

Welcome to Bethel!

Glad you're here! At Bethel we want to honor Jesus and serve the people in the Fergus Falls area. It's been exciting to see how God has blessed this over the years! We'd love to know you're here today so I invite you to fill out and tear off the attached **Connection Card**. As our guest, I invite you to just relax and be amazed by the love of God for you today!

Kids @ Bethel

Childcare is available at both services for children 6 months-age 2 in the Bethel Nursery. A nursing room is also available inside of the nursery. During the 2nd half of the 11:00 service, 3&4 year olds are dismissed to classroom 405/406. Watch the screen for their release time. Parents must check their child in and out.

"567 Activity Bags" are available to kids ages 5,6,&7 in the foyer. They may be used while kids are in attendance at the Worship Services. Please return activity bags at the close of the Worship Service.

Audio @ Bethel

Audio Versions of Bethel's sermons are available at www.bethellbc.org. The Bethel worship service can be heard each Sunday at 11:00 am on KJK-AM (1020)

 **Assisted Listening Devices** for those who have difficulty hearing are available at the Welcome Center.

Life @ Bethel

Sunday, January 1

8:30 & 11:00 am - Worship Services

Monday, January 2

Office closed

Tuesday, January 3

7:00 pm: Children's Ministry Team

Wednesday January 4

3:45 pm: Kidventure & Club 56

3:45 pm: Junior High Youth Group

4:45 pm : Junior Choir

5:15 pm: Stephen's Ministry

6:15 pm: Adult Choir

8:00 pm: Sr. High Youth Group

Sunday, January 8

8:30 am - Worship Service

9:45 am - Sunday School/Confirmation/
Life Ministry Groups, Bridges

9:50 am - Worship Service

11:00 am - Worship Service

Monday, January 9

12:15 pm - Mission Vision Prayer

7:00 pm - Finance Team

Tuesday, January 10

9:00 am - Bethel Stitch-a-Quilt

6:30 pm - Elder Board

Wednesday, January 11

7:15 am - All Church Prayer

11:00 am - Deacon/Deaconess meeting

3:45 pm - Jr. High Youth Group

3:45 pm - KidVenture/Club 56

4:45 pm - Junior Choir

7:00 pm - Sr. High Youth Group

Friday, January 13

6:00 pm: Firesiders Potluck & Game Night

Looking Ahead - 2012

Thursday, January 19

9:30 am: Exhale resumes

7:00 pm: Ladies' Coffee Break (Stillpoint Cafe)

Tuesday, January 24

9:30 am: Women's Bible studies resume

2:00 pm: Primetime for Coffee

Monday, January 30

Bethel Church Annual Meeting

4:30 pm: Budget review

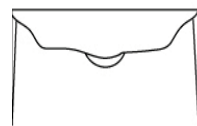
5:30 pm: Dinner (served by the Youth)

6:00 pm: Meeting

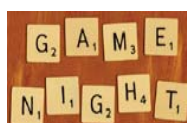
Opportunities @ Bethel



Bridges: Beginning Sunday, January 8-Feb 26, 9:45 am. Bridges is a curriculum developed by Crescent Project that is meant to introduce Christians to Islam and pave the way for building relationships with Muslims. Register at the Welcome Center or on the Connection Card.



Giving 2012: Offering envelopes inserted in your weekly bulletin replaces our past system. Please place your offering in the plates as they are passed or mail them from your home during the week. Extra envelopes are available at the Welcome Center and church office.



Firesiders Potluck & Game Night: Friday, January 13, 6:00 pm. Beat the post-holiday blahs...come out and have some laughs! Enjoy great food and warm up with the Firesiders Life Group. Firesiders resumes weekly next Sunday at 9:45 am in the Fireside Room.



Nurtured Heart: Begins Sunday, January 15, 6:00 pm. This 6-week course is designed to apply Biblical truths to raising children, but can apply to anyone desiring to improve relationships. Register at the Welcome Center or Connection Card. Childcare is available. Cost is \$20 for the "Nurtured Heart" workbook (required).



Ladies' Coffee Break: Connect with other women at Bethel. Coffee Break happens quarterly at Cafe 116, however due to a schedule conflict we will meet in the Stillpoint Cafe on Thursday, January 19, 7:00 pm. All women are invited!



Exhale: Thursday, January 19, 9:30 am. Exhale meets every other week at Bethel to encourage and equip moms with young children. We would love to offer more moms this opportunity but currently need additional childcare volunteers to keep our ratios safe in the nursery. Please contact Nancy Stender at exhalemomsff@gmail.com.



Women's Bible Studies: Bethel women's Bible studies resume weekly on Tuesday, January 24, 9:30 am. Ellie Anderson continues a study in the book of Luke, and Lois Rogness facilitates a new study by Beth Moore; *Mercy Triumphs*. Register at the Welcome Center or Connection Card.



Primetime for Coffee (55+): Tuesday, January 24, 2:00 pm. A casual time set aside each month to catch up with each other and be refreshed.

Prayer Focus

Bethel- Happy New Year! Pray that our focus will remain on the Christ child as we move from thinking about His birth and look towards His ministry as an adult. May we all be captured by His power, His grace, His forgiveness and His love, and then reflect that same love towards others.

Bagirmi- Let's pray that 2012 will see many of our adopted people come to faith in Jesus (Isa)! Pray that those who have already accepted His salvation will have the courage to live as Christians and in some way, share their faith as God gives them opportunity.

Connection Card

WELCOME! Please fill out this card and place it in the offering plate or in the drop slot of the Welcome Center.

PLEASE UPDATE MY INFORMATION

MR. MRS. MS. **DATE:** _____

First Name(s): _____

Last Name(s): _____

E-mail: _____

Phone: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Children's Names & Birth dates:

AGE: Jr. High Sr. High College
 20's 30's 40's 50's 60's 70's+

MARITAL STATUS:

Single Married Widowed

SERVICE ATTENDED: 8:30 9:50 11:00

I consider Bethel my church home

1st time guest

2nd time guest

3rd time guest

I am looking for a church home

Out of town guest

OTHER: (please use this section for additional information requests, event registrations/RSVPs and general questions or feedback)

Life Ministry Groups

At Bethel, we value equipping God's people for ministry in the church and in our community. One way we strive to do this is through Life Groups. On **Sunday, January 8 at 9:45 am**, a new series of study options begin in our life groups. In addition to studying God's Word, Life Groups are a place to connect in a small group setting with others at Bethel and share life's journey together.

- Firesiders**
Study: The book of Galatians
Location: Fireside Room
Teacher: Richard Risbrudt
- Fellowshippers**
Study: The book of Job
Location: Archive Room
Teacher: Allan Bjerkass
- Pilgrims**
Study: The Old Testament (via the Gospel of John)
Location: Stillpoint Cafe
Teacher: Daniel Berge
- Fortifiers**
Study: TBD
Location: New building (lower level)
Teacher: TBD

In addition to Life Groups on Sundays at 9:45 am, a new 6-week course "Bridges" will be offered in the Conference Room. Please register at the Welcome Center or tear off this Connection Card and place it in today's offering plate.

Prayer Requests

- Please share your prayer requests with Bethel's prayer teams, staff, & elders.
- CONFIDENTIAL (Pastors only)**

PRAYER REQUEST: _____



FAITH TRADITIONS

Many of us celebrated Christmas this past week which may have included special family traditions intended to keep us focused on the Christ child as God's gift to us.

2012

As a new year dawns, these traditions don't have to start and end with Christmas. What intentional ways can you keep Christ the center of your home in this new year? Read through the Bible with your spouse? Family devotions? Keep a gratitude journal? Evening prayer together? Take some time with your spouse, family or friends to brainstorm ideas and get started!

Meet our Staff

David Foss
Ed Monson
Allen Aase
Jenny Mathiesen
Erika Lundberg
LaWayne Rogness
Amy Cornell
Krista Newman

Lead Pastor
Associate Pastor for Care & Connection
Associate Pastor for Youth Ministries
Director of Children's Ministries
Contemporary Worship Leader
Church Administrator
Secretary
Office Assistant

Bethel's Elders

Gay Folden (chairman)
Jeff Isaac
Lee Rogness

Dave Ellis
Randy Johnson
Steve Undseth

Eric Ewan
Brad Martinson

Bethel
LUTHERAN CHURCH

702 W. Alcott Ave
Fergus Falls, MN 56537
218-736-5654
www.bethellbc.org
Office Hours: Monday-Friday
8:30 am-4:30 pm



Want to stay connected? Scan the QR Code (above) with your smartphone.

January 1, 2012

"Courage"

8:30 Worship Service

Prelude
Welcome & Announcements
Hymn of Praise
All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name #325 (gold)
Offertory
Hymn of Preparation
Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus #616 (gold)
Message - Dave Cornell
Song of Response
I Surrender All #408 (gold)
Benediction

11:00* Worship Service

Welcome & Announcements
Songs of Praise
Offertory
Message - Dave Cornell
Song of Response
Benediction

Bethel
LUTHERAN CHURCH