



# Bethelite

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I was recently listening to NPR and happened upon an interview with Pastor Adam Hamilton. Pastor Hamilton is the founding pastor of the United Methodist Church of the Resurrection in Kansas City. The congregation began with a mere four people and has grown to become the largest United Methodist Church in the United States with over 18,000 members. While that is really amazing, what actually drew me to the conversation was what Reverend Hamilton had to say about communication – how important it is to practice healthy communication at a time when divisive communication is taking place everywhere we turn (radio, television, churches, the Oval Office).

Pastor Hamilton shared that his congregation is fairly evenly split between Democrats and Republicans, so communication can be heated and challenging. He spoke about his task being one of encouraging the members of Church of the Resurrection to communicate with kindness, compassion, and grace to all people – even those they disagree with. And, he said, he mentions to the congregational members that such communication includes their texts, emails, and comments on social media, like Facebook.

He went on to say that this past year he challenged each and every member to memorize the following three Bible passages:

*In everything do to others as you would have them do to you some my: for this is*

*the law and the prophets.* Matthew 7:12

*"... you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.' The second is this, 'you shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these.* Mark 12:30-31

*Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear.* Ephesians 4:29

The goal for memorizing these three passages (in addition to the simple goal of it being a good thing to grow in Biblical knowledge) was to help all the members wrestle with the way faith can and should impact the way they communicate. (Perhaps this would be a good goal for Bethel in 2019?) He asked members to consider how these three passages might inform the way they talk with people in their family – their spouse, their parents, their children? How those passages might shape the words they speak or type to people they disagree with or are angry at? Or how those words might guide the way they respond to a Facebook post or an email from a co-worker whom they just do not like?

At that point, my mind was less focused on what was going on at Church of the Resurrection in Kansas City and more on what is going on at Bethel Lutheran in Madison. The last two years at Bethel have not been easy for many of us. Anxiety has filled some of our

hearts and various situations have led people to be angry or frustrated. But that is not unique to Bethel. Difficulty and challenges are a part of life – that is a given. How we deal with those difficulties and challenges define the kind of people we are.

We have a lot of work to do at Bethel, and the work that I am thinking about has nothing to do with constitutions, call committees, stewardship drives or members classes. That work has everything to do with the way we talk with one another. Our communication needs to begin from the perspective of compassion, grace and understanding, not fear, distrust and aggression. Now, to be clear, healthy, gracious and loving communication is taking place at Bethel – I hear it at Bethel Jr!, I hear it at the team meetings I am blessed to be a part of, I hear it at Bethel Horizons when I am hauling wood or team building with Phil, I hear it during confirmation core group time on Sunday evenings, I hear about it from choir folk and Sunday School children and women who are involved in a Circle, I hear it at youth group, I hear at it Sunday School Jam, I hear it at Children's Moments, and I hear it in the conversations taking place at the Food Pantry. But we can do better.

Near the end of the interview on NPR, Pastor Hamilton said, "You know, those of us who go to church gather in places where the defining value is love. It would sure be nice if we could convey that love in all that we say and do." Amen. 🌈

–Pastor John O. Swanson

# "We Though Many Are One Body in Christ"

## Romans 12:5

The Lifelong Learning Committee wants to thank the many hands, small and big, who helped to make the big blue "fish" banner that hangs temporarily in the Emmaus Room hallway. The message from Romans expresses Christian belief that the Church is one body, having different gifts, but having equal value in God's sight. Our banner exemplifies this belief, symbolically recognizing our equality...no fish is bigger than the other..., and the diversity of all who worship at Bethel. Our Christian mission is to use our gifts, together and independently, to serve Him, spreading the Gospel through Word and action in our homes, and out into the city and the world.

This banner began as a craft project for our Sunday Schoolers on Rally Sunday. Each student selected a fish and decorated it in a way that would help them identify it later on the banner. We wanted our children to know that in our sight, they are equal members of the Bethel Congregation. Their fish were placed in the "heart" or center of the larger one, where they belong as the future of the Church.

We knew we might need help filling out the shape of the fish from the adult members of the congregation, and we want to thank all who willingly took the opportunity to design their own fish with symbols, scriptures and uplifting words like, "Keep Swimming!" We couldn't have completed it without you. Thank you for simple gift!

There were many people who contributed to the creation of this banner who are not on the Lifelong Learning Committee. Thank you for your ideas, your time and your energy. We want to thank especially, Nancy Beck, who sewed the banner itself. It was a huge task, as you can imagine, but she volunteered to take it on so willingly and joyfully. 🌈

—Cathy Buege  
Lifelong Learning Committee



# 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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TOTAL DUE

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  
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# 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](mailto:slinck@charter.net) or 608.332.3801 (cell) OR Margie Czechowicz at [mczecho@charter.net](mailto:mczecho@charter.net) or 608.469.0297 (cell). 🌈

**"As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied graces."**  
**1 Peter 4:10**

Over the past several weeks we have been highlighting for you how your gifts make a difference in the lives of the Bethel community and its many missions. As we enter this stewardship season we thank you for your continued financial commitment to Bethel Lutheran Church. It is because of you that we are able to make a powerful impact in the lives of so many.

Soon you will receive a letter regarding our stewardship campaign. As you complete your 2019 Estimate of Giving card, the Financial Resources Team asks you to join us in prayerfully considering how you wish to respond to God’s abundance, and how the gifts you receive can be used “to serve one another, as good stewards of God’s varied graces.” 🌈

–The Financial Resources Team

Dear Partner in Ministry,

**Thank you** for your Synod Assembly offering of \$500 in support of recovery efforts for survivors of Hurricane Maria. As you know, Bishop Felipe Lozada-Montañez, former Bishop of our partner synod, the ELCA Caribbean Synod, joined us as our keynote speaker. He gave us an update on disaster recovery efforts and was present to gratefully receive our offering on behalf of our sisters and brothers in Puerto Rico.

As a church we're standing by our neighbors who have been affected as they continue the long road to recovery. Your gift ensures that our church will be able to provide help and hope for those who have been affected by these hurricanes for years to come. 🌈

Blessings and peace,  
Bishop Viviane Thomas-Breitfeld



**South-Central Synod of Wisconsin**  
**Evangelical Lutheran Church in America**  
God's work. Our hands.

## Thank You for Your Generous Support of Lutheran World Relief (LWR)!



The LWR committee would like to thank the Bethel congregation for their overwhelmingly generous donations and volunteer support for Bethel's 2018 collection of LWR items. Thanks to the support of Bethel's confirmation students, *God's Work*, *Our Hands* volunteers, Blanket Workshop volunteers, circles, congregation and staff a total of 132 boxes of Baby Care Kits, Personal Care Kits, Fabric Kits, Quilts and a Bethel record number of School Kits and Soap were loaded onto a train Oct 13 as part of a regional ingathering. These items will arrive at a warehouse in Minnesota where they will be sorted and packed into crates for travel overseas. Our donations provide kits, quilts and soap to those in need and those touched by natural disaster or political upheaval. Donating to LWR gives us a way to reach out and spread God's love and touch the life of someone across the globe in a simple yet powerful way. Recent tracking updates reveal that Baby Care Kits donated last year were distributed in El Salvador in June and quilts given last year were sent to the Ukraine in September. Thank you for your gifts and continued support of LWR! Your donations are making an impact all around the world!

### 2018 LWR Kit, Quilt and Soap Final Tally

School Kits: 427	Baby Care Kits: 70
Personal Care Kits: 158	Fabric Kits: 8
Soap: 887 bars totaling 241 lbs	Quilts: 105
Shipping Fund Donations to date: \$175 🌈	

—Patty Saxe, LWR Coordinator



## Council President Transitions: From Pat Barry to Tom Pierce to Dirk von Below



At their October 16 meeting, Joint Council members enjoyed a piece of cake and a moment to reflect on Pat Barry's service to Bethel and the Joint council.

Pat Barry served an extended term as Joint Council President to help provide continuity and cohesiveness during this period of transition at Bethel. The congregation extends its appreciation for his service in this important time and wishes him well-earned rest and renewal.

Dirk von Below was elected to become the next council president effective January 2019. Because there are a few months between the end of Pat's service and when Dirk begins, the council elected Tom Pierce as president from October 2018 to the January 2019 annual meeting. 🌈

—Jerry Buss

Director of Administration  
and Ministry Support

## 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

# WHY BETHEL?

Some came from the UW Campus to be spiritually moved by the messages of orators from a bygone era. Others came to be a part of a city-wide church with ministries that reached out beyond its doors and touched lives. A number married into Bethel families. Many came for the inspiring music and joined choirs. The question we ask ourselves today is – “Why Bethel Now?”

During the last two Sundays in October the Financial Resources Team asked you to share why you come to Bethel today. It is heart-warming to learn that many essential aspects of Bethel have not changed. These comments show that Bethel is still fulfilling the spiritual needs of our members: “I love the sermons and all the events included.” “It’s been a lively place to worship since 1962.” “To start my week in praise....” “The children’s programs, Sunday School, Christmas programs, Choir etc.” The congregation has resoundingly expressed its appreciation for the “Glorious Music” many times. However, a few younger members admitted that they were “forced to come by my parents” while another stated that “Bethel Horizon’s makes Bethel special.”

If you attended Rally Sunday, you saw displays of Bethel’s 42 current service programs. As one post-it note put it, “We are

free to experiment with new ideas in programs and missions.” Others stated “The service Bethel provides to others” and “A great community committed to service.” It is evident that Bethel is still about serving others within the congregation and beyond its doors.



There were many inspiring reasons to attend Bethel, but the most compelling and most frequently stated was that Bethel provides a community to worship, learn, serve, and care for one another. One member expressed it well - Bethel is a place “To build friendship and share love to all. It is one place gifted by God. Music, peace, and harmony make Bethel special.” For many Bethel is “family,” “my home,” “where my friends are,” “where my history is known,” and “where my heart is.”

On November 10 and 11 you will be given the opportunity to make a financial commitment to Bethel—to support our worship, community outreach, lifelong learning, and service and nurturing ministries; and, provide upkeep

of Bethel’s facilities and adequate staffing. The Financial Resources Team thanks you for sharing your hundreds of reasons to financially support Bethel. We thank you for your commitment. 🌈

—The Financial Resources Team

**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 Nov 3 - 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.

**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'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.

**Three Sides Podcast** - Three Sides is a new podcast presented by the ELCA that shares that third side of seeing God at work in the world and offers a fresh way to tell the unique, compelling and sometimes surprising stories of this church. Three sides presents diverse voices from across all expressions of the ELCA. Listen here: [www.livinglutheran.org/podcast](http://www.livinglutheran.org/podcast)

**What Matters** - Stay Connected To Synod Happenings, News, & Events! Grow in your faith and leadership! Stay connected to exciting events and stories of our faith in action in our synod by receiving the emailed weekly newsletter! To sign up for synod news, please email Assistant to the Bishop for Media, Communications & Leadership Development, Deacon Vicki Hanrahan at [vickih@scsw-elca.org](mailto:vickih@scsw-elca.org) to be added to "What Matters."

**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](mailto: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.

**Caring for Social Justice Book Discussion Group (Nov)** - 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. With the exception of Nov 18 when Caring for Creation will present a forum with Jeanne Hoffman, 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.

**XYZ Activities: Nov: 9 Chapel (9:30am)** - Rev Jeff Quinto; (10:30am) *Book Discussion - Behind the Scenes at the Museum* or Tai Chi or Euchre; *Lunch (11:45am)* - Homemade Pizzas, Fresh Fruit and Dessert; *Program (after lunch)* - Games, movie and draw for Valentine Secret Pal. **Nov: 16 Chapel (9:30am)** - Lois Seymour (10:30am) *Book Discussion* - 2019 Choices or Tai Chi or Euchre; *Lunch (11:45am)* - Turkey, Mashed Potatoes, Cranberries, Corn and Pie; *Program (after lunch)* - Thanksgiving Meal, exchange of "Secret Pal" names and back by popular demand "Harmonica Hour" with Dewayne Keyes on harmonica and Doug Barrette on guitar, two guys who are like an old time radio show with music, jokes and stories. All are welcome! Come for all or part of the day.

**Men's Current Christian Concerns** (Thurs at 7am; Community Rm)  
**Nov 8** - Where Have We Been?  
**Nov 15** - Policymaking: Centralized or Decentralized Authority?  
**Nov 22** - THANKSGIVING  
**Nov 29** - Elevated Male Suicide in Developed Countries

**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.

**Rwanda Mission Trip 2019 Forum (Nov 11)** - Come and hear about the Rwanda agriculture education mission trip scheduled for March/April 2019. We are looking for a few individuals interested in sharing with the communities in Rwanda. Forum will be Nov 11 at 10:15am in Good Shepherd Chapel. If you are interested, please contact Aileen Kacvinsky at [aileen.kacvinsky@icloud.com](mailto:aileen.kacvinsky@icloud.com) or 734.657.4606.

**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 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](mailto:janetjohnson44@mac.com).*



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

**REGISTER NOW! Christmas at the Palace presents Holly Jolly Christmas (Nov 14)**- Bring out the holiday spirit with this most enjoyable musical filled with dancing, holiday favorites, and a visit from the big guy in red himself! You'll be welcomed by Mr. and Mrs. Claus, travel around the wide world of holiday cheer with Christmas in Killarney and Feliz Navidad. See how special the holidays are at home with Merry Christmas With Love, The Christmas Song and then see Christmas through the eyes of a child. There's a lot of dancing with Jingle Bell Rock, I Got My Love to Keep Me Warm and more. We guarantee this show will make your holiday holly-er, jolly-er, merrier, and brighter! Menu: Pork Chop with Cranberry Sauce, Idaho Baked Potato, Fresh Cut Asparagus, Italian Wedding Soup, Dinner Roll, dessert is Peppermint Cheesecake. Cost is \$45 for XYZ members and \$55 for non-members. Includes meal, show, Badger Coach, tax, tip for both the wait staff and bus driver. Check should be written out to Bethel XYZ. Pickup Locations: West Schwoeglers Lanes at 444 Grand Canyon Drive. Bus leaves at 9:30am and will return at 4:30pm East East Towne Shopko, 2201 Zeier Road. Park in the Shopko lot furthest from the Shopko Store near East Towne Blvd., across from Firestone. Bus leaves at 10am. Return time is 4pm. Questions? Contact Deacon Lisa at [lisa@bethel-madison.org](mailto:lisa@bethel-madison.org).

**Blanket Workshop (Nov 15)** - 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.

**Caring for Creation (Nov 18) - Meeting Madison's Sustainability Goal;** *Jeanne Hoffman, Sustainability Manager, City of Madison; 10:15am in Borgwardt Hall;* 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.

**Feed & Read (Nov 19)** - Meets at Noon on Nov 19 to have lunch together and talk about the book *Vintage* by Susan Gloss. The story centers on a vintage clothing shop and a group of women who transform the store and each other's lives. Although it is fiction, you will enjoy the setting of the story in Madison Wisconsin. Bring your lunch or a dish to share. No need to officially join our group - just come when it fits for you.

**Christian Men's Fellowship (Nov 20)** - *Holy Land Trip with Craig Gjerde;* Christian Men's Fellowship member Craig Gjerde will

report on his recent trip to the Holy Land. You can count on some outstanding photography. Craig is a Professor Emeritus, Dept. of Community and Family Health, School of Medicine and Public Health, UW Madison.

**Victory Choir (Nov 27; 10:30am; Waunakee Manor)** - 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](mailto:cdreger@madisoncollege.edu) or 608.221.1754.

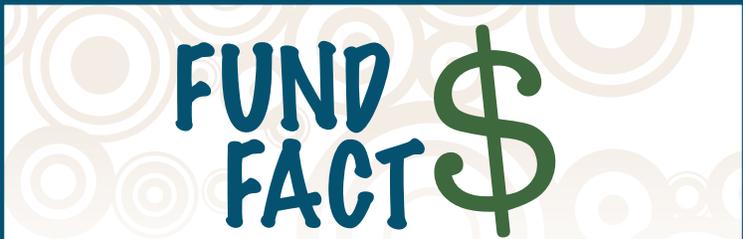
**Synod's Racial Equity Ministry (Dec 2)** Henning Garrett, member of the Ho-Chunk Council, is the featured speaker Sun, Dec 2, for our synod's Racial Equity Ministry. Henning's knowledge of Ho-Chunk history and treaty relations with the federal and state governments as well as current life issues for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

**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](http://www.bethel-madison.org/holyland). For more info call 608.579.5700 or visit the Bethel Series office in Room 106 at Bethel.

**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](mailto:recep@bethel-madison.org).



When planning your final bequest, consider your church as if it's part of your family. For example, if you have two children, count Bethel as your third - and divide your residual assets accordingly.



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## 25 PENTECOST

Pastor Margo R. Martens - Nov 10 at 5pm - Pentecost  
Pastor Margo R. Martens - Nov 11 at 7:45am & 9am - Sanctuary  
Pastor Margo R. Martens - Nov 11 at 11:15am - Pentecost

## 26 PENTECOST

Pastor John O. Swanson - Nov 17 at 5pm - Pentecost  
Pastor John O. Swanson - Nov 18 at 7:45am & 9am - Sanctuary  
Pastor John O. Swanson - Nov 18 at 11:15am - Pentecost

## SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 11

- 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)  
XYZ Table Sale (Emmaus)
- 9:00a Worship Service (Sanctuary)
- 9:30a Children's Ministry: Sunday School, Choir and Kids Fellowship
- 10:15a Adult Bible Study (Rm 120)  
Communion Education (Sanctuary)  
Rwanda Mission Trip Forum (GS Chapel)  
Confirmation: Jesus (Rm 201)  
Social Justice Book Club (Borgwardt Lounge)
- 11:15a Worship Service (Pentecost)
- 6:00p Middle School Confirmation (Emmaus)  
Youth Program Open House (Pentecost)

## MONDAY, NOVEMBER 12

- 9:30a Community Meals (Kitchen)
- 12:00p Food Pantry Open 12-3pm (M-F) (Lower Level)  
BLCEF Investment Committee Meeting (Rm 200)
- 1:30p Seekers Circle (Rm 120)

## TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 13

- 8:30a Homeless Support Services (T&TH) (Pentecost)
- 9:00a Library Open (Library)
- 1:00p Homeless Ministry Board Meeting (Borgwardt Hall)
- 2:00p Human Resources Team (Rm 200)
- 5:30p Women's Choir (Choir)
- 6:15p Rebuilding at Bethel (Rm 100, 120 & Library)
- 6:30p Creative Worship Singers (Choir)
- 7:00p Bethel Horizons Board Meeting (Community)

## WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 14

- 1:00p Food Pantry Board Meeting (Rm 120)
- 6:00p Call Committee Meeting (Rm 120)  
Compassion Circle (Library)
- 6:15p Bell Choir (Rm 202)

## THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 15

- 7:00a Current Christian Concerns (Community)
- 8:00a Second Harvest Delivery
- 9:00a Blanket Workshop (Borgwardt Hall)
- 6:30p Stephen Ministry Continuing Education (Rm 201)
- 7:00p Bethel Choir Rehearsal (Choir)

## FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 16

- 7:00a Men's Friday Book Study (Rm 120)
- 8:30a XYZ Activities

## SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 17

- 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 11 Bible Story: Nehemiah asks people to help him fix the wall around the city.  
NEHEMIAH 1-6

Nov 18 Bible Story: A Samaritan is the only one who stops to help a hurt man left on the side of a road. LUKE 10:25-37

## 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 11 Bible Story: Joshua Wins the Battle Over Amalekites (EXODUS 17:8 -13)  
Bottom Line: Work together to help someone succeed.

Nov 18 Bible Story: Jesus Heals the Paralytic / Four Friends (LUKE 5:17-26)  
Bottom Line: Work together to help someone in need.