

Bethelite

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**“To all the saints who are in Ephesus (and also, here at Bethel!):
...grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.”**

So begins the New Testament book of Ephesians. Our bibles indicate that Paul is the author, but careful scholarly research tells us that, most probably, the actual author of Ephesians was a disciple of Paul, rather than Paul himself, writing after Paul's death. He simply used Paul's name as a way of giving credibility to this writing. No doubt, you have often heard the above words used at the beginnings of sermons in a variety of worship settings.

Through Sunday, Aug 26, texts from Ephesians are assigned to be read at weekly worship. Here at Bethel, we have to pick and choose each week which of the assigned texts we will use for the focus of any particular sermon. So it is that you will not hear all seven of these assigned texts read at worship in the next few weeks.

Do you have a favorite Ephesians' bible text? Maybe you do and you don't even know it. Consider these:

“For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing, but the gift of God.” (1:8)

“I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, God may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being...that through Christ, you are being rooted and grounded in love.” (3:16ff)

“Now to God who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine...” (3:20)

“Be angry but do not sin...let no evil talk come out of your mouth...do not grieve the Holy Spirit... be careful then, how you live...be filled with the Spirit as you sing psalms and hymns...put on the whole armor of God... take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit...pray in the Spirit at all times. (from ch 4,5,6)

Do you recognize some, or possibly all of these words of faith?

Often, during my time with you as one of your pastors, I have suggested that you might want to read an entire book of Scripture. So, here I go again: for your times of devotion/meditation, pick up and read all six chapters of Ephesians. For me, they are powerful words, reassuring me again and again, of all the ways that God in Jesus Christ and by the power of the Holy Spirit gives me courage and strength for this life journey of faith.

HAPPY READING!

I'll be listening to hear from you which passages are YOUR favorite and WHY. I'm not always sure that parishioners realize that we, their pastors, depend on the witness and testimony that you bring to us, to sustain and nurture and guide US, giving reality to the truth that YOUR witness undergirds OUR OWN faith journey.

THANKS for YOUR PARTNERSHIP in the PROCLAMATION of the GOSPEL of JESUS, the CHRIST! 🌈

—Pastor Margo R. Martens

Welcome Pastor Roger Black



I am happy to join in service at Bethel as your visitation/bridge pastor. I began my work on July 12 and will be here for a while until you get settled in with your new

lead pastor. My title is a hybrid one, combining the visitation of parishioners that is important for the ongoing ministry of Bethel and serving during this bridge time until your newly called lead pastor arrives. I particularly like the word bridge, because it leads from something and goes to something brand new. It connects well with the Biblical teaching that we build from the old to the new, that "God is always making us new." "In Christ we are new creations."

The purpose of this message is to give you a brief introduction to who I am, and to tell you something of my previous ministry. I am married to Pam, and we have lived about one year in nearby Windsor. Pam grew up in Glen Ellyn, IL, and we have been married for forty-four years since shortly after our graduation from college. I have two daughters, Christy and Kari, both of whom graduated from Stoughton High School. Christy is married to Doug Keele, and they have three children, Nora (11), Colin (9), and Ella (5). They live in Wausau where Doug is an orthopedic

surgeon and Christy is an attorney who does guardian ad litem work and leads an agency working in Marathon County to use art to reach people in need. Kari is married to Andy and they also have three children, Julia (10), Brynn (9), and Cameron (5). They reside in Sun Prairie and Andy works as an assistant engineer for Sun Prairie Utilities and Kari teaches nursing at UW. My wife Pam has her own LLC called Trauma Sensitive Education where she writes and gives presentations on recognizing the effects and working to change the results of trauma with schools and students.

I grew up as the middle son of three on a farm in central Illinois. I attended St. Olaf College in Northfield, Minnesota, graduating in 1974, and then Luther Seminary in St. Paul, graduating in 1978. I began my ministry as an associate pastor at Abiding Savior Lutheran Church in Milwaukee. After six years of youth and education ministry as an associate pastor in Milwaukee, I took my own parish at West Koshkonong Lutheran Church in rural Stoughton, where I served from 1984 to 1994. I began a series of interim ministries after that while I completed a Ph.D. degree in historical theology in 1996 at Marquette. I came to like interim ministry, but still sought a permanent call, which I received to St. Stephen in Antioch, IL in 2000. In 2006 I returned to interim ministry in the Greater Milwaukee Synod, serving there primarily until my

most recent interim at Hope in Milton, which I completed in mid-June. I retired from full-time ministry on June 11 when I left Hope but want to work less than full-time for the next four or five years. This brings me to Bethel, where I hope to assist in the visitation of parishioners, be available to do preaching and presiding at various services and assist and support the current staff in any way I can as another pastor.

Despite our Illinois upbringing, my wife and I are big Packer and Badger fans. I enjoy working out, jogging, and golfing as well as spectator sports of all types. Pam and I love going to the movies or watching movies at home. We are excited about our second consecutive trip to the Telluride Film Festival in Colorado this coming Labor Day. We also enjoy travel as often as we can, as well as connecting with and spending time with long-time pastor friends who are stretched over the country.

I look forward to getting to know you and your family as much as possible in the coming days. One of my favorite passages, which is on my Facebook profile is that of Philippians 4:13, "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." I pray that God will support and strengthen Bethel Lutheran Church as it continues to go through a time of transition. 🌈

—Rev Roger Black
Visitation/Bridge Pastor

Looking for Someone to Pray With You?

Sometimes we—any of us and all of us—simply need someone to talk to, or someone to pray with us. This may be true for you. Please know that we, at Bethel, want to be available to anyone who seeks a prayer or conversation partner. Each Sunday during the month of August, immediately following our 9am worship, Bethel will have a person available to anyone seeking such a time for prayer. This confidential prayer time is available, thanks to members of our Stephens' Ministry Team. Please call Pastor Margo (608.257.3577) if you have questions or concerns regarding this prayer time offering. 🌈

—Pastor Margo R. Martens

Welcome Karl Grimm



I'm from Madison originally and outside of some time spent in Minneapolis, have lived here my entire life. I met my wife Kayse doing theatre in Sun Prairie and we have been married 9 years. No children, but we have plenty of nephews and nieces. We enjoy traveling and are planning a trip to Italy next year. 🌈

—Karl Grimm
Accountant

Painting the Past: Memories of Home, Family & Belonging

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



Jan Richardson



Brigitte Boucher



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. There will be an open house at Bethel on Aug 24 from 11am-2pm.

ABOUT JAN RICHARDSON

Jan Richardson grew up in Columbus, Ohio where she received her degree from The Ohio State University in Art Education. After college she relocated to Indiana for a few years, and then in 1976, moved on to Madison, Wisconsin, where she now resides with her husband. Like so many others, the art student's dreams were met with the realities of supporting a home and family, so she received her Master's degree in Public Policy and Administration from University of

Wisconsin-Madison and worked in the public sector as an analyst/manager/administrator for 35 years. Even during this time, she continued her art, but on a much smaller scale. Since she retired six years ago, she has devoted her time to creating and improving her art. To that end she has focused on taking courses and workshops through the

local university and college; individual artists workshops and classes; and the Atwood Atelier. She has concentrated on learning the classical approach to drawing and painting which was not part of her earlier training. Most of her work has been with live models in graphite, charcoal, and oils. She has been experimenting in watercolors doing still lifes and landscapes for the past 20 years. Her husband has been constantly supportive in her art endeavors which has made all the difference as she has faced the challenges of being an artist. See more of her art at www.janrichardsonart.com.

ABOUT BRIGITTE BOUCHER

Brigitte Boucher is an artist and writer from the Madison, Wisconsin area. After growing up throughout the Great Lakes region, she attended Lawrence University in Appleton, WI, where she received a BA in studio art and English. She currently lives in Stoughton, WI, with her husband and stepdaughter and works as a copywriter for juried art retailer Artful Home. She is involved with the Madison-based art studio Atwood Atelier and shows her work locally. She is also working on documenting the artistic legacy of her grandfather, Indiana painter Kenneth Graham. See more of her at www.brigitteboucher.com.

Service Opportunity Habitat for Humanity

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 here:

www.bethel-madison.org/habitat

Thank you for considering volunteering, and if you have questions, please contact Paul Moen at pdmoen@gmail.com or 608.332.3905. 🌈

—Paul Moen



Community Ministry Team Update

The sweet sound of my 5 year-old son's voice floated up from the back seat. "Uh Huh," I replied. "Mama! Don't say 'uh huh.'" Listen to me!" How often do I become so preoccupied with the mundane that I miss what is really important? How would I change if I learned to really listen? What would I hear from my family, from my neighbors, from God?

The Community Ministry team has been thinking a lot about listening. We are exploring how we can become a congregation of people who know how to really listen. Being listened to can allow each of us to be more honest with ourselves, to see our own goodness and uniqueness as a child of God, and to receive the love of others and of God, just as we are. Listening deeply to others helps us to see "the other" as a person, not an object, with gifts to share that we desperately need to receive. How would our church community change if we trusted that we could be really seen and heard and loved just as we are? How would our city change if we could listen deeply to the people outside of these walls? What if we began to hear and understand how God is working in their lives, outside of Bethel? What would we learn about them, and what would God say to us through them?

In the coming months the Community Team will be planning opportunities for members of the congregation to learn how to listen deeply to others, and to practice being listened to. We hope this will bring us closer to each other and closer to God, as He reveals to us His work in the lives of others and throughout our world. 🌈

—Heather Moen
Facilitator



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Save the Date: Aug 18 Installation of Our New Bishop



Bishop-elect, Rev. Viviane Thomas-Breitfeld will be installed on Aug 18 at 2pm at First Lutheran Church in Janesville. Please hold this date for this holy and historic occasion! The event will be live streamed. Watch the synod Facebook page for the link.

EVERYONE IS INVITED!



Afternoon Musicales with Gary Lewis and Amy Hartsough

"Soli Deo Gloria" (To the Glory of God Alone)

TO SAY THANK YOU!



Featuring the music of Bach, Mendelssohn, Rossini, and others, on Bethel's Schantz pipe organ. Named "Soli Deo Gloria" because Bach used it as a signature for his sacred works. Like the Reformation's "Sola Gratia" ("Grace Alone") signified that we are not saved by what we do, so Bach wanted to signify that his work was produced for the sake of praising God alone, and not for bringing glory to himself as a musician.

WHO: All who supported the restoration of the organ blower motor this past Spring

WHEN: Sunday, August 19 at 3 pm

WHERE: Bethel's Sanctuary
Optional seating - Choir Loft Balcony, up close with the loud organ.

A light reception will follow at 3:45pm in the Emmaus Room.

Farewell Party Planned for Jack Westman



Dr. Jack Westman, Canyon Scholars coordinator for the last 18 years, is retiring and moving to Florida soon. You are invited to a shared dinner at Jack's house on Wed, Aug 29 to wish him godspeed. In addition to leading Canyon Scholars, Jack and his late wife, Nancy, sponsored 62 students in Mexico. He is the author of 12 books, including "Born to Belong" which served as the textbook for a class he led at Bethel for several years in the 80's. In addition to

Bethel related ministries, Jack contributed to racial reconciliation in the 70's and 80's with Project Understanding. He co-founded Wisconsin Cares which has worked with Wisconsin legislators on issues relating to protection and care for the state's most vulnerable citizens.

Jack's year-round address will be 15462 Gulf Blvd. #1006, Madeira Beach, FL 33708 and his telephone will remain 608.238.0858.

The gathering will be held on Wed, Aug 29 at 1234 Dartmouth Rd in Shorewood at 6pm. Please respond to Norv and Carrie Bernhardt, 608.271.9325. 🌈

—Carrie Bernhardt

Serving Ministry Team Update

Loving God and Loving Others

Our role as the Serving Ministry Team is to provide opportunities for service, along with structure and organization to allow each of us at Bethel to respond to God's love for us... by serving others.

Why is serving others so important...? The answer is twofold.

The Bible reminds us that *"We love because God first loved us."* (1 John 4:19)

→ GOD LOVES US FIRST.

We read in Matthew: *"... 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or needing clothes or sick or in prison, and did not help you?' 'He will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did not do for one of the least of these, you did not do for me.' (Matthew 25: 44-45)"*

→ OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE IS SERVING OTHERS... to make a difference.

Dr. Gary Chapman, author, marriage & family expert said it well: "After we understand what God has done for us, we can't help but say, 'Yes, I want to love Him,'" explains Chapman. "Then, when we have responded to God by loving Him back, we can then be agents of His love to other people."

This is summarized in the VISION of the Serving Team: *"Bringing peace to weary souls through Jesus. Love and comfort those who are hurting."*

The Serving Ministry Team is focused on service at, in and through Bethel...allowing us to "be agents of His Love to other people." Many of you have already responded to God's call to make a difference...it is humbling to see the Holy Spirit at work among his faithful people. These ministries:

1. Serve the **congregation**. Ministries that support our congregation members include:
Pastoral Care & Visitation, Baptism Blanket Ministry, Care Team Ministry, Prayer Shawl Ministry, Stephen Ministry, Divorce Support Group, Grief Ministry, "God's Work Our Hands" Day, XYZ.
2. Serve the **community outside of Bethel**. These Outreach Service Ministries include:

Outreach Ministries that are supported entirely by Bethel:

- Bethel Homeless Ministry
- Steensland Student Housing

Outreach Ministries that partner with other Non-Profits:

- Resettlement Ministry (Partners: SCW Synod & Lutheran Social Services)

- Circle of Love (partner: Borodynaka Community Center – Ukraine and now a new partnership with Habitat for Humanity and our Resettlement Ministry)
- Puerto Rico Ministry (partner: Dorado Congregation – Dorado, PR)
- Team Manna (Partner: Grace Episcopal Church)
- Luke House (Partner: community Meal Program)
- Hope House (Partner: The Road Home)
- Dayton House/Church Ladies (Partner: ARC Community Services of Dane Cty)
- Blood Drive (Partner: American Red Cross)
- Blanket Workshop (Partner: Lutheran World Relief)
- Bethel Food Pantry (Partner: Second Harvest Food Bank)
- Bethel Builds (Partner: Habitat for Humanity -Dane County)

Our role is to be a **resource** for the ministries that are already doing good work together:

- Marketing...for example, "sharing the story" by featuring a "slide show" of each ministry on the monitor in the Emmaus Room.

Our role is to be a **conduit** for those people who are interested in serving:

- Help people connect to a current ministry
- Helping YOU or others start a new ministry as you listen to the Holy Spirit calling to serve.

Our role is to **invite** YOU and others to form new ministries, connections, friendships and partnerships as our journey here at Bethel unfolds...making a difference in the lives of others.

Before closing, please add **TWO "serving" DATES** on your calendar!

- **Sunday Sept 9:** "God's Work, Our Hands" - an opportunity to serve our community
- **Monday, Sept 24:** Circle of Love Golf Outing is partnering with Habitat for Humanity to help a family from the Resettlement Ministry in homeownership!

Please look to the Bethelite for more information on these two events in the future!

Yours in Christ,
Your Serving Ministry Team

Bev Thom, John Hueschen, Cheryl Frasier, Mary Lou Tyne, Sigrid Knuti, Lynne Krainer, Tom Pierce (council liaison), Pastor Margo Martens (staff liaison) Margie Czechowicz (facilitator: mczecho@charter.net) 🌈

Giving directly to Bethel from your IRA is a great opportunity!

Stewardship encompasses how we manage all of our resources; bodies, calendars, finances and relationships. We give, because God has first given to us. We give in joyful response to all that God has given us.

IRA DIRECT GIVING TO BETHEL

70½
OR OLDER

DIRECT UP TO
\$100,000*

INVEST IN GOD'S WORK IN THE WORLD



- Make a gift that is not subject to the deduction limits on charitable gifts.
- Transfers directly from your IRA to support Bethel's ministries and avoid taxes.



- Satisfy some or all of your Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) for the year.
- Keep your tax bracket and Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) lower.



- Reduce your taxable income, even if you do not itemize deductions.
- Only appreciated stock gifts may be a better contribution option to reduce your taxable income.



Long term arrangements and plans are now easier to make since this law was made permanent in 2015.



Use your direct giving to satisfy an existing pledge to Bethel.

*An option to give more than \$100,000 is to team with Bethel to fund a single premium life insurance policy.

Questions? Or for more conversation contact:

Alice Mowbray, Director of Development at 608.257.3577 or alicem@bethel-madison.org

Financial Resources Team Update

From the Financial Resources team, a brief financial report on the first half of this year. We have some good news to report.

First, we, the congregation of Bethel, have accomplished a great deal. We have finished the Bethel remodeling project for new bathrooms, a remodeled Emmaus room, moved the nursery to the main floor, created new meeting rooms, and finished moving and creating a new site for our library.

Second, we have Eric Knueve running Bethel Horizons. Our search for a lead pastor is in the process of interviewing candidates; the Director of Administration and Ministry Support, Jerry Buss, has been appointed and is working to reinvigorate Bethel; the ministry and resource teams are up and functioning and replacements for Jacqui Shanda and Elizabeth Himmelman are next on the agenda. We have hired a new accountant, Karl Grimm, for Bethel.

Third, an initial effect of the tax law was a doubling of prepaid giving for 2018 to almost \$200,000.

Halfway through the year, we are on budget for revenue and expenses. Our net minus of \$40k compares with a net loss of \$91k at this time last year.

We thank you for your contributions to the Bethel operating budget, as well as other Bethel associated ministries. As we look forward to reduced uncertainty, we hope for your continuing support in 2018 as the base for a new and improved Bethel community life. 🌈

—Paul Aspinwall

Bethel's Circle of Love Golf Outing Set for Sept 24

Prefer to swing a golf club rather than a hammer?
No problem - come play!



Bethel's Serving Team is hosting the 17th annual Circle of Love Golf Outing on Mon, Sept 24 at Blackhawk Country Club. The team is very excited about the fundraiser which will be used to help build a home for one for Bethel's Bhutanese families through Habitat for Humanity. The registration fee of \$125 covers a cookout lunch, 18 holes of golf, followed by dinner and the program. All money donated above that amount goes directly to the project and is tax deductible.



How can you help?

- Register to play golf! (bethel-madison.org/colgolf) Golfers at all skill levels are welcome & enjoy the scramble format.
- Consider sponsoring a golfer (\$125 or more) or a hole (\$300) or one of the meals (\$1,000 and/or \$500).
- Donate and/or Bid on the Silent Auction items.
- Make a monetary donation.

If you are unable to play, join us for the post-golf celebration and dinner beginning at 4:30pm at Blackhawk Country Club. The cost is \$35.

For more information contact Jack Poulson at 608.301.0915 or email jackpoulson@att.net. 🌈

—Sharon Moses
COL Golf Outing Committee



LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF TRACKING UPDATE

Recent tracking information indicates that Bethel's Baby Care Kits collected last year were sent on June 28, 2018 to El Salvador. Stay tuned for more tracking updates as information becomes available.

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF KIT LIST FOR EARLY SHOPPERS

The early interest in purchasing items for especially School Kits is appreciated. Although the official kick-off day for Bethel's Lutheran World Relief efforts is August 19 a list of School Kit items is listed here for early shoppers.

INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING IN EACH SCHOOL KIT:

- **FOUR** 70-sheet notebooks of wide- or college-ruled paper
- **ONE** 30-centimeter ruler, or a ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other
- **ONE** pencil sharpener
- **ONE** pair of blunt scissors
- **FIVE** unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers; secure together with a rubber band
- **FIVE** black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink); secure together with a rubber band
- **ONE** box of 16 or 24 crayons
- **ONE** 2 1/2" eraser

In addition to School Kit items, donations of bath-sized towels that are the foundational piece of the Personal Care Kit are appreciated at anytime. (Dark color towel preferred, light-weight, size 20 " X 40" to 27" X 52")

Please drop off any donations to Bethel's reception desk indicating they are for LWR. Thank you for your support of Lutheran World Relief! 🌈

—Patty Saxe
LWR Coordinator



Memorials

IN HONOR & IN MEMORY
April - June 2018



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**THE FOLLOWING TELECASTS WERE SPONSORED DURING
THE MONTHS OF: APRIL, MAY AND JUNE**

April 1: In memory of **Ralph A. & Mae Nelson** by their loving family.

April 29: In memory of **Helen Struckmeyer** thru memorials given by her family, nieces, nephews & cousins and many friends and neighbors. As a shut in, the Sunday morning church telecast was an important support to her faith.

May 27: In memory of **all the service men and women who have given their lives for the freedom of our country** by the Friends of the Media Ministry.

ADAMAH SCHOLARSHIPS

In memory of **Diane Wiedenbeck** by Bill Wiedenbeck

ART FUND

In honor of **Jacqui Shanda** by Kathleen Engel-Hunt

BETHEL HORIZONS - DUANE HANSON CAMBERSHIP FUND

In memory of my dad, **Leonard Kick**; my brother, **Andy Kick** and **Duane Hanson**, boss, friend & mentor by Angie Stewart

BETHEL HORIZONS GENERAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

In memory of **Diane Wiednbeck** by Jonie Fobes, Luann Robb, Bill Wiedenbeck

BETHEL LIBRARY

In memory of **Naomi Bekkum** by Gudrid Reading Circle

BETHEL HORIZONS CAMBERSHIP

In memory of **Duane Hanson** by Ruth Hanson
In memory of **Linda Mertes** by Robert Mertes

BETHEL HORIZONS PROGRAMS

In memory of **Betty Skowlund** by Phil & Mary Lou Dzick

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

In memory of **Patricia J. Hatch** by Harry & Linda Argue, Charles & Janice Aschenbrenner, Janice Byce, Dottie Dittmann, Anthony & Beverly Haen, Jr., Janet & Ronald Johnson, Kevin & Michelle Klagos, Vickie Mason, Marguerite Parelli, George & Phyllis Rauch, Paul & Diane Sergenian, Peter & Phyllis Sprecher, Jr., Donald Taylor, George & Iris Weiland, William & Mardelle Wuerger

CHOIR MEMORIALS

In memory of **Jim Langdon** by Patricia & Evan Fitzgerald

EDUCATION MINISTRY

In honor of **Jacqui Shanda** by Keith & Andrea Kelling, Jo Thomley

ENDOWMENT FOUNDATION

In memory of **Violetta Arneson** by Carolyn Wright
In memory of **Naomi Bekkum** by Earl & Glory Mikkelson
In memory of **Dorothy Berg** by Marian Osterberg
In memory of **Robert Clasen** by Donna Rae & Douglas Clasen
In memory of **DuWayne Gilbertson** by Margaret Dukerschein
In memory of **Jim Kennedy** by Kris Kennedy
In honor of **Jacqui Shanda's retirement** by Ray & Helen Kruse
In memory of **Betty Skowlund** by Karl & Vel Marquardt, Marian Osterberg, Barbara Weaver
In memory of **Gloria Wheeler, sister of Kris Kennedy** by Kris Kennedy, Ray & Helen Kruse

FOOD PANTRY

In memory of **C.J. Davis** by Faith Kelley
In memory of **Patricia Hatch** by Kristine Newlin
In memory of **Clarice Johnson and Kay McGuire** by Colleen Wincentzen

In honor of David & Ginny Martinson's 25th Wedding Anniversary by Sharon & Loyde Childs, Christine & Jeff Christy, Barb & Larry Dopkins, Greg & Mary Dopkins, Nancy Henning, Jim & Shirley Lake, Jack & Sue Marking, Betty & Art Masshardt, Kathy & Steve McCosky, Mary Schroeder, Connie Seversin, Joan Shands, Hope & Ken Soroos, Teresa & Jeff Wilder, Diane Woodstock

MEDIA MINISTRY

In memory of Viletta Arneson by Judi & Thomas Griffin
In memory of Albert Oleson by John & Sandra Carlson, Robert & Joan Conley, Mary Lavin, Misty & Scott Lewis, Phillip & Eileen McConnell, Keith & Diane Oleson, Marion Oleson, Norman & Marcella Raberding, Jon & Jenny Smithback, Mary & Douglas Stoffels, Ralph & Pamela Zebell, Gloria & Charles Zeman
In honor of Jacqui Shanda by Carla Mollien
In memory of Betty Skowlund by Audrey & Harold Cushman, Jack & Sue Marking, Carla Mollien
In memory of Glen & Ardene Smith by Cindy
In memory of my brother, Virgil Turk by Darlene Turk
In honor of Mary Lou Tyne by Carolyn Anderson, Grinnell McDonald

MUSIC MINISTRY

In honor of Amy Hartsough and Dennis Huvila by Jo Thomley
In memory of Patrick Maginnis by Peg Maginnis
In memory of Elaine Paulson by Jacqui & John Shanda

ORGAN FUND

In memory of Robert E. Clasen by Mary Hugdahl
In memory of James Langdon by Tom & Mary Lou Bennett
In memory of Betty Skowlund by Keith & Andrea Kelling, Alice & Bill Mowbray
In memory of Gloria Wheeler, Kris Kennedy's sister by Alice & Bill Mowbray
Circles: Blessing, Celebration, Compassion, Dorcas, Renew, Seekers, University Hill Farms

PROCESSIONAL CROSS

In memory of Betty Skowlund by Phyllis Anderson, Stephen & Joanne Borgwardt, Norma Brooks, Catherine Buege, James & Sharon Burton, Dorothy Dyreson, Ruth Hanson, Edward & Constance Hellegers, Gary & Nancy Hertel, Ray & Helen Kruse, Thomas Pierce, Kathryn Ramberg, Robert Rand, Carol Ross, Eric & Mary Skowlund, Florence & Philip Sprecher

PUERTO RICO MISSION TRIP

In honor of Sandy Ripp by Jane Evans

REFORMATION ART PIECE

In memory of Claire Mowbray Fung's birthday June 23rd by Jo Thomley

REFUGEE MINISTRY

In honor of Mary Lou Tyne's birthday by John & Betty Nicka

XYZ FOUNDATION

In memory of Viletta Arneson by Wendell Arneson, Sam & Joan Arneson, Carl, Susan & Karen Arneson, Delma Baker, Thomas & Wendy Bround, Carole Buchsteiner, Charlotte Dillabough, Kathleen Heimann, Anna Henning, Ruth Kahl, Judith Kimball, Karl Peterson, Colleen Wincentzen

Parish Records

BAPTISMS

Zachary Scott Martin	4/8/18
Jackson Joshua Kelley	4/29/18
Norah Esther Fletchall	5/12/18
Cruz R. Martell	6/17/18
Iris Elisabeth Ogren	6/30/18

WEDDINGS

Jeffrey & Maggie Picker	4/14/2018
Blake & Kaysandra Weaver	5/3/2018
Kenneth & Jeanna Roggow	5/5/2018
Dennis Huvila & Amy Hartsough-Huvila	5/12/2018
Andre Theuerkauf & Erin Shannon	5/26/2018
Anna & Bryan Calderon	6/16/2018

DEATHS

Albert J. Oleson	4/1/2018
Viletta M. Arneson	4/12/2018
Gay M. Ronne	4/17/2018
Dorothy D. Berg	4/28/2018
Patricia (Pat) Hatch	5/3/2018
John W. (Jack) Chandler	5/26/2018
Judith Mayer	6/9/2018
Dolores Thimke	6/10/2018
Joanne C. Woellner	6/24/2018
Carol Groneng	6/30/2018

Give Memorials online at 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



Puerto Rico Mission Trip - We have an opening for two people for our Puerto Rico Mission Trip in February. The dates are Feb 5-13 (Tues-Tues). Please contact Sandy if you are interested: 608.257.3577 or email sandy@bethel-madison.org.

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 (<http://lumin-networkreferral.org>) to find a ministry near them.

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

Aug 9 - A Consensus on Immigration

Aug 16 - The Strange Career of White Privilege

Aug 23 - Oceans of Plastic | **Aug 30** - Last But Not Least

XYZ Activities: Aug 10: Chapel (9:30am) - Mary Brennan; (10:30am) *Book Discussion* - Go Set a Watchman or Tai Chi or Euchre; *Lunch (11:45am)* - Ground Beef Casserole, Salad, and Dessert; *Program (after lunch)* - Jerry Apps' latest documentary "One Room Country School" March 2018. **Aug 17: Chapel (9:30am)** - Pastor Roger Black; (10:30am) *Book Discussion* - Living Lutheran Article: Divine Inspiration or Tai Chi or Euchre; *Lunch (11:45am)* - Chicken Rice Soup, grilled cheese and Dessert; *Program (after lunch)* - Is it your goal to remain living at home for as long as possible? In Care Smarts 101, you will learn some practical tips and resources that will increase your chance of success even in the face of health challenges. You will also learn how to better understand your long-term care insurance policy, if you have one, and how it can help you afford your goal of living at home when you need some care services. Wendy Sulzer has helped hundreds of families navigate care options during the last four years at BrightStar Care and at two retirement communities before that. She will share objective advice that will help no matter which care provider you choose. **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.

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



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

Madison New Music Festival Concert Held at Bethel (Aug 11) - Madison New Music Festival continues with an afternoon program that invokes spirituality, morality, and reflection. Organ interludes will be performed by Madison Symphony Orchestra organist Greg Zelek and Vital Organ Project founder Tyler Pimm, contemplative soundscapes for viola and piano by Morton Feldman and Toru Takemitsu, African spirituals arranged for instrumental chamber ensemble, and the renowned Langston Hughes set to music by composers including Madison's Scott Gendel. Sounds of Reflection will be held at Bethel on Aug 11 at 2pm. Tickets are \$15. Order tickets here: www.artful.ly/store/events/15763

Adult Education Forum: ELCA's Draft Social Statement on Women & Justice (Aug 12) - A forum will be held during the educational hour beginning at 10:15am on the ELCA's draft Social Statement on Women and Justice. This latest draft is out for public comment until Sept 30 and the forum will provide an opportunity for members to become familiar with its content. The forum will include a brief overview of the document's five areas and a discussion about the positions put forth in the draft. Additional discussion sessions will be scheduled if there is interest in further studying the draft and in developing a Bethel response. The Women and Justice document has five basic areas, each of which is presented in a basic statement and in a fuller explanation. These areas include (1) Core Convictions, (2) Analysis of Patriarchy and Sexism, (3) Resources for Resisting Patriarchy and Sexism, (4) Response to God's Work: Call to Action and New Commitments in Society, and (5) Response to God's Work: Call to Action and New Commitments Regarding the Church. It would be helpful to have read the statement before the forum. For a complementary copy costing \$0.35 + shipping call 800.638.3522 or order online. View statement here: <https://tinyurl.com/ycw598ls>

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.

Feed & Read will be on vacation in August, but will return on Mon, Sept 17 to discuss *Every Note Played* by Lisa Venova and on Oct 15 for *The Blessing Way* by Tony Hillerman. Come every month or just now and then - everyone is welcome.

Care Smarts 101 Presentation (Aug 17; 12:15pm; Borgwardt Hall) - Is it your goal to remain living at home for as long as possible? In Care Smarts 101, you will learn some practical tips and resources that will increase your chance of success even in the face of health challenges. You will also learn how to better understand your long-term care insurance policy, if you have one, and how it can help you afford your goal of living at home when you need some care services. Join Wendy Sulzer from BrightStar Care® of Madison as she talks about these topics. Join XYZ for lunch at 11:45am.

Bishop Installation Help Needed (Aug 17) - Due to the historic significance and expected large attendance of the installation service, congregations are invited to participate by contributing food items for the reception: cheese and sausage platters, vegetable trays, and bars. Trays should be non-returnable and brought to Bethel by Fri, Aug 17. If you are attending the installation and willing to transport trays this would also be helpful. Please contact Deacon Lisa as soon as possible if you are able to contribute food items, lisa@bethel-madison.org. If you are interested in making a monetary donation to help in offsetting the costs of this holy and historic event, please send your contribution directly to the synod office.

Bethel's Summer Choir (Aug 19) - Join Amy this summer as part of Bethel's Summer Choir Crazy Fun on Sunday, Aug 19! We will meet at 8:10am in the Choir Room (below the Sanctuary), and learn one song. We will sing during the offertory at 9am worship, from the balcony. No robes or experience required...just your voice, and a willingness to sing and make friends with others!

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.

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. For more info call 608.579.5700 or visit the Bethel Series office in Room 106 at Bethel.

Food Pantry Needing Volunteers - The pantry is in need of more volunteers to help out while a few of our faithful volunteers recover from illness and injury. Please contact Cheryl Frazier at 608.240.1770 if you can assist in staffing the pantry from 12-3pm weekdays, or 9:30-11:30am on Saturdays.

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.

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.

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

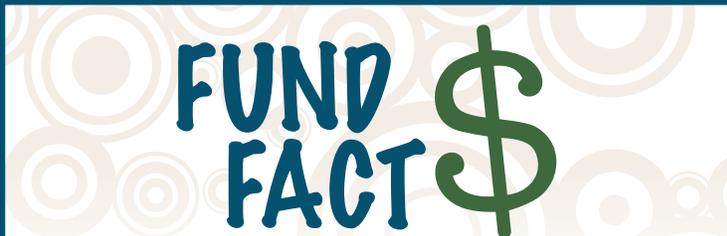
Amazon Smile Donation - Bethel has raised \$589.08 by individuals purchasing items on Amazon Smile through May 2018. Keep up the great work!

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*

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!



Bethel is ready and willing to accept and handle prepaid gifts in any given year – with the tax law changes, it may work well for you to itemize charitable deductions in alternate years. It helps us, and it helps you.



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13 PENTECOST

Rev Jeff Quinto, Bethel Series - Aug 18 at 5pm - Pentecost
Rev Jeff Quinto, Bethel Series - Aug 19 at 7:45am & 9am - Sanctuary
Rev Jeff Quinto, Bethel Series - Aug 19 at 11:15am - Pentecost

14 PENTECOST

Pastor Margo R. Martens - Aug 25 at 5pm - Pentecost
Pastor Margo R. Martens - Aug 26 at 7:45am & 9am - Sanctuary
Pastor Margo R. Martens - Aug 26 at 11:15am - Pentecost

SUNDAY, AUGUST 12

7:45a Worship Service (Sanctuary)
8:30a Childcare provided 8:30am-12pm in the Nursery
Coffee Fellowship (Emmaus & Fireside)
Library Open (Library)
XYZ Table Sale (Emmaus)
9:00a Worship Service (Sanctuary)
10:15a Forum on ELCA Social Statment on Women and Justice (GS Chapel)
Stephens Ministry (Rm 100)
11:15a Worship Service (Pentecost)

MONDAY, AUGUST 13

9:30a Community Meals (Kitchen)
12:00p Food Pantry Open 12-3pm (M-F) (Lower Level)
BLCEF Investment Committee Meeting (Rm 200)
1:30p Seekers Circle
5:00p Life Long Learning Ministry Team Meeting (Rm 120)

TUESDAY, AUGUST 14

8:30a Homeless Support Services (T&TH) (Pentecost)
9:00a Library Open (Library)
6:15p Rebuilding at Bethel (Rm 100, 120 & Library)

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 15

10:00a Chapel (GS Chapel)

THURSDAY, AUGUST 16

7:00a Current Christian Concerns (Community)
8:00a Second Harvest Delivery
6:00p Lead Pastor Call Committee (Rm 120)
6:30p Stephen Ministry Continuing Education (Rm 201)

FRIDAY, AUGUST 17 - Church Office Closes at 3:30pm

8:30a XYZ Activities
1:00p Horizons Bus Arrives from Camp (Parking Lot)

SATURDAY, AUGUST 18

8:00a Meditation (Rm 213)
9:30a Food Pantry Open 9:30-11:30am (Lower Level)
5:00p Saturday Evening Worship (Pentecost)
Bhutanese Worship in Nepali (GS Chapel)

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