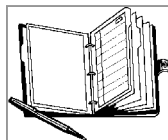


Mark Your Calendars

May 16 ~ Spring Clean-Up
May 24 ~ Summer Worship
schedule begins
May 31 ~ Senior Sunday
June 5-6 ~ Garage Sale
July 22-26, 2009 ~ ELCA
Youth Gathering, New
Orleans

September 24-
27 ~ Bethel
backpacking trip
October 23-25 ~ Befriender
Training



Welcome, Visitors

We're glad you're here! You are welcome at worship, in Sunday School, and at the Lord's Table. For more information about Bethel, please pick up a visitor's packet at the information table in the narthex.

Gluten-free communion wafers are available for those who prefer them. Take communion in the center aisle and let them know your preference.



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The deadline for submissions to the weekly *Banner* is Wednesday at noon. You may email submissions to bethelbanner@charterinternet.com or drop them off in the church office. For questions or comments, contact Sandy Roberts at 786-6674 or at bethelbanner@charterinternet.com.

BETHEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

BETHEL BANNER WEEKLY



May 10, 2009

This Week At Bethel

Bethel plays *church league softball* tonight at 5 p.m. at Seclar #1. Players and fans are welcome!

Our *Lost and Found* bin is overflowing! If you are missing hats, gloves, boots, snowpants, coats, etc. at your house, please check the Lost and Found tables in the hallway near the nursery. Anything left at the end of the year will be donated to the Bethel Garage Sale to be held in June.

All Hands On Deck! *Spring Clean-Up Day* is planned for Saturday, May 16, 9-noon.

Please bring rakes, shovels, towels and rags. Come for 30 minutes or three hours -- all hands are helpful! Any questions or concerns, call Blair Fowler at 612-245-7835.

"How Can I Keep from Singing?!" is the theme of this year's *Spring Music Festival* on Sunday, May 17. At both the 8:30 and 10:45 worship services, the anthems and hymns will center on the Gospel text from John 15: "*Love one another, as I have loved you. I chose you to bear fruit; the kind of fruit that will last.*"

HELP WANTED:

COMPUTER GEEK FOR WEBSITE

Bethel is looking for that special someone who knows and understands computers to maintain Bethel's website. Computer Geeks are encouraged to apply; others will be considered. Required qualifications include knowledge base of computers and website development, design, and structure — and, the ability to update the website weekly.

If you are interested, please submit your resume to the church office or email Roger Van Veldhuizen at rogervv@integra.net. The deadline for applications is today, May 10, 2009.



On-Going Prayer List

God's comfort at a time of loss: Dan & Kim Rohr and family; Mary Nystuen, Barb & Roger Glasgow, Brian Nystuen, and family; Jan & Bruce Roberts and family; Gary & Sonia Johnson and family; Jim & Linda Sawyer & family; Carol & Paul Smith; Steve & Gayle Collins; Mark, Cathy & Jim Penning

Healing requests: Logan Olivero, Milt Hanson, Helen Hanson, Maxine Amundson, Randy Knox, Ilana Stanley, Anthony Roberts, Abby Roberts, Becca Carlson, Ellen Nelson

Homebound: Margaret Berg

Those Awaiting Baptism: Riley Moon, Reagan Rezac, Kaelyn Sillanpa

Newly Married: Amy (Kelley) & Clint Peschong, Katie (Graff) and Trent Podritz, Jen & Nick Toth

Those serving in the military and their families: Mike Murphy (Iraq); Mathew Meillier (U.S.); Josh Vosejka (U.S.); Jeff Olson (U.S.); Kenneth R. Laite (U.S., father of Caitlyn Laite); Mark Graff (Japan); Katie Graff (U.S.); Keenan Bachmeyer (Iraq, grandson of Roberta & Gene Ganske)

Praying through the Bethel directory: Jerald & Kari Olson; M. J. & Ora Olson; Robert Olson, Stacey McGowan Olson, Blane, Elise, & Linnea Olson; John & Marcia Omdahl; Doug Ouimette

If you'd like your name to appear on this list, are ready for your name to be removed, or believe we have left someone off the list who should appear, please let us know.

Prayer for This Week

O Father of all mercy, you have begun your work in us. Continue to fill us with all dimensions of wisdom and knowledge. May we be fully certain in our hearts and fully aware how the Spirit, who has raised up our Lord, also enlivens the faith within us with the same power and strength. Through him we have also risen from the dead by his mighty power, which works in us through your holy word. Amen.

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cost is \$38 payable to Lu Lindstrom, and there is a sign-up sheet on the Information Table.

The *Bethel garage sale* is nearly here! You can help by gathering your donations,

volunteering to help, and by shopping! One note on donations: if you are donating bed linens, please pin a label to them noting the size -- this will save lots of folding and estimating on the part of our volunteers!

Why God Made Moms

(according to 2nd grade school children)

Why did God make mothers?

1. She's the only one who knows where the scotch tape is.
2. Mostly to clean the house.
3. To help us out of there when we were getting born.

How did God make mothers?

1. He used dirt, just like for the rest of us.
2. Magic plus super powers and a lot of stirring.
3. God made my mom just the same like he made me. He just used bigger parts.

What ingredients are mothers made of?

1. God makes mothers out of clouds and angel hair and everything nice in the world, and one dab of mean.
2. They had to get their start from men's bones. Then they mostly use string, I think.

What kind of a little girl was your mom?

1. My mom has always been my mom and none of that other stuff.
2. I don't know because I wasn't there, but my guess would be pretty bossy.
3. They say she used to be nice.

Happy Mother's Day and may God bless all mothers, stepmothers, godmothers, grandmothers, and deputy moms!

Community News

Beginning Experience, Rochester branch is offering a 'coping with grief' weekend. May 15-17 at Villa Maria in Frontenac, MN. This weekend is for newly widowed, divorced, or separated individuals who would like help in their grief process. Please contact Sheila Wiest (507) 775-2045 or berochestermn@yahoo.com for more information and applications.

Habitat for Humanity will be having a garage sale at the Faribault Armory on May 15-16 (Note the date change.). Please help build affordable housing right here in Rice

County by supporting Thrivent Builds with Habitat for Humanity. Thanks for all you give.

There are people who need blood every day, and the best source for that blood is volunteer donors. Sixteen-year-olds can now give blood with a signed parental/guardian form which can be obtained at the door or by calling 1-800-Give-Life. Please consider giving at the upcoming *Bloodmobile* at the Northfield Ballroom, 1055 Highway #3, North, on Tuesday, May 19, from 1-7 p.m. To make an appointment, call Merrell at 645-9821.

New On-Line Bible Study DWELLING IN THE WORD

Read through the entire Bible in about three years - one day at a time, five days a week. Each day along with the readings, you will find art or music or poetry or humor that relates to the Scripture for the day. Your mind is expanded not only by the Word of God but also by the visuals or audios that go along with it. Go to dwellingintheword.wordpress.com today to experience this unique way to read the Bible.

(From Mount Carmel Ministries)

Bethel News

Bethel Youth are selling inspirational cards and photos by Bethel member, *Tim Larsen*, this month.

Beautifully photographed images combined with Bible verses make these cards and artwork a special gift for many occasions.

Bethel Women Having Fun will journey to New Ulm on Tuesday, May 19, for lunch, sightseeing, and shopping in this Minnesota German town. We will depart from Bethel's east parking lot at 9:30 a.m. for the two-hour drive. Sign up at the information table in the narthex or contact Nancy Carlson at 650-4048 or sailfairwind@yahoo.com.

Our *summer worship schedule* begins on Sunday, May 24, with worship services at 8:30 and 10 a.m., Barnabas Bible Study will continue to meet throughout the summer, and all adults are welcome.

Speaking of *BWHF*, the June trip reservation deadline is May 26. On Tuesday, June 23 (the 4th Tuesday instead of the 3rd), Bethel Women Having Fun will be leaving Bethel at 11:30 a.m. in order to arrive at the Showboat Theater on Harriet Island in St. Paul for our check-in time of 12:30. Lunch will be at 1 p.m. and the play "Is There a Doctor in the House?" begins at 2:30. The

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We have the opportunity to order *Kwik Trip* cards one more time at the 20% return rate! So for at least today and next week (the 17th), you will receive the 20% rate (or until we run out of cards!) *Family totals* will be coming out from Barb with your final trip recap next week. *Happy Mother's Day!!* Remember that Applebee's, Olive Garden, Kohl's and Target cards are available at the table today (in case you didn't plan ahead for Mom's special day!) Or how about a ColdStone ice cream cake?? Enjoy!!

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