

## 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!

*Pastor Ann*

## 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](http://www.bethellbc.org). The Bethel worship service can be heard each Sunday at 11:00 am on KJKK-AM (1020)

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

## Life @ Bethel

### 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  
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

### Sunday, January 15

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 16

12:15 pm - Mission Vision Prayer  
5:00 pm - Celebration Committee

### Tuesday, January 17

9:00 am - Bethel Stitch-a-Quilt

### Wednesday, January 18

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  
5:15 pm - Stephen's Ministry  
7:00 pm - Sr. High Youth Group

### Thursday, January 19

9:30 am - Exhale  
7:00 pm - Ladies' Coffee Break (Stillpoint Cafe)

## Looking Ahead - 2012

### Sunday, January 22

Missions Sunday (morning & evening sessions)

### 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 (Student Ministries fundraiser)  
6:00 pm: Annual Meeting

## Opportunities @ Bethel



**Bridges:** Begins today (through February 26) at 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.



**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 meet weekly on Sundays at 9:45 am in the Fireside Room to study God's word.



**LB Seminary:** J-Term begins at Lutheran Brethren Seminary at 8:30 a.m., Monday, January 16, and continues through noon on Wednesday, January 18. The seminary website ([www.lbs.edu](http://www.lbs.edu)) provides further details on speakers and topics. Costs: \$10/session or \$75 for the complete J-Term (retired pastors and their wives may attend at no cost).



**Ladies' Coffee Break:** Connect with other women at Bethel. Coffee Break happens quarterly at Cafe 116, however due to a schedule conflict this month we will meet in the Stillpoint Cafe on Thursday, January 19, 7:00 pm. Stop in and catch up!



**Exhale:** This exciting new ministry to young moms has exploded and our child-adult ratio is at capacity! To offer more moms this time to connect, additional volunteers are needed to keep our ratios at the required level for safety. Exhale resumes every other week on Thursday, January 19, 9:30 am. Contact Nancy Stender at [exhalemomsff@gmail.com](mailto:exhalemomsff@gmail.com)



**Missions Sunday:** Sunday, January 22 is a day set aside to help us understand what God is doing in specific missions around the world. Guest speakers for both AM and PM sessions are Ethan Christofferson (missionary to Taiwan) and Rev. Paul Larson (Pastor, Eau Claire, WI).



**James or Luke?** Bethel women's Bible studies resume weekly on Tuesday, January 24, 9:30 am. Choose from a study in the book of Luke, or a study in the book of James. Childcare is available. Register at the Welcome Center or Connection Card.



**Primetime for Coffee (55+):** Tuesday, January 24, 2:00 pm. At Bethel, we value fellowship as a way to care for and encourage one another. This is a casual time set aside each month to catch up with each other and be refreshed. You're invited!

## Prayer Focus

**Bethel-** Please pray for our college students as they head back for another semester. Also, pray for our High School seniors as they seek God's direction on what to do and where to go after graduation.

**Bagirmi-**Continue to pray for Nathanael and Carrie Szobody in France. Nathanael will be finishing his work on his Master's degree this semester and then we hope to see them here in Fergus Falls in a few months.

## 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:

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**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)

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## 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. Today 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: Various interactive discussions  
Location: New building (lower level)  
Teacher: Jeff Isaac

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.



### WHY BUILD FAITH AT HOME?

"In the typical American program driven church, it's considered normal to see a decline in participation as children grow older...We rationalize this decline with statements such as, 'Kids today are so busy that they don't have time for church'...Why don't some teenagers stay engaged in their faith? Because for many, faith was really nothing more than a program they attended." (Mark Holmen, Building Faith at Home, p.33)

## Prayer Requests

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

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## 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

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8:30 am-4:30 pm



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

## January 8, 2012

Scripture text: *Leviticus 16*

8:30 Worship Service

9:50 & 11:00\* Worship Service

Prelude  
Welcome & Announcements  
Hymn of Praise  
*Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah #6080 (gold)*  
Offertory  
Hymn of Preparation  
*O God Our Help in Ages Past #370 (gold)*  
Message - Pastor David Foss  
Song of Response  
Benediction

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Songs of Praise  
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