

Mark Your Calendars

May 24 ~ Summer Worship
schedule begins

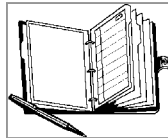
May 31 ~ Senior Sunday

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.

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BETHEL BANNER WEEKLY

May 17, 2009

This Week At Bethel

"How Can I Keep from
Singing?!" is the theme of this
year's *Spring Music Festival*
held today in worship. At
both worship services, the
anthems and hymns will
revolve around 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.*" Many thanks to the
Bethelites who have
enhanced our worship this
year with their musical gifts!

Today is our *last day of
Sunday School* for this school
year. Many thanks to the
teachers and helpers who
helped our children and
adults in their faith journeys!



Welcome
Our New
Members

Today at the 10:45
service, we celebrate
our newest members.
Look for short
biographies beginning
on page 5, and be sure
to warmly welcome the folks
with the corsages!

Bethel plays *church league
softball* tonight at 5 p.m. at

Babcock Park vs. Rejoice.
Players and fans are welcome!

BAM and Bistro end on
Wednesday, May 20. Be sure
to thank Ruth & the kitchen
crew, and all of the great BAM
volunteers for another year of
feeding our bodies and souls!

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.



Our *summer
worship
schedule*
begins next
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.



On-Going Prayer List

God's comfort at a time of loss: Dan & Kim

Rohr 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, Char Martens, Katie McMullen

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: Bob, Chaz, Mason, & Ella Pagel; Brian, Nan, & Alyson Panettiere, & Isaac Lindahl; Don & Bonnie Pavek; David & Debra Peters; Aaron, Lisa, Emma-Leigh, & Grace Peterson

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

Glory to you for the feast-day of life. Glory to you for the perfume of lilies and roses. Glory to you for each different taste of berry and fruit. Glory to you for the sparkling silver of early morning dew. Glory to you for the joy of dawn's awakening. Glory to you for the new life each day brings. Glory to you, O God, from age to age. Amen.

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. 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)



Heading Up to the Cabin?

Lots of us head for the water or the woods on the weekends during the summer, which means we aren't necessarily at Bethel as often as we might like. For Bethel, this means still enthusiastic worship with a little more elbow room, fewer meetings, and a little more quiet on Wednesday afternoons. However, the electricity is still on in the summer. Our staff still spends many hours in planning activities for both summer and next school year. The mortgage still comes monthly.

Are you looking for an easy way to continue your support of Bethel, whether or not you can be here on Sunday mornings? Consider *Simply Giving*. This program from Thrivent makes an automatic withdrawal from your bank account, of an amount and at a time interval of your specification. There are no fees for you or for Bethel to participate. It's an easy way to continue contributing to Bethel while you have watermelon seed-spitting contests off the dock. Contact the church office for information.

Enjoy your summer. Our doors will be open and we look forward to seeing you often!

New Members, continued from page 7.

Mike Solga and Julie Halvorson were drawn to Bethel by the welcoming and active congregation. Mike is self employed doing lawn and landscape maintenance who enjoys working in the shop, playing with their dog and farming. Julie is a project manager at Ryan Companies who enjoys gardening, baking and playing with their

dog. Their sponsors are Chris and Krista Sorenson.

Florraine Trygstad was drawn to Bethel by her fiancée Jerry Williams! They are planning a June 6 wedding. Florraine is a retired home economics teacher who enjoys needlework and reading. Her sponsor is Jerry Williams.

We're glad to welcome you all to the Bethel family!

Summertime at the Bittersweet with Bethel Women

Enrich your summer experience by joining Women of Bethel on Thursday mornings from 8-9 am at The Bittersweet, a coffee shop located in the Archer House in downtown Northfield. On Thursday, June 4, we will begin using a book called The Story of Ruth: Twelve Moments in Every Woman's Life by Joan Chittister and John August Swanson. The story of Ruth and Naomi stand as a model for our live experiences... "Life, it's substance and meaning, is really made up of a series of defining moments -- moments of loss, risk, change, transformation, relationship, and survival -- that mark every women's passage through time in a way separate from the men around her and that shape her as she goes. All of them stand stark and unadorned in Ruth, pared to the marrow and clear in their challenges."

Please contact Pam Santerre (786-8951 or [pastoral-minister@charterinternet.com](mailto:pam@charterinternet.com)) if you want to reserve a copy. The price is \$14 and can be paid once the shipment has arrived.

Bethel News

MISSING: At least 45 videos and 10 DVDs from the Bethel library. Oops and yikes! Many of these are children's videos, such as Veggie Tales and The Beginner's Bible. When doing your spring cleaning, please look through your video collections and return any that have Bethel labels--no questions asked! Thank you!

Join the *Library Ministry Team* on its quest to organize the library and make it a wonderful place for all Bethelites. Our next meeting is Monday, May 25, at 6:30 p.m.

Bethel Youth are selling inspirational cards and photos by Bethel

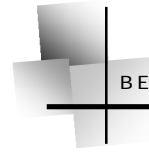
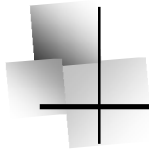
member *Tim Larsen* this month. Beautifully photographed images combined with Bible verses make these cards and artwork a special gift for many occasions.

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.

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Congratulations to the families who used Scrip to supplement their mission trip accounts! At last count, 19 families have earned \$400. or more toward their trips! That is at least double last year's numbers! In addition, several families earned the entire cost of this summer's trip; that is what you call making your everyday dollars--gas, groceries, prescriptions, and Graduation gifts--work for you!! Because of bookkeeping issues, this year's trip account totals are complete; Scrip purchases will now start to accrue for your 2010 trip.





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Speaking of *BWHF*, the June trip reservation deadline is May 26. On Tuesday, June 23, Bethel Women Having Fun will be going to the Showboat Theater on Harriet Island in St. Paul for lunch and the play "Is There a Doctor in the House?" The cost is \$38 payable to Lu Lindstrom; sign-up at the Information Table.

A Grief and Loss support group will be held on Wednesdays, May 27 – July 1, 7 - 8:30 p.m. at Bethel. This is a Christ-centered small group, designed for adults grieving the death of a loved one. We will use the book Understanding Your Grief—Ten Essential Touchstones for Finding Hope and Healing Your Heart. This group is sponsored by the Northfield Grief Coalition and everyone is welcome to attend. For more information or to register, please contact Pam Santerre, Pastoral Minister, at 786-8951 or Cathy Cammack, Pastoral Care Associate at the First United Church of Christ, 645-7532.

Bethel's *Senior Sunday Service* is planned for the 10 a.m. worship service on Sunday, May 31. Please mark your calendars and plan to join us in honoring our Bethel seniors and their parents.

The Bethel garage sale is nearly here! You can help by gathering your donations, volunteering to help, and shopping! 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!

Have you turned in your "*Time and Talent Opportunities*" form yet? If not, now is a great time. We use these forms to fill the needs in our volunteer ministries. Having your name on the list assures you that you will get to serve in the areas where you are gifted and the ways that you want to serve. Take a minute to fill yours out and turn it in now. If you need a form, they are available on the Information Station in the narthex.

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Megan is a lawyer. Their sponsors are Chuck and Deonne Gray.

Steve and Michelle Kvermo and their children Nick (10) and Kylie (6) are an active family. Steve is a self employed auto-broker. Michelle works in the corporate office of Best Buy. Their sponsors are *Diane and Keith Torbenson*.

Eric and Cindy Lundin are already familiar faces around Bethel. Eric sings in the Bethel Choir and works as a psychologist for Rice County. Cindy, a software analyst for General Mills, enjoys reading in her spare time. Eric enjoys tennis, fishing, and camping. Their sponsors are Dan and Christine Kallman.

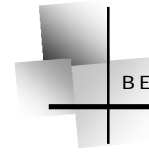
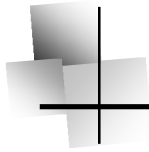
Chuck and Patty Paton and their children Henry (9) and Vera (7) were drawn to Bethel by the sermons and the children's programs. Chuck is a hotel manager with Ivy Tower Development who enjoys camping and reading. Patty enjoys photography,

drawing, gardening, reading, and camping. Their sponsors are Peggy and Kevin Fink.

Mark and Cathy Penning enjoy anything outdoors. They have two older children Maren (22) and Jim (18). Mark is a controller at Stebgo Metals. Cathy is a teacher with Northfield schools. They are wonderful singers who are looking forward to becoming more involved with the music program at Bethel. Their sponsors are Joel and Elizabeth Leer and Maxine Amundson.

Phil and Joy Peterson recently moved to Northfield from Plymouth, Minnesota. Phil is the newest member of Bethel's adult choir. Now in retirement, he enjoys music, reading, and attending sporting events. Joy is a retired RN who lists her hobbies as reading, travel, knitting, walking, volunteering, and music. Their sponsors are Lee and Kitty Runzheimer.

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reading and golfing. Her sponsors will be Dave and Deb Peters.

Duane Everson is a retired Lutheran pastor of 41 years who served in 5 congregations in Minnesota. Duane's wife Barbara died in January. He enjoys music, vacationing in sunny locations, reading, and walking. His sponsors are Noel and Lois Stratmoen.

James Klose is a previous member of Bethel who will be joining along with his fiancée, Karole Frykman. James is a Sales Manager with Fastenal Company who enjoys fishing and sports. Karole is a financial controller at High Wire Networks who enjoys sports, reading, and baking. Their sponsor is Juley Jenkinson.

Carol and Gerry Gengenbach are transferring from Dennison Lutheran. Gerry is a retired ELCA pastor who served at parishes in Dennison and Vang prior to his retirement. Carol is a retired elementary school teacher. They both

enjoy traveling, reading, exercising, and gardening. Their sponsors are Wayne and Alyce Kivell.

Obie and Lynn Holmen are transferring from Gethsemane Lutheran in Upsala. Obie is a retired attorney who enjoys theology, golf, fishing, and travel. Lynn works in administration and enjoys golf and travel. Their sponsors are Glenn and Trudy Breitag.

Curtis and Ruth Johnson are transferring from Bethlehem Lutheran in Minneapolis. Curtis is a retired Lutheran pastor who enjoys gardening and reading. Ruth is a retired teacher from the Minneapolis school district, and she enjoys reading, growing and decorating with flowers, cooking, and entertaining. Their sponsors are Bob and Thora Phelps.

Brian and Megan Kraby and their three children Lauren (3 ½), Joshua (2) and Logan (6 months) are a busy young family. Brian is a dentist and

New Members, continued on page 7.

Welcome to Bethel!

Get to know Bethel's newest members:

Charles and Sharon Sherman-Akre are transferring from St. Andrew's Church in Mahtomedi. Charles is a retired ELCA pastor who enjoys reading, gardening, politics, movies and American History. Sharon is a teacher and nurse who enjoys writing, gardening, political science, classic movies and finance. Their sponsors are Charles and Marlys Gunderson.

Stephen and Kristen Cade and their children Jackson (10) and Channing (7) have been familiar faces around Bethel for quite some time. They are both teachers. Kristen teaches at Bridgewater Elementary and Stephen teaches Spanish at the high school. Their sponsors are Mike and Kathy Glampe.

Kerstin Cardenas is a Human Resources Director at Carleton College. Her husband's name is Mario and he will be retaining his current church affiliation. They have four children: Nicolas

(8), Mattias (5), Katyana (5), and Christian (5). Kerstin's sponsors are Bob and Karna Hauck.

Douglas and Kathleen Casson and their children Grace (6), Alexander (4), and Claire (1) were drawn to Bethel by the music and children's ministries. Doug is an Assistant Professor of Political Science at St. Olaf and Kathleen is a homemaker who enjoys sewing, gardening, and reading. Their sponsors are Dan and AnnaLisa Rustad.

John and Marion Dragelin are transferring from Normandale Lutheran Church in Edina. Both John and Marion are from the East Coast where John served as an ELCA pastor. Their sponsor is Muriel Waage.

Jill Ertl and her two children Ben (12) and Maddie (9) have been familiar and welcome faces around Bethel for a while. Jill is an English and History teacher at Northfield High School who enjoys

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