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“EVEN THE STONES WOULD SHOUT!”

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Luke 19: 37-40

Years ago, while I was an intern pastor in North Carolina, my husband David and I used the opportunity of living out east to travel in the region. On one of our trips we traveled to Washington D.C. The first thing we did was to make our way to the Lincoln Memorial, subsequently followed by visits to the Vietnam, Korean and World War II Memorials. All are powerful reminders of what sacrifices have been made for the ideals and principles of our country. In gazing upon these structures, one cannot help but feel a tremendous sense of gratitude.

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While there, we visited the Holocaust Museum. As we crowded into the elevator, I was struck by the silence. As hundreds of people walked through the museum with the artifacts, pictures, news clippings, and the remnants of people's lives, there was very little talk or chatter. A stifled sob, a wiped tear, and morbid shock characterized the faces. Much like a cemetery, silence and quiet seemed to be the only appropriate response.

And yet, I was painfully reminded there was another kind of silence that was a part of this time in history. It was the silence of the world, including the churches, during this horrible genocide. As I walked down one of the corridors, these words were etched upon the wall:

"As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, saying, 'Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!' Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, 'Teacher, order your disciples to stop.' He answered, 'I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out.'"

On Easter Sunday every year we boldly proclaim, "Christ is Risen, Christ is Risen Indeed!" And while our Easter season is past – it continues on in our proclamation as a church – as witnesses of



Christ's resurrection power. As Christians we live in an "Easter Faith;" a faith that celebrates Christ's resurrection each and every day. How can we, as Easter people, be silent? As Easter people, we cannot be indifferent, or close our eyes, or cover our ears! In the words of Jesus... even the stones would shout!

In the vocabulary of "Easter Faith", there is a message of life that the world needs to hear from the church! WE ARE THE CHURCH! There can be no idle workers in God's vineyard. Living in an "Easter Faith" calls us to engage God's world with a voice of justice and compassion and peace.

Jesus speaks loud and clear to our priorities and our commitment to never be silent! If we were to walk through a church museum fifty years from now, who would be the faithful remnant?! May God lift each voice at Bethel Lutheran to sing with every fabric of our being that Jesus lives! Because of that, you too shall live. Let us not be silent in our proclamation, in our loving, in our participation in God's Salvation Story! 🌈



NOTICE OF SPECIAL BETHEL LUTHERAN CHURCH CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Sunday September 8th, at 10am

Main Sanctuary of
Bethel Lutheran Church

A Special Congregational Meeting will be held on **Sunday September 8th at 10:00 AM** in the main Bethel Lutheran Church Sanctuary (immediately after the 9:00 AM service), for the sole purpose of voting on the permanent call of Pastor Lauren Wrightsman.

The Bethel Lutheran Church Call Committee has formally recommended a permanent call of Pastor Lauren Wrightsman as the Senior (Lead) Pastor for Bethel Lutheran Church and based on that recommendation to the congregation, a special meeting is required to vote on that recommendation.

While for some congregation members, this time and date may be inconvenient, but please make every effort to attend in person to join in this historic special meeting.

Thank you.

Denis Vogel, Joint Council President
On behalf of the Bethel Lutheran Church Joint Council 🌈

ONE WORSHIP SUNDAY

On Sunday, September 22nd - plan now to attend the One Worship that weekend, 8:30-10:00am, followed by Brunch in Borgwardt Hall - in order to celebrate the Bethel Endowment Foundation's 60th Anniversary, 1964-2024. (This one service will be the **ONLY** worship service that weekend.) Special music, inspiring preaching by three pastors, engaging videos and much fellowship will help tell the story of how Bethel has been Blessed to be a Blessing over the decades. We are so thankful to God for all the faithful leaders who have come before us and continue among us now. Join us as a full church congregation to mark this significant milestone - put a star on your calendar now for 9.22.24. 🌈



LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF KIT DRIVE: THE TIME IS NOW - THE NEED IS GREAT

The annual Lutheran World Relief Kit drive is the month of August. Sales are now taking place on school supplies as well as other items which make up the various kits. Please look over the list of items needed and see what you might be able to donate to the cause. Monetary donations are also welcome and we can do the shopping for you. More information on the kit contents is available at LWR.org. Thank you.. 🌈



ANDY ROOT AT BETHEL: YOUTH MINISTRY FOR ALL OF US

Saturday, September 7th from 9am - 4pm

What's it going to take to get young people to come to church? If young people are our future, where are they?

Luther Seminary professor and practical theologian Andy Root will be at Bethel on Saturday, September 7 to lead a forum that explores and answers these questions. We're all invited - those of us around kids all the time and those who aren't. Because this challenge will only be met by all of us being all in.



Andrew (Andy) Root is the Olson Baalson Professor of Youth and Family Ministry at Luther Seminary in St. Paul where he teaches on the theology of ministry, youth ministry, and culture. He's a prolific author who's just finished a series on being church in our secular age that nails the reality of being Christian in today's world. He's in constant demand as a speaker in the U.S. and internationally. When someone asked us 'How in the world did you get him to come to Bethel?' we answered truthfully — we asked him.

Andy will lead a forum at Bethel on Saturday, September 7 from 9 - 4. You may sign up for the morning or full day. There is no cost to attend thanks to a grant from the Bethel Foundation. Sign up here: <https://bit.ly/3Y17ml8>. Andy will also lead the Sunday Forum at Bethel on September 8 at 10:30.

Questions that we'll explore with Andy include:

What is this cultural moment we're in and what are the implications for youth and youth ministry? What is youth ministry for? Why doesn't our experience growing up apply to kids today?

Because youth ministry doesn't exist in a vacuum, what are the implications for Christ's church? How has church become like the busy 'more is better' world around us?

Why is it so difficult to have faith today? How do we bring youth into faith? How do we talk about a living God who is with us in the world with youth who are searching for identify and meaning?

To Register:

Use the QR code to sign up for the morning or full day. There is no cost to attend thanks to a grant from the Bethel Foundation. 🌈



WOMEN'S RETREAT



BETHEL HORIZONS RETREAT FOR WOMEN “THE LABYRINTH, A SACRED WALK”

Friday, October 4th - Sunday, 6th at Bethel Horizons

Please Join us for the 2024 Bethel Horizons Retreat for Women on Oct 4th - Oct 6th at Bethel Horizon's Adamah Retreat Center. **Pam Shellberg**, director of spiritual nourishment at Holy Wisdom Monastery, will lead us through a sacred journey on the ancient practice of walking a labyrinth. A Labyrinth is a circle with a meandering pathway to a purposeful center point, its one path leads you to both the center and exit. It can be seen as a metaphor for the journey of life we are all on. Through practice we can begin to see the deepest part of our Self and move back out into the world with a clearer understanding of who we are and who we want to become. Labyrinths can be dated back to around 4000 years ago and are often used now as a meditative contemplative practice. 🌈

Please see the tentative schedule below:

Friday, October 4th

- **Anytime after 5:30 pm** : Arrival
- **6:00 pm** : Dinner
- **6:30 pm** : Life's Sacred Journey- Labyrinth Prep
- **7:15 pm - 8:15 pm** : Sacred Social-Time to relax and connect with others

Saturday, October 5th

- **8:15 am** : Breakfast
- **9:00 am** : Welcome
- **9:30 am** : The Labyrinth: A Sacred Walk
- **11:30 am** : Optional Activities: Yoga, Journaling, Art Activities, etc
- **1:00 pm** : Tasting and Trails

Optional Saturday Night Overnight

Sunday Oct 6th

- **8 - 8:45 am** : Breakfast
- **8:45 - 9:30 am** : Reflection/Goal Setting
- **10:00 am - 12:00 pm** : Free Time
- **12:00 pm** : Departure

COST:

Friday – Sunday: (2 nights with meals) \$150

Friday – Saturday: (1 night with meals) \$75

Saturday – Sunday: (1 night with meals) \$75

Saturday ONLY: \$30

Please contact Kelly Kneue if you have questions or concerns. 608-219-7078 or kellykneue@gmail.com

To register, click the link in the Bethel Weekly Email or scan the following QR code



REGISTER NOW FOR FALL KIDS PROGRAMS

Programs kick off on September 15th

The link to the 2024-25 Kids and Family Ministry programs registration is ready! Programs kick off on September 15th and will include special blessings during the 9:00am worship service and the Fall Festival immediately after the worship service with food, music and fun outdoor games. You won't want to miss it! There are a few program changes this year so note the items in italics when reading the info section in the online registration form which will get your kids registered for Sunday School and/or Child Care and/or Kids Choir. Please help us with a smooth launch and enough staff/volunteers by signing up **by Aug 30th**. 🌈

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Contact paula@bethel-madison.org for program questions or chelssey@bethel-madison.org for registration questions.

PUERTO RICO 2025

March 11-18, 2025

Can you believe this mission started 25 years ago next year? The date is set for March 11-18, 2025. Pastor Ivette is working on a celebration much like she planned for the 20-year anniversary - you don't want to miss it! If you are interested in going on the mission trip or maybe you just want to see the island and attend the celebration, we would love to have you! ALL are welcome. Please contact Phil Ingwell, Jr. at 608-535-0777 or Pingwell60@gmail.com if you have any questions or just want to be kept informed. 🌈



FOOD PANTRY

The Food Pantry is in need of paper and plastic bags again, so please consider dropping your extra ones off in the blue barrel by the reception desk or in the bagging area of the Food Pantry. We appreciate your help! This month's Wish List includes ketchup, mustard, ranch dressing, salt and pepper, canned peas, and dish soap. Copies of the Wish List are available on the slat board outside the sanctuary. Thank you very much for your support! 🌈

HOMELESS MINISTRY FOOD UPDATE

Would you or your small group such as your Circle, like to provide a nutritious lunch for Bethel's homeless guests this summer? Several of Bethel's congregants have expressed an interest in or have already provided a noon meal for those who attend Bethel's Homeless Ministry on Tuesdays and Thursdays. We have approximately 90 + people who cross our threshold each day that we are open and usually we provide a nutritious lunch for 75-80 guests. If you or your friends would like to partake in this endeavor, please contact Kenny at the reception desk or Bev Thom at (608)576-7245. Our guests regularly express their gratitude for the food they receive at Bethel. God's blessings as you consider this opportunity. 🌈

CUSHIONS IN THE BACK OF THE SANCTUARY

Cushions have been purchased and are in the back of the sanctuary. These are meant to aid those with back issues who find it difficult to sit in the wooden pews without some support. 🌈

MEMORIALS IN HONOR & IN MEMORY

April, May, and June

BETHEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

BETHEL GARDENS & LANDSCAPE

In memory of Laura Vogel's mother by Donna Ulteig

CHOIR GIFTS & MEMORIALS

In memory of Eloise J. Davis by William & Debra Davis

In memory of Carol Kalscheur by Jack & Sue Marking

EASTER

In memory of Ferne E. Johnson by Brian & April Meiller

ENDOWMENT MEMORIALS

In memory of Bob Vandehy, Jill Derr's dad by Brad & Barb Armstrong

In memory of Bonnie Bruce by Brad & Barb Armstrong, Kevin Gould & Nancy Baillies, Kent & Helen Karberg, Donna Ulteig

In memory of Carol Kalscheur by Lois Seymour

In memory of Dennis Dokken by Joan Gilbertson

In memory of Doug & Judi Haag by Brad & Barb Armstrong

In memory of Laura Vogel's mother by Tom & Jill Derr, Bill & Alice Mowbray

FOOD PANTRY

In memory of Augie (Gus) Pieper by XYZ

In memory of Charles Stark by wife, Sandy Stark and friends

In memory of Chas Bertun by Eric & Mary Bertun

In honor of all the Food Pantry Volunteers by Nancy Beck

In memory of Lyle Gruen by Lotus Griffin

GENERAL MEMORIALS

In memory of Bonnie Bruce by Kathy Gettrust

In memory of Lyle Gruen by Donna Ulteig

In memory of Howard & Jean Hodel by Tricia Hodel

In memory of Kerstan Johnson by Jim & Sharon Burton, Tom & Joan Conlin,

Mary Connor, Scott Hottman, Ross & Judy Zanto, and his family

In memory of Roger Mayer by his son - James Mayer, Carol Murphy

HOMELESS SUPPORT

In memory of Bonnie Bruce by Sharon Zannacker

MEDIA MEMORIALS

The following telecasts were sponsored during April thru June in 2024:

Apr 21: In memory of Dr. Eugene and Olive Nordby by Medical Colleagues and friends.

June 23: In memory of Carol N. Kalscheur. Carol saw good in all people, love in music, and faith in God. Think of her as you let faith and music lift your soul. Given by her family and friends.

MEMORIALS:

In memory of Bonnie Bruce by Tom Anderson

In memory of Carol Kalscheur by Steve Anderson, Ed & Judy Borke, Patrick Crowley, Paul Eastwood, Michael & Laura Fuller, Judi Griffin, Bruce Halverson, Jeffrey Hughey, James Johnson, David Kalscheur, Sandra Kaufmann, Vel Marquardt, Martin Micke, Darlene Olson, Keith Osterman, Barbara Pulvermacher, Mark Sieger, The Rodell Group LLC (TRG), Thomas Zickert

In memory of Honorable Dr. Eugene Nordby by Sue Simpson

In memory of Julie Eyers by Bill & Alice Mowbray

MUSIC MEMORIALS

In memory of Dennis Dokken, my brother by Bonnie Sanfield

In memory of Dennis Dokken by Arlen & Judy Christenson, Carol Clarke, Layne & Pamela Close, Ronald & Maria Dokken, Terry & Gloria Dokken, Donna Fox, James & Barbara Freeman, Robert & Gina Gessler, Judi Griffin, James & Nancy Herritz, William & Dorothy Imhoff, Phillip & Betty Ingwell, Alinda & Robert Nelson, Mark & Jeri Reynolds, Mark & Julia Schellpfeffer, Bill Wiedenbeck

In memory of Carol Kalscheur by Dave & Jan Primus, Bev Stephen

In memory of Charles Stark by Phil & Mary Lou Dzick, his wife - Sandy Stark and friends

BETHEL HORIZONS

BIKE-A-THON

In memory of Bob Barnes - Bethel Member 1941-2004, teacher Bethel Series, Board of Horizons, Usher over 40 years by his children and grandchildren

In honor of Phil & Mary Lou Dzick by Gary & Sue Wolslegel

GENERAL FUND

In memory of Charles Stark by Phil & Mary Lou Dzick, his wife - Sandy Stark and friends

In memory of Rebecca Jorgensen by Judi Griffin, John Marty, Dave & Jan Primus, Carolyn Wright

PASTOR HANSON FUND

In memory of Bonnie Bruce by Bill Wiedenbeck

In memory of Becky Jorgensen by Bill Wiedenbeck

In memory of Pastor Hanson by Butch & Joanne Jensen

Parish Records

BAPTISMS

Jace Daniel Caple – 3-3-2024
William Howard Penn III – 5-18-2024
Barrett Charles Hurley – 6-2-2024
Sloane Taylor Riese – 6-2-2024

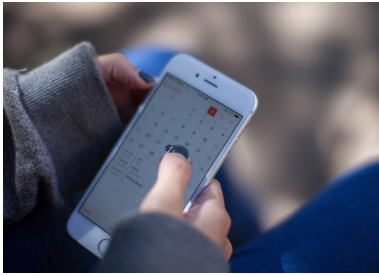
NEW MEMBERS (5-19-24):

Kathy Gettrust
Deanna & Jim Larson
Carol Meldman
Chris St. Clair
Cathy & John Steinhauer
Lorie Wagner
Pastor Lauren Wrightsman

DEATHS

Mary Lou Bennett – 5-30-2024
John Clauder – 4-6-2024
Dennis Dokken – 4-4-2024
Dawn Western Hastings – 6-10-2024
John Spaeni – 5-22-2024

Give Memorials online at bethel-madison.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 5370



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LOOKING AHEAD

September 7, 9am - 4pm

Andy Root at Bethel

September 15

Welcome Sunday

September 22, 8:30-10am

One Worship Weekend

September 26, 7pm

An Evening With Diana Butler Bass



FUND FACTS

1 August is Will Writing Month, but it's always a good time to plan or review your estate wishes. Currently, less than 7% of people include a planned bequest in their will—will you be one of them? By specifying your desires, you ensure your assets support what matters most to you, rather than leaving it to the government. Let your family and causes you care about continue to flourish by making your wishes known.

2 This is the 60th year anniversary of our Endowment Foundation 1964-2024. The amount of gifts given out cumulatively total nearly \$16.2 million. This assist all helps provide for above and beyond 'icing on the cake' to the various ministries of Bethel – we are so grateful.

JUNE 2024 YEAR-TO-DATE FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT

June 2024 year-to-date financials results			
	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Variance
REVENUES			
Offerings	728,410	790,250	(61,840)
Miscellaneous revenue	146,335	198,174	(51,839)
Non-operating revenue	12,809	4,000	8,809
Total Revenue	887,554	992,424	(104,870)
MINISTRY INVESTMENTS			
Staff	574,193	704,625	(130,432)
Ministry & Resource Teams	238,737	188,219	50,518
Benevolence	15,490	13,583	1,907
Administration	38,899	49,500	(10,601)
Total Ministry Investments	867,319	955,927	(88,608)
Total Net Income (Loss)	20,235	36,497	(16,262)

A complete copy of the financial statements are posted to Realm; you can access these through your Bethel Realm profile.



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BethelLutheranTV

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

