

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 3, 2017



## This week @ Bethel

<b>Today!</b>	10:15a coffee & fellowship, Adult Forum
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<b>Monday</b>	Labor Day-office closed
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<b>Wednesday</b>	10a Bible study 11a-5p office open 5:30p worship & music mtg. 6:30p choir practice 7:15p W/ELCA planning mtg.
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<b>Thursday</b>	11a-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, Adult Forum

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

## Bethel Choir Practice

**Choir practice begins on Wed., September 6 at 6:30 pm.** The choir will not practice on the second Wednesday of the month. **All are welcome to join!** Questions can be directed to Tim Smith, Choir Director.

## 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.

**Discussion:** Sept. 20, 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.

## Rally Day and First Communion—September 17

**Sunday School Kids, please join us on Sunday, September 17 for Rally Day!** Some fun activities are being planned and we hope to see you all there! We encourage you to invite a friend, classmate, or neighbor to Rally Day/Sunday school! We are looking for four volunteers to commit to our Sunday school program as helpers/substitutes. Every Sunday we would like two helpers. That way, if there are four, the helpers can rotate. We plan to be teaching most Sundays but, if something comes up, a substitute would be wonderful! If you are interested please talk to Stacy Meyer or Rhianna Iverson. **First Communion will also take place during our worship service that day!**

## 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.

## 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](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 September

**Altar Guild:** Nancy Krull & Andria Carlson

**Lector:** Shirley Weisenburger

**Ushers:**

**Greeter:** Dave & Arla Huser

**Lawn Mowing:** Pete Hallberg

### Committee Chairpersons

**Altar Guild:** Judy Angvall

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**Greeter:** Ron Foust

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### Next opportunity to serve:

**SEPTEMBER USHERS**



### 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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