

Bethelite

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A New Addition to Bethel's Hospitality: Making Sundays Even Better

We love Madison! It is a wonderful city. There's no doubt about it. This year in celebration of college football's 150th anniversary, Sports Illustrated has named Madison the #1 college town in the country.

With beautiful lakes, a lively downtown, trendy restaurants, young professionals, educated people, and bike-friendly streets, Madison is vibrant to the core. What's not to love? It has beat out places like Austin, TX, Ann Arbor, MI, Boulder, CO, and Knoxville, TN as a preferred destination city in the US.

Can we say it again? We love our city! We want the best for it. We pray for it. We work in it. And we work for it by sharing the good news of Jesus Christ. Yet, in the shadows of this sparkling city where so many people flock for promising futures and golden opportunities, live another group of people. Their futures are in question. Their opportunities are fewer. These are people who are houseless. They are not "homeless." They simply lack adequate places to live. Some sleep in their cars. Some sleep on the streets. Others find a bed in a downtown shelter like Grace Episcopal or St. John's Lutheran. They make a home of whatever living arrangement they have. Some of them even find a sense of home at Bethel. They find Bethel to be a place of belonging, acceptance, and shelter, at

least on Tuesdays and Thursdays during the day, and Sundays in the morning. On Sunday mornings, you can connect to some of these houseless neighbors in Bethel's Emmaus room for coffee



F: Scott; M: Richard, Pastor Mike, Adrian; B: Paul

fellowship and in worship. Or, you might meet them in or around the Pentecost Room. Those who join in Emmaus Room and Sanctuary activities come to be a part of Christian fellowship and worship. Those in the Pentecost Room come for some respite from being outdoors all the time. "Respite" means rest from something unpleasant. For all in our midst, we provide love, hope, coffee, and of course, donut holes.

I have made several friends among our houseless neighbors. Some of them will eventually become members. They love Bethel. One thing they love is the feeling of acceptance and belonging. And they appreciate that it is a safe place. For everyone who enters this dynamic place, we have boundaries and a code of conduct. Abusive behavior, drunkenness, illegal drug use, and panhandling are not allowed. Anyone who is abusive, drinking, doing drugs, or panhandling is asked to leave the building and property.

None of us is perfect. But these four behaviors are especially destructive of the kind of community we want to create. We won't allow any of it. If you witness any of this, please let us know as soon as possible. You can report to me, any other pastor, Bill Webb, the custodian on duty, or Harvey. Harvey is our newest part time staff addition. Harvey will work each Sunday as Respite Ministry Host.

He will help provide a feeling of welcome and safety for all people who join us on Sunday mornings with special care for those who are houseless. Harvey will help communicate and maintain healthy boundaries and conduct, encourage respect for others, and project a spirit of love and grace. He will mainly serve in the Pentecost Room but will float

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throughout the building, the outside entrances, and the parking lot to help members and guests feel comfortable, safe, and at home. He will keep a watchful eye for any kind of abusive behavior, drunkenness, drug use, or panhandling. Harvey is big and pleasant man with a quick smile, and a desire to help Bethel welcome everyone who is here for fellowship, worship, respite, and education. When you see him, please welcome him. He will be wearing a name badge.

Harvey will also let Respite Ministry guests know when the program is over for the day. Beginning Sept 29, this ministry will be available from 7-11am. Harvey will be in the building from 6am-12:30pm. 🌈

—Mike Brown, Lead Pastor

What's going on with the Bethel Youth Ministry?

We are off to a Spirit-filled start to the year with our youth ministry. Youth Quake, every Sunday night from 6-7:30pm, has drawn a large group of engaged and invested middle and high school-aged youth who are eager to meet for fellowship, spiritual exploration, a meal, and worship.

We are calling for anyone in the Bethel community who would like to **provide meals for our weekly meetings**. Check out this link to sign-up to make and serve a meal for our Sunday night Quakes: www.bethel-madison.org/youthfood. Come serve a growing and enthusiastic ministry and see what we are all about!

We are also calling all skill levels of youth musicians to **join us at 5pm on Sunday nights** before Youth Quake to **practice for worship together**. Violas, drums, egg shakers, guitars, voices--there's a place in the band for anyone who would like to lead worship by playing an instrument or singing. We will have music ready for any and all who would like to join us. Maddie, Lexi, and Rachel are pictured below gearing up for Youth Quake worship:



If you would like to tune in to the music that we will be sharing in worship on Sunday nights, click this link for a running Spotify playlist: www.bethel-madison.org/youthmusic. 🌈

—Rachel Brown
Director of Youth Ministries

50TH ANNIVERSARY GALA

Bethel Horizons

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8TH FLOOR OF THE SPARK BUILDING
821 E WASHINGTON AVE, MADISON, WI

Presented in Memory of:
Pastor Bob Borgwardt

*Joan Borgwardt-Halverson and
Ron Halverson*

\$50 ADMISSION

Time: 5 pm- 9 pm

Cocktail Attire

Activities: entertainment,
cocktails, strolling dinner,
live and silent auctions,
and program

Roland Paul

Jacqui and John Shanda

Lester Six

JoAnn Six

Presented in Honor of:
Bob Forbess

Ron Thorstad

Get your ticket at:
www.bethelhorizons.org/50th-anniversary/ OR Call
Sarah at 608-576-5765

3 Part Workshop: Racial Disparities in the Criminal Justice System



Caring for Social Justice (C4SJ) is sponsoring a six-hour workshop on “Racial Disparities in the Criminal Justice System” in a 3-session series presented by Dr. Karen Reece during the education hour on Oct 13, 20, & Nov 3. This will allow us to delve into a critical issue in our community in a depth that is not possible in a one-hour forum.

Oct 13 - Session I: Mass Incarceration Defined: What's the Problem? will draw on Dr. Reece’s professional experience and keen insights to lay the groundwork for the series with an overview of incarceration in the U.S. as the basis for understanding how we arrived at the criminal justice system we live with now and the consequences to our communities and to our social fabric.

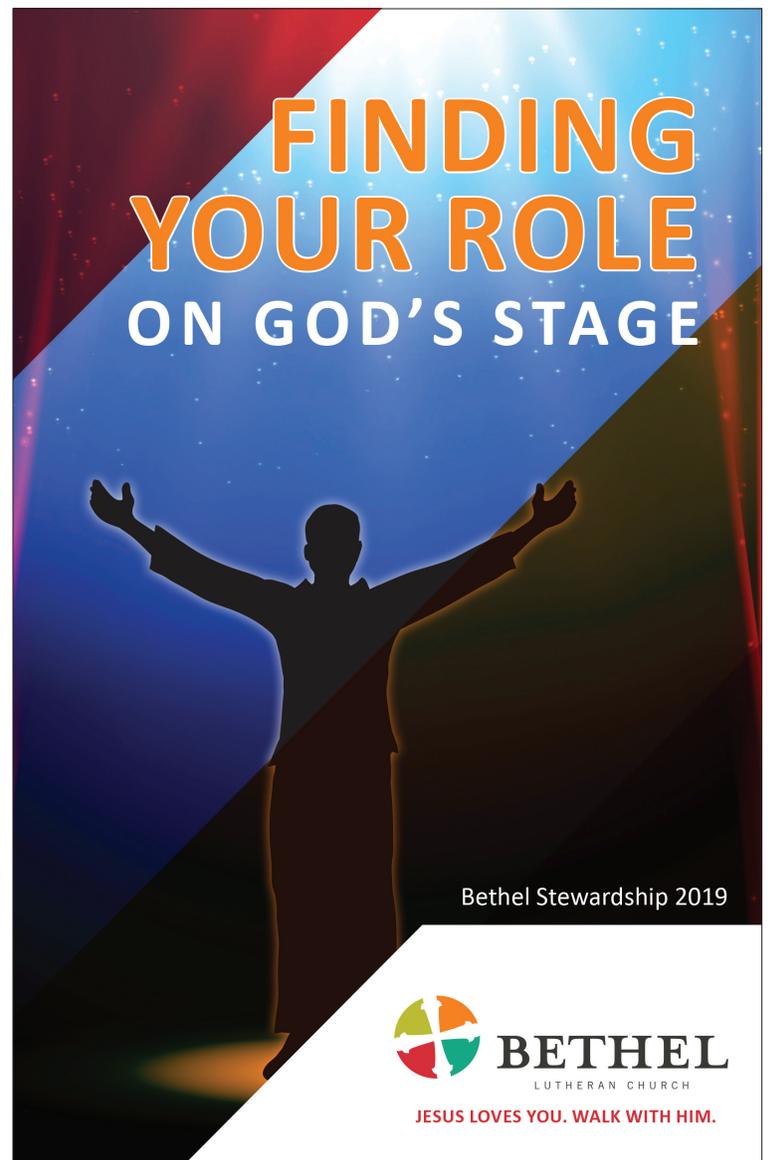
Oct 20 - Session II: The Prison System: Purpose and Programming. Karen will address the complex policies and practices that make negotiating the prison system so difficult and confusing. What are the consequences of truth-in-sentencing laws, massive overcrowding and untreated mental health problems in a system designed for punishment, not treatment? The public perception of the criminal justice system is largely based on outdated assumptions and stereotypes as actual incarceration realities occur outside public view. Today’s session will help us understand the circumstances that can thwart offenders’ best efforts and what needed programs are or are not in place.

Nov 3 - Session III: Community Corrections: Life after Prison. Karen will acquaint us with the disheartening challenges the formerly incarcerated face as they try to begin life anew. How has “community corrections” changed what was probation, parole and extended supervision? Dr. Karen Reece will describe some of the surprisingly legal stumbling blocks to reentry. Did you know, for instance, that a person living in the community can be returned to prison without due process or without being convicted of a new crime?

Some of the challenges to rejoining the community are the daily indignities and well ingrained social barriers to housing, employment, education and training. Of course, old friends and temptations can also deter them. With a better informed perspective, this session will provide new insights on “social justice” in the criminal justice system.

Please note the schedule difference for this workshop series ONLY: Each session will be 2 hours; you may attend one or all; childcare provided. 🌈

—Wilda Nilsestuen



October Stewardship Emphasis Shows a Flair for the Dramatic: Finding Your Role on God's Stage

Lights! Camera! Action! During the weeks of Oct 6, 13, & 20, Bethel will cast a spotlight on the amazing words and actions of Jesus at Bethel and in Madison and how you can find your part. There is nothing better than playing a vital part in a drama that ends well. You, dear people, are vital to this drama. You are not a part of the audience. You are front and center, joining the Lord in the transformation of this community.

The coming weeks will be a time of great celebration, of great worship skits from some of Bethel’s finest, and of Jesus’ call to each of us to bring ourselves, our time, our talents, and our treasures onto his stage. Finding Your Role on God’s Stage will help you learn your cue to step out in your supporting role. You won’t want to miss it!

New Sermon Series

- Oct 5/6:** Bringing Your Time to the Drama
- Oct 12/13:** Bringing Your Talent to the Show
- Oct 19/20:** Bringing Your Treasure to the Action



ROCKtoberfest Comes to Madison

October 25, Friday, 6-8pm
312 Wisconsin Ave

Combine great local beer, an electrifying Rock Band (Road Trip), enough food for an army, and hundreds of great friends and neighbors partying in the parking lot and you have the makings of Rocktoberfest at Bethel Lutheran Church. Martin Luther was known as a brilliant religious thinker, a lover of music, and a devout drinker of beer. Of course, it didn't hurt that his wife, Katie a former nun, ran her own brewery business. Because changing the world is hard work, unwinding with friends is just what the doctor ordered. You're invited to do the same. Bring your friends and neighbors for a celebration that only Bethel can bring to life.

Admission and food are free. Beer and wine are for purchase with valid ID. 🍷



Bethel Jr! is Back - Yessssss!!



Join us for a creative worship for modern families. Bethel Jr! happens in our Borgwardt Hall, on the lower level, on the 1st Sunday of each month at 9am. Enjoy a themed, family worship in a relaxed, messy and faith-filling setting, with music to get your heart and feet moving, hands-on learning and a message to guide at-home discussions! 🌈

—Cindy Melrose
Coordinator of Sunday School & Family Ministry

BETHEL HORIZONS AND ADAMAH
ART STUDIOS PRESENT

DRIFTLESS AREA IMMERSION

10/27 to 10/31
\$475 per person
Scholarships available!

Arrival between 3p-4:30p
Programming begins at 4:30
Housing and meals provided (excluding 2
day-trip lunches).

Included in this retreat: cheese making; tours of historic Galena, IL; New Glarus Brewery tour, guided nature hikes with a Master Naturalist; A Raku firing; Astronomy and housing in the middle of the Driftless Region!

To register: www.adamahartstudio.org
With questions: jennifer@bethelhorizons.org
4681 County Road ZZ, Dodgeville, WI 53533

Seeing the Bible Again for the Very First Time

5:30-7pm; Childcare and Dinner Provided



Led by Pam Shellberg

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



Chicago Gargoyle Brass Oct 27, 2pm at Bethel

The Chicago Gargoyle Brass and Organ Ensemble (Organist: Jared Stellmacher), the only group of its kind in the Chicago area, will open its 2019–2020 season in Wisconsin with a concert titled “Reformation and the Three B’s” at **2pm on Sun, Oct 27 at Bethel**. The program will include transcriptions from Bach’s Cantata “Ein Feste Burg”, BWV 80, Mendelssohn’s “Reformation Symphony”, Beethoven’s “Egmont Overture” and Brahms’ “Variations on a Theme by Haydn” as well as an organ solo and congregational song. The concert is free and open to the public. All are invited!

Other concerts on the group's Wisconsin Tour include Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 734 Holy Cross Way, Madison, WI on Fri, Oct 25 at 7pm and Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 5701 Raymond Road, Madison, WI on Sat, Oct 26 at 7pm. 🌈



Paws at Bethel Thank You

A wise person once said the world would be a better place if everyone had the ability to love as unconditionally as a dog. Bethel members and neighbors had the opportunity to share the special love of our dogs during the month of Sept at the Wednesday evening PAWS events.

Thanks to Margie Czechowicz and the Serving Team for taking the initiative to support Bethel's community outreach with this event. Special thanks to Bev and Mike Thom and all the volunteers who made this event possible. 🌈



Food Pantry by the Numbers - Number of individuals served over the past three months:

June - 717 individuals
 July - 761 individuals
 August - 825 individuals (WOW!!)

Thank you for your generous donations to this important outreach mission! We especially appreciate the food and personal essential items donated on God's Work Our Hands Sunday. We can always use them! A few more volunteers are needed to work in the pantry, too. There is a current need for two people to work the third Wednesday of each month. Contact Cheryl Frazier 608.240.1770 for more info on volunteering during the week, on Saturday mornings, or to join the Thursday morning "delivery crew."

SAVE THE DATE: Advent by Candlelight (Dec 4) - The theme this year is Joy to You, O Favored Ones! Join Bethel's own Pam Shellberg, Director of Lifelong Learning for reflections from the Gospel of Luke on finding joy and what it means to be a favored one. Tickets will be on sale every Sunday in November and at the reception desk.

Making Bethel Your Spiritual Home; Nov 24 at 9am & 11:15am (New Members Received) - Any and all friends, guests, and attenders are warmly invited to make Bethel your spiritual home. There is no replacement for being surrounded by people who love you, support you, and bring out the best in you. We want that for you. If you have not officially made Bethel your church home, please do. We want to be a blessing to you and make you rich in Christian relationships. We want you to get in on the action as we are caught up in Christ's Spirit. We want you to feel the thrill of victory as we help transform our families and community. To learn more, join all the Bethel pastors on Nov 10 at 4pm as they host a Death by Chocolate for prospective members. No actual deaths will occur. For more information, please contact Pastor Mike at pastormike@bethel-madison.org.

No One Left Behind: Bethel Searches for Homebound Lovers of Jesus - If you or a loved one know of anyone who is a Bethel member and is unable to come to Bethel for worship, please let us know. We are passionate about loving and serving each person, especially people who are shut-in or otherwise homebound. Thank you for your help. If you know of someone, please contact Jeanne Moren at jmoren@sbcglobal.net.

Racial Justice Film Series (Now-Oct 30) - Madison Christian Community, 7118 Old Sauk Road, Madison, is sponsoring a six-week film and discussion series, Movies to Move Us Toward Racial Justice on Wednesdays, 6:30-8:30pm from Sept 25-Oct 30. The October 2 film is The Way Home: Women Talk about Race in America. Info: Sonja@theMCC.net

Men's Current Christian Concerns (7am; Community Room)
Oct 3 - UW-Madison by the Numbers
Oct 10 - Looking Back and Looking Forward
Oct 17 - The Suicide Epidemic: Is God the Answer?
Oct 24 - What Economic News Can You Trust?
Oct 31 - Christianity and AI: What's God's View?

XYZ Activities: Oct 4: Chapel (9:30am) - Pam Shellberg; Book Discussion (10:30am) - Leaving Cold Sassy Tree by Olive Ann Burns, QiGong, Euchre, or learning/playing Bridge; Lunch (11:45am)

- Chicken Casserole, Dessert; Program (after lunch) - Birthday celebrations with bingo and prizes. **Oct 11:** Chapel (9:30am) - Lori Poulson; Book Discussion (10:30am) - Magazine Article to be announced, QiGong, Euchre, or learning/playing Bridge; Lunch (11:45am) - Lasagna, Garlic Bread, Dessert; Program (after lunch) - Eric De Los Santos, Marimba specialist.

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 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.

Friendship Club (Oct 11) - Magical Marimba Moments. Please make reservations with Judi Griffin (608.222.9290) before Noon, Tues, Oct 9. Costs are \$12/members and \$15/guests.

Bethel Bible Series Opportunity: A New Format - Beginning Sat Morning Oct 12 - The Bible is the textbook, instead of 'bits-and-pieces', the Bethel Series presents a total framework for building a strong foundation of biblical understanding. This unique approach to adult Scripture study has been used by over a million people in more than 6,000 congregations across the country and around the world. You are invited to be part of the Bethel Series experience.

- Commitment of 1 monthly 3.5 hour class (Oct - April)
- Learn more at the forum Oct 6 in Good Shepherd Chapel at 10:15am



"Drop in the Barrel"
 for the Bethel Food Pantry
 October: Toothbrushes & Toothpaste

Minecraft for Kids (Oct 13) - Love Minecraft? Know someone who does? Join us at the Bethel Minecraft Club! Who: Open to all ages and experience levels. When: Second Sunday of each month from 11am-12pm. Where: "The SHIP" Kid's Fellowship Area (Room 216) What: Members will create and play in a server that is only for people in the Bethel Minecraft Club. Bring your own tablet with Minecraft downloaded. Why: Just for fun! Meet new people! Fun! Questions? Contact cindy@bethel-madison.org with questions.

Community Meal Program (Oct 14) - Bethel volunteers serve the Community Meal at Luke House, 310 Ingersoll Street, once a month. The next serving date is Oct 14. 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. Food contributions and servers for the meal are always welcome. This is a great opportunity to share in a vitally important ministry taking place outside our church walls that has a very low time commitment. Janet at 274.6745 or janetjohnson44@mac.com

Christian Men's Fellowship (Oct 15; 10:30am; Borgwardt Hall) - Future Shock; The book of Revelation is full of shocking images,

RALLY SUNDAY ROUNDUP

Thanks to everyone who made this event a great success!

phrases, and ideas. But perhaps most shocking of all, according to Pastor Mike, is the book's central meaning. Rather than a hell, fire, and brimstone book full of condemnation and punishment, the book of Revelation is one of the most reassuring, hopeful, and encouraging books of the entire Bible. Join us for a fresh hopeful read of an old frightful (for some) story. Pastor Mike Brown, Bethel's new Lead Pastor, grew up in Odessa, Texas, a land that is dry, desolate, and hot. West Texas is known for oil production, High School football, booze, and fire-breathing Southern Baptists. Hell, fire and damnation was their message. Revelation was their club. It took Pastor Mike several years of studying the book to really hear what God was saying through it.

Blanket Workshop (Oct 17) -

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

Feed and Read (Oct 21; Noon)

- In *The Noel Diary*, Richard Paul Evans has written a novel that touches on family relationships, mental illness, hoarding, and forgiveness. This is a heart-warming story about acceptance and triumph over family struggles. We meet starting at noon on Monday Oct 21. Most of us bring a dish to share, but it's ok to just bring a bag lunch for you. Either way, we'll have lunch together while discussing *The Noel Diary*.



VIEW MORE OPPORTUNITIES: www.bethel-madison.org/events



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17 PENTECOST

Pastor Mike Brown - Oct 5 at 5pm - Pentecost
Pastor Mike Brown - Oct 6 at 7:45 & 9am - Sanctuary
Pastor Mike Brown - Oct 6 at 11:15am - Sanctuary

18 PENTECOST

Pastor Mike Brown - Oct 12 at 5pm - Pentecost
Pastor Mike Brown - Oct 13 at 7:45am & 9am - Sanctuary
Pastor Mike Brown - Oct 13 at 11:15am - Sanctuary

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6

7-11a Pentecost Respite (Pentecost)
7:45a Worship Service (Sanctuary)
8:00a Coffee Fellowship (Emmaus)
Bethel Choir Rehearsal (Choir)
Puzzle & Game Collection (Emmaus)
8:30a Childcare provided 8:30am-12pm (Nursery)
Library Open (Library)
9:00a Worship Service (Sanctuary)
Bethel Jr! (Borgwardt Hall)
10:15a Weekly Bible Study (Rm 120)
Bethel Series Class Preview (GS Chapel)
Family Conversations (Borgwardt Hall)
11:15a Worship Service (Sanctuary)
5:15p Acolyte Training (Sanctuary)
5:30p Parent Discussion Group (Rm 100)
6:00p Confirmation & Senior High Youth Quake (Youth Quake Room)

MONDAY, OCTOBER 7

12:00p Food Pantry Open 12-3pm (M-F) (Lower Level)
BLCEF Investment Committee Meeting (Rm 200)
4:00p Property Resources Team (Rm 205)
5:00p Lifelong Learning Team (Rm 213)
5:15p Financial Resources Team (Library)
5:30p Strategic Planning Task Force (Rm 120)
6:00p Daniel Plan (Community)

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8

8:30a Homeless Support Services (T&TH) (Pentecost)
9:00a Library Open (Library)
11:45a Women's Coordinating Council (Rm 120)
1:00p Homeless Ministry Board Meeting (Fireside)
2:00p Human Resources Team (Rm 120)
5:15p Rebuilding at Bethel (Library, Rm 100 & 120)
5:30p Women's Choir (Choir)
6:30p Creative Worship Singers (Choir)
7:30p Worship Team Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9

12:00p Women's Coordinating Council (Rm 120)
5:30p Seeing the Bible Again for the First Time (Borgwardt Hall)
6:00p Bell Choir (Rm 202)
Compassion Circle (Library)

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10

7:00a Current Christian Concerns (Community)
8:00a Second Harvest Delivery
Abigail Circle (Rm 120)
12:00p Blessings Circle (Rm 120)
1:00p Grief Support Group (Library)
Daniel Plan (Community)
7:00p Bethel Choir Rehearsal (Choir)
Renew Circle (Rm 100)

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11

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

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12

9:30a Food Pantry Open 9:30-11:30am (Lower Level)
5:00p Worship Service (Pentecost)

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