

# Bethelite

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**The ELCA Task Force on Women and Justice invites you to read and evaluate the “Draft of a Social Statement on Women and Justice.”**

Sunday, August 12, over 30 people gathered in Good Shepherd Chapel to learn about the ELCA Social Statement on Women and Justice. This development and listening process, which began in 2009, will be completed in August 2019 when the final draft is voted on at the churchwide assembly. Now, the task force is receiving responses that are due by Sept 30.

This listening time is an invitation to everyone in the ELCA to join in conversation and discernment about this concern as people of faith. This is a time to discern what this church should teach about contemporary issues related to sexism and patriarchy in our society. The statement consists of 36 theses, or main points, in five different sections.

1. Core Convictions: God’s intention revealed is that all people flourish and have life abundantly, and the sins of patriarchy and sexism, like all human sin, disrupt God’s intention.
2. Analysis of Patriarchy and Sexism: Everyone consciously and subconsciously participates and it benefits men and boys at the expense of women and girls. Behaviors rooted in patriarchy and sexism include gender-based violence, pay inequality, human trafficking, restricted access to health care, economic

and educational resources, and objectifying portrayals of women in media.

3. Resources for Resisting Patriarchy and Sexism: Christian theological tradition about the image of God, the Body of Christ, and the Trinity have sometimes been misused to support patriarchal beliefs, attitudes, church practices, behaviors and structures. The central Lutheran belief that we are justified by grace through faith empowers this church to challenge the structures of patriarchy and sexism that ascribe value based on human standards.
4. Response to God’s Work: Call to Action and New Commitments in Society: The ELCA seeks, supports, and advocates that diverse, gendered bodies be respected, rather than objectified, abused, denigrated or marginalized. First steps toward this goal are laws that do not deprive anyone of their human and civil rights.
5. Response to God’s Work: Call to Action and New Commitments Regarding the Church: This church recognizes that the Body of Christ is called to honor and support women, girls and people with diverse gender identities in ways more consistent with life-giving theology and faith practices. Therefore, as a church, we commit ourselves to celebrating and affirming the gifts and insights that women and girls bring to congregations, institutions and the church as a whole.

The entire document can be obtained by download at [www.elca.org/womenandjustice](http://www.elca.org/womenandjustice) or by calling 800.638.3522. There is a response form at the back of the document or you can respond online at [bit.ly/womenandjusticedraft](http://bit.ly/womenandjusticedraft).

Our SCSW Bishop Viviane Thomas-Breitfeld serves as co-chair of this task force and she has assured that all the responses will be read. I have the privilege of having been elected to represent our synod at the churchwide assembly in 2019 and will be honored to vote on this important social statement. I encourage everyone to read this and consider how you see the ELCA living out what is included in this social statement. For other resources, Bethel’s library is featuring books this month on Women and Justice. Check it out!

We rejoice that God is always at work to transform and inspire new ways of living in human society, ways that lean more fully toward God’s intention. We are grateful that strides have been made in this society against patriarchy and sexism, and we hear the summons to seek even fuller measures of justice and equity for all.

We celebrate the Holy Spirit’s work in this church to urge ongoing reformation toward equity and equality for all. Most of all, we live in hope because through Jesus Christ we trust that God’s promises will not fail. 🌈

—Deacon Lisa R. Huber



# God's work. Our hands.

## SEPTEMBER 9

**Trivia question:** What do the Iron Man competition and God's Work Our Hands have in common this year?

### THEY ARE BOTH ON SUNDAY SEPT 9!

It is a GREAT opportunity for people of Bethel...adults, children, young and old alike...to be good neighbors in our "hood" and support State Street business owners as well as the athletes and their families.

- We will **GATHER** in the parking lot foyer after the 9am service (Leader: Mary Lou Tyne) as well as after the 11:15am service (Leader: Margie Czechowicz).
- **WEAR** comfortable clothes and shoes
- If you are able, **BRING** garbage bags to help with "collecting" trash
- **T-SHIRTS** will be provided along with disposable gloves – or if you prefer, bring your own!
- Intergenerational **TEAMS** will be "sent forth"
- We will start at each end of State Street and "clean-our-way-up-and-down."
- We will stop by each business to say "hi" and give them a Bethel magnet.
- It is a great way to serve our downtown community AND the athletes as we help keep State Street clean during the Ironman.

### OTHER OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE for God's Work Our Hands Sunday:

In Borgwardt Hall you will find:

1. Lutheran World Relief (LWR) Quilts (knot tying) (Leader: Jeanne Moren)
2. Packing LWR Kits (school and personal care) (Leader: Patty Saxe)
3. Packing Emergency Packs for the Homeless (Leader: Bev Thom)

**Food Pantry Drive** – BRING fruit juice, crackers, hot cereal, salt and pepper, toothpaste, toothbrushes, toilet paper, deodorant, shampoo, bar soap, dish soap, and children's pull-ups. Bring your donations to the pantry window and check out the pantry.

God's Work, Our Hands Sunday is an opportunity to celebrate who we are as the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America – one church, freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbor.

We are simply Bethel members serving others. By doing so, we can explore one of our most basic convictions as Lutherans: that all of life in Jesus Christ – every act of service, in every daily calling, in every corner of life – flows freely from a living, daring confidence in God's grace.

Let's work together to make our community a better place!

For more information, please reach out to Mary Lou Tyne at 608.843.1602 or Margie Czechowicz at 608.469.0297. 🌈

–Margie Czechowicz  
Serving Team Facilitator

## Where There's a Will, There's a Way

Have you written a Will - or updated yours if time has passed, and most certainly if you've had life changing events occur? This is an action, it can be a relatively simple action, that can ultimately provide great peace of mind, and gather your wishes together so that they are carried out in a manner that you choose and fits your family circumstance. This is an act of Christian Stewardship; we know that all we have is a gift from God, so we keep close the story from Matthew 25 - *we are stewards of everything we have been given, including our time, money, abilities, information, wisdom, relationships, and authority. And we will all give account to the rightful owner as to how well we managed the things he has entrusted to us. We are called to exercise our dominion under the watchful eye of the Creator managing his creation in accord with the principles he has established.*

Here is but one resource that can be accessed in order to get your ultimate planning juices flowing: [www.freewill.com](http://www.freewill.com) (basic and advanced legal wills, 100% free) – do this very soon for the people and causes that you love. Take about a half hour to type in your information and wishes; then print your personalized legal documents.

*Note: If you have a large or in any way complex estate, you may want to have your will drafted by an attorney instead of using this free resource. Many people have assets that pass via beneficiary designation, which needs careful consideration. If you have art and jewelry, you may need to carefully handle those designations. It could be that a revocable trust is better suited for your circumstance. But you could still go through this will-making process, and then provide your set of documented wishes to your attorney that may speed up the process.*

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This 'freewill' option is legal in all states. It was built with extensive input from legal experts – and is made possible by the support of many nonprofit organizations. It is changeable/replaceable, simply destroy the old will and sign the new one with witnesses.

Keep in mind too that there are other aspects of planning, such as health care powers of attorney, living wills, etc that are in many ways as or more important than a will. If you are still reading this helpful article to the end, perhaps it's simply inspired you to act, to get off 'go'. That's great! That's success. Many quality estate planning attorneys in the Madison area are delighted to have an initial no-obligation conference, if you are interested and feel this is a more suitable path to take for your individual or family situation.

But the bottom line is...take action. Do this before the end of Summer.

Thank you for remembering your Church. 🌈

–Alice Mowbray  
Director of Development

## Introducing New Staff at Bethel

After considerable work by the Human Resources Team as well as interview teams made up of a cross-section of church members, the following people have been hired to newly shaped positions at Bethel Lutheran Church:



**Pamela Shellberg** as our new, full-time **Director of Lifelong Faith Formation.**

Parts of this position carry forward the work done by Jacqui

Shanda, but the new position oversees the whole scope of God's work to form us as people of faith, from birth to death.

Pam is a highly regarded teacher whose career has spanned from teaching elementary children in Monona to seminary students in Maine to adults in congregations. She has a BA in Elementary/Special Education from Carthage College, an MS in Educational Psychology from UW-Madison and a PhD in Religious Studies from Marquette University. She is also certified in Spiritual Direction.

Prior to joining the faculty at Bangor Theological Seminary in Maine, Pam worked for ten years as the Director of Christian Education at Mount Zion Lutheran Church in Milwaukee. Among the many courses she has taught is one called "Opening Scripture in the Congregation," and she is the author of the 2019 Lutheran Outdoor Ministry summer camp curriculum. One of her seminary students said that "Pam led

the most creative Bible studies I have ever experienced, so that as individuals and a group, our imaginations could be expanded by the word of God for our time and purposes."

Pam values her relationships with people very deeply. Bethel's own Kym Davick taught with Pam in Monona and recalls how well Pam engaged with children and their families. The Davicks have stayed in touch with Pam over the years and are very excited to have Pam join the staff at Bethel.



Due to commitments Pam has to her current position in Maine, she will not begin at Bethel until January of 2019. So, we also get to welcome an **Interim Director of Lifelong**

**Faith Formation, Bethel's own Cindy Terhune Melrose.** Cindy is an educator in the Sun Prairie schools, grew up at Bethel and has her own children in our Sunday School program. Cindy will be ½ time in this position beginning August 14, 2018. Her focus will be Sunday School as well as some other key aspects of the position through the end of 2018.

Before long we also hope to announce new staffing in the area of youth ministry. Thank you. 🌈

–Jerry Buss  
Director of Administration  
and Ministry Support

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# Bethel Seminarian Graduate Returns Home to Tell of Missionary Work

On August 5 the Financial Resources Team and the Bethel Endowment Foundation welcomed Zach Courter (a "son of Bethel") and his wife Pastor Rachel Ann Eskesen. Both are graduates of Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary in Berkeley, CA, and are currently serving as ELCA missionaries in Central Europe. Rachel is the coordinator of the Young Adults in Global Mission (YAGM) program in Hungary and Serbia.

Approximately 90 young adults between the ages of 21-29 serve as YAGM missionaries each year. Currently there are programs in Central Europe, Jerusalem/West Bank, Madagascar, Senegal, Southern Africa, Rwanda, Cambodia, Australia, Mexico and Argentina/Uruguay. Participants spend a year abroad learning about their Christian faith while living simply in community with others. Thirty percent of YAGM alumni go to seminary, 50 percent work in non-profits, and 70 percent of all participants get involved in advocacy and justice-related initiatives either through their vocations or as volunteers.

Zach assists Rachel in her role as the Central European YAGM Program Coordinator and leads services and congregational events at City Park Lutheran Church in Budapest, Hungary. Zach is working with the Lutheran Church in Hungary to make City Park a self-sustaining ministry. Until five years ago, when the Lutheran Indonesian Ambassador pushed to form an English-language Lutheran congregation in Budapest, there was no mainline protestant church in Budapest with services conducted in English. Zach will be ordained at City Park Lutheran Church on October 5, 2018, which continues to attract a growing number of diverse international worshipers.

Zach is one of the many seminarians that Bethel has supported over the years. His story exemplifies the far-



Zach and Rachel Ann Eskesen  
Photo Credit: Kiss Tamás

reaching effect that Bethel's investment has not only on him personally, but his colleagues and the many people they serve and inspire. Zach and Rachel are passionate about justice issues and how we as Christians in a globalized world are

called to respond to injustices locally and globally.

You can read more about their work on their blog: [zachandrachel.wordpress.com](http://zachandrachel.wordpress.com).

As missionaries with the ELCA, Zach and Rachel are supported by congregations, individuals, and the greater church budget. It costs the ELCA approximately \$80,000 per year to support a missionary household. Zach and Rachel are asked to raise at least \$20,000 annually towards this total. If you are interested in donating to help support Zach and Rachel, you may do so at [support.elca.org/goto/EskesenCourter](http://support.elca.org/goto/EskesenCourter). 🌈

—Sigrid Knuti

## Sunday School Starting Soon!

We hope this message finds you enjoying the final days of summer and eagerly preparing for the school year. We are ready with open arms to welcome you back to Sunday School at Bethel!

Watch for Sunday School information and registration to arrive in your mailbox the week of Aug 20. Check out the exciting September schedule below:

Sept 9 is God's Work. Our Hands. Let's catch up with old friends and make new friends while doing God's work around Bethel. Look for details in the Bethelite.

Sept 16 is Rally Sunday "Come and See" and the Ministry Faire. Children ages 2-5th grade are invited to meet their teacher outside on the patio at 9:20am (children in worship will be dismissed after the children's moment) to explore fun activities with their Sunday School class. Look for more details in the Lifelong Learning Update article in this Bethelite and the registration info to follow next week.

Sept 23 is the First Day of Sunday School for children ages 2-5th grade. Families attend the 9am worship

service together. The children leave the sanctuary after the children's moment for Sunday School Jam and from there they go to their small group classrooms/choirs until 11am (schedule specifics to be shared with registration information next week).

We are looking forward to another great year of growing together through our shared experiences at Bethel Jr. (first Bethel Jr! is Oct 7), Sunday School, Choirs, and Fellowship.

Please contact Cindy Terhune Melrose ([cindy@bethel-madison.org](mailto:cindy@bethel-madison.org)) with questions. Cindy will be serving as Interim Director of Lifelong Faith Formation until Pamela Shellberg arrives in January. She has been a member of Bethel since birth and is a parent of three children in the Sunday School Program. Cindy looks forward to serving Bethel and getting to know the Sunday School families.

Bursting with excitement for September! 🌈

—Cindy Terhune Melrose  
Interim Director of  
Lifelong Faith Formation

## Keep those Knitting Needles Clickin' (and/or Crochet Hooks)

First words are always words of 'thanks':

- thanks for, stitch-by-stitch, transforming those bits 'n scraps of yarn (or skeins of spankin' new yarn) into soft 'n comfy, gorgeous to the eyes fabric creations we call PRAYER SHAWLS.
- thanks to you, our Bethel worshipers, for taking these prayer-laden PRAYER SHAWLS to ones who wrap themselves in the love of Jesus, as they deal with the scrapes and bruises of life.

Can you believe that in one weekend, Bethel folk delivered more than 50 PRAYER SHAWLS? That is most amazing! **Now we need your help** to create more shawls, so that this comfort ministry will continue to be strong and available to people in need. Contact Deb Holmen (dholmen@bethel-madison.org) with questions. 🌈

—Pastor Margo R. Martens



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## Seminarian Send Off

Anne Wickland is about to start her second year of seminary at Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago (LSTC) after coordinating Circle of Love and Vacation Bible Camp this summer as Bethel's summer intern. She will be taking four classes this fall semester, as well as working part time at Grace Lutheran Church in Evanston, IL. Those classes include: History and Theology I, where she will learn more about the history of the early church and it's theologies; Theology of James Cone, studying from the late Black Theologian James Cone; Emotions, Justice, and the Church, relating how emotions can influence theologies and churches, and Pastoral Care and Mental Illness: Caring for Mind and Spirit where each week she will delve into different mental health issues and disorders and how to pastorally care for that population.

Here is her Amazon Wishlist of her required books if you would like to help a Bethel Seminarian and learn about what she is studying. <http://a.co/ifNw2uH>

If you would like to ask Anne about her Seminary experience, you can email her at [anne.wickland@lstc.edu](mailto:anne.wickland@lstc.edu). 🌈

## Robin Chapman's "Flowers of the Field" Art Exhibit

Robin Chapman's "Flowers of the Field" Art Exhibit of acrylic paintings will be on display in the Fireside Gallery Sept 4-Oct 30 with a Meet the Artist Reception on Sunday, Sept 16 from 10 -11:30am.

Robin Chapman is a painter, poet, and retired Professor emerita of Communication Science and Disorders at the University of Wisconsin-Madison and emerita Principle Investigator at the Waisman Center, where she studied language learning in children and adolescents with Down syndrome. Her most recent book of poetry, *Six True Things*, focuses on her own childhood growing up in the Manhattan Project town of Oak Ridge, Tennessee. Painting is her most recent art. A student of Jane Fasse's at Madison College, she works in acrylics in larger paintings and in watercolor on postcards that she sends to friends. She is a member of the Thursday's Artists group that meets weekly to paint together for two hours, a fellow of the Wisconsin Academy of Sciences, Arts, and Letters, and one of the 500 gardeners in Eagle Heights Community Gardens.

—Robin Chapman, Artist CV

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# RALLY DAY: COME AND SEE

**What:** Kickoff of Bethel's Christian Education Program for the year

**When:** Sunday, Sept 16, 9:20-11am for children

## How:

1. Children's activities include: "Fishers of Men" Fishing Pond, "Making Music"; "We, though many, are one in Christ" Banner Making; "Meeting Martin Luther", Finding their new classroom with their new teacher, and "Jumping for Joy" in the castle bounce house.
2. Adults are invited to visit the "Ministry and Adult Education Fair" between services to see what's coming up for opportunities to serve and learn.

## Where:

1. Sunday School activities will be in a section of the south parking lot unless it rains, then we'll be in Borgwardt Hall.
2. "Ministry and Education Fair" will be in the Emmaus and Community Rooms.

**Who:** Children from age 2-5th grade are invited to meet their teacher outside on the patio at 9:20am (children in worship will be dismissed after the children's moment). Visitors and guests are very welcome! All adults are encouraged to check out the displays!  
*(Sponsored by the Lifelong Learning, Community, and Serving Ministry Teams)*



**Parents:** See you back on the patio at 11am to pick-up your children.

## HELP NEEDED

ADULTS - Our team is asking for a few adult volunteers from the congregation to supervise/run the Rally Day activity stations. Everything will be set up for you. These activities include: fishing pond, banner making craft, and the bounce house.

CONFIRMATION YOUTH - We'd love to have about 14 teens to help run the Rally Day activities or to assist one of the teachers in escorting his/her class that morning. We also need a couple of high school students to regularly assist on Sunday mornings with the primary-aged classes.

Please contact the church office to volunteer (608.257.3577) or Betty Pohlman if you have questions (608.575.4068).

**SEPT 23** - First day of Sunday School and choir practice. Watch for Sunday School registration and information to arrive in your mailbox during the week of August 20.

**Lifelong Learning Team Members include:** Cathy Buege, Kym Davick, Dave Myhre, Wilda Nilsestuen, Tom Stehr, Council Rep; Cindy Terhune Melrose, Interim Director of Lifelong Learning Faith Formation, Pastor John Swanson, Staff Liaison, and Betty Pohlman, Facilitator 🌈

—Betty Pohlman  
Lifelong Learning Facilitator

## CARING FOR CREATION

"Transportation Futures and the Environment" is the next Caring for Creation presentation on October 7. Our own Todd Fansler will be the presenter. Watch for details for this and other interesting forums being planned for the year.

# Another Successful VBC



Another successful year of Vacation Bible Camp has passed, with 104 campers, discovery guides, parents, and grandparents out at Bethel Horizons to join in the fun. Campers were divided into three troops, with three different rotations;

Bible Exploration with Heather Moen in The Pines, Crafts with Jennifer LaMontagne and Erika Munding in the Picnic Shelter, and outdoor games with Horizons staff on the Activity Field. This year's theme was *This Changes Everything*, following stories from the Bible that changed people's lives.

Monday's story was the walk to Emmaus, where Jesus' disciple's "hearts were burning" when they saw the resurrected Jesus, so for the craft the kids had heart shaped ornaments where it's black and when you scratch it off, there's a rainbow underneath. Tuesday was the conversion of Saul to Paul, so the kids focused on transformation, and decorated butterflies that can go on your refrigerator! Wednesday was the parable of the sheep and goats, "when I was hungry you gave me food" so they made sheep note card holders. Thursday was the Prodigal Son, where the major takeaway was that grace is a gift we don't deserve, so the kids made and decorated their own prayer boxes that look like wrapped up gifts.

In the evenings, the activities included a fun performance by Ken Lonquist, a big game of follow tag, and campfires of course. And every afternoon was spent at the beach in Governor Dodge. On Monday, there was some thunder, so we had to cut our time at the beach short, but otherwise everyone had a blast playing in the water, and doing some beach crafts. Friendship bracelets and nail polish were a big hit this year. We had some new and some old VBC helpers and troop leaders so it was great to see everyone come together and have a great time with the campers. Overall, it was a great week at camp and I hope you join us next summer! 🌈



—Anne Wickland  
VBC Coordinator

## PREVIEW OF UPCOMING EVENTS FOR LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF 2018

You are invited to take part in Bethel's Lutheran World Relief efforts to build *Kits of Care*. Each fall our congregation participates in this global mission by donating School Kits, Personal Care Kits, Baby Care Kits, and Soap. Fabric Kits will also be collected this year. The Blanket Workshop meets year-round to supply the Mission Quilts that are sent yearly.

Donations will also be accepted for the LWR Quilt and Kit Shipping Fund. The cost to ship Bethel's donations for kits, quilts and soap totaled \$1,526 in 2017. Donating to the shipping fund will help ensure that the gifts created by our congregation and others can reach those who need them most. To donate directly online go here: [lwr.org/donate/quilt-kit-shipping-fund](http://lwr.org/donate/quilt-kit-shipping-fund) or indicate on your offering to Bethel this is for LWR quilt shipping fund and it will be forwarded to LWR. More information at the LWR tables on Sunday morning.

Example kits, kit lists and additional information will be available at Lutheran World Relief tables the following Sundays at Bethel: Aug 26 and Sept 16 & 23. A Saturday service LWR display is planned for Aug 25. Please stop by the LWR tables to check out the kit displays, ask questions, pick up kit brochures and drop off donations. Additional kit brochures can be found at the Reception Desk.

You are invited to assemble & pack kits during "God's Work, Our Hands Day" on Sept 9.

Soap Sunday is Sept 30. Mild soap bars (4-5 oz) will be collected to be used in Personal Care Kits & Baby Care Kits and will be added to Bethel's annual collection of soap that is sent overseas.

The deadline for donation of items is Oct 8. All kits, quilts and soap will be loaded on a train Oct 13 for transportation to the regional warehouse.

Tracking updates from Bethel's donations sent last year will be indicated in red on the "Where Did LWR Quilts and Kits go in 2017" poster that is located on the rolling divider in the Emmaus Room.

Thank you for your continued support of Lutheran World Relief! 🌈

—Patty Saxe  
LWR Coordinator  
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**Bethel's Homeless Ministry** is in great need of bus tickets. We were blessed with your generous gifts of money at Christmas time but have now used all of those 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. We received a very generous anonymous gift for 3 ten-ride tickets and this is the only means we might be able to say THANK YOU to that person or persons. As always, we are deeply appreciative for any contributions, be they monetary or material gifts such as clothing or hygiene items.

**Food Pantry** - Thank you for your generous donations to our food pantry. We are needing volunteers for the first Monday, third Wednesday and third Thursday of the month. Please contact Cheryl Frazier at 608.240.1770 if you can assist in staffing the pantry.

**Refer a Student to Lutheran Campus Ministry** - Do you know someone attending college (any year, not just a freshman) that could benefit from a community of friends and a way to express their faith? Lutheran Campus Ministry seeks to strengthen and support them as they learn and grow. You can use this referral tool ([luminetworkreferral.org](http://luminetworkreferral.org)) to find a ministry near them.

**Women and Justice Books** - Bethel's library has featured books this month on Women and Justice. Stop in to the library and check out the titles *Call me blessed: the emerging Christian woman*, *Discerning the call to social ministry*, *Honoring our neighbor's faith* and *They like Jesus but not the church: insights from emerging generations* and many more titles.

**Painting the Past: Memories of Home, Family & Belonging (Now-Aug 24)** - Jan Richardson and Brigitte Boucher, artists from two different generations, working in two different media, share a common desire to explore, understand, and make peace with their own memories and family experiences. This show is the culmination of a project that started when both artists inherited collections of old family photos. Both artists have created paintings inspired by some of the photos they found, interpreting the past through the lens of the present. Interestingly, the photos Jan and Brigitte used come from about the same time (the 60s and 70s), though Jan is a baby boomer, and Brigitte is a millennial. Jan's oil paintings include images of herself and her immediate family, exploring her own life experience and memories. Brigitte's pastel paintings include images of her grandparents, mother, and mother's siblings, exploring events from before she was born. This dichotomy and difference of perspective adds an interesting twist to the show.



"Drop in the Barrel"  
for the Bethel Food Pantry  
September: Shampoo

**Men's Current Christian Concerns** (Thurs at 7am; Community Rm)  
**Aug 23** - Oceans of Plastic  
**Aug 30** - Talking to Putin in a Serious Discussion

**Blanket Workshop (Aug 23)** - Meets from 9am-2pm in Borgwardt Hall.

**XYZ Activities: Aug 24:** *Chapel (9:30am)* - Pastor Margo R. Martens; (10:30am) *Book Discussion* - Giants in the Earth or Tai Chi or Euchre; *Lunch (11:45am)* - Homemade Pizzas, Salad, and Dessert; *Program (after lunch)* - "The Davis Beck and Cody Kleinsmith Duo" singing your favorite Elvis hits. **Aug 31: NOT MEETING - LABOR DAY WEEKEND.** **Sept 7:** *Chapel (9:30am)* - Jerry Buss; (10:30am) *Book Discussion* - Giants in the Earth or Tai Chi or Euchre; *Lunch (11:45am)* - Breakfast Casserole, Fresh Fruit, Quick Bread; *Program (after lunch)* - Birthday celebrations with games (5 card Bingo) and prizes. All are welcome! Come for all or part of the day.

**Victory Choir (Aug 28; 10:30am; Oak Park Place)** - 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. On the fourth Tuesday of each month at 10:30am, the Victory Choir, consisting of about 25 singers, gathers at a designated Nursing Home in the area to sing a two-part program consisting of old favorite hymns followed by "songs you didn't learn in church," or as the members call them, the "fun" songs. In a wonderfully unique way they touch the memories and the emotions of the residents. If interested in participating contact Gary Lewis at [glewisorg@aol.com](mailto:glewisorg@aol.com).

**Service Opportunity - Habitat for Humanity (Sept 4, & Oct 27)** - In conjunction with the upcoming Circle of Love golf outing, which this year will be a fundraiser for Habitat for Humanity of Dane County, Bethel is working to provide volunteers to assist with various tasks related to building Habitat homes in Fitchburg. And **YOU** are invited to help! We are currently seeking people to help on Tues Sept 4 and Sat Oct 27. We are hoping to put together a group of eight volunteers for each day. Work will be guided by a Habitat crew leader, and no particular skills are required to help. Specific work will not be known until the workday, but every effort is made to accommodate volunteer preferences, comfort zones and limitations. This is a nice opportunity to volunteer individually or perhaps put together a group of Bethel friends (or non-Bethel friends!) to volunteer as a group. This is a wonderful opportunity to serve others, build community, and develop relationships. Please consider joining us.

#### Volunteer Requirements

- Must be 16 or older to volunteer
- Must sign up through the provided link.
- Must sign a waiver, which will be provided when signing up for the event. Volunteers under 18 will need parent/ guardian signature.
- Provide own lunch. Snacks will be provided.
- Wear closed toed shoes and clothes you don't mind getting dirty.

Coffee, water, and snacks are available throughout the day. There will be a snack break at 10am and a lunch break at 12pm.

**Sign-up:** [www.bethel-madison.org/habitat](http://www.bethel-madison.org/habitat)

Thank you for considering volunteering, and if you have questions, please contact Paul Moen at [pdmoen@gmail.com](mailto:pdmoen@gmail.com) or 608.332.3905.

**Feed & Read (Sept 17)** - No August meeting. Bring your bag lunch or a dish to share to our next meeting on Mon, Sept 17. We will meet at noon to eat lunch together and discuss *Every Note Played*

by neuroscientist Lisa Genova. Lisa tells the powerful story of a man who has ALS (Lou Gehrig's disease). As his disease progresses, he and his family explore coping, regrets, and what it means to find peace inside of forgiveness.

**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. Annie would train volunteers on the phone system and daily tasks. If you would like to be one of the friendly faces to welcome folks to Bethel on an occasional basis we would appreciate your time and talents. Contact Annie at [recep@bethel-madison.org](mailto:recep@bethel-madison.org).

**Sunday Volunteer Opportunity** - Sunlight through colored glass, surrounded by books and great coffee are only some of the perks to volunteering in Bethel's library from 8:30-10am or 10-11:30am one Sunday/month. Contact Deacon Lisa for more information.

**Horizons Adventure Vehicle Needed** - Bethel Horizons' Adventure Program is in need of a 4x4 SUV used to transport equipment and people from the main site to the ropes course. This vehicle would also need to be able to be used as an emergency vehicle and be able to have plow added. Contact Eric Knueve at [ericknueve@bethelhorizons.org](mailto:ericknueve@bethelhorizons.org).

**Thursday Afternoon Discussion Sessions** - Do you have an interesting hobby or are you very knowledgeable on a certain subject? The Homeless Ministry Board would like to create a Thurs afternoon discussion session for our homeless guests and if you are interested in sharing your expertise on a subject, please contact us. We had great attendance for a lecture on the day of the solar eclipse. From that experience, we found that many of our guests would like to learn more about different topics so we would like to launch a presentation/discussion program in the new year. We welcome our homeless friends on Tues & Thurs from 8:30am-4:30pm so we can be reached by calling the church at extension #288 or by leaving a message. Call 576.7245.

**Help Bethel Go Greener** - If you receive the printed copy of the Bethelite, but would rather like to receive just the electronic version, email [sandy@bethel-madison.org](mailto:sandy@bethel-madison.org) and tell her you want to

help Bethel go green, from now on and would like to receive the electronic version.

**Amazon Smile Donation** - Bethel has raised \$589.08 by individuals purchasing items on Amazon Smile through May 2018. Keep up the great work!

**Use Amazon Smile and Donate to Bethel** - Do you shop online using Amazon? Did you know you can donate to Bethel by doing your regular shopping through Amazon? By using Amazon Smile, they will donate 0.5% of the price of your purchase automatically to Bethel! How can you set this up? **It's Easy!**

1. Go to: <http://smile.amazon.com> (we recommend bookmarking this page for easy accessing)
2. Under the search bar click on the word "**Supporting**" in orange letters.
3. Select "**Change your charity**".
4. Type "**Bethel Lutheran Church, Madison, WI**"
5. Click the **Search** Button.
6. Click the **Select** button.

**That's it!** You will now be donating to Bethel every time you make a purchase. (Remember to use the Amazon Smile web page as that is how Amazon tracks your purchases for donation. If you use the regular Amazon page, your donation won't be recorded.) *Your Contact: [crystal@bethel-madison.org](mailto:crystal@bethel-madison.org)*

**Texas Roadhouse Fundraiser** - Come in to Texas Roadhouse in Madison every Sunday, with your church bulletin and we will donate 10% of your food purchases back to Bethel each month!

**No Parking In Front of Open Red Gates on Sunday** - Please do not park in front of the open red gates in our parking lot when they are open, especially on Sundays. This needs to be clear for people entering and exiting Bethel's parking lot. Thanks in advance.

**Schedule Your Events/Meetings at Bethel** - Bethel has many rooms available for one-time or on-going community, private meetings, or events. We have a variety of room sizes and spaces with quality AV equipment, modern rooms and helpful staff. Our rooms can accommodate as few as 5 people up to several hundred. In-house food service's available to accommodate a variety of snack, beverage and meal requirements at very competitive prices. Our downtown location is convenient and close to the Capitol and University. *Contact: Dona at 608.257.3577 or [bethel@bethel-madison.org](mailto:bethel@bethel-madison.org). We look forward to hosting your next event!*



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## 15 PENTECOST

Pastor John O. Swanson - Sept 1 at 5pm - Pentecost

Pastor John O. Swanson - Sept 2 at 7:45am & 9am - Sanctuary

Pastor John O. Swanson - Sept 2 at 11:15am - Pentecost

### SUNDAY, AUGUST 26

7:45a Worship Service (Sanctuary)

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

Coffee Fellowship (Emmaus & Fireside)

Library Open (Library)

COL Golf Outing Sign-up (Emmaus)

God's Work, Our Hands Sign-up (Emmaus)

Lutheran World Relief Collection (Emmaus)

9:00a Worship Service (Sanctuary)

Stephen Ministry (Rm 100)

11:15a Worship Service (Pentecost)

### MONDAY, AUGUST 27

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

5:30p Serving Ministry Team (Community)

### TUESDAY, AUGUST 28

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

9:00a Library Open (Library)

2:00p Human Resources Team (Rm 200)

5:30p Serving Ministry Team (Community)

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

### WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 29

10:00a Chapel (GS Chapel)

6:00p Worship Team Meeting (Rm 120)

### THURSDAY, AUGUST 30

7:00a Current Christian Concerns (Community)

8:00a Second Harvest Delivery

7:30p Bethel Choir Event (Fireside)

### FRIDAY, AUGUST 31 - Church Office Closes at 3:30pm

8:30a NO XYZ

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

8:00a Meditation (Rm 213)

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

4:00p St Arsema Ethiopian Orthodox Tewahido Worship  
(Rm 216)

5:00p Saturday Evening Worship (Pentecost)

Bhutanese Worship in Nepali (GS Chapel)

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