

Mark Your Calendars

July 22-26, 2009 ~ ELCA
Youth Gathering, New
Orleans

September 24-27 ~ Bethel
backpacking trip

October 11 ~
Installation
Sunday

October 23-25 ~ Befriender
Training



Welcome, Visitors

We're glad you're here! You are welcome at worship, in Sunday School, and at the Lord's Table.

For more information about Bethel, please pick up a visitor's packet at the information table in the narthex.

Gluten-free communion wafers are available for those who prefer them. Take communion in the center aisle and let them know your preference.



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The deadline for submissions to the weekly *Banner* is Wednesday at noon. You may email submissions to bethelbanner@charterinternet.com or drop them off in the church office. For questions or comments, contact Sandy Haines at 786-6674 or at bethelbanner@charterinternet.com.

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BETHEL BANNER WEEKLY

June 21, 2009

This Week at Bethel

Bethel plays *church league softball* tonight at 7:20 p.m. at Sechlar #1 vs. St. Paul's. Players and fans are welcome!

All *Food Shelf* dollars given by Bethel members during June and the first two Sundays in July will be donated at the *20th Annual Church League Softball League Benefit All-Star game* on Sunday, July 12 at 2 p.m. at Babcock Park. Several businesses and banks in town are offering matching funds, so this is a great time to

make your *Food Shelf* donations go even farther!

Bethel member Hannah Mahr (age 11) has epilepsy. For the third year in a row, she is doing the *Minnesota Stroll for Epilepsy* (on August 13). In the past, Bethel members have helped her raise over \$7,000. If you can contribute, please go to www.first-giving.com/thehopesquad, or leave a check for her in the church office. If you'd like to walk with Hannah, let her know! Thank you!

Ordination Tonight!

Members of First English Lutheran Church invite you to gather, worship, and celebrate as *Charles Robert Ruud* (Bethel's soon to be associate pastor) is ordained into the ministry of Word and Sacrament in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

The service of Holy Communion and Ordination will take place Sunday, June 21, at 7p.m. at First English Lutheran Church in Cannon Falls (511 Belle St W.). A simple reception in the fellowship hall will follow the service.

All clergy in attendance are invited to vest and process. The color of the day is red. Please arrive early for the processional.





On-Going Prayer List

God's comfort at a time of loss: Dan & Kim Rohr and family; Jan & Bruce Roberts and family; Gary & Sonia Johnson and family; Jim & Linda Sawyer and family; Steve & Gayle Collins; Mark, Cathy & Jim Penning; Marv & Barb Farmer

Healing requests: Logan Olivero, Milt Hanson, Helen Hanson, Maxine Amundson, Randy Knox, Ilana Stanley, Becca Carlson, Ellen Nelson, Char Martens, Mary Sue Dale, Pastor Tim McDermott, Duane Cowdin, Trudy Breitag

Homebound: Margaret Berg

Those Awaiting Baptism: Riley Moon, Reagan Rezac, Kaelyn Sillanpa

Newly Married: Katie (Graff) and Trent Podritz, Jen & Nick Toth, Kelly & Marcia Groenewold, Jerry & Florrairie Williams

Those serving in the military and their families: Mike Murphy (Iraq); Mathew Meillier (U.S.); Josh Vosejпка (U.S.); Jeff Olson (U.S.); Kenneth R. Laite (U.S., father of Caitlyn Laite); Mark Graff (Japan); Katie Graff (U.S.); Keenan Bachmeyer (Iraq, grandson of Roberta & Gene Ganske)

Praying through the Bethel directory: Steve, Rhonda, Taylor, & Hannah Reece; Sandy Reiman; Bridget, Renlund & Frank, Francis, & Teddy Wergin; Lisa, Luke & Griffin Reppe; Noe, Marianne, Ayden & Keegan Resendiz, & Caitlyn Laite; Andy, Jennifer, Jacob, Brady, & Reagan Rezac; David & Mary Rice; Deane Richardson

If you'd like your name to appear on this list, are ready for your name to be removed, or believe we have left someone off the list who should appear, please let us know.

Prayer for This Week

Dear Lord, Draw me closer to You this summer. Teach me how I can pray no matter where I am or what I am doing. Warm my soul with the awareness of Your presence and light my path with Your Word and Counsel. As I enjoy Your creation, create in me a pure heart and a hunger and a thirst for You. Amen.

Call to 50 Days of prayer

Bishop Mark Hanson invites all ELCA churches to enter into 50 days of prayer for wisdom in discernment for the ELCA and voting members of the 2009 Churchwide Assembly.

At Bethel, we wish to support this initiative by:

- Providing information in our newsletters and on our website.
- Including prayer petitions in Sunday morning worship.
- Making copies of the weekly study and daily prayers available for members to use in individual devotions (can also be downloaded from www.elca.org).
- Beginning meetings and gatherings at Bethel with the 50-Day prayers.
- Encouraging individual and small group reading and reflection on the assigned scriptures that will form the daily lectionary at the Churchwide Assembly. For

those who wish to come together in study of these readings, a group will meet on Tuesday evenings, from June 30 - August 11, from 7 - 8 p.m. in the Fireside Room. These sessions will focus on the scripture and not on specific agenda items being addressed at the assembly.

"As you gather around God's Word, I ask you to pray especially for the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, for those who will gather in Minneapolis, for decisions to be made, and for faithfulness in discerning those directions to which God is calling this evangelizing church in mission and service for the sake for the world."

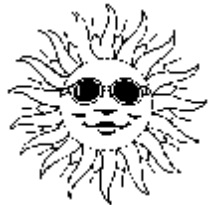
*Mark Hanson,
ELCA Presiding Bishop*

For more information, please contact Pam at 786-8951.

Community News

St. Olaf graduate and trumpeter *Jacob Dalager* will be performing a benefit recital at First UCC tonight at 7:30 p.m. He is raising money to fund a year of service in Malaysia through the ELCA's Young Adults in Global Missions program. Come to enjoy the music, or if you don't like music, come to support the orphans he'll be teaching! Any donations are tax-deductible and can be made out to his home congregation, "St. Olaf Lutheran Church." A reception will follow.

Canticum is the name of the Swedish singing group who will be performing at Christiania Lutheran Church on Tuesday, June 23, at 7 p.m. The group includes 45 singers from Sweden. Their program will be gospel songs, in both English and Swedish. A free will offering will be taken and a reception follows the concert.



SCRIP NEWS

It is nearly July already and Scrip is here to make your dollars work better for you!! Planning to replace some of your camping equipment?? Going on vacation?? By purchasing cards for

Target, WalMart, the Comfort Inn or American Airlines, you can make the most of your every day dollars while building your family trip account at the same time.

Then there's patio sets, gardening supplies and before you know it, back-to-school shopping.....new family accounts started mid-May for your 2010 trips; June 1 for the going-to-be 8th graders. As always, some of the cards need to be ordered ahead of time, so please plan a week or two ahead for your shopping/birthday/anniversary needs!

Bethel News

Wondering how you might *support the McDermott family* during Pastor Tim's recovery? One of the summer "honey-do" projects they had planned was painting their house. As Pastor Tim won't be climbing ladders any time soon, and Lisa won't let Madeline and Bronwyn do it, Bethel member Dwayne Cowdin, a professional housepainter, has agreed to coordinate the effort. You can contribute funds to see the project done. Please make checks to Jane Runzheimer (She's organizing the fundraising.) and leave them in the offering plate or church office. Dwayne's estimate is very reasonable—many, many thanks, Dwayne, and to all of you who contribute!

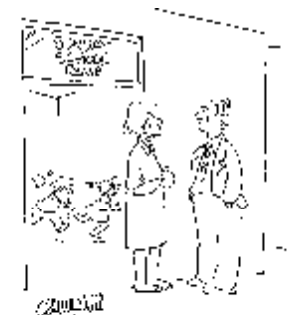
Interested in the latest update on *Pastor Tim's recovery*? Go to www.caringbridge.org/visit/timmcdermott.

What's Brewing at Bethel this Summer??? Mark your calendars...Wednesday evenings, July 8, 15, 22, 29 from 7-8 pm Root Beer Floats...Alaskan adventures...Hymnody ...

Sculpture to Fly and much more! Details to follow...

New Member Sponsors Needed! Do you enjoy meeting new people? As a new member sponsor, you will have a key role in assimilating our new members into the life and ministry of Bethel. For more information or to sign up, please contact Mary Nystuen (645-4011), Pam Santerre (786-8951) or the office (786-6674)

The *Lutheran Study Bibles* have arrived. If you ordered one, please pick it up in the workroom. Checks for \$26.42 may be made out to Bethel and left in the envelope in the workroom.



"We have one 1/2 size wooden chair, one 1/2 size folding chair, one 1/2 size folding chair, but not one of them will be taken!"