

Bethelite

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GETTING READY FOR COUNTDOWN:

What the pandemic means for us as Bethel

There is no doubt about it. This coronavirus has been a total drag. It's put a real pall over almost everything we do. We can't go the place we want to go. We can't do the things we want to do. We can't get married the ways we want to get married. We can't bury our loved ones the way we want to. This pandemic can be a real joy-kill. And yet, as I work from my Bethel office day after day, I am more and more struck by the incredible opportunity that this drag presents. There are several opportunities it has opened but I will highlight only a few.

1) The Opportunity to Get Caught Up

Technologically. Bethel has a history of innovation and adaptation. But one of the adaptations we did not make over the past decades was the move to a powerful digital ministry. True, we have been using email and have had a website. But those efforts amount to splashing around in the wading pool as opposed to a full immersion and deep dive of what is possible. Churches that started after 1995, like Blackhawk, came

of age with the internet and adapted to digital ministry quite well. The temporary burden put on us by the virus has given us the opportunity to take a quantum leap into dramatically improved abilities in online ministry.

focus on our relationships. We focus on the future. With this pressure cooker we call a pandemic, we have an amazing opportunity to take major steps forward guided by the new Bethel strategic plan.



2) The Opportunity to Focus. As we and all other churches struggle to keep connected, frustration is common and distractions are constant. This is because our situation is so fluid. First, we are in stage one making plans and then stage 2. But wait, the numbers are going up, so now we go back to stage 1, or is it 1 1/2? In all this incredible back and forth, we only do well when we focus. We focus on the Lord. We

3) The Opportunity of Re-Introducing Ourselves. Because we cannot offer the kind of programs that we have taken for granted, we must connect in new ways to the community. We do that each time we send out a postcard to the immediate neighborhoods announcing the next sermon series. We do that each time we broadcast our Sunday worship. We do that each time we hold a Drive-In Worship and

Movie Night. We do that each time we have a gathering in the park. When we add all these opportunities up, it begins to tell a story, a story of a new and exciting new church launch. When I lived in Indiana and started a new church, this is how it happened. There were months and months of completely behind-the-scenes work. It involved getting set up, meeting

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people, developing plans and programs. It was a time for building relationships and community and of making constant invitations. It was a time of knocking on doors, of sending out mass mailings, and ads in the paper. And it all led to the same place – the countdown. At some point, we had to set a date for the opening worship services. And when that date was set, the clock started ticking. We, at Bethel, are in a similar situation. We are working behind the scenes, in some ways out of the public eye. We are updating technology, gaining new skills, and making new connections with people. At some point, we will near the end of this pandemic season and we will set a date for pack-the-house kind of worship we are accustomed to. When we do, we will launch a new era of Bethel Lutheran Church. The countdown is coming. Until that time, let's not waste one moment. Let's not let one opportunity pass for us to become a better version of what God has created here. 🌈

–Mike Brown, Lead Pastor

Drive-In Family Worship & Movie

Saturday, Aug 29 at 7pm



Join us at the Alliant Energy Center Parking Lot on Saturday, Aug 29 at 7pm for a special family worship (30-40min) and then watch Disney's Inside Out movie!

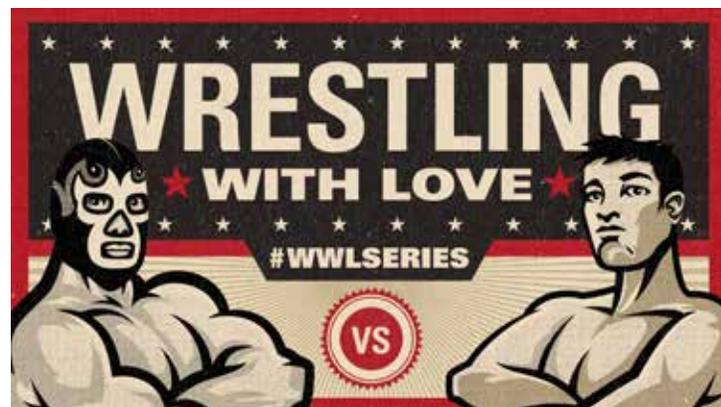
Saturday, Aug 29 at 7pm
Alliant Energy Center Parking Lot
30-40min worship followed by Disney's Inside Out movie
No charge - donations accepted

More info: www.bethel-madison.org/out

Have a question or concern in advance of the event?
Email cindy@bethel-madison.org. 🌈

Wrestling with Love

New Sermon Series: Now- Sept 13



Sometimes loving others feels like stepping into the ring. Take the normal everyday relationships in life, add a worldwide pandemic, personal isolation, social unrest, political animosity, and economic uncertainty, and you have the makings of a World Wrestling League bout between loved ones, neighbors, or even strangers. Fortunately for us, the Bible is full of insight and counsel on how to handle such situations. Join us at Bethel for Pastor Mike's new series of messages: WRESTLING WITH LOVE, from Now – Sept 13.

Aug 9 – Handling the Anger

Aug 16 – Turning Conflict on Its Head

Aug 23 – Breaking Free of Abuse

Aug 30 – Taking People Pleasing to the Mat

Sept 6 – Escaping Religious Traps

Sept 13 – Walking Away a Winner 🌈

New Member Orientation

Bethel 101 Class; Sept 2-30



Pastor Mike invites you to a six-week orientation class to life at Bethel. The class will include elements of Bethel's teachings on what it means to be a follower of Jesus, how to understand the Bible, the meaning of the Lord's Supper and baptism, how to get involved at Bethel, and many other subjects. Since booklets will be sent by US mail, pre-registration is encouraged.

Bethel 101 will meet on Wed evenings from 7-8:30pm. To pre-register, please email pastormikebrown@bethel-madison.org. This class is open to all people, members, non-members, and the simply Bethel-curious. 🌈

Bethel Neighborhood Picnics



In the coming weeks throughout Dane County, Bethel folks will be gathering at local parks for food, fellowship and fun. There will be an optional activity to participate in, a game called Kubb. We will be following COVID-19 guidelines to keep ourselves and others safe.

Date & Location - 5:30-8pm:

- Aug 6 – Bethel Lutheran Church
- Aug 13 – Tollefson Park, Verona
- Aug 20 – Maple Bluff Beach, Maple Bluff
- Aug 27 - Settler's Park, Middleton

Food by 'Food Junkies': Tacos (GF, vegetarian or meat), salad bowl and fruit bowl for \$10/person or \$25/family. Payment options are text to give (text BLC to 73256) or cash/check night of the event.

Cost: \$10/person or \$25/family

In order to attend the event **you must register** at least 2 days before the event. You can sign-up for as many picnics as you would like to attend.

Sign-up here: www.bethel-madison.org/kubb

Don't know what Kubb is? Bottom line, it is a fun and safe game for people of all ages and athletic abilities. Teams of two or more will compete. The ultimate winner of each Neighborhood Picnic event will move on to the Bethel Kubb Finals in September. 🍀

–Nurturing Team

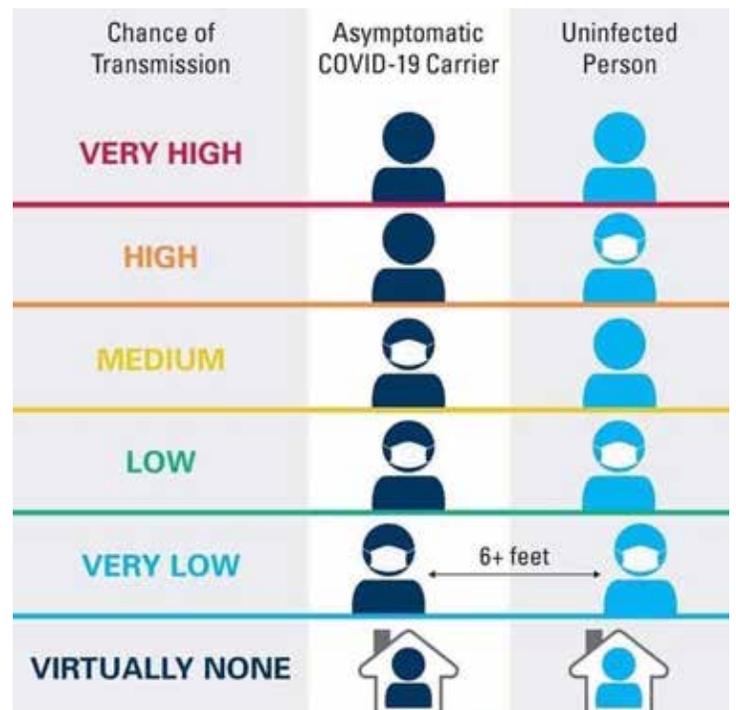


Humans of Bethel



The second week of the VBC adult bible study could not have come at a better time for me. Some fellow Bethel friends and I were discussing (agonizing) over the situation about our kids not going back to in-person school in the fall, doing distance learning and homeschooling, all while adults are trying to work, and everything just seems so impossible right now. None of the decisions feel right. The very next day I decided to participate in the adult VBC bible study, which discussed the story of Abraham and Sarah, and the theme was to trust in God, and how He always keeps his promises. I felt so much better after the bible study conversation. The timing could not have been more perfect.

–Jennifer Wilkinson, Bethel Community



Elisabeth Ruth Pynn Himmelman Ordination

We are so proud and excited to announce the ordination of Elisabeth Pynn Himmelman at Bethel on Friday, August 7 at 7:30pm (because of COVID-19 attendance is limited to fewer than 10 invited in-person guests, but details for joining via Zoom are below).

Elisabeth served as Bethel's Director of Youth Ministries from January, 2014 until August, 2018. She and husband, Jacob and son, Jens, have been active members of Bethel ever since. During her time as the Director of Youth Ministries, Elisabeth established a youth group that was close knit, supportive and faithful. With her leadership, Bethel's youth served and connected with the Bethel community, the Madison community, and far beyond.



I was fortunate enough to attend a number of youth trips with Elisabeth, including trips to Detroit, Houston, and Long Island. During those trips I saw leadership that was filled with grace, purpose, and love. Elisabeth's transition from Youth Director to Pastor makes complete sense to me – she has so many gifts and skills that will serve her well in the years to come. Of all those gifts and skills that I have seen Elisabeth display over the past number of years, I believe her ability to convey her faith in understandable and relatable ways is most impressive. Elisabeth's faith in Jesus is apparent in real and meaningful ways throughout her life.

Elisabeth attended Wartburg Seminary in Dubuque, Iowa, beginning in the Fall of 2016. During her first two years of seminary work, Elisabeth continued to serve as the Director of Youth Ministries at Bethel, leaving only when she had to begin serving as an Intern Pastor during her third year.

The Bethel Endowment Foundation graciously supported Elisabeth with \$15,000 financial support for tuition costs during her four years of studies at seminary.

After her ordination, Elisabeth will serve as Associate Pastor at First Lutheran in Kearney, NE. At First Lutheran Elisabeth will be working with youth and young adults.

Congratulations and blessings to you, Elisabeth! 🌈

*–Pastor John Swanson
Director of Congregational Life*

Circle of Love Golf Outing

Will be held on Sept 21, 2020

The Circle of Love Golf Outing will be held on Sept 21, 2020 at Blackhawk Country Club as was planned. The outing will be recast as a “Day of Golf” in adherence to COVID-19 “rules of golf” published by the United States Golf Association. Charitable contributions will be directed toward Bethel Horizons.

The associated activities such as auctions and dinner will not be held. A box “take on the course” lunch will be provided. A charitable contribution will be part

of the fee charged to golfers participating in the day of golf. This charitable contribution part will be enumerated for tax purposes. There will be “cashless” funds management.

Please stay tuned for more details as the date approaches. 🌈

*–Greg and Sharon Moses
COL Golf Outing Coordinators*



Transformed Community:

Freed & Empowered for Radical

Welcome



Five Wednesdays, beginning Aug 5, 7-8:30pm
Led by Pam Shellberg

A Bible Study for our Reconciling in Christ work together, opening our hearts and our church to the LGBTQIA+ community

Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God— what is good and acceptable and perfect. —Romans 12:2

The kind of transformation Paul is talking about is not easily come by. It demands that we not conform to this world but rather live counterculturally. This kind of faithfulness requires a group effort! This study will focus on the nature and character of Christian community—what kind of change it makes in the world and also how it challenges its individual members, even as it sustains them, in the work of living with radical generosity, inclusion, compassion, justice, and forgiveness. Let's consider how this kind of radical discipleship shapes relationships with LGBTQIA+ people, and advances Bethel's effort to become an RIC church.

Login Link: <https://tinyurl.com/yd97ymws>

Meeting ID: 985 8873 5393

Password: 431880

If Calling In Via Phone: 312.626.6799 🌈

Reconciling In Christ (RIC) Reflection



In 2009 I moved to Bangor, Maine, to teach at a UCC seminary there. Not knowing a soul, I connected right away with the only ELCA church in town (there are only

17 ELCA churches in all of Maine!). They were just beginning the very same RIC process in which Bethel is now engaged. Although quite small in size, my Bangor church had a spirit similar to Bethel's with respect to the RIC process. People were caring, generous, open-minded, and open-hearted. Most people felt like we were already welcoming and good on LGBTQIA+ issues, so why did we need to go through the process? Here is what that community came to understand.

First, a community can be as warm as can be, but if an LGBTQIA+ person doesn't ever walk through the door, they won't experience your welcome spirit. It's left completely to chance. And honestly, it's a chance not many LGBTQIA+ people will take because so many have found themselves not only unwelcome in the church, but often also berated and belittled there. The RIC designation, along with its rainbow heart logo, are visible signs to LGBTQIA+ people that they can - and should! - take a chance on walking through Bethel's doors, that (as we well know) the chances are very good that they will receive a genuinely warm welcome.

But, more importantly, what will be the deepest character of the welcome we'll extend? On its own, being welcoming in the name of Jesus the Christ who welcomed all is really important. But a spirit of warmth and welcome alone moves in just one direction; there is an "us" welcoming "them," and the direction of support and acceptance goes in just that direction - from "us" to "them." It can all take on the air of charity, resulting in a good feeling about what has been done for the "other." Can we instead imagine the the direction of the blessing also coming from "them" to "us"? This is what Jesus did every time he accepted an invitation to a meal; he gave a gift to the host by being a guest, graciously receiving the host's hospitality. The RIC process can help us imagine this.

Even more, can we imagine that no one can be all God intends them to be without receiving the blessings

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of the experience, teachings, and wisdom of LGBTQIA+ people? This is also the nature and character of a true welcome. We are not only hospitable. We also acknowledge the deep need for one's own life to be examined through LGBTQIA+ lenses. We humbly acknowledge that one's own heart will only be as full, deep, and alive as God longs for it to be - and then we do the spiritual work of introspection with compassionate curiosity, vulnerability, and a genuine desire to continue to grow into God's purposes. The RIC process can help us imagine this. 🌈

*-Pam Shellberg
Director of Lifelong Faith Formation
RIC Steering Team Member*

Bethel Still There for You

Recent Baptisms



The pandemic has changed the way we fulfill our mission, but it has not stopped it. Even when it comes to important occasions like baptisms, funerals, and weddings, Bethel remains a part of people's lives. Please celebrate with the following families on the occasion of baptism.

Spencer Charles Smith (Parents: Mary/Josh)
Sage Williams (adult)
Mara Mae Louther (Parents: Kate/Luther)
John Bernard Philip Schmitthenner (Parents: Jennifer/Jared)
Evan Jacob Rosenau (Parents: Alexa/Jonathan)
Lewis Joseph Breidenbach (Parents: Kimberly/Jesse)
Charlie Jack Mulich (Parents: Sarah/Steve) 🌈

Got Cabin Fever?

Finding opportunities for meaningful social gatherings in the midst of a Pandemic is a challenge. We had optimistically planned to come together on Aug 16 at Bethel Horizons for a Mud Camp Festival & Picnic. However with the recent news of increasing COVID 19 cases we have decided to post-pone our plans out of an abundance of caution for the safety of Bethel Members. While we miss the familiar connections of friendship and fellowship, we can take heart in some unique Bethel opportunities that offer safety and fellowship. We encourage you to sign-up for these upcoming events.

- Join Bethel folks gathering at local parks for food, fellowship, and fun. Participate in a fun socially distanced family team game called Kubb! COVID-19 guidelines will be closely followed to maintain safety. Space is limited, so make your reservation today at www.bethel-madison.org/kubb
- Saddle up for a Bike-Your-Own-Adventure!! This year's Bike-A-Thon is back with a twist. Select from two options, come out Aug 15 for a socially distanced biking event or select your own date! Riders are accepted now! Sign-up at <https://tinyurl.com/ybcuj7yw>
- Get back to nature and consider a small group gathering in God's country at Bethel Horizons where there's plenty of space for social distancing and camaraderie. Families and small groups are welcome to hike, picnic, and enjoy the scenery. Contact Linda Warren at bethelhorizons@bethelhorizons.org. 🌈

Bethel Seeking Ministry Outreach Pastor

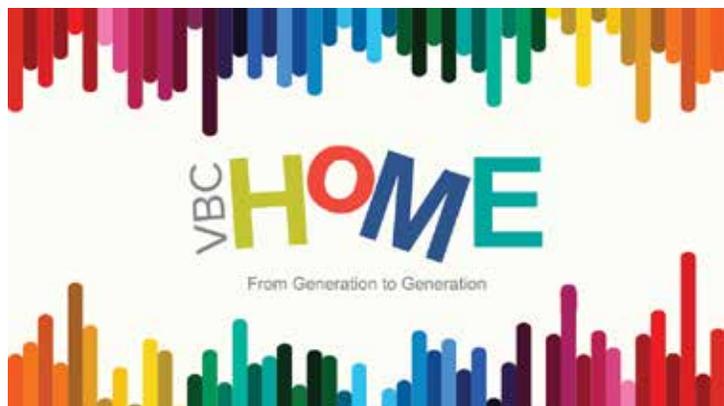
The 2020 Bethel Call Committee is searching for recommendations on a new pastor! Generally speaking, we're looking to talk to people who have:

- Approximately 3-5 years of experience
- The ability to engage with a demographic of young families and the surrounding community
- The desire to fulfill the Ministry Outreach role that Bethel Lutheran Church has always held to a high regard

Please email any names, ideas or questions to bethelcallcommittee2020@gmail.com. 🌈

VBC @ Home for All Generations

Now-Aug 22



When we need hope, courage, love, and reassurance that God is with us, where can we go? This summer's @ home Vacation Bible Camp, "From Generation to Generation," reminds us to look to the stories of people who have lived before us. In the old stories of our biblical relatives - Abraham, Sarah, Joseph, David, Mary, Paul, and Lydia - we see how God's love and presence was steadfast throughout the generations. We take heart that God's faithfulness to our ancestors continues to us. **God's love is forever, from the long ago past to this very moment - from generation to generation!**

VBC @ Home has something for everyone, ALL GENERATIONS, via the Bethel website: www.bethel-madison.org/vbc. Each week will include:

- **Bible Study:** pre-recorded for children and in-person Zoom bible study for youth/adults
- **Activity Bank:** videos introducing craft and environmental projects
- **Connection Activity:** to apply the message of the week to your daily life and community
- **Music and/or Movement Activity:** featuring Bethel and Horizons familiar faces!
- **Candle Talk:** discussion prompts via video from Bethel Pastors and others to encourage creating a safe, judgement-free zone for families and friends converse about their faith.
- **Adult Bible Study:** In-person Zoom bible study for youth/adults on Monday nights
- **Bible Background (and encouragement) for Parents:** Bible background and tips for reading the Bible at home

—Cindy Terhune-Melrose
Coordinator of Sunday School & Family Ministry



Trust Walk



Preparing for Scavenger Hunt



Family Faith Tree



Stain Glass Joseph



Ripple Effect



Color by Number



Word Search Postcard



Scavenger Hunt

Nature Scavenger Hunts, Ripple Effect in Water, Lanterns, Abraham & Sarah, Search-A-Words, Music from Wicked by Bethel's own Amy Hartsough and Patrick Kenney, Trust Walks and so much more - and that was just Week 1! A reminder this is for people of ALL AGES! Please join us! www.bethel-madison.org/vbc

Bethel Horizons 50th Anniversary Appeal

We are so close! Can you possibly help?

The fundraising appeal that commemorates the 50th anniversary of Bethel Horizons began a year ago to support building capacity at our camp, retreat center and art education campus. Our goal of \$3.5 million to complete five projects is almost completely committed. Less than 10% is outstanding. We're hoping that you can help close this gap.

Earlier this spring, we had just gone over the \$3 million mark of pledges toward this goal. We have since received commitments from a few private foundations to provide for a total of more than \$125,000 – leaving now about \$300,000 yet to be pledged.

In review, there are five distinct projects planned for building the capacity at Bethel Horizons; the Welcome Center in honor and memory of Pastor Duane Hanson, Camper Cabins, Staff Village, Adamah Retreat Center expansion, and the Adamah multi-media studio to support education growth. The unique natural setting of Horizons fosters and inspires growth in the harmonies of God, Self, Others and Nature. This is by design an ideal extension of the mission of Bethel, a vibrant central city church, and the beginning of 'Camp' in 1969 was like now, at a time when generating harmonies in all aspects of life was necessary and welcome. Additionally, in this time of gathering in support for completion of these important five projects, Bethel Horizons has had a Master Plan completed for the property, thus assuring that these additions will be in the correct location and serve this property in the best possible way as we move forward.

Of course, we realize that not all are in a position to be able to offer help toward this appeal goal. The daily unknowns are many, that much we know. But if your life situation allows, a commitment (or additional commitment!) toward completing this effort is so welcomed. Remember that this and any prior plan to assist with this appeal is payable anytime by mid to late 2022. That's two+ years away – and with news and updates being so changeable by the day/week – it seems a long time from now! Of course, if your individual situation wants an extension to that time frame, that's doable.

We'd like for this consideration process to be as easy for you as possible, so an email or voice message to Alice Mowbray will work to communicate this information – alicem@bethel-madison.org or 608.257.3577 ext 222. And to hear affirmatively from you by mid-September will be so helpful.

Within the coming two months, there will be time for prayerful consideration and discussion with Eric, or the campaign co-chairs Dale Mathwich and Jack Salzwedel, Alice, or the Board members as a group. Thank you in advance for your thoughtfulness and caring for forward looking projects like this capacity build at Bethel Horizons. We need hope and faith development and renewal – now, possibly more than ever. 🌈

*–Sigrid Knuti
Bethel Community*



Renderings: The Kubala Washatko Architects

Memorials

IN HONOR & IN MEMORY
April - June 2020



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

April 12: In memory of **Ralph A. & Mae Nelson** by their loving family

May 25: In memory of all the service men and women who have given their lives for the freedom of our country by the Friends of the Media Ministry.

BETHEL CHOIR

In memory of **Patrick Maginnis** by Margaret Maginnis

BETHEL HORIZONS 50TH ANNIVERSARY APPEAL

In memory of **Norm Olson** by Sarah Rose

BETHEL HORIZONS BIKE-A-THON

In memory of **Hazel Hiemstra** by Alice & Bill Mowbray

In memory of **Hazel Hiemstra & Diane Wiedenbeck** by Colleen Wincentsen

BETHEL HORIZONS CAMPERSHIP

In memory of **Hazel Hiemstra** by Juliet Eyers

In memory of **Linda Mertes** by Robert Mertes

In memory of **Norm Olson** by Nancy & James Dudley, Gisela & John Kutzbach, Sarah Rose

In memory of **Lou Unverzagt** by Juliet Eyers, Mike & Sue Lake, Ron & Jan Opelt

BETHEL HORIZONS FOUNDATION

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

In memory of **Karl Peterson** by Phil & Mary Lou Dzick

BETHEL HORIZONS GENERAL SCHOLARSHIP

In memory of **Karen Warren** by Alice & Bill Mowbray

BETHEL HORIZONS PROGRAM FUND

In memory of **Pastor Brent Christianson** by Bruce & Kristin Carroll, Ruth Hanson, Howard & Bonnie Kulke

In memory of **Jim Conant** by Judi & Thomas Griffin

In memory of **Margaret Dukerschein** by Rosella Paulman
In memory of **Alice Hansen** by Robert Forbess, Gary & Beth Forbess, Kevin Gould, Rebecca Jorgensen, Allan & Wendy Schultz, Beverly Stephen

In memory of **Hazel Hiemstra** by Margaret & Paul, Kathie Beckman, Marian Osterberg, Rosella Paulman

In memory of **Ruth Hine & Hazel Hiemstra** by Nathan White
In honor of **Karyn Wood Holmes & children, Alexa, Michela, Kelly & John Wood** by Betty & John Nicka

In honor of **Karyn, Zak, Owen & William Holmes** by Betty & John Nicka

In memory of **Eleanor "Ellie" Munson** by Boardman & Clark LLP, the Bruner family, Alice & Bill Mowbray

In memory of **Eleanor "Ellie" Munson, she was Pastor Duane Hanson's secretary/assistant** by Ruth Hanson

In memory of **Norm Olson** by K.S. & D.E. Bakke, Robert & Katherine Besteman, Catherine Buege, Ron & Mary Jane Campo, Jack & Janet Christian, David Coe, Robert Courter, James Esmoil, Rose Fahien, Craig & Cristel Gjerde, Ruth Hanson, Dan & Terri Kleist, David & Jeanne Kral, Gerald & Janet Kulcinski, Howard & Bonnie Kulke, Karl & Vel Marquardt, Carla Mollien, Alice & Bill Mowbray, Gregory & Kathryn Smith, Florence & Philip Sprecher, Donna Thorson, Ronald Thorstad, Bill & Betsey Tishler, Dorie Underkofler, Laura & Denis Vogel, Nancy Wiebe, Kokpeng Yu & Anna Lee Shen Family Fund

In memory and honor of **Norm & Darlene Olson** by Alfred Andreychuk

In memory of **Karl Peterson** by Judi & Thomas Griffin

In memory of **Don Schmidt** by Larry Veleke

In memory of **Darlene Smith** by Phil & Mary Lou Dzick

In memory of **Lou Unverzagt** by Marian Osterberg, Sarah Rose

In memory of **Karen Warren** by Karen Warren Estate Trust, Dona Meyer

BETHEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

In memory of **Eldred & Virginia Swingen** by Virginia E. Swingen Revocable Trust

COMPASSION FUND

In memory of my husband, **Jim Kennedy** by Kris Kennedy

ENDOWMENT FOUNDATION

In memory of **Sharon Bachmann, Western Springs II** by Mary Hugdahl

In memory of **Brent Christianson** by Kevin Gould, Larry Veleke

In memory of **James Conant** by Mary Hugdahl

In memory of **Stan Grimstad** by Peder & Jeanne Moren

In memory of **Sherri Hahn** by Dennis Hahn & family

In memory of **Mariellen Kuehn** by Phil & Mary Lou Dzick

In honor and memory of **Ruth and Bill Munkwitz** by H. Sam Roth Estate

In memory of **Norm Olson** by Bradley & Barbara Armstrong, Kevin Gould, Karl & Vel Marquardt, Peder & Jeanne Moren, Jo Ann Six

In memory of **Charles Pruett** by Phil & Mary Lou Dzick

In memory of **Arlene Rickli** by Peder & Jeanne Moren

In memory of **Betty Saxe** by Alice & Bill Mowbray

In memory of **Herman Scholz** by Margo Martens, Alice & Bill Mowbray

In memory of my husband, **Rod Ulteig** by Donna Ulteig

In memory of **Lou Unverzagt** by Delma Baker, Kevin Gould, Karl & Vel Marquardt, Peder & Jeanne Moren

FOOD PANTRY

In memory of **Bill Clerkin** by Kathy Clerkin

In memory of **Alice Hansen** by Linell Broecker, Angelina Calderon, Richard Lyngaas, Patricia Perkins

In memory of **Eleanor "Ellie" Munson** by Sandy Gehler

In memory of **Norm Olson** by Ron & Mary Jane Campo, Kim & Carol Kindschi, David & Sigrid Knuti

In memory of **Lou Unverzagt** by Stephanie McCartney

In honor of **Pastor Mike's first anniversary at Bethel** by Compassion Circle

In honor of **Bob** by Lisa Pierick

In memory of **Virginia, Lisa Semmann's grandmother** by Betty Pohlman

HOMELESS MINISTRY

In memory of **Alice Hansen** by Fitchburg Senior Center Exercise Class, Janet & Richard Aradine, Nancy Baillies, John Beasley, Jack Bowhan, Stanley & Dorah Brager, Robert & Mary Brennan, Mary Jo Brinkman, Joyce & Daniel Bromley, Bob Courter, Margaret Crawford, Phil & Mary Lou Dzick, Dorothy Elzy, Janet Floeter, Janice Grutzner, Edward & Constance Hellegers, Gisela & John Kutzbach, John & Linda McKegney, Judy McNinch, Daniel & Susan Murray, Thomas Pierce, Susan Rogers, Catherine & Robert Trevallee, Tom & Sue Ullsvik, J.T. & C.A. Vandervoort, Carolyn Wright, Myrna Kay & Steven Young

In memory of **Robert Hofmeister** by Peggy Christensen, Michelle Ogilvie

In memory of my husband, **Jim Kennedy for his June 21st birthday** by Kris Kennedy

In memory of **Karl Peterson** by Dorothy Elzy

MEDIA MINISTRY

In memory of **Jan Anderson** by Peter Anderson, Jerald & Ann Nelson, Chamomile Assisted Living

In memory of **Jeanette Bjelde & Grace Wendt** by Cynthia Smith

In memory of **Bill Clerkin** by Kathy Clerkin & David Clerkin

In memory of **James D. Conant** by Sharon Collins, Carol Connaughton-Conant, Paul & Dawn Kellesvig

In memory of **Luella Hamre** by Judy Olson

In memory of **Alice Hansen** by Charles & Margaret Olson

In memory of **Art Nelson** by John & Sandy Hefte

In memory of **Don Schmidt** by David & Inez Baskerville, Kathy Heimann, Burt & Darlene Olson, Robert & Margie Kiepert

In memory of **Glen & Ardene Smith** by Cindy

In memory of **Virginia E. Swingen** by Virginia E. Swingen Revocable Trust

OPERATING BUDGET

In memory of **Janice Anderson** by Jessie Lou Gasser

In memory of **Brent Christianson** by Edward & Constance Hellegers

In memory of **Bob Clasen** by Donna Clasen

In memory of **Reginald (Bob) Copas** by Richard & Gillian Grover

In memory of **Norm Olson** by Gisela & John Kutzbach, Carolyn White, Ed and Nancy Young

In memory of **Karl Peterson** by Colleen Wincentzen

In memory of **Arlene Rickli** by Dennis & Judy Thompson, Lucille Weiman

In memory of **George Traut** by Anonymous

In memory of **Lou Unverzagt** by Catherine Buege, James Chiolino, Mary Hugdahl

In memory of **cousin Lou Unverzagt** by Thomas & Eleanor Conway

Parish Records

BAPTISMS

Evan Jacob Rosenau	5/16/20
Lewis Joseph Breidenbach	6/7/20

WEDDINGS

Jennifer Wolfe and Keith Artel	6/20/20
Andrea Killian and Clay Wegrzynowicz	6/20/20

FUNERALS

Kerry Cleveland Roeske	2/27/20
Eleanor Munson	4/1/20
Robert Lee Gay	4/1/20
Janice Anderson	4/7/20
Hazel Hiemstra	4/23/20
Margaret Beth Dukerschein	4/25/20
Arlene Rickli	4/25/20
Louis Mark Unverzagt	5/2/20
Norman Olson	5/10/20
Brent Christenson	5/12/20
James Conant	5/22/20
Bernice Dunhouse	6/4/20
Arlyn Sandow	6/8/20
Darlene Smith	6/10/20
Alice Hansen	6/11/20
Florence Hughes	6/12/20
Deborah Przywara	6/30/20

Give Memorials online at bethelmadison.org/giveonline

(select 'other - special' then use the optional memo line to add your memorial or honorarium.)

Or mail memorials to Dona Meyer at Bethel Lutheran Church, 312 Wisconsin Ave, Madison, WI 53703

Puerto Rico Mission Trip (Apr 20-27, 2021) - As we are all adjusting to the COVID-19 pandemic, it's time to start thinking of the 21st annual mission trip to Puerto Rico, which will take place April 20-27, 2021. It is a fun filled trip and an opportunity to meet some amazing people. Applications are already coming in and we will be limited to 19 people. You can find the application on the Bethel website (www.bethel-madison.org/pr) or contact Phil Ingwell at pingwell60@gmail.com or 608.535.0777. We look forward to speaking with you.

Fireside Chats with Pastor Mike - Pastor Mike will be sitting down with you virtually and answering questions you have for him during his Tuesday Fireside Chats live-streamed on Facebook at 7pm (or it can be viewed on YouTube any time after 8pm). If you have any questions you would like to ask him, please send them to christal@bethel-madison.org.

Wednesday Night Live Streamed Lord's Supper - Join us on Wednesdays at 6:30pm for the Lord's Supper. Just because we are unable to meet in person for worship doesn't mean we can't share the Lord's meal. There are few features more central to the life and teaching of Jesus than the common meal. Every Wednesday until we are able to celebrate in person, a pastor will lead us in a live-streamed Lord's Supper at 6:30pm on Bethel's Facebook or you can watch any time after 8pm on our YouTube channel. Of course, no Lord's Supper is complete without the bread and wine (or juice). So, everyone is asked to have wine/juice and bread ready for the evening's communion (any type of bread and wine/juice will work). A pastor will lead the blessing over the internet. We will all share the body and blood together and the goodness of God.

Contemplative Scripture Reading on Thursdays (Interactive) - Join Pam Shellberg for a time of interactive, contemplative scripture reading. During each 45-minute period, we will read a passage from scripture and reflect on it by way of the ancient practice of lectio divina. This involves engaging the scripture with our minds, imaginations, and hearts – along with good measures of silence and sharing. This will happen in “real-time,” and you will be able to join in as part of a video conference (if you have a webcam on your computer) or by phone. Links will be provided in the

Thursday Daily Devotion email for joining this group. Send any questions to Pam Shellberg at pam@bethel-madison.org.

Men's Current Christian Concern (Thursdays at 8:30am)

Men's Current Christian Concerns continues to meet each Thursday morning via a Zoom video conference. The meeting starts at 8:30am instead of 7am during this temporary rearrangement.

Aug 6 - One Page, Please

Aug 13 - The Abolition of Man and Woman

Aug 20 - Increased Moralization?

Aug 27 - Lifestyle Changes After Covid-19

If you have questions, contact Larry Larrabee at 608.249.9982.

The **Men's Friday Book Study** currently meets every Friday from 8-9am via Zoom. The group will begin Malcolm Gladwell's *Talking to Strangers* on Friday, August 7. Contact Larry Larrabee at lar3car2@gmail.com or 608.249.9982 for the Meeting ID and Password.

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Pastor Mike Brown - Aug 9 at 7:45, 9am & 11:15am

11 PENTECOST

Pastor Mike Brown - Aug 16 at 7:45, 9am & 11:15am

SUNDAY, AUGUST 9

7:45a Worship Service (live-stream on Facebook & YouTube)

9:00a Worship Service (viewed on Facebook & YouTube)

10:00a Virtual Coffee Hour (Zoom - Interactive)

11:15a Worship Service (live-stream on Facebook & YouTube)

MONDAY, AUGUST 10

9:00a Daily Devotion (Email)

12:00p Food Pantry Open 1-3pm (MWF)

TUESDAY, AUGUST 11

9:00a Daily Devotion (Email)

7:00p Fireside Chats with Pastor Mike (live-stream Facebook)

8:00a Fireside Chats with Pastor Mike (YouTube)

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12

9:00a Daily Devotion (Email)

7:00p Lord's Supper (live-stream Facebook)

8:00p Lord's Supper (YouTube)

THURSDAY, AUGUST 13

8:30a Men's Current Christian Concerns (Zoom - Interactive)

9:00a Daily Devotion (Email)

10:00a Contemplative Scripture Reading with Pam Shellberg (Zoom - Interactive)

8:30p Contemplative Scripture Reading with Pam Shellberg (Zoom - Interactive)

FRIDAY, AUGUST 14

8:00a Men's Friday Book Study (Zoom interactive)

9:00a Daily Devotion (Email)

SATURDAY, AUGUST 15

9:00a Daily Devotion (Email)

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Sunday Flowers:

July 19: Altar Spray was given by Donna Fox in Loving Memory of my sister Lois Freidel.

Pulpit Bouquet was given by Ron & Joan Halverson in gratitude for Pastors Mike & John

July 26: Altar Spray was given by Ann Crabb & Larry Veleke in Honor of the Birth of Jasper Levin & in Honor of the Birthday of Spencer Levin

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