

# Bethelite

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## ELCA in the National Spotlight What Does It Mean?

You may have seen news reports on CNN, FOX, MSNBC, and local news programs about the churchwide assembly that took place last week in Milwaukee. It made quite a splash nationally, probably a momentary splash to be sure, but a splash nonetheless.

Hundreds of members of the assembly, led by the ELCA Bishop Elizabeth Eaton, walked to the local Immigration and Customs Enforcement office to post 9.5 theses\* to the door of the office. This was reminiscent of Luther's posting the 95 Theses on the church of the Wittenberg Church door that started a Reformation.

At the assembly, the ELCA declared itself a "Sanctuary Church". What does this mean? From the ELCA's press release, it means "As a sanctuary church the ELCA is committed to serving and supporting migrant children and families across the country." While this made the news, it is not new. The plight of immigrants, uprooted, and displaced people is historically very personal to Lutherans.

Right on the heels of Luther's posting of the 95 theses, war broke out across parts of Europe. It was the 30 Years War where 8 million people were killed and millions more uprooted or displaced. This was our beginning.

Sweden. When they arrived, they found hostility and suspicion.

There were debates in Congress about reducing immigration from Germany because of fears that they might become a "nation within a nation." They had

an odd language, strange ways, and drank beer! Oh my! Then during WWI and WWII, American citizens from Germany and German resident aliens were either placed in internment camps or required to register with local law enforcement. After WWII, 1 in 6 Lutherans was a refugee. Their homes were destroyed and their economies in shambles. Lutherans around the world

gathered and pulled together to form great refugee service agencies, the best in the world.

Following the rebuilding and resettling of Lutheran refugees, we Lutherans turned our skills to help others. So after the War in Vietnam, Lutheran churches across



German immigrant children see Statue of Liberty.

In the mid 1600's, Lutheran immigrants to the early US colony of New Netherland found that their form of worship and teaching was against the law. Only Reformed pastors and churches were allowed to practice their religion. Lutherans worship in secret, lest they be found out. Between 1840-1870, over 8 million Lutheran immigrated to the US from Norway, Germany, and

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the country stepped in to help Vietnamese refugees and resettle them in this country. My home church in Odessa, TX did this. Bethel has been there for people who were displaced and unwelcome in their own homeland. Today, we have a Nepali speaking Bhutanese group of members whom we helped resettle in this country.

Lutherans have been at the forefront of caring and supporting people who are uprooted and displaced from the beginning. It is in our DNA. It is as Lutheran as singing A Mighty Fortress, believing in justification by grace through faith, or drinking beer. The ELCA's actions last week may have made the news, but it is nothing new.

If you have watched TV or been on the internet for very long, you know how skewed news reports can be. So I thought I'd set the record straight with a little history lesson so that you can feel good for your association with Lutherans in this country who help take care of people who are on the run, have no country, and are afraid for their lives. This is something we can and should take pride in. The ELCA does not advocate for doing away with immigration laws or borders. What it does advocate for is human decency toward those who are weak and vulnerable. 🌍

—Pastor Mike Brown

\*You can read the 9.5 Theses that ELCA Bishop Elizabeth Eaton carried on Aug 8 in Milwaukee on our website:  
[www.bethel-madison.org/9-5-theses](http://www.bethel-madison.org/9-5-theses)

You can also view articles and videos from the churchwide assembly on our Facebook page:  
[www.facebook.com/Bethel.Lutheran.Madison.WI](http://www.facebook.com/Bethel.Lutheran.Madison.WI)



# God's work. Our hands.

## SEPTEMBER 8

**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 8!

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 as well as the athletes and their families.

- We will **GATHER** in the parking lot foyer after the 9am service (Leader: Connie Caucutt) as well as after the 11:15am service (Leader: Amy Hartsough).
- **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."
- 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 Kits 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 info, please reach out to Margie Czechowicz at 608.469.0297. 🌍

—Margie Czechowicz  
Serving Team Facilitator



**Days of deep joy; days of deep sadness; ordinary days without the extremes of ups and downs. Such is the complexity of life.** Most of us tend to talk more easily about our joys than about our times of sadness and loss. Yet, as people of faith, we know that God takes our hand and walks with us through our times of grief as surely as through our joyful times. Join us for a sermon series entitled **Walking Through Grief**, beginning the first weekend in August for five consecutive weekends, as our pastoral staff explores God's ways of holding us close in sadness.

### Sermon Series

**Aug 24/25:** Walking Through Familial Grief  
**Aug 30/Sept 1:** Walking Through Personal Grief

## Humans of Bethel

We missed church this past Sunday because my early elementary child was sick. Once he felt better on Sunday night he asked if we can go to church on Monday instead. He was so sad to miss church. I asked what he missed and he said "Everything, especially the Children's Sermon." We watched the entire service online snuggled up on the couch. Thankful we have the online option for when we cannot get there. Looking forward to being at Bethel this Sunday! 🌈

—Anonymous



You can find our services online on our website:  
[www.bethel-madison.org/worship-online](http://www.bethel-madison.org/worship-online)

## Sunday School Starting Soon!

We hope you are 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 26.

Check out the exciting September schedule below:

**Sept 8 is God's Work, Our Hands Sunday.** Sunday School leaders will meet from 10:15-11:15 for leaders' orientation – our hands, heads, and hearts will be doing God's work in preparing to pass on the faith to our children! Everyone else gets to catch up with old friends and make new friends while doing God's work around Bethel and the neighborhood. Look for details in the Bethelite.

**Sept 15 is Rally Sunday Roundup!** A western-styled party for the Bethel community and our neighborhood friends: a "crawl" through the Bethel Sunday School wing to an "Open House" where children ages 2 – fifth grade can meet their teachers and families can see the classroom spaces; fun activities like a mechanical bull, a petting zoo, face painting, singing and dancing, and more! Oh, and a western-styled cookout, too – brisket, kabobs, and brats with loads of sides and fixins'! (Don't forget to wear your country duds!)

**Sept 23 is the first day of Sunday School for children ages 2-5th grade.** Schedule specifics to be shared with registration information the week of August 26.

We are looking forward to another great year of growing together through our shared experiences at Bethel Jr. (first Bethel Jr! is Oct 6), Sunday School, Choirs, and time in the FellowSHIP.

Please contact Cindy Terhune Melrose ([cindy@bethel-madison.org](mailto:cindy@bethel-madison.org)) or Pam Shellberg ([pam@bethel-madison.org](mailto:pam@bethel-madison.org)) with any questions.

Bursting with excitement for September and the start of our new program year! 🌈

—Pam Shellberg  
 Director of Lifelong Faith Formation



# Lifelong Learning Update

The Lifelong Learning team would like to highlight three events coming this fall: Rally Sunday Roundup, Caring for Social Justice Forums, and the Bethel Bible Series class.

Rally Sunday Roundup, Sept 15, will be a party for the congregation and the neighborhood. The parking lot will be filled with things to do including a petting zoo, a bounce house, face painting, and lots of singing and dancing. Inside the building children and adults can participate in a "Bethel Crawl" – everyone can get acquainted with the people who share God's love and explore all the spaces in the building where love is found. The Sunday School area will host an Open House where Sunday School children and their parents can find their space and meet their teachers.

In response to a very well received forum last May on incarceration practices, policies and consequences, Caring for Social Justice (C4SJ) has invited the same expert, Dr. Karen Reece, VP of the Nehemiah Center, to offer in three sessions a six-hour public education workshop. Each session is two hours, delivered on Oct 13, 20 and Nov 3 during the education hour, beginning at 10:15am. Participants can choose to attend both hours of each Sunday session or attend either the first or second hour, depending on their church attendance preferences. In any case, they will learn a lot.

Forum content focuses on the issues associated with mass incarceration, including the many consequences of racial disparities in the criminal justice system, purpose and programming in the prison system and complexity in "community corrections" (life after prison).

C4SJ will also continue its Book Discussion group. Readings will enhance our understanding of social justice issues in our

communities and inform our efforts on how to initiate or collaborate with other groups to address specific needs.

The Bethel Series, written and launched from our church 60 years ago, continues to fulfill its mission, worldwide, guiding church members in a two-year disciplined study of the Bible, in such a way that they encounter the Living Christ. This unique format uses the Bible as its textbook to provide an overview that ties Old Testament concepts to New Testament themes. It is an in-depth Bible study that gives the Scriptures relevancy and equips students for mission and ministry as they are able to apply the Word to their daily lives.

- No prior Biblical knowledge needed!
- Study material designed for the layperson.
- Commitment of 3-hours on the second Saturday of each month
- Oct-April, beginning Oct 12
- Monthly assignments and homework

A Quote from the author: *"I have always believed that there are no shortcuts to understanding the biblical message. The Bethel Series was written to enhance the student's understanding of the Christian faith. The basic concept of a simple overview under disciplined training is timeless. It's proven that."* Dr. Harley Swiggum

Find out more by calling Dave Myhre or Jeff Quinto at 608.579.5700, or stop by our table in the Emmaus Room between Sunday services.

Please watch the Bethelite and Bethel Weekly for more information on these and other educational opportunities from the Lifelong Learning Team. 🌈

–Dave Myhre  
Lifelong Learning Team Co-facilitator

## Grief Support Group

As a follow-up to the **Walking through Grief** sermon series, the pastoral staff at Bethel is offering Grief Support Groups.

Details known at this time include:

- 4 Session Series; Sept 19 & 26; Oct 3 & 10
- Offered twice each Thursday  
1-2:30pm and 5:30-7pm
- Materials will be provided
- Pre-registration is requested
- Maximum size of each group: 10 people

Please contact Pastor Margo (margo@bethel-madison.org or 608.843.3245) to register, or with questions.

Please know that we honor grief experiences of all dimensions, whether this is loss of a loved one, loss of job, change in marital status, or any other grief that is part of your life. 🌈



–Pastor Margo R. Martens

# Memorials

**IN HONOR & IN MEMORY**  
April - June 2019



**BETHEL**  
LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

**April 21:** In memory of Ralph A. & Mae Nelson by their loving family.

**May 26:** In memory of all the service men and women who have given their lives for the freedom of our country by Friends of the Media Ministry.

**BETHEL HORIZONS BIKE-A-THON**

In memory of Diane Wiedenbeck by Ron & Joan Halverson

**BETHEL HORIZONS PROGRAMS**

In honor of Betty Saxe by Crystal & Timothy Carter

In memory of John Wiebe by Phil & Mary Lou Dzick

In honor of Pastor Mike by Donna Ulteig

**BETHEL SERIES**

In memory of Lauren Thorstad by Richard & Doris Schaller, Florence & Phillip Sprecher

**EASTER**

In memory of Donald Haugen by Beverly Haugen

**ENDOWMENT FOUNDATION**

In honor of Delma Baker's 100th birthday by Lou & Jean Unverzagt

In memory of Ronald W. Caldwell by Richard & Nancy Marsceau

In memory of Bob Clasen by Donna Rae & Douglas J.

In memory of Joyce Dewey by Alinda & Robert Nelson

In memory of Eva Jean Hinrichs by Bob & Mary Johnson

In memory of Connie Nelson by Bob & Marilyn Cleveland, Joan Gilbertson, Mary Anne Marsden, Jacqui & John Shanda, Nancy Weinreis

In memory of Lauren Thorstad by Bradley & Barbara Armstrong, Virgil & Barbara Boeing, Nizar & Elma Jarjour, Barbara Koch, Ruth Munkwitz, Richard & Ann Schmidt, Patricia & Ron Skindrud, Lila Jean Stahnke, Ron Thorstad, Department of Medicine at the University of Wisconsin Medical Center

In memory of George Traut by Anonymous

**FOOD PANTRY**

In honor of Delma Baker's 100th birthday by Lou & Jean Unverzagt

In memory of Joyce Dewey by Beverly Stephen

In honor of Lisa Huber & Noreen Schmidt by Colleen Wincentzen

In memory of Del Paulman & loved ones by Rosella Paulman

In honor of Betty Saxe by Crystal & Timothy Carter

**HOMELESS MINISTRY**

In memory of Becky Smith by Robert & Marilyn Cleveland

**MEDIA MINISTRY**

In memory of Joyce Dewey by Kim Luedtke & Mo Sholly, Anne & John Miller, Carla Mollien

In memory of Bernadyne Gatz by Jim & Jane Gatz and Jim & Sharon Burton

In memory of Connie Nelson by Tom & Judi Griffin

In memory of Del Paulman by Rosella Paulman

In memory of Becky Smith by David & Jan Primus

In memory of Glen & Ardene Smith by Cindy

In memory of Grace Wendt & Jeanette Bjelde by Cindy

In memory of Ivan Bruner by JoAnn Six

In memory of Connie Nelson by Norma Brooks

## MUSIC MEMORIAL

In memory of **Joyce Dewey** by Joy Miller, Donna Fox, Ruth Hanson, Anne & John Miller

In memory of **Elizabeth Golfinos-Kiesling** whose funeral was **March 29, 2019** presided by **Pastor Margo Martens**. Liz loved music of all kinds - played piano & sometimes accompanied her band man son, **Jack**. by Betty Nicka

## PUERTO RICO MISSION TRIP

In honor of **Bill White's 80th Birthday** by Tom & Jill Derr, Alice & Bill Mowbray, Jacqui & John Shanda

Give Memorials online at **[bethelmadison.org/giveonline](http://bethelmadison.org/giveonline)** and select 'Other - Special'. 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**

## *Parish Records*

### BAPTISMS

Ethan Roger Kubly	4/28/19
Blake Henry Kubly	4/28/19
Callan Michael Simley	5/11/19
Olivia Josephine Leick	6/15/19

### WEDDINGS

Julie Birkinbine & Matthew Poulter	6/1/19
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### DEATHS

Jack Westman	4/2/19
Horst Lobe	4/10/19
Charles Decker	4/26/19
Constance "Connie" Nelson	4/29/19
Ivan Bruner	6/3/19
Donna Peterson	6/10/19
Donna Shomberg	6/10/19
Betty Korth	6/24/19
Jean Hodel	6/26/19

## Bethel Member Deployed with Red Cross to Dayton, Ohio



While you know the Red Cross does not share photos of those affected by the shooting tragedy, you have probably already seen all of their faces on TV or in the newspaper. I'm writing to offer a glimpse of the way the Red Cross provides services from the vantage point of being present. To clarify, I have been on deployment for the last week in Dayton, OH, working with those affected by the shooting on Aug 4.

Our work is being with those involved at any level and giving space to express a myriad of feelings about their experience of being present on the night of the shooting. Some were in the bar with the shooter, others were just outside or across the street, all were frightened, some trampled, some heroic. Many lost the person they were with for the evening and hoped that the unanswered phone meant that it was broken. Many others desperately wanted to leave the area (called Oregon) but had lost purses and car keys. *If it feels like this paragraph sounds confusing, it represents just a small window into the lives of the people the Red Cross has been supporting.*

Pictured are memorial photos remembering the victims of the Dayton, OH shooting early morning on Sun, Aug 4. Our initial couple of days on deployment were spent in this area where a comfortable respite/counseling/lounge and private areas were

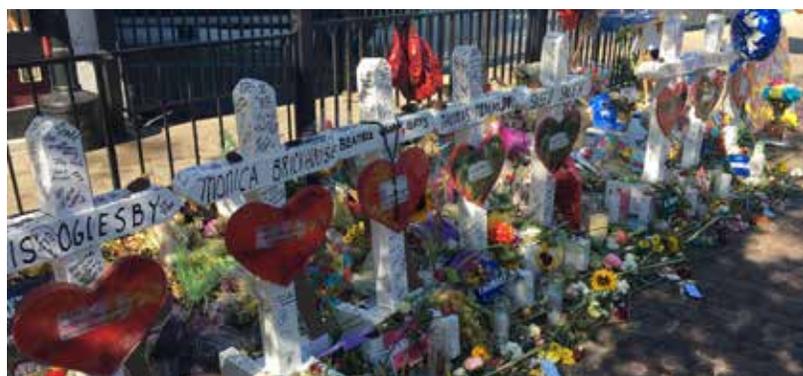
loaned to the Red Cross to see walk-in mourners.

Since those first few days, we have been working in the Dayton Red Cross headquarters where family members, friends, and others affected by the shooting could come for counseling and assistance with any number of issues that have negatively affected their lives.

With each deployment, I continue to feel the privilege of being present with these families, friends and strangers, who happened to be in the moment of the tragedy, that has changed their lives forever. In turn, they also change my life forever as I listen to their stories, their darkened hopes, their fears and broken dreams.

Often our partner in the session is a Red Cross Pastoral Care team member who offers to pray with the client if it seems appropriate. Most often they welcome a prayer as we end our session. It seems that the client leaves with a little smile and a little less burdened. 🌈

—Nancy Young, Bethel Member





# Celebrate

Goal: \$3.5 million

Pledges August 1: \$2,300,977

## 50 Years of Impact

- Over 400,000 individual users of Horizons facilities and programs
- Over 25,000 Summer Campers
- Over 800,000 camper days
- Over 16,000 children received Camperships
- Over \$2 million raised to support Camperships

## Realizing Horizons Long Range Plan for the Second 50 Years

- Six Modern Camper Cabins for 8-10 campers per cabin with adjacent bathroom facilities and multipurpose decks.
- New wing with guestrooms and gallery added to ArtVentures Retreat Center.
- New Farmhouse Welcome Center with centralized office space, honoring Pastor Duane Hanson.
- Year-round Staff Housing for long-term professional employees.
- Adamah Multi-media Art Studio for expanded programs.

## 50th Anniversary Reunion Weekend

### Aug 31-Sept 1

We want to remind you that our 50th Anniversary Reunion Weekend is coming up quick and we would love for you to come join us for a celebration and reconnection of all staff and volunteers from the past 50 years of Bethel Horizons! Programming will begin at Bethel Horizons on the morning of August 31 and continue through lunch on September 1. Spend the weekend reliving your camp experience with events such as an afternoon at the beach, ropes course adventures, traditional camp meals, trail hikes, a campfire, and so much more! Remember out at camp we "ALL ARE SOMEBODY"!

Registration and more information can be found at [www.bethelhorizons.org/50th-anniversary](http://www.bethelhorizons.org/50th-anniversary)

## Anniversary Gala and Auction

**Sat, Oct 19; 5-9 pm**, Spark Building, 821 E. Washington Ave. \$50/person.

**Sign up online at:** [www.bethelhorizons.org/50th-anniversary](http://www.bethelhorizons.org/50th-anniversary)

Scroll down to Horizons 50th Gala and click on: Register for Bethel Horizons 50th Gala, where you can buy a ticket.

Please give careful consideration to how you might participate in Horizons 50th Anniversary Campaign, remembering that it will take all levels of giving to meet the \$3.5 million goal.

Thank you.

Campaign and Project Development Co-Chairs: Dale Mathwich and Jack Salzwedel. Committee Members: Eric Knueve, Executive Director; Sigrid Knuti, Dave Lombardo, Alice Mowbray, and Phil Pielage.

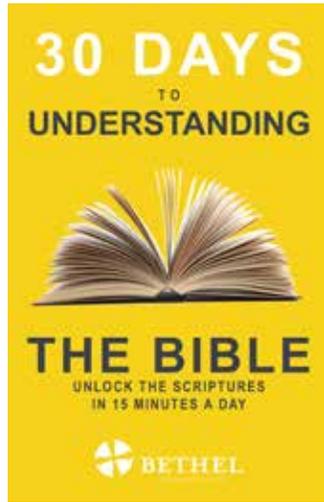
**We live on glimpses, fleeting glimpses in the forest;  
this is its beauty, this its charm.**

**Gerhard E. Frost, Lutheran Theologian** 

# The Bible at Bethel This Fall!

## Pastor Mike's sermon series: 30 Days to Understanding the Bible: Unlock the Scriptures in 15 Minutes a Day

The Bible. It's in thousands of hotel rooms. It gets sworn on in courts of law. We read it each week in worship. There is probably a copy or two in your home. But, how well do we really understand it. A majority of Christians in this country answer "not very well" to that question. Martin Luther's life was changed by what he learned in the Bible. But he spent his life studying it. What if you don't have all day every day to try to figure it out? What then? For all who want to understand the Bible better but do not have all day to do it, Pastor Mike is preaching a series of sermons just for you. You will walk away with new appreciation, new interest, and new tools for understanding this book that is the foundation of our hope.



- September 7/8:** How to read the Bible
- September 14/15:** What to look for in the Bible
- September 21/22:** What is true in the Bible?
- September 28/29:** What to do with the Bible

## Five-session mini-course, "Seeing the Bible Again for the Very First Time"

Wednesday nights in Sept and Oct, led by Pam Shellberg

- Sept 18:** How the Bible Came to Be (or, Scrapbooking Our Misty-Watercolored Memories)
- Sept 25:** Old and New Testaments (God's Text Messages: OMG, ILY, BFF, and <3)
- Oct 9:** Thinking about Reading before Thinking about Reading the Bible
- Oct 16:** Mind the Gap / Form Follows Function
- Oct 23:** T/truth and Spiritual Imagination



## Weekly Bible study every Sunday morning

led by Mimi Troutman

The Narrative Lectionary is a plan that takes you through the Bible, story by story. Developed by a Lutheran Pastor, this plan keeps you centered on God's story each week. We will read and study a story each week, following this plan. We begin in Genesis and work our way through selections from the Old Testament until Christmas. Beginning in January, we move to the Gospel of Mark and other selections from the New Testament. Bibles are welcome but not necessary. Text will be provided each week. We begin on Sept 2, in Room 120 at 10:15am.

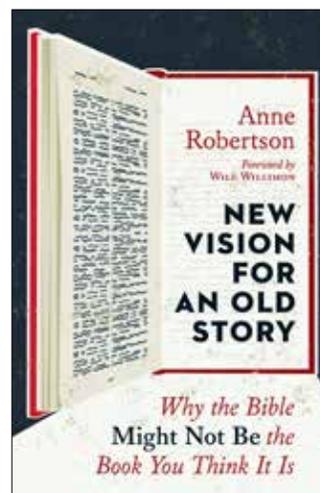
## Bethel Series Course, 2nd Saturday each month, Oct-March

led by Mary Brennan, Ruth Hanson, and Jeff Quinto.

A unique overview approach of the Old and New Testaments and a deeper immersion in the Bible from which you will lift from the pages of Scripture the wonderful story of God moving through history and showing us the plan of salvation. Contact Rev. Jeff Quinto at [jeff@bethelseries.org](mailto:jeff@bethelseries.org) for more information about the course.



## A good book about the Good Book:



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—Pam Shellberg  
Director of Lifelong Faith Formation

# Another Successful VBC

The theme of Vacation Bible Camp 2019 focused on how the practices and values of generosity, inclusion, compassion, and forgiveness all create the “Transformed Community.” And it was clear that transformation was happening every day out at Horizons!

This is what the transformed community looked like:

- One hundred and fourteen campers registered – children, confirmation and high school aged “Discovery Guides,” other adult volunteers, parents, and grandparents.
- Stellar adult volunteers leading bible studies, helping the campers transform plain old rocks into the most brilliant and colorful fish, and teaching crafts – friendship bracelets and pinwheels and noodle creatures – at the beach.
- Cross-generational relationships being nurtured – children, tweens, and teens, parents and children, grandparents and grandchildren, elders and youth.
- Connections deepening between the VBC volunteers and the Horizons staff.
- Tears on day one because little ones were nervous to be away from home and then tears of sadness on last day of camp that it was all over.



- Children and adults basking in the peace and healing power of Horizons’ beauty.
- Ninety-some children singing at the top of their lungs!
- Joyous laughter, screaming, squealing, and splashing at the lake.
- Moms sitting around a picnic table at the beach, growing their friendships.
- Chicken tenders for lunch: “This is the best lunch I’ve ever eaten!”
- Colorful and cheerful rock-fish ready to swim back to Madison, be blessed at Bethel, and become an art installation on the property.
- The new addition of adult bible studies in the evening and the discovery of how radical was Jesus’ inclusion of others.
- A five-year old retelling the story of the Good Samaritan – where Batman is hurt by the side of the road, Robin who walks right on by, and the Joker who feels sorry for him and stops to help!
- A third grader, after talking about how sin traps us so we can’t move (like the paralyzed man healed by Jesus), shares how he fought with his best friend and couldn’t sit with him at lunch. He had nowhere to sit and then he didn’t even want to eat lunch. He told his friend he was sorry and the friend forgave him, and then he had a place to sit and was able to eat.
- And an elementary school-aged girl sharing this story: "I was sleeping over at a friend’s house and had a nightmare. She woke up with me and told me to pray because it would make me feel better. I talked to God and then I slept better."



Inclusion, forgiveness, compassion, generosity – transformation – it all happened at VBC 2019! 🌈

–Pam Shellberg  
Director of Lifelong Faith Formation

# Rally Sunday Roundup

Sept 15 from 10am-1pm

Rally Day this year will be a western style party for the congregation and the neighborhood when we'll celebrate the start of a new program year at Bethel with our friends, family, and neighbors. We're going to have some good eats and a rowdy good time!

Children (of all ages) can participate in a "Bethel Crawl" – with maps in hand everyone can get acquainted with the people who share God's love and explore all the spaces in the building where love is found. Then there will just be lots of wildly fun things to do – riding a mechanical bull, petting some animals in a petting zoo, jumping in a bounce house, getting faces painted, watching balloons get twisted into magical shapes, and lots of singing and dancing!

The roundup winds up with a spread of western grub – succulent brisket, rattlesnake kabobs, and brats, plus loads of sides, fixins, and sweets. Don't forget to wear your country duds! 🌮



# FUND FACT \$

The ability to have professionals within the membership of Bethel who meet monthly to manage the portfolio of investments for our Endowment Foundation saves paying a management fee in excess of \$100,000 annually, thereby providing for more grants.

# Bethel's Circle of Love Golf Outing Set for Sept 16

An Event to Benefit Bethel Horizons 50th Anniversary (1969-2019)



Bethel's Serving Team is hosting the 18th annual Circle of Love Golf Outing on Mon, Sept 16 at Blackhawk Country Club. This year the proceeds from the Circle of Love Golf Outing will go toward the Bethel Horizons 50th Anniversary Capital Campaign. Specifically, these funds will be used to help furnish the new Welcome Center honoring Pastor Duane Hanson. These furnishings will help make sure that all who come to Bethel Horizons feel welcomed and ready for what Bethel Horizons has to offer them. The registration fee of \$125 covers a cookout lunch, 18 holes of golf, followed by dinner and a program. All money donated above that amount goes directly to Horizons and is tax deductible.

## How can you help?

- Register to play golf! ([bethel-madison.org/colgolf](http://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 Silent Auction items such as artwork, event tickets, gift baskets, gift certificates, jewelry, memorabilia, rounds of golf, sports items, vacation rentals and wine. Please bring donated auction items to church between Aug 18 & 25, and leave items at the front desk.
- Bid on the Silent Auction items.
- Participate in the 50/50 raffle (on the day of the tournament only)
- 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 Sharon Moses at 608.575.7934 or email [sharonhmoses@gmail.com](mailto:sharonhmoses@gmail.com). 🌮

–Sharon Moses  
COL Golf Outing Committee

**SAVE THE DATE: Women's Retreat (Oct 4-6) - "A Joy to Behold"**  
Come on Friday and stay for the weekend, or just come for the day on Saturday. Art Ventures Retreat Center at Bethel Horizons. Registration will open on August 30

**Steensland House Update** - The Steensland House Board is excited for another new set of tenants at Steensland House! The two returning young men on first floor found their last roommate, so we are officially fully rented for 2019-20 lease term. It seems like a great group of young people who are excited about volunteering and helping Bethel and the Community. It is a blessing that we are able to offer this opportunity to them. Thanks for your support. Watch for a bio on each tenant in upcoming Bethelites.

**Bethel's Homeless Ministry** is in short supply of the following items: toothpaste, mens' white cotton socks and ankle socks, mens' boxer underwear. Should you have a backpack that has been gently used, we would so appreciate donations of backpacks. Imagine when one is carrying everything one owns in a backpack and it is either stolen or wears out!! This is a much needed item for our homeless friends. Thank you, as always for your kind generosity in giving to those less fortunate. Please keep them in your prayers.

**Men's Current Christian Concerns** (7am; Community Room)  
**Aug 22** - Why the Church Says No | **Aug 29** - A Conundrum

**Blanket Workshop (Aug 22)** - 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.

**XYZ Activities: Aug 23: Chapel (9:30am)** - Jeff Quinto and his guest visitor - a Pastor from Kenya; **Book Discussion (10:30am)** - *A Study in Scarlet Sherlock Holmes* by Arthur Conan Doyle, QiGong, Euchre, or learning/playing Bridge; **Lunch (11:45am)** - Chicken Casserole, Dessert; **Program (after lunch)** - Mission Friday: Packing laundry detergent for Bethel's Food Pantry & addressing cards. *If you signed up for the rescheduled pontoon boat trip this group meets at 12:30pm at the Tenney Boat Dock.* **Aug 30: NO XYZ - Labor Day Weekend**

**Soap Sunday (Aug 24/25)** - Mild soap bars (preferred size is 4 to 5 oz) will be collected and used in LWR Personal Care Kits & Baby Care Kits and will be added to Bethel's annual collection of soap that is sent through LWR overseas. Soap donations may also be dropped off at the Reception Desk at Bethel. The deadline for soap bars and all LWR donations is Sept 8.

**RWANDA UPDATE:** Edward Makara went to Bethel Horizons for the Potters for Peace Water Filtration Training course from Aug 16-29. He was excited to learn this business, one that is much needed in his home country. Edward will join us for worship at 9am on **Sun, Aug 25** and speak about his learnings in the Good Shepherd Chapel at 10:15am.

**Food Pantry Drop in the Barrel - Aug:** Shampoo

**Realm Update** - We recently made a contact info change within Realm. You may have received an email to this effect. This contact info is available to Bethel members only.

**Victory Choir (Aug 27; 10:30am; Attic Angel 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 Connie Dreger at [cdreger@madisoncollege.edu](mailto:cdreger@madisoncollege.edu) or 608.221.1754.

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

- **Aug 30-Sept 2 Weekend** - Plans are underway for a special staff reunion.
- **Oct 19** - Gala to be held in Madison.

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

**Men's Friday Book Study (Starting Sept 6; 7am; Rm 110)** - we will begin discussing *Irresistible: The Rise of Addictive Technology and the Business of Keeping Us Hooked* by Adam Alter. Please join us!

**Community Meal Program (Sept 9)** - Bethel volunteers serve the Community Meal at Luke House, 310 Ingersoll Street, once a month. The next serving date is Aug 12. Please bring your food contributions to Bethel's main kitchen on the Sunday immediately preceding that date OR no later than 10am on the day of serving. Contact: Janet at 608.274.6745 or [janetjohnson44@mac.com](mailto:janetjohnson44@mac.com).

**Feed and Read (Sept 16)** - Ryan Green found his way out of a rough childhood through music. In 2011, he won a nationwide competition hosted by New York's Metropolitan Opera. Today, he is a rising star performing major roles at the Met and Europe's most prestigious opera houses. Sing For Your Life by Daniel Bergner tells his story. Our book discussion starts at noon on Mon, Sept 16. Bring a sack lunch or a dish to share. Join us!

**Got Used Puzzles and Games?** Please donate them to Bethel for Renew Circle's Used Puzzles and Games Sale, Nov 2-3. Used puzzles and games will be collected following Sunday church services on Sept 29, Oct 6, 13 & 20. Please bring your used puzzles and games with NO missing pieces in their boxes, taped shut, to our collection table. Donations made during the week will be collected at the Reception Desk. All proceeds from this sale will benefit Bethel's women who are willing to represent Bethel by attending the 11th Triennial Convention of Women of the ELCA, July 14-16, 2020, in Phoenix, AZ.



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### 11 PENTECOST

Pam Shellberg, Director of Lifelong Faith Formation - Aug 24 at 5pm - Pentecost  
Pam Shellberg, Director of Lifelong Faith Formation - Aug 25 at 7:45 & 9am - Sanctuary  
Pam Shellberg, Director of Lifelong Faith Formation - Aug 25 at 10:45am - Sanctuary

### 12 PENTECOST

Pastor John O. Swanson - Aug 31 at 5pm - Pentecost  
Pastor John O. Swanson - Sept 1 at 7:45am & 9am - Sanctuary  
Pastor John O. Swanson - Sept 1 at 11:15am - Sanctuary

### SUNDAY, AUGUST 25

7:45a Worship Service (Sanctuary)  
8:00a Coffee Fellowship (Emmaus & Fireside)  
8:30a Childcare provided 8:30am-12pm (Nursery)  
Library Open (Library)  
9:00a Worship Service (Sanctuary)  
10:15a Rwanda Water Filtration Speaker: Edward Makara (GS Chapel)  
Foundation Grant Writing Session (Library)  
Horizons 50th Anniversary Year Info Session (Community)  
RIC Forum (Borgwardt Hall)  
10:45a Worship Service (Sanctuary)

### MONDAY, AUGUST 26

12:00p Food Pantry Open 12-3pm (M-F) (Lower Level)  
6:30p Community Ministry Team (Rm 120)

### TUESDAY, AUGUST 27

8:30a Homeless Support Services (T&TH) (Pentecost)  
9:00a Library Open (Library)  
10:30a Victory Choir (Attic Angel - Middleton)  
5:15p Rebuilding at Bethel (Library, Rm 100 & 120)

### WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 28

10:00a Chapel (GS Chapel)

### THURSDAY, AUGUST 29

7:00a Current Christian Concerns (Community)  
8:00a Second Harvest Delivery

### FRIDAY, AUGUST 30

NO XYZ - Labor Day Weekend

### SATURDAY, AUGUST 31

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

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