

From the Desk of the Pastor...

Dear Partners,

I'm writing this article on the day after our congregation, his family, and my own family, lost a dear member, Paul Nystuen. Paul's grandfather and great uncle were founding members of Bethel, and he was baptized and confirmed here. His children were baptized, confirmed, and some married here. A couple of grandchildren, too. In a few days, Bethel will hold his funeral.

To say that Paul would be chagrined to be mentioned in my article would be an understatement. Paul was a modest, unassuming man. Not one to be the center of attention. Quiet.

And not one to presume to take precedence over the good news of Jesus Christ. Paul was firm: his funeral was to be a celebration not of his own life, but of that of his savior

and lord. The funeral sermon should focus not on Paul's gifts, but on God's gifts of grace and mercy.

This week, we head into Lent, which some of you perhaps approach with dread. "All the songs are in a minor key," you might say, "and hard to sing." (Sorry, Rhonda!) "It's all about sin, sin, sin." "I don't really get why we have to focus on the walk to Calvary for *so long* every year." I understand.

May I offer another approach? During Lent, we do focus on the events of Christ's life which led to his death on the cross. We do talk about sin and about suffering. Our lives are filled with both, despite our best intentions and heartfelt prayers.

What Lent offers is a chance to focus ourselves on the compassion and companionship of our God, who came down from heaven to suffer among us,

to show that no sin is greater than the power of God's love and mercy. That no grief is borne alone. A chance to focus first on the Good News; to put ourselves second.

When we gather at Paul's funeral, we will indeed celebrate Paul's life. But more importantly to Paul, we will proclaim again the Gospel, the Good News, that Christ has died, Christ has risen and Christ will come again. That our sins are forgiven. That we live in the love of God for all eternity.

Paul lived in that light all of his many years and now is face to face with that glory. May that same light be reflected in your life during this Lenten season as well.

Your Partner in the Gospel,

Pastor Jim

Spotlight on... Phyllis Larson Teaching is My Anchor

When she was little, Phyllis Hyland just loved school--even when it meant getting on a train and riding 120 miles from Shizuoka to Tokyo and staying there, away from her parents, for six weeks at a time.

Today, Phyllis Larson still loves school, though now she's the teacher, and the logistics are more simple--driving or biking or walking the relatively short distance from the home she shares with Ken in Wang's Woods to the St. Olaf campus on Manitou Heights.

Phyllis's route from pupil to teacher was, in important ways, a natural one.

Her parents were both teachers, as is her husband, and there is that thing about liking the school experience from the start. But it was also very atypical when one considers the places,

the distances, and the circumstances involved.

Phyllis's mother, Judy Hyland, a Bethel member whom many in the congregation will remember, was on her way to be a missionary teacher in China in 1940 and was in The Philippines learning Chinese when the Japanese overran the islands in December of 1941. Judy was swept up in that advance and spent four years in various Japanese prison camps. She was liberated in February of 1945.*

In 1950, after serving Lutheran churches in South Dakota, (Her dad was a pastor.), Phyllis's parents were assigned to be teaching missionaries in Japan, and Phyllis and her three sisters spent 16 growing-up years there--much of it away from their parents.

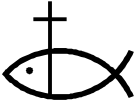
"In retrospect, I'm sure that separation was more difficult for my parents than for my sisters and me," Phyllis said. "We attended an American school, and the study was in English, so there was a familiarity there. And we were absorbed by learning a new language from new friends."

After spending her first two college years in Japan, Phyllis returned to the states, attended Lutheran Bible Institute in Golden Valley, and then graduated from St. Olaf, majoring in English. She obtained a master of arts in teaching degree at St. Thomas and began teaching junior high English in Farmington, where she met Ken.

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From the Mission and Justice Committee

Vision Statement: Since we believe that service is both an obligation and a privilege of the Christian life, we seek to provide opportunities for Bethel members to learn about the needs of others in our world and to put their knowledge into action, heeding Christ's call to "Love your neighbor as yourself."



Bethel will begin participating in the Minnesota *Adopt a Highway* program on Saturday, April

18. It is another way of "caring for the creation" and very close to Earth Day. Please save the morning of April 18, at 9 a.m., to help pick up trash on our 1.6 mile stretch of Highway 3 North (beginning at the intersection of Co. Rd. 86 and

Hwy. 3). Youth over age 12 and adults will spend about two hours that day cleaning up the section of highway. Special vests and gloves will be provided by the *Adopt a Highway* program. Look for the Bethel Lutheran Church sign as you drive between Northfield and Farmington. If you are interested in helping, please contact the church office.



Creation Care Tip ~ There are many ways to cut down on gasoline use and also cut down on CO² emissions when driving. Two more tips are: 1. Shut off the engine if you're idling for more than two minutes. 2. Maintain your car. Use a clean air filter and good plugs. Empty the trunk and backseat, because weight costs gas, and every pound counts.



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Lutheran Partners in Global Ministry's (LPGM) Minute for Mission

Shoes and Socks

On a recent trip to India, Lutheran Partners in Global Ministry (LPGM) representatives were present for the dedication of a new dormitory at the Good Shepherd School for the Deaf, a new home for 50 children attending the school there. LPGM sponsors children at this boarding home and also raised the funds needed for this special project. The neighborhood was so excited to see this beautiful new building for these children that a local businessman donated new school uniforms to all the children as well as shoes and socks. For most of the children this was the first time they had their own pair of shoes and socks! Please pray with us that the work of LPGM in India will continue to bless the lives of these children and others. A full story *with photos* will be in the Spring edition of the *Partners* newsletter.

(This is the second in a new series of brief updates from LPGM to keep you informed of their ministries around the world. They will be made available monthly to partner congregations that have supported their efforts.)

ISLA News

People of all backgrounds and experiences travel with ISLA. Families are welcome to join our teams. The minimum age to participate is 14 years old and a parent or guardian must accompany youth under the age of 18. We send teams of 10-35 volunteers plus a trained team leader 4-5 times per year for 12 days during the months of January, March, June and October. All of the teams serve in Jalapa, Nicaragua, located in

north central Nicaragua. Upcoming trip dates are March 25 - April 5, 2009; June 16 - 23, 2009; and October 12 - 23, 2009. If you have compassion, optimism, a willingness to learn and serve in a different culture, flexibility to work in a team setting, and are open to new experiences, you will find this a rewarding experience. Spanish is not required. Interested? Just download the application from our website, www.isla.cc!

ISLA's printer/copier/fax may be on its last legs. Anyone out there have any spare equipment they might want to donate? Remember, it is tax deductible and you know it would be going to a good cause. Call Jon at 612-819-8877.



Bethel News

Do you long to take communion but have a gluten intolerance? We have a solution. Gluten free communion wafers are available for those who prefer them. It does mean you will need to take communion wherever Pastor Tim is serving. He will have a basket of gluten free wafers available, as well as bread. Just indicate your preference and he will let you take a wafer from the basket.

Bethel Youth Flower Sales ~ Believe it or not, spring is truly around the corner, and it will soon be time for plants and flowers! The Bethel Youth Flower Sale has begun. Youth sales people will be located at a table in the narthex every Sunday beginning on March 1. Please stop by the table to place your order or contact one of our current 8th - 12th graders and place your order with them. All of the proceeds will go toward their summer trip. The last day to order will be Sunday, March 22. Delivery will be on Saturday, May 9. Any questions contact Darla Dahl at 581-6575 or dardahl@hotmail.com.

Caffeine or Decaf, Bethel Seniors have ZIP! All Bethel Senior Citizens (self-defined) are invited to a monthly coffee and fellowship hour on the first Monday of each month at 10 a.m. in the CLC. (That's March 2 this month.) Warm up in the sunshine of good fellowship!



Be sure to Spring Ahead on March 8 - Daylight Savings must mean spring is just around the corner!

Bethel Women Having Fun will be traveling to Wabasha on Tuesday, March 17, to visit the National Eagle Center, followed by lunch at the Anderson House. We will attend a one hour education program at

10 a.m. and have an opportunity afterwards to visit exhibits, the eagle viewing area, and the gift shop before driving to the Anderson House. Bring your camera and binoculars! The Eagle Center admission is \$6 per person paid at the door. We will meet at Bethel (east parking lot) for departure at 8:30 a.m. If you would like to participate, sign up at the information table in the narthex or contact Nancy Carlson at 650-4028 or sailfairwind@yahoo.com.

"Let's Talk!" This time during the Sunday school hour for youth, parents, and other Bethel adults to meet in the youth room for discussion group, is being held three times throughout the 2008-09 school year. A different topic is highlighted each session and discussion questions are provided. Our third and last "Let's Talk" discussion for this school year will be held during the Sunday school hour on Sunday, March 22. All high school and middle school youth will meet in the Barb Hanson Youth Center. If you want a Sunday of good conversation, join us for some discussion around topics that affect and interest our youth!



Holy Week Calendar

Looking Ahead to Holy Week

Pal m Sunday, April 5
Worship at 8:30 and 10:45 a.m.

Wednesday, April 8
Service of Corporate Confession at 6:30 p.m.

Hol y Thursday, April 9
Worship at 6:30 p.m.

Good Friday, April 10
Worship at 6:30 p.m.

Easter Vigil , April 11
Worship at 7:30 p.m. at Boe Chapel

Easter Sunday, April 12
Worship at 8, 9:15, and 10:45 a.m.
Continental Breakfast from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m.

Easter Dinner at 1 p.m.

More details about Holy Week events will be in the weekly and April **Banner**.

Easter Dinner is a casual potluck hosted by the McDermott family. Invite your neighbors, friends, and family. This year dinner will include an Easter Treasure Hunt for children!

Looking for a Church Home?

Two Membership Matters events will be offered in the coming months for friends and visitors who want to learn more about Bethel. Pastor Tim, members of the staff and the New Member Team will host a casual pizza lunch with conversation about our ministries. This is a great time to explore whether Bethel is the right church home for you. There is no cost to you, and nursery will be provided.

Please contact the church office if you wish to attend one of these events:

Sunday, March 22, 2009, from 12 - 1:30 pm, or
Sunday, May 3, 2009, from 12 - 1:30 pm



Bethel Youth News

March Food Drive ~ This year's March Food Drive is being organized and led by our Bethel wePOD youth. Their goal of 10,000 dollars/pounds is an especially significant one this year. But the need is significant as well. The theme they've chosen is "Imagine if. . ." and their imaginations are working overtime with visions of a successful campaign. If you can also imagine reaching those big goals and you'd like to help lead this drive, please contact Barb Farmer, Juley, Jenkinson, Brooke Larsen, or Matthew Olivero. Help Bethel "Imagine if. . ."

Confirmation classes will resume on Wednesday, March 4, after a break on Ash Wednesday. Classes will continue through Lent, ending with the final class of the year the week before spring break, Wednesday, March 25.

6th Grade Connections will meet for Soup Supper & Vespers at 5:45 p.m. on Wednesday, March 4. Any 6th grade youth who are a part of Ring Forth & Brio should plan to go to rehearsal and join us when they are able for dinner and/or vespers. Youth may plan to go home after the service at

about 7 p.m.

Hi Leaguers ~

The Mix ~ This month's *Mix* is scheduled for Wednesday, March 11, and will take place at St. Dominic's Catholic Church. Grades 9-12 youth are encouraged to join us for this fun time of food, friends, and worship.

Hi League will meet at 7 p.m. after Lent Vespers on the 25th of this month. Come join us for fun, relaxation, and faith talk in the Barb Hanson Youth Center.

The last of three 6th Grade Lord's Prayer retreats will take place in the Barb Hanson Youth Center on Sunday, March 15, from noon to 3 p.m. All 6th grade youth are invited; please RSVP by Wednesday, March 11. Parents, please contact Barb Farmer, if you are available to help with this retreat.

The March wePOD meeting will take place immediately following the second service on Sunday afternoon, March 15. Watch your emails or contact Juley Jenkinson, Brooke Larsen, or Matthew Olivero for details.

"Let's Talk!"

Each quarter our Bethel youth are inviting parents and other interested adults to join them for a "Let's Talk" session of conversation. A different topic is highlighted during each session and discussion questions are provided. Our last "Let's Talk" discussion for this school year will be held during the Sunday school hour on Sunday, March 22. All high school and middle school youth will meet in the Barb Hanson Youth Center. Join us on the 22nd for discussion with some of your favorite Bethel adults (feel free to invite some) led by our Bethel 8th and 9th grade youth!

A Youth Fundraising Team meeting is scheduled for 5:30 p.m. on Monday, March 23.

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Imagine If...

By Barb Farmer, Director of Youth Ministries

As I began to write this article, I looked up the definition of the word, *imagine* in Webster's online dictionary. These are two definitions I found:

- to use the imagination (a: creative ability b: ability to confront and deal with a problem)
- to believe (to have a firm conviction as to the goodness, efficacy, or ability of something)

I was curious about the definition of this word because it's used in this year's Minnesota FoodShare campaign and

will be the focus of Bethel's annual March Food Drive this month.

Our Bethel wePOD youth are taking on the task of organizing and leading this year's drive, and they've decided to go with the theme of "Imagine if. . ." Their goal of 10,000 dollars/pounds is an especially significant one this year. But the need is significant as well, and their imaginations are working overtime with visions of a successful campaign.

In today's economy, the goal may seem close to impossible, but look again at

the definitions listed for *imagine*. Our wePOD kids are using their imaginations or "creative abilities" to "confront and deal with" the problem of unprecedented need and diminishing resources in our local food shelf. And they have "a firm conviction as to the goodness" of their cause and the "ability" of Bethel to meet this challenge.

Often, to make these definitions of *imagine* apply to a given circumstance,

Imagine If..., *continued on Page 14.*

Church and Home Ministry Partners in Faith

By Pam Vig, Director of Children's Ministries

What are you giving up for Lent? It's a common question this time of year. Some of us grew up with this tradition while others did not.

I would like to rephrase the question to "What are you giving God for Lent?"

It is during Lent that we remember the life and death of Jesus. We are reminded weekly, if not daily, that God gave up his Son for us. It seems the least we could do is give something back.

Many of us live out our faith with this idea in mind. We give what we do to the people in our lives and to the world around us as a gift to God.

This year I would encourage you to individually or as a family give God some of your very valuable time. Two ideas come to mind:

1. Give God your time daily by practicing a time of daily devotion. There are several free resources for this available for people of all ages on the table in the east narthex.

2. Give God your time by attending Lenten vespers each Wednesday night at 6:30. Many of us are already here for supper. Why not stay just a little longer? For those of us who are parents, instilling the habit of making time for God is one of the best faith practices we can pass on to our children.

Let this season of Lent truly be filled by time set aside for God.

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. John 3:16

Children's Ministry Update



Sponsored Soup Supper - On

Wednesday, March 25,

families who participate in our children's ministries are scheduled to provide the work force for our Lenten soup supper. We need

three shifts of five volunteers as follows:

Prep and Cooking - 4:30-5:30 p.m.

Set Up and Serving - 5-6:30 p.m.

Clean Up - 6:30-Finish

Please contact Pam Vig to volunteer.

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Nursery Wish List

Could you help the nursery by donating any of the following items? Many thanks!

- ◆ Coloring Books
- ◆ Crayons
- ◆ Hard-covered books
- ◆ Wooden puzzles and holders
- ◆ Board Games
- ◆ Toys (in good condition)
- ◆ Blank canvas bags (for Busy Bags)
- ◆ Mini Etch-a-Sketches
- ◆ Mini Magna Doodles
- ◆ Quiet Toys for Busy Bags

Nursery News

Parents Night Out! Wouldn't it be nice to go to a movie other than the latest Pixar or Disney offering? Or a dinner with friends that didn't involve cutting up someone else's food? Take advantage of a new offering from our nursery: **Parents Night Out**. On March 21 (Note the date change.), from 4-8 p.m., you can drop off your children (ages 0 to 12) at Bethel. Nursery staff will provide activities and dinner. The cost is \$4/child with a maximum of \$12/family. Children must be pre-registered. Reserve your space by Friday, March 20.

Nursery care is provided every Wednesday night beginning at 6:25 p.m.



Babysitting List! Did you know that Bethel has a list of teens available to babysit little Bethel-lights? The list includes contact information for the teens, as well as whether or not they have completed a babysitting training course. Teens, would you like to be on the list? Parents, would you like a copy of the list? Contact Stacy.

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Bethel Lutheran Church - Northfield MN 55057
 Treasurer's Report for January, 2009 through January, 2009 (Equity Fund)

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Account Number	Account Name	Current Month	Year to Date	2008 Year to Date	Monthly Budget	Budget Year to Date	% of Budget YTD	Annual Budget	Annual Budget Remaining
Income									
	Total Other Income	\$8.55	\$8.55	\$87.93	\$83.34	\$83.34	10	\$1,000.00	\$991.45
	Total Offerings	\$52,013.91	\$52,013.91	\$45,544.81	\$68,265.33	\$68,265.33	76	\$819,184.00	\$767,170.09
	Grand Total Income	\$52,022.46	\$52,022.46	\$45,632.74	\$68,348.67	\$68,348.67	76	\$820,184.00	\$768,161.54
Expense									
	Total Benevolence	\$2,789.00	\$2,789.00	\$2,789.00	\$4,000.43	\$4,000.43	69	\$48,725.00	\$45,926.00
	Total Personnel	\$34,792.45	\$34,792.45	\$30,460.13	\$39,473.24	\$39,473.24	66	\$473,679.00	\$436,686.55
	Total Worship	\$277.66	\$277.66	\$391.50	\$583.32	\$583.32	47	\$7,000.00	\$6,727.34
	Total Membership	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$108.33	\$108.33	0	\$1,300.00	\$1,300.00
	Total Stewardship	\$461.32	\$461.32	\$669.67	\$266.67	\$266.67	173	\$3,200.00	\$2,738.68
	Total Youth Formation	\$507.57	\$507.57	\$727.73	\$2,825.01	\$2,825.01	18	\$33,900.00	\$33,392.43
	Total Trustee	\$14,613.42	\$14,613.42	\$8,867.95	\$18,044.17	\$18,044.17	81	\$216,530.00	\$201,916.58
	Total Administration	\$1,650.54	\$1,650.54	\$1,871.85	\$2,612.50	\$2,612.50	63	\$31,350.00	\$29,699.46
	Total Adult Formation	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$475.41	\$375.00	\$375.00	0	\$4,500.00	\$4,500.00
	Total Congregational Life	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	\$0.00
	Grand Total Expense	\$55,096.96	\$55,096.96	\$46,123.21	\$68,348.67	\$68,348.67	81	\$820,184.00	\$766,087.04
	Difference	(\$3,074.50)	(\$3,074.50)	(\$499.57)	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00

Highlights of the January Church Council Meeting

The Trustee reported that the heater in the office wing entrance froze up again and we will be replacing it with an electric unit.

The Personnel Committee continues to work on the employee handbook.

The Steward reported that the Christmas offering was over \$4,500. They have also received 171 Covenant Cards to date.

The Call Committee is ready to ask Church Council to schedule a special meeting of the congregation to extend a call to a candidate that they recommend for the role of Associate Pastor. [Sec's note This meeting was scheduled and then cancelled as the candidate chose not to pursue the call.]

The Nominating Committee is busy filling the slate of candidates to replace the four out-going Church Council members. They have good candidates for three of the positions and are still seeking someone for the role of President.

Next month, the new Church Council will need to set a date for installation, work on the establishment of a new Facility Use Policy, and reschedule the April Council meeting as it is currently during Holy Week.

Synod Monthly Bible Verse

We are a synod joined in Bible study. This Bible verse was selected by Harold Usgaard, bishop of the Southeastern Minnesota Synod, for everyone in the synod to consider.

"I therefore...beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called." *Ephesians 4:1*



Befrienders

By Karen Mader



"Befriended". My attention was drawn instantly to this recent *Northfield News* headline. The article was about the wide age-range of people who connect electronically through Facebook.

At first I was offended by the use of "befriended" in this context. Because of my stubborn resistance to move wholeheartedly into the electronic-age, I read this article with interest and skepticism.

Then, I realized that befriending is about making connections and sharing life's journey with others----similar to Facebook's motives.

Not all avenues of congregational befriending involve face to face presence as in the home communion and visitation ministries. Bethel's faith-filled servants also befriend through phone calls, meals, cards, e-mails, prayers, and many other ways. The key factor in all these methods of connecting is the assurance that God is

present.

As my children head off to college over the next few years, I suspect my electronic skills will improve in an effort to stay connected and to show loving support over distance. Awareness of God's loving presence is most clear in the gift of relationships held dearly.

May God be present as you connect to one another. Blessings from Bethel's Befrienders.



Feeling lonely? Had a loss? Feeling overwhelmed? In a crisis? Just need to talk about a concern? Call Ellen Nelson (645-2645), Mari Noding (645-2908), Knight Stanley (645-2512), or the Bethel office (786-6674) for a strictly confidential appointment with a Befriender.

Befriender Calendar at a Glance

March 3, 2009, 7-8:30 p.m., St. Dominic's O'Gara Social Hall

April 7, 2009, 7-8:30 p.m., Bethel's Fireside Room

May 5, 2009, 7-8:30 p.m., St. Dominic's O'Gara Social Hall

June 2, 2009, Bethel for Befriender potluck

July 2009 - No meeting

Living Faith ~ Grace Surprises

By Pam Santerre, Pastoral Minister



My husband Bruce and I were in a small group at our previous congregation. Each month for twelve years, four couples got together at one of our homes for our **S**th gathering. The name stood for the five 'S's that made up our meetings—opening **S**ilent prayer, a selected **S**cripture reading, **S**tudy of the passage, **S**haring the ups and downs of our daily lives, and of course **S**nacks, usually in the form of a delicious dessert! Our small group became very close over the years as we celebrated our joys, grieved our losses, and grew in faith by leaps and bounds.

Today, I would name the group **S**th, because **S**urprise is also a part of the small group experience. God's grace surprises us by breaking into the life of a small group in startling and often unexpected ways—sharing prayer

requests, then marveling at God's answers; wrestling with scripture until that "aha" moment when we discover new insights and application for our lives. And sometimes, it's just the sheer relief of being loved and accepted for who we are.

Amy Narveson and her small group planning team, Melissa Beithon, Nancy Carlson, Kristen Kivell, and Krista Sorenson have brought a renewed emphasis to building Bethel's small group ministry. During this Lenten season, eight new small groups are meeting for weekly study and fellowship. And there will be more opportunities for you to join a small group this spring.


When we hosted small group at our home, we would conclude the evening

by standing and holding hands in a circle while we prayed the Lord's Prayer. As if on queue, MacGregor, our miniature schnauzer would run into the living room and position himself in the middle of our prayer circle, quietly alert and expectant. Perhaps the best grace surprise for a small group is the reminder from Matthew 18:20, that "For where two or three have gathered together in My name, I am there in their midst." Somehow I believe that even MacGregor knew that the gift of God's gracious presence was with us in our small group.

Share your grace surprises by emailing me at pastoralminister@charterinternet.com by March 20.

Calendar – March 2009



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>1 See schedule below 9:45 a.m. 2nd & 3rd Grade Prayer Class 12 p.m. 4th Grade Holy Worship Retreat 1 p.m. Carleton Women's Basketball Banquet 7 p.m. Northfield Youth Choir rehearsal</p>	<p>2 10 a.m. Senior Coffee Time 6:30 p.m. Scout Bear Den meeting 6:30 p.m. Visual Arts Committee meeting</p>	<p>3 2:30 p.m. Bethel Staff meeting 3:30 p.m. Jr. Girl Scout meeting 6:30 p.m. Bethel Worship on cable channel 12 7 p.m. Befriender meeting 7 p.m. Bethel Bible Series</p>	<p>4 See schedule below 4:15 p.m. Stewardship Committee meeting 7 p.m. 6th Grade Connections</p>	<p>5 Via de Cristo Retreat 8 a.m. Women of Bethel 8:30 a.m. Men of Bethel 7 p.m. Boy Scout Troop 344 7 p.m. Wolf Den Pack 1 meeting</p>	<p>6 Via de Cristo Retreat</p>	<p>7 Via de Cristo Retreat 7:30 p.m. Bethel Worship on cable channel 12</p>
<p>8 Daylight Savings Time! See schedule below Via de Cristo Retreat 9:45 a.m. 2nd & 3rd Grade Prayer Class 5 p.m. Girl Scout Troop 22642 meeting 7 p.m. Northfield Youth Choir rehearsal</p>	<p>9 7 p.m. Cub Scout Pack 344 Committee meeting 7 p.m. WEBLOS meeting</p>	<p>10 2:30 p.m. Bethel Staff meeting 6:30 p.m. Bethel Worship on cable channel 12 7 p.m. Bethel Bible Series 7 p.m. Finance Committee meeting 7 p.m. Lydia Circle</p>	<p>11 See schedule below 7 p.m. Hi League</p>	<p>12 Via de Cristo Retreat 8 a.m. Women of Bethel 8:30 a.m. Men of Bethel 7 p.m. Boy Scout Troop 344 7 p.m. Church Council meeting</p>	<p>13 Via de Cristo Retreat</p>	<p>14 Via de Cristo Retreat 2:30 p.m. Graff/Podritz Wedding 7:30 p.m. Bethel Worship on cable channel 12</p>
<p>15 See schedule below 12 p.m. Lord's Prayer Retreat 7 p.m. Northfield Youth Choir rehearsal</p>	<p>16 9:30 a.m. Martha Circle 6:30 p.m. Scout Bear Den meeting</p>	<p>17 Bethel Women Having Fun 2:30 p.m. Bethel Staff meeting 3:30 p.m. Jr. Girl Scout meeting 6:30 p.m. Bethel Worship on cable channel 12 7 p.m. Bethel Bible Series</p>	<p>18 See schedule below</p>	<p>19 8 a.m. Women of Bethel 8:30 a.m. Men of Bethel 7 p.m. Boy Scout Troop 344</p>	<p>20 </p>	<p>21 4 p.m. Parents Night Out 7:30 p.m. Bethel Worship on cable channel 12</p>

22	See schedule below 12 pm. Membership Matters 3 p.m. Via de Cristo Ulteya 5 p.m. Girl Scout Troop 22642 meeting 7 p.m. Northfield Youth Choir rehearsal	23	6:30 p.m. Library Committee meeting 7:30 p.m. Lois Circle	24	9 a.m. Bethel Quilters meeting 2:30 p.m. Bethel Staff meeting 6:30 p.m. Bethel Worship on cable channel 12 7 p.m. Bethel Bible Series	25	See schedule below 7 p.m. Book Discussion 7 p.m. Hi League	26	Wolf Den 2 meeting 8 a.m. Women of Bethel 8:30 a.m. Men of Bethel 7 p.m. Boy Scout Troop 344	27	7 p.m. 30 Hour Famine	28	7:30 p.m. Bethel Worship on cable channel 12
29	See schedule below	30		31	2:30 p.m. Bethel Staff meeting 6:30 p.m. Bethel Worship on cable channel 12 7 p.m. Bethel Bible Series								

General Wednesday Schedule

(exceptions and additions noted above)

- 3:30 p.m. BAM , including Alleluia and Carol Choirs
- 5 p.m. Grace Notes (chimers)
- 5 p.m. Orff Ensemble
- 5:30 p.m. Lenten Soup Supper
- 5:30 p.m. Ring Forth (Teen Bell Ensemble - Grades 6-12)
- 6:15 p.m. Brio
- 6:30 p.m. Lenten Vespers Worship Service
- 7 p.m. Adult Bell Choir
- 7 p.m. Confirmation
- 7:15 p.m. Adult Choir

General Sunday Schedule

(exceptions and additions noted above)

- 8:30 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion
- 9:45 a.m. Fellowship and Education Hour
- Bible Basics
- Barnabas Bible Study
- Daily Disciples
- Mathetes Bible Study
- Sunday School for Children and Youth
- 10:45 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion

Mark Your Calendars

- April 12* ~ Easter Sunday
- June 5-6* ~ Bethel Garage Sale
- July 22-26, 2009* ~ 2009 ELCA Youth Gathering, New Orleans
- September 24-27, 2009* ~ Bethel Backpacking

Look for more information about events at Bethel on our website at:
www.bethelnorthfield.org

News From Abroad

[Ed: Several of our Bethel young adults are studying abroad this year and we are happy to publish news from them!]

Dear Bethel Family,

Guten Tag!! Somehow time has flown by, and by the time you read this I'll have been in Germany for almost two months! I am enjoying getting to know the kids and have had the opportunity to help plan some events including homemade pizza/cookie baking nights and a game day.

I am involved in activities at the international church in Oberursel as well. I help with 0-3 year olds every week at Mums and Tots, high school fundraisers, the middle school Bible study, and am attending a Bible study on joy. All of those activities, on top of working for Youth Compass and babysitting, are keeping me busy!

I have also been enjoying my last week with this family and will be sad to leave. They have been wonderful and have included me as a daughter/sister. I am very thankful for the opportunity to get to know them. Within the next two weeks I will be moving twice, eventually ending up at my second home (out of four), an American family of four (with three older kids in college).

Recently I have had more time to explore this area, including the Königstein Burg (castle) and old town. Then yesterday (the 17th) I traveled to Köln and explored on my own. I took a walking tour of the old part of the city and thoroughly enjoyed my time, even though it was raining most of the day. The most well known place I saw (along with the River Rhine) was the Choir of Cologne Cathedral (Hohe Domkirche St. Peter und Maria), which houses a gold shrine containing the remains of the Magi. It took over 600 years to construct the cathedral and is

absolutely amazing to see.

Thank you for all of the letters, emails, thoughts, and prayers. Please continue to pray for me as I work to show God's love to these kids and youth.

Rachel

[Rachel Miessler is serving in Germany this spring. Feel free to write to her at remiessler@charter.net.]

Dear My Bethel Family,

I hope you've all had a good month!! Here are the highlights of how I spent February.

Two weeks ago I moved back to my first host family's home. I couldn't believe how much stuff I've accumulated!! It took a little while, but I'm once again settled here.

Last week I participated in a four-hour song festival that was hosted by my school. I thoroughly enjoyed singing songs about Lithuania with the school choir!! That evening I rode back to Vilnius with a group that performed (It

was much better than taking a bus!), and I spent the weekend with another exchange student. We walked around Old Town, attended "Disney on Ice", celebrated Lithuania's first independence day (2/16/1918), and just had fun!

I've also been spending time with youth from a church that I started attending three weeks ago. It's nice to be with other Christians again!!

March is going to be busy because I have two trips out of the country planned, and I have a Rotary event to speak at.

Thank you all for being such wonderful people! I miss my Bethel family everyday, and I'm looking forward to seeing you all again in a few months!!

Love and Hugs,

Naomi Miessler

[Naomi is spending the year on a Rotary exchange in Lithuania]

Scrip News



Thanks to many of you for your weekly support of Scrip. By now, you should have received your 'Scrip family total' from Barb on your family/trip fund-raising summary sheets. We currently have 8 families with over \$500 in their family accounts and 13 families with over \$200 in their family accounts. Your family account will continue to earn credit through May 31 for this year's trips; if your youth is not planning on participating in this year's trip, your balance will continue to build until it is used. It is consistent use which will build your account best! Need more ideas on how to use Scrip?? Please stop at the table on Sunday mornings or call anyone on the Scrip team--Lori, Gloria, Jan, or Barb-- and we will be happy to offer suggestions!

And to those without youth going on a trip, many thanks as well for your support of this on-going program to assist with chaperone and scholarship fees. Just another reason why Bethel is the best!!

New Class for Adults



The Amazing History of the New Testament

The Amazing History of the Text of the New Testament will be offered on Sundays April 19 through May 17, at 9:40 a.m. in the Christian Life Center.

Almost 2000 years ago some of the first Christians like Mark and Luke and Paul put pen to paper, or rather reed to papyrus, and composed the gospels and histories and letters that would eventually evolve into the beautiful leather-bound, type-set collection that now sits on the pulpit in Bethel's sanctuary. How did we get from there to here? How were the first manuscripts written, copied, and then brought together into larger collections? How well do our modern versions preserve their ancient counterparts? What does it mean when the margins of our Bibles report that "some ancient manuscripts read so-and-so"? We will begin by looking at some of the remains of the earliest manuscripts of the New Testament and then trace the development of technology from the hand-written papyrus roll and parchment codex to the printed book and electronic compact disk.

This class will be led by Steve Reece, member of Bethel and Professor of Classical Languages at St. Olaf College. All adults are welcome to attend.

Adult Education Calendar

Mondays

- ◆ 7-8:30 p.m. - A Mother's Circle,

Tuesdays

- ◆ 7-8 p.m. - Bethel Bible Series

Thursdays

- ◆ 8-9 a.m. - Bethel Women's Study, Bittersweet (downtown)
- ◆ 8:30-9:30 a.m. - Men of Bethel

Sundays

9:40-10:30 a.m.

- ◆ Barnabas Bible Study
- ◆ Bible Basics
- ◆ Daily Disciples
- ◆ Mathetes

Any and all of these adult education groups may be joined at any time. Watch the Weekly Banner for information about additions and changes.



Monthly and Semi-Monthly Groups

- ◆ Membership Matters, a course for prospective members, offered on May 3
- ◆ Faith Forums
- ◆ Mission & Justice Forums
- ◆ Adult Retreats
- ◆ Monthly WELCA circles open to all women. If you are interested in joining a circle, please contact the church office.

Young Adult Opportunity

Applications are now being accepted for the **2009-2010 Young Adults in Global Mission program**, a one-year international cross-cultural experience of service learning and leadership open to ELCA members ages 19-29 who are active in their church or campus ministry.

Young adults raise a minimum of \$4,000 towards their support. Participants are placed according to interest, skills, gifts, or growth areas in Argentina and Uruguay,

Jerusalem/West Bank, Malaysia, Mexico, Slovakia/Hungary, South Africa, and the United Kingdom.

The deadline for applications is March 1, 2009.

Applications and details about countries and assignments can be found at www.elca.org/globalserve/youngadults. For more information contact the ELCA Global Mission unit at 1-800-638-3522 ext. 2520, or by email at globalserve@elca.org.



YouthQuake, continued from page 6.

school youth will receive information at the beginning of March about this exciting opportunity on Friday, March 27-28, for a night of fun and learning about world hunger. You may sign up in Barb Farmer's office or call or email her to participate in this meaningful event. There will also be a table in the narthex in March with student packets, last minute details, and information about any questions you may have. Parents, we will need chaperones for this event; please call or email Barb if you are able to help.

We're in our new building and once again, we'll be sponsoring the Bethel Youth Easter Continental Breakfast! We will be serving a continental breakfast for the congregation from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. on Easter morning, April 12. Please plan to help with this service to our congregation. You may sign up for a shift in Barb's office or by calling or emailing Barb.

Summer trippers ~

Please remember - March 15 is your next payment date. Financial recaps were sent in the mail to all youth who are participating in a summer trip. The recaps give information about earnings from fundraisers, future fundraisers, and a current balance. If you have not received a Summer Trip Recap or have questions, please contact Barb Farmer.

Summer Trip Meetings will take place as follows:

8th Grade Mission Trip – Monday, March 16, 7 p.m.

Christikon – Monday, March 16, 8 p.m.

High School Glacier Trip – Tuesday, March 17, 7 p.m.

Fundraiser information ~

Information packets have gone out about our next fundraiser – our annual **Plant Sale!** A sign-up sheet for the sales table and help with the plant delivery on Friday and Saturday, May 8th and 9th, is in Barb Farmer's office. You may stop by her office, call, or email Barb to sign up for these work shifts.

Two new fundraisers will be offered this spring ~ please watch for details that will be sent by mail.

- **A Belgian Waffle Breakfast** will be held in the Bethel Christian Life Center on Sunday, April 26. Two-hour work shifts will be available for all Bethel youth and one parent from each family. A sign-up sheet will be in Barb Farmer's office or you may call or email her to sign up for a shift starting in mid-March.
- The Bethel Youth will be selling the **inspirational cards and wall hangings** of Bethel member, Tim Larsen, in May. Beautiful photographed images combined with Bible verses make these cards and artwork a special gift for many occasions. Youth will have the chance to work at the sales table to add to their summer trip earnings. A sign-up will be in Barb's office starting in April.

Imagine If..., continued from page 6.

we must put action into our imagining. Bethel has shown in the past that we share the wePOD group's enthusiasm for this task. And we have a history of acting to meet and exceed hard-to-imagine goals, especially during the March Food Drive. I'm confident that this year will be no exception. All we need to do is give action to "**Imagine if...**" with our donations. Won't you join us?

"Living Earth" Lenten Devotional Resources

Called to be in communion with God's creation, we must live in such a way that is sensitive to precious natural resources and in conscious relationship to the earth, creatures and each other. This 40-day ELCA Lenten reflection series will offer a holistic approach to how we live as earthly companions, combining God's caring relationship with creation to our journey in the physical universe. Each e-mail emphasizes individual and communal solutions, resources for further learning and suggestions for how to act or become more educated.

To receive these emails, go to www.elca.org and search for Living Earth to sign up. This is a limited subscription; the first e-mail will arrive on Ash Wednesday 2009, and the last e-mail will arrive Easter Sunday.



**YET NOT WHAT I WILL,
BUT WHAT YOU WILL.** MARK 14:36

Community News

The Rice County Humane Society Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser will be held on Sunday, March 8, 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m., at the Eagles Club, 304 S. Water Street, in Northfield. The cost is \$6 for adults and children 8 and under for \$3.

Rice County has a continued need for licensed foster care homes for children. This is a wonderful opportunity to help families and children right within your own communities. Have you ever thought of becoming a licensed foster care provider? Do you know of a family who might be able to open their home to children in need of special care? Please consider fostering children within your own home or refer this need on to someone you know. For more information and for the training session information that begins in March, please access our website www.co.rice.mn.us or contact Cheryl Marek at 507-332-6115.

Free Tax Help is available for elderly and low income taxpayers. Trained volunteers will prepare your basic individual income tax returns. E-filing is also available. Appointments are available Monday through Saturday from 9 a.m. to noon, as well as on Wednesdays from 12:30-2:30 p.m. at the Northfield Senior Center. Call 664-3700 for a list of forms to bring with you and to schedule an appointment

The Great Northfield, Minnesota Book Raid, the Northfield Hospital Auxiliary's annual book sale, will be Tuesday, April 28, to Saturday, May 2, at the Northfield Ice Arena, South Highway 3, Northfield. Book donations will be welcome at the arena beginning Monday, April 6. Hours of collection will be 4 to 6 p.m. Monday-Friday and from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturdays.

People who have books to donate but cannot hold them until April 6, may call Mary Schwake at 645-5446 or Dolores Kornkven, book fair co-chair along with Linda Barck, at 663-7160. The hospital auxiliary is dedicating funds raised this year to the development of the new Breast Care Center at Northfield Hospital.



Dean Nueburger, _____ *continued from page 2.*

willing to take photos of the Church Council and Bethel staff for our soon to be launched updated website. He set up a professional studio right here at Bethel and got them all done one Sunday morning. At Christmas time, he offered to take family photos and donate the proceeds of those photos to Bethel's building campaign.

Dean seems to know his talents and how to use them to do the work of Christ in His kingdom. He is a gentle man who is thoughtful and intentional about his service. Christ's kingdom is a better place because of him. Thanks for all you give, Dean.

If you know of someone who should receive Volunteer of the Month Recognition, please contact Sandy Haines in the church office.

Library Corner

Howdy, partners! It's time for y'all to help with the Great Bethel Library Materials Round-Up! Check your bookshelves and nightstand drawers. Go through your video and DVD collection. Do you see anything with the Bethel library stamp or stickers? Just lasso up those MIA books and media and return them to the library collection bin--no questions asked! (Seriously, folks. We've had books returned that have been checked out for YEARS, and we're glad to have each and every one of them back in Bethel's collection for others to enjoy!)



We are pleased to add music CDs to our growing types of media available. Here are some that are just in:

- All That is Within Me by Mercy Me
- History by Matthew West
- The Altar and the Door by Casting Crowns

As always, the Library Committee is welcoming anyone who wants to help select and catalog new materials, organize our current materials, be available on Sundays or Wednesdays to assist patrons, or help out in any way. Contact Darla Dahl for more information, or stop by the library on the second or fourth Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m.

March Worship Servants

	March 1	March 8	March 15	March 22	March 29
Assisting Minister (8:30 a.m.)	Wayne Kivell	Mike Ahrens	Lu Lindstrom	Noel Stratmoen	Carol Lysne
Assisting Minister (10:45 a.m.)	Libby Glimsdal	Jennifer Rowe	Marcia Noding	Knight Stanley	Marcia Noding
Reader (8:30 a.m.)	Claire Larson	Joyce Snede	Bethel Youth	Bill Hoekstra	Kathy Tezla
Reader (10:45 a.m.)	Paula Mathison	Kristi Huettl	Bethel Youth	Orpah Johnson	Roger VanVeldhuizen
Sacramental Ministers (8:30 a.m.)	Connie DeGrote, Mike & Sandy Ahrens, Wendell Arneson & Beth Christensen, Kitty Runzheimer	Rose Turnacliff, Roberta & Gene Ganske, Connie DeGrote, Sandy Ahrens	Bethel Youth	Abbie Meierbachtol, Bob & Thora Phelps, Carol Lysne, Don Kloster, Marcia Omdahl	Mike & Sandy Ahrens, Bob & Thora Phelps, Barb Holm, Nancy Carlson, Rose Turnacliff
Sacramental Ministers (10:45 a.m.)	Rosemarie Lewis, Jean Mueller, Dan Foley, Pam Vig, <i>Need 2 more</i>	Pam Vig, Barb Farmer, Kristi Huettl, Sandy Reiman, Barb Neitzel <i>Need 1 more</i>	Bethel Youth	Roger & Vikki VanVeldhuizen, Gary Jung, Kathy Rutledge, Cindy Kreis, <i>Need 1 more</i>	Barb Henwood, Gary Lewis, Pam Vig, Barb Farmer, Roger VanVeldhuizen <i>Need 1 more</i>
Acolytes (8:30 a.m.)	Grant Carlson, Cameron Gray	Lucas Halvorson, Hannah Mahr	Ruth Nelson, Christian Olsen	Olaf Sorenson, Quinn Beithon	Chloe Schwietz, Leif Berdahl
Acolytes (10:45 a.m.)	Erin Holman, Kendra Wendt	Bradford Aylin, Jack Beaumaster	Grant Sawyer, Mary Baumgartner	Annika Fisher, Danny Glampe	Andrew Kivell, Joe Kreis
Ushers (8:30 a.m.)	Roberta & Gene Ganske, Ellis Lysne, Bob Vanderhoof	Marilyn & Gordon Kelley, Mac Gimse, Juley Jenkinson	Bethel Youth	Char & David Jacobsen, Roger Glasgow, Jim Dimick	Steve Meierbachtol, Kyle Nordine, Jim Moberg, Dale Turnacliff
Ushers (10:45 a.m.)	Mike Glampe, Steve & Ian O'Neill, Barry Vig	Tony Huettl, Gary Hanson, Barb & Tadd Henwood	Bethel Youth	Barry Vig, Marv Farmer, Chad & Juley Jenkinson	Gerry & Carol Gengenbach, Steve Johnson, Jim Dimick
Greeters (8:30 a.m.)	Randy & Tammy Christel	Phil & Barb Holm	Keith & Gail Setterstrom	Tom Ett & Libby Glimsdal	Tom Ett & Libby Glimsdal
Greeters (10:45 a.m.)	Steve & Carol O'Neill	Linda Beckman, Kathy Rutledge	Jim & Kelli Vogel	Dale & Rose Turnacliff	Joyce Hoogenakker, Carrol Johnson
Nametags (8:30 a.m.)	Janet Pritchard, Mark Code	Jan Pritchard, Rebecca Benedict	Jerry & Kathy Hughitt	Mary Loven, Mark Code	Randy & Tammy Christel
Nametags (10:45 a.m.)	Jim & Kelli Vogel	Steve & Carol O'Neill	Todd & Kathy Fredrickson	Glen & Robyn Peterson	Jerry & Sandy Germundson
Coffee Servers	Kathy Hughitt, Judy Code, Rebecca Benedict & Gary Miessler, Dan & Christine Kallman	Via de Cristo men's retreat participants	Via de Cristo women's retreat participants	Mary Loven, Glenn & Robyn Peterson, Jerry & Sandy Germundson, Carrol & Winifred Johnson	Gail Setterstrom, Phil & Barb Holm, Joyce Hoogenakker, Dale & Rose Turnacliff

	March 1	March 8	March 15	March 22	March 29
Altar Care	Don & Diane Kloster	Randy & Tammy Christel	Lu Lindstrom	Joyce Stephenson	Mike & Sandy Ahrens
Communion Angels	Alice Dale, Arlene Neil	Roberta and Gene Ganske	Norris and Joyce Stephenson, Tammy Hayes	Elaine and Darwin Deim, Dick and Orpah Johnson	Juley Jenkinson
A/V Room (8:30 a.m.)	Jens Loven-Holt, Tucker Meillier	Brian Fink, Steven Carson	Neil Barck, Andrew Turnacliff	Ryan Turnacliff, Teddy Wergin	Jens Loven-Holt, Kyle Kuhn
A/V Room (10:45 a.m.)	Brian Fink, David Kreis	Ryan Turnacliff, Jordan Ett	Jens Loven-Holt, Seth Hanson	Neil Barck, Patrick Walker	Brian Fink, Mark Lewis
Service Group Chairperson and Christian Service: Winnie Johnson (664-9433)					

A Measure of Our Commitment			
<i>February Worship Attendance average per Sunday</i>			
<u>2006</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>
470	477	464	516
<i>Average Year-to-date Worship Attendance</i>			
<u>2006</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>
451	464	465	513

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Year-to-date Benevolences

	<u>As of 1/31/09</u>
SE MN Synod	1,875
Lutheran Social Services	924
ELCA World Hunger	201
Total CAC Food Shelf	438
TOTAL	<u>3,438</u>

We have so much to be thankful for...

I want to express my heartfelt thanks to you for all of the cards, notes, kind words, meals, loving gestures and prayers. The treatments have ended and I am on the mend! Your thoughtfulness has meant so much to me. May God bless you.

Nancy Carlson

I see by my records that you have provided support for Jaime Raul through 2011, the year he graduates and for Karen Yanklis through 2010, the year she graduates. Both students did very well in 2008. Thank you very

much for your generous support of Jaime and Karen. You can be proud of them. If they continue at this level they will quite likely qualify for ISLA college scholarships.

Bob Mullin, ISLA

Thank you for your generous contribution of \$437.75 to the Community Action Center of Northfield designated for Food Shelf purposes. Nobody wants to see anyone go hungry or even be without enough to satisfy -- especially when it comes to neighbors! Your gift will help

us continue to ensure that promise to our community and hope for the family in food insecurity. The CAC Board of Directors and I are grateful for your thoughtfulness and support. I'll see you soon.

Jim Blaha, CAC

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Bethel often receives more thank you notes than we have space available. Some of those published are edited due to space constraints. Thank you for all you give!



Spotlight, *continued from page 3.*

Subsequently, while Phyllis was taking a course in Japanese literature at the University of Minnesota, the instructor, recognizing her facility with the language, urged her to pursue a Ph.D. in Japanese.

Degree in hand, Phyllis started language programs at Apple Valley and Washburn and then taught at Macalester for five years before moving to St. Olaf in 1993.

While teaching is still her first love ("I need teaching to anchor me."), Phyllis also serves as associate dean for interdisciplinary and general studies, with administrative responsibilities for women's studies, media studies, Hispanic studies, and general education. The latter includes the first-year writing seminar which Phyllis also teaches.

"The administrative activity gives me an opportunity to experience the college more broadly," Phyllis said, "to interact with colleagues in other disciplines and other parts of the campus. That's a real plus on a campus like ours where personal relationships

are so important to both students and staff."

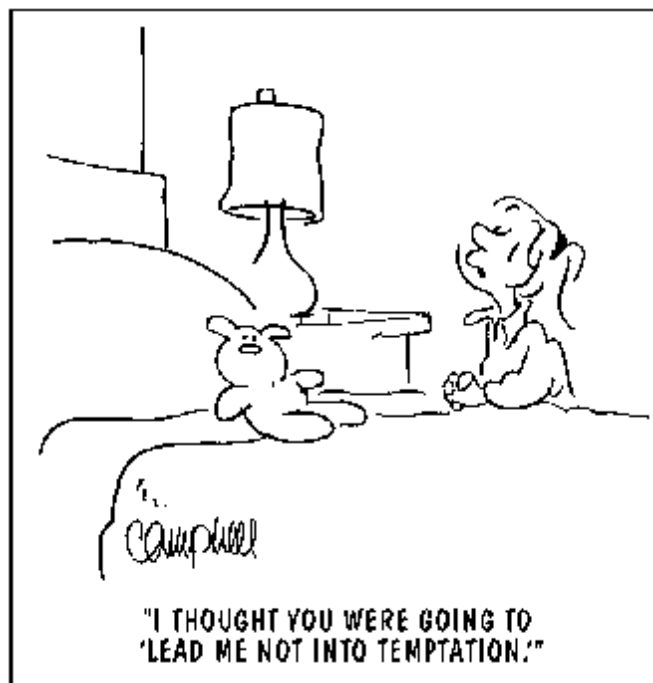
Phyllis and Ken were attracted to Bethel by "informality and friendliness" but also by the education and youth program.

"The education program was especially important to our daughter, Ann-Marie. She absolutely loved Barb Hanson," Phyllis said. "And, I became involved in teaching confirmation some years ago."

Though they are busy people--Ken is formally retired but still teaches--Phyllis and Ken do take time out for biking, reading, and theater.

* Judy Hyland's book, *In the Shadow of the Rising Sun*, about her prison camp experiences, was published by Augsburg Publishing House in 1998.

If you know of someone who would make a good subject for a Spotlight article, call Bob Phelps at 645-7530.



The Importance of Wearing a Nametag

We are a fellowship of believers and part of our calling is the giving of our name to one another. Please remember to wear a nametag on Sunday mornings. Name tags are a welcoming invitation for people to be friendly and sociable. It helps all of us to feel more comfortable when we can easily recall the name of another or meet someone new. You can pick up a nametag at the welcome station in the narthex.



Many thanks to our Incoming Council members for their faithful ness and wil l ingness to serve!

Jill Eastman, At-Large
Bl air Fowler, Trustee
Don Pavek, President
Dick Wright, Treasurer


Thanks So Much!

Order Your Easter Flowers

Please help beautify our church sanctuary for E aster. Orders are being taken from now until March 23, and plants will be delivered to Bethel on April 10. You are welcome to take your flowers home after E aster.

Flower	Cost	How Many	Total
Easter lilies	\$7.00 x	_____ =	_____
Hydrangeas	\$20.00 x	_____ =	_____
Mums	\$13.00 x	_____ =	_____
Begonias	\$12.00 x	_____ =	_____
Total		_____ =	_____



Names of all who donate flowers for the sanctuary will be listed in the E aster bulletins.

Person ordering: _____

In Honor of: _____

In Memory of: _____

Please make your check payable to Bethel Lutheran Church. You may place your order and check in the offering plate or mail it to:

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Encourage spiritual growth.*



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