



## November 2010

- Sunday Services  
8:00 am (Traditional)  
10:15 am (Experiential)
- Wednesday Evenings Service  
6:45 pm (Blended)



**Bethel Lutheran Church  
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Newsletter  
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## **Pastor's Note**

Let's assume it's November when you're reading this note. By now, you probably have noticed, yet again, changes in the worship space. These changes are in response to the cards we received from the congregation. There are a few not-so-easy-to-see changes as well: our long-time secretary, Kathy Ferguson, is retiring from her position. She will continue to work on a part time basis to keep the membership up to date – check out the listing she has made of ALL the members who ever were a part of Bethel since its beginning! Tom will also still be helping with the newsletters. We are looking for a person to be the secretary, and there is an article about that in this newsletter, so if you feel called to do it, let us know! In the meantime, Jeanne Kolkoski will continue to act as volunteer coordinator, and will fill in the secretarial areas as needed.

October brought a few other changes too, in the lives of Emerson Elizabeth Cesar – baptized 10-10-10 – and Don Pickart – who joined the Church Triumphant on 10-17-10, and of course, our president Ed Hammer, whose life was joined to Amber Sharp as they were married 10-22-10, and the 3 students who are now communing members of the congregation: Lauren Ghert, Sam Runyon, and Dakota Galkowski. October was a busy, full month in the life of this congregation.

Changes are challenging, we all agree. But change is what happens in life – everyone's life – when God is a part of it. We cannot stay where we are, because God meets us there, and moves us along, sometimes kicking and screaming! That's the only thing we can absolutely count on. Life goes on, no matter which way the pews face, or what days the choir sings, or who preaches. The life of the congregation is not about any of that – it's about God working to change lives.

Everything is changing – and it won't stop in November: the face of our political world will change with elections (don't forget to vote!) this week; the face of the business world will continue to change as the economy adjusts; our congregation has some tough decisions to make as we enter conversation about next year's budget. Change is inevitable. The only thing that does not change is God. When we put our trust in structures, buildings, economies, leaders, history, tradition...whatever it is, they will fail us. But God NEVER fails us. It's the last month of the church year. Advent is coming, and a new year for us to be together. How will we face it? Will we rely on our own strength, our own cleverness, or are we ready to hand all things over to the only one who is constant and FOR US?

### **Save the date- December 15, 2010**

Bethel and St. Leonard's church are going to participate in a Christmas party at the South Side food Kitchen (St. Vincent DePaul) on Dec 15, 2010. We need to collect 20 more gifts for men and Woman. Children are going to pick and wrap a gift for their parents.

We need \$5 gifts. Suggestions of gifts are snow globes, flashlights, toolset, jewelry, coffee mugs, picture frames, and candles. Re-gifting of a like-new item would be great. Also, we need wrapping paper, gift bags, name tags and tape. If you have any questions, please contact me.

God Bless and thank you for your generosity!

Jean Paape, 262-679-4369



## **Christmas Craft and Bake Sale - November 20<sup>th</sup> 9:00 am to 3:00 pm**

Bethel will again have its craft, bake and raffle basket sale on Saturday, November 20<sup>th</sup>. Proceeds will go to the Muskego food pantry, the Bethel parking lot and miscellaneous church expenses. All of you crafters, sewers, artists, etc please help us make this event the big success it has always been. For craft and raffle basket donations, please contact Kathy Duran, 262-679-7068. For donations to the bake sale, please contact Jeanne Kolkoski at (414) 788-4257.



### **Prayer requests**

**Albert Hoefgen** – Jeff & Jerry's Dad – Stroke  
**Jim** – Kim York's Dad Continued healing  
**Kathy Beale's Mom** – Hip surgery  
**Leanne** – Audrey's neighbor – Stroke  
**Tom & Kathy Kuliga**  
**Kerry Packer** – Lung cancer  
**Kim's Aunt Noreen, Uncle Mal, Aunt Marla**  
**Tary** – Cancer  
**Bob Thachuk** – Annette's Brother – Cancer  
**Tracy** – dying  
**Ginny Boettcher's Mom**  
**Kim Y.** – Healing  
**Bill** – Kathy McGregor's Dad – Tests  
**Phil** – McGregor's friend – Bypass surgery  
**Sue** – McGregor's friend – Massive stroke  
**Evan Coubal's Family** – **In the suffering of his death**  
**John** – Job Thanksgiving  
**Todd Rasmussen** – Heart attack





## Sunday School/Confirmation Service Project

Sunday School and Confirmation students are invited to **donate a wrapped Christmas gift** for a child in Milwaukee. The gifts will be delivered to churches in Milwaukee who will distribute the gifts at their Christmas Eve services to children in need. The gifts should be about \$10, wrapped, and marked for boy or girl and appropriate age group. Bring in the gifts by Sunday, December 5.

**There are NO Sunday School classes** on November 28, December 26, and January 2. **There are NO Confirmation classes** in December.



## Sunday School Christmas Program

**Sunday, December 19 at 9:00-10:00am**

The Sunday School children will lead worship on Sunday, December 19 at 9:00am. They will invite the congregation to understand the true meaning of Christmas through their program, *Christmas Comfort and Joy*. This will be the only worship service that Sunday. The whole congregation is invited to worship together at 9:00am.

Join the children and their families for a **Bethel Christmas Brunch** following the Program. Bring a dish to pass and enjoy a meal together as we celebrate Jesus' birthday. We also will work on a service project to help someone in need. More details will follow in December.

Here is the **practice schedule for the children on Saturday, December 18:**

10:30am-Noon—children with speaking parts

Noon—pizza lunch for all the children

12:30-2:00pm—all children



## Adult Bible Studies

Ready for something to encourage and strengthen you? Take some time to be renewed through a Bible Study. **Everyone is welcome at any of these studies—from the oldest to the youngest adult, both men and women!**

1. **Mondays at 7:00-8:30pm** in the worship space. Refreshments will be provided. Leader: Pastor Anne
2. **Tuesdays at 9:30-11:30am** November 2, 9, 16, & 30 at Atonement Lutheran Church, S70 W16244 Martin Drive. **Child care is available.** Leader: Marcia Marquardt
3. **Wednesdays at 6:30-8:00pm** November 3, 10, & 17 at Atonement Lutheran Church, S70 W16244 Martin

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## Via de Cristo Weekend

**November 11-14**

Join Pastor Anne, Marcia Marquardt, and other members of Bethel for a Via de Cristo retreat in Newark, Illinois. We will leave Thursday, November 11, and return late Sunday night, November 14. The weekend is an opportunity for men and women to be renewed and recharged by God in a warm, caring environment. If you are interested in attending this CO-ED weekend, please let Pastor Anne or Marcia know!

### **Thrivent Financial for Lutherans**

If you are a Thrivent member don't forget to designate Bethel as the recipient for your Thrivent Choice dollars. You should have received a letter from Thrivent regarding the amount allotted. Just follow the directions on the letter. Any questions you can talk to me or call Thrivent. Thanks

Julie Frahmman

Thrivent-Congregational Advocate

### **Ginny's Gems**

20 prayer shawls were blessed at Bethel during the 8:00 worship a few weeks ago. The recipients are St. Mary's Hospice, Linden Grove Nursing Home and St. Luke's Hospital. We are continuing crocheting and knitting our prayer shawls and hats, mittens and scarves for the less fortunate in Waukesha County. We will be giving the warm winter wear to the Muskego food pantry and agencies helping the homeless in Waukesha County. We meet the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of every month in the gathering space at Bethel at 7pm. Everyone is welcome to join our group for a Bible study, crocheting and fellowship. Any questions please contact Ginny Boettcher at 679-0065.

### **St. Vincent DePaul Meal Program**

409 people were served on October 12<sup>th</sup> by Linda Radmer, Barb Siebert, Cassi Cook, Yvonne Hafferman, Jean Paape, Cathy Pierce and her friend Claudia and Georgia Hainer and her friend Marlene.

Stews were made by Kathy Duran, Kathy Fischer, Jeanne Kolkoski, Yvonne Hafferman, Kim York and Jean Paape. Cathy Pierce, Claudia, Nick Henkel, Cassi Cook and Barb Siebert baked cakes. Barb Hilker, Sue Getzel, Lynn Gressle, Barb Zanotelli and Jean Paape provided jell-os. Thanks for everyone's commitment.

If you are interested in helping with this ministry please contact Jean Paape.

## **Muskego Food Pantry**

As always we are very busy at the pantry. We served 221 families in September which was 99 more than in August. Our donations are down even with school and regular church worship back in swing. We will be providing our families with their Thanksgiving dinner again this year. If you wish to donate a turkey or other holiday food please bring it to Bethel by Sunday November 14<sup>th</sup>. We will be putting our Thanksgiving baskets together on Saturday November 20<sup>th</sup> at the food pantry. Always need fruit, canned pasta, canned meat, manwich, canned chili, cake and brownie mixes, juice and diapers. Everything that Bethel does to support the food pantry is appreciated.

Julie Frahmman

## **BETHEL CHURCH SECRETARY VACANCY**

Bethel has an opening for church secretary effective December 1, 2010. Applications are available in the gathering space at the church. The person applying must have a working knowledge of Microsoft Word, Excel, PowerPoint, and Microsoft Publisher. Additional duties will include updating the webpage, creating weekly bulletin pages, and making power point slides for announcements at worship, as well as answering telephones and scheduling volunteers. The hours will be the same each week with some days being hours in the morning and some days being afternoon hours. Each work day will be 3 hours long for 4 days per week for a total of 12 hours per week. Pay is \$10.00 per hour. Applications must be post marked by November 10, 2010. The application can be mailed to Bethel Lutheran Church, Attn: Ed Hammer, S77 W18426 Janesville Rd., Muskego, WI 53150. If you have any questions, please contact Bob McGregor 414-422-9254 or Cathy Pierce 262-679-1502.

