

Meet the 2010 Church Council Nominees

The following individuals have been nominated to serve on Bethel's Church Council. Please attend the Bethel Annual Meeting on Sunday, Jan 24 at 11:30 am, in the Sanctuary.



Ginny Hayes

My family and I have been members of Bethel for about seven years. During that time, I have enjoyed fellowship, bible study, and mission work through my church circle, Joy Circle.

Together we have assembled school kits, re-decorated a room in Hope House, and helped decorate Christmas trees and tables for various church events. I have also enjoyed many of Bethel's educational opportunities including the Bethel Bible series in both the Old and New Testaments and some Women's Retreats. My husband, Brian, and I have also helped with some middle school fellowship events. We have four children ranging in age from 24 to 10 and we are thankful for the many ways Bethel has touched their lives. I am an attorney and I teach part-time at the University of Wisconsin Law School. I am looking forward to serving Bethel on our church council.



Janet K. Helwig

I have been a member of Bethel for 30 years. My husband Dennis and I were married at Bethel and our son, Chris, was baptized and confirmed at Bethel. I retired from my athletic training position for the UW Athletic Department, but I continue to lecture at

the UW. I also operate a piano studio in our home. I am a communion deacon, a member of Compassion Circle and accompanist for the Cherub Choir. Dennis served on the church council and he and Chris are ushers. My family hosted a boy from the Ukraine through the Circle of Love program. Our family lives in Verona.



Vern Leibbrandt

A Bethel member since the mid 1990's, Vern retired in recent years from the UW. He has shared his considerable grant writing skills with groups like Hope House, where he has served on its board of directors. He and wife Judy have been '40 Days of Spiritual Re-

newal' participants from the beginning, and additionally, Vern is an active Communion Deacon.



Timothy Semmann

I have been a member of Bethel since the late 1980's. For the past four years, I have served as an usher and led a '40 Days' small group Lenten bible study. I am currently on the Nominating Committee and have also participated in the Bethel Builds program. My wife, Lisa, and I were married at Bethel in 2005. We

enjoy Bethel educational opportunities to help strengthen our faith journey. We have completed the Bethel Series, Beta class, and classes studying the teachings of Martin Luther and N. T. Wright. I am currently in my 'second' career, working as a planner for the city of Sun Prairie.



Laura Vogel

After I graduated from Hamline University Law School in St. Paul, my husband Denis and I moved to Madison. We joined Bethel in 2003 and are active with Bethel Builds, as Ask Me Desk volunteers, and occasionally work for Chef Steve in the kitchen. Currently I am the

Director of Tax for GE Healthcare (formerly Datex-Ohmeda). In my free time I enjoy sailing, reading, and gardening. I am active in the All American Soap Box Derby and have been a representative on the Northside Planning Council.



A Christian's Passion

Sunday, January 10, was painful. As I watched the Packers season suddenly end, emptiness quickly filled my stomach. It is an emptiness that filled my stomach some four days after the fact. I suppose what makes that emptiness so strong is that I had become convinced that the Packers just might go deep into the playoffs and perhaps, even the Super Bowl. My frustration with the Packers coaching staff and management had been replaced by hope, born out of the wonderful play that the team had shown during the last eight weeks of the season.

So as I sat on my sofa Sunday evening, mouth agape, I felt this sudden sick feeling. As I reflect on that now, part of me feels a bit embarrassed that I could have such strong feelings over something that is, relatively speaking, unimportant. After all, a Packer victory would not have really changed anything in my life. I would still be the same person that I am today had they won on that Sunday. It should not matter. Yet, it does - I cannot shake that empty feeling. So, whether it is good or bad, I am sick that the Packers lost. In fact, I am downright and unapologetically angry.

Having passion for the Packers (or any other sports team) may seem odd to some, but it is very real for many

From the Pastor

people. Others might not understand it, but there is something electrifying to it.

I would like to think that we have at least (and hopefully far, far more!!) passion for our faith. While we might not reach the audible level of passion each Sunday in church that we do when we watch a Packer football game, I hope we reflect to others our love of God at least as much as we do our love of the Packers.



In many ways a Packer fan's passion and a Christian's passion is similar. It is based upon something that is bigger than self, it connects the person to others who share the same passion and they both have certain traditions attached to them. Obviously, there are great differences as well. But as we live out our faith lives, I hope we understand that they are not so different than the other parts of our lives. Our faith in God becomes more and more real as we see just how connected it is to our daily lives. I hope you have or you find things to be passionate about in your life. And make sure that one of them – the most critical one – is your passion for God!

~ Pastor John Swanson

EDUCATION Getting Ready For Sunday School

Story: Jesus Goes to Nazareth

Biblical Text: 4:14-30

Key Bible Verse: *The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor.*
~ Luke 4:18a (NRSV)

Bible Point: God's love is for all people.

Prayer: Dear God, you open our eyes to new things to learn every day. Thank you for all of the people in our lives who care about helping us learn new and challenging things. In Jesus' name, amen.

Bethel Horizons 2010 Camperships

Goal.....	350
To Date	95
Needed	255

Bethel's Household/Estate Sales group has given a total of \$19,050 in 2009 to four different areas of need identified for their consideration. Their main focus are projects that can impact many people outside the walls of Bethel, but which align with the overall mission emphasis of our church. Their volunteer group is made up of many community people, not necessarily affiliated with Bethel otherwise, so for their proceeds to impact the greater community is paramount. Grateful receivers include the following:

- T-Shirts for all campers receiving camperships at Bethel Horizons.
- Campership support, allowing ten children from Dane County the opportunity to experience a week at Bethel Horizons.
- Operations financial help for Hope House, the Bethel owned home for short term residency for area homeless moms and their infants.
- Bethel TV ministry, a significant gift to support one whole year of the proposed expansion into NE Iowa, reaching into SW Wisconsin.

On behalf of Bethel - a city wide church with a world wide ministry - our sincere appreciation for your thoughtfulness.

Bethel Lutheran Church

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What's Happening

Bethel Senior Youth & Worship Music Team Concert Saturday, January 30, 2010

Dinner: 5:00 to 6:30 pm; Concert: 7:00 pm

Bethel youth are sponsoring a concert & dinner fundraiser on Saturday, January 30 at Bethel to help defray the cost of their mission trip to Puerto Rico this summer. The concert includes 21 contemporary Christian songs.

Concert Ticket Prices - Adult: \$10.00 each

Students: Buy 1 ticket at adult price (\$10) and receive a second ticket free!

Child: \$5.00 each (12 years old and under)

Buffet Dinner: \$8.00 - catered by the Jim & Betsy Luedtke

Family: Stadium Sports Bar and Eatery

Christian Men's Fellowship, Tues., Feb 2, at 10:30am

Otto Puls, a well known sports figure, speaks about Officiating College Athletics. Mr. Puls will share stories and his officiating experience. Chef Steve will provide a tailgate lunch.

What's Happening

WomenAde selects Bethel's Food Pantry for their first 2010 focus

On **Wednesday, February 3**, all (women and men) are invited to join with the Madison WomenAde as they meet at Bethel to highlight the needs of our well used Food Pantry. The evening will begin at 5:30, and those who attend are asked to bring a \$25 donation (cash or check) to Bethel Food Pantry, and an appetizer to pass. Beverages and dessert will be provided. There will be a short, informational presentation about the pantry at 6:15 - including a walk thru tour! Feel free to arrive at anytime during the event. No RSVP necessary; if you are unable to attend but would like to make a donation to the Bethel Food Pantry on behalf of WomenAde, please mail it to Julie Patrick, 3312 Country Grove Dr, Madison 53719.

WomenAde in Madison is beginning their 8th year, being inspired by a similar group in Washington DC, and choose to support 4 different important projects from our community annually. Part of their structure is to 'keep it simple' and we are so grateful for Bethel member/WomenAde organizer Beth Eaves in helping raise the awareness of the increasing hunger needs placed upon Bethel's newly expanded pantry. Plan now to attend, and bring as many people as you can!

Your Loss Can Be Bethel Food Pantry's Gain

For every pound of weight you lose (up to 2 pounds/week) between now and May 31st, Princeton Club and other corporate sponsors, will contribute ten pounds of food to Bethel's Food Pantry. If you don't need or want to lose weight, you can donate by committing to regular exercise. Go to www.princetonclub.net, click on the Million Pound Challenge icon, and register to be on Bethel Lutheran Team. Each week you'll respond to a reminder email to share your achievement. All information is confidential; no purchase is necessary. For more information, visit the web site or contact Jacqui Shanda at 608-257-3577 x333

New Member Class : Bethel's new member class will be held on **Saturday, Feb 6 from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm**. For more information, contact Sandy Ripp, Director of New Members at sandy@bethelmadison.org or call 257-3577 x231. New member Sunday is Feb 28 at the 9:15 am service.

Bethel Couples Club, Friday, Feb 12 at 6:15 pm

The evening entertainment will feature **Men of Note** from Verona - the cost of the program is \$8.00.

For reservation or questions please contact Judy Griffin at 222-9290.



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Worship Schedule
 Third Sunday after Epiphany
 January 24, 2010
 Saturday 5:00 † Pastor Bill White
 Sunday 7:55, 9:15 † Pastor Bill White
 Sunday 10:45 † Pastor Laura Sutherland
 Sunday 12:30 pm † Spanish
 Padre Pedro Suarez

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10 Psalm 19
1 Corinthians 12:12-31a Luke 4:14-21

Today's Madison telecast is given in memory of
 Joseph Hoel by Lorraine Hoel & family.
 Worship at Bethel Telecast Information

Madison	WKOW-TV 27	Green Bay*	WACY-TV 32
Eau Claire*	WQOW-TV 18	Milwaukee-Cable 15*	WFPX-TV 55
La Crosse*	WXOW-TV 19	Mausau*	WFXS-TV 55

*Telecast delayed one week.
 Telecast also available at <http://betheliv.bethel-madison.org>

Bethel Calendar † January 24-30, 2010

- Jan 24 Third Sunday after Epiphany**
- 6:45a Coffee Fellowship - *Fireside Gallery*
 - 7:55a **Worship Service** - *Sanctuary*
 - 8:30a Childcare available until 2:00 pm - *Nursery*
 - Genesis Café - *Borgwardt Hall*
 - 8:45a Library open until 11:45 am
 - 9:15a **Worship Service** - *Sanctuary*
 - Sunday School - *see posted room assignments*
 - 9:30a Youth Puerto Rico Trip Mtg - *Good Shepherd Chapel*
 - 9:45a Band rehearsal for 10:45 Worship Service - *Choir Room*
 - 10:15a Children's Choir - *Room 216A*
 - Cherub Choir - *Room 202*
 - Junior Youth Choir - *Pentecost Room*
 - 10:45a **Worship Service** - *Sanctuary*
 - The Sacraments - *Room 201*
 - 11:00a Sunday School until noon - *Rooms 204, 210, and 212*
 - 11:30a Bethel Annual Meeting - *Sanctuary*
 - 11:45a Latino Children's Choir - *Room 202*
 - 12:30p **LA SANTA MISA / Worship Service** - *Sanctuary*
 - 1:30p Refrigerio - *Borgwardt Hall*
- Jan 25 Monday**
- 8:30a Friendship Pad Volunteers - *Room 104*
 - 6:30p Latino Senior High Youth - *Youth Room*
 - 7:00p Bethel Series Intensive NT - *Good Shepherd Chapel*
 - Bethel Book Women - *Library Media Room*
 - Friends of Horizons - *Room 201*
 - Camera Club - *Fireside Room*
- Jan 26 Tuesday**
- 9:00a Library open until noon
 - 10:30a Homeless Spiritual Support Group - *Good Shepherd Chapel*
 - Noon Homeless Book Group - *Library*
 - Homeless Support Services - *Pentecost-Computer Room*
 - Bethel Endowment Foundation Meeting - *Borgwardt Hall*
 - 3:30p Southdale After School - *Pentecost Room & Fireside Room*
 - 5:00p Grupo Latino Practica de Musica - *Sanctuary*
 - 5:15p Women's Choir - *Choir Room*
 - 6:30p Creative Worship Singers - *Choir Room*
 - Advanced Computer Classes - *Pentecost-Computer Room*
 - 6:45p Separated & Divorce Group - *Good Shepherd Chapel, Libr, 101*
 - 7:00p Conversational Norwegian Class - *Library Media Room*
 - 7:30p Bethel Outreach Board Meeting
 - 7:45p Band rehearsal for 10:45 Worship Service - *Sanctuary*
- Jan 27 Wednesday**
- 9:30a **Midweek Chapel** - *Good Shepherd Chapel*
 - 5:30p Bethel Ringers - *Room 202*
 - 6:30p Hot Topics - *Youth Room*
 - 8:00p Senior Youth Ensemble - *Choir Room*
- Jan 28 Thursday**
- 7:00a Current Christian Concerns - *Library Media Room*
 - 9:00a Blanket Workshop - *Borgwardt Hall*
 - Bethel Series : Old Testament - *Good Shepherd Chapel*
 - 10:00a Homeless Support Services - *Pentecost-Computer Room*
 - 3:30p Southdale After School - *Pentecost Room & Fireside Gallery*
 - 6:00p Confirmation Class - *Room 216*
 - Beginner's Computer Class - *Pentecost-Computer Room*
 - 7:00p Bethel Choir - *Choir Room*
- Jan 29 Friday**
- 7:00a Men's Book Study - *Borgwardt Hall*
 - 9:30a XYZ - *Borgwardt Hall and rooms throughout the building*
- Jan 30 Saturday**
- 8:00a Bible Study - *Library* | 8:30a Youth Concert Rehearsal - *Sanctuary* | 9:00a Latino Yoga Class - *Emmaus Room* | 9:00a Bible Introduction NT - *Library Media Room* | 9:00a Movie & Discussion - *Room 200* | 9:00a Discipleship Class - *Room 216*
 - 5:00p **Worship Service** - *Pentecost Room*
 - Youth Dinner and Concert (7pm) - *Borgwardt Hall/Sanctuary*