hoffman, City of Madison Sustainability Manager, on Nov 18 for a presentation (Meeting Madison's Sustainability Goal) and discussion in Borgwardt Hall at 10:15am.

Jeanne notes that national efforts to fight climate change by reducing greenhouse gases are stagnating. However, the City of Madison has joined with 84 other American cities to take up the task by eliminating greenhouse gas emissions by joining the **Ready for 100%**—a campaign to set a goal of achieving 100% renewable energy. Jeanne Hoffman staffs the Madison Sustainability Committee to make that happen by systematically reviewing city operations to determine the most cost-effective measures available. Already, the city has taken a major step to offset its electric power purchases from the grid by investing \$1.4 million in a new solar farm.

The City of Madison not only focuses on making City facilities and operations more energy efficient, the City is also working with the community, other government groups and business leaders to increase sustainability in natural systems, climate and energy, transportation, culture and art, education, and a whole host of areas that obviously go well beyond what the city has direct control over. The City has incorporated renewable energy into the City's zoning code.

Mark your calendar for Nov 18 and plan to bring a friend!

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. Please see the full schedule for C4C and C4SJ at www.bethel-madison.org/caring-creation.

In coming months, November-February, our forums continue with a focus on local and regional environmental issues: Madison's Sustainability Goals, the Challenges Facing Madison Lakes, and the Environmental Goals of MG&E. In March and April, there will be forums on two Social Justice topics: the crucial importance of recognizing Unintentional Bias and Stereotyping, in ourselves and others, and, Issues of Social Justice in the Prison/Jail System. 🌍

Winter Hats and Gloves - Seekers Circle is collecting donations of new warm winter hats, mittens and gloves again this year. Adult items will be given to people in our homeless group. Sizes for school-age children and teens will be given to kids whose families visit our food pantry. For those who knit, large size hats in solid colors are preferred by many of the kids. Bring your donations to church on Nov 18, Nov 25 or Dec 2. Thank You.

Bethel Series Job Opening - The Bethel Series is looking for a part-time administrative and customer service person to work three-four mornings a week in the Bethel Series office located at Bethel Lutheran Church. Please contact Bethel Series Executive Director Jeff Quinto in person in Room 106 at Bethel Lutheran Church, by email to Jeff@BethelSeries.org or by phone to 608.579.5700.

Bethel's Homeless Ministry is in great need of bus tickets. If you would like to contribute to this aspect of Bethel's ministry, please donate to Bethel Homeless Ministry Bus Ticket Fund (a separate restricted account) or simply indicate that you would like your gift to go to the purchase of bus tickets.

XYZ Activities: Oct: 26 Chapel (9:30am) - Lori Poulson; (10:30am) *Book Discussion* - WELCA study: A Bold Life of Faith Katharina von Bora Luther or Tai Chi or Euchre; *Lunch (11:45am)* - Vegetable Beef Soup, egg salad sandwich and Dessert; *Program (after lunch)* - Halloween Party & Mission Friday: Addressing "Badger Honor Flight" cards/packing detergent for Bethel's Food Pantry. **Nov: 2 Chapel (9:30am)** - Deacon Lisa; (10:30am) *Book Discussion* - Behind the Scenes at the Museum or Tai Chi or Euchre; *Lunch (11:45am)* - Baked Chicken, Mashed Potatoes w Gravy, Peas, Dessert; *Program (after lunch)* - Birthday celebrations with games (5 card Bingo) and prizes. All are welcome! Come for all or part of the day.

Men's Friday Book Study (Oct 19) - On Friday, Oct 19, the Men's Friday Book Study will begin discussion of *Paris 1919: Six Months That Changed the World* by Margaret Macmillan. This book examines the many worldwide consequences of actions taken during the 6-months leading to the Treaty of Versailles that still effect the world today. The Men's Book Study meets every Friday from 7-8am in Room 120 (Sanctuary Level). Come join us for lively, insightful discussion and delicious coffee. You say you don't drink coffee and you are not a reader? Perfect. You can still join the discussion because neither are requirements for joining in on the fun.

Victory Choir (Oct 23; 10:30am; Sun Prairie Care Center) - The mission of the Victory Choir is to sing to shut-ins primarily at Nursing Homes once a month and to take a word of encouragement. If interested in participating contact Connie Dreger at cdreger@madisoncollege.edu or 608.221.1754.

Men's Current Christian Concerns (Thurs at 7am; Community Rm)
Oct 25 - The World: For Better or Worse?

Blanket Workshop (Oct 25) - 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.



Grief Group (Oct 25, Nov 1, 8)
Thursdays: 1-2:30pm; Room 100

Bethel Women's Retreat at Horizons (Oct 26-27) - Hope Zvara will be our presenter. Come and surround yourself with women of faith and set your soul ablaze. Helping Others Purposefully Excel using the three B's—Breath, Body, Belief—Hope guides participants through the process of living in their bodies again. Hope will eloquently guide us through an interactive process of breathing life back into your body, mind and soul as we fully embrace the process of waiting to hear what we should do next. Sign-up: www.bethel-madison.org/womens-retreat

Service Opportunity - Habitat for Humanity (Oct 27) - In conjunction with the upcoming Circle of Love golf outing, which this year will be a fundraiser for Habitat for Humanity of Dane County, Bethel is working to provide volunteers to assist with various tasks related to building Habitat homes in Fitchburg. And **YOU** are invited to help! We are currently seeking people to help on Sat Oct 27. We are hoping to put together a group of eight volunteers for each day. Work will be guided by a Habitat crew leader, and no particular skills are required to help. Specific work will not be known until the workday, but every effort is made to accommodate volunteer preferences, comfort zones and limitations. This is a nice opportunity to volunteer individually or perhaps put together a group of Bethel friends (or non-Bethel friends!) to volunteer as a group. This is a wonderful opportunity to serve others, build community, and develop relationships. Please consider joining us. **Sign-up:** www.bethel-madison.org/habitat. Thank you for considering volunteering, and if you have questions, please contact Paul Moen at pdmoen@gmail.com or 608.332.3905.

Horizons Work Day (Nov 3) - Please join us in prepping Horizons for the colder season! We will meet at Horizons at 9am and will work until 4pm with lunch provided. All ages are welcome! Please dress for the weather. Interested in lending us a hand? RSVP by emailing bethelhorizons@bethelhorizons.org.

Christian Men's Fellowship (Nov 8) - *Muscle & Bone Strength 101* Dr. Kevin Wait, is Clinic Director at Capitol Physical Therapy in Sun Prairie. He will talk about the current problem of falls among seniors, where in Wisconsin the Centers for Disease Control reports the highest rate in the nation. Wisconsin has recorded a 31% increase in the rate since 2007. Dr. Wait is a board certified sports clinical specialist and as an orthopedic clinical specialist. He earned his Doctorate of Physical Therapy degree from Mayo Clinic College of Medicine.

Community Meal Program (Nov 12) - Bethel volunteers serve the Community Meal at Luke House, 312 Ingersoll Street, once a month. The next serving date is Nov 12. Please bring your food contributions



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

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 (Nov 19) - Come to Room 120 at Noon on Monday, Nov 19 to share lunch and discuss *Vintage* by Susan Gloss. This novel tells the story of three women living in Madison Wisconsin: one owns a vintage clothing store, one works there, and one is a customer. *Vintage* is a charming tale of possibility, of finding renewal and hope when we least expect it. Bring your lunch or a dish to share – deli salads are always good. All are welcome. Come and bring a friend.

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 info call 608.579.5700 or visit the Bethel Series office in Room 106 at Bethel.

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!

Reception Desk Help - We are looking for a couple volunteers available weekdays to substitute at the Reception Desk. Annie 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 Annie at recep@bethel-madison.org.

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FACT \$**

Distributions directly to your church from an IRA once you are at least age 70 ½ by year end, were made permanently not taxable, as of 2016. Your Required Minimum Distribution can also be a part of this gift.

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!)

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VIEW MORE OPPORTUNITIES: www.bethel-madison.org/events



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REFORMATION

Pastor Margo R. Martens - Oct 27 at 5pm - Pentecost

Pastor Margo R. Martens - Oct 28 at 7:45am & 9am - Sanctuary

Pastor Margo R. Martens - Oct 28 at 11:15am - Pentecost

ALL SAINTS

Pastor Roger Black - Nov 3 at 5pm - Pentecost

Pastor Roger Black - Nov 4 at 7:45am & 9am - Sanctuary

Pastor Roger Black - Nov 4 at 11:15am - Pentecost

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 21

7:45a Worship Service (Sanctuary)

8:00a Bethel Choir Rehearsal (Choir)

8:30a Childcare provided 8:30am-12:30pm in the Nursery

Coffee Fellowship (Emmaus & Fireside)

Library Open (Library)

9:00a Worship Service (Sanctuary)

9:30a Children's Ministry: Sunday School, Choir and

Kids Fellowship

10:15a Prayer Partners (Rm 100)

Constitution Forum #1 (Borgwardt Hall)

Adult Bible Study (Rm 120)

11:15a Worship Service (Pentecost)

6:30p High School Youth Group (Emmaus)

MONDAY, OCTOBER 22

12:00p Food Pantry Open 12-3pm (M-F) (Lower Level)

5:30p Serving Ministry Team (Community)

6:00p Resettlement Ministry (Rm 120)

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 23

8:30a Homeless Support Services (T&TH) (Pentecost)

9:00a Library Open (Library)

1:00p Fine Arts Committee (Rm 219)

5:00p BEF Quarterly Meeting (at Horizons)

5:30p Women's Choir (Choir)

6:15p Rebuilding at Bethel (Rm 100, 120 & Library)

6:30p Creative Worship Singers (Choir)

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 24

6:00p Bell Choir (Rm 202)

6:30p Constitution Forum #1 (Borgwardt Hall)

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 25

7:00a Current Christian Concerns (Community)

8:00a Second Harvest Delivery

9:00a Blanket Workshop (Borgwardt Hall)

1:00p Grief Group (Rm 100)

6:00p Lead Pastor Call Committee Meeting (Rm 120)

6:30p Centering Prayer (Library)

7:00p Bethel Choir Rehearsal (Choir)

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 26

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

8:30a XYZ Activities

7:00p Women's Retreat (Horizons)

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 27

All Day Women's Retreat (Horizons)

9:30a Food Pantry Open 9:30-11:30am (Lower Level)

9th Grade Confirmation Rehearsal & Lunch (Sanctuary)

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

Oct Basic Truth: God Loves Me.

Memory Verse: God is with you wherever you go. (Joshua 1:9)

Oct 21 Bible Story: Moses' mom hides him in the reeds along a river bank in order to protect him from Pharaoh. EXODUS 1:21-2:10; 12:31-42

Oct 28 Bible Story: Moses obeys God by striking a rock with his staff, and God provides water for all the people. EXODUS 17:1-7

K-Grade 5: 252 Kids

Oct Life App: CONTENTMENT—Deciding to be okay with what you have.

Memory Verse: Then he said to them, "Watch out! Be on your guard against wanting to have more and more things. Life is not made up of how much a person has. (Luke 12:15)

Oct 21 Bible Story: King Ahab and Naboth's Vineyard (1 KINGS 21:1-19, 27)

Bottom Line: Wanting what others have can make you miserable.

Oct 28 Bible Story: Israelites Long for Egypt (EXODUS 16:2-21; 17:1-7)

Bottom Line: Don't miss out on what you have now.