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KEEPING IT REAL

Lessons from Boxing

Pastor Mike Brown

The 1971 fight between Muhammad Ali and Joe Frazier was billed as the "Fight of the Century" and pitted the WBC/WBA heavyweight champion Frazier (26–0, 23 KOs) against The Ring/lineal heavyweight champion Ali (31–0, 25 KOs). It took place on Monday, March 8, at Madison Square Garden in New York City it is still seen as the biggest boxing match in history. It was also the most hyped sporting event ever at the time, featuring the first time that two undefeated boxers fought each other for the heavyweight title.

Before his fight with Joe Frazier in 1971, heavyweight boxer Muhammed Ali said "There seems to be some confusion. We're gonna clear this confusion up on March 8. We're gonna decide once and for all who is king! There's not a man alive who can whup me. (Ali jabs the air with half a dozen blinding lefts.) I'm too smart. (He taps his head.) I'm too pretty. (He lifts his head high showing his profile.) I AM the greatest. I

AM the king! I should be a postage stamp—that's the only way I could get licked!" After fifteen rounds of boxing, Joe Frazier emerged the unanimous winner.

In addition to being a spectacular athlete, Ali was a charismatic figure and social icon. He could mesmerize

haughty spirit before a fall." The more modern translation of The Message says it like this: "First pride, then the crash—the bigger the ego, the harder the fall." Growing up in West Texas, I enjoyed watching boxing at the local Golden Gloves competitions. And I loved watching Ali. But his defeat in 1971 made a lasting impression

on me. At Bethel and everywhere I have served as pastor, I have consistently believed, taught, and preached that we are created in the image of God, that there is something right and holy about us, that we are part of the divine nature of God, and that we can do all things through Jesus Christ. But I am also influenced by the Bible's call to honest self-awareness. During Lent, we emphasize this important fact

and spiritual discipline. We call it confession. When we confess to each other and to God our fallenness and imperfection, we are practicing honest self-awareness. It is a sign of a healthy spirit. It is an invitation to God. It is a sign of hope. 🌈

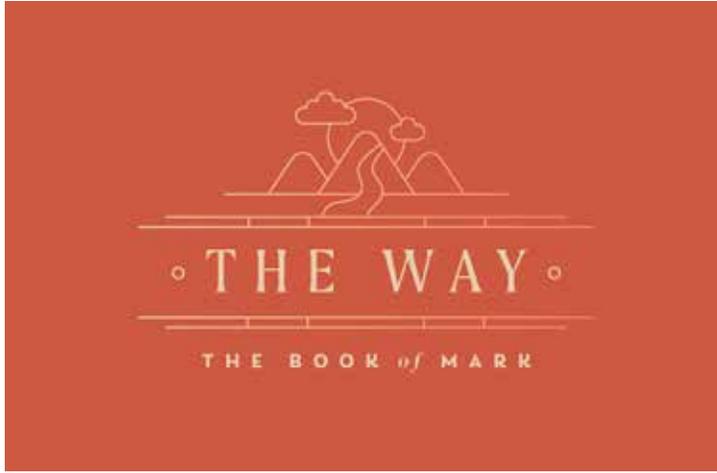


"I'm the greatest!"

people with his combination of rhyme, blunt speech, and charm. But on that day in 1971, Ali was overconfident and underperformed. In Proverbs 16:18, the New Revised Standard Translation Bible says "Pride goes before destruction, and a

Sermon Series:

The Way – The Book of Mark



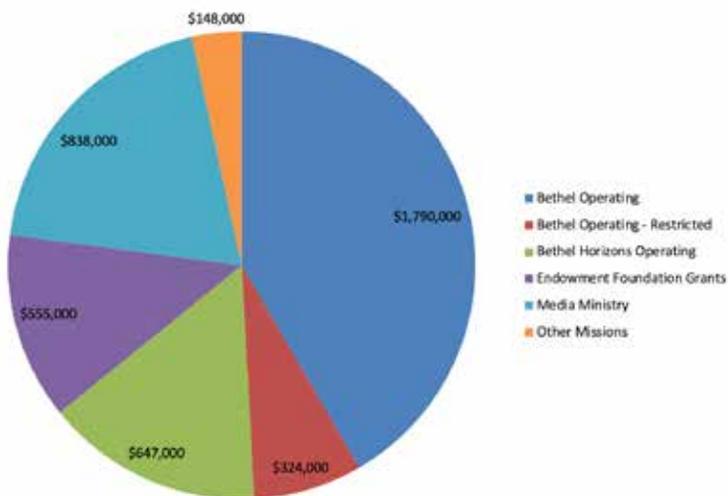
Beginning with the first Sunday of Lent this year, Pastor Mike begins a new series of messages on the Gospel of Mark. 2021 is the year of Mark in the lectionary and throughout the year the entire gospel is the main focus for the gospel readings in liturgical churches across the world. Join us this Lent for a deep dive into the book of the Bible that was the very first written gospel.

- Mar 7:** Avoiding Food Fights
- March 14:** Hidden in Plain Sight
- March 21:** Pushing the Envelope
- March 28:** The Turning Point 🌈

Annual Meeting Follow Up

The following chart was inadvertently omitted from the January 2021 Annual Report and is provided for your information. 🌈

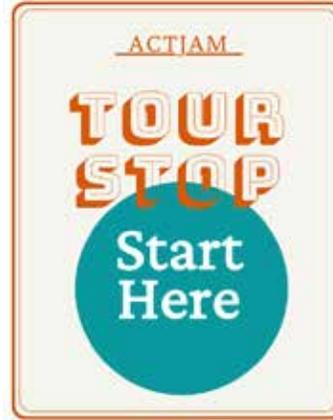
Bethel Total Spend - 2020



A Call to Justice and Mercy

What About Madison?

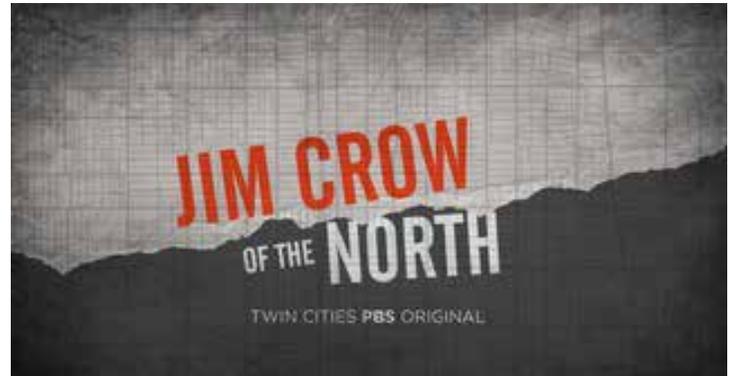
Evicted, our Big Read, was set in Milwaukee. Jim Crow of the North documented redlining and racially restrictive housing covenants in Minneapolis. What about Madison?



To answer this important question we've created a tour guide -- a way to explore the legacy of segregated housing in Madison from your armchair via the internet. There are nine stops on the tour. We visit a historic district in Madison, the local Recorder of Deeds

"office," a repository of redlining maps at the University of Richmond, and more.

The guide is available here on the ACTJAM page on Bethel's web site: <https://bit.ly/3qUmBzv>



To quote from Jim Crow of the North: "[There's] this very persistent myth that northern cities never had formal segregation. The south had Jim Crow and look at those signs! ["whites only"] Well racial covenants did the work of Jim Crow in the north. All over the north." In Madison too.

Jim Crow of the North can be viewed free at these sites:
<https://tinyurl.com/ywkad79b>
<https://tinyurl.com/5acaw996> 🌈



Lent Bible Study

Oh, the Things We See

Tuesday at 10am with Pam Shellberg

Login Link: <https://tinyurl.com/61q897zw>

Tuesday at 6pm with Rachel Brown-Kenney

Login Link: <https://tinyurl.com/1oexvxxv>

Wednesday at 2pm with Pastor Mike

Login Link: <https://zoom.us/j/95053961136>

Wednesday at 7pm with Pastor Mike

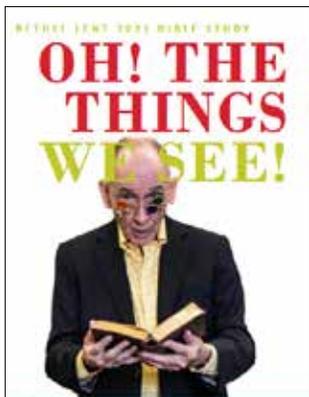
Login Link: <https://zoom.us/j/98436092143>

Thursday at 9:30am with Mary Brennan

Login Link: <https://tinyurl.com/1sary1uc>

Thursday at 7pm with David Clack

Login Link: <https://tinyurl.com/syrbgau4>



In the book *The Wonderful Wizard of Oz*, what makes the Emerald City sparkle green are the green-tinted glasses people wear. This simple fact shows how the lens people use to see the world color how things are understood. This year's Bethel Lent Bible study on Mark takes a similar approach. It offers four different "lens" to read

the Gospel of Mark. In the six sessions of this study, you will be invited to look at a passage with a historical, literary, Lutheran, and devotional lens. Each will color the passage in a certain way to draw out greater detail and perhaps even a hidden meaning. As you work through this study alone or within a group, you will also add other lenses. These are the ones you bring. You and any others with you look at the world, and therefore these passages, with your own personal lenses. Your lenses are the sum total of your personal experiences, temperament, personality, gifts, strengths, values, and passions. These also color how you see and understand the meaning of the Bible. As you study, discuss, and perhaps journal your thoughts, give yourself permission to share your own perspectives. And listen carefully to the perspectives of others. These also help bring out details and meaning from the words of scripture. As you move back and forth between the various lenses,

and even overlay them one on another, powerful and sometimes previously unseen and hidden messages appear.

How to Participate

1) Join an existing or form a new group. If you would like to join a group but have not yet, please contact Judy at judy@bethel-madison.org. Or, 2) you are welcome to join Pastor Mike on Wednesdays at 2pm or 7pm. To get a copy of the book, simply email the church at recep@bethel-madison.org or call 608.257.3577. 3) Conduct your own private Bible Study using the Online Bible Study videos by Pastor Mike located here: www.bethel-madison.org/lent.

Download the Bible Study and view the videos at: www.bethel-madison.org/lent. 🌈

Lent Wednesday Services Evening Prayer

Each Wednesday from 6:30-7pm, Bethel will gather for worship on Facebook and YouTube as a part of our Lenten experience. The worship will be Holden Village Evening Prayer setting. 🌈



"Let my prayer rise up
as incense before you."

Thank You

Mission Partners at Bethel



Hephatha young men tackle recent snow totals on church property and remove snow on our whole block to bless our neighbors with God's love.

We send warm thanks to you this cold time of winter, thanking God for you and for the gift of your mission partnership. We miss our in person contact with you and we look forward to days ahead when we will be able to gather together safely once again.

Thank you for your beautiful accompaniment in ministry with us in 2020. Your ministry support was a blessing to us in this challenging year, allowing us to serve more deeply than we otherwise could have. We are so thankful to God and to you. We share a few highlights from 2020 with you:

- Youth work ministry continues (the photo above of our older teen/young men show them taking care of neighbors in the recent storms).
- Four Hephatha young persons earned Dr. King Scholarships for their post-high school studies and an additional private donor scholarship through Hephatha's ministry—two of these young people are completing their 4 year

degrees this spring. One will go on to law school; the other is completing a year early and will work and then perhaps pursue further study (this is the daughter of the first person to die of COVID 19 in Milwaukee County).

- Our Strong Baby Sanctuary GREW during 2020 to reach more families with monthly zoom sessions and supportive resources (from diapers to lead free water pitchers).
- Our Coalition On Lead Emergency effected the allocation of \$3.55 million to the Milwaukee Health Department for urgent changes to treat children testing for lead: life saving work in the Gospel.
- Worship every Sunday all year!

Please visit us at hephatha100.com and accept our gratitude for your continued service in the Gospel with us. —*Pastor Mary Martha* 🌈

Attention Bethel Gardeners

As spring approaches, gardeners are making plans for the coming growing season. The Bethel Food Pantry is interested in offering our guests fresher produce. Although we currently stock potatoes and onions and were delighted to offer fresh fruit over the holidays thanks to a generous donor, we'd love to be able to provide lettuces, cucumbers, beans, tomatoes, peppers, and summer squash. So, if you or someone you know will be planting a garden in the next few months, consider planting a row of vegetables to donate to the Food Pantry. 🌈



Memorials

IN HONOR & IN MEMORY
October - December 2020



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

Oct 4: In loving memory of Laverne B. Forest by family and friends.

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

Dec 13 & 27: In loving memory of Roger Loff by his wife Lois.

Dec 20: In celebration of making the telecasts available to those who are unable to personally attend Church at Bethel by John & Jan Wischhoff.

BETHEL HORIZONS 50TH ANNIVERSARY

In memory of Audrey Halverson by Douglas Dittman, Lois Kinlen, Dionne Kinlen-Brown, Rebecca Koch

In memory of Thom Straus by Richard & Susan Straus

BETHEL HORIZONS ADAMAH ART STUDIO

In memory of Darlene W. Olson by Arne Alanen & Lynn Bjorkman, Chris Bredlow, Patricia Bruden, Catherine Buege, James & Sharon Burton, Arlen & Judy Christenson, John & Kay Clark, Robert & Marilyn Cleveland, Bob Courter, Harold & Audrey Cushman, Phil & Mary Lou Dzick, Reed & Joanne Ellingson, Kathleen Engel-Hunt, Gary & Beth Forbess, Lona George, Cristel & Craig Gjerde, Kevin Gould, Ron & Joan Halverson, Dennis Hahn, Phyllis Hand, Edwards & Constance Hellegers, Dale & Debra Holmen, Rita Kelliher, Patrick Kenney, Megan Knoflicek, Gary & Connie Kolpin, Robert & Lynn Krainer, Ray & Helen Kruse, Howard & Bonnie Kulke, Gisela & John Kutzbach, Pamela Leahy, Karl & Vel Marquardt, Dale & Lila Ann Mathwich, Carla Mollien, Peder & Jeanne Moren, Greg & Sharon Moses, Alice & Bill Mowbray, Catherine Olson, Burt Olson, Darlene Olson, Robert Olson, William Olson, Ron & Jan Opelt, Elaine & John Peterson, Tom Pierce, Carol Ross, Allan & Wendy Schultz, John & Jacqui Shanda, Karen Solheim, Flora & Phil Sprecher, Hank & Sharon Starkey, Jo Thomley, Marti Treutelaar, Mary Lou Tyne, Jean Unverzagt, Larry Veleke, Carolyn White, Marjorie Williams

BETHEL HORIZONS CAMBERSHIP

In memory of Judy Grobe by Dale & Lila Ann Mathwich

In memory of Duane Hanson, Leonard & Alberta Kick, Judy Kick

Murphy, and Andy Kick by Angie Stewart

In honor of our children by Russell & Patrica Ann Dodd

BETHEL HORIZONS PROGRAM FUND

In memory of Audrey Halverson by Tony & Sue Arneson, Caroline Hodge, Margery Hottmann

In honor of Eric Kneuve & Horizons Staff by Ruth Hanson

In honor of Jim & Darlene Leklem by Doris Wyland

In memory of Audrey Nelson by Dennis & Judi Halverson, Evelyn Halverson, Jean Halverson, John & Roxy Halverson, Vern & Evy Halverson, Lois Kinlen, Nancy & Phil Wertz

In memory of Norman Olson by Bradley & Barbara Armstrong, Janet & Gordon Renschler

In memory of Professor Norman Olson by Brian & Katherine Blanchard

In memory of Margaret Olson by Rose Fahien

In memory of Herbie Shellberg (brother of Pam Shellberg) by Ruth Hanson, Alice & Bill Mowbray

In memory of Marge Traiser by Doug & Karen Terhune

In honor of Linda Warren by Mary Wessler

In memory of C. J. by Faith & Mark Kelley

BETHEL MEMORIALS

In memory of Wendy Coe by Dave Coe

In memory of A. Gillings by Hillary Blois

In memory of Judy Grobe by Gary & Beth Forbess

In honor of Alice Hansen 65th wedding anniversary by Marc Hansen

In memory of Jean Hodel by Howard Hodel

In memory of Norman Olson by Hank & Sharon Starkey

In memory of Herb Shellberg (brother of Pam Shellberg) by Hank & Sharon Starkey

In memory of Fred & Eleanor Wertz by Jonathan Wertz/The Fred & Eleanor Wertz Charitable Fund

CHOIR MEMORIALS

In memory of Alice Hansen by David & Inez Baskerville

CHRISTMAS

In memory/honor of Tom & Mary Lou Bennett by Doug & Judy Driskell

ENDOWMENT FOUNDATION

In honor of their anniversary by Dale & Nancy Kripps
In memory of Ellie Bauer by Leonard & Joan Bruce
In memory of Mike Bunting by Marian Osterberg
In memory of Walter Dewey's 60th birthday by Walter & Londa Dewey
In memory of my parents, Vernon N. Dodson and Shirley J. Dodson by Martha Dodson
In celebration of Pastor Hanson marrying Dale & Nancy Kripps by Dale & Nancy Kripps
In memory of Jane Hilsenhoff by Bradley & Barbara Armstrong
In memory of Jean Hodel by Tricia Hodel
In memory of Joan Langdon by Joan Gilbertson
In memory of Vernon Molbreck by Jo Ann Six
In memory of Marlin Nelson by Peder & Jeanne Moren
In memory of Francis O'Connor (Pat Wahl's father) by Larry Veleke
In memory of Darlene W. Olson by Bradley & Barbara Armstrong, Daniel & Susan Murray, Alinda Nelson
In memory of Carol Jean Reimann by Bradley & Barbara Armstrong
In memory of Irene Skattum by Marian Osterberg
In memory of Neal Starkweather by Gladys Starkweather

FOOD PANTRY

In honor of Catherine Buege by Richard & Mary Ann Shaw
In memory of Dennis Buege, Jim Rose, Norm Olson by Howard & Bonnie Kulke
In honor of Judy and Arlen Christenson by John & Bridget Christenson
In memory of Suzanne Christoffersen by Bruce Christoffersen
In memory of Janet Gruen by Lyle Gruen
In honor of Katie & Jason Harrison by Richard Stoughton
In memory of Conrad J. Honaker by Nancy Honaker
In memory of Marlin Nelson by James Anderson, Cathy Bergland, Kathleen Brandenburg, Herman Brandenburg, Catherine Buege, Robert & Marilyn Cleveland, Harold & Audrey Cushman, Ruby & Bill Dobson, Duane & Lotus Griffin, Kirk & Nancy Jolliffe, Betty Jones, Scott Kennedy, Kristine Kennedy, Karl & Marianne Krogen, Kempert Krogen, Mike & Sibyl Morgan, Eric R. Olson & Darlene M. Olson, Marian Osterberg, Beverly Schrag, Jacqui & John Shanda, Flora & Phil Sprecher, John & Debra Thorstad, Ronald Thorstad, Larry Veleke, Neil Wienke
In memory of Norman Olson by Kris Olson Bransford and friends, Hiroko Nelson
In memory of Carl Saxe by Crystal Saxe Carter
In memory of Betty Saxe by Crystal Saxe Carter
In honor of John & Jacqui Shanda by Donna Fox
In honor of John Shanda's birthday by Emily Nelson
In memory of "Scottie" Skattum by Carla Mollien
In honor of Pastor John Swanson's service to Bethel by Jerry & Jan Kulcinski
In memory of Paul Young by Steven & Myrna Kay Young
In memory of my circle sisters, Cheryl, Joyce, and Deb by Nancy Beck

HOMELESS MINISTRY

In memory of Suzanne Christoffersen by Jack & Lori Poulson
In memory of Alice Hansen by Bradley & Barbara Armstrong, David & Inez Baskerville, Mary Hugdahl, Hiroko Nelson, Jack & Lori Poulson, Bernie & James Treichel, Joan Zingale

LIBRARY

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

MEDIA MINISTRY

In memory of Rachel Aaroen by Zelda M. Droster, Gerald & Kathryn Julson, Marilyn Kalhagen, Jim & Cara Mavis, Francis & Rosemarie McMahan, Wesley & Debora Waite, Jean Vanderploeg, American Family Mutual Insurance
In memory of Harold Anderson by Phil & Mary Lou Dzick
In memory of Naomi Bekkum and in honor of Owen Bekkum by John & Sandra Heffe
In honor of Donna Rae Clasen & Ramona Eberhart by Patricia Soderholm
In memory of James Conant by Carol Connaughton-Conant, Barb & Don Schwoerer
In memory of Al & Marian Francour by James & Kathleen Danner
In memory of Leny M. Gibbon by Linda E. Gerke
In memory of Judy Grobe by Ed & Judy Borke, James & Kathleen Danner
In memory of Joan Langdon by Phil & Mary Lou Dzick
In memory of Marlin Nelson by Norv & Carrie Bernhardt
In memory of Darlene W. Olson by Doug & Judy Haag, Keith & Andrea Kelling
In memory of Norman Olson by Keith & Andrea Kelling
In memory of Elaine Sprecher by Russell Sprecher
In memory of my parents, Joseph W. & Mary E. Steel by Roger W. Steel
In honor of Pastor John Swanson by Leroy Sydow
In memory of Glenn E. Welles by Mary Welles
In memory of Roger Wiebe by John & Sandra Heffe
In memory of Jerry, Vern, Anita, Ray, Helen, Larry and Terry by the Belz's

OPERATING BUDGET

In memory of Rachel Harriet Aaroen by Abby Abernathy
In honor of Caroline O'Malley by Dale & Nancy Kripps

Parish Records

BAPTISMS

| | |
|------------------------|-----------|
| Mia Maryann Penn | 4/19/2020 |
| Adelina Pearl Webber | 12/7/2019 |
| August Winston Hayes | 9/3/2020 |
| Jonathan David Gerlach | 4/14/2020 |
| Leo Robert Kueppers | 11/4/2020 |
| Graham Terhune Wilson | 1/27/2020 |
| Ryder Terhune Wilson | 1/27/2020 |
| Colton John McKiddy | 8/17/2020 |

WEDDINGS

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|--------------------------------|------------|
| Matthew Brooks & Jennifer Lent | 10/3/2020 |
| Nicole Ferguson & Blake Miller | 10/4/2020 |
| Rachel Brown & Patrick Kenney | 12/31/2020 |

FUNERALS

| | |
|----------------------|------------|
| Rachel Aaroen | 10/26/2020 |
| Darlene Olson | 10/28/2020 |
| Carol Jean Schaber | 11/14/2020 |
| Eileen Gordon | 11/23/2020 |
| Elroy Alva Gunderson | 12/3/2020 |
| Richard Seim | 12/11/2020 |
| Marlin A. Nelson | 12/13/2020 |
| Sylvia Bailey | 12/25/2020 |
| Phyllis Easterday | 12/28/2020 |
| Robert Espeseth | 12/27/2020 |

Give Memorials online at bethelmadison.org/giveonline (select 'other - special' then use the optional memo line to add your memorial or honorarium.
Or mail to Dona Meyer at Bethel, 312 Wisconsin Ave, Madison, WI 53703

Caring for Creation - Wisconsin DNR: Watchdog for Natural Resources Protection and Restoration

March 23, 2021 at 7:30pm – Online Event



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 CAFOs 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 (OH and WI) 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, Deputy Director, Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Previously, 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. Ambs serves and has served on numerous state and regional conservation-related boards, councils and commissions.

Register Here: <https://tinyurl.com/1kvOzygv> 🌈

Treasurer's Report

| | Actual January 2021 | 2021 budget (full year) | Actual January 2020 | 2020 budger (full year) |
|--------------------------|------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------|----------------------------|
| Pledges received to date | 1,243,156 | | 1,329,160 | |
| Pledges per budget | | 1,204,000 | | 1,350,000 |
| Operating revenue | 188,525 | 1,555,000 | 155,464 | 1,755,000 |
| Non-Operating revenue | 263,762 | 364,613 | - | 215,805 |
| Total revenue | 452,287 | 1,919,613 | 155,464 | 1,970,805 |
| Expenses | (120,007) | (1,919,477) | (167,108) | (1,970,718) |
| New income | 332,280 | 136 | (11,644) | 87 |

January 2021 unusual items:

\$263k PPP loan forgiven & recorded to revenue

\$12k insurance proceeds for 2020 roof repair

COVID 19 Task-Force Indoor Worship Update

The Dane County Health Department has issued a new Public Health Order allowing groups of 50 people to gather indoors. This is one of the critical measures we have been waiting for before offering in-person worship. The COVID 19 Task Force met on Feb 10 to evaluate this order and the safety of indoor worship. While we are excited to offer indoor worship, the new variants of the virus that causes COVID also give us pause. The Task Force recommended, and the Joint Council approved the following timeline:

- Hold on opening for indoor worship for 3-4 weeks, to see the effects of the new variant as it circulates in our community.
- Met again on Wed, Feb 24 to review data and further discuss setting a threshold for opening for indoor worship.
- Worshiping Ministry Team to begin recruiting ushers and greeters for 2 services per Sunday. Volunteers will receive training with materials that have been created by the Task Force.
- Task force to update the Bethel Safely Forward plan to include specific new Dane Co requirements for masks (must be at least 2-ply, no valves, no neck-gaiters or ski-masks)
- Task force to work on Communication Plan, including “what to expect when you come to church” materials.

So why have we not thrown open the doors already?

Dane County outlines in their order that they are making recommendations based on what will prevent a massive spike that could exceed hospital capacity. They are not making recommendations that will ensure individual safety from the virus. Right now, numbers are such that 50 could gather indoors without threatening the integrity of our medical systems. This is why they feel comfortable with 50 gathering indoors at this time. The current numbers for new infections in Dane Co are down significantly, though they are still higher than they were this summer. This downward trend may indicate that some degree of immunity in the population is beginning to slow the spread of the virus. If nothing changes, we could see numbers continue to drop as immunity to the virus mounts.

However, something very big may change over the next few weeks. The new variants of the virus are more transmissible, and we don't know yet whether the immunity people have from past infection or vaccination will protect as well against these strains. CDC predicts the UK variant could be the dominant strain of the virus in the United States by March. The spread of one or more of these variants could cause a significant spike in cases, even big enough threaten our hospital capacity. One could expect that if numbers increase significantly in March, restrictions on gatherings will be tightened again. On the other hand, the faster we can vaccinate a critical mass of people, the less impact these variants are likely to have. The Task Force anticipates that we will have a much better idea about the effects of the variants and the vaccination efforts over the next few weeks. This information will help us to plan a re-opening with the greatest chance for safety and success.

As always, the Task Force will continue to review current Dane County metrics and policies, scientific research and modeling projections to make recommendations to the Joint Council based on science and public health best-practices. We will continue to keep you informed over the next several weeks. In the meantime, there are things you can do to speed up our reopening:

- Complete your Indoor Worship Survey if you have not.
- Strongly consider getting vaccinated as soon as you are eligible.
- Wear your 2 ply mask when you are in public, and follow current public health guidelines to limit the spread of the virus
- If you feel safe attending indoor worship, consider volunteering to become a greeter (who will perform screening at the door) or usher. Email Judy Armelin judy@bethe-madison.org to volunteer.

COVID-19 Task Force

Heather Moen (facilitator), Pr. Mike Brown, Judy Armelin, Craig Gjerde, Kim Kindschi, Eric Knueve, Steve Lawrence, Greg Moses, Kathy Pielage, Bev Thom, Mike Thom, Denis Vogel, Laura Vogel 🌈

Horizons Summer Camps

Registration Now Open



Summer Camps are the cornerstone of Horizons' Ministry. Our camps run Sun-Fri for 8 different weeks over the summer from mid-June through mid-August. Our camps are open to all youth in 2nd-11th grades. Set your Summer Camp schedule now, we look forward to sharing sunshine and smiles with your child this summer!

More Info & to Register:
<https://tinyurl.com/phcvye8y>

Contact the Horizons office at bethelhorizons@bethelhorizons.org
608.257.3577 x334. 🌈

Brian L. Schroeder

Virtual Art Show

Now – April 30



Within my art, my goal is to make present the spiritual dimension and the flow of energy within ourselves and the Universe in which we live. I look upon my artwork as expressing a certain meditative spirituality.

In my art, I express myself with pattern and geometric shapes, linear flow, and movement. The mediums are primarily pen and ink, colored pencil, and gouache (opaque watercolor).

Most of my artwork is in the shape of a mandala with a symmetrical format and a definite middle. I find this very healing, centering, and calming. Some of the mandalas also function as talismans or protective shields.

As an artist, I admire the geometric motifs, pattern, flow, and creativity in Celtic and Islamic Art. My Art education began at the University of Wisconsin - Madison, where I completed my B.S. and M.F.A. degrees in Art.

If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact me at bschroeder@wisc.edu.

View Virtual Art Show: tinyurl.com/dtocar7e 🌈

Easter Giving 2021

Please write **separate checks** for Easter Garden & the Madison Area Jail Ministry. The **Deadline is Monday, March 15**, to return this form and money to Bethel for donations to be listed in the Bethel Weekly.

Easter Garden

CIRCLE ONE: In Memory In Honor

NAME _____

BY _____

X \$20 = _____

OF PLANTS TOTAL DUE

Flowers may be picked-up after the last worship service on April 4 or after.

Madison Area Jail Ministry

CIRCLE ONE: In Memory In Honor

NAME _____

BY _____

AMOUNT _____

CASH/CHECK # _____

ENVELOPE # _____

PHONE _____

Return entire form to: Bethel Lutheran Church
Attn: Easter Giving
312 Wisconsin Ave, Madison, WI 53703

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.

Mar 4 - Office Politics

Mar 11 - Western Social and Moral Life

Mar 18 - Judging America

Mar 25 - Thinking About China

If you have questions, contact Larry Larrabee at 608.249.9982.

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



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Emergency Cell: 608.216.3600

3 LENT

Pastor Mike Brown - Mar 7 at 7:30am, 9am, & 11am

5 LENT

Pastor Mike Brown - Mar 21 at 7:30am, 9am, & 11am

SUNDAY, MARCH 7

- 7:30a Worship Service (live-stream Facebook & YouTube)
- 9:00a Worship Service (viewed on Facebook & YouTube)
- 10:00a Virtual Coffee Hour (Zoom)
- 11:00a Worship Service (live-stream on Facebook & YouTube)

MONDAY, MARCH 8

- 9:00a Daily Devotion (Email)
- 12:00p Food Pantry Open 1-3pm (MWF)

TUESDAY, MARCH 9

- 9:00a Daily Devotion (Email)
- 7:00p Fireside Chats (Facebook)
- 8:00a Fireside Chats (YouTube)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10

- 9:00a Daily Devotion (Email)
- 2:00p Lent Bible Study w/Mike (Facebook & YouTube)
- 6:30p Lent Service at Home (Facebook & YouTube)
- 7:00p Lent Bible Study w/Mike (Facebook & YouTube)

THURSDAY, MARCH 11

- 8:30a Men's Current Christian Concerns (Zoom)
- 9:00a Daily Devotion (Email)
- 10:00a Contemplative Scripture Reading with Pam Shellberg (Zoom)
- 8:30p Contemplative Scripture Reading with Pam Shellberg (Zoom)

FRIDAY, MARCH 12

- 8:00a Men's Friday Book Study (Zoom)
- 9:00a Daily Devotion (Email)

SATURDAY, MARCH 13

- 9:00a Daily Devotion (Email)

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SUNDAY FLOWERS

Feb 14: Altar Spray is given in memory of her loving husband Donald Schmidt by Noreen Schmidt.
Feb 21: Altar Spray is given In loving memory of our leader Judy Grobe by the Abigail Circle.

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We invite you here because God is inviting you to be here. Striving to create a place where all feel safe and can find peace, let us share the unconditional love of God and, in the power of the Holy Spirit, work together to extend grace, mercy, and justice – within Bethel, in our communities, and the world.