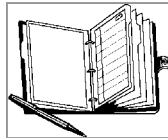


Mark Your Calendars



November 5 ~ WELCA
Doing Meeting

November 7 ~ Fall Women's
Retreat

November 13-15 ~ Feed My
Starving Children

November 15 and 22 ~
Covenant Brunches

November 22
~ Advent Fair

November 25 ~
Thanksgiving Eve Worship

December 7 ~ WELCA
Potluck Luncheon

September 23-26, 2010 ~
Bethel Backpacking

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. Questions or comments? Contact Lisa
McDermott at bethelbanner@charterinternet.com.

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BETHEL BANNER WEEKLY

November 1, 2009

This Week at Bethel

A new forum series begins today: *Your Calling, Your Life* will be held for the next three Sundays, at 9:45 a.m. in the sanctuary. How are we to love and serve the Lord in our daily lives, when our Christian faith may not seem to fit within our work settings or popular culture? We'll explore a wide range of issues and questions surrounding the idea of vocation or "calling," including the rich theological insights of the Lutheran tradition, society's changing attitudes toward work and community, and each person's giftedness for "ministry in daily life." Bethel Members, Peder Jothen and Bruce Santerre will facilitate these sessions.

Are you a Thrivent member? Vote for Board members today in the workroom by the receptionist's desk. For each ballot received, \$1 will be donated to the Food Shelf.

The first *Senior Stepping Stone retreat* takes place today at noon.

Sign up today for the *women's fall retreat, Yes And...*, to be held on Saturday, November 7. See details on page 5.

The *Youth Service Sale* and the annual *Scrip Sale* begin today. Please support Bethel youth summer trips and have fun shopping!

The *monthly Senior coffee* fellowship will be held tomorrow morning in the CLC — please join us!

The *WELCA Annual Doing Meeting*, will be held on November 5 and will include assembly of layettes and kits for LWR plus Christmas sharing projects. All are welcome! There will be a box in the narthex to donate layette items, boxes, and Christmas wrapping paper.

On-Going Prayer List



God's comfort at a time of loss: Dana Graham, Marin Amundson-Graham & family; Elaine Deim; Bette Bass; Sandy & John Haines; Abbie & Steve Meierbachtol

Healing requests: Logan Olivero, Milt Hanson, Helen Hanson, Maxine Amundson, Pastor Tim McDermott, Joyce Harter, Linda Cloud, Rhonda Reece, Dean Carlson, Larry VanRoekel, Barb Backe, Brett Knutson, Judy Dirks, Francis Wergin, Ina Carlson; Pastor Owen Gaasedelen, Tom Pritchard

Homebound: Margaret Berg, Pastor Bob Harter

Those Awaiting Baptism: Camryn Schuster, Thisbe Jothen, Theo Rustad

Newly Married: Collin & Krista Meierbachtol, Michael & Rebecca Quamme, Cullen and Breanna O'Neill

Those serving in the military and their families: Mathew Meillier (U.S.); Jeff Olson (U.S.); Kenneth R. Laite (U.S., father of Caitlyn Laite); Mark Graff (Japan); Katie (Graff) Podritz (Iraq); Keenan Bachmeyer (Iraq, grandson of the Ganskes)

Praying through the Bethel directory:

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 in heaven! When the thought of thee wakes in our hearts, let it not awaken like a frightened bird that flies about in dismay, but like a child waking from its sleep with a heavenly smile.

Soren Kierkegaard

Yes, And.... *A Fall Retreat for Women*

Jane Leyden Cavanaugh will show how applying the rule of "yes and" to our lives helps us create the life to which God is calling us. The retreat will be held on Saturday, November 7, from 9 a.m. to noon in the CLC. The suggested donation is \$20, and nursery care will be available. Complete the registration form at the information table. Scholarships are available. If you have any questions, please contact Pam Santerre.

You Are Invited!

Who: All Bethelites *Please come and fellowship with fellow Bethelites and learn more about our covenant with each other and with God for our time, talent, and treasure as we ponder this question: "Lord, when did we see you.....?"*

What: Covenant
Bunches

When: November 15 or
November 22 at
9:35 a.m. (come either Sunday)

Where: Christian Life Center

SCRIP NEWS

The Third Annual Fall Scrip Sale starts today!!

Please remember Scrip and our Bethel youth in mission as you think about your: holiday shopping needs, vacations, upcoming birthdays or anniversaries, and even just gas, groceries, and prescriptions. Scrip is available for over 100 retailers and can be used at the store or on-line, as well as the cards making great gifts themselves!

Then there is: Great Clips for that pre-season haircut, Advance Auto Parts to winterize your vehicles and a medley of stocking stuffer ideas to spread you holiday spending out over time: Barnes and Noble, Dominoes, ColdStone Creamery, iTunes, Subway, Panera Bread and more! See you at the table!!

Upcoming Via De Cristo Weekends

Via de Cristo is a retreat weekend where you have an opportunity to reflect on your faith life, join others in Christian fellowship through song, conversation, humor, and good food and perhaps experience God's grace in a way you've not experienced it before.

The next pair of weekends take place in Blue Earth, MN. The men's weekend is November 12-15, and the women's weekend is November 19-22.

If you are interested in attending or would like more information, please contact Roger & Vikki VanVeldhuizen, Mike & Sandy Ahrens, Pastor Tim, or Sandy Haines.



Good News from ISLA

Are you interested in joining the ISLA trip to Nicaragua in January? The deadline has been extended to December 1. For more information, go to the ISLA website at www.isla.cc.

Bethel News

Get your free CFL bulb on "Change a Light, Change the World" Sundays, November 15 and 22. You can save energy and cut down on greenhouse gas emissions significantly. Purchase CFL bulbs at ACE or Menards for \$1 each as part of the campaign. Sponsored by the Creation Care Team.

Please notice the information called *Countdown to Copenhagen* at the welcome stations and consider sending a post card to President Obama asking him to support climate justice ASAP.

Attention all members of Bethel (Grade 3 - adults): We are looking for sixty volunteers to help us pack meals for *Feed My Starving Children's* global outreach program. Bethel has two time slots on Saturday, November 14, 12-2 p.m. and 2:30-4:30 p.m. at the Northfield Armory. Please join us! If you can't spare the time to pack the meals, you can help us by sponsoring a volunteer for \$37 or donate \$0.17 for each meal packed. Look for more information in the narthex or contact Barb Farmer or Cindy Kreis.

Why is There a Water Pump in the Narthex?!

We're glad you asked! At our Thanksgiving Eve worship service (November 25, 6:30 p.m.), our offerings will go toward purchasing water pumps exactly like this one to help developing communities around the world access fresh drinking water.

If you've been attending the Mission & Justice forums on water, you know what a precious resource it is for individuals and communities. You can help make this resource available to more people with your Thanksgiving offering. Watch for a letter about this effort in your mailbox soon.