

## Mark Your Calendars

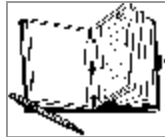
June 21 ~ Charlie Ruud's  
ordination in Cannon Falls

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  
Haines at 786-6674 or at [bethelbanner@charterinternet.com](mailto:bethelbanner@charterinternet.com).

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# BETHEL BANNER WEEKLY

June 14, 2009

## This Week at Bethel

Bethel plays *church league softball* tonight at 6:10 p.m.  
at Sechlar #2 vs. Methodist  
Maroon. Players and fans are  
welcome!

*Children's Ministry Road  
Maps* were mailed in early  
May to all households with  
children age 3-grade 5. If you  
have not done so, please  
return the Registration Packet  
this week. It makes a huge  
difference in our summer  
work load when we have  
registration details as early as  
possible. Extra *Road Maps* are  
available in the church office

or online at  
[www.bethelnorthfield.org](http://www.bethelnorthfield.org).

Bethel member Hannah Mahr  
(age 11) has epilepsy. For the  
third year in a row, she is  
doing the *Minnesota Stroll for  
Epilepsy* (on August 13). In  
the past, Bethel members  
have helped her raise over  
\$7,000. If you can contribute,  
please go to [www.first-giving.com/thehopesquad](http://www.first-giving.com/thehopesquad), or  
leave a check for her in the  
church office. If you'd like to  
walk with Hannah, let her  
know! Thank you!

## You're Invited to an Ordination!

Members of First English Lutheran Church invite you to gather,  
worship, and celebrate as *Charles Robert Ruud* (Bethel's soon  
to be associate pastor) is ordained into the ministry of Word  
and Sacrament in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.  
The service of Holy Communion and Ordination will take place  
Sunday, June 21, at 7p.m. at First English Lutheran Church in  
Cannon Falls (511 Belle St W.).

A simple reception in the fellowship hall will follow the service.  
All clergy in attendance are invited to vest and process. The  
color of the day is red. Please arrive early in order to gather for  
processional.



## 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; Steve & Gayle Collins; Mark, Cathy & Jim Penning; Marv & Barb Farmer

Healing requests: Logan Olivero, Milt Hanson, Helen Hanson, Maxine Amundson, Randy Knox, Ilana Stanley, Becca Carlson, Ellen Nelson, Char Martens, Mary Sue Dale, Pastor Tim McDermott, Duane Cowdin

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, Jerry & Florrairie Williams

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: Kraig, Teri, Nicolle, Michael, & Alyssa Jo Quamme; Charlie, Leah, Katelyn, & Ellen Radman; Fred, Annie, Molly, & Mason Rahier; Jeff, Sharon, Derek, & Kristi Rasmussen; Brent, Jennifer, Kaed, & Kyan Rauk

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 God of mercy, who so cares for me as if you had none else to care for, yet cares for all even as you care for me, I commend to you my own needs, but also the needs of all this world to which I belong. Remember us all in your mercy, O God, and keep us by your grace. Amen.

## Churchwide Assembly

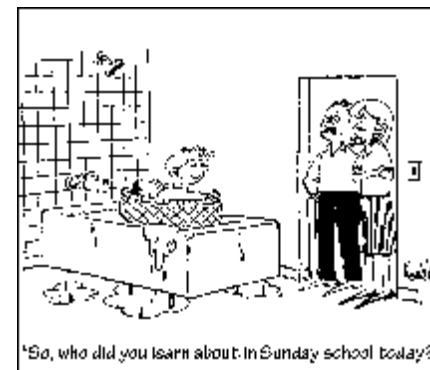
Members from across the ELCA will be gathering in Minneapolis in a little over two months for the 2009 Churchwide Assembly. For the 50 days leading up to August 17, the first day of the Churchwide Assembly, this church is invited to pray for wisdom in discernment for the ELCA and voting

members of the 2009 Churchwide Assembly. Prayers, scripture readings and hymns will be posted online ([www.elca.org](http://www.elca.org)). You are invited into prayer for the ELCA, for the voting members who will gather in Minneapolis and for wisdom in discernment. The guide includes suggestions for daily and weekly prayer.

## Canticum

*Canticum* is the name of the Swedish singing group which will be performing at Christiania Lutheran Church (5 miles south of McStop) on Tuesday, June 23, at 7 p.m. The group includes 45 singers

from Sweden. Their program will be gospel songs, in both English and Swedish. A free will offering will be taken and a reception will follow the concert.



## Book Nook

Here are a few reminders to everyone who utilizes our Bethel library. Following these guidelines will help us keep the materials better organized and

ensure the library remains the peaceful sanctuary it was meant to be:

- When checking out materials, please fill in the date (including the year) and your first and last name on each card.
- Parents, please monitor your children as they use the library.
- Please remember to return materials when they are due (videos, DVDs, music CDs, and magazines may be kept for one week; all other materials for three weeks).
- If you've checked out materials in the past and you're wondering if you remembered to return them, please check your collections for the Bethel stamp. We love finding long-lost materials in our book return bin!

Consider helping us in our quest to catalog ALL the books in the library by stopping by on Saturday, June 20, from 9-12, or as long as you can stay. We need lots of people power!

In the spirit of the start of summer vacation, we have highlighted a few books new to the Bethel library. You may want to check out Laurie Polich's [Help! I'm a Small-Group Leader! 50 Ways to Lead Teenages into Lively and Purposeful Discussions](#). Next you may want to read [The New Strong-Willed Child](#) by Dr. James Dobson. Finally, there's always Stormie Omartian's [The Power of a Praying Parent](#).

### **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. Go to [dwellingintheword.wordpress.com](http://dwellingintheword.wordpress.com) today to experience this unique way to read the Bible.

## **Bethel News**

Wondering how you might support the McDermott family during Pastor Tim's recovery? One of the summer "honey-do" projects they had planned was painting their house. As Pastor Tim won't be climbing ladders any time soon, and Lisa won't let Madeline and Bronwyn do it, Bethel member Dwayne Cowdin, a professional housepainter, has agreed to coordinate the effort. You can contribute funds to see the project done. Please make checks to Jane Runzheimer (She's coordinating the fundraising.) and leave them in the offering plate or church office.. Dwayne's estimate is very reasonable—many, many thanks, Dwayne, and to all of you who contribute!

Interested in the latest update on *Pastor Tim's recovery*? Go to [www.caringbridge.org/visit/timmcdermott](http://www.caringbridge.org/visit/timmcdermott).

A *Grief and Loss support group* is being held on Wednesdays through July 1, 7-8:30 p.m. at Bethel. For more information, please contact Pam Santerre.

*What's Brewing at Bethel this Summer???* Mark your calendars...Wednesday evenings, July 8, 15, 22, 29 from 7-8 pm Root Beer Floats...Alaskan adventures...Hymnody ... Sculpture to Fly and much more! Details to follow...

*New Member Sponsors Needed!* Do you enjoy meeting new people? As a new member sponsor, you will have a key role in assimilating our new members into the life and ministry of Bethel. For more information or to sign up, please contact Mary Nystuen (645-4011), Pam Santerre (786-8951), or the office (786-6674)

The *Lutheran Study Bibles* have arrived. If you ordered one, please pick it up in the workroom. Checks for \$26.42 may be made out to Bethel and left in the envelope in the workroom.

Join *Women of Bethel* on Thursday mornings from 8-9 a.m. at *The Ole Café*. All Bethel women are welcome to come regularly or every once in a while..