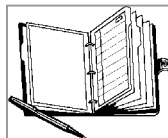


Mark Your Calendars

April 18 ~ Creation Care Fair
April 24 ~ Adopt a Highway;
Everybody Park
Clean-Up

May 14-15 ~
Bethel Garage
Sale

September 23-26~ Bethel
Backpacking



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.

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BETHEL BANNER WEEKLY

April 11, 2010

Today at Bethel

Get ready for the big party!
Our capital campaign officially kicks off today with food, video, and celebration after each worship service. Please join us in the CLC right after worship today!

Our *Lost and Found* blossomed over the winter! Please check out the table outside the nursery for items you may have left at church. All unclaimed items will be donated to the Bethel Garage Sale in May.

The *Alleluia* project featured in our Children's sermon on Easter was created by Wendell Arneson and our Sunday School children. Thank you to Wendell for sharing his artistic gifts with our congregation.

Have you picked up the latest edition of the *Capital Campaign newsletter*? Ask an usher for one on your way out today!

Are You Looking for a Church Home?

Are you considering making Bethel your church home and want to know more about our ministries? Join the Bethel staff and new member team for lunch and conversation today, noon to 1:30 p.m. in the Fireside Room. You will hear more about the Bethel congregation, its mission and ministries, and our hopes and dreams for the future.

While not required, participation in a Membership Matters event may help you decide if Bethel is the right congregation for you! Nursery care will be provided.





On-Going Prayer List

God's comfort at a time of loss: Helen, Bob, Seth & Ira Hanson; Sue Cabot; Joyce Harter; Denise, Rick & Brett Hucka; Jeff, Cindy, Dave & Joe Kreis; Barb & Blair Fowler

Healing requests: Helen Hanson, Maxine Amundson, Pastor Tim McDermott, Joyce Harter, Judy Dirks, Ina Carlson; Pastor Owen Gaasedelen, Brett Knutson, Bryce Knutson, Dawn Knutson, Joyce Snede, Ellis Lysne, Don Nelson, Megan Young, John Haines, Kristin Tapper, Lois Burgoyne, Deane Richardson, Kyle Kuhn, Florence Hovland, Bette Bass, Florraine Williams, Sharisse Vargas, Abby Roberts

Homebound: Margaret Berg, Nan Dimick

Those Awaiting Baptism: Jack Tap, Kai Kust, Drew Pribyl

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 (U.S. - welcome home!); Keenan Bachmeyer (U.S., grandson of the Ganskes); Scott Brachmann (Afghanistan - welcome home on leave!); Daniel Runzheimer (Afghanistan, nephew of Lee & Kitty Runzheimer)

Praying through the Bethel directory: Dan, Cahrene, Andy, Paul Dimick; James & Nancy Dimick; John, Meghan, Savannah, & Vanessa Dimick; Judy Dirks; Michael, Laura, Hannah, & Brooke Domish; Mike, Kris, Marti, & Matt Dompierre

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

God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, though your people walk in the valley of darkness, no evil should they fear; for they follow in faith the call of the shepherd whom you have sent for their hope and strength. Attune

our minds to the sound of his voice, lead our steps in the path he has shown, that we may know the strength of his outstretched arm and enjoy the light of your presence for ever. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Sixteenth Annual Bethel Lutheran Church Garage Sale!

Friday, May 14, 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Saturday, May 15, 8 a.m. to Noon

\$3 Bag Sale on Saturday from 10 a.m. to Noon



Once again, it's time to clean the basement, the closets, the garage and the cupboards! Look in the April *Banner* to find out about items we especially need.

Help is Needed in All Areas of the Sale!

Set-Up: Monday, May 10, at 8 a.m., we will begin to set up tables in the CLC and the Barb Hanson Youth Center. Also, we are in need of extra card tables. Put your name on the bottom and set them in the coat area in the west hall ahead of time.

Bring Your "Treasures" to Church: Monday, May 10 - Wednesday, May 12. We will be accepting your items for the sale from noon to 8 p.m. Hangers will be available in the church office for two Sundays prior to the sale. Please attach a label to any bed linens as to size (twin, full, etc.) Please note - we will not be accepting computers, printers, VCRs or TVs. All household items must be clean and in working order.

Assistants - We will need many assistants for sorting, arranging, pricing and selling. Sign up at the information table in the narthex or email the church office at bethel@charterinternet.com Teens are always welcome, too!

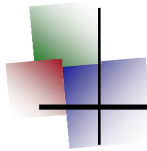
Bring Your Goodies for the Bake Sale!

Bakers may drop off their favorite goodies for the bake sale to be held during the garage sale on Friday and Saturday.

If you have any questions, contact the "Garage Sale Gang":

Bonnie Pavek, 645-5820
Bonnie Johnson, 663-1146
Jackie Gimse, 645-5225
Marilyn Kelly, 663-6068

Elaine Deim, 645-9285
Judy Code, 645-5154
Juley Jenkinson, 645-4558



Community News

I Cantanti, Northfield's Chamber Choir directed by Bethel member Wayne Kivell, will present *Mendelssohn, Minnesota, and More* at St. Dominic's Church today at 7 p.m. Minnesota composers on the program are René Clausen, Libby Larsen, Northfield native Mark Jennings, and *I Cantanti* director, Wayne Kivell. A free will exit offering will be taken.

Restore, Replenish, Renew: A Service of Inspiration and Renewal for Caregivers ~

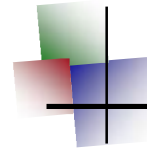
Tuesday, April 20, 7 p.m. at the Three Links Chapel. This prayer and worship service includes reflective music, meaningful worship and a guided meditation led by Henry Emmons, MD.. Following the service there will be refreshments and time for fellowship and chair massage.

The *Hospital Auxiliary Book Raid* is set for April 27-May 1 at the Northfield Ice Arena. Book donation days started on April 5, 4-9 p.m..

Adult Education Notes

The WELCA Bible Study of *Paul's Letter to the Romans* continues this month with Session 8: Holy Hospitality. The session will be held on Monday, April 12, at 7 p.m. in the Bethel Library. All are welcome to this leader's preparation session, including April Circle study leaders and anyone else wishing to study this important book in the Bible. Please call Pam Santerre at 786-8951 if you plan to attend.

Pastor Charlie will be leading a new Bible Study on the book of *Revelation* on Sunday mornings. The course will run five weeks (April 18-May 16) in the CLC classroom. All adults are invited to attend; no materials or prior knowledge of *Revelation* are necessary although you may want to bring a Bible.



Bethel News

On April 18, the Creation Care team will be the ministry of the week and will also host a *creation care fair* in the narthex. Please stop by to learn more about the Creation Care Team, bottled water and *Life Straws*, Adopt-a-Highway and a rain barrel workshop (see below). You can also sign postcards to legislators about healthy water. A St.. Olaf student group, Cooperative Energy Futures, will join us.

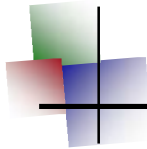
Bethel's Earth Day (April 24) Doubleheader!

At 9 a.m., join the Creation Care Team for *Adopt a Highway cleanup*. Have you noticed the trash along our roads this spring? The snow hides most of it all winter, but now it is out there for all to see. Bethel has adopted about a two-mile stretch of Highway 3. All adoptions bring responsibility! We have agreed to collect the trash along this stretch of road twice a year - and April 24 is the day for our spring pick-up. We will gather at Bethel in the CLC at 9 a.m. and carpool to

the site. Many hands will make it easy and it is good exercise, too! All members, ages 12 and up, are welcome. Please bring your own gloves.

At 10 a.m., you can help the Y.E.S. squad *clean up Everybody Park*, at the soccer fields off Jefferson Parkway. Please bring shovels and trimmer or clippers, if you have them. Tacos/nachos will be served at the end for all who participate. Contact Karen Adams (663-0254), Judy Code (645-5154), Jackie Nelson (664-9543), or Stacey McGowan-Olson (507-263-7040) if you have any questions.

Have you been wanting to *make a rain barrel*? Noel Stratmoen has kindly accepted the invitation to provide a workshop to the first five participants who sign up. The date will be in late April or early May. Please contact Noel if you are interested, or sign up at the Creation Care Fair on Sunday, April 18.



The annual meeting of The NRC

will be held *today* at 2 p.m. in the Northfield Retirement Community Chapel/Assembly Room. Speakers will be Kyle Nordine, President/CEO and Tom Nielsen, VP of LTC Operations and Administrator reporting on the State of the Organization. Everyone is invited to attend. Refreshments will be served.

Welca Notes

The *Northfield Ecumenical Women's Continental Breakfast* will be held at Bethel on Saturday, May 1, at 9:30 a.m. The program will include our very own Lu Lindstrom who will share experiences of her several trips to Nicaragua with the ISLA and Bethel groups and the good work they are doing. The offering that day goes toward a project called "The Least Coin" which is what the pennies and other coins we collect at circle meetings are

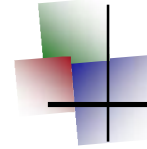
saved for. Please come and find out more about the wonderful projects that just a few cents a month from each of us can achieve. You will enjoy a morning with many women from other Northfield area churches.

Save the week of May 10-15 for the *Bethel Garage Sale*. Workers will be needed in all areas including set-up, pricing, working on sale days and clean-up. Thanks for your cooperation in this big project.

Want the Latest scoop before Sunday morning?

The weekly issue of the *Banner* is online every Friday -- just go to www.bethelnorthfield.org. You'll find links to our newsletters (weekly and monthly) as well as the church calendar, photos and lots of other useful information!

Bethel is open 24/7 on the web!



Have you become a member of Bethel in the last six months?

Join us for a public reception during worship and a fellowship meal to follow on Sunday, April 25, at the 10:45 worship service with lunch in the CLC. RSVP by contacting the church office at 786-6674 before Tuesday,



April 20. On Sunday, April 25, arrive at Bethel by 10:15 a.m. and go to the CLC where you will be greeted by your sponsor and the New Member Team. Thanks for celebrating with us -- we're glad you're here!

Wanted!

Do you know that it is important that Bethel adults grow and nurture our faith through adult study and spiritual formation? If so, please consider participating on the *Bethel Adult Education Advisory Team*. The primary purpose of this team will be to plan the 2010-2011 adult education offerings. This team will also provide input to long-range goals for adult education and spiritual formation at Bethel. We will meet three or four times this spring. If you are interested in learning more, please contact Pam Santerre at 786-8951, or pastoralminister@charterinternet.com.

