

# Bethelite

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*See, I am doing a new thing!  
Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?  
I am making a way in the wilderness  
and streams in the wasteland.*  
~ Isaiah 43:19

The season of spring reveals new beginnings and new life all around us. One of my favorite pictures from my trip to the Holy Land is this one where I am drinking water from Jacob's Well. Because of friction between Jews and Samaritans, the territory of Samaria was usually an area avoided by Galileans traveling to or from Jerusalem.



A church built around 380 was the first of a succession of churches erected over the well. Jacob's Well lies in the crypt of a modern Greek Orthodox church at Nablus in the West Bank. It is often considered

the most authentic site in the Holy Land, since no one can move a well that was originally more than 40 meters deep.

The Samaritan woman reminded Jesus that Jacob *"gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it"*. Jesus said to her, *'Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.'* (John 4)

Jesus Christ, the living water, gives us new life. We just celebrated the day of Easter and now enter the fifty days of the Easter season. During the next weeks we will hear many readings about love. God embodied his love for us in Jesus' life, death and resurrection. God's love for us shows up in the people around us.

As I write this, I am in the process of packing up my home and my office for a new beginning. A new job in a new state. I am constantly relying on the knowledge that God is with me, every step of the way. I have been abundantly blessed during my five and a half years here at Bethel. While I have touched many lives during my time here, you all have touched my life too. I have been receiving a wealth of kind words, well wishes and cards these past days. I am thankful for all this love shown to me by so many people.

On Good Friday my sermon told about the unnamed woman who anoints Jesus before he is arrested. During the week between his triumphant entry into the city and his crucifixion, Jesus resided in the city of Bethany. Bethany is a short two miles east of Jerusalem. Every day he would travel on foot from Bethany over the Mount of Olives through the

Garden of Gethsemane and enter Jerusalem to continue teaching with parables, to preach, to cleanse the temple, to challenge and denounce the authorities, and to heal. Jesus, who is about to die a horrific death on the cross, experiences the abundant, grace filled love of this unnamed woman anointing his head with oil. Just as she



Garden and the ancient olive trees

needed to show him this deep love, Jesus needed to receive it as he lives out the next days until his crucifixion. He feels her telling him, "Yes, you can do this." She loves him into his future.

You all have been loving me into my new future. A love like this can make all the difference in the world. Just as Jesus carried the love from this unnamed woman with him into Jerusalem, I will carry with me all the lovingkindness that you have bestowed on me.

Loving Father, Thank you for sending your Son to be with us and walk with us on this earth. May our love for you, and each other, pour out as abundantly and extravagantly as the unnamed woman's oil. Give us strength to bear witness to You as we serve in this world and love each other into our futures. Amen. 🌈

—Deacon Lisa R. Huber

## Pastoral Availability During May

Our pastoral staff availability during the month of May changes, primarily due to Pastor Margo's schedule. She is out of the office the entire month, (vacation and family events) returning in June. Listed below is the weekly schedule of our pastors. Please do not hesitate to call a pastor. We simply ask that you understand that we might not be **immediately** available. Thanks, as always, for your understanding and partnership in our ministry together.

### Pastors' Schedule for May:

**Pastor John Swanson:** Friday is his regular day off

**Pastor Jerry Tews:** Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday on-site

**Pastor Roger Black:** Wednesday and Friday hours on-site 🌈

## New Lead Pastor



Following the affirmative congregational vote on April 7, Bethel's Joint Council and Call Committee are delighted

to announce that Rev. Dr. Richard Michael Brown has accepted a call to Bethel Lutheran Church and will begin his ministry here on May 28, 2019. Pastor Mike comes to us from Zoar Lutheran Church in Perrysburg, Ohio, where he has served as Community Pastor. His first day of preaching will be on Sunday, June 9. Please welcome Pastor Mike and his wife Karin as they join the Bethel family! 🌈

# Community PICNIC



## on June 2

It's time to gear up for the Bethel Community Picnic on Sunday, June 2 at Bethel Horizons from 10am-3pm. Don't miss this opportunity as a Bethel family for fellowship and celebration. This year we'll pay special tribute to the 50th anniversary of Bethel Horizons and extend a warm welcome to our Lead Pastor Mike Brown.

Registration is open for early bird pricing (ending May 26). Our amazing chicken dinner with sides, beverages & dessert is \$10/adult, \$5/child 3-11, or \$30/family – which includes all the amazing activities planned for the afternoon featuring live music, large inflatables, a petting zoo, wagon rides and lots of other fun stuff! Dessert, as always, is homemade pie and/or ice cream but this year it is included in your meal price.

Registration closes May 26 and tickets the day of the event can still be purchased for \$13/adult, \$7/child 3-11, or \$40/family.

Guests are always welcome so invite friends and family!



Bus transportation from Bethel is available and can be reserved online during the community picnic registration. The bus will load in the parking lot at 8:45am, leaving Bethel promptly at 9am to arrive in time for the 10:30am worship. A returning bus will load outside the farmhouse at 3pm returning to Bethel at 4pm. \$3/per person to cover gas and driver expense. To reserve your spot on the bus, please notify us by Sun, May 26 at [bethelhorizons@bethelhorizons.org](mailto:bethelhorizons@bethelhorizons.org).

Donations of homemade pies are needed - please bring them to the farmhouse by noon on June 2 or, if they can be frozen, deliver them to Bethel during regular office hours or on Sundays and we'll get them out to camp for you!

### TIMES:

- **10am** - Park at our main site and our staff will direct you to the worship space at our main site.
- **10:30am** - Worship (regular worship schedule still happening at Bethel)
- **Noon-1:30pm** - BBQ Chicken Dinner served at the Art Shack at our main site
- **Noon-2pm** - Pie and ice cream served at the Farmhouse!
- **1-3pm** - Music, Nature Programming, Self Guided Hikes, Hay Rides, Games, Bounce House and more!
- Pre-purchase food tickets (chicken, sides & dessert) are \$10/adults, \$5/kids, or \$30/family (day of \$13/adults, \$7/kids, or \$40/family)

### To Register:

[www.bethel-madison.org/picnic](http://www.bethel-madison.org/picnic) 🌈

# 34th Annual Horizons Bike-A-Thon

For 50 years Bethel Horizons has helped young people and adults live in harmony with God, self, others and nature. On June 1, 2019 the 34th annual Bethel Horizons Bike-A-Thon will help kick off the camp's 50-year Anniversary celebration. We hope you will join us as a part of this fun and worthwhile ride or walk.



Funds raised as a part of this event are used to help support the Horizons' nature and adventure programs. In 2018 the Bike-A-Thon riders,

walkers and corporate sponsors raised over \$27,000 and this year we are hopeful to bring in over \$30,000. These dollars are used exclusively to help keep the nature and adventure programs affordable to school, church, and community groups. These programs serve over 6,000 youth and adults each year. The annual Bike-A-Thon is the major fundraising event supporting these programs.

Participants may ride the circle tour from Mt. Horeb to Barneveld or Ridgeway and back to Mt. Hoerb, or walk the 3.9 mile scenic trail from Blue Mounds to Barneveld or any other distance. All participants should check in at the registration table at the Mt. Horeb old train station starting at 9am on Bike-A-Thon day. Budget Bicycle Shop will be available at that location for no-cost



minor bike tune-ups until 10am. Free beverages and snacks will be available at the registration site in addition to a no-cost lunch at Barneveld Lutheran Church.

To participate you must register in advance either online at [bethelhorizons.org](http://bethelhorizons.org) or by visiting one of the Bike-A-Thon tables on Saturday evenings/Sunday mornings at church through May 26. Cost is only \$20 to register or bring in a minimum of \$20 of pledges. Registrants will receive a Bike-A-Thon tee shirt and are able to stay overnight at the Prairie Center, Barn Retreat Center or Tent and Trailer Campground at no cost with dinner and breakfast included.

Non-participants can play a major role by supporting one or more of your favorite riders/walkers. In special commemoration of the camp 50th anniversary event we are hopeful many will consider pledges of \$50 or more.

More information on the 34th Annual Bethel Horizons Bike-A-Thon is available at [www.bethelhorizons.org/get-involved/bike-a-thon](http://www.bethelhorizons.org/get-involved/bike-a-thon) or you can pick up a Bike-A-Thon brochure at one of the tables at church. We look forward to you joining us for this outstanding event. 🌈

—The Bethel Horizons  
Bike-A-Thon Committee

## Forward Madison FC Soccer Game



Join Bethel for a fun night of soccer at Breese-Stevens Field to watch Forward Madison FC play North Texas FC! Bethel has reserved 30 seats on June 22. The game will start

at 7pm and the gates will open at 6:30pm. The price of a ticket is \$25 (includes a meal). On June 22, the theme of the game will be Heritage Night and the team will celebrate the Hall of Fame inductees for Soccer in Wisconsin. Everybody is welcome to join us for this great family event! You can contact Henry Elling for tickets at 608.257.3577 or [henry@bethel-madison.org](mailto:henry@bethel-madison.org). There will also be a table set-up between the 9am and 11:15am services on Sundays to purchase tickets. 🌈

—Henry Elling  
Coordinator of Middle and HS  
Youth Ministry

## Humans of Bethel

While at the last Bethel Jr! when it was time for communion, my 5-year-old son Rider leaned over to me and whispered in my ear, "Mama, I need to take communion, Jesus died for me". It was so sweet and genuine, my eyes immediately filled with tears. What was even more beautiful, was the conviction in his voice. He truly knows that Jesus is his savior and HE died for him. 🌈

—Anonymous

# Memorials

**IN HONOR & IN MEMORY**  
January - March 2019



**BETHEL**  
LUTHERAN CHURCH

**THE FOLLOWING TELECASTS WERE SPONSORED DURING  
THE MONTHS OF: JANUARY, FEBRUARY AND MARCH**

**Jan. 20:** Today's telecast is given in memory of Charles Thomley by Jo Thomley and sons.

**Jan. 27:** Today's telecast is given in memory of Joseph Hoel by Lorraine Hoel & family.

**Mar. 17:** Today's telecast is given in memory of Mary Jo Hoel by her mother Lorraine Hoel & family.

**Mar. 24:** Today's telecast is given in honor of Earl Mylrea's 91st birthday with much love and many hugs by his wife Marian.

**BETHEL HORIZONS CAMPERSHIPS**

**In memory of Elizabeth Becker** by Bradley & Barbara Armstrong

**In memory of Collin Cushman, Harold & Audrey Cushman's grandson** by Louis & Jean Unverzagt

**BETHEL HORIZONS PROGRAMS**

**In memory of Collin Cushman** by Mary Lou & Phil Dzik

**In memory of Loren "Bud" Kowing** by Janet Kowing

**In memory of Claire Mowbray Fung** by Chiu Chuang & Jei-Yee Chou

**BETHEL HORIZONS SCHOLARSHIPS**

**In memory of Evelyn M. Anderson** by Harold Anderson

**BETHEL SERIES - ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION  
FOUNDATION**

**In memory of Laureen Thorstad** by David & Inez Baskerville, Joseph & Barbara Braunger, Joyce Bringe, Gene Engelke, Noel Ferguson, Richard & Valerie Flanigan, Ann Hansen, Ruth Hanson, Peder & Jeanne Moren, Alice & Bill Mowbray, Dean & Esther Nelson, Dr. & Mrs. James Roelke, Frederick & Ann Seybold, Belle Stephenson, John & Debra Thorstad

**EDUCATION DEPARTMENT**

**In memory of Laureen Thorstad**, for her dedication to teaching at Bethel and especially noting her years of teaching the Bethel Bible Series by Kathy Engel-Hunt  
**In honor of Jacqui Shanda** by Jo Thomley

**ENDOWMENT FOUNDATION**

**In memory of Lillian Anderson** by Laurie & David Dies  
**In memory of Joan Arneson** by Alice & Bill Mowbray  
**In memory of Gordon Becker** by James & Maria Ranney  
**In memory of my friends, Liz & Gordon Becker** by Jane Evans  
**In memory of Charleene Breuscher** by Reta Haring  
**In memory of Allan Bringe** by Bradley & Barbara Armstrong  
**In memory of Harvey & Charleene Bruescher** by Len Van Ess  
**In memory of Ronald Caldwell** by Donald & Donna Bonack, Marjorie Bublitz, Nancy Caldwell, Mary Lou Callin, Robert & Marilyn Cleveland, Barbara Gerlach, Lucille Haack, Robert Hagenow, Robert & Judy Hughes, Lois Loff, Thomas & Kristine Manke, David & Shirley Qualle, Dorothy & Howard Richards, Richard & Virgene Vatthauer, First Citizens State Bank  
**In memory of Lucille Hamre** by Gil & Valerie Hamre, Dwight & Bonnie Ziegler  
**In memory of my aunt, Lucille Hamre who died on Dec. 27, 2018 at the age of 97** by Nancy Olson  
**In memory of Kay Ramberg** by Bradley & Barbara Armstrong  
**In memory of Laureen Thorstad** by Catherine Buege, Ellen Burleigh, Arlen & Judy Christenson, Thomas & Phyllis Fass, Lyle Gruen, Edward & Constance Hellegers, Carol & Lyle Hird, Bill & Julie Johnson, David & Jan Kinnaird, Ray & Helen Kruse, George & Sherry Lang, Dean & Ruth Mahlum, Michael & Cynthia McKenna, Alice & Bill Mowbray, Norman & Darlene Olson, Marian Osterberg, Gregory & Mary Jo Palmer, Karl Peterson, Ken & Sharon Poniewaz, Gary & Karen Scammell, Eugene & Barbara Schramka, Paul & Diane

Sergenian, JoAnn Six, Peter & Phyllis Sprecher Jr., Fran Starkweather, Suzanne Teubert, Carolyn White, Mary Wiedenbeck, Michael & Daniel Wilcox, Katherine Woytych

## Parish Records

### FOOD PANTRY

In honor of Delma Baker's 100th Birthday by Noreen Schmidt

### MEDIA MINISTRY

In memory of Leroy Benson, brother of Jeannette Richardson by Celebration Circle  
 In memory of Lucille & Clarence Hamre by Marilyn Talbot  
 In memory of Roger Loff by Terry & Sally Martindale  
 In memory of Glen & Ardene Smith by Cindy  
 In memory of William Swift by Joan Swift

### PARTNERS FOR PUERTO RICO

In honor of Bill White's passion for Lutheran Churches in Puerto Rico by Bradley & Barbara Armstrong

### REFORMATION ART PIECE

In memory of Claire Mowbray Fung by Jo Thomley

### BAPTISMS

Rosalee Kueppers	1/26/19
Elliot Rai	2/24/19
Lillian Leikip	3/10/19
Angel Huffar	3/31/19
Bobby Jo Huffar	3/31/19

### WEDDINGS

Ashley & Brian Budde	1/19/19
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### DEATHS

Gordon Becker	1/2/19
Lillian Anderson	1/15/19
Joan Arneson	1/16/19
Susan Stegmann	1/21/19
Ronald Caldwell	2/5/19
Charleene Breuscher	2/25/19
Dorothy Desotell	2/27/19
John Wiebe	2/27/19
Laureen Thorstad	3/6/19
Arnold Zoesch	3/14/19
Liz Kiesling	3/19/19
Joyce Dewey	3/21/19
Steiner Stoddall	3/21/19

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



## Faithful Stewardship

<b>Bethel Lutheran Church 2019 Budgeted Operating Revenue:</b>	<b>\$ 1,862,000</b>
<b>Budgeted Pledge Income:</b>	\$ 1,264,000
<b>Pledges Promised YTD:</b>	\$ 1,254,483
<b>Number of Pledging Units:</b>	498

	2019 Mar EOM	2019 YTD Mar	2018 YTD Apr	Compare + -
Income	\$ 180,990	\$ 454,980	\$ 515,576	\$ (60,596)
Expenses	\$ 152,727	\$ 430,191	\$ 467,225	\$ (37,034)
Excess/(Deficit)	\$ 28,263	\$ 24,789	\$ 48,351	\$ (23,562)

Note: Bethel experienced a gain of \$28.3k in March compared to a gain of \$5.7k in March 2018. March 2019 income was higher than March 2018 by \$15.4k. This was mostly due to Membership Unpledged, which was higher than March 2018 by \$24.4k. March expenses were \$7.1k below last year.

# Lutheran World Relief Update Spring 2019

Items for LWR Kits of Care and soap will be collected about a month earlier this year. July 28 will be the first Sunday of four where LWR tables with sample kits and kit item lists will be available in the Emmaus Room. LWR tables will also be available Sundays on Aug 4, 11, & 18 and Saturday, Aug 3 outside the Pentecost Room for the 5pm service. Soap Sunday is Aug 25.

**School Kits:** School Kit supplies are deeply discounted mid-July to early August. Supply lists for School Kits will be available at that time. The backpack bags that hold the School Kit items will again be provided this year.

**Personal Care Kits:** Towels are the item that is always in short supply and provide the foundation of the Personal Care Kit. Towels are discounted frequently. Dark colored and light-weight towels are preferred. Donations can be dropped off at the Reception Desk indicating the donation is for LWR.

**Baby Care Kits:** Garage sales offer an inexpensive way to gather baby items. All donated items should be gently used and stain-free and sized 6 to 24 months. Quality baby clothes can also be found at resale stores such as Goodwill or St. Vinneys. **Please note that onesies and footed sleepers are NOT acceptable.**

For a complete and up-to-date list of kit items visit the Lutheran World Relief website: [lwr.org](http://lwr.org) (choose Get Involved) or Bethel's website: [bethel-madison.org](http://bethel-madison.org).

**Latest tracking Update:** School Kits were sent to Nicaragua in February of this year. 🌍

—Patty Saxe  
LWR Volunteer Coordinator



## Palm Sunday & Pancake Breakfast



## Easter Celebration



**New Summer Sunday Schedule** - From Memorial Day Sunday (May 26) through Labor Day Sunday (Sept 1) our 11:15am service will be held at 10:45am. All other services will remain at the same times as they are currently.

**Part-time Help Needed at Horizons** - As the grass begins to green at Bethel Horizons, more and more groups are coming to enjoy the beauty that camp offers. If you or someone you know is interested in helping with cooking or housekeeping at Horizons, please contact Eric Knueve at 608.257.3577 or [ericknueve@bethelhorizons.org](mailto:ericknueve@bethelhorizons.org).

**“Art of The Word” Art Shows (Now-June 30)** - Fine Art images with Biblically themed text will be on display in the Emmaus Room Hallway Gallery. Local artists creating art for this show are Rhonda Nass, Linda Hancock, Nancy Cox, Julie San Felipe, and Bethel’s Paul Briskey and Dana Lund Rice. **Meet the Artists Reception: Sunday, May 5, 10-11:30am.** The Fireside Gallery will display similarly themed art pieces from Bethel’s Fine Art Collection inclusive of five prints created by Vonda Drees in response to events at the 2017 Tenth Triennial Gathering for the Women of the ELCA.

**Men’s Current Christian Concerns** (7am; Community Room)  
**May 2** - What Would You Do? | **May 9** - Who Am I?  
**May 16** - The Unexpected Reward | **May 23** - The Paris Spring  
**May 30** - Last But Not Least

**XYZ Activities: May 3:** Chapel (9:30am) - Eric Knueve, Director of Horizons; (10:30am) Book Discussion - Looking for Alaska by John Green Miles or QiGong or Euchre; Lunch (11:45am) Spaghetti w/ Meat Sauce, Tossed Salad, Garlic Bread, Dessert; Program (after lunch) - Birthday celebration with bingo and games and prizes.  
**May 10:** XYZ on the Road to Oakwood Village University Woods. Join us! Contact the church office.

**Bethel Horizons Events: Breakfast with the Birds (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 info contact Eric Volden at 608.574.1992. **Cost:** \$10/adult, \$6/child.  
**Time:** 9-11am

**Christian Men’s Fellowship (May 7; 10:30am; Borgwardt Hall) - Football Officiating 101: Getting into the Game!”;** Jon Callaway returns to the Fellowship to talk about his other “life” as an athletic official. Jon has spent the past 22 seasons officiating football at various levels ranging from youth to high school to college to semi-pro. His presentation includes a behind-the-scenes look at what’s involved with training to become an official and what a day in the life of an official is like. This lively and interactive presentation will have you looking at the zebras in a whole new light! Jon was a litigation attorney practicing primarily criminal defense in Madison. Jon is a Local Relations Consultant and has been with the American Transmission Co. since 2008. He has a J.D. from Drake Univ. and B.A. in political science from UW.

**Friendship Club (May 10) - Davis Beck & Cody Kleinsmith: “The King of Rock’n Roll.** What could be better than a delicious chicken dinner and an evening with the king? Well, we have them both at the friendship club dinner on Fri, May 10. Enjoy a great meal and Elvis music. Please make reservations with Judi Griffin (608.222.9290) before Noon, Tues, May 7. Costs are \$12/members and \$15/guests.

**Caring for Social Justice (May 12; 10:15am; Borgwardt Hall) - Behind the Curtain: The Community Cost of Incarceration;** The prison population in Wisconsin is rising again and the state is deciding whether to build new prisons or send people to out-of-state facilities. In spite of over a BILLION dollars per year spent on corrections in Wisconsin, do you know how your tax dollars are being spent? It is hard to find out. Learn about the difference between jails and prisons, sentencing practices and available programming to the incarcerated. All these factors strongly impact individuals, families, communities and all of society. **Karen Reece** is VP of Research and Education at Nehemiah Community Development Corporation. Dr. Reece does strategic planning and manages a continuous evaluation program to ensure quality control. She runs an annual public workshop series on the criminal justice system highlighting racial disparities, provides training on request throughout the community, and teaches a UW course on the Intersection of Health Care and Incarceration. Her diverse range of interests and skills span science, arts and community building.

**Community Meal Program (May 13)** - Bethel volunteers serve the Community Meal at Luke House, 310 Ingersoll Street, once a month. The next serving date is May 13. 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).*

**Puerto Rico - Bethel Dorado Mission Partner Update (May 19)** - Join us on May 19 after the 9am service. We will present an overview of our past accomplishments in Puerto Rico, report on the current status of our congregation partner, and describe a synopsis of our plans for the future. Next year marks our 20th anniversary of working side by side.

**Feed and Read (May 20)** - Join us on May 20 at noon to talk about *A Long Way Home* by Saroo Brierley. This is the true story of Saroo, a young man who used Google Earth to rediscover his childhood home in an incredible journey from India to Australia and back again. Bring a sack lunch or a dish to share – we’ll eat lunch together and talk about Saroo’s struggles and successes. New readers are always welcome.

**Blanket Workshop (May 23)** - Consider joining us at Blanket Workshop! Anyone is welcome to drop in between the hours of 9am-2pm to help tie pre-assembled quilts for Lutheran World Relief. No sewing skills are required! If you can tie a knot you are qualified! We meet in Borgwardt Hall. Join us for this wonderful time of fellowship and mission work as we create quilts that benefit those in need around the world.



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### 3 EASTER

Pastor Roger H. Black - May 4 at 5pm - Sanctuary  
Dr. John Bauer, Interim Dir of Admin - May 5 at 7:45 & 9am - Sanctuary  
Dr. John Bauer, Interim Dir of Admin - May 5 at 11:15am - Sanctuary

### 4 EASTER

Pastor John O. Swanson - May 11 at 5pm - Sanctuary  
Pastor John O. Swanson - May 12 at 7:45am & 9am - Sanctuary  
Pastor John O. Swanson - May 12 at 11:15am - Sanctuary

### SUNDAY, MAY 5

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)  
Horizons' Sunday (Emmaus)  
9:00a Worship Service (Sanctuary)  
Bethel Jr! (Borgwardt Hall)  
9:30a Children's Ministry: Sunday School, Choir and Kids Fellowship  
10:00a Meet the Artist (GS Chapel)  
10:15a Adult Bible Study (Rm 120)  
C4SJ Book Discussion (Library)  
Make & Take Meal (Borgwardt Hall)  
Prayer Partners (Rm 100)  
10:30a 5th Grade Confirmation Preview (Pentecost)  
11:05a Sunday School Teachers Meeting (Rm 216)  
11:15a Worship Service (Sanctuary)  
6:30p Youth Group (Fireside)

### MONDAY, MAY 5

12:00p Food Pantry Open 12-3pm (M-F) (Lower Level)  
BLCEF Investment Committee Meeting (Rm 200)  
6:30p Ministry Council Meeting (Rm 120)

### TUESDAY, MAY 7

8:30a Homeless Support Services (T&TH) (Pentecost)  
9:00a Library Open (Library)  
10:30a Christian Men's Fellowship (Borgwardt Hall)  
1:30p Human Resources Team (Rm 120)  
5:30p Women's Choir (Choir)  
Bike-A-Thon Meeting (Community)  
6:15p Rebuilding at Bethel (Library, Rm 100 & 120)  
6:30p Creative Worship Singers (Choir)

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 8

1:00p Food Pantry Board Meeting (Rm 120)  
5:00p Lifelong Learning Team (Rm 120)  
6:00p Bell Choir (Rm 202)  
Compassion Circle (Library)

### THURSDAY, MAY 9

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

### FRIDAY, MAY 10

7:00a Men's Friday Book Study (Rm 120)  
9:00a XYZ Activities  
6:15p Friendship Club (Borgwardt Hall)

### SATURDAY, MAY 11

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

# GETTING READY FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL

## Preschool: First Look

**May Basic Truth:** God Made me.

**Memory Verse:** We have the Lord our God to help us. 2 Chronicles 32:8

**May 19 Bible Story:** Aaron helps his brother, Moses, by holding his arms up when Moses gets tired. Exodus 17:8-13

**May 26 Bible Story:** David is brave and battles Goliath for God's people. 1 Samuel 17:1-50

## K-Grade 5: 252 Kids

**May Life App:** PERSEVERANCE—Refusing to give up when life gets hard  
**Memory Verse:** But those who trust in the Lord will receive new strength. They will fly as high as eagles. They will run and not get tired. They will walk and not grow weak. Isaiah 40:31

**May 19 Bible Story:** Cloud of Witnesses. Hebrews 12:1  
**Bottom Line:** God can help you let go of what is holding you back.

**May 26 Bible Story:** Fix Your Eyes on Jesus. Hebrews 12:2-3  
**Bottom Line:** Keep going because of what Jesus did for you.