

## Mark Your Calendars

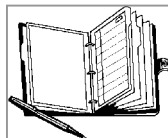
May 14-15 ~ Bethel Garage Sale

May 16 ~ Spring Music Festival

May 16 ~ All Road Map and Scoop registration forms are due for children and youth

May 23 ~ Commitment Sunday

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](mailto:bethelbanner@charterinternet.com) or drop them off in the church office. Questions or comments? Contact Lisa McDermott at [bethelbanner@charterinternet.com](mailto:bethelbanner@charterinternet.com).

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# BETHEL BANNER WEEKLY

May 2, 2010

## Today at Bethel

The *2nd Annual Belgian Waffle Breakfast* will be held in the Bethel Christian Life Center today after worship. Join us for a yummy breakfast and support summer trips for our youth.



Join us for fun and fellowship by representing Bethel in the Northfield Church Softball League. All games are Sunday evenings and run today through the summer. Play is moderately competitive but mostly just for fun. The league functions as a fundraiser for

the Northfield Foodshelf. Anyone fifteen years old or older who is not playing in any other softball league is eligible. Our first game is against Rejoice Lutheran at 5 p.m., today, at Sechlar #2. For information contact Steve Reece at [reece@stolaf.edu](mailto:reece@stolaf.edu) (663-7035).

*Welcome to Garage Sale month!* See page 7 for details.

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

## Sc rip News



We will be placing one more Kwik Trip order tomorrow to take advantage of the 10% return. Please plan ahead to order your KT cards today. After today, we will continue to sell our stock cards at the 10% return until that order of stock cards is gone. After our stock is depleted, earnings on Kwik Trip cards will be 5%. Credit for KT cards sold on May 9 and after will go toward your 2011 summer trip. Thanks for your support!

## 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, Judy Dirks, Ina Carlson; Pastor Owen Gaasedelen, Bryce Knutson, Dawn Knutson, Joyce Snede, Ellis Lysne, Don Nelson, Megan Young, John Haines, Lois Burgoyne, Deane Richardson, Florence Hovland, Florraine Williams, Sharisse Vargas, Abby Roberts, Gabe Hofrenning

Homebound: Margaret Berg, Nan Dimick

Those Awaiting Baptism: Jack Tap, Kai Kust, Drew Pribyl, Nathan Hoekstra, Madelyn Hackney

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.); 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: Rolyann & Nancy Ensrud; Charlene Erickson-Knox & Randy Knox; Tom, Jordan & Linnea Ett, and Libby Glimsdal; Ann & Cordelia Etter; Duane Everson; Marv & Barb Farmer; David, LeAnn, Kelsey, & Brooke Finger

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 unchangeable power and eternal light, let the whole world feel and see that things which were cast down are being raised up, and things which had grown

old are being made new, and all things are turning to perfection through him from whom they took their origin, Jesus 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](mailto: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 Kelley, 663-6068

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

## Adult Ed in May

It's never to late to join an Adult Ed class. Here are some of the offerings this month:

*The Canon of the New Testament* – Sundays, May 2-23, 9:45 a.m. in the sanctuary ~ After nearly nineteen centuries, the canon of scripture still remains an issue of debate. Luther questioned the inclusion of the book of James in the canon. And many Christians, while confessing the authority of all scripture, tend to rely on only a few books and particular themes while ignoring the rest.

We will consider the historical process of canonization, which took centuries, and we will also peek at some of the recently discovered books that aren't in the canon. And, underlying all, we will wrestle with the question: "What is the Bible and how do we use it?" Obie Holmen will lead this series.

*Book of Revelation Study*—Sundays, May 2, 9, 16, at 9:45 a.m., in the Christian Life Center ~ Pastor Charlie continues a Bible study on the

Book of Revelation. All adults are invited and no materials or prior knowledge of Revelation is necessary, although you may want to bring your Bible.

*Mathetes* – Sundays, May 2-23, 9:45 a.m. in the Fireside Room ~ Pastor Tim leads an interesting and thought-provoking discussion of worship texts or other Biblical subjects. Regular and drop-in attendees are welcome!

*Grief Support Group* – Wednesdays, May 26-June 30, Bethel's Fireside Room, 7–8:30 p.m. ~ This is a Christ-centered small group, designed for adults grieving a loss. We will use the book *Understanding Your Grief—Ten Essential Touchstones for Finding Hope and Healing Your Heart*. This group is sponsored by the Northfield Grief Coalition and everyone is welcome to attend. To register or for more information, please contact Pam Santerre, Bethel's Pastoral Minister, 786-8951.


*For a complete list of Adult Ed opportunities, see the May issue of the monthly Banner.*

## Bethel News

Calling all seniors: Come to the *monthly coffee hour* in the CLC tomorrow at 10 a.m. for fun and fellowship.

*Happy 10th Anniversary to Bethel Bistro* - and many thanks to Ruth Bolstad for feeding us so well all these years! Join us for the last Bistro of the spring on Wednesday, 5:30-6:30 p.m. in the CLC.

May will feature *The Troubadors* on Thursday, May 6, noon - 2 p.m., in the CLC. The Troubadors are a men's chorus who have performed in Northfield and surrounding communities for many years. Come and hear them sing a sampling of songs from their spring concert, which will be held at St John's on May 23. All this, and a delicious lunch, catered by Ruth Bolstad, for only \$7!

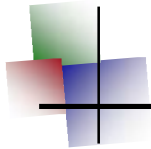
 The *Bethel STARS* (Seniors Together At Retirement) Luncheon for *Bethel News*, continued on page 5.



**Mark Your May Calendars**

**A Month of Lasts - and One First**

-  Last Bistro – Wednesday, May 5
-  Last day of Adult Choir - Wednesday, May 12
-  Last day of Bell Choir - Wednesday, May 12
-  Last Sunday of Sunday School – May 23
-  Last day of our school year worship schedule – May 23
-  Last day of BAM – Wednesday, May 26
-  Last day of 5<sup>th</sup> Grade CAT Class – Wednesday, June 2
-  First day of summer worship - May 30 at 8:30 or 10 a.m.



## Community News

*Habitat for Humanity* is hosting the annual *Raise the Roofs Dinner*, Silent and Live Auction with live musical entertainment today, May 2, beginning with a social hour at 5:30 p.m., and dinner at 6:15. The dinner will be held at the Faribault American Legion at a cost of \$25 per person. Tickets are available at the door.

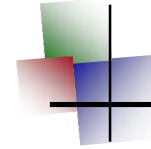
ECFE 25th Anniversary Alumni Event ~ Come and celebrate ECFE with current and past ECFE families on Truck and Tractor Night, May 6, 6:15-7:45 p.m. in the NRC parking lot, 1651 Jefferson Parkway. Come for ice cream, the big parachute, big trucks to climb on and lots of fun. There is no charge; bring an item for the Northfield Food Shelf. Former and current staff members will be attending. (In case of rain, this event will be rescheduled to May 13.)

Please consider giving at the upcoming *Bloodmobile* at the Northfield Ballroom, 1055 Highway #3 North on

Tuesday, May 18, 1-7 p.m. To make an appointment, call Merrell at 645-9821 prior to the drive date.

The St. Olaf Football team is having a *water softener salt fundraiser!* Order your salt by May 3 and pick it up on May 13 or 14. Delivery is available in the Northfield area. For an order form, please contact Corey Tutewohl at tutewohl@stolaf.edu. Thanks for your support of Ole Football!!  
Sun Soft Extra Course: \$6/bag  
Sun Soft Pellets: \$6.50/bag  
Sun Soft Rust-Out: \$7/bag

Rice County Project Lifesaver is hosting an all-you-can eat spaghetti supper on Friday, May 14, 5-7:30 p.m. at the American Legion Club at 112 5th St. NE, Faribault. Adult tickets are \$6, with kids 10 and under \$4. Project Lifesaver is a program designed to locate special-needs adults and children who have wandered off by use of a tracking bracelet. For more information, call 507-334-8441 or 507-210-4221.



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Advance registration and payment is needed by Monday, May 3. You can register between services today at the information table.

Women of Bethel meet each Thursday from 8 to 9 a.m. at the Ole Café in Northfield for great coffee and rich conversation. Beginning May 6, we will start a new book study of *Soul: The Cup of Our Life* by Joyce Rupp. (Books can be purchased at Monkey See Monkey Read in downtown Northfield.) For more information, contact Pam Santerre at 786-8951. The Bethel Women's Study

will continue to meet through the summer. New members are welcome any time!

Bethel Women Having Fun will be lunching at the recently opened Schumacher's Hotel and Grill 212 in New Prague on Tuesday, May 18, at noon. For an extra treat, we will be given a tour of the rooms at the Hotel. We will carpool from Bethel at 11:15 a.m. Sign up at the information table - all women are welcome!

Want the news before Sunday morning? The *Banner* is online every Friday -- go to [www.bethel-northfield.org](http://www.bethel-northfield.org). Bethel is open 24/7 on the web!

