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## A SEASON OF OPPORTUNITY

Parables of the Bible tell us stories from which we can understand human behavior. The parable of the talents – is not just about money and investment of the same, it's about using our varied gifts for God's Kingdom. We should live until Christ returns, building His Kingdom here on earth using our best gifts and efforts with God's grace and guidance.

This then reminds of the Old Testament prophesy in Genesis 12, "I will bless you . . . so that you will be a blessing . . . and in you will all the families of the earth be blessed" – which is reinforced with the parallel proclamation from the New Testament in Luke 12, "Everyone to whom much was given, of him much will be required and from him to whom they entrusted much, they will demand the more."

At Bethel today, there are 42 specific ministries (outreach, fellowship, mission) as outlined in our 2022 annual report. Just four of the 42 are held up today for prime examples – Ministry of Word and Sacrament has weekly attendance in person and online of more than 800 on average, and households who tune in to our telecast number on average 5,400 each week – Bethel has a wide reach in proclaiming the Gospel.



Pastor Jeff Quinto

The Food Pantry of Bethel has served nearly 1,300 households in the first nine months of this year which includes more than 2,900 people receiving a total of about 26,000 meals. We are indeed blessed to be a blessing to others.

Homeless Support Ministry likewise feeds and clothes on average 600 people each month, which equates to more than 4,000 meals served, and 10,000 items of needed clothing.

Bethel Horizons now in its 54th year of being, encompasses 550 acres of remarkable land in the driftless region of Wisconsin, but only an hour away from Bethel. Well over 5,000 people have visited there so far this year, and summertime campers exceeded last year's count by 47%.

The story of great good that happens because of Bethel could go on and on – it is nothing short of amazing. We all are a part of that. We all are what make this happen. This time has become with God's help, a season of opportunity, as God is doing a new thing here at Bethel. Now is the time to live out the mission statement in our strategic plan – we are being made whole through Christ to bring hope and healing to the world.

How can we make the most of this time of opportunity? By recognizing that Christ is the head of this church in everything the church does, as we read in Colossians 1 and 3. We are meant to boldly be both a Matthew 25 and Matthew 28 church – “As you did it to one of the least of these my brothers and



“I will bless you . . . so that you will be a blessing . . .  
and in you will all the families of the earth be blessed” --Genesis 12

sisters, you did it to me” AND “Go therefore and make disciples of all peoples, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit . . .”

We have the tools to live out both of these commands in this Season of Opportunity – we have the power of prayer, and we have the love of Christ to model in our church, our community and our world – and we are already doing wonderful things in our world. We can build up our faith through intentional discipleship, as the Great Commission commands us to do in Matthew 28, as the vision of the Life Long Learning Team is “growing faith in Christ through learning about God and God's will for us.” We can grow our faith in Christ and learn about God's will for us through a fuller

understanding of Scripture, as in 2 Timothy 3, the people of God “may be complete, equipped for every good work.” We all need to continually build our faith so that we might be complete – and Bible studies and small group discussions can help – like the upcoming opportunity to build up oneself as a disciple of Christ to be

complete, by taking or retaking the Bethel Series starting again at Bethel on January 6 & 7.

Now is the time to stand up for Bethel, and attend weekly worship, participate in the life of the church, and support the church with your time talents and treasure. Being here is important for us and for others. There are plenty of choices in which to participate in the life of Bethel, and our Stewardship pledge campaign is upon us in early November.

This season  
is what you  
make it!

Don't wait to see “how the season unfolds” like we might with an entertainment venue schedule before buying tickets, as now is the Season of Opportunity to stand up for and with Bethel while we recognize that Christ is the head of the church, and we commit to building up our faith through intentional discipleship.

I pray that when our time comes the master will tell us as he did in the Parable of the Talents – “well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.” 🌈





## ACTJAM FALL FORUM SERIES: WHO IS MY NEIGHBOR?

Jesus loves to challenge how we see things. So it's no surprise when a lawyer asked Jesus "Who is my neighbor?" Jesus gives him an answer the lawyer didn't see coming – what we call the parable of the Good Samaritan. But what we often don't see is how Jesus flips the answer to the lawyer's question in a "last shall be first" kind of way.

The traditional answer to the question "Who is my neighbor?" is that anyone in need is our neighbor. We are like the Good Samaritan when we help someone – anyone -- in need.

That's why we have hospitals named Good Samaritan, why there are Good Samaritan charities, and even Good Samaritan laws. This way of seeing the story from the perspective of the Good Samaritan is so ingrained in our culture that we often don't see the other perspective.

Mark Allan Powell is a retired professor of New Testament at Trinity Lutheran Seminary. When he was in Tanzania, he heard a different lesson from this parable. The Tanzanian's didn't identify with the Good Samaritan offering help, but with the man in the ditch needing help. Their definition of a neighbor is anyone who

helps someone in need. It's the perspective of the person "in need" that matters. Who do they see as their neighbor?

In Luke 10:36, Jesus asks the lawyer "Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" In other words, who would see you as their neighbor? For us, Jesus' question isn't "Who do we see as our neighbor?" but "Who sees us as their neighbor?"

Which brings us to why this familiar story matters for us today. If we see neighbors as only those needing our help, we'll miss why we need them. Consider university students – Bethel's literal neighbors. A desire to be neighborly might lead us to ask what they need from us. For example, should Bethel provide meals for university students? Students need to eat, right? Jesus and the Tanzanians would also ask – why do we need them to help us? What can we learn from them? What can they teach us about the world and how God is at work in it? Why might university students, and our food pantry guests, and Madison's Black community, and formerly incarcerated and unhoused people want to see us as their neighbors?

**Sunday Forums @ 10:30 a.m. in Good Shepherd Chapel**

**November 5:** Lutheran Campus Ministry with Pastor Emily Tveite

**November 19:** South Madison Renaissance – a virtual tour

**December 10:** Celebrating JustDane's 50th Anniversary with Kathy Eckenrod, JustDane Director of Development


### Plus:

Monday, November 20 @ 10:30 a.m. A tour from the Madison Urban League of the new Black Business Hub located in the heart of the south-side renaissance at 2352 S. Park St. The \$25M Black Business Hub is the missing link for transforming the region's Black entrepreneurial community from disparity to prosperity. No registration required.



## NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION

**Saturday, November 18th,  
from 9am - 1pm**

Welcome to Bethel! New members have an opportunity to learn all about Bethel Lutheran Church - our ministries, our building, and about us! As we extend our arms to welcome new members into our church family, we understand the importance of a thoughtful and enriching New Member Orientation. This initiative serves as a gateway for newcomers, guiding them through the rich tapestry of our ministries, illuminating the profound history of our church, and fostering connections that last a lifetime. We will provide snacks and a light lunch. Interested in attending or have questions? Contact Alice Mowbray at [alicem@bethel-madison.org](mailto:alicem@bethel-madison.org) or call 608.257.3577 ext. 222. 



## BEHIND THE CURTAIN: BETHEL'S ENERGY STEWARDSHIP SUPPORTS A THRIVING CAMPUS AND ENVIRONMENT

November 12 at 10:30am  
in the Fireside Room

Have you ever wondered what it takes to keep our Bethel campus up and running? Are you curious about how Bethel is striving to reduce our environmental footprint? Would you like to learn more about Bethel's goals to create a well-functioning, inviting space while serving as a good environmental steward? Then join us for a behind-the-scenes look at Bethel in our next forum jointly hosted by Bethel's Property Team and Caring for Creation on Bethel's work to improve our campus and environmental impact. Ashley Becker Steele, a Property Team and C4C member, will fill you in on the Property Team's success stories, current projects and challenges, and aspirations for meeting future environmental goals. Come with questions—a panel discussion involving representatives from both groups will follow the formal presentation. To care for our campus and creation is a team effort, so we believe it's important to share this work with the Bethel community! 🌈

## HOMELESS MINISTRY - WHAT ELSE WE DO

The volunteers from Bethel's Homeless Ministry have shared statistics regarding the number of guests we serve, the number of clothing/hygiene items we provide and the number of people we feed. Our spiritual support Circle held each Tuesday morning is growing in participants who want to receive the support of those in the Circle as well. We are seeing 25-30 on average who attend the Circle. Each person is named in prayer before concluding with praying The Lord's Prayer together.

However, another aspect of this Ministry is its connection to people who come in for spiritual and emotional support. Not infrequently, a guest will ask for a Bible or a New Testament to have as his/her own or may ask Barb or Bev to pray for them in a quiet office space. For a guest who lives "on the street" or who sleeps in a shelter, he/she is usually surrounded by people not necessarily of his/her choosing. So, to be able to come to Bethel to experience a few moments of peacefulness and feeling safe is highly desirable for many.

We are available for listening.

For example, last week a young man came in somewhat distraught about his relationship with his partner and needed to talk. We listened, allowing him to express himself and offered our thoughts and after about 30 minutes of listening, we saw a marked change in his thought process. A good man who has been diagnosed with a serious health problem that requires chemo therapy needed a co-pay to start a first and then a second series of treatment and we were able to provide that for

him. He shared with us that to be able to come to Bethel and know that there is help available and that he will find a peaceful environment means so much to him at this difficult time in his life. He shows his gratitude by washing our tables after the noon meal.

Another man in his mid-40s who is suffering from an always fatal degenerative neurological disease, receives love and care from all of our volunteers, ie. we provide extra food for an evening meal, we provide extra clothing, blankets and seasonal gear, help with his medical appointment scheduling, communication with case workers and his probation officer. We keep his paperwork in specific files to help him manage his life. Without our volunteers, this man would be in a dire situation. We will stay with him until he no longer can live on the streets and will need institutional care.

We are a resource for guests who have rent/housing issues, in that we often know of other resources not known to the guest and we make those referrals/suggestions to the guest. We frequently contact specific case workers/social workers to connect them with a guest.



Overall, we are there to provide a safety net to the many folks who come in with a wide variety of concerns and we try our best to offer reasonable solutions for them to work through. We are always available to pray with them and offer faith-based advice. This gives them something to believe in and hope for. 🌈



## THANKSGIVING COMES EARLY TO BETHEL'S FRIENDSHIP CLUB!

November 10th in Borgwardt Hall

On Friday, November 10, Friendship Club meets for a traditional "Turkey and all the trimmings, including Pumpkin Pie" dinner for early Thanksgiving! Then stay to see "Magical Marimba Moments for the Holidays".

Ricardo's amazing abilities allow him to forgo the necessity of traditional sheet music. Instead, all Ricardo needs on his music stand is a list of songs with the properly paired mallet selection clearly discernible. Not many know that Ricardo is also a talented piano tuner in great thanks to his teacher, Joel; Joel's masterful ear for tuning has helped Ricardo

sharpen his own sense of tone, a priceless skill that Ricardo utilizes on stage.

Please meet at 6:15 in Borgwardt Hall. Cost for dinner is \$12 for members and \$15 for visitors. \$10 modest Annual Membership to help support the wonderful local talent we bring to Bethel. Please remember to call Judi Griffin at 608 222 9290 by noon on Tuesday before the 2nd Friday if you need to cancel. Cancellations after the deadline will be charged. Please join us!! 🌈

## FOOD PANTRY THANKS & UPDATES

Thank you for your response to last month's request for Ramen noodles. Our pantry guests have been delighted that we have them in stock again. This month's wish list includes sides for Thanksgiving: corn muffin mix, French style green beans, crispy onions, and brownie mix. Although brownies aren't a typical Thanksgiving food, our guests like them, and they are easier to prepare than pies.

We are looking for one or two more volunteers

to help us fill out our Tuesday pantry shifts. Thanks to those who have already volunteered, we are going to expand our operations to 4 days a week! Tuesday hours are 3-4:30. If you can help with this outreach mission, please call Cheryl Frazier, 608-206-4539.

Thank you for all the ways you support Bethel's Food Pantry: your donation of bags, food, garden produce, toiletries, money, and time. We are grateful! Happy Thanksgiving! 🌈

## MEDIA EQUIPMENT NEEDED UPGRADE MATCH APPEAL

Recently Bethel received ERC (employee retention credit) funds for the Media Ministry staff that we were able to keep on board all throughout the pandemic – we are grateful to have been able to do this, in order to provide increased live stream options of worship each week, plus maintain our Service of the Word telecast on WKOW Channel 27 each Sunday morning. The extra use has more quickly worn out our necessary equipment, so we are designating the ERC funds to provide a match for new gifts toward this effort – needed are three HD cameras with fiber optic cable plus color control that will last into the future. Total need from gifts is \$69,000. If you can help this project move forward for sustained best quality sharing of the Gospel each week with more than ten thousand viewers, please send your gifts marked 'Media Match' to Bethel. Thank you for considering how you can help provide for this continuation of this meaningful ministry. 🌈

## HOMELESS THANKSGIVING AND CHRISTMAS

Bethel's Homeless Ministry is once again planning the annual Thanksgiving meal for Tuesday, November 21st and the Christmas dinner for Thursday, December 19th. These meals are for the Bethel Staff and our homeless guests. If you or a friend would like to consider helping with financing a portion of the meal, please let us know. These meals are often the highlight for our guests as they struggle through the holiday season. You may contact Kenny at the reception desk if you are able to help out. Thank you. 🌈





## XYZ EVENTS

**Friday, Nov. 10th**, 9am at Bethel: Chapel with Pastor Quinto; valentine secret pal sign-up; Yearly financial meeting. For Lunch, we are car pooling to Esquire Club for fish fry. 2 pieces fish, fries, roll, coleslaw and soda/coffee for \$10.00 Sign up with Sue Marking

**Sat. Dec. 2nd**, bus trip to Appleton to see Christmas Stars performance. Seats available: members \$36, Non-members \$45. Sign up for these events with Sue Marking, 608-318-0090 or [wmarking@msn.com](mailto:wmarking@msn.com)

## UPCOMING PASTOR COVERAGE

**Nov 4/5** - Pastor Jeff Quinto  
**Nov 11/12** - Pastor Bruce Engebretson  
**Nov 18/19** - Pastor Bruce Engebretson  
**Nov 25/26** - Pastor Jeff Quinto  
**Dec 2/3** - Pastor Jeff Quinto  
**Dec 9/10** - Pastor George Carlson  
**Dec 16/17** - Pastor Jeff Quinto  
**Dec 23** - Pastor Jeff Quinto  
**Dec 24** - Pastor Katya Ouchakof



# FAMILIA

## Bethel Lutheran Church & the Bethel Bible Series are Partners (again) Executive Director Jeff Quinto is Pastor in Residence

**B**ethel Lutheran Church and The Bethel Bible Series (an exclusive non-profit entity of Adult Christian Education Foundation, Inc.) has re-established a lasting partnership. The Bethel Bible Series is now an official "mission partner" of Bethel Lutheran Church. The Joint Council of Bethel and the Board of Directors overseeing the Bethel Bible Series have forged a renewed relationship after years of separation.

Jeff Quinto, Executive Director of the Bethel Bible Series will also be providing worship and spiritual assistance to Bethel Lutheran Church by more regularly being involved in worship, preaching, handling visitations and spiritual guidance for those seeking assistance. Bethel Lutheran Church will be the home for his mission of teaching the Bible worldwide. He is The Bethel Bible Series Pastor in residence. As leader of The Bethel Bible Series, Jeff has seen the impact of this mission; with more than 2 million people having participated in congregations around the globe. It is the most widely known and recognized Christian Bible Study series around the world. The Bible study has been translated into more than 12 languages and extends far beyond the U.S. to connect with Christians in Canada, Japan, South Korea, South Africa, China, Costa Rica, Colombia, Mexico, Kenya,

Tanzania, Australia, Indonesia – and more. Jeff Quinto has been the superb business and spiritual leader of the Bethel Bible Series. For a number of years the Bethel Bible Series was separate from our church. In May 2018, the Bethel Bible Series offices returned to Bethel Lutheran Church as a tenant within our building, and now is its permanent home.

In 1958 the Bethel Bible Series was born at Bethel Lutheran Church under the leadership of Pastor Harley Swiggum, an associate pastor at Bethel. He was inspired to develop an adult Christian education program for his church with the central focus on Bible study. Pastor Swiggum wrote the curriculum, trained a core group here at Bethel Lutheran Church and then used their gifts to teach the rest of the congregation. An experiment that started with 28 trainees quickly grew into training hundreds of people. Based on this remarkable success, the Adult Christian Education Foundation was established to offer the Bethel Bible Series to other pastors and congregations.

Today we are blessed to have re-forged a partnership with this this wonderful worldwide mission and with Pastor Jeff.



# R FACES

## HERITAGE WEEKEND

December 2 - 3, from 3pm - 5pm

The holiday celebration kicks off Saturday, December 2 with Scandinavian "kaffe og kaker," in Borgwardt Hall from 3 - 5 pm. Activities include coffee and cookies, lefse-making demonstrations, history displays, and a special performance by Karen Rebholz who will play Norwegian folk songs on the Hardanger fiddle.

On Sunday, Norwegian elements will be incorporated into church services and a special educational forum will be held in the Good Shepherd Chapel

at 10:15 am. Dr. Ulrich Rosenhagen will speak on Reflections on Religion and Immigration. The Norwegian-American Genealogical Center of Madison will have a table in Sacred Grounds from 8:30 - 11am where there will be Scandinavian cookies with coffee, and you can learn how to do family research. This is an inter-generational, congregation-wide celebration.

If you are willing to bake cookies in advance

of the event or help make lefse December 2 contact: Lynne Kranier at: [lakrainer@gmail.com](mailto:lakrainer@gmail.com) or Sigrid Knuti at: [knutise@yahoo.com](mailto:knutise@yahoo.com)

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## TWIN CITIES GAY MEN'S CHORUS

November 12th at 2pm

Now in its 43rd season, Twin Cities Gay Men's Chorus continues its mission of building community through music. The chorus spans two pandemics (AIDS and COVID-19) and is proud to have served the Twin Cities through singing about pressing LGBTQ+ topics such as AIDS, marriage equality, youth suicide, drug overdoses, religious persecution, and body dysmorphia. TCGMC strives not only for musical excellence as a tool for change but for creating and building inclusive spaces in our rehearsals where we open our minds to learn about all the voices in our world. 🌈



## GOLF OUTING FUNDS RAISED

Thank you to all who participated in and supported the Circle of Love golf outing in late September. Fifty five golfers enjoyed the lovely day at Blackhawk Country Club, and many others provided hole sponsorships, outright cash gifts, mulligans, raffle ticket purchases, gift certificates and valuable prizes. In total, after expenses, the funds raised tally \$18.7K and is just \$600 below last year's funds raised total. We are grateful to be able to provide ongoing necessary assistance to those families we know and love from Ukraine for the coming year. 🌈

## FEATURED ARTIST: JOHN AUGUST SWANSON

November - December, Gallery Hallway

John August Swanson was born January 11, 1938 in El Monte, California, and died September 23, 2021, in Los Angeles. He painted in oil, watercolor, acrylic, and mixed media, and was an independent printmaker of limited edition serigraphs, lithographs, etchings, and other giclée print editions. His art reflected his strong heritage of storytelling, inherited



from his Mexican mother and Swedish father. Swanson's narratives are direct and easily understood. He addressed human values, cultural roots, and the quest for self-discovery through visual images. These include Bible stories and celebrations, circuses, concerts, and operas. He optimistically embraced life and spiritual transformation. 🌈

## HERITAGE WEEKEND

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As part of Bethel's weekend Heritage Celebration, Dr. Ulrich Rosenhagen, theologian and Director of the Center for Interfaith Dialogue at the



University of Wisconsin will be the speaker for the December 3 forum in the Good Shepherd Chapel at 10:15 am. The topic will be "We all came from somewhere—Reflections on Religion and Immigration in America." Dr. Rosenhagen was a researcher at the Technical University of Dresden, held a research fellowship at Boston University, received his PhD. from the University of Heidelberg and is currently a lecturer at the UW-Madison's Religious Studies Program. His interests are in interreligious dialogue and the role of religion throughout American history. He is also an ordained Lutheran pastor and worked for several years in the ministry in Germany and Miami, Florida.

Karen Rebholz became enchanted by Norway's national instrument, the Hardanger fiddle, and began playing the instrument in 2008. By 2012, she



was designing and hand crafting Hardanger fiddles. She was awarded a Vesterheim Gold Medal, and Best of Show and People's Choice awards in The 2019 National Norwegian-American Folk Art Exhibition, and is a two-time folk-art fellowship recipient from the American Scandinavian Foundation. Karen plays locally with the Ladies of the Fjord and has performed at Stoughton's Syttende Mai and the Vesterheim Norwegian-American Museum. She will perform during Bethel's Heritage Celebration, Saturday, December 2 from 3-5 pm in Borgwardt Hall. You won't want to miss her foot-stomping music. 🌈





# ADVENT BY CANDLELIGHT

Monday, December 4, 5:15 - 8:00pm

**A**dvent season is both a time of joy-filled, anticipatory celebration of the arrival of Jesus Christ and a preparatory period of repentance, and meditation. We invite Women of Bethel to join in a beautiful evening of candlelight, music, and God's good news, that provides us a time of both celebration and meditation.

We have invited Pastor Lisa Nelson to speak. She was a pastor at Bethel from 1998 through 2001 and is currently part-time pastor at St Mark's Lutheran in South Madison. She is also a certified life coach and specializes in Neurodiversity Coaching. (You can ask her what that is.) She lives in Sun Prairie with her husband, Robb Kosky, who is also a pastor. Their 22-year-old sons share an apartment in East Madison. One is a career firefighter and the other just finished four years as a Marine. Their youngest son is a freshman at UW Whitewater, studying biology. Lisa and



Robb are enjoying their newly emptied nest, as well as only having the dog to care for.

Shekinah King singer, Songwriter, Keyboardist, lead vocals for Madison-based Blues band Alpha Romeo, and Lead vocals for the Waunakee Project Brave Band. We are honored to have her providing the music for the evening. Shekinah works closely with the nonprofit "Project Brave" to fight the negative stigma associated with mental illness. Shekinah King released "I Got It From My Mom" in May of 2022, on all major streaming platforms, and a music video to go with it. "I Got It From My Mom" won the 2022 Madison Area Music Awards pop song of the year. Shekinah would rather be singing than almost anything else. Growing up in church cultivated a deep love for music and a passion for what she does. She pulls inspiration from a wide variety of musical influences. People often compare her voice to Pink, Kelly Clarkson, or Adele. Shekinah has played



at some amazing local venues including Bratfest, Lifest, The Crystal Grand, Monona Terrace and The Edgewater. She recently opened for the Grammy winning artist Steven Curtis Chapman.

We are asking for donations to support the St. Mark's Food Pantry with personal care items which are badly needed.

**Items needed:** toilet paper (lots of it), bar soap, toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant, shampoo, lotion, laundry pods, and small bottles of dishwashing liquid.

Tickets are \$10 a person. We will be selling tickets between services starting November 12th and they will be available on the [bethel-madison.org](http://bethel-madison.org) website as well. We are also looking for volunteers to serve as table hosts and for set-up and clean-up. Please reach out to Sue Rogers or Kathy Forde with any questions or to volunteer.

## Schedule for evening:

4:30 pm - Borgwardt Hall open for hostess table set-up

5:15 – 5:45 pm - Check-in. There will be someone to open entry doors since the church locks after 5:00

5:30- 6:15 pm - Appetizers and Beverages in Fireside Room

6:15 pm - Hostesses should proceed to Borgwardt Hall

6:30- 8:00 pm - Evening Program and dessert in Borgwardt Hall



## Christmas Giving 2023

### Online form:

[bethel-madison.org/ministries/christmas-giving/](http://bethel-madison.org/ministries/christmas-giving/)

Please write *separate checks* for Poinsettias & Media Ministry. The **Deadline is Tuesday, Dec. 5**, to return this form & money to Bethel for donations to be included in the Bethel Weekly.

### Poinsettia Garden

CIRCLE ONE: In Memory In Honor

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Flowers may be picked up after worship on Dec 26 or after.

### Media Ministry

CIRCLE ONE: In Memory In Honor

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ENVELOPE #

PHONE

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

## YOUTH GATHERING INFO MEETING

November 1 at 6:30pm in Borgwardt Hall

The ELCA National Youth Gathering will be held July 16-20 in New Orleans. Parents and youth in 8th-12th grade are invited to learn more about this exciting event at a meeting on November 1, 2023, 6:30-7:30 p.m. in

Borgwardt Hall. Dinner will be provided. You are invited to join us at 6:00pm in the sanctuary for youth-led worship with dinner and the meeting to follow. 🌈

## BETHEL YOUTH RETREAT

November 10 -11

Bethel Youth in grades 7-12 are invited to a retreat at Bethel Horizons November 10-11, 2023. We leave from Bethel church parking lot at 5:00pm on Nov 10, or



meet us at Horizons after 6:00pm. Return to Bethel church at 6:00pm on November 11. Use the QR code to sign up! 🌈

## BETHEL YOUTH GROUP NEEDS YOUR HELP

Bethel Youth are coordinating an effort to provide sleeping mats for unhoused people in the Madison area. These mats are made out of plastic grocery bags. Please donate used plastic grocery bags to assist in our efforts.

Bags can be left at the reception desk, attn: Heather Moen. 🌈

## MEN'S CURRENT CHRISTIAN CONCERNS

Men, if you want to start your Thursdays on a high note, come and attend Men's Current Christian Concerns at 8:30 AM in room 201, Luther's Room, on the second floor of Bethel. Although serious issues are discussed, not much is taken very seriously so you will leave in an uplifted, positive mood. With almost 20 men attending this one-hour discussion, you can easily slip in, get a sample of the raucous atmosphere, and later decide about

returning. For more information, contact Larry Larrabee at 249-9982.

### Upcoming Topics:

November 2	Forgive Student Loan Debt?
November 9	There's Something About Science
November 16	World Population Peak in Your Life Time?
November 30	Making a Healthy Living 🌈





## WELCOME AND SAFE

Lindsey Scheid recalls the difficult transition she experienced as a 7th grader when her family left their church in McFarland to become members at Bethel Lutheran Church in Madison. She was very upset with their decision as she enjoyed her friends and the times they shared in her hometown church.

As Lindsey became more involved with Bethel's youth group and retreats with her confirmation class to Horizons, she grew to love her family's decision. Her circle of friends grew and became more diverse. One of Lindsey's fondest memories was time spent during Lenten Lunches with Pastor Duane, Bethel Horizons' founder, surrounded by friends and family strengthening that community bond she once was worried she had lost.

Life would take Lindsey to Colorado where she worked as a mental health therapist utilizing her degree in Art Therapy. Lindsey said "I loved the work I was doing but felt like I was floundering and was compelled to move home to Wisconsin with no plan or job lined up." She left Colorado, reconnected with Pastor Duane and found a home at Bethel Horizons working that first summer as the camp artist. She would spend the next nine years working and embodying the Horizons mission of connecting

campers to the harmonies of God, Self, Others, and Nature. Lindsey said,

"It was Pastor Duane and Horizons that made me realize my true passion of ensuring that all children feel welcome and safe. Horizons provided that space and place for so many of the kids we served. The campers came from such different backgrounds with unique challenges at home and we were able to give them these experiences in nature where they were accepted and loved and always given a second chance."

This important work and passion for restorative justice has stayed with Lindsey as she continues to ensure that children learn and grow through outdoor ministry in her position as Associate Director at Green Lake Lutheran Ministries in Minnesota. Lindsey is forever grateful for her family's decision to be a part of the Bethel community, the lifelong relationships she has built, and the opportunities that Horizons provides.

We are grateful to have such a rich history with Lindsey and the entire Scheid family. It is because of the generosity of so many that all children continue to feel welcomed, and well cared for while attending camp. 🌈

## TRAILS & TASTING 2023 RECAP

Bethel Horizons' 2nd annual Trails & Tasting saw over 250 hikers and mountain bikers come and immerse themselves in the beauty of Horizons! Chef Cena prepared a delicious chili and mac and cheese bar featuring local cheese by Upland Farms, and the Holy Cow Food Truck from Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Verona was out sharing their food ministry with the guests. All enjoyed bluegrass by Down From The Hills while enjoying the views at Adamah Art Studios. It was a perfect day, and it was great to see so many new and known faces connecting to the harmonies of God, Self, Others, and Nature. 🌈

## ADVENT AT HORIZONS

### December 1 - 2

Let's create space in this busy holiday season to get away with family and friends to celebrate Advent surrounded by the beauty of Bethel Horizons. People of all ages are invited join us for this inter-generational event. Come Friday evening and stay through Saturday afternoon (or just come on Saturday). We will have numerous activities for all to enjoy including tree decorating, caroling, gift making, games, hiking, and playing outdoors. We will conclude the experience with an Advent service on Saturday late afternoon. 🌈





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## LOOKING AHEAD

### December 1 - 2

Advent at Bethel Horizons

### December 2 - 3

Heritage Weekend

### December 4

Advent by Candlelight

### December 8 - 9

Handel's Messiah

### December 17

Kids Nativity Service



# BETHEL

LUTHERAN CHURCH

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## SEPTEMBER 2023 YEAR-TO-DATE FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT

	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Variance
<b>REVENUES</b>			
Offerings	1,049,928	1,205,025	(155,097)
Miscellaneous revenue	173,651	175,572	(1,921)
Non-operating revenue	8,104	(563)	8,667
Total Revenue	1,231,683	1,380,035	(148,352)
<b>MINISTRY INVESTMENTS</b>			
Staff	895,824	1,034,269	(138,445)
Ministry & Resource Teams	273,513	258,340	15,173
Benevolence	23,108	21,000	2,108
Administration	73,638	66,113	7,525
Other	-	-	-
Total Ministry Investments	1,266,083	1,379,722	(113,639)
<b>Total Net Income (Loss)</b>	<b>(34,396)</b>	<b>316</b>	<b>(34,713)</b>

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**Worship Times:** Sunday at 7:30am & 9am - Traditional; 11am - Contemporary  
Saturday at 5pm - Casual

