



## Wednesday, March 11

**Worship**—schedule is 11:30 am. and 6:30 pm. with Pr. Duane Hanson preaching; text will be John 10:11, I Am the Good Shepherd

**Lunch**—12:00/noon: sandwiches, salads, soup, and pies

**Faith Speaker**—12:30 pm.: long time Bethel member, Sharon Starkey

**Dinner**—5:00—6:30 pm. from Tex Tubb's Taco Palace with Chicken and Beef Tacos with rice and beans (childcare is available.) Dinner is ala carte: salad bar, pizza, and cake available.

**Kid's Lenten Series**—6:00 pm.: featuring Lenten crafts

**Horizons speaker**—at 6:00 pm. will be Kathy Hunt presenting, *Art Ventures*

**Daily Prayer**—is available at 1-866-895-8488 or at our website, www.bethel-madison.org and click on 40 Days, Daily Prayer

**Bible Studies**—the weekly Bible Studies begin on Wednesday and go till Tuesday, weekly; week # 3 Bible Study is John 13:1-17, Washing Disciples' Feet. The times and locations of these Bible Studies are on the calendar on page 4 and is offered online at our website.

## Wisconsin flood recovery report

The work continues as we help survivors of the 2008 flood put their lives back together. Surprisingly, we are still removing muck and debris from some homes. Mold is now our biggest problem—removing it and keeping it away. Occasionally, we find a home that is so badly infested with mold that it is necessary to hire a commercial mold remediation company. Unfortunately, they charge \$7,000—\$14,000. Homeowners have been using their savings and cashing in their IRA's to pay these very large bills and many have little left of their retirement funds.

Case managers working for VOAD (Voluntary Organizations Active In Disasters) have been able to negotiate discounts from \$2000—\$4,000. Many insurance companies do not cover mold infestation for various reasons. Other times, the homeowner simply did not have flood insurance for the home—only its contents. Most have been good about paying for what they felt was covered and then helping negotiate lower mold remediation costs.

Many homeowners have purchased dehumidifiers to dry their homes. Our current efforts include purchasing and soliciting donations of dehumidifiers. Some



Bethel monies may be used for this.

Long Term Recovery Committees (LTRC) have become creative to solve problems. In one situation, the flood had severely damaged the home foundation of a widow with a young child—both with medical problems. Bethel member Mike Gourlie and a friend looked over the situation and discovered several key problems. As a result, the LTRC is now working on major repair of the foundation and another part of the house. VOAD will also refer the widow to legal services. In addition, VOAD is looking for donations of building materials and are negotiating with a company to donate heavy equipment services for the foundation repair.

I feel blessed to represent you in the flood recovery efforts. May God bless Bethel's congregation and volunteers who allow us to continue this work.

—Bill Berkan





## Setting an example

Last Sunday I was watching a movie on the Latino channel called *Voces Inocentes* (Innocent Voices). In the movie, a brutal reality was portrayed. It took place during the time of military oppression in the 80's in El Salvador. As soon as a boy turned 12 years old, he was recruited to join the cruel government's army. There was a lot of bloodshed and horrible acts. Their other option was to join the guerrillas, and that was not a place for a child, either. Many of them grew up with anger and pain, later migrated to the United States, and became members of the "Mara Salvatrucha," one of the most powerful and feared gangs in Central America and the U.S.

As parents, we have a tremendous responsibility to teach by our example. For what children see, they imitate, and often that's what they become.

We are in Lent. What does that mean for children? They could see it as a depressing time compared with the Christmas season. Some of us wait for Lent so we can lose weight by giving up something we like to eat or drink. So, if children see that Lent is a drag requiring sacrifice, it's NOT going to be a popular season for them.

What, then, should they see and hear? Well, I suggest they listen to us talk about how meaningful our devotional time is; how interesting the Bible studies are; how important the time is at other parishioner's

homes.

But also, they should see symbols to help them remember this season of Lent. Beginning with the ashes on our foreheads, remembering that we are marked with the cross of Christ forever, and we belong to Him. Perhaps, we can have water in a special bowl, at the entrance or in a particular place in our homes, to remember our baptism. We can take time to watch a movie about Jesus' life as a family. Children like to help, so let them come when you are doing your volunteer service project. Let them know that nothing bad is going to happen if you eat meat on Friday during Lent, but if you all agree, you can choose to eat fish on Friday in remembrance of the martyrs of our faith that boycotted meat, sending a powerful message to the Roman oppressors of their time. Perhaps you can read biographies of martyrs before dinner and make it a fun experience.

And last, but not least, prepare with excitement for Holy Week. Living the discipline of Lent makes us better people, develops our character, and nurtures our spirit. I hope this will help you and your children to bring a different perspective on Lent.

Peace,

—Pastor Pedro Suárez

## More dates for Brat Fest

If you can't volunteer for Memorial weekend, consider the following dates occurring before and after that weekend—also to be credited to Bethel Horizons.

Set up Crew, May 18, 19, 20, 21; 9:00 am. to 5:00 pm. or portions of that time. Help set up for the Brat Fest.

Tear Down Crew, May 26; 9:00 am. to 5:00 pm. or portions of that time.

Contact us at [nfolson@wisc.edu](mailto:nfolson@wisc.edu) or (608) 233-6233 to schedule hours.

—Darlene or Norm Olson

## Sunday School Feeding 80,000 offering challenge

Our goal during Lent is to raise \$955 through the Sunday School weekly offering envelopes. This money will be sent to our partner community center in Ukraine to help provide meals for 84 orphans and poverty stricken children from the center.

First through sixth graders can put their offering in the bowl on the cart outside of the sanctuary and preschool; kindergarten and Hosanna Center can put it in the teacher's brown folder.

—Jacqui Shanda

## Getting Ready for Sunday School 40 Days of Spiritual Renewal Lessons

*Biblical Text:* John 4:4-42

*Key Bible Verse:* Jesus answered, "Everyone who drinks this water will get thirsty again. But no one that drinks the water I give will ever be thirsty again. The water I give is like a flowing fountain that gives eternal life." John 4:13-14 (CEV)

*Bible Point:* Jesus wants us to believe in and follow him, so we will have eternal life and always be with him.

*Prayer:* Heavenly Father, We thank you for your gift of everlasting life. Help us remember to read our Bibles, say our prayers, and to serve our friends this week. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Reminder: During Lent the grades 1 – 6 Sunday School classes meet in the sanctuary (grades 1, 3, & 5 on the pulpit—right—side; grades 2, 4, & 6 on the lectern—left—side).

This summer Bethel offers a theater experience—**Annie Junior**—for actors who have completed grades 2-6 with Laura Borgwardt from Monday, Aug. 10–Friday Aug. 21, with an ending performance. Contact Laura at [Irborgwa@syr.edu](mailto:Irborgwa@syr.edu) or Jacqui Shanda at [blceducation@bethel-madison.org](mailto:blceducation@bethel-madison.org).

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## No proposal

I picked up the phone on the first ring and answered. The voice at the other end said, "Since when did we plan to build a school? I don't think I've missed a Sunday in church and I haven't heard a thing about it."

He was talking about an article that appeared in the Wednesday addition of the *Capital Times*, written by Samara Kalk Derby. The headline read: *Bethel Lutheran Church looks at opening downtown school.*

The headline is misleading. If there is a story, it ought to say: *Bethel Lutheran Church takes a survey regarding a Downtown School.*

When the *Capital Times* ceased six day a week publication I'm sure they looked at many options, including terminating publication. How about this headline: *Capital Times May Cease Publication.*

Here is what is happening at Bethel. Like all responsible churches we have looked at the future of Bethel, including the use of our valuable downtown site. We have studied future parking needs, possible construction of a gymnasium/community center, providing day care using our present facilities, and much more. One idea we decided to explore is the need for additional Christian education. To help with the study, our committee decided to take a survey of the interests of both Bethel members with children, and people who belong to Downtown Madison, Inc.

There is no proposal. We are looking at possible use at our downtown site. The key word is LOOKING.

I told the writer that there is no story. We are a planning committee. She asked, "What do you think?" I told her I don't have an opinion. I'll wait until I read the results of the survey before I even begin to form an opinion.

Much ado about very little, I'd say.

—Pastor Bill White

## Save the dates

On Monday, June 29, Primetimers will sponsor a Brewer game outing (Brewers vs New York Mets). On Saturday, July 11, we travel to Ten Chimneys.

More details will be available later.

—Sue Marking

## ▶▶ coming up ◀◀

**Love and Logic, Early Childhood Parenting Made Fun!** will be taught by educator and Bethel member, Julie Martinelli on Wednesday nights. The class is from 6:30–8:00 and is \$15/person or \$20/couple. Register through our website or blceducation@bethel-madison.org.

At 5:15 pm. on Mar. 7, **PrimeTimers** will meet at Pedro's Restaurant then go to see the *Picnic* written. If you have any questions, contact Jack & Sue Marking at 221-1931.

The 6:00 pm. **Sunday Nights @ Bethel** worship on Mar. 8 will feature Lyjya Miles, Christian Rap Poet, with Michael Hillestad, pianist.

Those who participate in the **Community Meal Program** are reminded to bring their food to Bethel by Monday morning, Mar. 9. Janet Johnson is the coordinator.

**Current Christian Concerns** will meet at 7:00 am. Thursday, Mar. 12, to discuss, "40 Days: Christian Role Reversals Today."

The **Middle School Ministry** event is Thursday, Mar. 12, with pizza, soda, games, DDR, and Guitar Hero III. At 5:30 pm. on Saturday, Mar. 28, Middle Schoolers will also meet at Boulders Climbing Gym. The cost is \$7. For more information, contact Anita Grue, AIM, 257-3577 x 344.

**Couples Club** will meet at 6:15 pm. on Friday, Mar. 13, for *Storm Tracking* presented by Dale Bernstein of the Midwest Storm Tracking Response Center. Contact Shirley at 850-4364 for more information.

A **Chili Challenge** fundraiser will be held

Sunday, Mar. 15, featuring chili—vegetarian, chicken, or beef/meat. Carry-out chili is available at 10:00 am; tasting and voting for favorite chili is 11–1:00 pm. Tickets are available beginning Mar. 1.

**Christian Men's Fellowship** will meet Tuesday, Mar. 17, with *Allen Centennial Gardens* by Ed Lyon, Director. The meeting starts at 10:30 am., speaker at 11:00 am., and lunch (\$5) at noon.

Senior High Youth will have a **Senior High Lock In** on Friday night, Mar. 20.

**Breakfast with the Birds** will be held at Bethel Horizons on Mar. 21, 8:30-11:00 am. Join naturalist Eric Volden for a morning of bird watching and bird lore while enjoying a hearty breakfast with friends. The cost is \$7.50; make reservations by calling (608) 574-1992.

The Madison Area Lutheran Council oversees the Jail Chaplaincy Program at the Dane County Jail. Their annual **Quilt Auction** to benefit the Jail Chaplaincy Program will be Saturday, Apr. 18, at 1:00 pm. Bethel will be a drop off location. For more information, contact Anne Salzwedel Staniforth at (608) 846-3352 or stan4@centurytel.net.

**Bethel Singles** meet for hiking at 12:30 pm. on Sunday, Apr. 19. Car pool to Blue Mounds State Park to hike. Contact Karen at solheim393@hotmail.com if interested.

Sundays sign up to volunteer at the **Memorial Weekend Brat Fest** on May 22, 23, 24, & 25 for Horizons. You can also volunteer with Darlene & Norm Olson at 233-6233 or nfolson@wisc.edu.

### Bethel Easter Garden: Lilies & Mums

Please make out separate checks. The deadline is Wednesday, March 25. In Memory / Honor of: (circle one):

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Choose:  white Easter Lily or  colored chrysanthemum or  either.

# plants \_\_\_ X \$11 = Total \$\_\_\_\_\_

Cash /or Check #\_\_\_\_\_ Phone\_\_\_\_\_

Envelope # \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ Please take my plant(s) to homebound person. \_\_\_\_ I will pick up my plant(s) after 2:00 pm. on April 19.

### Bethel Food Pantry

Please make out separate checks. The deadline is Wednesday, March 25. In Memory / Honor of: (circle one) Please print clearly:

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount \$\_\_\_\_\_

Cash/or Check #\_\_\_\_\_

Phone\_\_\_\_\_

Envelope # \_\_\_\_\_

# Bethel for the week of: March 8-14

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| <b>■ Sunday, March 8</b>                   |   |             |
| 7:00                                       | Coffee fellowship                                 | FR          |
| 7:55-9:15, 10:45                           | Worship Services                                  | S           |
| 8:30                                       | Genesis Cafe                                      | BWH         |
| 8:30-2:00                                  | Child care  | N           |
| 8:45                                       | Library Open                                      | L           |
| 9:00                                       | New Members meet                                  | GSC         |
| 9:00                                       | Onancock Mission Trip                             | GR          |
| 9:15                                       | What is Baptism? Class                            | GSC         |
| 9:15                                       | Sunday School                                     | GR          |
| 9:15                                       | 6th Graders: 40 Days                              | CR          |
| 9:45                                       | 10:45 Worship Rehearsal                           | CR          |
| 10:15                                      | Cherub, Children's, & Jr. Youth Choirs            | 202/216/213 |
| 10:15                                      | New Member reception                              | ER          |
| 10:30                                      | 40 Days Bible Study                               | ER          |
| 10:30                                      | Bethel's Biggest Loser                            | GSC         |
| 10:45                                      | ESL Classes                                       | 216         |
| 11:00                                      | Sunday School in Spanish                          | B           |
| 12:00                                      | 20-somethings Bible Study                         | S           |
| 12:30                                      | La Santa Misa                                     | BWH         |
| 1:30                                       | Refrigerio  | S           |
| 6:00                                       | Sunday Nights @ Bethel: Lyjya Miles               |             |
| <b>■ Monday, March 9</b>                   |   |             |
| 8:30                                       | Friendship pad volunteers                         | 104         |
| 10:00                                      | Community Meals                                   | SK          |
| 12:00                                      | Foundation Investment Committee                   | LMR         |
| 12:00                                      | 40 Days Bible Study                               | GSC         |
| 6:30                                       | 40 Days Bible Study                               | PR          |
| 7:00                                       | Bethel Series-Intensive                           | GSC         |
| 7:30                                       | Juventura Parents Group                           | 216         |
| <b>■ Tuesday, March 10</b>                 |   |             |
| 9:00                                       | Library Open                                      | L           |
| 12:00                                      | 40 Days Bible Study                               | GSC         |
| 12:00                                      | MALC meeting                                      | L           |
| 3:30                                       | Southdale After School                            | PR1         |
| 5:00                                       | Grupo Latino Practico de Musica                   | S           |
| 5:00                                       | 40 Days Bible Study                               | GSC         |
| 5:15                                       | Women's Choir                                     | CR          |
| 6:30                                       | Juventura Social Club                             | GR          |
| 6:30                                       | Creative Worship Singers                          | CR          |
| 6:30                                       | Clase de Computacion                              | PR3         |
| 6:30                                       | Spanish Class                                     | 216         |
| 6:45                                       | Separated & Divorced Group                        | L           |
| 7:00                                       | Renew Circle                                      | 100         |
| 7:00                                       | Conversational Norwegian                          | LMR         |
| 7:15                                       | Bethel Horizons Board Meeting                     | 201         |
| 7:45                                       | Worship Rehearsal                                 | S           |
| <b>■ Wednesday, March 11</b>               |   |             |
| <i>Noon deadline for March 15 bulletin</i> |   |             |
| 9:00                                       | Beloved Disciples Bible Study                     | LMR         |
| 11:30                                      | Lent Worship                                      | S           |
| 12:00                                      | Lenten lunch                                      | BWH         |
| 12:30                                      | Faith Speaker: Sharon Starkey                     | BWH         |
| 1:15                                       | 40 Days Bible Study                               | GSC         |
| 5:00                                       | Lenten Dinner by Tex Tubb's Taco Palace           | BWH         |
| 5:30                                       | Bethel Ringers                                    | 202         |
| 6:00                                       | Horizons speaker: Kathy Hunt, <i>Art Ventures</i> | FR          |
| 6:30                                       | Stephen Ministry: Dealing with Depression         | FR          |
| 6:00                                       | Kid's Lenten Series: Lenten crafts                | FR          |
| 6:30                                       | Hot Topics  | YR          |
| 6:30                                       | 40 Days Young Couples Bible Study                 | GSC         |
| 6:30                                       | 40 Days Bible Study                               | L           |
| 6:30                                       | Lent Worship                                      | S           |
| 8:00                                       | Senior Youth Ensemble                             | CR          |
| <b>■ Thursday, March 12</b>                |   |             |
| 7:00                                       | Current Christian Concern                         | LMR         |
| 3:30                                       | Southdale After School                            | PR1         |
| 5:30                                       | 40 Days Bible Study                               | GSC         |
| 6:00                                       | Middle School Ministry                            | FR          |
| 6:00                                       | Juventura Planning Club                           | 201         |
| 7:00                                       | Bethel Choir                                      | CR          |
| 7:30                                       | 20-Somethings Bible Study                         | L           |
| <b>■ Friday, March 13</b>                  |   |             |
| 7:00                                       | Men's Book Study                                  | BWH         |
| 9:30                                       | 40 Days Bible Study                               | PR          |
| 9:30                                       | XYZ (chapel, cards, book study, Tai-chi, etc.)    | BLG         |
| 6:15                                       | Couples Club                                      | PR          |
| <b>■ Saturday, March 14</b>                |   |             |
| 8:00                                       | Bible Study Group                                 | L           |
| 9:00                                       | Latino Yoga Class                                 | FR          |
| 9:00                                       | Stephen Ministries Retreat                        | ER          |
| 5:00                                       | Worship   | PR          |

► (Key-am/pm) BLG—Building; B—Balcony; BH—Bethel Horizons; BWH—Borgwardt Hall; CR—Choir Room; ER—Emmaus Rm; GR—Game Room; FR—Fireside Rm; GSC—Good Shepherd Chapel; K—Kitchen; L—Library; LMR—Lib Media Rm; N—Nursery; PF—Parking Lot Foyer PL—Parking Lot; PR—Pentecost Rm; S—Sanctuary; YR—Youth Room

This calendar represents only the Bethel groups meeting this week. Many other groups such as Madison's Jail Ministry and its support groups, Community Shares, and various support groups meet here. For those listings, call 257-3577.

**Worship at Bethel: Second Sunday in Lent**  
 March 8, 2009

Worship: Sat.—5:00 pm & Sun.—7:55, 9:15 am.:  
**Pastor Bill White**  
 10:45 am.: **Rick Lund**

Sunday evening 6:00 pm.: **Rick Lund**  
 Sun.—12:30 pm. (in Spanish): **Pastor Pedro Suárez**  
 Genesis 17:1-7; Psalm 22:23-31;  
 Romans 4:13-25; Mark 8:31-38.  
**Today's statewide telecast is given in memory of Marian Natvig by family and friends.**

The telecast is available at <http://bethel/bethel-madison.org/>  
 Local Telecast 10:00 am. — WKOW-TV 27  
 9:00 am. — \*Eau Claire (WQOW-TV 18) & \*La Crosse (WKOW-TV 19)  
 8:30 am. — \*Green Bay (WACY-TV 32)  
 9:30 am. — \*Milwaukee (WPXE-PAX 55 (cable 15))  
 9:00 am. — \*Wausau (WFSX-FOX 55) (\*delayed 1 week)  
 Office Hrs: Mon.—Fri. 8:30—5:00 & Sat. 9:00—1:00. Bethel Church opens at 6:30 am., Sundays

**Dated material requested in home by Saturday March 7**

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