

## Mark Your Calendars

July 22-26, 2009 ~ ELCA  
Youth Gathering, New  
Orleans

August 23 ~ Youth  
Celebration Sunday

September 24-27 ~ Bethel  
backpacking trip

October 11 ~  
Installation  
Sunday; Confirmation  
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

July 5, 2009

## This Week at Bethel

All *Food Shelf* dollars given by  
Bethel members today will be  
donated at the *20th Annual  
Church League Softball  
League Benefit All-Star game*  
on Sunday, July 12, at 2 p.m.  
at Babcock Park. Several  
businesses and banks in town  
are offering matching funds,  
so this is a great time to make  
your *Food Shelf* donations go  
even farther!

will go much faster with your  
help! Feel free to stop by  
either of our next two  
meetings, Monday, July 13,  
and Monday, July 27, at  
6:30 p.m. We will be mainly  
sticking bar codes on books  
and having good  
conversations while we work!

Ahoy! *Bethel Women  
Having Fun* will have lunch in  
Excelsior and a cruise on Lake  
Minnetonka on Tuesday, July  
21. They will carpool from  
Bethel at 10 a.m. and return  
by 4 p.m. All women are  
invited to sign up at the  
information table today!



The Library Ministry  
Team is still hard at  
work *organizing the  
library*, starting with non-  
fiction adult books. This is a  
time-intensive process, and it

## SCRIP NEWS

There is still \$3,100 available in Kwik Trip  
cards earning 20%-especially \$20  
cards! What a great way to start working  
on next summer's trip!!

Due to low demand, Perkins cards will no longer be available in  
stock or to order. There is one \$25 card available to purchase.  
We are adding *Great Clips* to the stock, however; \$25 cards  
earning 8%, starting today.

Also, Panera (9%) is now available in \$25 cards; \$10 cards  
continue to be available also. Panera is a 'to order' retailer. As  
always, thanks for using Scrip!

## 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, Char Martens, Pastor Tim McDermott, Duane Cowdin, Trudy Breitag, Joyce Harter, Linda Cloud, Laurie Larson, Rhonda Reece  
 Homebound: Margaret Berg

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

Newly Married: Kelly & Marcia Groenewold, Jerry & Florrairie Williams, Collin & Krista Meierbachtol

Those serving in the military and their families: Mathew Meillier (U.S.); Josh Vosejпка (U.S.); Jeff Olson (U.S.); Kenneth R. Laite (U.S., father of Caitlyn Laite); Mark Graff (Japan); Katie (Graff) Podritz (Iraq); Keenan Bachmeyer (Iraq, grandson of the Ganskes)

Praying through the Bethel directory: Richard & Ardy Roth; Doug & Jennifer Rowe; Sam Ruby; Jane Runzheimer; Lee & Kitty Runzheimer; Scott & Tami Rushing and Madison Greenwaldt

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

My Lord Jesus Christ, you are indeed my shepherd, and I, sorry to say, am the lost and straying sheep. I am anxious and afraid. Gladly would I be devout and own you, my gracious God, and so have peace in my heart. I learn that you are as anxious for me as I am for you. I am eager to know how I can come to you for help. Anxiously, you desire above all else to bring me back to yourself again. Then come to me. Seek and find me. Help me also to come to you and praise and honor you forever. Amen.

## Take Me Out to a Saints Game!

Thursday, July 30, 7:05 p.m.

St. Paul Saints vs. Sioux Falls Canaries

Buses leave the Bethel parking lot at 4:30 p.m.

A picnic supper will be served in Picnic Area A at Midway Stadium at 6 p.m. Choice of hot dogs, hamburgers, or chicken sandwiches, plus beans, cole slaw, chips, and a beverage.

We have reserved seats for the game.

Cost: \$27 per person, including bus, dinner, and reserved seat. If someone drives to the game, the cost is \$23/person.

Pastor Charlie will try to visit with us before the game.

Tickets are available in the east entryway on Sunday mornings or call the church office at 786-6674.

## Community News



A Sing For Joy Hymn Festival

*We Sing Our Story: A Sing For Joy Hymn Festival* will be

held on Sunday evening, July 12, at 7:30 p.m. in the Boe Memorial Chapel at St. Olaf College. Part of The Hymn Society in the United States and Canada's annual conference, no reservations or tickets are required; just come and join us at this joyful event!

Rice County *Habitat for Humanity* has three opportunities to help build a house in Dundas:  
 July 1, 3-9 p.m., Women's Build Day  
 July 11, 7 a.m.—3 p.m.—Church Blitz Day  
 August 5, 3-9 p.m., Bethel's Day to Build  
 Contact the church office if you can help!

## Call to 50 Days of prayer

Bishop Mark Hanson invites all ELCA churches to enter into 50 days of prayer for wisdom in discernment for the ELCA and voting members of the 2009 Churchwide Assembly.

At Bethel, we wish to support this initiative by:

- Providing information in our newsletters and on our website.
- Including prayer petitions in Sunday morning worship.
- Making copies of the weekly study and daily prayers available for members to use in individual devotions (can also be downloaded from [www.elca.org](http://www.elca.org)).
- Beginning meetings and gatherings at Bethel with the *50-Day* prayers.
- Encouraging individual and small group reading and reflection on the assigned scriptures that will form the daily lectionary at the Churchwide Assembly. For

those who wish to come together in study of these readings, a group will meet on Tuesday evenings, from June 30 - August 11, from 7 - 8 p.m. in the Fireside Room. These sessions will focus on the scripture and not on specific agenda items being addressed at the assembly.

"As you gather around God's Word, I ask you to pray especially for the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, for those who will gather in Minneapolis, for decisions to be made, and for faithfulness in discerning those directions to which God is calling this evangelizing church in mission and service for the sake for the world."

Mark Hanson,  
ELCA Presiding Bishop

For more information, please contact Pam at 786-8951.

## Bethel News

*What's Brew'in At Bethel on Wednesday evenings in July?* Come and join us from 7 - 8 pm in the CLC for some cool conversations over root beer floats. Adults, teens, children -- ALL are welcome. Nursery will be available.

*July 8, Art From Beginning to End: From Crucifix to the Risen Christ* - Mac Gimse will guide us in this thoughtful reflection of art and faith, from the vantage point of his experience and perspective as an accomplished sculptor.

*July 15 - Adventures in Alaska* - Pastor Curt and Ruth Johnson will share stories, music, pictures, and artifacts of their Alaskan Adventure into the establishment of a Lutheran Church among the native peoples of Nome, Alaska.

*July 22 - Meet Pastor Charlie* - Our new associate pastor, Charlie Ruud, is taking an evening off from playing baseball to be with us and share his seminarian experiences.

*July 28 - Singing with Liz!* - Come join the crowd as we lift

our voices in praise under Liz Shepley's direction. We'll learn a bit about the "how" of singing, and then put that knowledge into action as we fill the CLC with our beautiful songs.

All Bethel women are invited to our *second session of the Bible Study: Mary: A Woman for All Seasons* on Tuesday, July 14, at 7 p.m. in the CLC. Learn more about Zechariah & Elizabeth. Find out about the roles of Simeon & Anna. Listen to Bach's *Magnificat in D Major* & sing together the *Magnificat* and the *Nunc Dimittis* that are found in our own Lutheran music. Hope to see you there!

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!