

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 August 20, 2017



This week @ Bethel

Today!	10:15a coffee & fellowship
Monday	11a-5p office
Wednesday	10a Bible study 11a-5p office open 5:30p games/grill out/potluck 6:30p worship
Thursday	11a-5p office open
Saturday	6-8p WMM
Sunday	9:00a worship-Kids, bring your backpack. 10:15a coffee & fellowship, First Communion class

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

Directory Update

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Bethel Book club: September

How Does it Feel to Be a Problem: Being Young and Arab in America

by Moustafa Bayoumi

This book dives into the lives of young Arab Americans in a post 9/11 United States. It looks at the structures of fear, oppression, and racism experienced by these individuals and the stress they face in their daily lives. Two copies are available in Bethel's library.

Discussion date: September 20, 2017

August Worship schedule

Wednesday, August 23: Games & Grill Out Potluck beginning at 5:30 pm, **Worship** at 6:30 pm

Sunday, August 27: **Worship** at 9:00 am—Bethel kids, bring your school backpack for a blessing during worship!

First Communion Class following worship. We encourage Bethel's kids to attend, but this class is for anyone who wants to learn more about this holy sacrament, in particular the Lutheran understanding of this gift from God. The main questions we will try and tackle are: What is it? Why do we do it?

Crow River Conference Women of the ELCA

The Crow River Conference Fall Gathering will be on Saturday, September 30 at Peace Lutheran Church in Cosmos. The guest speaker will be Gaye Lindors. 50% of our offering will go to SWMN W/ELCA and 50% to the South African Roof Project at Bishopstowe, for the roof at the Umngeni Circuit Center. There will be an In-Kind offering of Personal Care kits. You may also bring contributions to cover the cost of shipping the kits. Registration begins at 8:00 am; brunch will be served at 8:30 am; the business meeting and program begin at 9:30 am. The cost is \$10.00 and the deadline for the event is **September 18**. Questions can be directed to Jill Duncan, Bethel Women of the ELCA President.

"I have come that they may have life and have it abundantly."
John 10:10

Crow River Habitat for Humanity

Crow River Habitat for Humanity is in need of individual or group volunteers to provide simple lunches at our build site located at 429 Grant Avenue in Hutchinson. Build days are on Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays. If you are able to help please call 320-587-8868 or email deb@crhfh.org. Thanks so much for your support!

Shoe Bus coming to McLeod County!

The Shoe Bus is accepting donations of clean, new, and/or gently used shoes of all sizes, including sport specific shoes. 10% of shoe sales will be distributed to McLeod Emergency Food Shelf as they continue down the path to "shoe away hunger." Questions can be directed to Lennie Albers, Exec. Director, MEFS at 320-864-2088. Cross Point Church, Hutchinson on August 23, 5-8 pm
Helen Baker School, Glencoe on August 24, 9-11 am
(Children's shoes-\$2, Adult's shoes-\$5)
(In conjunction with Back to School Supply Distribution)

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 August

Altar Guild: Judy Angvall
Lector: Linda Haller
Usher: Jeff Breidenbach
Greeter: Diane Horsman
Lawn Mowing: Lloyd Weisenburger

Next opportunity to serve:

September: Ushers



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Ministry & Money Event: Financial Literacy and Prophetic Witness Training

Saturday, October 14, 9:00 am-4:00 pm, Peace Lutheran Church, New London. Financial Literacy is an important new idea for improved stewardship in our lives while prophetic witness addresses the deeper community engagement to actively address economic justice issues affecting our communities. This training empowers leaders at all levels of church life to think about the basic elements of financial literacy. It also encourages leaders to provide prophetic leadership on economic justice issues affecting all communities. If you are interested in this event, there is additional information on the Bethel News Board.