

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 July 23, 2017



This week @ Bethel

Today! 10:15a coffee & fellowship;
baptism of Gauge W.

Monday 11a-5p office

Wednesday NO Bible study
11a-5p office open

Thursday 11a-5p office open

Saturday 6-8p WMM

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

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

August Book club selection

The Year of Living Biblically: One Man's Humble Quest to Follow the Bible as Literally as Possible by AJ Jacobs

AJ Jacobs grew up in a secular household but decides to try and follow the Old Testament rules as literally as he can for one year, the book is full of funny stories and important insights. Two copies are available in Bethel's library. **Discussion date:** August 16; 6:30 pm; 36 Fir St. N. LP

Baptism

Congratulations to Chelsea Pecholt and Wayne Wenisch on the baptism of their son, Gauge Alan Wenisch! **May God bless you, Gauge, today and always!**

Directory Update

Bobbi Kadrie: BobbiKadrie@gmail.com

Jan & Tim Smith: 1003 Prairie Ridge Lane

Abbe & Pastor Aaron Holmgren: 1477 Fireside Rd., Waconia, MN 55387

National Night Out-August 1, 2017

Our church has been approved for a Thrivent Action Grant. **Bethel will serve free Root Beer floats for National Night Out, Tuesday, August 1.** A sign up sheet will be posted or contact Diane Horsman if you are willing to help!

KIDS! Save the Date for VBS! August 8, 9, 10

"Dive into God's Word! A 3 Day Jonah Adventure!" On Tuesday, August 8, Wednesday, August 9 and Thursday, August 10 Bethel will host VBS from 6:00-7:30 pm for kids Kindergarten through entering 6th grade. A sign-up sheet is posted to register your child and also volunteer to help! If you would like to register online please submit your child's name, age, address and phone number, and how you can help to bethelp.edu@gmail.com. **Registration deadline is July 30.** If you have questions speak to Rhianna Iverson or Stacy Meyer. **Kids, please come and invite your friends!**

First Communion class offered Sunday, August 27

Pastor Aaron is offering a **First Communion class** on Sunday, August 27 after worship. We encourage Bethel kids to sign up but the class is open for all ages! Please use the sign-up sheet on the Bethel News Board to let the pastor know your interest.

Summer Worship schedule

Sunday, July 30: Outdoor Worship at 9:00 am (bring your lawn chairs)

Sunday, August 6: Worship at 9:00 am

Sunday, August 13: Worship at 9:00 am

Sunday, August 20: Outdoor Worship at 9:00 am (bring your lawn chairs)

Wednesday, August 23: Grill Out & Worship beginning at 5:30 pm

Sunday, August 27: Worship at 9:00 am (Kids, bring your school backpack for a blessing during worship!) First Communion class following worship

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!

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 July

Altar Guild: 7/30-Jill D.

Lector: Jeff Breidenbach

Ushers: Lloyd Weisenburger & Jeff Breidenbach

Greeter: Pete & Jean Hallberg

Lawn Mowing: Mitch Overbye

Next opportunity to serve:

Altar Guild and Usher in August



Committee Chairpersons

Altar Guild: Judy Angvall

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Lector: Cathy Houg

cathy.houg@gmail.com; 320-395-2759

Usher: Tim Smith

benson_lester@yahoo.com; 320-395-2755

Greeter: Ron Foust

rfoust@lesterbuildings.com; 612-201-2351

MEFS Summer Ca\$h Campaign

CA\$H DONATED IN JULY MULTIPLE\$!

MEFS is eligible to receive up to \$5000.00 proportionate grant funds available through Open Your Heart and Hunger Solutions. Amount received is a direct reflection of how much is raised during the campaign! Your giving directly impacts our getting! **EVERY DOLLAR STAYS LOCAL!**

GIVE WHERE YOU LIVE!

ONLINE GIVING OPTIONS at <https://www.mcleodemergencyfoodshelf.org>

DONATIONS MUST BE POSTMARKED BY JULY 31, 2017 to MEFS 808 E. 12th St., Glencoe, MN 55336 OR 498 Hwy 7 E., Hutchinson, MN 55350.

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