

# Bethel Banner

**February 2019**

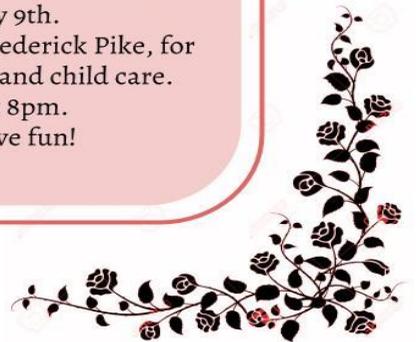
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***Love Changes the World***  
**Valentine's Dinner**  
**Saturday February 9th 6pm**  
**Bethel Lutheran Church**

Support the youth mission with Guatemala by attending this dinner fundraiser on February 9th. Join us at Bethel Lutheran Church, 2077 N. Frederick Pike, for quality food, drinks, desert, entertainment and child care. Dinner will start at 6pm and end at 8pm. Feel free to dress up, dance, and have fun!

This ticket is valid for one person.



***“Love Changes the World” – Saturday, February 9, 6-8pm***

Come to our fancy Valentine's feast with live music, dancing and delicious food in Discipleship Hall. We have free child care for your children. This event raises support for our Youth Mission team you are sending to Antigua, Guatemala, July 14-20, 2019 to serve and love at our school La Escuela Integrada.

**Buy your tickets TODAY from any youth!**

## Pastor's Page

### *"Canoeing the Mountains"*

The Bethel council and I are reading a book entitled, *"Canoeing the Mountains"* by Tod Bolsinger. The central thesis of this book is that the American church is now in "uncharted territory"; that what we've always known and what has always worked for "church" is no longer. Bolsinger uses the epic adventure of Lewis and Clark as the guiding image for this conversation.

You remember them I am sure. They set out to find the "northwest passage" from the Atlantic Ocean to the Pacific Ocean. They canoed their way along the mighty Missouri river all the way across the country until they reached the pinnacle of the continental divide; expecting that the hard part was over and that they would now coast to the coast downhill.

Instead, what they saw was the Rockies. The terrain before them was not like the terrain they had always known, nor what they expected. They had to figure out a whole new way to move forward. They had to learn how to "canoe the mountains".

I have already found wonderful nuggets of grace from this book. One of the most important insights is that we must embrace a spirit of adventure that allows for new possibilities of being the church. And to do this most effectively, it means that I need to share with you that I DON'T KNOW EXACTLY HOW TO DO THIS!

As a leader, I regularly feel I am supposed to have the answers. However, I wasn't trained for this new terrain any more than you. I am trained for where we've been, just as you are familiar with what has always been. I am learning on the job, as are you. And while I am not always comfortable sharing that I am unsure about where to go, I am heartened and freed by saying it. Jesus said, "The truth will set you free." And I do feel free. And I feel excited.

**And what excites me most is figuring all of this out with you.** Listening to the Spirit together and imagining together how God might be calling us to get those canoes over the mountains in front of us. Or maybe we trade in our canoes for hiking gear and evolve and do things differently. Regardless, we are embarking on a new adventure but what gives me hope is that we are not alone, but we are in this together.

I encourage you to pick up the book. It is written for congregational leadership, but it is also written for Christians to learn and grow in their own lives too. The more people looking in the same direction, the better.

So, let's do this in 2019. Let's work together to listen and plan and dream and share and risk and fail and try again and move toward the goal of being a place that seeks to do mission in the most loving and effective way that we can. And if we don't exactly know what we're doing, well ... there's grace for that!

In Christ,

Pastor Dave



## Welcome Edie McGoff

*Our new Parish Nurse at Bethel!*

Correction to the previous article published in the *January Bethel Banner* :

This is the correct spelling of Edie's name. She served in Iraq but not in Afghanistan. You may reach Edie at [emcgoff@gmail.com](mailto:emcgoff@gmail.com) if you have any questions about health-related topics.

So sorry for the previously published incorrect information.

## Bethel Reception Committee

We are a small group of dedicated men and women that are responsible for making sure refreshments or breakfasts are available for the following events:

- First Communion
- Graduate Recognition Sunday
- New Member Receptions
- The Annual Congregational Meeting
- Confirmation
- Some of the Pot Luck lunches
- Special recognitions

Whether you are a first or second service participant we would love to have you join our group. No prior experience needed, just a willingness to pitch in when needed or available. Please contact the Congregational Life Board Chair David Griffin at [grifdog@icloud.com](mailto:grifdog@icloud.com).

## Bethel Youth Protection Policy

For several years Congregation Council has wrestled with a balancing act of implementing guidelines to help prevent sexual abuse or misconduct as well as false accusations arising from congregational activities. In February of 2017 the Council adopted a series of policies to provide for youth protection.

Those policies are designed to update our practices to better ensure and protect the congregation and participants from inappropriate actions. For many years, adults that participate in Synod activities have undergone a Synod background check. We are initiating the same standard here. We will soon offer training gatherings to enhance how we serve all children, youth, and adults. Moving forward, we are returning to requiring written permission from parents before undertaking activities. Our insurance carrier now provides coverage for sexual misconduct claims due to this policy.

As we continue to grow deeper in faith and wider in love, we have taken the appropriate steps to nurture continued growth. If you have questions, comments or concerns, please take these to any member of Council.

In the meantime, we are looking for a few additional adults to join the youth protection team. If you are interested please directly contact either David Griffin at [grifdog@icloud.com](mailto:grifdog@icloud.com) or Michael Asmussen at [mlasumssen@gmail.com](mailto:mlasumssen@gmail.com)

## Fat Tuesday Fiesta

*Tuesday, March 5, 6-7:30pm!  
Discipleship Hall.*

Bacon, sausage & pancakes, mardi gras music/dancing, mask making and king cake eating! Who will find Jesus in the cake?



# Global Missions News

**Concordia** - This past 2018 the Philippine government's Dept of Social Welfare officially recognized and celebrated Concordia's strong commitment to help and rescue children. We thank our donors for providing us the support to serve these children. Indeed, we are humbled that out of thousands of organizations we were chosen as the **2018 Best Non-Government Organization (NGO)** in the Philippines. We received this award from the Philippine government for our exemplary contribution to the disadvantaged sector. In giving the award they noted that Concordia facilitated the adoption of hundreds of abandoned and surrendered babies and sponsored/provided education for thousands of underprivileged children until they finish high school.

We also received our accreditation renewal, as an institution that acts honestly with donor funds, from the Philippine Council for NGO Certification in June 2018. Our accreditation proves that we maintain the standards of good governance, management and accountability. Below are examples of what a difference Concordia and donors like you can make:

## His BEST Life After Adoption

Mads, now 22, was born in Manila. He grew up at Concordia's home until he was adopted by a Danish family in 1998, when he was 2 years and 5 months old. Now he has the Best loving parents, Jan and Marianne; and a sister who was adopted from Romania. Last February 4, 2018, Mads came back to the Philippines for a visit with his mother. He said that it was a fantastic experience.

He now lives in his own apartment in Denmark and works as a teacher and assistant in his school. He loves to stay fit and play soccer. He is also good in entertaining people. He sometimes goes to children's circuses where he juggles. He has even performed abroad with a circus.

Today, he values making friends and helping other people. Like all adopted children from Concordia, Mads has been an inspiration to all of us. We love to see children we cared for years ago and celebrate how they have flourished.



## Her BEST achievement as Concordia's Scholar

Faye, one of Concordia's sponsored EAS students through high school, is now a Licensed Physical Therapist after passing the 2018 licensure examination for physical therapists. Our Concordia family is very proud of her BEST achievement as a scholar.

We also congratulate 4 other students who graduated from senior high school last April 2018. They were the first batch who completed the enhanced basic education program in the country.



We are grateful to be part of their journey to fulfill their dreams. We look forward to seeing you all grow further to success. Let this joyful event be our beacon reminding us of the spirit of service to others.

WITH CONCORDIA'S LOVE AND PRIDE TODAY & ALWAYS!

## Global Missions News continued...

Dear Dear Friends in Christ,

What a year! What a time! What a gift of ministry that God has given to us all, together in Tanzania. Linda and I have now spent 33 years of our lives in Arusha and 36 years in Africa.

We have always believed that what was most important was to help develop a team who would carry on after us and not only continue what we have done but to surpass it. We believe we are at this point. The team in place has now really taken the lead. Largely under their direction, ALMC has achieved another two huge awards of recognition this year. First, for the second year in a row, we are the cleanest hospital in Tanzania! And secondly, and more importantly, we have been recognized by international evaluators to have achieved the top level of care in all of Tanzania.



I have stepped down as the Executive Director of ALMC effective January 1, 2019. Dr. Paul Kisanga, Surgeon and Director of Clinical Services succeeds me. He is an incredible leader and I fully expect that he will surpass what we have done so far.

Our Diocese in Arusha and the ELCA Global Mission department, have jointly requested that Linda I continue to serve in a support capacity. We anticipate being available to provide connections and networking, to lend historical perspective, and to undertake some of the long term planning for the next phases of the hospital. Both churches would like us to continue to be a liaison with our many friends and supporting organizations. And so we intend to spend about half our time still living in Tanzania and the rest in Minnesota.

The ELCA wants us to remain in partnership with you and so we feel honored and blessed. With more time in the US, it will be more convenient to connect with you and visit you with some regularity. Linda and I do look forward to visiting and sharing with you dear and faithful friends who have been our partners for years and years!

My hope and my prayer is that you will remain in relationship with us at ALMC and the ELCA - both as partners and supporters. Let us keep this dream alive together.

Blessings,  
Mark and Linda Jacobson  
New Address: 1429 Hoyt Ave. W., Falcon Heights, MN 55108

## Women's Ministries

### **First Friday Fellowship**

Friday, February 1, 9:30 a.m.  
Firefly Café

We invite all women of Bethel to join us for tea or coffee or goodies at the café. We will fellowship with each other in an informal gathering.

### **Women's Bible Study**

The Women's Ministry Planning Team is deciding on a Bible Study... Please pray for God to help us decide a new series that will be meaningful on our Faith Journey as Bethel Women! Stay tuned!

### **Girls Night Out**

Tuesday, February 19, 6:00 p.m.  
El Centro Restaurant- Old Towne Winchester

We are bringing back monthly Women's Ministry Dinners on the third Tuesday of each month. Please join us for an evening of dinner, fellowship, a devotion, and laughter among your sisters of Bethel. Feel free to bring a friend! Please call Diane Milburn (540-664-1365 or [Tdmilburn@comcast.net](mailto:Tdmilburn@comcast.net)) to let her know you are coming so they can be ready for us!

### **Bethel Women Monthly Event**

We will plan a monthly outing of all kinds throughout 2019...

Saturday, February 9, 1:00 p.m.  
Valerie Hill Vineyard

1687 Marlboro Road, Stephens City

Join us for a Wine Tasting (if you'd like) and then for fellowship! Goodies provided! If you need a ride, have questions, or would like to RSVP (so we can reserve some space at the vineyard) contact Karen Nguyen (540-303-1189 or [karenreneenguyen@gmail.com](mailto:karenreneenguyen@gmail.com))

## Men's Ministries

### **Men's Breakfast**

Saturday, February 2, 8:30 a.m.

Come and join Pastor Dave at Backseat Bar and Grill (104 Full House Dr.) on the first Saturday of 2019 for a kickoff beginning to our Men's Ministry. We will gather for breakfast and devotions together.

### **Men's Planning Meeting**

Saturday, February 9, 9:00 a.m.  
Conference Room at Bethel (Parking in front)

Come and help us plan our year and activities. We'll have coffee and donuts. If you are new to Bethel, please bring your thoughts, etc. Some ideas already being considered:

- 1) A Habitat Build as our mission for the year
- 2) Doing a clay shoot @ North River Retreat
- 3) A golf outing to TopGolf in Ashburn
- 4) Having a Men's Revival – bring in some speakers and offer an event for the community here at Bethel

So, come on out and help us plan. Looking forward to our time together.

### **Women's Information Meeting**

The Women's Ministry Team is hosting a meeting between services on February 10 in the Sanctuary and Narthex to help discern your desires and needs as Women of Faith for 2019... Join us for coffee and goodies and be ready to be engaged. Ideas greatly welcomed! All women of Bethel are invited!!!

***SAVE THE DATE!!!***  
***WOMEN'S RETREAT 2019***  
***APRIL 5-7, 2019***

at Graves Mountain Lodge  
Guest Speaker: Pastor Kelly Bayer  
Derrick from VA ELCA Synod

# Winchester Area Temporary Thermal Shelter

Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers,  
For by doing that, some have entertained angels. (Hebrews 13:2)

## Our week of W.A.T.T.S. is Feb. 16-23

As Paul states, "...*God loves a cheerful giver*" (2 Corinthians 9:7) and cheerful is an understatement for the joyful outpouring of help from Bethel each year.

**THANK YOU!**



During our WATTS week, we appreciate the accommodations that will be made by so many. Schedules are adjusted, space is volunteered and again, it's all done with a *Cheerful Heart*.

Our "Shingles" for supplies will be arriving soon.

**Sign up Genius** is waiting for YOU!

Tasks include helping with a meal, checking guests in or sleeping on a cot.

Please visit:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C48ABA72BA5F94-watts>  
(It's on the Bethel website, too)

Or find Judy McKiernan @ [mckiernan.judy@wps.k12.va.us](mailto:mckiernan.judy@wps.k12.va.us)  
or Susie Beyer @

## Save the Date!

**Confirmation Camp Week** – June 16 – 21

**Kairos** – June 23 - 28

**Kure Beach Trip** – July 4 - 7

**Follow the Leader Camp Week** – July 22 - 26

**Bethel Week at Camp** – July 28 – August 2



## Youth Ministries

### 7th Day

5<sup>th</sup> / 6<sup>th</sup> Graders Overnight!  
March 2-3, 2019!



\*\*\*Register by February 3<sup>rd</sup> at [Vasynod.org](http://Vasynod.org)\*\*\*

It's time for our annual overnight event for youth in 5th and 6th grades and their adult advisors. During the weekend, participants are part of a "Shepherd Group" with other youth and adult leaders and explore a story of the Bible through drama, games, crafts, and music. In the evening, youth and adults will have time to relax in their cottages with their congregation and other congregations from Virginia!

7th Day is from noon Saturday to 1:30 on Sunday at Eagle Eyrie. Caring Adults are needed for this adventure! To be a shepherd, please contact our Director of Youth Ministries, Bryan Jaster!

### F3 Family Night!

Faith, Fun and Fellowship for Families

Wednesday, February 13, 5-7pm

Meet At St. Paul Lutheran (156 W Washington St, Strasburg, VA 22657) [Facebook event](#)

For Families with children: Our Camp **Caroline Furnace** is bringing dinner, games, and a campfire for s'mores to St. Paul Lutheran in Strasburg. This will be a great time connecting with many area children and families and getting connected with our camp! Who can make the most creative smore? RSVP to Bryan Jaster ([bryan@bethelwinchester.com](mailto:bryan@bethelwinchester.com)) so the event can plan for meals.

### Vacation Bible Camp

June 10-14!

Our team is AMPED about our week helping kids care for God's Good Creation. Want to add your gifts to our squad? We dream and plan next **February 5 @ 6pm at Bethel!** Contact Carol Pyle [carolspyle@aol.com](mailto:carolspyle@aol.com) if you have ideas that might help us heal and love God's Good creation!

### Youth Super Bowl Party/Game Night

Sunday, February 3, 6:00 p.m.

Discipleship Hall

Bring, play and explore board/card games in Discipleship Hall. What does faith look like in sports and for gamers?

### WATTS Meal Making

Sunday, February 17 @ 9:30-11am

Bethel Kitchen

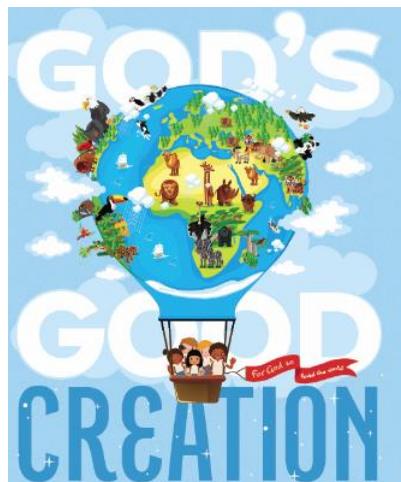
Youth help welcome our guests who stay in Bethel's building for a week by making meatloaf, scalloped potatoes, and cake. We need many hands in the kitchen to slice, mix and make! Contact Betsy Bellingham ([betsybellingham@yahoo.com](mailto:betsybellingham@yahoo.com)) to help.

### Laser Tag

Sunday, February 24, 3:30-6pm

Skyline Winchester

Bring filled out waiver found here: ([www.skylinepaintball.com](http://www.skylinepaintball.com)), a friend and \$15 for laser tag. Pro tip: wear dark clothing in layers!



## *February Birthdays*

- 1 - Will Sigler  
Kathy Brown
- 2 - Pat Clevenger
- 3 - Mack Cain  
Micah Young
- 5 - Isabelle Cupp  
Arlen Riley
- 6 - Matthew Dietz  
Bill Hall
- 7 - Sophia McAllister
- 8 - Gretchen Meade  
Amanda Lilly
- 9 - Jason Whitacre
- 10 - Clare Milburn
- 11 - Renee Fredericksen
- 12 - Trevor Brazelton
- 16 - Eva Shifflett
- 19 - Georgia Ruth Boswell
- 20 - Kaylie Riggelman
- 22 - Cara Bere  
Kylie Bere
- 23 - Molly Robinson  
George Donovan
- 24 - Daniel Milam  
George Bagley
- 25 - Connor Lothrop
- 26 - Micah Carlson  
Amy Jaster
- 27 - John Adair  
Suzanne Gregory  
Jane McAllister  
Heidi David-Young
- 28 - Ron Lauck
- 29 - Mia Hudson  
Brady Robinson

## *February Anniversaries*

- 14 - Alvin and Joline Schultheis
- 21 - Wayne and Judy McCaughey
- 26 - David and Alice Matvay

**The 2019 Altar Flower Chart** is posted on the door outside the church office. Arrangements are \$37.00. Please make check payable to Bethel Lutheran and write "Flowers" on the memo line.



### **Inclement Weather Policy**

When weather conditions warrant a change or cancellation of worship services and/or Sunday school, all necessary information will be available by 7:30 a.m. on the following:

- 1) Broadcast on WINC FM –92.5
- 2) Bethel's website  
([www.bethelwinchester.com](http://www.bethelwinchester.com))

# 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  
December

282

### Designated Offering Thru December 31

#### For the World:

World Hunger Appeal  
\$4,596

Global Missions  
\$16,211

Harvest Sunday  
\$1,817

#### For the Community:

CCAP  
\$3,923

Jones/Joyner Music Fund  
\$4,112

Good Samaritan  
\$2,290

#### For the Bethel Community:

Student Missions  
\$690

Jubilee/Mortgage Principal  
\$24,885

Scatter & Prayer  
Gardens/Bethel Park  
\$8,307

Principal Balance on Mortgage as of December 3, 2012	Principal Balance on Mortgage as of December 21, 2018	Overall Decrease in Mortgage Principal (Jubilee Campaign)
\$802,407.55	\$208,970.90	\$593,436.65

	Actual <u>December 2018</u>	Actual <u>Year-to-Date</u>
Actual Income	\$48,349.96	\$467,361.30
Actual Expenses	\$45,782.69	\$469,509.24
Balance (Shortfall)	\$2,567.24	(\$2,147.94)

For more detailed information, please visit [www.bethelwinchester.com](http://www.bethelwinchester.com).  
The most current financial update will be located under the "Publications" headline.

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## **Council for 2019**

President – **Traci Shoberg**  
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Prayer and Care Board – **Vonda Wilt**  
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Servant Board – **Beth Garner**  
Congregational Life – **Dave Griffin**  
Ministry Support – **John Fredericksen**

**The deadline for articles for the  
March issue of the  
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is 3:00 p.m., Monday, February 18.**