

BETHEL NEWS for the week of August 27, 2017



This week @ Bethel

Today! 10:15a coffee & fellowship
First Communion class

Monday 11a-5p office

Wednesday 10a Bible study
11a-5p office open
5:30p Worship & Music mtg.

Thursday 11a-5p office open

Saturday 6-8p WMM

Sunday 9:00a worship
10:15a coffee & fellowship

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

Directory Update

Bobbi Kadrie:

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Emily, Greg, & Liam Larson:

Correction: 10668 Xavis Ave. NW, Coon Rapids, MN 55433

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

First Communion Class

There will be a First Communion class today 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?

Women of the ELCA Planning Meeting

Our Women of the ELCA Planning meeting will be held Wednesday, September 6, 7:15 pm at church. This is your chance to voice your thoughts and ideas about the kinds of learning activities, service projects, fellowship times, and other ministry events you would like to see offered to the women of Bethel and others within the community. Come and share your ideas!

Crow River Conference Women of the ELCA

The Crow River Conference Women of the ELCA Fall Gathering will be on Saturday, September 30, 8:30-11 am at Peace Lutheran Church in Cosmos. The topic is "God, Girlfriends and Chocolate." Look for more information and a sign-up on the bulletin board by the church office door.

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@crhf.org. Thanks so much for your support!

Upcoming Green Lake Lutheran Ministry Retreats

Fall Frenzy Youth Retreat—September 29-October 1

2nd graders through 6th graders are invited back to Green Lake Bible camp for fun activities, games, songs, and campfires along with the mobile rock wall from Prairie Woods Environmental Learning Center! This retreat is a great chance for campers to get a taste of camp in the fall and for new campers to have a short introduction to the camp experience.

Senior High Retreat—October 13-15

9th graders through 12th graders are invited to The St. Andrew Village at Shores of St. Andrew Bible Camp for games, songs, challenge course opportunities, and campfires. There will be break out sessions for those who participated in TIM Team groups from this past summer, along with great activities for those who didn't!

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

Committee Chairpersons

Altar Guild: Judy Angvall

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Greeter: Ron Foust

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Next opportunity to serve:

September: Ushers



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.

announcements due by Wednesdays @ noon ~ newsletter items due by the 25th of the month
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