

Mark Your Calendars

November 13-15 ~ Feed My Starving Children

November 15 and 22 ~ Covenant Brunches

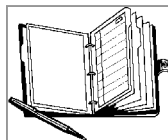
November 22 ~ Advent Fair

November 25 ~ Thanksgiving Eve Worship

December 7 ~ WELCA

Potluck Luncheon

September 23-26, 2010 ~ Bethel Backpacking



BETHEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

BETHEL BANNER WEEKLY

November 8, 2009

This Week at Bethel

Welcome to our newest members! Meet them on page 5..

Your Calling, Your Life continues today at 9:45 a.m. in the sanctuary, exploring a wide range of issues and questions surrounding the idea of vocation. Bethel members, Peder Jothen and Bruce Santerre facilitate.

"Let's Talk!" will be held today during the Sunday School hour in the youth room — middle and high school youth, their parents, and other Bethel adults discuss topics that affect and interest our youth! All are welcome—please join us!

If you're interested in helping the *Library Ministry Team* in their never-ending quest to re-catalog and organize all the library materials to better serve all Bethel members, join us! Our next meetings are tomorrow, November 9, at 6:30 p.m. and Monday, November 23, at 6:30 p.m. in the Bethel Library.

Join us to pack meals for *Feed My Starving Children's* global outreach program. Bethel has two time slots on Saturday, November 14, 12-2 p.m. and 2:30-4:30 p.m. at the Northfield Armory. Please join us! Look for more information in the narthex or contact Barb Farmer.

Thanks to all who started off our *Third Annual Fall Scrip Sale* with a bang—our faithful followers as well as those who bought Scrip for the first time! During the sale, you may designate a particular youth to support—or a different youth every Sunday! Scrip is available to assist you with your Christmas shopping or can be used to purchase those Christmas gifts—in store or on-line. We also have several stocking stuffer cards in stock (Subway, Chipotle, Barnes and Noble, ColdStone Creamery, Panera, Domino's, iTunes, and others.) And don't forget Great Clips for that pre-holiday haircut!

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. Questions or comments? Contact Lisa McDermott at bethelbanner@charterinternet.com.

On-Going Prayer List



God's comfort at a time of loss: Elaine Deim; Bette Bass; Sandy & John Haines; Abbie & Steve Meierbachtol; Paula & Al Mathison

Healing requests: Logan Olivero, Milt Hanson, Helen Hanson, Maxine Amundson, Pastor Tim McDermott, Joyce Harter, Linda Cloud, Rhonda Reece, Dean Carlson, Larry VanRoekel, Barb Backe, Brett Knutson, Judy Dirks, Francis Wergin, Ina Carlson; Pastor Owen Gaasedelen, Tom Pritchard

Homebound: Margaret Berg, Pastor Bob Harter

Those Awaiting Baptism: Camryn Schuster, Thisbe Jothan, Claire Ailabouni

Newly Married: Collin & Krista Meierbachtol, Michael & Rebecca Quamme, Cullen and Breanna O'Neill

Those serving in the military and their families: Mathew Meillier (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: Joel, Gloria, Josette, & Beth West; Marc, Misty, Wyatt, & Tristan Westergren; Steve & Elizabeth Wheeler; Dennis, Tania, Rachel, Sarah, & Ryan Willl; Jerry & Florrairie Williams; Dick & Nancy Wright; Aili, Gabi, Luis & Joaquin Yciano; Dave, Nick and Megan Young

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,

Prayer for This Week

Enter my heart, O Holy Spirit, come in blessed mercy and set me free. Throw open, O Lord, the locked doors of my mind; cleanse the chambers of my thought for thy dwelling: Light there the fires of thine own holy brightness in new understandings of truth, O Holy Spirit, very God, whose presence is liberty, grant me the perfect freedom to be thy servant today, tomorrow and evermore. Amen.

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Karna and Bob Hauck will be their sponsors.

Kris Parker and her children Noah (13) and Casey (9) feel welcome and comfortable here at Bethel. Kris is an assistant director at Carleton College who enjoys knitting, golf, scrapbooking, and hockey. Her sponsors will be Susie and Mike Puppe.

Michelle Kramer-Prevost and John Prevost are coming to Bethel from Christ the King Lutheran Church in New Ulm. Michelle is a social worker with the State of Minnesota. John is an accountant with the federal government. They both enjoy outdoor activities.

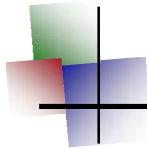
Jeff Pritchard and his children Mariya (4) and Chelsea (15) are returning to Jeff's childhood church. Jeff enjoys amateur radio and is interested in being active in the choir. Tom and Janet Pritchard will be his sponsors.

Skip and Marietta Ruppe and their children, Tanner (12) and Marissa (10) were drawn to Bethel by friends in the Sunday School and youth programs. Skip is self employed in the commercial floor coating business and enjoys hunting,

fishing and hockey. Marietta is an event coordinator who enjoys photography and spending time at the lake. Paul Hart-Ruthenbeck is coming to Bethel from Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Mankato. In his spare time, he enjoys biking, walking, boating, and fishing. His wife's name is Robin Hart-Ruthenbeck. Paul's sponsors will be Hugh and Lenore Kaste.

Charlie and Becky Ruud and Lucy (7 months) are coming to Bethel as Charlie was recently installed here as our Associate Pastor. Charlie enjoys sports as well as playing and listening to music. Becky is a seamstress, teacher, coach and mother who enjoys reading, running, cooking, and sewing. Clark and Lois Cary will be their sponsors.

Kristin and David Tapper and their daughter Gwen (1) were led to Bethel by the children's programs and friendly people. Both are physicians at Allina Clinic. In their spare time, Kristin enjoys reading and knitting, David enjoys rollerblading and hunting. They both also enjoy running and camping. Their sponsors will be Jane Runzheimer and Mark Labinski.



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making handmade cards, and gardening. Dave and Heather Kuehl will be their sponsors.

Rachel Huener is coming to Bethel from Immanuel Lutheran in Evanston Illinois. She is a German professor at Macalaster College who enjoys music and travel. Her husband's name is David Dahl. Her sponsors will be Vic and Dot Swanson.

Owen and Myrna Mibus and their children Rosemary (10) and Ryan (7) were drawn to Bethel by their friends, the pastor, and the friendly congregation. Owen is a data architect with Patterson Companies who enjoys computers, chess, reading, and airplanes. Myrna is a self employed writer who enjoys singing, theatre, flying, gardening, quilting, and cycling. Brent and Kristin Kivell will be their sponsors.

Terry and Deb Mikulecky and their daughters Allyson (6) and McKenna (4) are coming to Bethel from Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Rochester. Terry is the owner of the John Deere dealership who enjoys running, swimming, and biking. Deb stays home to care of the children and she enjoys

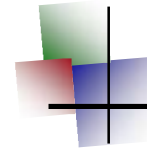
Their sponsors will be David and Christina Schweitz.

Tim and Liz Nelson and their children Wade (17), Evan (14) and McKenna (8) were drawn to Bethel for the close proximity to their home and because of the fine youth program. Tim is a sales manager who enjoys sports and hockey. Liz spends her free time walking, reading, and enjoys sports. Their sponsors will be Dave Chapman and Ruth Bolstad.

Sarah Nielsen is a Carleton College student who is joining as an associate member from First Presbyterian Church in Eau Claire, Wisconsin. She enjoys volleyball, singing, downhill skiing, and vocal performances. Andy and Heidi Jaynes will be her sponsors.

Betty and Gordon Olson are joining as associate members from Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Minneapolis. Gordon is the executive director of Lutheran Partners in Global Ministry who enjoys remodeling and travel. Betty is a school nurse who enjoys travel, sewing, reading and spending time with her grandchildren.

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Don't Miss Next Sunday!

Get your free CFL bulb on "Change a Light, Change the World" Sundays, November 15 and 22. You can save energy and cut down on greenhouse gas emissions significantly. Purchase CFL bulbs at ACE or Menards for \$1 each as part of the campaign. Sponsored by the Creation Care Team.

You Are Invited to a Covenant Brunch! Please come and enjoy brunch with fellow Bethelites on November 15 or 22 in the CLC between services and learn more about our covenant with each other and with God for our time, talent, and treasure as we ponder this question: "Lord, when did we see you.....?"

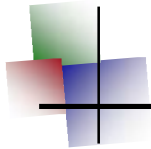
Shop for the World ~ Jewelry, sweater, iPod, Wii games, digital camera, necktie. Why not try something

different this year? Give milk and biscuits, baby chicks, or charcoal – in your loved ones' names – to those that need it desperately. Help the poor, lonely, hungry, and hurting around the world and right here in Northfield by shopping Bethel's 2009 *Shop for the World* Alternative Giving Fair at church on November 15, 22, and December 6. Come "shop" among a variety of organizations. For more information contact Karna Hauck, 645-2722, or Amy Narveson, 645-8960.

The *Prayer Friends Ministry* for 8th and 12th graders is in need of 15 more adults willing to be a prayer friend to one of our youth. If you would like to serve as a prayer friend, please see Cindy Carlson, Rose Turnacliff, Barb Farmer or Jean Miller.



Bethel will worship on Wednesday, November 25, at 6:30 p.m. at our annual ***Thanksgiving Eve service***. Our offering will go toward purchasing water pumps for developing communities around the world, just like the one in the narthex. Please join us!



Get Ready for Advent

The season of Advent begins on Sunday, November 29. Please join us on Sunday, November 22, from noon to 2 p.m. for food, fun, and Advent projects that will aide us in preparing for and enhancing the observation of the season of Advent in our homes. A simple lunch will be served and activities for all ages will be available. If you would like to help with the food or with serving in an activity area for a 30-minute shift or if you have advent activity ideas, please contact Pam Vig.



decorate the church for Christmas with poinsettias!

Poinsettias are available in three different colors this year. Please indicate how many of each you would like to order. Poinsettias will be used to decorate our church through December 25. All poinsettias can be picked up anytime after the Christmas Day service. Thanks for helping beautify our building in celebration of the birth of the Messiah.

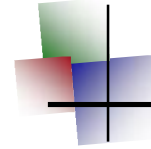
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Person(s) ordering: _____

In Honor of: _____

In Memory of: _____

Please attach your cash or check (made payable to Bethel Lutheran Church). You may place your order in the offering plate or mail it to Bethel by December 6.



Welcome New Members!

Adam and Sara Ailabouni and their children Luke (5), Liam (2), and Claire (newborn) are returning to Sara's childhood church. Adam is a physician with the Family Health Clinic in Northfield while Sara is home to take care of their children. Don and Diane Kloster will be their sponsors.

Steve and Karen Boardman and their sons Grant (5), Sam (4) and Max (1) are coming to Bethel from Freshwater Community Church in St. Bonifacious. Steve is a firefighter and paramedic with the City of Burnsville who enjoys hunting, fishing, sports, and spending time with family. Karen is a finance associate with Mike Norman and Associates who enjoys reading, watching movies, and spending time with her family. Their sponsors will be Mark and Alice Carson. Shane and Tova Eggerstedt and their children Ethan (11) and Fayth (3) are coming to Bethel from House of Mercy Church in Saint Paul. Shane is an art teacher with Kenyon-Wanamingo Schools who enjoys photography, art and racquetball. Tova is a Community Education Assistant with Kenyon-

Wanamingo Schools. Bill and Connie Nelson will be their sponsors.

Tim and Lori Freeland and their daughters Kayla (8) and Rylie (7) were drawn to Bethel by friends as well as the wonderful Sunday School and youth programs. Tim is an on-air personality for KYMN Radio who enjoys web design and photography. Lori is an accountant with Ryt Way Industries who enjoys reading and scrapbooking. Their sponsors will be Chad and Juley Jenkinson.

Kay Gredvig was drawn to our friendly and warm congregation. Kay is retired after working at Carleton. She enjoys knitting, reading, and sewing. Dorothy Swanson will be her sponsor.

Dave and Shari Holman and their children Kate (13), Erin (11), Karl (9), Sara (6) and Laura (5) are coming to Bethel from Atonement Lutheran in Bloomington. Dave is a self-employed attorney who enjoys camping, woodworking, and auto mechanics. Shari is a homemaker and building caretaker who enjoys painting,

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