

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 September 17, 2017



This week @ Bethel

Today!	Rally Day! 10:15a coffee & fellowship, Adult Forum: <i>Paschal Lamb?</i>
Monday	11a-5p office open
Wednesday	10a Bible study 11a-5p office open 6:30p choir practice 7:15p book club @ 36 Fir St. N.
Thursday	11a-5p office open
Saturday	6-9p WMM
Sunday	9:00a worship 10:15a coffee & fellowship, Bible study

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

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: October 18, 7:15p, 36 Fir St. N. LP

Bethel Paper Drive: 9/26-10/4

The truck is coming to Bethel's parking lot! Please, save your newspaper, magazines, catalogs, phone books, office paper, food boxes, cardboard, junk mail, paper rolls, anything paper! Questions can be directed to Mary Lou Teubert or the church office.

Save the date

Blue Jean Sunday set for October 8.

First Communion

Today we celebrate the first communion of **Connor Meyer, Logan Meyer, Carl Overbye, and Alex Overbye**. These four recently went through a class which examined the promises provided in the Sacrament of Holy Communion. They baked bread, learned about the history of the meal, read the story found in Scripture, and learned about how God's love is shown in this meal. They also heard about how Christ's grace, love, and mercy permeates the entire feast and how [as Luther put it] our Lord is present in, with, and under, the bread and the wine. Pastor Aaron will offer another First Communion class sometime later this year, if there is an interest.

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. Sign your name by each Sunday you are available to help out beginning on September 24. 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 sub!

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.

Upcoming Green Lake Lutheran Ministry Retreats

Fall Frenzy Youth Retreat—September 29-October 1, Grades 2-6

You're 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. Invite your friends and save the date! Fee: \$110

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. There will be break-out sessions for TIM Team groups from this past summer, along with great things planned for those without. 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. 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 September

Altar Guild: Nancy Krull & Andria Carlson

Lector: Shirley Weisenburger

Usher: Lloyd Weisenburger

Greeter: Dave & Arla Huser

Lawn Mowing: Pete Hallberg

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Next opportunity to serve:

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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!**

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