

Bethelite

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DOING CHURCH THE BETHEL WAY:

Innovation, Adaptation, & Reconciliation

Over the past 155 years of vibrant and far-reaching ministry, Bethel has distinguished itself as a bold leader among churches in America. It has been known as a church that took risks, attempted great feats, and achieved exceptional results. I heard about Bethel in the 1970's as a kid in Odessa, TX as my parents took the Bethel Series. Over long stretches of time, this congregation has shown a remarkable ability to innovate and adapt to changing times and to seize new opportunities. In the process, Bethel was able to transform people and situations for the greater good, for the expansion of Christ's kingdom. Yes, Bethel was a "mega-church" long before being a "mega-church" was cool, or even a term. This month, we take another step in what I call "the Bethel way," by innovating and adapting to changing times.

This year we seize a new opportunity for expanding our ministries and

building Christ's kingdom. By early March, we will have installed a 9' x 16' LED Screen to use in the sanctuary. It's big. But, so is the sanctuary. More importantly, so is Bethel's calling from God. At Bethel, we bear the ark for the creation of a new kind of human community in Madison. We shoulder the yoke for



the reconciliation of our fractured community. We have been placed here at the heart of this capital as a beach head as Jesus advances to set all things right. Our calling is not small. Our calling at Bethel is to provide a spiritual epicenter for the greater Madison Metropolitan area radiating the reconciling message of Jesus Christ. This new technology

will help us do just that. That being said, there are some practical, honest, logical, and natural questions regarding this project. You will find them in no particular order.

Where is it going to go? Will it be a distraction? UP! Up and out of sight!

The LED Screen wall will be going UP, and then down when it is time to use it. It is basically a big flat screen TV. But it will not be attached to any walls in the sanctuary but instead will be hoisted high above our heads behind where the speakers hang. For the most part, the screen will be "out of sight". "Out of sight" doesn't mean that people will never see it up high. It means that the screen will be out of the "line of sight" of any given worshiper sitting in the pews. In a similar manner the speakers that hang up high are out of our line of sight if we are sitting in the pews. But people can and will see the LED screen if they look for it.

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Why do we need it? *To grow and expand.*

Today's growing churches have found a way to effectively integrate video into their ministries. One of the hallmarks of Bethel Lutheran Church has been its willingness to adapt and change to reach more and more people. For the majority of Bethel's history, the church has been filled with people who were "movers and shakers" in the community. These people were often the most educated and entrepreneurial in Madison. These Bethel forebearers grew the church with innovation and creativity. When the physical location inhibited growth, Bethel leaders changed locations. When language and culture issues got in the way, the church changed languages from Norwegian to English. When radio first appeared, Bethel was an early adopter of the technology and grew. When TV's began to show-up in living rooms across the state, Bethel was on the cutting edge. Each time new opportunities appeared to reach people, Bethel has led the way. The LED Screen will help Bethel connect with people who relate to the world through digital media.

What will it be used for? *Many, many applications.*

It will be used regularly during the 11:15 contemporary worship service, but not the other services. It will also be used for large scale educational group gatherings. It will be used for speaker events, where we bring in nationally known speakers and invite the community to experience Bethel hospitality. The screen will also provide the opportunity to host "movie" nights, where we can show award-winning films with great spiritual benefit. There are many uses for such a screen.

Where is the money coming from for the LED Screen?

From a single donor who made a gift to the Media Ministry in 2017

In 2017, a lovely woman who was not a member but who was touched deeply by Bethel's ministry made a major gift to the church for the purposes of supporting the Media Ministry. That gift has been held in a restricted account growing through wise investing. With the gift, the donor asked that the funds not be held "in perpetuity." She wanted the funds to be used as needed to extend the reach of Bethel's Media Ministry. Last year, in 2019 that restricted fund had a balance of over \$800,000 due to wise investing of the Bethel Endowment Foundation Investment Committee. The money from the Media Ministry account can only be used for Bethel's Media Ministry.

Did we consider other options besides an LED Screen Wall? *Yes, and the other option was not good.*

The only real alternative to the LED Screen is a screen and projector. For regular use, screens have to be mounted somewhere. To mount a screen on the sanctuary wall would have a detrimental effect on the architectural appearance of the sanctuary. No screen can be attached to the big wood beam across the front of the sanctuary since it is not a structural but decorative beam. To have a large enough screen attached to the ceiling then drop 40' feet down requires custom manufacturing running into tens of thousands of dollars. Such a screen also requires a commercial grade movie theater type projector, which easily cost \$80,000. All things considered, the LED Screen wall is comparable in cost with the benefit of offering a dramatically higher picture quality and longer life.

Isn't this an extravagant expenditure? *On the contrary, it is a necessary investment.*

It is an investment in the future of Bethel. This LED screen will help us connect with a large segment of the population that we are currently out of touch with. It will help us grow in numbers and in vitality. There is an entire generation of people for whom technology and digital media are basic assumptions in life and the primary way they relate to the world. This investment is consistent with the investments in technology that made Bethel's radio program and TV broadcast ministries possible. Over the years, we have invested several million dollars in equipment and broadcast air time to get the word out for Christ.

Compared to the resources we have provided for our traditional worship, it pales by comparison. Through the decades, we have made certain to connect with people who love traditional worship. We have a spectacular sanctuary, stunning stained-glass windows that is priceless, a \$2 million organ, a \$10,000 set of timpani, a harpsichord, top of the line grand pianos, handbells, two organists, and four choir directors. We do all this gladly and willingly to reach people with the gospel of Christ who connect with God in traditional ways.

If you have any additional questions about this new bold move for Bethel's growth, please contact me by email at pastormike@bethel-madison.org. 🌈

*–Mike Brown
Lead Pastor*

CARING FOR CREATION:

Preserving Special Places in Wisconsin

Protecting the outdoors from human degradation

February 23 | 10:15am | Borgwardt Hall

“Preserving Special Places in Wisconsin” is a growing challenge as human activities degrade our natural environment and landscape. Mary Jean Huston, the longtime Director of the Nature Conservancy in Wisconsin, will help us understand the role of public and private support in protecting the outdoors from human degradation. She will explain how conservation-funding programs – especially the State of Wisconsin-sponsored Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program – protect such places. In particular she will describe the history of increasing and decreasing support of that program, its current status, and how it and other Wisconsin efforts compare with and also support similar efforts in other places. The important role of land trusts will also be highlighted.



Mary Jean Huston, State Director, Emerita, The Nature Conservancy's Wisconsin chapter has been employed by the Nature Conservancy in increasingly responsible positions across several states and the Midwest Regional Office until her retirement in November, 2019.

As Wisconsin Nature Conservancy Director, Huston was responsible for the overall direction and management of the program. Included among her most significant accomplishments in that role are completing the 64,000-acre Wild Rivers Legacy Forest working forest easement; leading a conservation campaign that raised \$31.7 million in four years; maintaining a strong statewide Knowles Nelson Stewardship Program (public funding for land protection); bringing federal funds to Wisconsin for conservation priorities; and launching the North America Regional Initiative of the global Alliance for Water Stewardship.

DNR: Watchdog for Natural Resources Protection and Restoration

March 15 | 10:15am | Borgwardt Hall

Statewide, DNR's workforce of 4,000 manages a vast swath of policy and regulatory responsibilities that directly affect the population at many levels. In Wisconsin, all environmental questions come under this agency, broadly including water, forestry, wildlife – and everything from parks and outdoor recreation, conservation, regulating CAFO's and deer populations, flood and invasive species management, hunting and fishing permits to air quality and waste management regulation.

Does it matter how this environmental “watchdog” sees its role in protecting our natural heritage and preparing for a future threatened by climate change and extreme weather? Many Wisconsinites are concerned about state and federal policy directions over the past decade. Todd Ambs' position and long history in government and environmental policy make him well positioned to assess what those changes have meant to land and water stewardship in Wisconsin and what practices and priorities have developed under the Evers administration. Ambs will address our questions and concerns about DNR's impact on the health of our environment, the influence of science on decision-making and the work being done to combat imminent and long-term challenges.



Todd Ambs has worked in the environmental policy field for more than 30 years, most recently as the campaign director for Healing our Waters-Great Lakes Coalition. From 2003-2010, he was the DNR's Water Division administrator, where he was lead negotiator for the State of Wisconsin during the development of the Great Lakes Compact.

This is one of five forums C4C will offer this year. The full schedule is available in the current C4C/C4SJ brochure, on the info board outside of the sanctuary and online at www.bethel-madison.org/caring-creation.



–Wilda Nilsestuen
Caring for Creation Team Member

A Night With Nadia:

Nadia Bolz-Weber to Speak at Bethel

It's time for "the TALK." Yep, that's the one, S-E-X. There is a dirty little secret when it comes to sex. But, it's not the sex! The real secret is how damaging everyday religious attitudes about sex really are. That's the thing nobody really wants to talk about, until now!



**March 12, Thursday, at
7pm**

Join Nadia Bolz-Weber in the evening for a frank conversation about bodies, shame, sex, love, and more. Walk away with a new ability to accept and affirm yourself, remove shame from the equation, and live your sexuality in ways that result in real connection.

Seating will be limited to the first 1,000 (only 200 left). This event will sell out.

Free tickets are available here: www.bethel-madison.org/nadia 🌈

Spaghetti Dinner and Variety Show

March 1, 12:30pm, Borgwardt Hall



As Jesus accepted the invitation to attend the wedding at Cana to celebrate with friends and family a great occasion, we hope you will accept this invitation to do the same. On Sun, Mar 1, at 12:30pm, Bethel will have a feast of pasta, love, and laughter. Spaghetti generously covered with Chef Steve's special and secret marinara sauce, meat sauce, and white sauce, topped with ample

Singing That is Good for the Soul:

Hymn Suggestions
Sought

As a youngster growing up in the 1950's Lutheran tradition, three of the hymns I loved were "A Mighty Fortress", "Amazing Grace" and "Eternal Father, Strong to Save" (The Navy Hymn).

Would you like to hear more of your favorite traditional hymns? They perhaps transport us to times less tumultuous or bathe us in security and warmth. Whatever the reason, they simply "feel good".

At church services in March, the ushers will be distributing a simple form with the Worship Booklet to indicate three of your favorite hymns. We will tabulate titles and they will be included in the rotation of hymns for traditional worship services. 🌈

–Worshiping Ministry Team

Parmesan cheese, served with salad, fresh bread, and desserts will lull you into a deep sense of relaxation. Then, comes the show! As the meal comes near a close, several Bethel members – children, youth, and adults – will perform songs and skits for your hilarity. This event takes place in Borgwardt Hall and will invite a free-will donation.

If you are interested in being the 'talent' for the variety show, please register by filling out the form at this link: <https://forms.gle/mxHWtmKswMKcPzJu7>. The registration deadline is Feb 25.

Registration submissions and questions can be directed to Pastor Margo. 🌈

Memorials

IN HONOR & IN MEMORY
October - December 2019



BETHEL
LUTHERAN CHURCH

THE FOLLOWING TELECASTS WERE SPONSORED DURING THE MONTHS OF: OCTOBER, NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER

Oct. 6: In loving memory of Laverne B. Forest by family and friends.

Nov. 3: In memory of Dorothea Haug's birthday, November 1, 1923 in thanksgiving for her bequest planning to benefit "Worship at Bethel."

Nov. 10: In thankfulness of our 70th wedding anniversary and the many blessings throughout those past years together by Earl and Marian Mylrea.

Dec. 15: In loving memory of Roger Loff by his wife Lois

Dec. 22: In celebration of the 65th wedding anniversary of Bob & Mary Jane Nicholson

Dec. 29: In honor of our children, our grandchildren and our great grandchildren by Earl & Marian Mylrea

BETHEL CHOIR

In memory of Eloise Davis by William & Debra Davis family: William & Debra Davis, Jared & Kristie Davis - Alexis and Keeli, Angie Davis, Megan & Rich Rendle - Reilly, Lauren & Nate Schacht - Casey and Conor

In memory of Eloise Davis by Patty & Mike Hickey

In memory of Myrna Hanson by Carolyn Aradine, Carla Mollien, Judith Christenson

BETHEL HORIZONS - DUANE HANSON CAMBERSHIP FUND

In memory of my dad, Leonard Kick, my brother, Andy Kick, my sister, Judy Kick Murphy and Pastor Duane Hanson by Angie Stewart

In Memory of Duane Hanson by Ruth Hanson

BETHEL HORIZONS 50TH ANNIVERSARY CAMPAIGN

In memory of Karen Gould's mother, Ruth Gysbers by Phil & Mary Lou Dzick

In memory of Pastor Duane Hanson by Joanne & Win Jensen, Bill & Mauretta Mattison

In memory of Myrna Hanson by Dale & Lisa Mathwich

In honor of J. & S. Salzwedel by Alan Kaplan

In memory of Lila Salzwedel by Anne & Donald Staniforth, Jeffrey & Jean Voelkel, Chris Salzwedel

In memory of Rod Ulteig by Donna Ulteig

BETHEL HORIZONS CAMBERSHIP

In memory of Duane Hanson by Frederick Elder

In honor of Hazel Hiemstra by Paul White

In memory of my sister Judy's passing - August 25, 2019 and of my mom, Alberta's passing - November 25, 2019 by Angie & Mike Stewart

BETHEL HORIZONS FOUNDATION

In memory of Myrna Hanson by Robert & Mary Johnson

BETHEL HORIZONS PROGRAM FUND

In honor of our children: Kari Albrecht, Zachary Murray & Shawn Murray by Russell & Patricia Dodd

In honor of my sister (Cathy Buege's) birthday by Mary Ann & Dick Shaw

In memory of Pastor Duane Hanson by Pastor Richard Druckrey

In memory of Myrna Hanson by Carla Mollien

In memory of Lila Salzwedel by Anthony Siebert

In memory of Betty Saxe by Terry & Debra Gorsuch, Michael & Laura Morris, David & Patricia Saxe

In memory of Devona Swiggum by Linda Gerke, Joan Gilbertson, John & Barbara Gordon, Judi & Thomas Griffin, Ruth Hanson, Steven & Myrna Kay Young

In memory of Dominic Vitale by Beverly Vitale

In honor of Linda Warren by David & Sigrid Knuti

BETHEL SERIES

In memory of Devona Swiggum by Bob & Marilyn Cleveland

ENDOWMENT FOUNDATION

In memory of Ellie Bauer by Joan Bruce

In memory of Ron Caldwell by Matthew & Tracy Brandel

In memory of Suzanne (Sue) J. Christoffersen by Judi & Tom Griffin, Ray & Helen Kruse, Peder & Jeanne Moren, Burt & Darlene Olson, Thomas Pierce, Jan & Dave Primus, Jacqui & John Shanda, Henry & Sharon Starkey

In memory of my parents, Vernon N. and Shirley J. Dodson by Martha Dodson

In memory of Sherri Hahn by Kristine (Kris) Kennedy

In memory of Myrna Hanson by Kenneth & Linda Antaramian, Bob & Marilyn Cleveland, Harold & Audrey Cushman, Joan Gilbertson, Mary Hugdahl, Karl & Velma Marquardt, Carl & Janice Powell, Eugene Strangman, Mike & Bev Thom

In memory of Jean Hodel by Tricia Hodel

In memory of our Aunt & Uncle, Myrtle & Curt Knutson by Rev. Jim & Joni Schalkhauser

In memory of Roger Kolseth by Mary Banovetz, Jim & Sharon Burton, Naomi Chavez, Karl Peterson

Coach Roger Kolseth by Nathan S. Brand

In honor of Bob & Mary Jane Nicholson's 65th wedding anniversary by Henry & Sharon Starkey

In memory of Ken Roeh by Norv & Carrie Bernhardt, Sharon Bloodgood, Phil & Mary Lou Dzick, Paul Eastwood, Wayland & Donna Hicks, William Meddings, Peder & Jeanne Moren, Alice & Bill Mowbray, Darlene & Burt Olson, Tom Pierce, Suzanne Roeh, Al & Wendy Schultz, Katherine Snellgrove, Carolyn White, Petrea Witt, family and friends

In memory of Uncle Ken Roeh by Randy Roeh

In memory of Betty Saxe by Phil & Mary Lou Dzick, Edward Fong, Peder & Jeanne Moren, Betty Saxe Estate, Jo Thomley

In memory of Neal Starkweather by Gladys Starkweather

In memory of Devona Swiggum by JoAnn Six

In memory of Virginia E. Swingen by Sam Arneson, Harriet Huff, JoAnn Six

In memory of Jack Westman by Irene Kringle, Georgene Stratman

FOOD PANTRY

In memory of our son, C.J. by Faith Kelley & family

In memory/honor of Tom & Mary Lou Bennett by Anne Bennett, Douglas Driskell

In memory of Suzanne (Sue) J. Christoffersen by Phil & Mary Lou Dzick, Jack & Sue Marking, Marian Osterberg

In memory of Louise Dalton & Jeff Dalton by Doug & Carol Dalton

In memory of Marian & Gordon Natvig by Norv & Carrie Bernhardt

In memory of Austin & Alice Osterhaus by George Osterhaus

In memory of Betty Saxe by Crystal & Timothy Carter

In honor of Beverly Sherven by John & Lisa Sherven, Wendy & David Warner

In memory of Christal Swigart's mom by Kathleen Engel-Hunt

In memory of Dominic Vitale by Beverly Vitale

HOMELESS MINISTRY

In memory of Ken Roeh by Bev & Mike Thom

LIBRARY FUND

In memory of my parents, Joseph W. & Mary E. Steel by Roger Steel

MUSIC MEMORIAL

In memory of Myrna Hanson by Irene Kringle, Jo Thomley

OPERATING BUDGET

In memory of Myrna Hanson by Christine Cannon, Constance Dreger, Paul Eastwood & Teresa Mulrooney, Donna Fox, Joan Gering & Tom Tuttle, Judith & Thomas Griffin, Ruth Hanson, Jan & Ron Opelt, Leo & Lorna Sebald

MEDIA MINISTRY

In memory of Tom Bennett by Carla Mollien

In honor of Ruth Bewick's 90th birthday by Dorothy Schroeder

In memory of Bill Clerkin by Kathy Clerkin

In memory of Sherri Hahn by Jeanette Pochebut

In memory of Roger Kolseth by Marian Osterberg, John & Debra Thorstad

In memory of June McNally by Mike & Kathi Steele

In memory of Ken Roeh by Paul & Susan Dietz, Joan Gilbertson, Judith & Tom Griffin, Hubert Nelson, Robb

Robison, Suzanne Roeh, Julie Winding, family and friends

In memory of our parents, Walter & Ethel Stauffer by Helen & Millie Stauffer

In memory of my parents, Joseph W. & Mary E. Steel by Roger Steel

In memory of Rosalie Trevallee by Richard & Ruth Carl, Bonnie Henell, Susan Josheff, Jean Kasten, Kathryn Kube, Pamela Leahy, David Lewke, family and friends

In memory of Lorraine Willett of Milton WI. She was a faith follower of "Worship at Bethel" and gained great peace from it. by Carol Connors, Robert & Lorraine Willett

In memory of Marcella Williams by Jon Williams

Parish Records

BAPTISMS

Delia Noelle Brunet (twin)	10/27/19
Cohen Cameron Brunet (twin)	10/27/19
Bryce Steven Caple	11/10/19
Lucas James Jenson	11/17/19
Stella Mabel Totaro	12/1/19

WEDDINGS

Gretchen Straus & Devon Montgomery	10/5/19
Allison Kelsey & Beau Goff	11/16/19
Julia Malmborg & Robert Bakke	11/23/19
Courtney Paulsen & Ian Mitchell	12/7/19
Donna Padley Wood & Larry Otis	12/21/19
Beth Olson & Dan Haddinger	12/23/19

FUNERALS

Myrna Hanson	10/3/19
Clarice Littel	10/10/19
Roger Kolseth	10/15/19
Gordon Lofgren	10/17/19
William Hoestra	11/4/19
Kenneth J. Roeh	11/7/19
Elmo O. Peterson	11/21/19
Virginia Swingen	11/30/19
Suzanne Christoffersen	12/12/19

Creating Scenes from Jesus' Last Days:

A Lenten practice for our community



You are invited - individually, as a family, or as a group of friends - to create an artistic representation of a scene from the last days of Jesus' life.

All the creations will share a common form - a three-fold presentation board called a triptych. You will choose a passage from the story of

Jesus' last days that makes a claim on you in some way, vexes you, comforts you, or captures your spiritual imaginations. Then, **during Lent**, and using any kind of medium you choose, you'll create some representation of that scene, to be displayed on the three-fold board. Bring your completed triptychs back to church on Palm Sunday, April 5, where they will be displayed in order of the story they tell in and around the Fireside Room. During Holy Week, that space will be transformed into a quiet meditation space. Your triptychs contributing to something like the "stations of the cross," where you and others of our community can enter into a deeper contemplation of the events and mysteries of Holy Week.

Do not be dismayed if you think you or your family are not "artistic" enough for this! You can make collages, create scenes with Legos, make a mosaic, use finger paints, water colors, crayons, Sculpey, and more! All media are welcome - oil and acrylic painting, fabric art, photos and even videos. The only requirement is that they are "held" by the triptych board. You can represent a scene, a figure from the story, a symbol of Lent.

The intention is to create something that will focus your Lenten reflection and give shape to your spiritual practice during the season. And to create something that contributes to special contemplative experience for all of us during the days of Holy Week.

These boards will be available to you on Sun, March 1, along with guides for finding and choosing a biblical passage as your focus.

If you have questions, contact Pam Shellberg at pam@bethel-madison.org. 🌈



Learn to Laugh Again

February 16-March 8

Sometimes people have the wrong view of God. They think they should be somber, serious, or down. Laughter is discouraged. Dancing is forbidden. But, God would not agree. Because, if the fact be known, God loves a party! God brings laughter where there were tears and a smile where there was sorrow. Join us and find the divine joy in the life of a Jesus follower. In the sermon series, Learn to Laugh Again, Pastor Mike takes us on an exploration of the story of the wedding at Cana when Jesus brought life back to the party and how God's joy enters into our lives.

Feb 23 - How to Handle the Party Crashers

Mar 1 - Why You Can Expect More from Life

Mar 8 - You Ain't Seen Nuthin' Yet! 🌈

New Member Spotlight

Matthew Coppens



After relocating to Madison in 2017, my next major decision was to locate a house of worship where I can call home. Having worshiped at a variety of other churches locally, I discovered Bethel in March of this year and have decided to become a member of the congregation.

When not at work or in the company of friends, I can be found outside training for endurance sporting events, at the symphony or opera, and that of working to raise both awareness and funds for HIV/Aids related causes. 🌈

Music and Diversity:

A Discussion

Bethel's Music Director, Amy Hartsough, had the pleasure of participating in, and attending the College Music Society's National Conference in Louisville, KY in October, 2019. She presented a performance and lecture with her dear friend and pianist Dr. Eric Hung, of P.Q. Phan's "Spring Confessions", with lyrics composed by the early 19th-century Vietnamese woman poet, Ho Xuan Huong. Their lecture/performance was part of an over-arching theme of discussions on music and diversity, with their opening conversations about historic experiences and expectations of women.



The conference itself, other participants' stories, and Amy's teaching/singing experience, was eye and heart opening! It was here that she learned about the systemic and individual reactions to the diversity of the student body: racial diversity, sexual diversity, cultural diversity, and medical diversity, and the challenges and goals that diversity naturally creates. The conference emphasized frank discussions about how to teach students with empathy, compassion, and respect, while also imparting information that would truly be helpful and important as they incorporate the knowledge into their lives and pursuits.



Amy brings this discussion back to Bethel, as an invitation to honestly look at the challenges and joys of diversity through all music. Her goals are (1) to help facilitate open discussions on race, both within the black-white binary and beyond it, (2) to introduce collaborative ideas in music, sharing gifts between church

homes, even denominations, and to discuss why the myth of difference between sacred and secular music exists, and (3) to gently disrupt hegemonic (culturally dominant) narratives about immigration, nationalism, and appropriation that exists in music today, both in and outside of church.

Please join Amy on Sun, Mar 8, at 10:15am in the Fireside Gallery as she discusses her conference experience. All are welcome to attend! 🌈

Bishop Election Process

The South-Central Synod of Wisconsin (SCSW, which is our synod located in Madison), is in full-swing. Since the resignation of Viviane Breithfeld-Thomas last fall, Rev. Peter Rogness has been serving as our interim bishop and will continue in this role through the election of our new bishop on June 20, 2020.

Twelve conferences comprise the SCSW (Bethel Lutheran is part of the Central/West Conference). All conferences have been holding Town Hall Forums, encouraging the people of our synod to ask questions and discuss the pastoral and administrative qualities that we need in the role of bishop.

Bethel has been represented at these town hall forums by our voting members to our Synod Assembly (Deb and Dale Holmen, Kathleen and Jim Messinger, David Clack and alternate Jim Esmoil) and members of our clergy staff. At their next meeting (Feb 23) conference members will give names of pastors whom they believe should be candidates for this office.

Once the names have been submitted by all conferences, our Bishop Call Committee will begin their work of interviewing the candidates, selecting 4-6 final bishop nominees. (Pastor Jerry Tews serves on that call committee). At our Synod Assembly (May 1-2) these nominees will be introduced and available for conversation. The final election will take place on June 20, 2020.

Feel free to talk with any of our voting members (named above) and/or our pastors with questions. Please be faithful in prayer during this important process, asking God to grant the wisdom of discernment to all who share these process responsibilities and to give faith, courage and strength to all. Thanks for your prayers, as this is YOUR way of participating in God's work of call.



—Pastor Margo R. Martens



"Drop in the Barrel"
for the Bethel Food Pantry
February: Bar Soap

Men's Current Christian Concerns

(7-8am; Community Room)

Feb 20 - What Killed Curiosity, the Cat?

Feb 27 - Ukraine: Stories Behind the Story

Ash Wednesday (Feb 26)

- **12-1pm:** Worship in Fireside Gallery (Imposition of Ashes & Holy Communion)
- **5:30pm:** Fish Fry in Borgwardt Hall (\$10)
- **7pm:** Worship in Sanctuary (Imposition of Ashes & Holy Communion)

Blanket Workshop (Feb 27) - 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.

Bethel Jr! (Mar 1; 9am; Borgwardt Hall) - Bethel Jr! is the place where kids bring their family and friends to worship and learn about God's love. We will laugh, sing, breathe, play, and pray as we grow in our faith together. Following the service, children will go to Sunday School with their classroom leaders and adults are invited to stay for fellowship and Family Conversation from 10:15-11am in Borgwardt Hall. ALL are welcome!

Christian Men's Fellowship (Mar 3; 10:30am; Borgwardt Hall) *The Viking Sword That Wasn't*; Marcus Cederström earned his B.A. from the University of Oregon in Sports Business, History, and Scandinavian Studies and his M.A. and Ph.D. in Scandinavian Studies from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. He is a folklorist working in the Department of German, Nordic, and Slavic at UW-Madison as the community curator of Nordic-American folklore for the "Sustaining Scandinavian Folk Arts in the Upper Midwest" project. In 1911, a sword was dug up in the prairie of Minnesota. Not long after, it was declared a Viking-Age sword. But in 2007, that all changed. This talk explores what happened and what it can tell us about Nordic-American life in the Upper Midwest.

Community Meal Program (Mar 9) - Bethel volunteers serve the Community Meal at Luke House, 310 Ingersoll Street, once a month. The next serving date is Mar 9. 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

Friendship Club (Mar 13; 6:15pm; Borgwardt Hall) - Bethel Series Trip to Israel; We have a special program tonight, Paster Jeff Quinta will share his experiences on his trip to Israel. The menu is Country meat loaf, mashed potatoes, gravy, glazed carrots, salad, rolls and apple crisp for dessert. Please make reservations with Judi Griffin at 608.222.9290 before noon Tues, Mar 9. Costs are \$12/members and \$15/guests. Membership dues are \$10/year.

Easter Giving 2020

Please write separate checks for Easter Garden & Hephatha Lutheran Church. The Deadline is Monday, March 30, to return this form and money to Bethel for donations to be included in the Easter Publications.

Easter Garden

CIRCLE ONE: In Memory In Honor

NAME _____

BY _____

X \$20 = _____

OF PLANTS TOTAL DUE

Flowers may be picked-up after last worship service on April 12 or after.

Our Mission Partner: Hephatha Lutheran Church Milwaukee, WI

CIRCLE ONE: In Memory In Honor

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Return entire form to: Bethel Lutheran Church
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TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD

Pastor Mike Brown - Feb 22 at 5pm - Pentecost
Pastor Mike Brown - Feb 23 at 7:45 & 9am - Sanctuary
Pastor Mike Brown - Feb 23 at 11:15am - Sanctuary

1 LENT

Pastor Mike Brown - Feb 29 at 5pm - Pentecost
Pastor Mike Brown - Mar 1 at 7:45 & 9am - Sanctuary
Pastor Mike Brown - Mar 1 at 11:15am - Sanctuary

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23

7-11a Pentecost Respite (Pentecost)
7:45a Worship Service (Sanctuary)
8:00a Coffee Fellowship (Emmaus)
9:00a Worship Service (Sanctuary)
9:30a Children's Ministry: Sunday School, Choir and Kids FellowSHIP
10:15a Weekly Bible Study (Rm 120)
Preserving Special Places in Wisconsin (Borgwardt Hall)
11:15a Worship Service (Sanctuary)
5:30p Parent Discussion Group (GS Chapel)
Youth Activities (Borgwardt Hall)
6:00p Confirmation & Senior High Youth Quake (Youth Quake Room)

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24

8:00a Serving Ministry Team (Library)
12:00p Food Pantry Open 12-3pm (M-F) (Lower Level)
6:30p Community Ministry Team (Rm 120)

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25

8:30a Homeless Support Services (Pentecost)
9:00a Worshipping Ministry Team (Rm 20)
9:30a Library Open (Library)
5:15p Rebuilding at Bethel (Library, Rm 100, Rm 120)
5:30p Women's Choir (Choir)
Resettlement Ministry (Rm 20)
6:30p Creative Worship Singers (Choir)
7:30p Worship Team Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26

12:00p Worship (Fireside)
5:30p Fish Fry (\$10) (Borgwardt Hall)
6:00p Bell Choir (Rm 202)
7:00p Worship (Sanctuary)

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27

7:00a Current Christian Concerns (Community)
8:00a Second Harvest Delivery
8:30a Homeless Support Services (Pentecost)
9:00a Blanket Workshop (Borgwardt Hall)
7:00p Bethel Choir (Choir)

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28

7:00a Men's Book Study (Rm 120)
8:30a XYZ Bridge Players (Emmaus)

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 29

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



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