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Regular Worship
RETURNS

September 12, 2010 → May 22, 2011

9:00 AM Contemporary Service
10:00 AM Fellowship Hour
10:30 AM Sunday School
10:30 AM Traditional Service



*From the
Pastor's
Desk*

This month we will celebrate two baptisms; Matthew Bronczyk on the 5th and Ella Wagner on the 12th. In Baptism we hear about promises: God's

promise to the child that he is now God's child, the promises of parents and sponsors to raise the child in the Christian faith, and the congregation's promise to: "welcome you into the Lord's family," to "receive you as a fellow member of the body of Christ, child of the same heavenly Father, and worker with us in the Kingdom of God." What does this mean? It reminds us that we don't learn the faith on our own. We are in it together. We need each other as we work together to help raise our children in the faith. It's like in the one room school house, "The big kids help the little kids"

As a congregation, we promise to look upon these children as important members of our Christian Community, to support the parents in making God's promises known to their children, and to support the parents in keeping their promises that they made to their children at Baptism. For our Kid's Club and Confirmation program this year, parents are encouraged to eat supper with their children on Wednesday evenings at 5:30 p.m., and to join in worship at 6:00 p.m. for songs, skits, and prayer. At 6:30 p.m. or so, those in confirmation will remain, while the Kid's club children will then be excused. Thank you in advance for helping with this important day in the

week for our youth with either teaching, cooking, clean up, etc. Rally Day for Sunday School is September 12th at 10:30 a.m. We are still in need of teachers for our Sunday school classes.

Our Sunday worship services will include our traditional service at 10:30 a.m. beginning on September 12th. Please continue to join us to worship God who promises to provide for us his grace, benefits, and forgiveness. In Christ we are no longer slaves in bondage to fear or anxiety. Because we are children of God, we are free to serve God's people in love. We can be faithful to our task because we believe God is faithful to us.

We are living in anxious times here at Bethel; many brothers and sisters in Christ have left our fellowship, and the shape of Bethel for the future is uncertain. These times test our wisdom, our patience, and our hope. But we draw courage, knowing, "Those who wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint." -Isaiah 40:31

Rev. Mark Kindem

Covenant group organizational meeting/ study will meet Sunday, September 12th at 6:00 p.m. beginning with Bible Study and then dessert!



Covenant group is for individuals or couples who 'covenant' together to meet once a month for a year for bible study, fellowship, and food. Everyone welcome, come and join us!

From the Council President

Every congregation has both an identity and a mission. On the most generic level all Christian congregations are gatherings of sinners who come together to receive and give forgiveness, hear the gospel message, and participate in what we call "a foretaste of the feast to come." Our common mission is to make Jesus Christ known to all. What congregations emphasize in their identity and mission and how they live them out gives us the variety of churches that we see. Craig Nesson lists prayer, Christian education, life in community, and stewardship as the elements that inform, shape, and support a congregation's identity. The attention given to these aspects of congregational life strengthens individual members' growth and the health of the congregation. One of the recommendations of the recent task force was to "deepen our spiritual roots to feed everyone." To me, focusing on Nesson's list is the way to achieve this recommendation. However, the congregational concern that has received the most attention by all since January has been our finances. Our financial health is only one aspect of Bethel's identity. In an odd way our finances and conflicts have pushed many to more practices that are considered spiritual-prayer and Scripture reading. These practices can help lead us to our identity. We don't just want to get out of something unpleasant, we want to get to where God would have us be. The degree to which we engage in prayer for those in and outside our fellowship, how we teach the faith to our children and pursue growth ourselves, the amount of care we show for each other, and our generous responses to God's gifts tell us who we are as God's disciples. This fall we will need more leaders to help strengthen us in all areas of our identity. People to lead a prayer group, people to coordinate and teach Sunday School and attend study groups, people to invite, welcome and gather us together, and people to give generously of their time and possessions, those signs of God's goodness and symbols of our love. Together we can discover and become who God wants us to be in this place.



FOOD SHELF *News*

Labor Day and the end of summer is upon us. It is harvest time and gardens have had plenty of rain. If your garden has produced more than you can use and would like to donate to the food shelf, please do so. We are open 10:00-3:30 on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday to take delivery, and if you want to bring it to the church on Sunday, I can take it in for you. If you want a receipt for this, as we do weigh and record it all in our records, just let us know. Thanks for your consideration of our need.

It has been a busy summer for us. We served an average of 500 families a month. In July we served 493 families, or a total of 1,757 people. The age range was 0-17 = 867, 18-65 = 842, Over 65 = 48.

We distributed 31,294 pounds of food to these people, including the gleanings. We know there are senior citizens out there that need the help and if you know any of them, suggest it to them or offer to bring them. A family member or friend can do it for them with a letter we have that they sign to have someone do it for them. Let me know if you are planning to help someone and I will get the letter for you.

Our current and latest newsletter is now posted on the Bemidji Community Food Shelf website. You can read it or print it from there. If you don't "do computers" let me know and I will make a copy for you. Patti will be able to pull it up on her computer and a copy can be made from hers.

In line with the thought of record keeping and printing, if you have empty ink cartridges from your printers and want to donate them, we turn them over to Office Max once a month for MaxPerks points. Our newsletter was totally printed using credits from these donations. Please recycle them by putting them in a ziplock bag and put in the grocery cart at church.

Volunteer workers at the Food Shelf need vacations,

too. I was very blessed this summer with new volunteers who pitched in and filled the spots for the vacationers. Thank you so much to you all, old and new and regulars. I do appreciate you and your willingness to dedicate your time to work on the first Wednesday of each month. Any questions, please ask or call me at 218-444-8809.

Bethel deserves a large THANK YOU for its support of the food shelf and those in need.

Our hot items needed:

Cereal

Mac & Cheese

Saltine Crackers

Tuna Fish

Nancy Streightiff, Food Shelf Vice President

Bethel's representative on the Food Shelf Board

Intern Kara Wiechmann's

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Thank you, Bethel Lutheran!





Celebrate the Christmas season with the 84th annual **Concordia Christmas Concert** on Friday December 3, 2010. Under the artistic direction of world-renowned composer and conductor Dr. René Clausen, more than 400 student musicians in five choirs and symphony orchestra tell the Christmas story through well-loved traditional songs, as well as original compositions.

The 2010 Concordia Christmas Concert will feature music from around the world and illuminate Christ's message of hope. As the world struggles with far-reaching challenges, we are reminded of the strength found in unity.

On several occasions throughout the concert, singers and instrumentalists will perform among the audience filling the hall with music, narration, lighting and art. Christ comes to the world in glory and nations are invited to seek a common message of hope. Please sign up in the office to attend this!

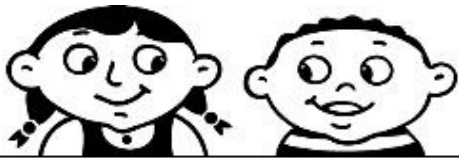


Monday:	6:15 a.m. - 8:15 a.m.	Patti VanCamp
	8:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon	Looking for a volunteer to answer phone
	12:00 noon - 5:00 p.m.	Patti VanCamp
Tuesday:	6:15 a.m. - 8:15 a.m.	Patti VanCamp
	8:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon	Carol Rogers - volunteered
	12:00 noon - 5:00 p.m.	Patti VanCamp
Wednesday:	6:15 a.m. - 8:15 a.m.	Patti VanCamp
	8:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon	LaVon Johnson
	12:00 noon - 5:00 p.m.	Patti VanCamp & LaVon till 4:30 p.m.
Thursday:	6:15 a.m. - 8:15 a.m.	Patti VanCamp
	8:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon	LaVon Johnson
	12:00 noon - 5:00 p.m.	Patti VanCamp & LaVon till 4:30 p.m.

As you will notice (if we received the volunteers needed) the office will now be open 4 days a week! Yeah! Yeah!

Patti VanCamp has recently accepted a bookkeeping position at First Lutheran Church. Her office hours at First Lutheran will be Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. - 11:30 am. She is excited about this addition to her hours, and hopes that the transition will work well with both churches.





For Sunday School
September 12th at 10:30 a.m.
 We are still in need of teachers for
 our Sunday school classes.

Age 3 thru 12th Grade

Sunday, Sept. 12	
<i>Rally Day Sunday</i>	10:30 - 11:30 a.m.
Sunday, Sept. 19	10:30 - 11:30 a.m.
Sunday, Sept. 26	10:30 - 11:30 a.m.



Join us at 5:30 p.m. for a Family Dinner!
 All are welcome to sit and eat together!

Pre-school - 6th Grade

Wednesday, Sept. 15	5:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Sept. 22	5:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Sept. 29	OFF

**Thanks to everyone who helped with
 Vacation Bible School!! We had an
 amazing week! Thank you to ALL the
 volunteers for your time and energy.
 Also, thank you to all the parents for
 bringing your children and their friends!!
 THANKS AGAIN!**



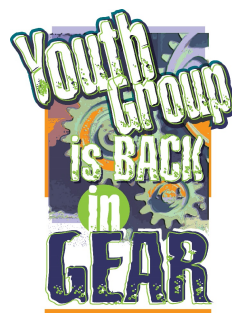
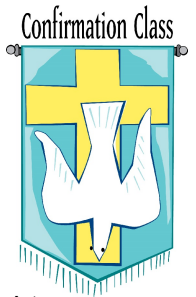
**3rd Grade Bible Class
 beginning Wednesday,
 September 15th**

This will be a time to
 introduce the 3rd Grade class
 to the old and new testament, the different
 books of the bible, and how to explore the
 bible on their own. During the worship
 service on October 3rd they will be presented
 their bibles.

Wed., September 15, 22, 29 class @ 4:30 p.m.
 Sunday, October 3 Presentation of Bibles

7th - 9th Grades

Sept. 15	6:30 p.m. Theme Event #1
Sept. 22	6:30-8:00 p.m. Servant Event = Adopt a highway clean-up
Sept. 29	6:30-8:00 p.m. Guide Meeting - Students with families tonight



**Jr & Sr. High
 School Youth Group:**

Our Youth are committed to serve @
 the Eagles Extravaganza on
September 11, 2010 at 6:30 p.m.
 12 youth/parents are needed to
 serve at this event.
 Please sign up in the narthex.

- 02 Terace Clement
- 03 Nancy Streightiff
- 04 Dennis Sundvall
- 06 Chet Swedmark
- 08 Cyan Koos
- 09 Jan Dreyer
- Shirley Worth
- 10 Audrey Fenske
- 11 Claire Schotzko
- 12 Dave Schotzko
- Jared Frenzel 23 Seth Newby
- 14 Verlie Geror 24 Molly Black
- 16 Alan Thorson 26 Taylor Erickson
- 20 Earl McNea Paige Moen
- Clara Hoyum 30 Payton Erickson



Lutheran Campus Ministry

1. "Lutheran Campus Ministry is holding their annual bicycle ride fund-raiser around Lake Bemidji on Saturday, September 11. This event is called "Pedal with PJ" and is a great family event. Participants are encouraged to pick up registration packets after August 20 and to find people to sponsor them on this ride. We leave the Lutheran Campus Center at 10:30 a.m. and pedal to Lake Bemidji state park and picnic before returning. Call 751-5326 for more information."
2. "Lutheran Campus Ministry is asking congregations and church groups to consider signing up to host our Thursday evening meal called Supper for a Buck. We begin serving meals to students on Thursday, September 2. The meal is served from 5:00 - 6:30 at the LCC and we normally have 30 - 40 students show up to eat and visit. Please call us at 751-5326 and let us know which Thursday your group would prefer."

Call us if you have any questions----we're not in the office for regular hours over the summer so just leave a message if we're not there and we'll get back to you.

Pastor Jim Holthus



Anniversaries This Month

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| 01 | Ron & Sue Sandell | 1961 |
| | Larry & Brenda Sand | ---- |
| 02 | Dick & Julie Johnson | ---- |
| 13 | Ben & Janet Nielsen | 1952 |
| 20 | Mark & Lanee Paulson | 1975 |

Bethel Bazaar

Sat., Oct. 23rd
9 am - 2 pm

This year's theme will be
"Irish Eyes Are SMILING"

Morning Coffee & Rolls ~ Noon Luncheon
Fresh Lefse & Rommegrot
will also be available.

"Bob & the Boys" will be back with
"Irish" songs this year.

A Live Auction will be at 10:30 a.m.

Keep thinking of items you could add to the bazaar!

Crafts Theme Baskets

Farmer's Market Items Baked Goods

Jams, Jellies & Preserves Candy

Plants for our "New Plant Section"

**HAVE
A SAFE
and
ENJOYABLE
HOLIDAY!**



LABOR DAY



The second aspect of a congregation as mentioned by Nesson is mission. This includes all the ways we become Christ's hands and feet in the world. We go out to meet the needs of the world and infuse our actions with the love of Christ. This month our second mile offering is for Habitat for Humanity. We will receive it later in the month because of Rally Day and more in line with the day set aside for International Habitat Day. Did you know that Habitat is active around the world? A shanty town outside Biskek, Kyrgystan was transformed into a Habitat city. Housing was built for peasants who had

left the countryside and were seeking work in the capital. We will do a "Get on the Beam" activity. You will be given the opportunity to add your name and a blessing to a beam that will go in the next habitat house.

September 20-24 is the week we are scheduled to deliver Meals on Wheels. Drivers and deliverers are needed. Look for the sign-up sheet in the narthex. Thanks to all who provide a smiling face.

The Servants of Shelter coordinating group is beginning to meet and plan for the coming winter season. Bethel will serve in January. Please pray about how you can serve with this ministry. Lunches, dinners and breakfasts and people to cover registration and just be there are needed. The Soup Kitchen is looking for cooks for Monday and/or Tuesday at Mt. Zion church. The cook who had been serving those days has had to take a medical leave. Contact Gloria Joy who is the Soup Kitchen coordinator.

We will continue to gather items for LWR; look for the colored bags in the fellowship hall. The study on our Christian responsibility to the environment is still in the works. Look for more later.

Thank you to everyone who helped with Relay for Life events in the past months. Whether you helped with the quilt, purchased luminaria, donated



food or money or worked that day for the Father's Day brunch, gave pies for the Rejoice & Remember Service, participated in the Rejoice & Remember Service, donated to the Silent Auction Basket, helped bake lefse and/or walked—it was much appreciated. Rex Smith, one of the Relay for Life co-chairs, drew Sandy Krohn's name for the quilt and

Nancy Streightiff put in the winning bid on the basket. So far our group, the "Joywalkers", raised a total of \$1353. A breakdown of the donations is posted on the bulletin board in the Narthex. The amount raised from this year's Beltrami Relay for Life was \$91,891.48 as of 8/25/10. Their goal was \$85,000.00. It was the best total in the area including surpassing Duluth.



7th of 10 Stewardship Principles

As baptized members of the body of Christ, we gratefully confess Jesus as our Lord and Savior. We boldly proclaim the gospel as the Word of God. We clearly recognize the gifts that God has first given us through grace, and we joyfully accept our role and responsibility as stewards. The following principle provides a foundation for the life of a faithful and generous steward.

7

Commit intentionally

means making a statement about your intent and following through. As members in the body of Christ, we are asked to make a commitment of our time, talents, and resources as a faithful response to God and as a statement of support for God's work.

"...arrange in advance for this bountiful gift that you have promised."

2 Corinthians 9:5

We walk together as stewards in God's church.

Our role as God's stewards is one of many dimensions - grateful, responsible, self-sacrificing, willing, sharing, proportionate, committed, regular, genuine, and challenged. By generously giving of ourselves, we discover joy in Christ.

"... you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." 2 Corinthians 9:7

Fall
Worship
Schedule

Starting Sunday, September 12th

9:00 a.m. Contemporary

10:30 a.m. Fellowship

10:30 a.m. Sunday School

10:30 a.m. Traditional