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Consecration Sunday
 coming up: Oct. 2, 2011

Bethel has been holding a pledge Sunday for several years now. It is because we all have an important part in the financial support of our congregation that we continue to do this. One of the questions a young boy once asked me was: "Why do you give your money away?" It caused me to wonder: "Good question"! Why do we give our money away? I remember a song that we taught our children over the years; "We love, because God first loved us" Why do we give? We give because God first gave to us! God has given us ourselves, our time, and our possessions, all signs of His gracious love. But more gracious by far: God has given us His only Son our Lord! Jesus Christ. And Jesus gave his life for us! For us! So why do we give? We give because it is an act of worship; we give sacrificially, that is we forgo something else in order to give; we give of what we often hold dear; we give as an expression of our faith - that God will provide, even if we give "first fruits", or "off the top"; and we give because God first gave and continues still, to give to us. Thank you for giving and sharing yourselves and your finances with Bethel.

Pastor Mark Kindem

SUNDAY WORSHIP

9:00 AM

Contemporary Service

10:00 AM

Fellowship Hour

10:30 AM

Traditional Service

85th Annual Concordia Christmas Concert

85th annual Concordia Christmas Concert "Today, Heaven Sings" will be performed Friday, Dec. 2 at 8 p.m.

Please join us for a bus trip leaving Bethel at 3:00 p.m., eating supper at the dining service at Concordia College (on your own) and then the concert. We will leave for Bemidji after the concert.

Tickets for the motor coach and concert will be \$20.00 each. Please sign up in the office. Pastor Kindem will order the tickets on October 17th when they go on sale.



Reserve your seat A.S.A.P.

From the Council President

"Oh Lord, you have searched me and know me... How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them! I try to count them - they are more than the sand; I come to the end -- I am still with you.

Psalm 139:1, 17-18

As I was looking for a particular Psalm the other day, I was struck by how deeply personal the Scriptures are. I may have noticed this before but this time it caught my attention. The personal nature of the Bible is probably easiest to see in the Psalms with the many mentions of "I" or in the epistles that are attributed to a particular person but the interaction of individuals with God is everywhere. Maybe if we "acted out" the Scripture readings each Sunday we would have a better sense of their witness.

We say that the Scriptures are divinely inspired. This may conjure up the image of the "chimp at the typewriter" with God channeling the wording through an individual. Or maybe you see this process like God being a giant sieve or mesh that only allows pieces of the same basic shape, size, or content through. The image that comes to my mind is of God allowing people to be a "fly on the wall". As the fly we are able to see the intimate interaction and dialogue between God and another individual. We get to see what they learned or bore witness to because of that divine interaction. By seeing this we too receive divine inspiration. Thankfully, there are interactions with people in many situations- enough for each of us to find our place. Where does God catch your heart and inspire you? In the jubilation or anguish of a psalm; or the reasoned arguments of Paul? In Mark's action drama where we frantically attempt to follow Jesus as everything seems to happen suddenly? In the words of the prophets to the folly or unfaithfulness of the Israelites? In the vivid visionary imagery of Revelation? There are so many possibilities but I believe the intent is the same - God wants to reach out and grab each of us where we are and draw us into relationship with Him so that we ,too, may be divinely inspired and an inspiration and witness to others.

"Seek the Lord while He may be found, call upon Him while He is near." Isaiah 53:6 Open the book of faith and see what God wants to say to you!

The vote to disaffiliate from the ELCA failed to achieve the 2/3 majority needed to pass. The difficult work now begins as we work to create a shared vision and ministry. Continue to pray for our congregation; for those disappointed by the results and those relieved by the results. Let's celebrate that "we are one body in the One Lord" and reach out to others in need of what we have, the love of God in Jesus Christ.

In mutual ministry & shared service to Christ,
Laurie Buehler



CONSECRATION SUNDAY

is scheduled for this

Sunday, October 2, 2011

Spiritual Growth in the area of Stewardship!



We need another group to host one of the fellowship/coffee times on Sunday. Please contact the church office if you or your family/group are willing to serve in this way.



NOTICE !

The main entry door was rekeyed Thursday, September 15th. The old keys no longer work! If you need a key, please check with Patti to receive one. Thank You!



PERSON OF THE MONTH

LOREN HOYUM

Loren Hoyum was born in Bemidji and raised in Kelliher. He earned a teaching degree in Social Studies and Guidance & Counseling from Bemidji State University and had an enjoyable career in education teaching and coaching in High School and College. He and his wife Edith have retired here in Bemidji about 5 years ago. They have 3 children living along Highway #2 and 6 grand children ranging from 23 to 5 years old. Loren enjoys wood working, specially wood turning, fishing, camping, doing volunteer work for church, Ombudsman office and the food shelf. Loren has spent a lifetime in the ELCA Lutheran church and has held a variety of positions on various churches over that time. They currently make their home in Grant Valley township with their cat Quincy.

Bemidji Community FOOD SHELF

The food shelf continues to be very busy and we are seeing first timers every month. We are not seeing as many return people as we did the first few months but some are coming back for food every month. We continue to need your support with SALTINE CRACKERS, HOT AND COLD CEREAL, and whatever you would like to donate (food and/or money). We also continue to need plastic bags, magazines and children's books.

We have a new coordinator – Jack Judkins and he has already started to work. He will be learning to run the computer for interviewing clients so the interviewers will have someone to give them a break every now and then.

The executive officers—CJ Fisher sec. Edith Hoyum, treasurer, Bill Beyer, Pres. and myself (V.P) all attended a conference at the St. Cloud Event Center, “Building on Accomplishments, Learning Together”, presented by MN Food Share. The meeting and sessions were quite good and informative and will be a help in the future planning of things for our own food shelf.

There will be a VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION, celebration on October 19th at Bethel at 1:30 – 3:00, I urge all RSVP volunteers to attend and if you are not an RSVP volunteer and would like to be one, please see me for an application. It is worth your while to belong. If you volunteer at a place other than the food shelf, you are included in this invitation.

Again I want to express my and the food shelf's appreciation for your help. It is needed and appreciated, both donations and volunteers.



**FEED THE
HUNGRY**

Thanks again
Nancy Streightiff



OCTOBER Birthdays

- 01 Jamie Eidsmoe
- 02 Francis Rogers
- 03 Caleb Schotzko
Kris Berndt
- 04 Jill Clink
- 05 Brian Rinkenberger
Mary Lu Oustad
Laurie Wood
- 06 Carol L. Johnson
Adam Bardwell
- 07 Ron Vietor
Robert Pfremmer
Marilyn Workman
- 09 Herb Peterson
- 12 Deb Larson
Allan Randt
- 13 Joe Casper
- 14 Elmer Sand
- 15 Rick Berndt
Bruce Norrgard
Morgan Powell

- 17 Vickie Fink
Trudy Powell
Nickolas Seitz
- 18 Tim Johnson
- 22 Donna Neujahr
- 25 Lee Lundeen
- 26 Dallas Anderson
Kathleen Eidsmoe
- 29 Megan Oustad
Lorraine Pemberton
Brody Coons
- 30 Pam Papp



- 01 Earl & Margaret McNea
1966
- 09 Bruce & Ellen (*deceased*) Atwater
1948
- 16 James (*deceased*) & Dorothy Bakken
1945
- 20 Clarence & Ardella Lindseth
1951
- 31 Hank & Patricia Moen
1965

Discussion of the ELCA Genetics Social Statement and Churchwide Assembly Report

New Salem Lutheran Church, Turtle River

Lead by Headwaters Conference
Assembly Voting Members
Gary and Karen Coe

Karen is a registered nurse and has served as parish nurse at New Salem and will lead an educated discussion of the Genetics Social Statement.

Tuesday, October 25th at 7:00 p.m.
Cookies and fellowship @ 6:30 p.m.

Sunday School SCHEDULE

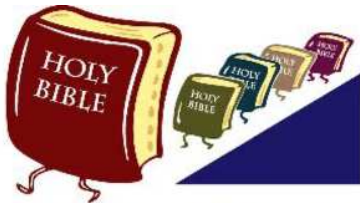
Wednesday, October 05 @ 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, October 12 @ 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, October 19 No Class (MEA)

Wednesday, October 26 - No Class

3rd Grade Bible Presentation Sunday, October 2, 2011



Congratulations to
Katelyn Jerdee & Anthony Westrum!
They will receive their bibles
this coming Sunday!

Confirmation Classes



7th - 9th Grade

- Oct. 05 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.
Theme Event
- Oct. 7-8 Faith Statement Retreat
@ Kohl's Resort
- Oct. 12 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.
Fellowship Event
- Oct. 19 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.
No Confirmation (MEA)
- Oct. 26 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.
Guide Meeting -
Students with their family
- Oct. 30 Affirmation of Baptism
@ 10:30 a.m. service



- October 05 @ 6:30 p.m.
Study: Jesus with Dirty Feet (Christianity: Smelly Fishermen)
- October 12 @ 6:30 p.m.
Study: Jesus with Dirty Feet (Jesus: God's Dirty Feet)
- October 19 @ 6:30 p.m.
NO YOUTH GROUP (MEA)
- October 26 @ 6:30 p.m.
Study: Jesus with Dirty Feet (Christians: Aliens)

To view our October Calendar go to Bethel Lutheran's home page on the web and in the tab bar double click on MONTHLY CALENDARS. Then double click on OCTOBER 2011 down in the left hand corner of the screen. This will open a PDF of the OCTOBER calendar for you to view.





Bethel Lutheran Church Bazaar
Saturday, October 29th
8a.m. to 2p.m.

Items featured:

Food (Lefse, Rømmegrøt)
 Baked Goods, Canned Items, Crafts,
 Plants, Memorabilia, Silent Auction.

Buy a chance to receive a
 handcrafted quilt.

Have a caramel roll and coffee for
 breakfast then stay for the lunch!

Live music will be performed for your
 enjoyment throughout the day.

A great chance to buy presents for
 Christmas, Birthdays, etc.



Fall in Love All Over Again!

Remember that feeling when you first fell in love? Attending a Lutheran Marriage Encounter Weekend gives you the time and tools to revitalize romance, deepen communication, and nourish the spirituality in your marriage. In a relaxed atmosphere, four presenting couples, including a Lutheran clergy couple, give a series of presentations followed by questions you discuss in the privacy of your hotel room. There is no counseling or required group sharing.

The Fall Lutheran Marriage Encounter Weekends in Minnesota are October 14-16 in Duluth and November 18-20 in Brooklyn Center. Please register several weeks in advance. For more information, contact Dick & Judy Dehnel at 952-432-3105, Pete & Phyllis McMahan at 763-561-1575 or visit www.godlovesmarriage.org.

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Church and Society

World Food Day is held each October and this year WFD is October 16. Africa is suffering from drought displacing millions of people, food prices have been rising world-wide, people struck by other natural disasters feel the pinch and they rebuild their lives, and unemployment forces many others to seek the services of food pantries and soup kitchens. Our EXTRA MILE offering on October 9 will go to World Hunger.

Bethel will deliver **MEALS ON WHEELS** October 10-14. Look for the sign-up sheet and help if you can.

The **Food Shelf** continues to serve more people in need. Look for the foods of the month in the food shelf column. Jack Judkins has been hired as the new director.

Flood relief is still needed in Minot, ND. If you are able to give time or monetary donations to this cause, go to the NW MN Synod website and look for the Flood of Love link. The Bethel Foundation made a donation to the fund this past granting period.

SOS, the faith-based emergency housing effort here in Bemidji will again be providing a warm place to sleep and meals to homeless people from November 1 through March 31. Bethel has the space needed to provide this service and we have participated since it's beginning. The schedule for each church runs from Sunday evening to Sunday evening. I will have a poster in the narthex to get an idea of what we are able to provide. Please consider being part of this ministry.