

Bethel Banner

August 2015

Harvest Sunday Celebrates it's 14th Year!

Bethel's 14th annual Harvest Sunday will take place on the front lawn after both morning services on Sunday, August 16.

Garden fruits and vegetables, homemade jams, baked goods, crafts, and jewelry will be on sale on the front lawn under the big white tent. The proceeds from our sale will be matched by Thrivent Financial and donated to Lutheran World Relief.

Your donated items may be left in the Office Meeting Room or tagged in the refrigerator the week before the sale. Come join us for a delicious and fun time!

Contact Julie Shanabrook at 535-9379 with any questions.

**Bethel's Farm
Market**

...because there IS enough to feed the world.



Other August Events:

First Communion Info Meeting - Sunday, August 2, 9:45 a.m. in the Sanctuary

Backpack Blessing - Sunday, August 9, both worship services

Harvest Sunday - Sunday, August 16

Coffee with Council - Sunday, August 23, 9:45 a.m. in the Christianson Room

First Communion/One Worship Service - August 30, 10:00 a.m.

New Driver Blessing - Sunday, August 30, 10:00 a.m.

Holy Communion Instruction

If your child is not currently receiving Holy Communion or even if they are, and you would like for them to have "official" instruction, then Pastor Dave will be holding an informational meeting on Sunday, August 2, in between worship services in the sanctuary. You are invited to attend and learn about the process for learning more about Holy Communion. If the child is older than 2nd grade and is not currently receiving Holy Communion, you are strongly encouraged to take this class. Family Day will be on August 15, 9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. in Discipleship Hall. We will celebrate "First Communion" on Sunday, August 30 (on our Fifth Sunday Fellowship Sunday).

Fifth Sunday Fellowship and First Communion Sunday

On August 30, we will have ONE WORSHIP SERVICE at 10:00am as our 5th Sunday fellowship. We will also be celebrating First Communion for several of our young people on this day. Come, join us and invite friends to gather with us on this day of celebration!



“500th Anniversary of the Reformation” Germany Tour Interest Meeting

Pastor Dave and Pastor Heidi will be leading a tour to Germany in celebration of the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation during 2017 (August 21-September 3, 2017). The trip is being coordinated through Terra Lu Travel in Germany. The itinerary is set. Sites will include Munich, Neuschwanstein, Oberammergau, Flossenbergl, Prague, Dresden, Erfurt, Wartburg, Eisenach, Eisleben, Wittenberg, and Berlin. We will visit sites dedicated to the Reformation and Martin Luther, Dietrich Bonhoeffer, and Johann Sebastian Bach. This will be the third trip that Pastor Dave has led to Germany. Other, non-Bethel, folks are certainly invited.

Pastor Dave and Pastor Heidi will be hosting an “initial interest” and informational meeting on **Sunday, August 30 at 11:30am in Discipleship Hall**. If you are interested in learning more about the trip please come and join us. They will be hosting additional informational meetings in the fall as well. Please contact Pastor Dave (pastordave@bethelwinchester.com) if you have questions.



Auf Wiedersehen!

Council Highlights from July Meeting

The July meeting of the Congregational Council of Bethel Lutheran church was held on Wednesday, July 8, immediately following Wednesday night worship. Pastor David Young, President Tom Beyer, Vice President Karla King, Treasurer Traci Shoberg, Secretary Bruce Lothrop, Julie Shannabrook, and Tom Milburn attended the meeting. George Donavan joined the meeting to discuss the music ministry.

Treasurer's report

Giving for June was much weaker than expected. The Ministry spending plan anticipated slightly over \$40,000 in income for June. Actual income was not quite \$31,000. Expenses for June were about \$2,000 less than expected. Giving and other income is about \$8,000 lower than expected for 2015 to date. Expenses year to date are about \$8,000 less than expected. In total, Bethel year to date expenses have exceeded income by almost \$18,000. Because giving is strongest in the final months of the year, Bethel is only about \$1,000 behind the expected year to date difference in spending and expenses. A strong second half of the year should keep us on track.

Possible Organist candidate

George Donavan, Director of Music Ministries, presented a proposal to hire a part-time organist. The position would be for nine months each year, with summers off. Responsibilities would include playing organ in worship, and attending weekly rehearsals. George proposed using the Jones Music fund to pay for the position from September through December 2015, and adding a budget item for the role in 2016. Council determined that they could not commit to a 2016 spending plan item until the ministry spending plan committee meets, but was generally supportive of George's proposal. George also presented an overview of Music Ministry programs and plans.

Jubilee Coffee with council

"Coffee with Council" will be held on August 23, between services in the Christianson Room. Rex Ritchie and Traci Shoberg will be available to answer questions about the Jubilee fund, which is raising funds with the intention of paying of Bethel's mortgage at the end of 2016.

Sabbatical task force

Rachel Carlson, Michelle Young, and Bill Hall are formulating a Sabbatical policy. The team plans to present a draft to council in the fall.

Bethel Park Memorial Garden

There is ongoing discussion about the tree removal along the borders of the property. There is concern that the buffer between Bethel property and neighboring properties be maintained. Dedication of the memorial garden is planned for October.

Budget Team For 2016

Kim Williams, Traci Schoberg, Pat Shields, and Tom Milburn have agreed to participate in formulating a budget for 2016.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bruce Lothrop, Secretary

Council Members for 2015

Tom Beyer - President
Karla King - Vice President
Bruce Lothrop - Secretary
Traci Shoberg - Treasurer
Cory Carlson
Tom Milburn
Greg Brondos
Adrian Pullen
Julie Shanabrook

The Fall Line-up!

Day of Service The Village at Orchard Ridge

Monday, September 7 (Labor Day)

As part of the ELCA “God’s Work, Our Hands” initiative, Bethel youth and others are invited to partner with residents of the Village at Orchard Ridge and congregations of the Northern Valley Conference, as we join with the ELCA across the nation in service projects.

There will be a time of worship and a time for service. Look for future details later in August and in the September Banner.

Fall Inquirer’s Class @ Bethel

Interested in learning more about the mission and ministry at Bethel? Considering joining our congregational membership? If so, then join us for our four-week Inquirer class. It will begin on **Sunday, September 13** and meet between our worship services at 9:45am in the Conference Room (off the sanctuary, in the original section of the campus, across from the nursery and choir room).

You will learn about our mission and ministry, our history, our vision for the future, and why being “Lutheran” matters to us. Those who desire will be welcomed into membership on **Sunday, October 11**.

If you would like further information, please contact Pastor Dave (pastordave@bethelwinchester.com).

Rally Day Sunday, September 13!

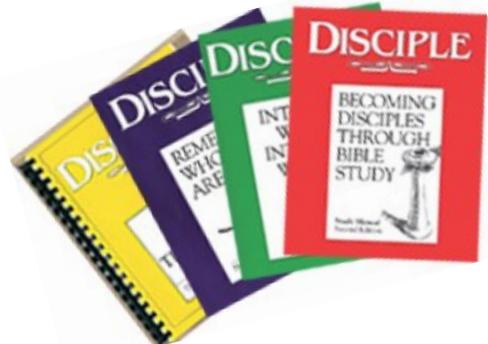
We will “kick-off” our fall educational program schedule for all ages. Our annual Shrimp Boil will take place that evening!

Disciple Bible Study

We are offering two sections of our popular Disciple Bible Study, beginning the fall and continuing into the spring. Pastor Dave will be offering the beginning section – Disciple I. This is the “prerequisite” for all additional Disciples studies (II, III, and IV). These can be completed in any order. Charlie Moyer will be offering Disciple III this fall.

There will be a month-long sign up in August. Look for the Disciple display in the narthex. This 32-week intensive study offers you a wealth of knowledge. If you have ever wanted to learn and grow in your knowledge of scripture, please consider this opportunity.

The class meets weekly, with reading requirements during the week. You will not be disap-



Music and Arts Ministries

Our music ministry needs you! As summer begins to wind down, our Music and arts ministry is just beginning to wind up with the Fall 2015 Season. Here are some of the ways you can become involved.

Kingdom Quest Singers, led by Mrs. Darline DeMott & George Donovan, will resume on Sunday, September 13, during the Sunday School time. This fall they will be working to present a Christmas Musical on Sunday, December 20 as well as singing regularly for Sunday Morning worship. Stay tuned for more musical details in the September Banner.

The **Worship Choir (formerly the Worship Ensemble) and Band** sings and plays for 8:30 worship weekly. Rehearsals are held on Thursday evenings from 7:30 pm to 9:00 in the Music Room. Rehearsals resume on Thursday, August 20. No formal music training is required and all voice parts are needed. Regular attendance in rehearsal and worship are required for participation in this group.

New for 11:00 Worship: A new band has formed and now we need more singers! Rehearsal is held at 10:00 am Sunday mornings weekly. Will you step up and help this new ministry flourish? No formal music training is required and all voice parts are needed. Regular attendance in rehearsal and worship are required for participation in this group.

Middle School Choir Forming – more details coming in September!

Several of our **High School** students “jam” periodically and prepare music for special worship services and often play for our Underground Youth Ministry gatherings. Play a flute? Violin? Guitar? Sing? All gifts are welcome and can be put to use. Let's get more students involved in this fun ministry!

Thursday, September 10, our **“OffeRINGS”** hand bell choir will resume at a NEW, EXTENDED TIME—6:30 pm to 7:30 pm weekly. Open to High School aged students and Adults and no previous musical or ringing experience. We learn together. Play together. Make a joyful noise together. Regular attendance at rehearsals is required for participation in this group.

COME AND JOIN US! For more information on any of these ministries, please see George Donovan, Director of Music & Arts Ministries. (george@bethelwinchester.com; ext. 102)

Youth Ministries

Bethel Week at Camp

Camp Caroline Furnace
August 2-7

So far 13 of our kids and youth are registered for a week of camp at our Lutheran Camp Caroline Furnace just an hour south of us. Kids and youth aged 6 through high school are coming. During our week we will explore how we grow to know and love God ever deeper: through God's word, service to others, worship, fellowship with other Christians and exploring God's beautiful creation. Join us! Connect with Bryan Jaster (bryan@bethelwinchester.com) for more details and register at (carolinefurnace.org).

Women's Ministries

Girls' Night Out

We are taking a break for the summer and will start back up in September if there is interest.

Men's Ministries

Men's Breakfast is taking a summer hiatus for our 1st Saturday of the month men's breakfast. We'll return over Labor Day Weekend on Saturday, September 5.

SAVE THE DATE!!!

More details to follow but save the evening of August 29, 5:30 p.m. for Men's Steak Fry, fellowship and corn hole tournament.

Summer Worship Schedule

Sunday mornings – 8:30 and 11:00 (Sanctuary)

August Preaching Series

"Nothing minor about these prophets"

During August and the first Sunday of September, Pastor Dave will be preaching a series on the final six minor prophets of the Old Testament. The series is entitled, *"Nothing minor about these prophets"*

August 2-"What's in a Nahum?"

August 9-"God's Got Your Habakkuk"

August 16-"Zephaniah: No Gentle Breeze"

August 23-"What's with that Haggai?"

August 30-"Zechariah: The Forgotten
Apocalyptic"

September 6-"Malachi the Message Guy"

Church Where You Are

So many of our brothers and sisters at Bethel are involved in weekend activities throughout the year (i.e. work, travel sports, visits to out of town family, vacations, etc.). Invariably we hear from many families that they miss being away from worship more than they would like to be. So, in response, we offer this new devotional tool as a place to help you be *"Church where you are!"*

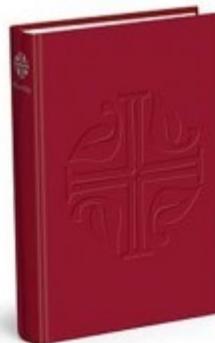
You can access it through our Bethel website (www.bethelwinchester.com). Simply click on the "Church Where You Are" tab.

You can also access it directly at www.churchwhereyouare.net. It is a mobile-friendly website.

Additional Hymnals for Bethel

Thanks to a wonderfully generous donation (given in honor of Glenn Combs), we have accumulated the money necessary to purchase all the hymnals we hoped to order for our sanctuary/worship choir. These will be placed in our pews on August 2.

We will have a formal dedication of our hymnals and our new worship banners on **Sunday, August 23**. Thank you to all who have contributed in honor of loved ones. These hymnals will allow us to continue offering varied and meaningful worship services here at Bethel.



CCAP Update

CCAP needs school supplies for their give-away from July 27 to 31. The list of supplies needed is posted on the Community bulletin board in the hall outside the church office.



Backpack Blessing

Sunday, August 9

Calling all students young and old (and in between). As the school year is fast approaching, we know you have been out shopping for all your school supplies and most importantly. . .the Backpack! Bring your gear with you to worship on Sunday, August 9 and we will bless you, your pack and all those involved in the education of our children. May they have a successful and fun year!



Doug Newell NFT Campaign

Bethel Family.. you are outstanding!!

On March 22, we began a year long fundraiser with a goal of \$50,000 for Doug Newell's kidney transplant. As of today, we have met our goal!! Due to the overwhelming generosity of the congregation and the community at large, in only 16 weeks we have achieved what was expected to take a year. Thank you so much!!

Please keep in mind that we still have a couple of fundraisers scheduled in the near future. All money raised will go toward unexpected medical expenses (such as Doug's recent bypass surgery) that may surface as the doctors get Doug ready for his transplant.

Again, thanks to everyone for your generosity and your prayers. Doug and Cindy are very grateful and our community is extremely blessed!

Sincerely,

Doug Newell Fundraising committee

August Fundraiser

Mary & Martha Catalog Sale

Mary & Martha is a division of DaySpring Christian cards, ultimately owned by Hallmark. All of our products have either inspirational sayings or scripture on them. We offer home décor, tableware, and gifts perfect for everyone on your list. All of my commission from this will go directly to Doug. I will have a table in the narthex set up with some of the products so that you can see them close up. There will also be catalogs for you to view or you can order online. Just click on the link below:

<http://www.mymaryandmartha.com/8344/shop/catalog.aspx?eventId=E30794&from=DIRECTLINK>

and your order will go directly to this fundraiser. All items will be shipped to me and then I will get them to you unless you choose direct shipping for an extra \$4.00.

Please consider doing some early Christmas shopping or just treat yourself and help support Doug and his family!

Blessings, Leslie Brooks

Global Missions

This summer I spent my vacation week at Deep Creek Lake in western Maryland. I spent time with my son, my two dogs, and my sailboat. It was a time of peace, reflection, and rejuvenation. My wife and daughter spent the same week in Detroit at the Lutheran Youth Gathering. Their week was centered on building spiritual connections and engaging in acts of service. There are many different ways we can make our vacation time meaningful. For many people throughout the world, there is no break from the daily struggles that come with poverty and deprivation. While enjoying your vacation time this summer, whether it's a peaceful retreat, an invigorating adventure, a time to strengthen family bonds, or a time of spiritual growth, (or all of these at once,) take a moment to remember our mission partners in Tanzania, the Philippines and India. Please consider ways in which you can bring a moment of relief into their lives, through service, donation, or prayer.



Jubilee News

Some important upcoming dates:

August 23rd: the Jubilee Team will be available for questions at the "Coffee with Council"

November 8th: plans for a special Jubilee event in 2016 will be announced at the Congregational meeting

Jubilee team member

Facility Update

Greetings to one and all!

Dave Shoberg and I are working on a solution to the drain problem at the bottom of the ramp leading to the Underground. We hope to have a reasonable fix for it soon. We also are working on removing a short wall in the music room to open up the area a bit in response to George's request. There are a couple of minor plumbing issues that are waiting on parts and will be fixed soon. Anyone interested in the therapeutic value of weeding, but lacking sufficient weeds of their own, may improve their physical, mental, and spiritual well-being, as well as the landscaping around Bethel, by finding a block of time to come pull/dig a few weeds.

You will be glad you did!

Cliff Crowder

Kitchen Korner

Missing - 6 round tablecloths from Discipleship Hall. Please return as soon as possible.

Thank you!



Community Bulletin Board

Located in the "Crossroads" (just outside the church office) is a Community Board where you can post items that might be of interest to the congregation. Stop by and look over these items too. There might be something happening in the wider community that you would like to be a part of or attend.

Save the Dates for W.A.T.T.S.

Winchester Temporary Thermal Shelter
Bethel's scheduled week for housing is
February 22-29, 2016.

Judy McKiernan

Marion Schottelkorb

Pastor Young and Congregation,

Thank you very much for your generous and continued support on behalf of Douglas Newell. Your thoughtful kindness and sacrifice is helping us assist him with the many expenses relating to his lifesaving kidney transplant. He is truly blessed to have such a wonderful church family on his side.

Many Thanks!

Connie Gonitzke
President and CEO

Dear Members of Bethel,

I would like to express my warm appreciation for the many courtesies extended to us on our recent visit to your church. You waited patiently for our arrival, kept food ready for us, and through it all you made us feel welcomed and loved.

I pray that our message of God's love filled your heart and that you truly felt the heartbeat of God through our music.

It was wonderful to be in a Lutheran Church!

Yours in Christ,
Peggy Poe, Chaperone
Crossflame Choir

"Watts for Dinner?"

The annual Spaghetti Dinner is back!
Saturday, November 14, in Discipleship Hall.
But, new this year, it will benefit Watts.

Save The Date!



August Birthdays

- 03 - Mary Louise Good
- 04 - Clifford Longfellow
- 05 - Dean Cole
- 06 - Debbie Miller
- 08 - Jeremy Nichols
James Jenkins
- 09 - Cindy Newell
- 10 - Nicholas Andrews
- 12 - Alayne Riley
- 13 - Mike Piermatteo
- 15 - David Harp
- 16 - Jana Snelgrove
Bob Carhart
- 18 - Joyce Myers
- 21 - Cliff Crowder
Suzanne Cole
Lily Cupp
- 22 - Adilyn Sikora
Jason Jaster
- 23 - Tricia Dietz
- 25 - JoAnn Grooms
- 26 - Jacob Hartman
- 28 - Mary Duvall
- 30 - John DeFilippi

August Anniversaries

- 02 - Rob and Kristy Sikora
- 03 - Will and Rebecca Sigler
Doug and Cindy Newell
- 08 - David and Kathleen Griffin
David and Chris Temple
- 09 - Clifford and Michele Longfellow
- 10 - Eric and Donna Turrill
- 14 - Stephen and Dana Francis
- 15 - Melvin and Bert Poling
Duane and Sheri Wernecke
- 16 - Vernon and Mary Ruth Joyner
Pat and Donna Shields
- 20 - Brad and Anne Shepard
- 21 - Cliff and Urve Crowder
- 22 - Jimmy and Shirley Strosnider
- 24 - Scot and Susan Marsh
Mike and Sharon Stanfield
- 26 - Bobby and Mary Ann Hawkins
- 29 - Jim and Brenda Ramey

Directory Changes:

New cell number for Mike Stanfield:

540-931-4427

2015 Bethel Board Chairs

Worship Board – **Pastor Dave**
Prayer and Care Board – **Irene Cockerham**
Learning Board – **Amy Jaster**
Servant Board – **Dean Cole**
Congregational Life – **Jennifer LaFollette**
Ministry Support – **Shawn Garner**

Facts & Figures

Thank You, Thank You, Thank You!

...for your generosity, support, and partnership in ministries here at Bethel, to our community, and to God's world.

"You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us."
(2 Corinthians 9:11)

Average Worship Attendance June 225
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Designated Ministries Offering Thru June 30:

For the World

World Hunger Appeal
\$3,228

Global Missions
\$5,870

For the Community

CCAP
\$2,773

Jones Music Fund
\$7,331

Good Samaritan
\$177

For the Bethel Community

Student Missions
\$707

Jubilee/Mortgage Principal
\$27,722

Scatter Garden
\$22,079

Principal Balance on Mortgage as of December 31, 2014	Principal Balance on Mortgage as of June 21, 2015	Decrease in Mortgage Principal 2015
\$464,285.42	\$421,560.18	\$42,725.24

Ministry Spending Plan Update

	MSP	Offerings	% of MSP	Total 2015 MSP
	Needed to meet MSP	Actual		\$512,000
June 2015	\$39,680	\$29,539	74%	
YTD as of June 2015	\$243,249	\$232,287	95%	

For more detailed financial information, please visit www.bethelwinchester.com and click on Publications.

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Gretchen Meade

The Deadline for the September
Bethel Banner is 3:00 p.m. on
Monday, August 24.