

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 January 7, 2018



### This week @ Bethel

<b>Today!</b>	10:15a coffee & fellowship, Sun. school, Adult Forum: <i>New Year's Resolutions</i>
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<b>Monday</b>	10a-5p office open
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<b>Wednesday</b>	10a-5p office open 6p choir practice 6:30p council
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<b>Thursday</b>	10a-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, Sun. school, Adult Forum: <i>Intro. to the ELCA's Draft Social Statement on Women and Justice</i>

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

### Save the date!

#### **Annual Meeting: 1/28/18**

Please, plan to attend this important meeting for our church following worship. A potluck meal will follow the meeting.

#### **Equipping Congregations Day: 2/10/18**

8:30am-3:30 pm. Check out the bulletin board for more information! All are welcome!

#### **Africa presentation: 2/18/18**

Cathy Houg will present photos of her trip to Africa! Pizza buffet! Free! Everyone of all ages is invited! Open to the community!

### Choir

**Choir practice will resume on Wed., Jan. 10 from 6:00-6:30 pm**, before the council meeting. All are welcome to join the choir!

### Bethel Book Club

***The Turquoise Table*** by Kristin Schell

Are you consumed with a busy life but unsure how to slow down? Do you desire connection within you community and think, "Absolutely, but I don't have time for that" or "I can't create that"? What if there was another way through it all, a way to find those moments of peace and to create time for honest, comfortable connection? Desperate for a way to slow down and connect, Kristin Schell put an ordinary picnic table in her front yard, painted it turquoise, and began inviting friends and neighbors to join her. Life changed in her community and it can change in yours, too. Check Bethel's library for a copy of the book. **Discussion date: Wed., Jan. 17 @ 7:15 pm at Bethel.**

### Prayer Shawl Ministry

Through a Thrivent Action Grant, Bethel has stocked up on yarn to help launch a new ministry. **Prayer Shawls can be crafted by anyone in the community as a physical sign of comfort or blessing for those facing major life changes.** Shawl makers are invited to start each pattern with a prayer for whomever will eventually be receiving it. Throughout the entire process of making a shawl, blessings and prayers can be said for every stitch. When Pastor Aaron goes on hospital or home visits, he will deliver these prayer shawls as a sign of strength, comfort, solace, community, and God's constant presence in their lives. Yarn skeins can be signed out in groups of three for those interested in participating. If you have questions speak to Pastor Aaron or Abbe. The yarn is in the narthex with sign up sheets on the container.

### Women's Bible Study

Women's Bible study will meet on the third Saturday of each month from 9:30a-11am. **Note change:** On the 20th of January we will meet at the **home of Cathy Houg: 112 Fir St. S., LP.**

### Good News, Good Brews

**Green Lake Bible Camp-February 9-11, \$145 (Must be 21 to attend)**

Join Pastor Reggie Klindworth and Dave Eliason as they share the Good News and walk you through the craft brewing process. No matter the experience level, come join us for a great opportunity for crafting, conversation, and community. Experience the brewing process from start to finish—you'll even go home with some of your own home brew!

### Directory Updates

Please, update the office with **changes for the 2018 Church Directory** by calling the office at 320-395-2125 or email [bethellutheranlp@gmail.com](mailto:bethellutheranlp@gmail.com).

# 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 January

**Altar Guild:** Diane Horsman

**Lector:** Jill Duncan

**Usher:** Volunteers needed

**Greeter:** Brian & Jill Duncan

*Thank  
You*

### Committee Chairpersons

**Altar Guild:** Judy Angvall

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**Lector:** Cathy Houg

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**Greeter:** Ron Foust

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**Lawn Mowing:** Matt Krull

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### Easy online 2018 volunteer sign-up:

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

### 2018 Volunteer Sign up sheets

**Volunteer opportunities are available** for the coming year! Please, consider how you can **serve God by sharing your talents in 2018!** Sign up sheets are located on the bulletin board next to the offices. **No experience is necessary—there is always someone willing to help out and show you how!** Sign up alone, with someone else, or as a family! The group chairpersons are listed above and they are willing to answer any of your questions.

### Check your mailbox!

**2018 envelopes** are in your mailboxes or make it easier this year by signing up for **Simply Giving!** **2018 Secret Pal assignments** are also in your mailboxes—*have fun!*

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

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