

## BETHEL NEWS for the week of October 1, 2017



### This week @ Bethel

**Today!** 10:15a coffee & fellowship

**Monday** 11a-5p office open

**Wednesday** 10a Bible study  
11a-5p office open  
6:30p choir practice  
paper drive ends

**Thursday** 11a-5p office open

**Saturday** 6-9p 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>

### One Day Quilt Tying

There will be one day of putting together and tying quilts on **Monday, October 23 at 9:00 am**. Call Lois Severson if you have questions.

### Paper Drive

The truck is here in Bethel's parking lot. **Please, do not include strings, plastic bags, or pizza boxes.** Please, drop off your paper **before Thursday, October 5**. If you have questions contact the church office or Mary Lou Teubert.

### 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. God may not fix everything. In fact, your situation might not ever change or get better but, with Jesus, you can. Check Bethel's library for a copy of the book.

**Discussion:** Wednesday, October 18, 7:15p

### Blue Jean Sunday

"Many Hands Make Light Work" **Save the date for Blue Jean Sunday, October 8.** Please plan to stay after worship to help with "fall cleaning" of the church. If you are unavailable this day, please sign up to complete a task at your convenience.

### Sunday School Helpers/Substitutes

The Sunday school program is looking for volunteers to commit as helpers and/or substitute teachers during the Sunday school hour. A [dry erase] sign-up board is located in the narthex. Please, sign your name by each Sunday you are available to help. Also, Rhianna Iverson and Stacy Meyer plan to teach most Sundays but, if they are unable to be there, a substitute teacher would provide consistency for the program throughout the year. Contact Rhianna or Stacy if you are interested in being a substitute!

### 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!**

### Upcoming Green Lake Lutheran Ministry Retreat

**Senior High Retreat—October 13-15, Grades 9-12**

Spend the weekend at camp re-focusing on your faith! Join us at The Village at Shores of St. Andrew for meaningful Bible studies, goofy games, songs, and campfires in the crisp air of fall. Bring your friends and join us for an amazing faith-building weekend. Fee: \$110

\***Registration forms** are available on the small table in the narthex or register online at [www.gllm.org](http://www.gllm.org). Camperships are available upon request-contact the Bethel office.

# 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

*Thank  
You*

### Committee Chairpersons

**Altar Guild:** Judy Angvall

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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.



On the 15th of October 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

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