



*Forty Days of
Spiritual Renewal*
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The Spreading Flame Begins Feb. 17

Look inside this week's *Bethelite* to find your brochure detailing Bethel's Lenten focus on the book of Acts, *The Spreading Flame*. Features include: a devotional book based on daily scripture readings; seven worship services; weekly Bible study in either pastor-led classes, online discussion or in small groups; a lesson workbook; and a congregation-wide Diakonia Day on March 20. Registration begins Sunday Jan. 31.

High Hopes Fundraiser

High Hopes were fulfilled as 200 people enjoyed dinner and musical theater on Jan. 8 — raising several thousand dollars for Hope House, a transitional home in Madison for young mothers and their babies. Hope House began in 2002 with Bethel members who shared a mission to Washington, D.C., and partnered with Dane County Parent Council (DCPC) with a grant from Fund for Women. Bethel oversees activities, programs and house management with DCPC. More than 60 families have successfully completed their stay at Hope House and found jobs and permanent housing.

Want to get a jumpstart on Lent?

The Bethel Speaker Series will host Sarah Henrich, professor of New Testament studies at Luther Seminary, on Wednesday, Feb 10.



"At Luther, we focus on reading and Interpreting the Bible for the sake of the mission of the Church," says Dr. Henrich. "It's the liveliness of that story as a present-tense engagement that we're really interested in."

When she teaches the Gospel of Luke or Acts, two of her specialties, she takes pains to expose students to a variety of critical interpretations.

You choose which of her two sessions works best for you. The schedule is: 4:30 presentation, 6:00 dinner and 7:00 repeated presentation. We hope that you can join us for one of these two sessions and dinner to help set the context for this exciting Lenten study. For more information, contact Jacqui Shanda.

The cake lady is back!

Mary Savall will have a sign-up sheet in the Emmaus Room on Sunday, Jan. 31 and on

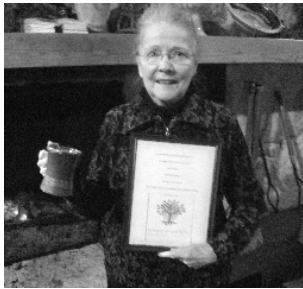
Sunday, Feb. 7 to sign up to bring a cake and/or pie for Lenten lunches/dinners.



Anna Biermeier and Randy Rodger were elected to three-year terms to the Board of Directors of Bethel Horizons at the annual meeting on Monday, Jan 11. Returning board members include Wayne Raether, John Christenson, Thom Straus, Todd Werndli, Janet Johnson and Soren Schoff. Yolibeth Rangel has resigned her position leaving an opening to be filled at the February meeting. The election of officers resulted in John Christenson, president; Wayne Raether, vice president; Thom Straus, secretary; and Anna Biermeier, treasurer. Paul Moen serves as the liaison to the Bethel Church Council.

Volunteers Honored

Several volunteers were recognized at the meeting.



Thirty seven years...yes, for 37 years, Irene Kringle has served as recording secretary for the Board of Directors of Bethel Horizons. Early in the development of Bethel Horizons, the Board sensed it would be helpful to have a recording secretary. Bob Forbess recommended that

Irene would be the right person for the job. He was right. Irene took shorthand, had the ability to summarize lengthy discussions and took precise and accurate minutes of the board meetings over the years.

Irene served with distinction as the programs and facilities of Bethel Horizons have grown. She recorded the

discussions leading to the construction of all building projects, major fund drives and grant requests. Throughout the years, she became very knowledgeable about the programs of Bethel Horizons by attending nearly all summer board meetings at camp, as well as many special congregational activities. During her tenure, she worked with 50 different board members.



In her honor, she was presented a certificate which recognized her work and detailed a gift given in her honor to the Norwegian American Genealogical Center and Naeseth Library.

Alongside Irene, three other volunteers were recognized:

- ♦ Norm and Darlene Olson were honored for heading up Bethel Horizons' involvement in the Brat Fest. They initiated this project with Bethel Horizons and have coordinated work schedules of all the Bethel Horizons workers. Last year, over \$2,000 was realized to support the programs of Bethel Horizons.
- ♦ Bill Wiedenbeck also was recognized for his work in forming the first Friends of Art Ventures group. This group of Bethel members and clay people have joined together to assist with a variety of projects at the new Art Ventures site.

~Pastor Duane Hanson

EDUCATION

Getting Ready For Sunday School

Story: Jeremiah

Biblical Text: Jeremiah 1:4-10

Bible Point: God uses us to be his helpers.

Key Bible Verse: *Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you.* Jeremiah 1:5a (NRSV)

Prayer: Dear God, Thank you for being with me every day of my life, even before I was born. Help me to understand the exciting plans that you have for me. In Jesus' name, amen.

Lydia's House — Feb. 8

Women of Bethel are invited to hear Elaine Strom's fascinating story during a special presentation at Lydia's House on Monday, Feb. 8. Elaine and her husband Greg have lived in 11 cities and four states. Since they never lived in the same location as their families, their church family became vital to them. Elaine and Greg have been involved in small group Bible studies for 31 years. If small groups didn't exist in their church, they started one.

Elaine has worked in education for 37 years in jobs that ranged from teaching preschool to graduate school. She currently serves as an education consultant for the Department of Public Instruction.

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What's Happening

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

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.

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

On **Wednesday, Feb. 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

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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, D.C., and choose to support four 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!

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.

Primetimers, Saturday, Feb. 13

Dinner will be held at 5:30 pm at the new Bonfyre restaurant in Verona. A Valentine Sweethearts concert will follow at 7:30 pm. Performers include the Midwest Vocal Express, a male a cappella chorus (performing barbershop favorites, show tunes and pop music). This event is sponsored by the Verona Area Performing Arts Series. For information about meal choices and to make a reservation, call Marty and Carol Clarke at 221-3249. Seats are limited, so don't delay!

Breakfast with the Birds at Bethel Horizons Feb. 20, and March 20, from 8:30 to 11 am

With the cold, snowy weather we've been experiencing, birds have been flocking to the feeding station at Bethel Horizons in large numbers. Now's the time to get out of the house and join naturalist Eric Volden for an entertaining morning of bird watching and bird lore. A hearty breakfast will be served as Eric identifies birds coming to the feeders and relates bird feeding information. Bring binoculars if you have them. Cost for the breakfast and program is \$8.00. Call (608) 574-1992 for more information or to make reservations.



BETHEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

312 Wisconsin Ave., Madison, WI 53703-4106

Worship Schedule

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany
January 31, 2010

Saturday 5:00 † Pastor Bill White
Sunday 7:55, 9:15 † Pastor Bill White
Sunday 10:45 † Pastor John Swanson
Sunday 12:30 pm † Spanish
Padre Pedro Suárez

Jeremiah 1:4-7, 10 Psalm 71

1 Corinthians 13:1-13 Luke 4:21-30

Today's statewide telecast is given in memory of
Creighton Buck by his wife Ellen.
Worship at Bethel Telecast Information

Madison

10:00 am WKOW-TV 27

Eau Claire*

9:00 am WQOW-TV 18

La Crosse*

9:00 am WXOW-TV 19

Green Bay*

8:30 am WACY-TV 32

Milwaukee-Cable 15*

9:30 am WPIXE-PAX 55

Mausau*

9:00 am WFXS-TV 55

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

Bethel Calendar † Jan. 31-Feb. 6, 2010

Jan. 31 Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

- 7:45a 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
- 9:00 a Latino yoga class - *Emmaus A, B, C*
- 9:15a **Worship Service** - *Sanctuary*
Sunday School - *see posted room assignments*
- 9:45a Band rehearsal for 10:45 Worship Service - *Choir Room*
- 10:15a Children's Choir - *Room 216A*
Cherub Choir - *Room 202, 202B*
Junior Youth Choir - *Pentecost Room*
- 10:30a ESL classes - *216B*
- 10:45a **Worship Service** - *Sanctuary*
- 11:00a Sunday School until noon - *Rooms 204, 210, and 212*
- 11:45a Latino Children's Choir - *Room 202*
- 12:30p **LA SANTA MISA / Worship Service** - *Sanctuary*
- 1:30p Refrigerio - *Borgwardt Hall*

Feb. 1 Monday

- 8:30a Friendship Pad Volunteers - *Room 104*
- Noon Friendly Visitors - *Library*
- 6:00p Lighthouse Singers - *Pentecost Room*
- 6:30p Latino Senior High Youth - *Youth Room*
- 7:00p Bethel Series Intensive NT - *Good Shepherd Chapel*

Feb. 2 Tuesday

- 7:30a Executive Committee Meeting - *Room 201*
- 9:00a Library open until noon
- 10:30a Christian Men's Fellowship - *Borg Hall, Kitchen*
Homeless Spiritual Support Group - *Good Shepherd Chapel*
Homeless Book Group - *LMR*
Homeless Support Services - *Pentecost-Computer Room*
Women's Beginnings - *Room 216a*
- 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 SAA - *Room 211*
SDA - *Room 213*
Conversational Norwegian Class - *Library Media Room*
- 7:45p Worship Rehearsal - *Sanctuary*

Feb. 3 Wednesday

- 9:30a **Midweek Chapel** - *Good Shepherd Chapel*
- 10:15a Program Staff - *Room 201* and Support Staff - *Room 105*
- 2:00p Beginnings - *Room 216A, 216B*
- 5:00p Womenade for Bethel Food Pantry - *Borgwardt Hall*
- 5:30p Bethel Ringers - *Room 202*
- 6:30p Hot Topics - *Youth Room*
Compassion Circle - *Library Media Room*
- 8:00p Senior Youth Ensemble - *Choir Room*

Feb. 4 Thursday

- 7:00a Current Christian Concerns - *Library Media Room*
- 9:00a Bethel Series : Old Testament - *Good Shepherd Chapel*
- 10:00a Homeless Support Services - *Pentecost-Computer Room*
- 3:30p Southdale After School - *Pentecost Room & Fireside Gallery*
- 6:30p Beginner's Computer Class - *Pentecost-Computer Room*
Stephen Minister Continuing Ed. - *Room 200, 201, 201B*
- 7:00p Bethel Choir - *Choir Room*

Feb. 5 Friday

- 7:00a Men's Book Study - *Borgwardt Hall*
- 8:30a New Member Set-up - *Emmaus A, B, C*
- 9:30a XYZ - *Multiple rooms*

Feb. 6 Saturday

- 8:00a Bible Study - *Library*
- 9:00a Latino Yoga Class - *Good Shepherd Chapel*
New Member Class - *Multiple rooms*
Discipleship Class - *Room 216A, B*
- 5:00p **Worship Service** - *Pentecost Room*

Dated Material

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by January 30th**

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