

Mark Your Calendars

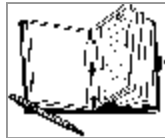
July 22-26, 2009 ~ ELCA
Youth Gathering, New
Orleans

August 23 ~ Youth
Celebration Sunday

September 24-27 ~ Bethel
backpacking trip

October 11 ~
Installation
Sunday; Confirmation
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 28, 2009

This Week at Bethel

Bethel plays *church league softball* tonight at 6:10 p.m.
at Babcock vs. Methodist
White. Players and fans are
always welcome!

All *Food Shelf* dollars given by
Bethel members during June
and the first Sunday 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!

SCRIP NEWS There is still over \$4,000 available in *Kwik
Trip* cards earning 20%—especially \$20
cards! What a great way to start working
on next summer's trip!!

Due to low demand, *Perkins* cards will no longer be available in
stock or to order. There is one \$25 card available to purchase.
We are adding *Great Clips* to the stock, however; \$25 cards
earn 8%, starting today. Also, *Panera* (9%) is now available in
\$25 cards; \$10 cards continue to be available also. Panera is a
'to order' retailer.

As always, thanks for using Scrip!



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, Joyce Harter

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, Collin & Krista Meierbachtol

Those serving in the military and their families: 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: Anthony, Janice, Abby, & Naomi Roberts; Bruce & Jan Roberts; Susan & Tyler Roberts; Don & Patty Robertson; Dan, Kim, Danielle, Louis, & Gus Rohr

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

Father of mercy,
Your love embraces everyone and through the resurrection of your Son, you call us all into your wonderful light.
Dispel our darkness and make us a people with one heart and one voice, forever singing your praise,
in Jesus, the Christ, our Lord.
Amen.

Take Me Out to a Saints Game!

Thursday, July 30, 7:05 p.m.

St. Paul Saints vs. Sioux Falls Canaries

Buses leave the Bethel parking lot at 4:30 p.m.

A picnic supper will be served in Picnic Area A at Midway Stadium at 6 p.m. Choice of hot dogs, hamburgers or chicken sandwiches, plus beans, cole slaw, chips, and a beverage.

We have reserved seats for the game.

Cost: \$27 per person, including bus, dinner, and reserved seat. If someone drives to the game, the cost is \$23/person.

Pastor Charlie will try to visit with us before the game.

Tickets are available in the east entryway on Sunday mornings or call the church office at 786-6674.

Community News

For the third consecutive summer, Northfield Noontime Organ Recitals will be held beginning Wednesdays July 8 (Boe Chapel) and continuing on other days through August 15 (ArtSwirl). You are invited to attend these 30-minute recitals, 12:15 to 12:45, at various churches and concert halls: July 8, Boe Chapel; July 15, Carleton

July 22, Skinner Chapel at Carleton; July 29, St. John's Lutheran; August 5, United Methodist Church; August 12, First Congregational UCC; August 13, United Methodist Church; August 14, Skinner Chapel at Carleton; August 15 at Trinity Lutheran. Free-will offering will be taken at some recitals. For more information, contact Richard Collman, 645-1357.

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.

Bethel News

What's Brew'in At Bethel on Wednesday evenings in July? Come and join us from 7 - 8 pm in the CLC for some cool conversations over root beer floats. Adults, teens, children -- ALL are welcome. Nursery will be available.

July 8, Art From Beginning to End: From Crucifix to the Risen Christ - Mac Gimse will guide us in this thoughtful reflection of art and faith, from the vantage point of his experience and perspective as an accomplished sculptor.

July 15 - Adventures in Alaska - Pastor Curt and Ruth Johnson will share stories, music, pictures, and artifacts of their Alaskan Adventure into the establishment of a Lutheran Church among the native peoples of Nome, Alaska.

July 22 - Meet Pastor Charlie - Our new associate pastor, Charlie Ruud, is taking an evening off from playing baseball to be with us and share his seminarian experiences.

July 28 - Singing with Liz! - Come join the crowd as we lift our voices in praise under Liz Shepley's direction. We'll learn a bit about the "how" of singing, and then put that knowledge into action as we fill the CLC with our beautiful songs.

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!