THE BETHEL VISION

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Past, Present & Future

BETHEL LUTHERAN CHURCH, ELCA

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SUNDAY SERVICES AT 8:00 AND 10:15 AM
WEDNESDAY AT 6:45 PM
PASTOR ANNE STRICKERT

All are Welcome

Join us
In Prayer

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Bethel is a supportive community of Christian believers whose mission is to:

- Gather in the joyful worship of God.
- Preach and teach the word of God as the freeing message of a loving God in our world today.
- Equip our members to invite all people to share the good news of Jesus Christ.
- Care for all of God's children through local social ministries and outreach efforts of the larger church.
- Foster faithful stewardship of our abilities, time and material blessings as a thankful response for God's gifts.

These are just words on a page if we do not put them to work to help others. We have seen the opportunities to serve grow in the last few years. We serve others through:

- The South Side Food Kitchen
- The New Berlin and Waukesha Food Pantries
- Cooperating Congregations of Greater Waukesha
- Lutheran Social Services
- The Interfaith Caring Network
- The Benevolence work of the Evangelical Church in America and the Greater Milwaukee Synod of the ELCA
- The many groups who use our church such as Boy Scouts, MOMs Club, AA, Parent to Parent classes and other nonprofit community groups

History

Bethel Lutheran Church was established in 1951. The congregation met in old Muskego Town Hall on Pioneer Drive for ten years.

The seven lots on which the current building exists were purchased in 1953 for the sum of $7000. In 1959 the parsonage was completed, and in 1961 the church building was finished.

Formerly part of the United Lutheran Church, Bethel became part of the Lutheran Church in America in 1962 and consequently the Evangelical Lutheran Church in North America in 1987.

In 1995 a new addition and a renovation project was completed. The addition included four new classrooms, an expanded kitchen, two new offices, a new narthex, a furnace room, a hallway, and handicapped accessible bathrooms. The addition nearly doubled the usable space.

In 1999 the chancel and sanctuary were remodeled to make the worship area more flexible and handicapped accessible. Church volunteers donated much of the labor.

In this new millennium Bethel has continued to expand the ministry by hiring a youth minister and hosting the Mary Linsmeier preschool.

Pastor's Note

"Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
We must always give thanks to God for you, sisters and brothers, as is right,
because your faith is growing abundantly, and the love of every one of you for one another is increasing." *2 Thessalonians 1:2-3*

As I write this note, I am remembering last year at this time: you had voted to call Kevin and me, and my house (and Cheri's office!) seemed to be covered with boxes! There were many goodbyes to be said, and it was the beginning of another transition for you all here. Well, it's been a year. I remember how nervous I was that first Sunday, and how Marcia and Jeanne prayed with me before worship. I remember how I rarely ventured out from behind the pulpit, preaching from a carefully prepared manuscript. I remember how intense the first few weeks were – the rummage sale, 2 funerals, confirmation camp…all in the first month! I also remember feeling the tension – people still feeling the pain of conflict, people concerned for the church as a whole, some depressed about losses…and still some people holding on to various "sides." Now, a year later, we have made a lot of changes, but I don't mean only in the colors of the rooms, or the direction of the worship space. We have ALL been changed by an amazing God who continues to work here at Bethel for His purpose. I rarely preach from behind the pulpit anymore; people who never would have dared to are praying out loud; children are reading Scripture in worship; there have been 6 baptisms, and 10 new members! There are more people

involved in worship, and in Bible study, and our newest, experiential worship service is the fastest growing service. It's a very different place! And I think the biggest difference is about LOVE.

I sense a real shift here at Bethel, a shift to focusing our lives on God – from "it's not about us, it's about Jesus" to "Where's your focus?" we have come to understand that Bethel is the "House of GOD." God has a plan for us here, and that plan is about becoming the ministry center GOD wants us to be. And it's really happening! We voted to expand our partnership with the Mary Linsmeier School to include 4K, we're a center in the community for AA, Weight Watcher's, Girl Scouts, and a variety of other civic organizations who meet here and are exposed to the ministry. As we continue to become, God continues to use us, and to change our minds, and our HEARTS. I feel so much less of the "us vs. them" mentality I felt when I first arrived. People seem to be on the way to healing because they've let God be in charge! I believe that we are really learning to LOVE one another, even when we don't agree with one another. Our faith is growing, our relationship with God is deepening, and our willingness to forgive and trust is expanding!

I am excited about the beginning of a new year of ministry with you. Change is hard for us, but remember: it's not about us, it's about Jesus!

Tuesday Bible Study with Marcia

Tuesdays at 10:00-11:45am

Mark your calendar and join Marcia Marquardt for a study that moves us from Fear to Faith this summer on Tuesdays, June 22, June 29, July 6, and July 13 at 10:00-11:45am. Study the children's Vacation Bible School lessons on Tuesdays, July 20 and July 27 at 10:00-11:45am. It's a great way to prepare for VBS and to have faith conversations with your children or grandchildren about their lessons.

On June 22 and 29 we will meet at Bethel in the worship space. On July 6, 13, 20, and 27, we will meet at Atonement Lutheran Church, S70 W16244 Martin Drive. 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.**

Sunday School

Thanks to our Sunday School team for helping our children grow in their relationships with God and each other. Please express your appreciation to these faithful and loving servants of God: Tim Reichelt, Linda Galkowski, Tracy Jochims, Bronwyn Miles, Madison Francis, Tyler Hilker, and Kelsee York.

Spirit Music Camp

A Celebration of Song
June 21-25, 9:00pm-12:00pm
For students entering Kindergarten through 9th Grade

Atonement and Bethel Lutheran Churches are joining together to make some wonderful spiritual music. The camp will take place at Atonement Lutheran Church. Kids entering Kindergarten through 9th grade are welcome to attend. Students will be able to have fun through singing, playing drums, hand chimes and moving to great music. Registration forms are due by **June 13th**. Walk-ins will be welcome, too. Contact Sarah Milton (262-971-1721), Mary Kraft (262-679-1592), or Lyndee Rynders (262-679-4454) if you have any questions. ALL CHILDREN ARE WELCOME!!! **Pick up a registration form** on the Family Ministry bulletin board near the restrooms.

Something New! Musical

June 21-25, 28, 29, & 30, 12:30–3:00pm
For students entering 4th-9th Grade
Performance on June 30 at 7:00pm

Atonement and Bethel Lutheran Churches also will be joining together to learn and perform a Christian musical. We will rehearse **June 21-25** each afternoon and **Monday, June 28**. The dress rehearsal will take place **Tuesday, June 29** and our performance will be **Wednesday, June 30** during a joint worship service at Atonement. Any boy or girl entering 4th -9th Grade is eligible to participate and should fill out the musical registration form. ALL ARE WELCOME! **Pick up a registration form** on the Family Ministry bulletin board near the restrooms.

Camp LOL—lots of laughs for 3rd–5th Graders

Thursday, August 19 at 10:30am-6:30pm
At Bethel

Kick up your heels for a day of fun! Camp LOL will help 3rd through 5th Graders (Completed) to "Keep in Step with the Spirit" through interactive Bible Story, lively songs, active games, craft, and snack. Leaders for the day include a Lutherdale camp counselor. We'll close the day with a family pool party and potluck supper at the Hunjadi's home. **Pick up registration forms** on the Family Ministry bulletin board near the restrooms. This event is open to students from Atonement, Bethel, and the community. Invite a friend to join us!

Vacation Bible School

August 2-6
9:00-11:30am at Bethel for Grades 1-5 (completed)
9:15-11:15am at Atonement for Age 4 through Kindergarten (completed)

Vacation Bible School is a joint venture by members of Atonement and Bethel. Fun faith-nurturing lessons and activities are age-appropriate at each building. This year our theme is Planet Zoom! Where Bold Bee-lievers Zip, Zap, and Zoom for Jesus!
At Planet Zoom, children learn how big is little. Just as every little bee has a job to do to help build up the hive, Planet Zoom teaches kids that they can have a big role in God's Kingdom by sharing His love.
Does your child need transportation to VBS from day care? We'd love to provide rides. Contact Marcia Marquardt for more information. **Invite friends to join us, too! Pick up registration forms** on the Family Ministry bulletin board near the restrooms.

Mark Your Summer Calendars

Set aside time this summer for fun and faith activities.

- **Pit Stop** at 5:30PM on June 2, July 14, & 18
- **Confirmation Camp** will be June 13-18.
- **Spirit Music Camp** for children entering Kindergarten through 8th Grade will be June 21-25, 9:00am to Noon.
- **Musical Performance** on June 30 at 7:00pm. Rehearsals on June 21-25, 28, 29, & 30 at 12:30-3:00pm
- **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).
- **Camp LOL—lots of laughs for 3rd-5th graders!** on Thursday, August 19, 10:30am-6:30pm

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

Southside Meal Program

386 people were served in May by Yvonne Hafferman, Linda Radmer, Barb Siebert, Jean Paape and Georgia Hainer. The stews were provided by Kathy Duran, Julie Frahmann, Kathy Ferguson, Jean Paape, Kim York and Yvonne Hafferman. Cakes were baked by Cathy Pierce, Barb Siebert, Cassie Cook, Jean Paape, Nick Henkel and Natalie Pappe, Jellos were made by Sue Getzel, Lynn Gressle, Barb Hilker, Jean Paape and the Zanotelli family.
If you wish to cook or serve please contact me.
Thanks for your support.

Jean Paape

There are many opportunities to volunteer at Bethel. Over the past several months many of us have been trying to decide which worship service and worship times fit our life styles. Perhaps now you are ready to volunteer at one or more worship services per month. Please contact me if any of the opportunities listed here interest you.
Jeanne Kolkoski-volunteer coordinator
414-788-4257 or 262-679-1616

8:00am Sundays

Greeters meet people at the doors with a warm smile and hand shake.

Ushers hand out worship folders, direct communion, count and record offerings and attendance.

Assisting Minister leads the prayers of the people, assists with communion, reads the lessons as needed.

10:15am Sundays

Media/Tech I am looking for one or more individuals who can help prepare power point slides during the week, run the power point presentation on Sundays and help with playing the IPod music.

Greeters meet people at the doors with a warm smile and hand shake.

6:45pm Wednesdays

Worship Assistants to record offering and attendance.

Jeanne Kolkoski

volunteer@bethelelc.org	262-679-1616	414-788-4257
jkolkoski@wi.rr.com	church office	Jeanne's cell #

Muskego Food Pantry

Many thanks to the people of Bethel. I emptied an overflowing grocery cart last week and took it to the food pantry. There was a donation from the church for $341.00. We use our monetary donations to purchase milk, meat and staples that we need and don't receive enough donations of. They are canned fruit, hamburger helper and manwich. As always your support is appreciated. If you wish to volunteer please let me know and we can always use laundry detergent, dish washing detergent and size 5 diapers.

Thanks, Julie Frahmann
Director. Muskego Food Pantry

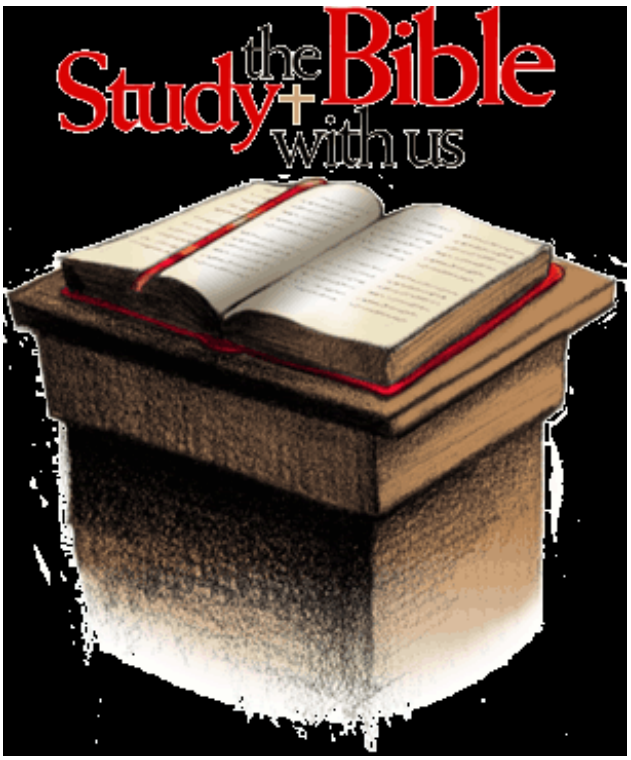
Can you imagine standing in line every night with your stomach growling and wondering what you are going to have for dinner?

Once a month gracious people from Bethel donate jello s, stews, cakes and help serve people who are less fortunate.

It is God's plan for all of us to help each other.
If anyone would like to help serve at the South Side Food Kitchen please sign up at church.

Please donate to the stew pot. This money helps pay for the stew meat and the the fruit that is served at the South Side Food Kitchen.

Any questions, please contact me.
God Bless and Thank you,
Jean Paape - 262-679-4369



Adult Studies at Bethel:

Are you interested in studying the Bible or participating in a discussion group? Time will be held for these activities on the first Sunday of each month at 9:00 am. The discussions are open to everyone over the age 18.

What subjects would interest you? History of the bible, the life of Jesus, centered prayer, the desert fathers, gospel music,Do you have an interest or knowledge that you could share for a session? Please help.

"Growing in Christ"

Our stewardship program is continuing to grow. To date, we have received 60% of the pledge cards, and our budget is nearly 60% funded. If you still have your pledge card, please return it as soon as you can.

Confirmation
Congratulations to Tyler Gressle, Tyler Hilker, Jill Kakonis, and Kelsee York on their confirmation Sunday, May 23! These students have affirmed the promises their parents and sponsors made at their baptism, and are now adult members of Bethel!

All Boards
Council and committees will meet July 31 for an all boards meeting. We will begin at 8:30 with coffee and a light breakfast, and will be spending the day looking at structure. Lunch is provided. If you are interested in attending, please sign up on the wall in the hallway, or contact pastor Anne.

4-Year-Old Kindergarten
Our congregation is going to be expanding its relationship with the Mary Linsmeier School to provide space for their new 4-year-old kindergarten program. There will be many building enhancements are planned for the summer, but there will be NO EXPENSE for us. As partners with the Mary Linsmeier School, we will have the opportunity to volunteer to help with some of the projects, as well as being able to help throughout the school year (by coming in and reading to the kids, for example). This partnership has been a valuable part of the ministry at Bethel for many years, and we are excited to have it grow! If you have any questions about the program or how you might help, please contact Pastor Anne.

Summer Worship

We will be keeping our schedule during the summer, with worship on Sunday mornings at 8am and 10:15am, and on Wednesday evenings at 6:45. Our Sunday 8am service will still be "traditional," but a little more relaxed for the summer. Our 10:15 experiential service will remain as it is. On Wednesday evenings we will be using a new service, written by Mary Haugen (who wrote the Holden Evening Prayer service that we use during Lent) called "Now the Feast." It will be played on keyboards with a variety of instruments. Please join us this summer for worship!

Ginny's Gems

Our Prayer Shawl Ministry is working well. We have added St. Luke's Hospital to our list of recipients. We already provide shawls to St. Mary's Hospice and Linden Grove Nursing Home. A big thanks to those who are not Ginny's Gems members who provide shawls. They are Donna Meitner, Sharon Garbett, Cathy Pierce and Kim York. If you know how to knit or crochet or want to learn please contact Ginny. Also if you have a friend or relative in need of a prayer shawl just call Ginny or Pastor Anne. Thanks for your support and please keep the yarn coming.

Bethel high school youth will travel to Pine Ridge South Dakota this summer and do servant work through "Youth Works". YouthWorks believes short term youth mission trips can bring life change to youth, a community and the Church. Within a relatively short period of time, a youth's own life and a stranger's life can be powerfully changed through the desire to give to a community. Their presence during a mission trip speaks more than a thousand words through simple love and willingness to serve. YouthWorks believes in stories – in telling Jesus' story, in listening to other's life stories and in bringing our stories together to transform hearts; a mission trip is the perfect time to tell those stories.

The Pine Ridge Reservation is located in southwestern South Dakota on the Nebraska state line and about 50 miles east of the Wyoming border and is surrounded by the panoramic beauty of the Badlands. Rolling hills, forests and river valleys extend

throughout this area that is known for some of the state's finest fishing and hunting. Despite the natural beauty of this community, residents of the reservation are struggling with poverty, unemployment, addiction, health problems and more. Pine Ridge is home to the Oglala Lakota Sioux, which has a total tribal membership of 17,775. Pine Ridge is one of the poorest communities in the country, with 97 percent living below the federal poverty level and an average family income of just $3,700 per year. Bethel youth and others will minister to the residents on the reservation through Kids Club and Work Projects. Kids Club is a hands-on program led by youth offering high-energy games, crafts, skits, songs and interactive lessons all designed to help kids learn about Jesus. Whether we're painting houses, performing minor home repair, cleaning up debris, volunteering in community gardens or other projects in the community, the projects students work on will serve as a way of blessing people in need.

Thanks to all who have supported the youth fundraisers which allow our young adults this an eye-opening experience, including opportunities to bless these hurting people with their service and to show the love of Jesus to this community.

Worship for June 2010

Wednesday 6/2	"Pit Stop" (supper at 5:30pm, activity, & worship at 6:45pm)
Sunday 6/6	"Be Open" (Part of the "5 Guiding Principles) 8am & 10:15am
Wednesday 6/9	"Now the Feast" at 6:45pm
Sunday 6/16	"Trust God" (Part of the "5 Guiding Principles) 8am & 10:15am
Wednesday 6/16	"Now the Feast" at 6:45pm
Sunday 6/20	"Everyone's Welcome" (Part of the "5 Guiding Principles) 8am & 10:15am
Wednesday 6/23	"Now the Feast" at 6:45pm
Sunday 6/27	8am & 10:15am
Wednesday 6/30	"Now the Feast" at 6:45pm (Spirit Camp kids perform at Atonement)

Join the Fun this Summer!

SPIRIT MUSIC CAMP—*A Celebration of Song*
on June 21-25, 9:00PM-12:00PM
at Atonement Lutheran Church for students entering Kindergarten through 9th Grade

***Something New!* MUSICAL on June 21-25, 28, 29, & 30, 12:30PM–3:00PM**
at Atonement Lutheran Church for students entering 4th-9th Grade
Performance on June 30 at 7:00PM at Atonement Lutheran Church

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL on August 2-6
9:00-11:30AM at Bethel for Grades 1-5 (completed)
9:15-11:15AM at Atonement for Age 4 through Kindergarten (completed)

CAMP LOL—LOTS OF LAUGHS
Thursday, August 19 at 10:30AM-6:30PM
For 3rd—5th Graders (completed)
"Keeping in Step with the Spirit" at Bethel Lutheran Church

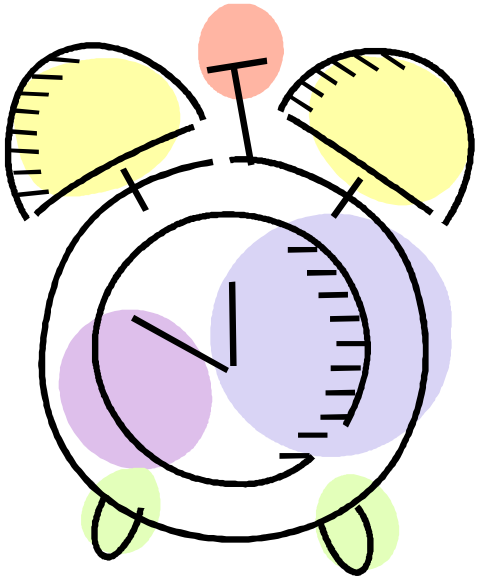
Atonement and Bethel Lutheran Churches are working together to create summer opportunities for children in our community to have fun while growing in faith. Registration forms and more information are available by contacting the churches at Atonement: atonechurch.org, 414-422-0400 or Bethel: bethelmuskegoelc.org, 262-679-1616. Atonement is located at S70 W16244 Martin Drive and Bethel is at S77W18426 Janesville Road in Muskego.

Feel free to invite friends to join us!

High school youth will be serving

at the South Side Food Kitchen

Contact Jeanne Kolkoski for date
4:00pm
We will carpool.
R.S.V.P.
youth@bethelmuskegoelc.org
262-679-1616 –church office



Wake Up! Time

to **CLEAN** out your closets & donate your goods to:

Bethel's Rummage Sale.

Rummage Sale:June 10th,11th & 12th

(Thursday, Friday and Saturday)

Drop off dates of Rummage Sunday, June 6th through Wednesday, June 9th.

If you have any questions, please contact
Lori Schwanz 262-679-3487or Jean Paape 262-679-4369

Worship for July 2010

Sunday 7/4	8am & 10:15am
Wednesday 7/7	"Now the Feast" at 6:45pm
Sunday 7/11	8am & 10:15am
Wednesday 7/14	"Pit Stop" (supper at 5:30pm, activity, & worship at 6:45pm) Guest Preacher
Sunday 7/18	8am & 10:15am
Wednesday 7/21	"Now the Feast" at 6:45pm
Sunday 7/25	8am & 10:15am
Wednesday 7/28	"Now the Feast" at 6:45pm

Wisconsin SonRise Via de Cristo is holding a Co-Ed Weekend July 22 - 25 in Stoughton. Vicki Kakonis & Barb Seibert will be attending. Prayerfully consider a time when you might make the commitment to this movement that is designed to empower and encourage servants in Gods church for service. For more information, please contact Pastor Anne (414-350-2143).

The Word in Action!

High School Youth are invited to attend the 10:15 worship on June 20th, July 18th & August 15th. After worship we will carpool to San Laurio coffee house for a beverage, snack and discussion of the sermon. Bring a friend, no money needed.

Worship for August 2010

Sunday 8/1	8am & 10:15am
Wednesday 8/4	"Now the Feast" at 6:45pm
Sunday 8/8	8am & 10:15am
Wednesday 8/11	"Now the Feast" at 6:45pm
Sunday 8/15	8am & 10:15am
Wednesday 8/18	"Pit Stop" (supper at 5:30pm, activity, & worship at 6:45pm) MARCIA
Sunday 8/22	8am & 10:15am
Wednesday 8/25	"Now the Feast" at 6:45pm
Sunday 8/29	ONE SERVICE @ 9AM (Muskego Parade Day, and BETHELFEST!)

CAMP LOL

Thursday, August 19
at 10:30am-6:30pm
For 3rd through 5th Grade (completed) students from Atonement, Bethel, and the community

Schedule of Events

August 19, 10:30am
Games and activities
At Bethel Lutheran Church
S77 W18426 Janesville Road

4:00pm
Students are transported in volunteer's vehicles to the swimming pool of the home of
Blake & Wendy Hunjadi
W172 S7997 Lannon Dr.
262-679-8300
Families are welcome to join the pool party!

5:30-6:30pm
Family Potluck at the Hunjadi's home

Remember to bring:

- A **sack lunch** with your child's name on it
- A **water bottle** with your child's name on it
- **Swim suit and towel**
- Floating devices if needed (There is a deep end in the Hunjadi's pool)
- **A dish** (main, salad, dessert) to pass for supper

Return the bottom half of this form to the registration file folder on the Family Ministry bulletin board by August 8.

Registration for CAMP LOL: *Keep in Step with the Spirit!*

Student Name _____ **Grade Completed** _____

Parent Name _____ **Phone Number** _____

I give permission for my child _____ **to be transported in another person's vehicle on Thursday, August 19, 2010 from Bethel Lutheran Church in Muskego, WI to Wendy Hunjadi's home at in Muskego, WI.**

Parent's Signature _____

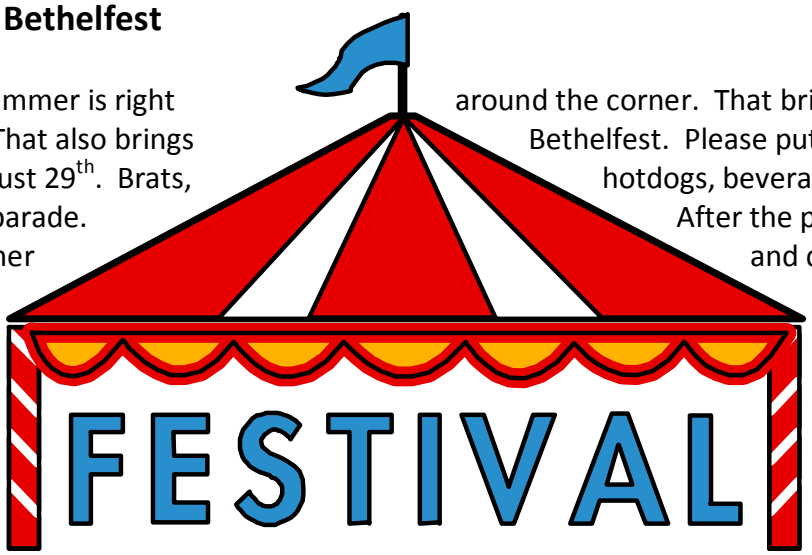
Cost is $5 for each church member child. GUESTS ARE FREE! Make checks payable to Atonement Lutheran Church and note "CAMP LOL" on the memo line. Financial assistance is available. Just turn in the form with a "0" in the Amount line.

_____ **Amount enclosed. (Mark with "x")** _____**Check** _____ **Cash**

_____ **Number of family members attending potluck supper** _____ **kind of dish to pass**

Bethelfest

Look out, summer is right around the corner. That brings picnics, ball games and vacations. That also brings Bethelfest. Please put us on your family calendar. It is Sunday August 29th. Brats, hotdogs, beverages, games crafts and bouncy house before the parade. After the parade, a Mike Huffman concert, chicken dinner and dancing. Spend the day with your Bethel family. We can use help that day with set up, helping with the games and crafts, cooking, serving and cleanup. We'll get a sign up out soon. Also please donate your brats, hotdogs and cases of water for the day. God loves a cheerful giver.



Thanks, Evangelism committee

Outreach Highlights

1. Recap Easter basket program - more baskets made this year than last (50 this year, 42 last year). All were welcomed and distributed by the Muskego Food Pantry.
2. Recap soup and sandwich, March 3. All went well with a good turnout and $140 in free-will offering, which also satisfies Bethel's pledge to ELCA for Haiti Earthquake fund.
3. Recap Seder meal, April 1. Very successful and enjoyed by Outreach people who assisted. Honey cake was popular.
4. Recap Easter continental breakfast. Well attended after 8 a.m. service. Large fruit buffet, but a little light on muffins, and bagels (note for next year).
5. Directory should be available soon. Some were happy with quick handling of photograph appointments. Some thought she went too fast.
6. Rummage for this year- discussion. Dates available for use of Bethel fellowship hall are June 6-12. Therefore, the rummage public sale will be June 10, 11 and 12. The committee felt the rummage was a good opportunity to generate money for the church without costs up front. We will donate proceeds towards outstanding bills through the treasurer.
7. Jean Paape was approached by St. Leonard's people about cooperating with them in a Christmas social activity at the St. Vincent dePaul Madison mealsite in December. This would require volunteers and purchasing small gifts for a "Secret Santa" shop activity. More details would follow. This could include other groups at Bethel.

Caring Conversations with Teachable Hearts

Dear Friends,

Our homes are the best place to nurture faith! Surprisingly, the home beats the church as the place where children learn the day-to-day effect that faith has on living. We have been examining ways that God nurtures faith in our homes in our quarterly magazine. He often uses Devotions, Rituals and Traditions, Caring Conversations, and Acts of Service as ways that families can encourage faith growth.

Let's look at CARING CONVERSATIONS this quarter and discover ways to encourage our families to grow in their relationships with God as we talk and listen with each other.

A woman reported an interesting conversation with her child's classmate. The young classmate shared having fears late at night. He said that his mom had prayed the "Our Father" when she was afraid as a child, but he didn't remember the words to that prayer. The woman shared that he could pray to God with his own words expressing all his feelings. She told him that he could feel confident that God was eager to hear from him and listened to his words and feelings.

That's a Caring Conversation that nurtures faith. That woman saw **an opportunity to help this child understand God better and to see how God connected to his day-to-day life.**

Caring Conversations are NOT lessons in morality. Teaching our children right from wrong is very important and should be a part of our conversations and relationships with them. But caring conversations are moments to help a child sense God's presence in our daily lives and encourage a relationship with Him.

Caring Conversations seize the teachable moment. When we are about the work of nurturing faith in our children, we are alert for "God moments" when the child's heart is open and the circumstances create an opportunity for the child to learn or re-learn something about God. A fear about school work, seeing a person in need, or wishing for sunshine can create opportunities to talk about God's power and love for the child, God's desire for service of others, and God's communication with us through prayer.

Caring Conversations help our children grow through our life and family stories. As we talk about important events in our lives and families, we have opportunities to shape our children's values and impression of God. We nurture our child's faith as we help them understand our stories through a faith lens. Faith helps us see God's work and strength in the midst of challenges. Faith helps us see God's activity in the midst of our daily lives and family history.

Caring Conversations are good for people of all ages. Experts tell us that even during the teenage years parents are the primary influence on youth in areas of values, faith, and long-term choices. Keep looking for teachable moments with our children at any age.

What circumstances create moments to relate faith to daily living in your home? Try this Caring Conversation starter: Where have you seen God working in your life this week?

May God draw your family closer to Him as you talk and listen with each other!

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Editors Page

We hope you have enjoyed the Quarterly Magazine.

Please share this document with your friends and family.

We will continue our smaller version on a monthly basis. This is where we will be placing the calendar and volunteer schedule along with other pertinent and timely information.

Our next Quarterly Magazine will cover the highlights of September, October & November. If you have ideas and/or submissions, you may email them to me (tferguson@wi.rr.com)

I will be able to accept your submissions for consideration up until mid-May.

Your help, ideas and submissions are welcome (and much needed!)

Tom Ferguson

June 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 9:30 -11:15am 4:45 pm Wgt. Watchers 7:00pm Worship Grp	2 3:00 pm Education Grp 5:00 pm Pit Stop 6:45 pm Worship Serv	3 Pastor-Day off	4	5 7:30 pm AA Group
6 8:00 am Traditional Serv. 10:15 am Contemporary Serv. *STEWPOT SUNDAY*	7 3:00 pm Evangelism	8 9:30 -11:15am 4:00 pm Food Kitchen 4:45 pm Wgt. Watchers 7:00 pm Resource	9 Rummage Sale 9:00 - 5:00 3:00 pm Education Grp 6:45 pm Worship Serv	10 Pastor-Day off Rummage Sale 9:00 - 5:00 7:00 pm Outreach	11 Rummage Sale 9:00 - 5:00	12 Rummage Sale 9:00 - 1:00 7:30 pm AA Group
13 ‹‹‹‹‹‹‹‹‹‹‹‹‹‹‹‹‹‹‹‹‹‹‹‹ Conf. Camp ›››››››

June 2010 Volunteer Schedule

Date	6th	13th	20th	27th
Altar Care Set Up	Jeanne Kolkoski	Janet Pawlowski	Barb Siebert	Sue Getzel
Clean Up	Sue Getzel	Barb Osberg	Julie Frahmann	Jeanne Kolkoski
Sundays 8:00am				
Assisting Minister	Cathy Pierce	Julie Frahmann	Ed Hammer	J. Francis
Lector	Natalie Paape	Tyler Hilker	Mickey Francis	Kelsee York
Junior Lector	Ben Shalk	Katie Wasiak	Alex Pawlowski	Dakota Galkowski
Acolyte	Adam Hilker	Erik Henkel	Max Lindhorst	Madison Francis
Greeter	Jeanne Kolkoski	Jean Paape	Kathy Duran	Yvonne Hafferman
Ushers	Teri Orlando Debbie Zortman	Cassie Cook Pat Martin	Randy Bauer Debbie Bauer	Al Bolter Debbie Zortman
Sundays 10:15am				
Media/Tech	Christine Zanotelli	Tyler Gressle	Cody/Amber Puranen	Tyler Cook
Wednesday 6:45pm	**2nd**	**9th**	**16th**	**23rd**
Worship Assistant	Bryon Paape	Kathy Beale	Julie Frahmmann	Wordens
				30th
				Bryon Paape