

Vibrantly open to the Spirit, Bethel Lutheran Church serves God and its neighbors by joyfully living and sharing the Good News!

# BETHEL NEWS for the week of October 8, 2017



## This week @ Bethel

<b>Today!</b>	Blue Jean Sunday 10:15a coffee & fellowship; Sunday school hour
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<b>Monday</b>	11a-5p office open
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<b>Wednesday</b>	10a Bible study 11a-5p office open 6:30p council mtg.
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<b>Thursday</b>	11a-5p office open
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<b>Saturday</b>	6-9p WMM
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<b>Sunday</b>	9:00a worship 10:15a coffee & fellowship; Adult Forum: "Simul"...and other funny Lutheran terms; Sunday school hour

Events are subject to change. For up-to-date calendar events, see our online calendar: <http://www.lpbethel.org>

## Women's Bible Study

**Are you interested in a women's Bible study that would work around your work day schedule?** It would be flexible and the details determined by those interested. All would be welcome. If you are interested please speak to Jean Hallberg or call her at 507-430-2671.

## Bethel Book club: October

### When God Doesn't Fix It by Laura Story

Laura's life took an unexpected turn when her husband was diagnosed with a brain tumor. The fairy-tale life she had dreamed of was no longer possible. And yet in struggling with God about how to live with broken dreams, Laura has found joy and a deeper intimacy with Jesus. Check Bethel's library for a copy of the book.

**Discussion:** Wednesday, October 18, 7:15p at 36 Fir St. N.

## "Many Hands Make Light Work"

**Today is Blue Jean Sunday.** Please stay after worship to help with "fall cleaning" of the church. If you are unavailable today, please sign up to complete a task at your convenience.

## Sunday School Helpers/Substitutes

**The Sunday school program is looking for volunteers to help out during the Sunday school hour.** We would like to have our volunteers sign up on the [dry erase] board located in the narthex. Please, sign your name by each Sunday you are available to help. Also, if the Sunday school teachers are unable to be there, a substitute teacher would provide consistency for the program throughout the year. Contact Rhianna Iverson or Stacy Meyer if you are interested in being a substitute or if you have questions!

## Raise the Roof!

**The Crow River Conference is working together to put a roof on the Bishopstowe Circuit Center,** a building which has been designed to meet many of the needs of our partners in the Umgeni (Oom-gay'-nee) Circuit [the term South Africans use instead of Conference.] The walls have been erected on the center and donations have been pledged to support the plumbing and electrical work, finishing and inside fixtures. However, the roof has not been pledged and their project has halted. If every member of the Crow River Conference gave \$2 this great need could be met. \$20,000 is the goal needed to raise the roof. Can you help? To learn more about the Raise the Roof project check out the posted information in the narthex. **Bethel will have multiple opportunities throughout the fall to donate toward this project!**

## Catch-Up –Offering– Sunday

**Sunday, October 15** we will be doing a "Ketchup" **Sunday.** Since many people are gone on vacations over the summer, offering tends to fall a bit behind. To help make up the difference we are asking that on October 15 you consider doubling your typical weekly offering. It's a simple way to help us catch-up and live fully into our ministry and mission. Thanks! Pr. Aaron



## One Day Quilt Tying

One day of putting together and tying quilts is scheduled for **Monday, October 23 at 9:00 am.** Call Lois Severson if you have questions.

# Welcome to Bethel!

## **Worshipping together as the Children of God.**

Christ has claimed all of us as children of God, we encourage children of ALL ages to participate in worship, each to their ability.

**To our youngest worshippers:** we believe children are not the future of the church: they are the church present! We welcome your wiggles, giggles, cries and curious bodies and voices. Parents: encourage your child to sing, clap, wiggle, drop coins in the offering, and receive communion. A [non-staffed] toy room is available just outside the sanctuary.

**To our “young at heart”:** we welcome your enthusiasm and voices, too! If hearing assistance is needed, see an usher for a device.

**For all:** we strive for worship that is intergenerational and welcoming to the whole body of Christ. Communion is served every Sunday. We invite all persons who seek God’s grace through the bread and wine to share this meal, regardless of age or denominational affiliation. You are welcome at Christ’s table! Grape juice and gluten-free options are available, too.

Bathrooms are located just outside the sanctuary. Fellowship Hour happens immediately after worship. Join us for coffee, treats and conversation! During the school year, children are invited into the basement for Sunday School. Communication cards are located on the back of the pews, we’d love to hear from you or leave your name and email in our guestbook!

### Serving in October

**Altar Guild:** Carol Wortz

**Lector:** Carol Wortz

**Usher:** Lloyd Wortz & Ron Foust

**Greeter:** Jeff Breidenbach

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you*

### Committee Chairpersons

**Altar Guild:** Judy Angvall

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**Greeter:** Ron Foust

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### Easy online volunteer sign-up:

Go to [www.lpbethel.org](http://www.lpbethel.org), click on Worship, and then Worship Volunteer Sign Up.

### Directory Update:

**Ed Ekdahl:** [e2Norway@gmail.com](mailto:e2Norway@gmail.com); **Overbye family:** 1108 Prairie Ridge LN, Lester Prairie, MN 55354

### Mid-Minnesota Concert Band

The Litchfield Opera House presents Mid-Minnesota Concert Band for an enjoyable afternoon of classic and popular band music on Saturday, October 21 at 4:00 pm (136 N. Marshall Ave., Litchfield). If you have questions contact 320-535-0829. One of our Bethel members, Nicole Weisenburger, is part of this band. Admission is \$5.00 and a free will offering for refreshments.

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