

**Bethel Lutheran Church
S77 W18426 Janesville Road
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February 2010 Newsletter Highlights

1. Sunday Services
8:00 am (Traditional)
10:15 am (Experiential)
2. Wednesday Evenings Service
(Blended) 6:45 pm
3. Sunday January 31st
Annual Meeting (after 8:00 am
Service).
4. Feb. 1st
Spaghetti Dinner 5:00 – 7:00 pm
5. Feb. 13th All Boards Meeting
6. Feb. 17th Ash Wednesday
7. Feb 26 – 27
30-Hour Famine
8. Feb. 24th Soup Supper 6:00 pm

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Pastor's Note

We've had one month to experience our new worship opportunities and the re-configured space. Our comment card box has yielded a number of comments, both positive and negative. To date, about 2/3 are in favor.

Here are a few examples:

- "I like the way the sanctuary is done. It reminds me of my old church. I liked it because
- Everything was closer."
- "I think it brings me closer to Jesus. It makes me think more about the service. It seems
- Closer to the people."
- "Very comfortable, easy going"
- "This is what our church needs. This look is appealing to the younger people. T
- movement of the pews looks good"
- "Love what you're doing especially the music. Keep up the good work."
- "Can't hide away in the back - not a bad seat in the house now"
- "I like the openness of the worship space. I think I like the experiential worship."
- "I like it a lot! I feel like there is more light in the room and in me"

There have also been many spoken comments, and a couple of emails, including the following:

- "I just wanted you to know how very much I enjoyed today's service. I have to be honest and say that up until today, I had planned on leaving Bethel.
- Today's service really reminded me of the importance of my relationship with God. I'm actually excited about sharing this experience with friends and hope to be able to recruit a few to at least give it a try."

Some of the other comments include:

- "Messy and disorganized"
- "Lacking in humility and respect"
- "It's definitely different. Even though it is supposed to make you feel closer, it's not as comfortable as a typical service. It is very disorganized, but I know this is a trial run. I prefer a typical Lutheran service, which has some structure. People did not look comfortable with it in my opinion."

We all appreciate the comments. Keep them coming! We will reassess the worship space this summer.

More Worship Opportunities During Lent

Ash Wednesday, February 17, is the beginning of the Lenten season. We'll worship that evening at 6:45pm, with the imposition of ashes, and Holy Communion, and the Senior Choir will sing. On each Wednesday evening during Lent we will gather at noon for devotions and lunch, and in the evenings we'll worship with the familiar Holden Evening Service and journey with Jonah through our message series. We'll see just how far God will go to fulfill His plans for us and through us. Daily devotional booklets for adults and children are available that explore Jonah's story, too. Pick one up from the counter in the gathering space or from a Sunday School teacher. Watch for more information regarding Palm/Passion Sunday, the Seder Meal on Maundy Thursday, Tenebrae on Good Friday, and our Easter services (this year we are planning a sunrise service at 6am!) and the Easter brunch.

30 Hour Famine

The confirmation students (and high school youth if they want to join us) will be experiencing what life is like when you don't have food. The World Vision 30 Hour Famine will be held February 26-27. We will stop eating at noon Friday, and through worship, devotions, Bible study, games, service projects, and sleeping in boxes we will come to understand in a small way the plight of others whose resources are not as abundant as ours. On Jan. 31 we will hand out packets to anyone who is interested in participating by raising funds for people all over the world (like in Haiti especially now) who need us to share. Join us in this experience! For more information, please contact Pastor Anne (414-350-2143).

Easy Ways To Help Haiti

Who: Everybody

What: Vitamins

Where: Bethel

When: All of February

Here's a simple way to help the people of Haiti. Bring unopened vitamins both children and adult to Bethel. There will be a container in the gathering space. They will then be taken to the Food Pantry of Waukesha County where they will be shipped to Haiti.

Address & Phone Change

Mandy Gressle –

21860 Foxhaven Run, Unit 5

Waukesha, WI 53186

Bethel Outreach Committee Highlights January 14, 2010

1. Christmas Choir Concert recap. Outreach served cookies and soft drinks. About 160 people attended the two concerts.
2. Cheesecake Cook-off on January 17 Outreach members participated.
3. Funeral Procedure - With the sad news of Vera Gottfried passing the same day, we discussed a preliminary procedure for handling the funeral refreshments when requested. It was decided, in the absence of Pastor Anne's comments, to begin with recommending a caterer to work through for most events.
4. SVDP Meal Site - Bethel paid a \$300 "fruit" billing from St. Leonard's for our share this year at the Southside Food Kitchen. We need to know what the "total cost" is of participating in this program.
5. Lenten Soup & Sandwich Meal - Outreach was asked to take March 3 for Lent. We discussed where the free-will offering would be directed and decided on the Haitian need. Jean mentioned having Thrivent match the fund.
6. Seder Meal-Maundy Thursday. On April 1, a traditional Seder meal of beef brisket, called "Tzimmis," is planned.
7. The Sock It to Poverty Program for The Hope Center (previously Cooperating Congregations of Waukesha County), began on January 10 at Bethel. Jean Paape headed up this effort, bringing in the "socks" for distribution. Our committee also ran this program in 2008, collecting \$550.13.
8. All Board's Meeting, February 13 (8:30-3:00) was discussed. Several members will be available. Next meeting to be held February 11. Kathy Duran 1-18-2010

Muskego Food Pantry Muskego Food Pantry

We've been very busy at the food pantry. We are serving 35 to 40 families every Thursday with 8 to 10 coming in on Saturdays. Many thanks to the Sunday school kids who have been donating their offering to the food pantry for the last couple of months. I empty the grocery cart in the gathering space about once a month. Please keep your donations coming. We can use liquid dish washing detergent, shampoo, conditioner and laundry detergent. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. Anyone wishing to volunteer please see me.

Thanks ,Julie Frahmman

Tuesday Bible Study with Marcia (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 in February at 9:30-11:15am 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.

Sunday School Schedule

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

February 7: The Word became Flesh. John 1:1-18

February 14: Satan Tempts Jesus. Luke 4:1-13

February 21: Jesus Performs His First Miracle. John 2:1-11

February 28: Passover Study: Lamb

Mark Your Summer Calendars

Set aside time this summer for fun and faith activities. **Spirit Music Camp** for children entering Kindergarten through 8th 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 3rd-5th graders! Interested in volunteering for any of these events? Contact Marcia Marquardt.

South Side Food Kitchen Update! (St. Vincent de Paul Meal Ministry)

Hello Bethel,

In December, we made it to the Food Kitchen this month before the storm blasted Wisconsin and we helped serve 378. For January, we helped serve 413 people! God provides! What a great feeling helping others! We are blessed!

Members from Bethel do a fantastic job of making stews, jello, cakes and serving for the Food Kitchen. If anyone would like to help, please contact me. We could use some backups for the food.

We are going to put out the Stew Pot once at the 1st Sunday of the month and also at the last Sunday of the month. Reason being the stew meat cost approximately \$70-\$85. We have been collecting on average \$50-\$65. Any extra change is greatly appreciated.

A Big Thanks to all of you who have helped with the South Side Food Kitchen this year. You have made my job as coordinator run very smooth. I truly couldn't do it without your help! God Bless! Jean Paape, 262-679-4369

Prayer Requests:

- Lynn Gressle – Broken arm
- Marvin & Barbara Rusch – Son passed away, Barbara in hospital
- Deb & Gary – Pastor Anne & Kevin's friends, Health concerns
- Family of Vera Gottfried

- Family of Carol Radaj
- Jim – Health concerns (Kim's dad)
- Cassey – Health concerns (Michelle K's friend)
- Floyd, Jean & Lynn

February Volunteer Schedule

Date	7th	14th	21st	28th
Altar Care Set Up	Julie Frahmman	Janet Pawlowski	Barb Siebert	Nancy Nieman
Clean Up	Sue Getzel	Barb Osberg	Julie Frahmman	Jeanne Kolkoski
Sundays 8:00 am				
Assisting Minister	Cathy Pierce	Julie Frahmman	Ed Hammer	Heidi Lindhorst
Lector	Alyssa Wutke	Natalie Paape	Megan Worden	Mickey Francis
Junior Lector	Ben Shalk	Katie Wasiak	Dakota Galkowski	Alex Pawlowski
Acolyte	Adam Hilker	Erik Henkel	Max Lindhorst	Emma Milton
Greeter	Julie Frahmman	Jean Paape	Kathy Duran	Yvonne Hafferman
Ushers	Al Bolter Teri Orlando	Cassie Cook Ed Siebert	Randy Bauer Debbie Bauer	Debbie Zortman Kakonis Family
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Sundays 10:15 am				
Media/Tech	Christine Zanutelli	Tyler Cook	Tyler Hilker	Tyler Gressle
Wednesday 6:45 pm				
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Worship Assistant	Wordens	Bryon Paape	Kathy Beale	Julie Frahmman

