

# Bethelite

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**Listen! Listen again! God is calling...WHO is God calling? Are we listening? How would I know if God is calling ME? How should I answer? What options do I have?**

Some people think that God only calls pastors. God knows better than THAT! God has far too much work to be done. Most of God's work would never get done if God called only pastors. Sometimes we can find good reasons why God should NOT be calling us. People throughout the Bible gave God good reasons (excuses?) why God should call someone else. Take some time: explore early responses of people as they heard God calling their name, and note God's response to them:

- **MOSES:** (Exodus 3 and 4) The text helps us know that Moses felt totally inadequate and scared to go to Pharaoh, and said to God: "Who am I that I should go?" (3:11) "What shall I say?" (3:13) "Suppose they don't believe me?" (4:1) and finally "...I have never been eloquent...I am slow of speech and slow of tongue." (4:10). Moses' resistance lasts for two entire chapters and God not only takes the necessary time to reassure him, but actually makes adjustments in accordance with Moses' concerns.
- **ISAIAH:** (Isaiah 6) Isaiah's resistance to God's call comes even before God speaks, as we hear Isaiah say: "Woe is me...for I am a man of unclean lips" (6:5) Again, God responds to Isaiah's fears by touching his lips with a burning coal, saying "...your guilt has departed." (6:7)

- **JEREMIAH:** (Jeremiah 1): (this was one of our readings for last Sun, Feb 3). After God tells Jeremiah that God's call to him was in place even before Jeremiah was born, Jeremiah expresses his self-perceived inadequacy: "...I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy." (1:6) This time God simply reprimands him: "Do not say 'I am only a boy'...you shall speak whatever I command...do not be afraid."

Speaking for myself, I totally understand these responses/fears expressed by leaders who became, by God's empowerment, significant leaders for God's people; leaders who continue, these many centuries later, to inspire us towards more faithful serving through our own meager gifts for leadership.

Recently, at worship we wrestled with the question of whether or not we should embrace, in a personal way, Jesus' words of his own job description: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me to...bring good news...to proclaim release to captives... to bring recovery of sight to the blind...", etc., etc. (Luke 4:18ff)

When God allows us (or rather, empowers us with) the courage to take these words seriously as God-given license for living out our faith lives, we then are called to 'fill in the blank': "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me to \_\_\_\_\_. Prayerfully, each of us asks God's guidance to identify when and where and how that 'Spirit of the Lord' is leading us forward.

As Jeanne Hrovat, Jenee Jerome, Peder Moren, Pat Berry and Tom Stehr have

now completed their terms on our congregation's Joint Council, we express our sincere appreciation for their embrace of their God-given mission. We also welcome with similar appreciation all who have now stepped into those vacancies on our Joint Council, as well as all the returning and/or new members on our Ministry and Resource Teams.

These, indeed, are sacred callings. Yet, they are no more sacred than every single large or small way YOU have of embracing YOUR call to be Jesus' hands, heart, feet, mind, voice that energizes this very same "Spirit of the Lord" to a waiting and wanting world around us. Thank you for your faithful prayers to discern your 'Jesus' participation.

How do we dare to claim such bold and audacious 'anointing' of the Holy Spirit? Take your Bible. Read the accounts in the Gospel of John, where the risen Jesus appears to the amazed disciples, especially in chapter 20: "Peace be with you...as the Father has sent me, so I send you."

This mandate for mission comes directly from Jesus: to you, to me, to all who seek to be followers of Jesus, for the good of all creation. My prayers never cease for each and all of you, as you collect socks, feed the hungry, sew blankets for babies, sing your hearts out, sit with a lonely person on Sundays in the Emmaus or Fireside rooms, nurture/teach one or more of our many young people...and the list goes on and on and on. What a privilege to serve with you! Thanks be to God. 🌈

—Pastor Margo R. Martens

# Madison Gas & Electric: Working for Sustainability

February 10 | 10:15am  
Borgwardt Hall



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

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

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

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

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

## Milwaukee 53206 Documentary



Donald Driver, one of our favorite Packer players, tells us in his autobiography that he grew up in Texas in a community where drug dealing and car theft were the way to compensate for extreme poverty and lack of other options. Donald, known as Quickie, sold drugs and stole cars starting in elementary school, and continued while he was in college. The woman whom he would later marry persuaded him to give up selling drugs, and also to not finance family members who were in that business. Had he not chosen to abide by her wishes, he may well have ended up arrested, and incarcerated under the Truth in Sentencing laws that have unfairly targeted men of color with very long sentences.

Over 20 years ago, Bethel Lutheran Church joined with a number of other southern Wisconsin churches to provide support for a mission church in the central area of Milwaukee. Since then, Hephatha Lutheran Church, located within zip code 53206, has grown in number of members, and in outreach and service to the community. The children in the Hephatha neighborhood grow up in a community like Donald Driver's in which drug dealing and other crime is just another kind of job.

The film "Milwaukee 53206" chronicles the harsh reality of those living in the 53206 zip code, from which a very high proportion of African American men are incarcerated for a very long time. In the film, we are introduced to family members of those affected, and can see the destructive effect this situation can have both on families and on the communities to which they belong.

This film will be shown on Feb 17 in Borgwardt Hall at 10:10am, presented by Caring for Social Justice, and supported by a grant from XYZ. A short discussion will follow. 🌈

—Sue Bruckman

# Empowering People to Break the Bias Habit: Creating Inclusion and Reducing Bias

A Bethel “Caring for Social Justice” Sponsored Workshop

**Saturday, March 2, 2019 | 1:30-4:30pm**

**Borgwardt Hall, Bethel Lutheran Church, Madison, WI**

- No Cost but Registration Required at [www.bethel-madison.org/breakingbias](http://www.bethel-madison.org/breakingbias)
- Free will offering accepted
- Free childcare available
- Community participation encouraged

*People can act biased without realizing it. We unconsciously acquire attitudes, beliefs or behaviors – prejudices, stereotypes, discriminatory practices – that interfere with interpersonal and intergroup relations.*

## Vulnerable to bias...who, ME?

This Workshop is based on the idea that bias is a habit. And like all habits, it can be broken.  
That’s a good thing!

It is based on Dr. Patricia Devine’s pioneering research (1989) into developing strategies to diminish bias and promote diversity. The results achieved by Drs. Devine and Cox are scientifically based – shown experimentally to produce lasting bias-reducing effects. Their research has investigated the multiple sources and factors influencing the development and durability of stereotypes and prejudice.

**Behavioral change can occur if participants invest in the habits of change the workshop outlines.**

- Motivation to address personal bias
- Awareness: Recognition and labeling of biased thinking
- Strategies to confront unwanted, non-inclusive habits
- Practice: Effort over time

**Learn how bias is spread and how to make unconscious patterns conscious and intentional. All are invited to learn with us eye-opening insights in a self-discovery journey toward a more welcoming, inclusive community.**



**Patricia G. Devine, Ph.D.**  
**Professor and Lab Director**  
**UW Department of Psychology**

Dr. Devine’s work is interested in how people manage the intrapersonal and interpersonal challenges associated with prejudice in our contemporary society. She is an internationally recognized expert in the scientific study of stereotyping, prejudice, and intergroup relations.



**William T. L. Cox, Ph.D.**  
**Assistant Scientist**  
**UW Department of Psychology**

Dr. Cox is a social psychologist whose scientific research has investigated the sources of stereotypes and prejudice – cultural, social, cognitive and neural mechanisms – leading to evidence-based ways to break the prejudice habit. Cox argues that understanding these bias perpetuation mechanisms is key to overcoming bias.

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# Memorials

**IN HONOR & IN MEMORY**  
October - December 2018



**THE FOLLOWING TELECASTS WERE SPONSORED DURING THE MONTHS OF: OCTOBER, NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER**

**Oct. 7:** Today's telecast is given in loving memory of Laverne B. Forest by family and friends.

**Nov. 4:** In memory of Dorothea Haug's birthday, November 1, 1923 in thanksgiving for her bequest planning to benefit "Worship at Bethel".

**Nov. 11:** Given in thankfulness for our 69th wedding anniversary and the many blessings throughout those past years together by Earl and Marian Mylrea.

**Dec. 2:** Given by Ron and Laureen Thorstad.

**Dec. 16:** In loving memory of Roger Loff by his wife Lois.

**Dec. 23:** In celebration of making the telecasts available to those who are unable to personally attend church at Bethel by John and Jan Wischhoff.

**BETHEL HORIZONS CAMPERSHIP**

In memory of Elizabeth Becker by Carolyn Aradine, Kevin Gould

In memory of Duane Hanson by Frederick Elder

**BETHEL HORIZONS PROGRAM FUND**

In memory of Joyce Bruns (Flora Sprecher's sister) by Bill & Alice Mowbray

In memory of Mike Fahien by Rose Fahien

In memory of F.E. "Mac" and June McNally by Mike & Kathi Steele

In memory of Kay Ramberg by Alice & Bill Mowbray

In memory of Carl Saxe by Crystal & Timothy Carter

**BETHEL HORIZONS SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

In memory of Diane Wiedenbeck by Gordon & Elizabeth Becker

**CHILDREN'S MINISTRY**

In memory of Patricia Hatch by Jack & Mary Sprague

**CHOIR MEMORIALS**

In memory of Elizabeth Becker by JoAnn Six

**ENDOWMENT FOUNDATION**

In memory of Evelyn Anderson by her family, David Blado, Joneen Blado, Dorothy Dyreson, Lyle Gruen, Steven & Donna Knutson, Jacqui & John Shanda, Suzanne Teubert, Donna Ulteig

In memory of my mother, Ellie Bauer by Joan Bruce

In memory of Elvira Benter by Anne Buchanan, Lois Thies

In memory of Allan Bringe by Peder & Jeanne Moren

In memory of Bill Clerkin by Paul Aspinwall & Bonnie Bruce, Nancy Berg, Phil & Mary Lou Dzick, Joseph Gallina, Keith & Andrea Kelling, John Neupert, Kenneth Roberts, Ellen Ryan, Dennis & Judith Skogen, Peter & Phyllis Sprecher, Linda Tigert, Paul Wertsch

In memory of my parents, Vernon N. & Shirley J. Dodson by Martha Dodson

In memory of Stanley & Violet Hagen, my father and mother by Gene Hagen, Sr.

In memory of my Aunt Lucille Kvanvig Hamre by Patricia Hembel

In memory of Sister Ruth Harper by Linda Hansen, Karl Peterson

In memory of Roy Holm by Judi & Thomas Griffin

In memory of Harold & Stuart Johnson by April & Brian Meiller

In memory of Wayne & Dolores Meiller by April & Brian Meiller

In memory of Kay Ramberg by Norv & Carolyn Bernhardt, Dorie Underkofler

In memory of June Waalen by SVA Certified Public Accountants, S.C.

In memory of Barbara Weaver by Bonita Bruce & Paul Aspinwall, Dorothy Dyreson, Phil & Mary Lou Dzick, Donna Fox, Judi & Tom Griffin, Rebecca Jorgensen, Julie Koch, Jack & Sue Marking, Art & Betty Masshardt, Alice & Bill Mowbray, Lone Paulson, Karl Peterson, Wayne & Susan Raether, Carol Ross, Lou & Jean Unverzagt

### FOOD PANTRY

**In honor of Tom & Mary Lou Bennett** by Anne Bennett, Douglas Driskell  
**In memory of Elivra Benter** by Marian Osterberg  
**In honor of Cathy Buege's birthday** by Mary & Richard Shaw  
**In memory of Bill Clerkin** by Deanna Banner, Martin & Carol Clarke, Kathleen Clerkin, Tom & Kathleen Gates  
**In memory of Sister Ruth Harper** by Marian Osterberg  
**In honor of Betty Saxe** by Crystal & Timothy Carter  
**In memory of Wanda Sheeks** by Jim Dohney  
**In memory of Barbara Weaver** by Marian Osterberg

### FUTURE FUND

**In memory of Fred & Eleanor Wertz** by Jonathan Wertz - via The Fred & Eleanor Wertz Charitable Fund

### HOMELESS MINISTRY

**In memory of Elizabeth Becker** by Ann & Phillip Dettwiler, James Esmoil, Jack & Lori Poulson, Betty Saxe, Bill Wiedenbeck  
**In memory of Sister Ruth Harper** by Joan Gilbertson  
**In honor of Mike & Bev Thom, Sharon Zannacker and all the volunteers** by Gordon & Elizabeth Becker  
**In honor of Mary L., Carla M., Joyce D., Nancy B., Becky B., Pat M., the ladies I lunch with monthly** by Donna Fox

### LIBRARY MEMORIAL

**In memory of my parents, Joseph W. & Mary E. Steel** by Roger Steel

### MEDIA MINISTRY

**In memory of Elvira Benter** by Colleen Wincentzen  
**In memory of Jeanette Bjelde & Grace Wendt** by Cindy  
**In memory of Bill Clerkin** by Kathleen Clerkin, Marilyn Letheby, Alice & Bill Mowbray, Daniel & Susan Murray, Randall & Mary Rodger, Jacqui & John Shanda  
**In memory of Roy Holm** by John Thorstad  
**In memory of Sharon Lake, mother of Mike** by Darlene Bratberg, Dale & Christine Korth, Mike & Sue Lake, Beverly Stephen  
**In memory of Agnes "June" McNally** by the Steele Family  
**In memory of Molly Miller Huff & Bill Huff** by Jerry & Betty Curren  
**In honor of Marian & Earl Mylrea's 90th birthdays & their 69th wedding anniversary** by Mrs. Mary Ann Aaroen, Marian & Earl Mylrea, Rev. & Mrs. Carl Peters, Mrs. Ann Sobrilsky  
**In memory of a dear friend, Kay Ramberg** by The Gudrid Reading Circle  
**In memory of Kay Ramberg** by Allan & Joyce Bringe, Craig & Cristel Gjerde, Irene Kringle, Karl & Vel Marquardt, Robert & Ruth McClurg, Betsey McKinney, Peder & Jeanne Moren, Rosella Paulman, Florence & Philip Sprecher, Louis & Jean Underzagt, Carolyn White, Helen Wineke

**In memory of my parents, Joseph W. & Mary E. Steel** by Roger Steel

**In memory of Barbara Weaver** by Harold & Audrey Cushman, Barb & Red Thompson

**In memory of Sandra Zimmerman** by Leahrea Wenning

**In memory of Violet Jones** by Barbara Jones, Carol Kalscheur, Mr. & Mrs. Gerald Kinas, Diane Murphy

**In memory of Barbara Weaver** by Eleanor Sather

### PARTNERS FOR PUERTO RICO

**In honor and celebration of Pastor Bill White's ministry to the Caribbean Synod of the ELCA in Puerto Rico** by Doug and Bev England

### THANKSGIVING

**In memory of Elvira Benter** by Colleen Wincentzen

### XYZ

**In memory of Sister Ruth Harper** by Beverly Stephen

## *Parish Records*

### BAPTISMS

Benson Ace	12/22/18
Eben Barnes	12/29/18
Rowan Huebner	11/10/18
Carly Lewis	10/21/18
Livia Newgard	11/10/18
Alexander Scipior	10/28/18
Jamesyn Strait	11/24/18

### WEDDINGS

Meghan & Nick Vondra	10/5/18
Taylor Zurfluh & Justin Taylor	11/10/18

### DEATHS

Evelyn Anderson	10/18/18
Elizabeth Becker	11/27/18
Lucille Hamre	12/27/18
Harry Lindberg	12/24/18
Harold Schluenz	12/1/18
Randy Skram	11/5/18
Louise Whittaker	11/11/18
Barbara Weaver	10/1/18
Betty Andro	10/6/18
Eugene Gangstad	10/6/18
Roy Holm	10/14/18
Sister Ruth Harper	10/23/18
Elivra Benter	10/28/18

Give Memorials online at [bethelmadison.org/giveonline](http://bethelmadison.org/giveonline) and follow the link.  
Use the optional memo line to add your memorial or honorarium.  
Or mail memorials to Dona Meyer at Bethel Lutheran Church, 312 Wisconsin Ave, Madison, WI 53703

**SAVE THE DATE: Easter at Horizons (April 26-28)** - Join us at Bethel Horizons starting the evening of Friday April 26th through lunch on Sunday April 28th in the beautiful Prairie Center. Bethel Horizons is located on more than 548 acres bordering Governor Dodge State Park in Dodgeville, Wisconsin.

Everyone and all ages are welcome. Come for the whole weekend or just a day. We will have various activities to choose from. These include: art projects in the Adamah Art Studio, going on a nature hike to one of the amazing cliffs, yoga, campfires, stories, s'mores and much more.

In addition, we have an honored opportunity that was just added to the "Easter at Horizons" event. We are excited to announce that Michael Brandwein, internationally acclaimed educator and speaker, will offer a Parenting Workshop on Saturday April 27. Michael wrote and presented three Emmy® award-winning television programs called Parenting Puzzle. He will be speaking from his new book "Growing Great Quality in Kids". Michael believes that simply saying "Be nice!" and "Show some respect!" doesn't work. He hopes to discuss with us what to say and do to successfully build respect, responsibility, confidence, kindness, persistence, creativity, and more in kids of all ages.

Information on registering will be coming soon. If you have any questions, please contact Kelly Knueve at [kellyknueve@gmail.com](mailto:kellyknueve@gmail.com) or 608.219.7078.

**Special Horizons 50th Anniversary Website** - Bethel Horizons' Board of Directors is making plans to mark the 50th Anniversary of Horizons' founding.

- June 1 - Kickoff Celebration held at Horizons in conjunction with the annual Bike-a-thon fundraising event.
- August 30-September 2 Weekend - Plans are underway for a special staff reunion.
- October 19 - Gala to be held in Madison.

Learn more about Horizons 50 year journey and the events planned for 2019, check out [www.bethelhorizons.org/50th-anniversary](http://www.bethelhorizons.org/50th-anniversary)

**Brat Fest 2019 Volunteer Sign-ups** - Sign-up for Brat Fest 2019 will take place this Sunday in the Emmaus Room. Brat Fest will be held Memorial Day weekend which is May 24-27. Those who can't make it to church to sign-up can contact us via email at [matws@aol.com](mailto:matws@aol.com) or by phone at 262.939.8268. Thank you. Tom & Mary Anne Smith

**Men's Current Christian Concerns** (7am; Community Room)

**Feb 7** - Is One Page Enough? | **Feb 14** - Is Mental Health Enough?

**Feb 21** - Bethel's Greening and Energy

**Feb 28** - Some Reflections on the Soul

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

**Bethel Horizons Events: Breakfast with the Birds (Feb 9 & 23; March 9 & 23 and May 4)** - Join naturalist Eric Volden for an entertaining morning of bird watching and bird lore at Bethel Horizons' Nature Center. A hearty breakfast will be served as Eric identifies birds coming to the feeders and relates bird feeding information and stories. Bring binoculars if you have them, and bird feeding stories to share. To register or for more information contact Eric Volden at 608.574.1992. **Cost:** \$10/adult, \$6/child. **Time:** 9-11am

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

**Help the Homeless Bake Sale (Feb 10; 8-11:30am)** - Bring your cash and enjoy a treat to benefit Bethel's Homeless Ministry. This event is organized by our own Bethel children. They cooked up this bake sale as a way to help the homeless during this cold winter. You can also help by donating baked goods-drop off at the reception desk or bring to the bake sale. Thank you for your support! Questions? Contact Heather Moen at [heather.rainwater@yahoo.com](mailto:heather.rainwater@yahoo.com).

**Community Meal Program (Feb 11)** - Bethel volunteers serve the Community Meal at Luke House, 310 Ingersoll Street, once a month. The next serving date is Feb 11. Please bring your food contributions to Bethel's main kitchen on the Sunday immediately preceding that date OR no later than 10am on the day of serving. *Contact: Janet Johnson at 608.274.6745 or [janetjohnson44@mac.com](mailto:janetjohnson44@mac.com).*

**XYZ Valentine's Day Party (Feb 15)**

- Gather at 11:30am for a 11:45am meal
- Spaghetti, salad, French bread, dessert
- Exchange Secret pal gifts after lunch
- Michael Gruber is returning to entertain us with his "Guitar and Vocals" good time music review and requests

**Meet the Artists (Feb 17; 10am; Fireside)** - The Bethel Camera Club members whose work is on display will be attending to share their work and talk to members who visit the exhibit.

**Feed & Read (Feb 18)** - Join us on Feb 18 at noon to discuss *Hillbilly Elegy*. Author JD Vance, a former marine and Yale Law School graduate, looks at the struggles of America's working class through the author's own story of growing up in a poor Rust Belt town. Bring your sack lunch or a dish to share. Come every month or just now and then – everyone is welcome.

**Christian Men's Fellowship (Feb 19) - Overview of the 115th Fighter Wing;** Major Penny Ripperer and Capt. Westmont are USAF Veterans and manage the Public Affairs Office at the 115th Fighter Wing. Ripperer has been a member of the Air National Guard for 22 years. She began her military career in the ND Air National Guard. She has served in several areas in the Air Force, to include Services, Finance and Public Affairs. In addition to her Public Affairs role, she is also the commander of the Force Support Squadron at the 115th Fighter Wing. Westmont has been a member of the Air Force for 19 years. Her military service includes service in the Active Duty, reserve and guard components, with over 13 years in the Air National Guard. She has served in several fields including, logistics, military instruction,

finance and now currently serves as a Public Affairs Officer for the 115th Fighter Wing.

**Social Justice Book Discussion Group (Feb 24)** - *The Hate U Give* by Angie Thomas is the February book choice. We will meet Sunday, Feb 24 at 10:15am in the library to discuss this coming of age story of a young girl, caught between two worlds, who has to decide if and how she will use her voice to speak out.

The next **Synod Racial Justice Ministry educational event** will take place Sunday, Feb 24, 4-6pm at New Life Church, 7564 Cottage Grove Road, Madison. Rev. Marilyn Miller and Dr. Joyce Caldwell from the Greater Milwaukee Synod have conducted numerous anti-racism trainings for ELCA colleges, seminaries, and synods.

**Blanket Workshop (Feb 28)** - 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.

**SAVE THE DATE - Special Event Coming to Bethel (March 2)** - Caring for Social Justice (C4SJ) will sponsor a unique (and free!) workshop for Bethel and community members on Saturday, March 2. Two UW-Madison social psychologists will help us examine our common human challenge to acknowledge and resist prejudice and stereotyping - specifically our own personal, unrecognized, unintentional bias. Using scientific methodology, Drs. Patricia Devine and William Cox have defined the social, cognitive and cultural mechanisms that perpetuate stereotypes, and interventions that might reduce them in our society. Understanding others means first understanding ourselves. We are all vulnerable to unintentional bias; we can learn to break prejudice habits by learning to recognize the unconscious patterns and beliefs that underlie our attitudes and behaviors. Watch for more information soon on workshop substance and registration for "Empowering People to Break the Bias Habit: Creating Inclusion and Reducing Bias." For more info: [www.bethel-madison.org/breakingbias](http://www.bethel-madison.org/breakingbias)

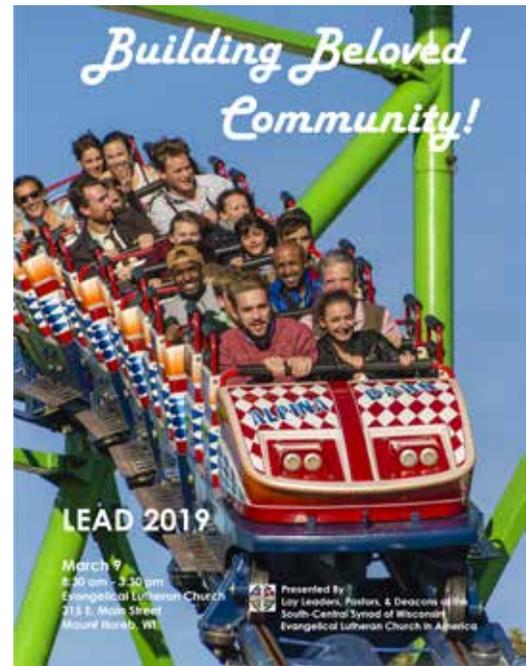
**New members** will be received at Bethel on Sun, March 17. Class are:

- Sun, March 3 - 10:15am
- Sun, March 10 - 10:15am
- Sat, March 16 - 9-11am

Questions? Talk to Pastor John or Pastor Margo.

**Steensland House for Rent Starting Aug 16** - The historic Steensland House Apartments has an apartment for rent for 2019-2020 (Available Aug 16, 2019). It is located at 15 W. Gorham St, Madison WI. This 4 bed/1 bath, 1,274 sq/ft apartment includes classic design elements, beautiful crown molding, built in storage, and new appliances. A comfortable living room is perfect for relaxing or entertaining friends. Central AC, heat, internet, water, trash, electricity, and in-unit washer/dryer are included. Rent is \$2,920/month (security deposit is \$2,920). Community service hours are also needed (16 hrs/month). It is close to downtown with everything it offers. We have a parking lot that you may be able to park in for \$240/month (optional). Bike and basement storage is also available.

## ATTENTION: All Congregational Leaders



**What:** LEAD (annual synod-wide educational event)  
**When:** Saturday, March 9, 2019: 8:30am-3:20pm  
**Where:** Mount Horeb, WI (Evangelical Lutheran Church)

This is a full day of educational opportunities with our sisters and brothers from other congregations, with the focus expressed as "Building Beloved Community". Participants have more than 20 workshops from which to choose, covering a wide range of discipleship issues: social media and human trafficking, children, youth and family ministry, working with veterans and families, evangelism initiatives, racial equity, refugee crisis, gender/sexuality diversity...to name just a few.

Last year, approximately 20 Bethel leaders attended and the feed-back we received was that this was a day well-spent. Again this year, we have an anonymous donor who will pay the registration fee of \$25 for anyone who wishes to attend.

Who is invited to attend? Anyone! Anyone who cares about helping Bethel continue to engage in faithful ministry ventures. Joint and Ministry Council members as well as ministry and resource team members are certainly encouraged to attend, but that is only where the invitation begins.

**Please read carefully: Deadline for registration: Thurs Feb 21.** Please talk to Pastor Margo about registration details. Contact her at [margo@bethel-madison.org](mailto:margo@bethel-madison.org). 🌈

**VIEW MORE OPPORTUNITIES: [www.bethel-madison.org/events](http://www.bethel-madison.org/events)**



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## 5 EPIPHANY

Pastor Margo R. Martens - Feb 9 at 5pm - Pentecost  
Pastor Margo R. Martens - Feb 10 at 9am - Sanctuary  
Pastor Margo R. Martens - Feb 10 at 11:15am - Pentecost

## 6 EPIPHANY

Pam Shellberg, Dir of Lifelong Faith Formation - Feb 16 at 5pm - Pentecost  
Pam Shellberg, Dir of Lifelong Faith Formation - Feb 17 at 7:45am & 9am - Sanctuary  
Pam Shellberg, Dir of Lifelong Faith Formation - Feb 17 at 11:15am - Pentecost

## SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 10

7:45a Worship Service (Sanctuary)  
8:00a Coffee Fellowship (Emmaus & Fireside)  
Bethel Choir Rehearsal (Choir)  
8:30a Childcare provided 8:30am-12:30pm (Nursery)  
Library Open (Library)  
XYZ Table Sales (Emmaus)  
9:00a Worship Service (Sanctuary)  
9:30a Children's Ministry: Sunday School, Choir and Kids Fellowship  
10:15a Caring for Creation (Borgwardt Hall)  
Adult Bible Study (Rm 120)  
11:00a Minecraft for Kids (Rm 216)  
11:15a Worship Service (Pentecost)  
Nurturing Ministry Team (Library)  
6:00p Middle School Confirmation (Emmaus)  
6:30p Youth Group (Pentecost)

## MONDAY, FEBRUARY 11

9:30a Community Meals (Kitchen)  
12:00p Food Pantry Open 12-3pm (M-F) (Lower Level)  
1:30p Seekers Circle (Rm 120)  
6:00p Executive Board (Rm 201)  
Horizons Board Meeting - Bike-a-thon (Community)  
Rebuilding - Tai Chi Fundamentals (Fireside)

## TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 12

8:30a Homeless Support Services (T&TH) (Pentecost)  
9:00a Library Open (Library)  
1:00p Homeless Ministry Board Meeting (Fireside)  
1:30p Human Resources Team (Rm 120)  
6:00p Call Committee (Rm 201)  
6:15p Rebuilding at Bethel (Library, Rm 100 & 120)  
6:30p Creative Worship Singers (Choir)

## WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 13

6:00p Bell Choir (Rm 202)  
Compassion Circle (Library)

## THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 14

7:00a Current Christian Concerns (Community)  
8:00a Second Harvest Delivery  
12:00p Blessing Circle (Rm 120)  
7:00p Bethel Choir (Choir)  
Renew Circle (Rm 100)

## FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 15

7:00a Men's Friday Book Study (Rm 120)  
11:30a XYZ Valentine's Day Party (Borgwardt Hall)

## SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 16

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



Hearing Loop available in all our worship spaces.

# GETTING READY FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL

## Preschool: First Look

**Feb Basic Truth:** Jesus wants to be my friend forever.

**Memory Verse:** How wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ.  
Ephesians 3:18

**Feb 10 Bible Story:** Mary and Martha. Luke 10:38-42

**Feb 17 Bible Story:** The Centurion. Matthew 8:5-13

## K-Grade 5: 252 Kids

**Feb Life App:** Lending a hand to help someone else

**Memory Verse:** Jesus sat down and called for the 12 disciples to come to him. Then he said, 'Anyone who wants to be first must be the very last. They must be the servant of everyone. (MARK 9:35)

**Feb 10 Bible Story:** Meet People's Needs. 1 Peter 4:10-11

**Bottom Line:** Look for ways to serve others.

**Feb 17 Bible Story:** Feeding 5,000. John 6:1-13

**Bottom Line:** Use what you have to serve others.