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FOOD WON'T STAY FOR WHALE

In June of this year, when fisherman Michael Packard dove into the ocean to check on his lobster traps, he found something bigger than one of the live crustaceans he was hunting. Much bigger! Without much warning, Packard was suddenly swallowed by a giant humpback whale. He said, "All of a sudden, I felt this huge shove and the next thing I knew it was completely black." Initially, Packard thought he was inside a great white shark, but he couldn't feel any teeth and he hadn't suffered any obvious wounds. It quickly dawned on him that he had been swallowed by a whale. Inside the great mammal, Packard was preparing himself for the end. "I thought to myself, 'Hey, this is it. I'm going to die.'" But he didn't die. "He was in a whale's mouth for 30 to 40 seconds, and then he was spit out," said his mother, Anne Packard. "I could sense I was moving, and I could feel the whale squeezing with the muscles in his mouth," he said. As it turns out, humpbacks don't usually like to eat people, according to marine mammal expert Peter Corkeron. He said, "Humpback whales are 'gulp feeders' who eat by unhinging their mouths and taking big lunges through the water. And when you're 50 feet long and weigh 30 tons, sometimes you don't really have too much fine control over where you're headed." He added that, since the whale swam toward the surface before spitting Packard out, it's possible that the whale was trying to help him out.



Lobster diver Michael Packard gives the thumbs up from the Hospital where he recovered from being swallowed by a humpback whale.



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Certainly, many people recognized in his experience the echoes of one of the more notable figures in the Bible: Jonah. The story of Jonah is one of the most memorable, comical, and ironic stories in the Bible. As the story goes, Jonah was an Old Testament character who was a rebellious prophet who hated God for loving his enemies. God called Jonah to go and preach to the city of Nineveh, the capital of the Assyrian Empire, Israel's bitter enemies. God wanted Jonah to preach to them so that God could forgive them. This was too much for Jonah to handle. So instead of going to Nineveh, Jonah ran as far as he could in the opposite direction. Of course, he could not run away from God and when Jonah was thrown out of the ship he was traveling in into the sea, God had a great fish swallow him whole. This sets Jonah back on



Cindy Terhune Melrose and Bill Webb at 2019 Rally Day

the path to Nineveh to do what God asked. And when he arrived in Nineveh and said barely a few words to the people about repenting, it worked. The entire city repented and God had mercy. This put the cantankerous prophet over the edge with God. The last thing Jonah wanted for God to do was to forgive these terrible people.

The Bible is full of amazing stories, characters, teachings, and mysteries that capture the imagination of young and old alike. Coming in a few short weeks, we will kick off our Fall season of ministry with new people and features for worship, and fellowship. But, it is also a time when we restart a full slate of educational opportunities for children, youth, and adults. Rally Day takes place on September 12. It is a Sunday with a festival-

*he opened
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like flare, a traditional time for Bethel to resume a fuller ministry schedule and welcome people back from summer vacations. Coming this Fall, we will see 1) classes for children on Sunday mornings during both the 9am and 10:30am worship services; 2) Wednesday night confirmation classes; 3) Sunday night

Youth Quake for High Schoolers; and Sunday morning classes for adults at both 9am and 10:30am. As Jesus went from town to town spreading the kingdom of God, he didn't just perform miracles, he taught. From the beginning when he was a youth teaching in the

Temple (Luke 2:46-47) to the end when he "opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures," (Luke 24:27) Jesus grounded them in the scriptures. September 12, we continue the same. 🌈

WELCOME ZACH BUSH

Bethel Minister of Liturgical Worship



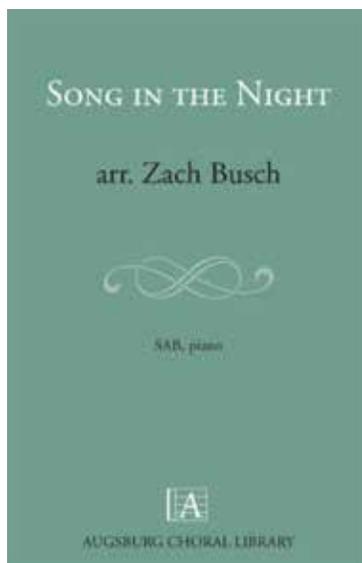
Zach is the nephew of longtime member Dave Coe

Bethel welcomes Zach Busch as the Minister of Liturgical Worship on August 16. Zach comes to Bethel from St. Paul, MN where he served for 5 years as Director for Worship and Music. Zach will play organ for Sunday services at 7:30am and 9am, as well as major holidays, He will also conduct the Bethel choir.

Zach is a graduate of Luther College (B.A. in music) and Luther Seminary (Master of Sacred Music). He takes special interest in exploring how the youngest generations interact with God and finding language for God beyond the boundaries of the established church. Zach has collaborated widely around the Twin Cities

metro, sings with Pop-Up Choir, has toured internationally as a member of the Together in Hope project, and has served as the village musician at Holden Village. Zach directs musical theater, and writes and arranges music. He had his first arrangement published by Augsburg Fortress this year. Zach's philosophy as a church musician is rooted in the knowledge of the Holy Spirit's creative presence in and around all of us. Zach believes all people can sing, all people can feel music, and that all are indeed welcome and called to participate in the song of the church.

Welcome Zach! 🌈



MISSION SUNDAY WORSHIP September 5

After months and months of hard but excellent work, Bethel celebrates the contributions with a special service of blessing for the many quilts and kits being shipped around the world. Materials for kits can still be donated. Often, when natural disasters strike or when war drives families from their homes, our hearts ache with compassion, but we don't know how to help. Making Lutheran World Relief Kits is a simple, fun and tangible way to offer comfort to those suffering and express love to our neighbors. Bring the kits or the materials for the kits to Bethel's Good Shepherd Chapel during the month of August, Monday—Friday from 9am-4pm, and on Sunday mornings from 8:30am-Noon 🌈





PONY RIDES NEW FEATURE

Bethel's 2021 Rally Day Celebration adds a new feature from previous years — Pony Rides. These ponies are just the right size for our little cowpokes. It's not every day, kids get to get up on a horse, but September 12 will be one of those days. Of course, while riding the pony may be the first thing on our kids' minds when they see the beautiful animals, moms/dads, grandparents, and adults are often wondering about safety. Rest assured, buckaroo, these ponies have been trained for just these moments, are handled by trained professionals, and include an SEI/ASTM approved helmet. 🌈



RALLY ROUN

Bethel Parking Lot Sept 12, Sunday, 10am-1pm

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

There will be lots of wildly fun things to do – riding a mechanical bull, jumping in a bounce house plus a toddler toy town inflatable for the youngins, getting faces painted, watching balloons get twisted into magical shapes, pony rides, photo booth, tattoo parlor, connect four,

ring toss, bubble wand, cotton candy, and lots of singing and dancing! This year will be the first annual corn hole tournament!

The chuckwagon will be serving a spread of western grub – succulent brisket with loads of sides, fixins, and sweets. Don't forget to wear your country duds!

All this wonderful fun takes many volunteers! If interested in helping out, contact Sue Rogers at oldawgs@yahoo.com. 🌈



SUNDAY DUP



Face painting is a favorite activity at Rally Sunday

KIDS' MINISTRY

As Bethel begins a new program year on September 12, Kids' Ministry, under the direction of Cindy Terhune Melrose is taking a quantum leap by doubling the offering for Christian Education. Starting this Fall, Bethel will provide identical Bible instruction and music twice each Sunday. This includes classes for kids from 9-10am, that is, during the 9am worship hour. Then, the same lessons and music are

offered again from 10:30-11:30am, that is, during the 10:30am worship hour.

*“let the children come to me.”
—Jesus*

Between those two education hours, from 10-10:25am, Bethel Kids' Ministry offers JAM (Jesus and Me) which is a short time of worship just for kids. JAM takes place in the newly remodeled Fireside Room, thanks to a generous grant from the Bethel Endowment Foundation. 🌈

Sunday Schedule for Kids

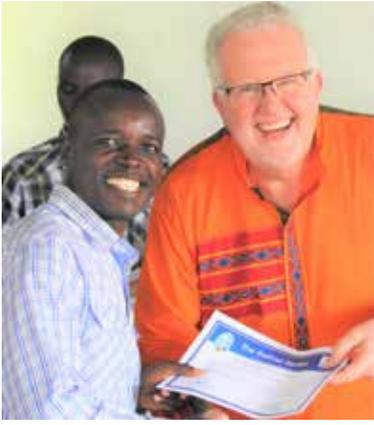
Starting September 12

9AM - KIDS' MINISTRY 1
Bible lessons and music in the classrooms

10AM - JAM (Jesus and Me)
Kids worship in Fireside

10:30AM KIDS' MINISTRY 2
Bible lessons and music in the classrooms





Rev Jeff Quinto,
Executive Director,
Giving Pastor George a
Certificate

THE BETHEL SERIES

Starting Sept 18

The Bethel Bible Series is an overview of the Bible from Genesis to Revelation. Classes will be offered in two formats this fall. Saturday classes meet via Zoom from 8:30-9:30am starting Sept 18. Sunday classes meet in person from 9-10am beginning Sept 19. Both classes meet weekly. The video of the Saturday class will be available online for those who cannot attend every class. For more information or to register for either class, contact Dave Myhre at dave@bethelseries.org.

An information meeting will be held on Sunday, Aug 22, at 10:15am in Good Shepherd Chapel. 🌈

BETHEL'S HOMELESS MINISTRY EYES EXPANDED FUTURE

Recognizing the extent and complexities of homelessness, Bethel's Church Council has called for the Serving Team to create a Homeless Ministry Transitional Task Force with the charge to work toward an expanded off-site faith-based support program with partnering churches. The task force will work with Lutheran Social Services to establish a unified program. This transition to a more comprehensive program could begin by the end of the year.

For the past fourteen years, Bethel's Homeless Ministry has helped those seeking assistance to secure housing, jobs, healthcare, food cards, transportation, Social Security and Medicaid benefits, and more. Throughout the pandemic the Homeless Ministry operated curb-services with take-out lunches, clothing distribution, referral to support services, and uninterrupted mail service for over 200 homeless individuals. Over the summer, the clothing locker built-up its stock and is now ready to provide much needed winter clothing to its guests. The reopening of Bethel's facilities allows spiritual and mutual support sessions to resume, where guests can gather as friends in a safe space, listening to each other with compassion and unconditional acceptance. The ministry provides indoor respite from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm every Tuesday and Thursday. It is one of the few local programs that ministers to the spiritual needs of the homeless.

The ministry is always alert to opportunities for more intensive service from community agencies and will continue to work closely with Lutheran Social Service's Off the Square Club, First United Methodist Church and with members of the Homeless Services

Consortium (HSC). This fall it will collaborate with a dynamic resource group, Catalyst for Change, which focuses on those struggling with mental health issues and addiction. The program has a cadre of experienced and capable volunteers who support the program in numerous and critical ways and is adopting an existing statewide database tracking system for the people they serve. In an effort to provide a safe space, a uniformed security officer is on duty during operations and will be supplemented with additional security this fall. The ministry has enhanced its rules of conduct, limited guests to the Pentecost Room only, and prohibited cars in Bethel's parking lot.

The causes of homelessness are numerous and complex. Homelessness can be caused by poverty, unemployment, a shortage of affordable housing or it can be triggered by family breakdown, mental illness, sexual assault, addiction, financial difficulties, gambling or social isolation. According to the January 2020 census by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Department (HUD), roughly 580,000 people in the United States are homeless. Six in ten (61%) stay in sheltered locations—emergency shelters or transitional housing—and nearly four in ten (39%) are in unsheltered location such as on the street, in abandoned buildings, or in other places not suitable for human habitation. Wisconsin has an estimated population of 4,515 homeless, 650 living in Madison with one-third unsheltered. With the expiration of the federal eviction moratorium and the ending of federal emergency housing support for the homeless, Madison expects to see an increase homelessness. 🌈



PHILIP SALAMONE ART SHOW

Wisconsin's Dark Secret

Now-Aug 28; Emmaus Hallway Gallery

Wisconsin has the highest rate of incarceration among African Americans in the nation, more than double the national average. In 2020, Black men made up 7% of the state's population, but accounted for 44% of those incarcerated. The zip code 53206 is the most incarcerated zip code with just 5% of the world's population but 25% of its prisoners. Our criminal justice system in the United States, and especially in Wisconsin, represents the epicenter of systematic racism.

These statistics often seem remote and intangible, and don't represent the effects that our criminal justice system has on those incarcerated, their families, and their communities. By painting these portraits from life, those numbers became people, each with families, dreams, and struggles. In a nation that often overlooks these individuals, I spent hours carefully observing them and hearing their stories while recreating their likenesses on canvas, in a medium that has been traditionally reserved for the wealthy and elite.

My hope is that these paintings reflect the beauty and humanity of these people I have come to know and respect.

About the Artist

Philip Salamone was born and raised in Wisconsin and attended the University of Wisconsin – Madison and graduated with a degree in Fine Arts. Seeking a greater understanding of technique and craft than is available at the UW, he moved to New York city to study at the Grand Central Atelier and the Art Students League, two of the world's foremost institutions devoted to teaching a classical methodology. After completing a three-year program at the GCA, he returned to Madison. In an effort to build a community, to learn from and to teach other artists, and to routinely practice painting the figure, he founded the Atwood Atelier. He now teaches at both Madison college and at the Atwood Atelier.

Website: philipsalamone.com 🌈

Amy Hartsough Accepts New Job

It is with sadness, hope, and a sense of bittersweet, to announce my resignation from being Director of Music at Bethel. My last day will be Fri, Aug. 20. I appreciated very much, the opportunity to work with all of you in this position for the past nine years. The pandemic presented us with quite a challenge, and I am very proud of the work that the Bethel staff and volunteers did during the pandemic, as well as the grace with which we've handled the reopening of church.

I've greatly enjoyed and appreciated the opportunities I've had to grow our musical connections and to be a musical and spiritual part of Bethel. Working with all of you, and with my fellow colleagues, I have grown and learned so much, creating community through music and art. These are skills that I will certainly take with me throughout my career.

Dennis and I plan to stay in touch, and Bethel will always be in our hearts, and in our prayers. –Amy 🌈



An invitation to the LGBTQIA+ members of the Bethel community, friends, and family

BETHEL CELEBRATES MADISON PRIDE

Madison is celebrating Pride this month, and we want to recognize the celebration, in part, by giving special attention to the voices of the LGBTQIA+ members of our Bethel community. We are inviting you to share with us the prayers you pray - in private or with others - for yourselves, for your loved ones, for the church, or for the world. We will collect your prayers and post them anonymously (or with attribution if you prefer!) in the Bethel Weekly so that they will be part of our prayer practice and magnified by the loving attention given them.

Send prayers to Pam Shellberg at pam@bethel-madison.org. All prayers will be published anonymously unless you indicate otherwise. 🌈



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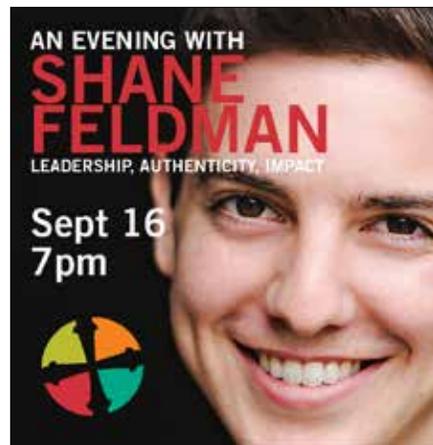
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This September, Bethel resumes its speaker series with the appearance of motivational speaker Shane Feldman. Known best for starting the world's largest youth-led change movement, Count Me In, Shane is a much sought-after speaker by organizations, corporations, and governments.

Shane is recognized by **The White House**, **The Prime Minister of Canada**, and **The United Nations** for his achievements in community leadership. He helps audiences activate the leader within and connect more authentically with colleagues and customers to

see greater engagement, satisfaction, and retention.

Attendance is limited so order your free ticket soon! Bethel members have the first opportunity for tickets. The tickets are free and available on Eventbrite at: shanefeldman.eventbrite.com.

More detailed info: www.bethel-madison.org/shane 🌈



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Worship Times: Sunday at 7:30am & 9am - Traditional; 11am - Contemporary