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**“Come, blest Fount of ev’ry blessing, tune my heart to sing your praise...
Here’s my heart, oh, take and seal it; seal it for your courts above.”**

(ELW #807, first and last line of the hymn)

Indeed, Jesus IS the ‘fount’ (or fountain) of every blessing in my life. And I trust Jesus to **tune my heart** and to **keep** the ‘strings’ of my heart in tune as I offer my life in a song of praise for every God-given gift. Only in that spirit, can I offer that last line as a prayer to Jesus: here’s my heart, Jesus...you take it, you seal it and you use it in every way you can for the sake of God’s goodness and fairness and justice and compassion and truth to be spread in this God-created global community in which I am privileged to participate, one day at a time, in this short span of life granted to us as humans.

This much I know for certain:

Jesus does not want my money. Jesus wants my heart.

At the very least, Jesus does not want my money without my heart.

I am unable to give my heart to Jesus, without giving every ounce of my being.

Because when Jesus has my heart, that means that the heart of Jesus beats within my very soul.

In those moments of life, when Jesus has my heart, then all I have:

money, energy, compassion, commitment, courage: all the essence of life within me,
belongs to Jesus and Jesus uses **all** that have and **all** that I offer for the good of God’s kingdom.

We claim our identity in the heart of Jesus as we acknowledge that, in baptism, we have been “sealed with the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever” We, as the baptized, ARE the stewards of God’s gifts. What that stewardship means to each one of us will vary, as we live, give and serve according to our own individual talents, resources and life energies. As God’s child, my very life is my stewardship. With Paul, I know the truth of ‘the good that I would, I do not and the evil that I would not, that is what I do. (Rom. 7:19ff). In times when we live carelessly with God’s gifts and times when we live responsibly, each of us knows the reality of that innate human duality of our Christian life. Truly, we are simultaneously saints and sinners. God knows that and God accepts our abilities and our inabilities and God trusts us with the responsibility for choice. It’s ok for us to tremble at the responsibility in which our lives are held in that Christian identity.

We can only accept the weight of that responsibility when we first name and accept Christ’s total **acceptance** of us in our strivings and Christ’s **forgiveness** in our failings to live into that responsibility. With Paul, we rest in the freedom for service that such forgiveness offers. We step out, once again, in faith and hope, joining hands with one another, praying that Christ will ‘take my life that I may be consecrated, Lord, to thee.’

Thanks to each of you for every moment of your faithful stewardship. You are a blessing within the proclamation of the Gospel of Jesus Christ through the ministries of Bethel Lutheran. God is using you and your heart-felt expression as you live and give of yourself and your resources, so that God’s world is a bit healthier and a bit more wholesome in this corner of creation. It continues to be my privilege to serve with you. I am grateful that God has called us to work together. 🌈

—Pastor Margo R. Martens

Steward Oaks in God's Garden

Before I begin, grab a Bible and please open to Paul's Second letter to the Corinthians, Chapter 9, verses 6-8. Now hold that place because we'll return to it in a few minutes.

Let me begin by saying that when Pastor Margo asked me to share you, I was pretty reluctant, but with the help of the Holy Spirit and your patience, I hope that what I have to share will touch some of your hearts.

A few years ago, like many of you, Steve and I heard reports of the Emerald Ash Borer and how this tiny insect was wiping out ash trees across Michigan and Ohio and how it was just a matter of time before it arrived in Wisconsin. Well, that day came and as we looked at our two mature ash trees, we realized we'd have to take some sort of action if we wanted to maintain the character of our yard that had evolved over the past 45 years. Losing those 60 foot trees would create a pretty big void in our yard. Besides the obvious loss of the cooling canopy for our home and all of our shade-loving plants, dozens of bird species would lose their haven. The air would be a little bit dirtier.

And, hey, what about the squirrels? Well....we decided on a plan to treat the existing trees with the help of an arborist, but we also decided to plant a new tree to fill the space for, if or when we lost the battle with the bug. When we explained our situation to the woman at the nursery, she said, "Ah! So you're looking for a steward tree!" Uh-huh. That's what she called it. A Steward tree. Huh. We left the store that day with a skinny but healthy American Red Oak and planted it the next day.

Before I became a Lutheran, I can't ever remember hearing the term Stewardship Sunday in my faith experience. Of course we were asked to contribute, but, again, I don't think the term Stewardship Sunday was ever used, at least not in the churches that I attended. So when I started thinking about what stewardship means to me, I found that it was pretty easy when I put it into gardening terms.

We here at Bethel have inherited an incredible garden, a small plot in God's magnificent universe. Like those beautiful ash trees that our family inherited from the previous homeowners,

our Bethel family thrives on the gifts that have been given from the founding of this Congregation so many generations ago. Like gardening, Stewardship is an ongoing process that involves constant caring for the gifts that we have been given, much like pruning and weeding. Stewardship is nurturing, putting down insect deterrents and throwing on some fertilizer at regular intervals. Stewardship is replenishing, planting new to carry on when the old begins to struggle.

Look around you this morning. Consider what we here at Bethel would lose in our garden if, we as a congregation, would become less-caring stewards. Like the loss of those two ash trees, there would be tremendous loss to our Bethel garden. When we are good stewards, the gifts that we reap are immeasurable! Because we give back to God that which God has first given us, ourselves, our time, our talents, and our possessions, we continue to do God's work here AND beyond these walls.

Okay. This is where you get to open your Bibles again. St. Paul got it right when he wrote this stewardship letter to the people of Corinth. Please, follow along as I read his words. "The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work."

So, in the coming days, listen. Listen for God's voice. Allow the power of the Holy Spirit to move within you. Prayerfully consider the ways in which you are being a good steward and ask God to show you a way in which you can sow even more bountifully.

Next time you are at Bethel, I'd like you all to look at one of our beautiful stained glass windows on the South wall of our church. In this window, the artist has depicted an oak tree, a symbol of strength and endurance. Let that window remind us to always be the Steward Oaks in God's garden. 🌳



—Myrna Kay Young

Advent by Candlelight

Wednesday, December 5

An evening of JOY and fellowship!

Dear Women of Bethel,

YOU ARE INVITED to gather together and spend an evening focusing on Jesus and the real meaning of Christmas!



Please join us for an evening of JOY and fellowship!

We are delighted to welcome **Pastor Mary Martha Kannass** from Hephatha Lutheran Church, our Mission Partner in Milwaukee.

Pastor Mary Martha will help us prepare for the Christ Child! Her message of being a "Strong Baby Sanctuary" will touch our hearts and fill us with the wonder of Advent.

TIME: 5:30pm – Hearty appetizers and hot apple cider grog! Fireside Room
6:30pm - Dessert, special music and program - Borgwardt Hall

- Tickets are \$10 each – consider sponsoring a table for \$80! 8 tickets to share with family, friends or "Welcome an Unexpected Guest" and make someone feel welcome.
- Tickets are available at the front reception desk during the week and in the Emmaus Room on Sunday mornings.
- Hostesses are needed! Please consider sharing your gift of hospitality... decorate a table for the evening and provide dessert for eight people. Perhaps co-host a table with a friend and share the JOY of the season!
- We have invited the women of Hephatha to join us for **Advent by Candlelight**. We look forward to sharing the JOY of Advent with them and invite them to our tables.
- Any donations above the ticket price are received with gratitude – providing for our guests from Hephatha as well as those who would not otherwise be able to come.
- Please invite your grandma, grandchildren, mom, sister, neighbors & friends to make this an intergenerational-memory-making event!
- As an Advent gift to the women and children of Hephatha, *please consider bringing a children's book (or two!) that include children of color*– to encourage our Hephatha sisters in Christ...so they may return home feeling our love and support.

For additional information, please contact Susan Stein at slinck@charter.net or 608.332.3801 (cell) OR Margie Czechowicz at mczecho@charter.net or 608.469.0297 (cell). 🌈

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

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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.

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Putting Down Roots

What does it mean to become homeowners and have the chance to put down roots for your family when you have grown-up in a refugee camp? That is the story of Tara and Gaurani Rai.

Did you know? In June 2019 the life of one of Bethel's families will change forever! They will become homeowners with the help of Habitat for Humanity, and through the generosity of the Circle of Love Golf Outing which raised \$12,500 for Habitat, and Bethel Estate Sales who donated \$2,500 for Habitat in 2017. Who is this grateful family of four working with Habitat to obtain this home? You may have already noticed the smiling faces of Tara and Gaurani Rai, pictured with Habitat volunteer, Bob, on the front of your November worship bulletins.

Tara and Gaurani Rai arrived in Madison, with their daughter Serene (then age 15 months) on May 6, 2011 and were the fifth Bhutanese refugee family sponsored by Bethel. Their son, Elliott Simon Rai, was born on Feb 24, 2017, an American citizen.



Tara and Gaurani themselves, were each born in Bhutan. (The small country located just North of India and East of Nepal.) Due to ethnic cleansing, their families were each forced to leave their livelihoods, homes, many possessions, pets and livestock in Bhutan, and traveled to Nepal, where eventually seven refugee camps were established to house the refugees. Gaurani was so young at the time that she reports not remembering the details of the move to Goldhap (one of the seven camps). Tara was about age eight and remembers how crowded the camp was with about 8,000 people in the camp when they arrived in 1991. They were provided a small plastic tent where seven people stayed together temporarily until they were provided with bamboo and thatch to build their row house. Tara remembers his Dad and Mom building their new home with one room and a dirt floor. Tara's father left in 1992 to earn a living in India, but sadly was not heard from again. Tara's mother, Pau Maya (also a Bethel member) supported the

family as a worker in the tea fields within the camp, and after years of assisting others during births became a paid midwife.

Tara and Gaurani would be teenagers when they would meet in school and fall in love. They would marry and be blessed with a daughter before leaving the camp and being resettled in America at ages 24 and 22. While in Goldhap, their home is pictured below.



In the camp, children started school at about age five so Tara and Gaurani each started school shortly after going to Goldhap. Except for a Nepali language class, instruction was in English. Thus when Tara and Gaurani arrived in the U.S., they were able to act as translators between community members with no or extremely little English skills and Americans. On many occasions Tara and Gaurani generously put aside their personal needs to be of service to Bethel's volunteers attempting to communicate with refugee families and to directly assist others in their community.

Shortly after arriving in Madison, Tara began working at Jack Links in Monroe, WI, as did a number of community members. A van would pick them up at 4:30am in a central location on the South side of Madison and they would work from 6am-6:30pm, then be driven back to Madison. These lengthy days were tiring but allowed Tara and others to work full-time over a four versus 5-day week. Tara has received two promotions while at Jack Links, and remains grateful for his employment with them. Both he and Gaurani have also learned to drive and own a car. The site of their new home will be in Fitchburg, a location they were grateful to receive since that will assist in minimizing Tara's commute time to work. Once Serene was old enough to be in school, Gaurani also went to work as a custodian at the UW. During her more difficult pregnancy, she resigned, but plans to work again once Elliott is older. Their daughter, Serene, now a very bright 3rd grader, likes to play the keyboard in her room, and likes playing board games like Battleship and to read.

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Many community gatherings occur in Nepali homes. They begin with shoes at the door, greetings from the many who squish together on the floor and from the elders and guests who sit in chairs. Soon the word of God is shared (in Nepali) and a worship service, instruction and time for prayer begins. Then it is time for wonderful food...generously served in both heart and portions. There is no doubt that this Habitat home will be used in this manner as a blessing to many.

Tara and Gaurani must contribute 375 volunteer hours personally to Habitat housing. Tara reports that he has already logged about 216 hours while working on other Habitat homes, and expresses that he appreciates learning these new skills and that he plans to continue volunteering at Habitat even after their home is completed.

THANK YOU to the devoted volunteers of the Bethel Estate Sales. **THANK YOU** to the Bethel volunteers who worked diligently to plan and oversee the golf outing and silent auction, as well as to the people who donated to these events via silent auction bids, donation items for the auction, golfing participants and sponsors. Habitat must receive approximately \$70,000 to construct each new home and your efforts and contributions are acknowledged with heartfelt thanks.

As quoted on November's bulletin, *Jesus said, "The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to everlasting life."* John 4:14. 🌈

—Maureen Bittner



Candles were lit in Bethel Jr!
for All Saints Day.

Why We Need a Church Building

"For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them." (Matthew 18:20)

What is a church but a home? A home for the faithful. What does that mean? Just as a family's home is more than a mere building, so too is a church. A family's home has an emotional status of honor, a place where the family carries on its most private actions, a place where we truly relax, feel secure and can be ourselves. It is a shelter from harsh or dangerous weather. It is secure, warm and welcoming. Even people living in the most primitive manner build and protect as best they can a space where they live, take nourishment, and relax. Such a building is essential to the survival of the family.

So too a church building is essential to the survival and health of a church congregation. It allows the congregation to gather in a place where the faithful can meet in an atmosphere conducive to meaningful and joyful fellowship. It marks a special place apart from the outside world that helps the congregation focus on the spiritual. It is a welcoming place where the activity taking place fosters the great love for one's fellow people that enables the congregants to carry out Christ's commands. Like the typical family home, it can be passed on to succeeding generations, supporting the hope that the values shared there will continue to be meaningful into the future. Finally, it's a place that shows our faith to the world and that we belong in the world.

Thank you for calling Bethel your home. 🌈

—The Financial Resources Team

Thank You, Jesus, For Feeding Us...

On Sunday, Nov 18, we welcomed young people (named below) to full participation at our table of Holy Communion. We pray that, by God's grace, they and all who partake of Jesus' body and blood will be strengthened in their faith journey.

Some of us speak the word "AMEN" when the bread and wine is given to us. These young people are encouraged to pray: "Thank you, Jesus, for feeding us." Indeed, for all of us: Thank you, Jesus! Amen.

Brock Bailey
Carissa Bittrich
Lily Chandler
Ashley Davie
Reese Fletchall
Oliver Gaytan
Chase Gordon
Molly Richardson

Jack Savoy
Anne Schoff
Ramona Staple
Brody Truss
Cabe Ward
Brenna Whitcher
Justin Witek

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.

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.

Bethel's "The Holy Family" Advent Art Show is on display now-Jan 11 in both of Bethel's Art Galleries: Emmaus Room Hallway Gallery and Fireside Gallery. Numerous Advent-themed fine art originals and prints from the Bethel Fine Art Collection pictorially tell the story of The Holy Family.

Bethel's Homeless Ministry wishes to thank all who graciously contributed to our bus ticket funding. We were overcome with your generosity. However, as the cold weather descends on us, the number of people seeking services increases and our cost rises commensurate to the demand. We hold annual Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners for our guests followed by a worship service in celebration of Christmas. All of what we can do is dependent on the generosity of our congregation and the Madison community. Please prayerfully consider a contribution to Bethel's Homeless Ministry. 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.

Men's Current Christian Concerns (Thurs at 7am; Community Rm)

Nov 22 -THANKSGIVING

Nov 29 - Elevated Male Suicide in Developed Countries

XYZ Activities: XYZ concludes for 2018. Save the date for our Valentine's Day Party on Feb 15, 2019.

Caring for Social Justice Book Discussion Group (Nov 25) - During the month of November, the Social Justice Book Discussion Group will join with other Christian communities to read and discuss

Trouble I've Seen: How the Church Views Racism by Drew Hart. We will meet to discuss the book, a few chapters each time in GS Chapel. Bethel has pre-ordered 25 copies of the book which are available, at \$11 per copy, from our Bethel receptionist. The author, Drew Hart, will be at Advent Lutheran, Sat, Dec 1, from 1-3pm, so some of us may be able to continue the conversation with him in person. Look for more information about the author and the event on the C4C and C4SJ display in the Emmaus Room.

Winter Hats and Gloves (Nov 25, Dec 2) - 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 25 or Dec 2. Thank You.

Christmas Decorating (Dec 1) - Tis' the season for Christmas decorating at Bethel! We have something festive for everyone - checking strands of lights, hanging lights, decorating trees, hanging garland and wreaths, poinsettia set-up and more! We will be decorating inside and outside. The Community Ministry Team will be hosting with coffee, hot chocolate and baked goods. All ages welcome and childcare will be available. **Sign-up here:** <https://tinyurl.com/y8y6j64f>.

Horizons Christmas Sale (Dec 2) - Horizons will have its Christmas Sale in the Emmaus Room with items including: Christmas ornaments, t-shirts, mugs, homemade jams, pottery, pot holders, wall decorations, stuffed animals, small treasures, and other surprises. Stop by the tables and take a look.

Synod's Racial Equity Ministry (Dec 2) Henning Garrett, member of the Ho-Chunk Council, is the featured speaker Sun, Dec 2, for our synod's Racial Equity Ministry. Henning's knowledge of Ho-Chunk history and treaty relations with the federal and state governments as well as current life issues for the Ho-Chunk people make him an excellent resource. 4-6pm; New Life Church, 7564 Cottage Grove Road, Madison.

Christian Men's Fellowship (Dec 4) - Identify Theft: Protect and prevent; Jeffrey Kersten from Wisconsin Consumer Protection will speak on the fastest growing crime in the United States. The more you learn, the less vulnerable you are. Learn about the different types of identify theft, including Fraud Alerts and Security Freezes. Learn how to safeguard personal information and how to spot the red flags of a scam.

Advent at Horizons (Dec 7-8) - Join us for our second annual Advent at Horizons! We will be hosting day events and an overnight for individuals and families where we will have incredible things to do like cookie making, ornament making, Advent dinner, tree decorating, fireside games, and much more. Saturday morning we will have breakfast with the birds. Cost is \$50/person (adults) or \$40/person (children under 12). Scholarships are available. Email bethelhorizons@bethelhorizons.org for more information and to sign-up.

Community Meal Program (Dec 10) - Bethel volunteers serve the Community Meal at Luke House, 312 Ingersoll Street, once a month.



"Drop in the Barrel"
for the Bethel Food Pantry
December: Dish Soap

The next serving date is Dec 10. 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.*

Friendship Club (Dec 14) - There will be no grinchies at the Dec 14 Friendship Club dinner. We will be enjoying a great roast beef dinner. Afterward, the entertainment will be provided by Harmonica Hour with DeWayne Keyes on harmonica, and Doug Barrette on guitar. Please call Judi Griffin at 608.222.9290 by Noon on Tuesday, Dec 11 for reservations. Dinners are \$12 for members, and \$15 for visitors.

Victory Choir (Dec 18; 10:30am; Borgwardt Hall, Bethel) - 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.

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.

Another Successful Horizons Work Day

On Saturday, Nov 3, there were nearly 30 dedicated volunteers out at Bethel Horizons to help with the fall clean-up day. There were 12 confirmation students, four Verona Area High School Interact Club members, and 13 other Bethel members. Much work was done to prepare Bethel Horizons for the winter season. Here are some of the highlights:

- Split and stacked wood that should provide plenty of wood for winter use at camp
- Moved numerous picnic tables and lawn furniture into winter storage areas
- Winterized the entire Adamah site which included moving outdoor pottery, furniture and sculptures to Scotties studio for the winter

Thank you to all who volunteered their time! We could not have done this work without your efforts. 🌈

—Eric Knueve
Executive Director, Bethel Horizons



Advent & Christmas at Bethel

- **ADVENT 1**, Sat and Sun, Dec 1 & 2: regular worship schedule
- **ADVENT 2**, Sat and Sun, Dec 8 & 9: regular worship schedule
- **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.)
- **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

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CHRIST THE KING

Pastor Roger H. Black - Nov 24 at 5pm - Pentecost

Pastor Roger H. Black - Nov 25 at 7:45am & 9am - Sanctuary

Pastor Roger H. Black - Nov 25 at 11:15am - Pentecost

1 ADVENT

Pastor Margo R. Martens - Dec 1 at 5pm - Pentecost

Pastor Margo R. Martens - Dec 2 at 7:45am & 9am - Sanctuary

Pastor Margo R. Martens - Dec 2 at 11:15am - Pentecost

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 25

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)

Advent by Candlelight Ticket Sale (Emmaus)

Seekers Circle Winter Collection (Emmaus)

9:00a Worship Service (Sanctuary)

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

10:15a Adult Bible Study (Rm 120)

Social Justice Book Club (GS Chapel)

11:15a Worship Service (Pentecost)

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 26

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

5:15p Financial Resources Team (Library)

5:30p Serving Ministry Team (Community)

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 27

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

9:00a Library Open (Library)

5:30p Women's Choir (Choir)

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

6:30p Creative Worship Singers (Choir)

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 28

5:00p Lifelong Learning Team (Rm 120)

6:15p Bell Choir (Rm 202)

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 29

7:00a Current Christian Concerns (Community)

8:00a Second Harvest Delivery

6:00p Call Committee Meeting (Rm 120)

7:00p Bethel Choir Rehearsal (Choir)

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 30

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

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1

9:00a Christmas Decorating (Sanctuary & Emmaus)

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

Nov Basic Truth: God Made Me.

Memory Verse: Always give thanks to God. (Ephesians 5:20)

Nov 25 Bible Story: A widow gives food to Elijah when he needs it.

1 KINGS 17:7-16

K-Grade 5: 252 Kids

Nov Life App: COOPERATION—Working together to do more than you can do alone.

Memory Verse: Two people are better than one. They can help each other in everything they do. (Ecclesiastes 4:9)

Nov 25 Bible Story: One Body but Many Parts (1 CORINTHIANS 12:12-27)

Bottom Line: Work together to point others to Jesus.



Hearing Loop available in all our worship spaces.