

## **April 2010 Highlights**

1. Sunday Services  
8:00 am (Traditional)  
10:15 am (Experiential)
2. Wednesday Evenings Service  
(Blended) 6:45 pm
3. 2<sup>nd</sup> Good Friday Gathering
4. 2<sup>nd</sup> Noon & 6:45 pm Worship  
Seder Supper
5. 4<sup>th</sup> Easter Sunday  
6:00 am Sunrise Service  
8:00 am Festival Service w/Choir  
9:15 Breakfast  
10:15 am Experiential Service
6. 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> Staff Retreat
7. 24<sup>th</sup> Women's Retreat

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## Pastor's Note

As you read this note, Holy Week. Sunday we Jerusalem with Jesus to "Hosanna!" and celebrate the Seder, His friends. Friday we darkness of the cross, will keep the vigil, as and pray.

find us standing at the tomb. The grave could We, too, try to confine our liturgies, and our saying we should past, but we cannot have been many Bethel in the 10 called here. I realize

for some of you. But it is energizing for others. I have received many comment cards, and phone calls that are so excited about the direction we are taking. Our experiential service is growing by leaps – 60 people at worship last Sunday! – and the Bible studies and prayer groups are multiplying as well. Our discipleship is growing, and on Easter Sunday, out of the tomb, we will begin our stewardship program for this year. Stewardship is about discipleship, just like worship and study and service are. Bethel is growing, and thriving, and deepening our relationship with Jesus. Watch for the packet that will arrive next week. Prayerfully consider your involvement – in worship, study, and the use of resources – and continue to grow into the disciples God is calling us to be! God is doing amazing things here at Bethel – like they say on TV: "Watch what happens!"



we are preparing for will ride into the sounds of Thursday we will just as He did with will be covered in the and on Saturday we we watch and wait Then...Sunday will opening of the empty not contain Jesus. Jesus in our creeds, traditions. I'm not forget to honor the stay there. There exciting changes at months since I was that it is distressing

## Women's Retreat

Join us Saturday, April 24 for a day retreat for women. We will begin at 9am, and finish by 3pm. Lunch will be served. Please bring a cup with you (one that describes your life's journey!). a freewill offering will be accepted to defray costs. For more information, please contact Pastor Anne (414-350-2143).

## Ginny's Gems

We are a small group of 6 who meet the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month at 7:00pm in the gathering space at Bethel. Our group does a small bible study and does mission projects. Our current project is the prayer shawl ministry. At this point we have created over 30 prayer shawls that are given to patients at St. Mary's Hospice and Linden Grove Nursing Home. Ginny received a thank you card and a \$100 donation from the family of one of our recipients. She also received a phone call from the family of someone who received one of our shawls. They had the shawl put in the casket with their loved one when they were laid to rest. This is a very rewarding ministry even for those of us who don't crochet. If you are interested in joining our group or in the prayer shawl ministry please contact Ginny.

## Prayer Requests:

Ruth Tkachuk, Annette Worden's mother, Lung disease  
Jim, Kim York's dad  
Floyd, Cancer, leg treatments  
Janel Francis' Dad  
Ted & Family, Friends of Lauren & Wade Gehrt  
Harry & Marcia's family, Marcia's dad died March 17th.  
Leanne, Audrey's neighbor, Stroke

## Bethelfest

Now that we finally have spring right around the corner we're going to ask you to rush through spring and half of summer and think about August. Bethelfest is August 29<sup>th</sup> this year. We would like to start the day with worship at 9:30 followed by a cookout, games and crafts for the kids and then the parade. After the parade, in the later afternoon there will be a musical production by Mike Huffman then a family style chicken dinner. To help defray some costs of the event we would hope that we could count on donations of cases of water again this year and also a donation of a package of brats. The brats can be put in the freezer under the coat rack by the kitchen. This will be great fun for Bethel and the community. Thank you for helping make this a success.

## Children's Christian Theatre and Agape Players:

The Children's Christian Theatre is for children in grades 3-8. The Agape Players are for children entering 8<sup>th</sup> grade through college. It is an ecumenical outreach ministry of Faith Community Congregational Church in Franklin. Their goal is to teach God's love through the use of music, dance, and theater in a self environment to encourage Christian growth and sharing. If you would like to receive information about auditioning for CCT, please contact Faith Community Church at 414-433-0222 or through their website [www.childrenchristiantheatre.com](http://www.childrenchristiantheatre.com). The Agape Players will perform this summer.

## Christmas In April

None of us have Christmas on our minds, not with spring just around the corner. But, Bethel's choir is always about Christmas and we have finally received the CD's for the past three concerts. All Christmas CD's have a selling price of \$10 each. But do we have a deal for you! Buy the complete set of 2006, 2007, and 2008 and receive a 20% discount. CD's from the 2009 concert are in production and will be available soon. To purchase your complete set or individual CDs please see Kathy Beale. If you don't see her at church she can easily be reached by email at [kbeale@ellsworth.com](mailto:kbeale@ellsworth.com). Remember, it's never too early to start Christmas shopping!

## Tuesday Bible Study with Marcia

**Tuesdays at 9:30-11:15am**

Feeling overwhelmed by a busy schedule? Then you are too busy NOT to be in Bible Study! Join Marcia Marquardt, Family Life Minister, on Tuesdays at 9:30-11:15am. **In April we will meet at Bethel.** It's a great opportunity to tap into God's peace and direction for your life. Members of Bethel and Atonement gather together in this study. Child care is provided. **This study is perfect for those who feel new to Bible.**

## Good Friday Gathering for Families

**Friday, April 2 at 9:00-10:00am**

Message, Songs, Craft, and Snack to help children understand the true meaning of Easter. This is an event that is perfect for children in preschool and elementary school. Children should be accompanied by an adult. Invite another family to join us! Pick up an invitation on the bulletin board in the church hallway.

## Children's Palm Sunday Procession

**Sunday, March 28 at 8:00am and 10:15am**

The children will be invited to distribute palms and participate in a palm procession at the 8:00am and 10:15am worship services on Sunday, March 28.

## Sunday School Schedule

There are No Sunday School classes on April 4 and 11 for Spring Break. Sunday School classes end for 2009-10 on May 23.

Encourage faith conversations at home by reviewing the Sunday School lessons.

April 18: Jesus Teaches in a Synagogue—Luke 4:14-21

April 25: Jesus is Rejected in His Hometown—Luke 4:22-30

May 2: Fishermen are Astonished by a Miraculous Catch—Luke 5:1-11

May 9: Moses and Elijah Appear with Jesus—Luke 9:28-36

May 16: Jesus Teaches about Rewards—Luke 6:17-26

with PANCAKE BREAKFAST AND FOOD DRIVE FOR THE HUNGRY

May 23: Jesus Teaches about Loving Enemies—Luke 6:27-38

## Planning Camp LOL

Are you interested in attending one meeting to plan Camp LOL—lots of laughs for 3<sup>rd</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> Graders?

Camp LOL is a special day each summer for 3<sup>rd</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> Graders to have lots of fun while getting to know God and each other better. We need a few parents who will help set the date and plan a few games, activities, and snacks together. Contact Marcia Marquardt if you are interested.

## Mark Your Summer Calendars

Set aside time this summer for fun and faith activities.

- **Confirmation Camp** will be June 13-18.
- **Spirit Music Camp** for children entering Kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup> Grade will be June 21-25, 9:00am to Noon.
- **Vacation Bible School** for children Age 4 through completed Grade 5 will be August 2-6, 9:00-11:30AM (for Grades 1-5) and 9:15-11:15AM (for Preschool and Kindergarten).
- Watch for more details for **Camp LOL—lots of laughs for 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> graders!**

Interested in volunteering for any of these events? Contact Marcia Marquardt.

## Muskego Food Pantry

A big thank you goes out to the Outreach committee for making the Easter baskets for the food pantry. Twenty of them have already gone to very grateful families. We see about 140 families per month and our pantry has over 250 volunteer hours given per month. Again thanks to the Sunday school for their offering. It helps purchase milk and meat.

If anyone is interested in helping or wants a youth group to see our operation just give me a call. Thanks for your continued support.

Julie Frahmman

## South Side Meal Program

428 people served on March 9th

**Stews:** Kathy Duran, Kathy Ferguson, Julie Frahmman, Yvonne Hafferman, Kim York, Jean Paape.

**Cakes:** Sandy Ditloff, Cathy Pierce, Natalie Paape, Nick Henkel, Barbara Siebert, Jean Paape,

**Jell-o:** Sue Getzel, Lynn Gressle, Christine Zanotelli, Barb Hilker, Jean Paape

**Servers,** Linda Radmer, Yvonne Hafferman, Barb Siebert, Tylor Cook, Cassie Cook.

# April Volunteer Schedule

Date	4th Easter	11th	18th	25th
Altar Care Set Up	Kathy Beale	Janet Pawlowski	Barb Siebert	Julie Frahmman
Clean Up	Sue Getzel	Barb Osberg	Julie Frahmman	Jeanne Kolkoski
<b>Sundays 8:00am</b>				
Assisting Minister	Marcia Marquardt	Julie Frahmman	Ed Hammer	Cathy Pierce
Lector	Alex York	Zak York	Megan Worden	Mickey Francis
Junior Lector	Ben Shalk	Katie Wasiak	Dakota Galkowski	Alex Pawlowski
Acolyte	Madison Francis	Erik Henkel	Max Lindhorst	Emma Milton
Greeter	Kathy Duran	Jean Paape	Julie Frahmman	Yvonne Hafferman
Ushers	Al Bolter Teri Orlando	Cassie Cook Ed Siebert	Randy Bauer Debbie Bauer	Debbie Zortman
<b>Sundays 10:15am</b>				
Media/Tech	Tyler Hilker	Tyler Gressle	Cody/Amber Puranen	Christine Zanotelli
<b>Wednesday 6:45pm</b>				
Worship Assistant	Julie Frahmman	Bryon Paape	Kathy Beale	Wordens

## We need help!!

The current financial status of Bethel was reviewed Tuesday night at the monthly Bethel Council Meeting. The treasurer identified that our Operating Fund has \$10,275 in outstanding bills, some dating back to 2009.

The liabilities range from amounts designated for benevolent purposes on church member envelopes to suppliers of services provided for the operation of our church.

The complete list of the outstanding bills is provided below. Please do whatever is possible to increase giving in whatever amount is possible.

Thank you from the Bethel Church Council.

