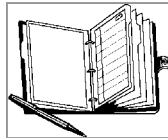


## Mark Your Calendars



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 ~ 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](mailto:bethelbanner@charterinternet.com) or drop  
them off in the church office. For questions or comments, contact Sandy  
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# BETHEL BANNER WEEKLY



May 31, 2009

## Congratulations, Graduates!

At the 10 a.m. service today, Bethel will celebrate its high school  
seniors and their parents. All are welcome!

Emmanuel Addo	George Hayes	Alyssa Quamme
Kelsey Bardwell	Kourtney Huettl	Derek Rasmussen
Greta Berdahl	Brett Knutson	Jordan Rogers
Erin Carlson-Donohoe	Jens Loven-Holt	Sam Ruby
Rachel Dahlen	Karl Mader	Christian Shepley
Matt Dueffert	Josh Meillier	Rachael Stets
Daniella Espinoza	Mary Murphy	Ryan Turnacliff
Kelsey Finger	Brittany Neset	Sara Valinski
Brian Fink	Dylan Nystuen	Matt Vogel
Arianne Foster	AJ Olivero	Kasey Wellman
Ira Hanson	Jim Penning	Teddy Wergin

There are a few Barnes and Noble cards available for  
*Graduation gifts* today; otherwise we will have more cards, as  
well as Chipotle and Subway cards next week  
for those "sick of dorm food" doldrums! There  
are still Kwik Trip cards available at 20% to  
grow your 2010 trip account and bless a new  
grad at the same time!! Orders placed today will arrive in time  
for next Sunday's graduation parties. *Congratulations* to  
Bethel's graduating seniors and *good luck* as you forge ahead  
to new adventures!!

SCRIP NEWS

## 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, Becca Carlson, Ellen Nelson, Char Martens, Margie Vessey, Mary Sue Dale  
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

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: Steve Pflaum; Bob & Thora Phelps; Sara, Nina, Sam, & Charlie Pratt; Brad, Kari, Luther, Lars, Lilly, & Leta Prestemon

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

Unfathomable God, ground of our being, we hallow the names we give you. Open our hearts to your kingdom. Teach us to be thankful for our daily sustenance. Help us to learn that we live in forgiveness to the extent that we forgive, and deliver us from self-centered existence. For only by living in compassion and freedom from selfishness, may we experience your kingdom, your power, and your glory. Amen.

## **Library Corner**

Summertime is a great time to catch up with reading! Maybe you're thinking of trying a new genre or author, maybe in a quiet, serene environment. The Bethel library may be just the place you're looking for! If you're new to the library, here are the basic check-out procedures: Locate the card at the back of the materials you're taking home. On it, sign your first and last name, the date you're taking the material from the library (including the year), and your phone number. Place the card in the box located close to the door--it's helpful if the card is placed behind the letter of the author's last name. Books are yours for three weeks; DVDs, videos, and magazines should be returned after one week.

Parents--please assist your children when checking out materials, and be aware of the materials they bring home. Also, when returning materials, check the labels and stamps so that public library materials aren't returned here, and vice versa. And yes, we're still missing dozens of overdue videos and DVDs. Please check your collections at home. Thank you for all your help!

New in the Bethel library this week: [Sparks--How Parents Can Help Ignite the Hidden Strengths of Teenagers](#) by Peter L. Benson, PhD.

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

*A Grief and Loss support group* is being held on

Wednesdays through July 1, 7-8:30 p.m. at Bethel. For more information or to register, please contact Pam Santerre at 786-8951.

***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 by the visuals or audios that go along with it. Go to [dwellingintheword.wordpress.com](http://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!

***Bethel News***

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

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 in the workroom.

The *Bethel garage sale* is next weekend! 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!

All trained *Befrienders* and those interested in befriending in the future are invited to a potluck on Tuesday, June 2, at 6:30 p.m. in Bethel's Fireside Room. Celebrate this special ministry and learn more about befriending.

The *WELCA June salad potluck* is set for Tuesday, June 9, at 6 p.m. Dessert, beverages and rolls will be provided by the board and we are asking each of you to bring a salad to share. Bring your June issue of LWT if you have one.

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***Summertime at the Ole Cafe with Bethel Women***

Enrich your summer experience by joining Women of Bethel on Thursday mornings from 8-9 am at The Ole Café -- we have outgrown The Bittersweet. 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. Please contact Pam Santerre (786-8951 or [pastoral-minister@charterinternet.com](mailto:pam@charterinternet.com)) for more information.