

Mark Your Calendars

May 31 ~ Senior Sunday

June 5-6 ~ Garage Sale

June 21 ~ Charlie Ruud's ordination

July 22-26, 2009 ~ ELCA

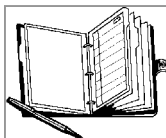
Youth Gathering, New Orleans

September 24-

27 ~ Bethel backpacking trip

October 11 ~ Charlie Ruud's Installation Sunday

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 Haines at 786-6674 or at bethelbanner@charterinternet.com.

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BETHEL BANNER WEEKLY

May 24, 2009

Bethel News

The *Lutheran Study Bibles* have arrived. If you ordered one, please pick it up in the workroom across from Sandy's office and check your name off the list. Checks for \$26.42 may be made out to Bethel and left in the envelope by the books.

This is your last chance to claim items from Lost and Found! Anything left will be donated to the Garage Sale.

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.

The deadline for the June *Bethel Women Having Fun* trip is May 26. On Tuesday, June 23, BWHF will be going to the Showboat Theater in St. Paul for lunch and a play. Look for the sign up sheet on 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. For more information or to register, please contact Pam Santerre at 786-8951 or Cathy Cammack at 645-7532.

Bethel's *Senior Sunday Service* is planned for the 10 a.m. worship service next Sunday, May 31. Please join us in recognizing our Bethel seniors and their parents.

The *Bethel garage sale* is nearly here! You can help by gathering your donations, volunteering to help and by 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 blue "*Time and Talent Opportunities*" form yet? If not, now is a great time.

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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 and 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

Homebound: Margaret Berg

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

Newly Married: Katie (Graff) and Trent Podritz, Jen & Nick Toth, Kelly & Marcia Groenewold (today!)

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: Doug & Mary Kay Peterson; Glen, Robyn, & Anders Peterson; Randy, Heidi Muller, Annika & Caroline Peterson; Larry & Avis Petterson; Daniel & Patricia Pflaum

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 Lord, You come into our lives, in the blaze of splendor, the certainty of Your presence, in the times of aridity and isolation, even despair. Throughout this continuing journeying, from the zenith of midday to the depths of midnight and back to blinding noontide, we grow towards You, the true light, that shines like the sun beyond darkness, forever. Amen.

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Filling out the form ensures that you will get to serve in the areas in which you are gifted and the ways in which you want to serve. If you need a form, they are available on the information table.

Library Corner

MISSING: Dozens of videos and DVDs from the Bethel library. Is that *Veggie Tales* DVD under the TV really yours? Didn't your kids finish watching that *Beginner's Bible* video, well, when they were kids? Check your shelves, folks! No questions asked--we just would like them back to share with other Bethelites!

New in the Bethel library: Several large print titles, including Beverly Lewis's The Parting and The Forbidden. Look for them in the *Fiction* section.

Habitat for Humanity News

Rice County Habitat for Humanity will be building three houses beginning this summer. All are invited to the *2009 Ground Breaking Ceremonies* on Sunday, May 31, at 2 p.m. at 222 Irving

Ave., Faribault, and at 4 p.m. at 106 and 118 Miller Lane, Dundas. Celebrate with the Erickson, Keilen, and Rosas families and learn more about Habitat for Humanity.

There is still approximately \$7,000 in Kwik Trip cards available at the 20% rate from that final order we were able to place!! What a great way to kick off next year's trip account!!



Also, don't forget to order *graduation gifts* from Scrip either for gift-giving or to purchase a gift for that special Grad.

And check out the *June Banner* for an update on Scrip and using Scrip to your benefit in these days of economic trials.