



Bethel Youth Ministries



**JH Yth Grp:
3:45 pm**

WEDNESDAYS



**SH Yth Grp:
7:00 pm**

Here's what's Happenin'

Youth Softball Team

Monday nights beginning in May
Cost is \$40 (Pay by May 1st)

IPOINT Work Day

May 7

Sonshine

July 13-17
Cost: \$110= Ticket, Transportation and Food

Valleyfair

July 28
Cost \$35= Ticket & Transportation

-Big Al

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

You are invited to be a part of
The Great Search Easter Egg Hunt

SATURDAY, APRIL 23 @ 11 AM (SHARP!)
at Bethel Lutheran Church, 702 W. Alcott Ave.

**Kids ages
2-grade 3
Bring your
friends!**

For more info,
call 736.5654



Briefly Bethel

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Greetings: As spring is finally upon us, I am sending a reminder for those of you planning on attending our Biennial Convention to make sure that you have sent me a registration form with a deposit. On the Welcome Center at your church is a document showing those churches and individuals who have pre-registered and sent in a registration form and deposit. You will notice above each church that there is listed the rooms that you have committed to in your pre-registration last fall. Heartwood requested that we have all the meal plans (found on the registration form that is attached as well) to them 2 months in advance of the Convention... that would be Sunday April 24 (Easter). I would ask that you would have all your committed rooms filled and registration forms sent to me with the names of those attending along with their meal option on or before that date. That gives us about a month to accomplish this. To date I have received registrations from about 60 of the 160 pre-registered.

Other news related to our convention:

You will notice on our schedule that there are 2 fellowship hours. The Southern Cluster is working on perhaps funding Friday evening, so that leaves Saturday to be funded by another church, cluster, or sub-cluster of churches. The fellowship time will be served through Heartwood food service at a cost of \$3.00/ person. Those wishing to host the second fellowship time can please contact me for further details.

We are also looking for individuals interested in helping provide child care during the services, activities for youth 1-6 grades, activities for youth 7-12 grades, and organizing some family oriented games. (See Ministry Opportunity sign-up sheet at the Welcome Center).

If someone would like to use their skills with audio/ visual during the services and video editing prior to the convention please contact me asap. We are interested in having churches video recording testimonies about ministries, events, activities, etc. that would be a blessing for other churches in our region to hear about. Please let me know about these asap so we can work out a way to get them recorded and edited to played during the convention.

Thanks for your prayers and help with making this first convention a blessing!

Grace and Peace
Pastor Aage Larsen
CLBA Central Region Chairman
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**PACKETS ARE AVAILABLE WITH MORE INFORMATION AT
THE WELCOME CENTER.**

ISLAM – THE RELIGION OF THE BARMA (BAGIRMI)

“Righteous is he who believes in Allah and the Last Day and the Angels and the Scriptures and the Prophets.” Qur’an 2:177

Islam is the submission to one god – Allah.

There are 5 PILLARS OF ISLAM:

1. Shahada – the confession of faith that Allah is god and Mohammed is his prophet.
2. Salat – 5 times of prayer each day at prescribed times.
3. Zakat – giving of alms (charitable giving)
4. Sawm – fasting during the month of Ramadan
5. Hajj – the pilgrimage to Mecca at least once during a lifetime.

SOME BELIEFS

1. Muslims believe in Allah as the one and only god.
2. They believe in the prophets of the old testament and in Jesus. However, Mohammed is the greatest of these.
3. The Qur’an and Hadith are their holy texts. The Qur’an does call them to believe in the Torah (1st 5 books of the Bible), the Psalms and the Gospels. However, they say the Torah and Psalms were corrupted by the Jews and the Gospels were corrupted by Gentiles. So Allah had to send the Qur’an.
4. They believe in life after death and that the earth will be transformed to a paradise.
5. They do not believe in original sin but that we are born knowing right from wrong.

These beliefs can give us areas of common interest to help us talk to Muslims about our faiths. It can bring opportunities to talk more about Jesus. They know His name, but little about Him. Most of them haven’t read the Torah or Psalms or the Gospels and most are ready to do that if given a Bible or Scripture portion.

Pray for the Barma and for our Muslim neighbors!



Liz Christenson touched our spirits deeply at WMF on March 8th with her testimony of God's grace on the mission field and her appreciation of sisters, both biological and "Sisters in the Lord," at home and abroad. Her stirring words, along with a video presentation, left us enriched and thanking God for His blessing of sisterhood. To hear how God has been working through loving relationships on their mission field and the miracles He is performing lifted our hearts in thanksgiving and praise. She extended her thanks to her sisters at WMF and the Bethel Church family who have faithfully upheld their family in prayer. We, in turn, thank you, Liz, for your gentle, yet powerful, ministry to us. We were, indeed, blessed by your presence and testimony.

We were also blessed by the beautiful music, both instrumental and vocal, provided by Ada and Andrea Erlandson. Thank you beautiful gals for using your talents for the Lord and for our enjoyment. Come again!

Candis Berge enlightened us on the work of The Women of Bethel Ministry Team which is an elected board of our church that plans women's ministries and outreach through Bethel Church, such as Bible studies, seminars and other special events. Thanks to you also, Candis. Your enthusiasm is uplifting.

A brief time of singing, devotions and prayer opened the meeting and our spirits to hear God's voice, which we most certainly did. God was present and we thank Him most of all.

Our next WMF meeting will be Tuesday, April 12th, at which time we will also conduct our annual business meeting, along with fellowship and sharing. At that time we will also collect our National WMF offering which we do twice each year (April and November). There will be envelopes in your church mail boxes in which to put your contributions. They can be brought to the April WMF meeting or placed in the treasurer's church box (Kay Borowski). God bless you as you share in the ministry of WMF, local and national.

We are still in need of some volunteers for our WMF boards. Please pray and consider how God could use you in WMF, and a big thank you to all of you who have been serving so faithfully down through the years. It is a valuable ministry to our church! As always, we remind you to keep praying for our missionaries and, especially now, the situation in Japan. God does hear our prayers! God bless all of you SISTERS in WMF and Bethel.

CHURCH OF THE LUTHERAN BRETHERN



Did you know that your church is responsible for 16 out of a total 475 translations of the Bible or New Testament into indigenous languages?

April 30, 2011 is the end of the Fiscal year for the Church of the Lutheran Brethren. Pray about how the Lord might lead you to give in this time of need!

THANK YOU!

Dear Bethel Friends,

My family and I want to thank you so much for all the prayers and support you have given to our family during this difficult time in our lives. Your prayer is what has helped to sustain us and keep us going. We feel so blessed to be able to call Bethel our Church Home.

God's Blessings to you all,

-Tom and Kim Weaver and family



PARISH NURSES– Parkinson's Disease Awareness Month

DO YOU KNOW WHAT PARKINSON'S DISEASE IS?

It is a movement disorder which is chronic and progressive. (meaning it will continue to worsen over time) There is a small area in the brain that makes Dopomine a hormone that sends and receives messages to make muscles do their job. Part of this area has stopped making Dopomine and the cells are dying. Unfortunately, these dead cells, not only continue to not make Dopomine but more cells are dying, making it a progressive disease.

No two people have the same symptoms nor do they decline at the same rate, even if they are on the same medication. Each individual is different, with different gifts, talents, and "bumps in the road" (problems)! Proving once again God created each one of us unique.

DO YOU KNOW WHAT THE SYMPTOMS OF PARKINSONS ARE?

- Slow movement, and usually the person is bent forward with their feet shuffling.

Tremors, while at rest, (Or not intentionally using the legs or arms affected.) either one side. or both.

Stiffness (rigidity)

Instability- impaired balance and coordination

as well as: fatigue, difficulty swallowing or speaking

impaired fine and/or gross motor coordination, facial "masking", decreased arm swing (while walking), and many more.

WHAT CAUSES PARKINSON'S DISEASE?

There are many speculations but no known cause.

Usually persons over 65 are at a greater risk, however there is no age discretion! Those diagnosed with it at a younger age appear to have difficulty adjusting their medications with their symptoms as they seem to decline more quickly and have more symptoms.

Minnesota, Wisconsin, Iowa, and North Dakato are states known to have the highest amount of diagnosed individuals.

Some possible causes the medical field are searching is:

*the use of Pestisides and herbisides
well water contaminated with chemicals*

** brain injury,
genetic and family history, and/or aging*

However, there is HOPE. New medications are being tested, and some people qualify for a surgical treatment, Deep Brain Stimulation. There is other research, as well as medical options for enabeling those with parkinsons disease to not only live independently but to have quality of life.

However, God knows our name, Is. 41:10 says "Fear not , I am with you. Do not be dismayed, I am your God, I will strengthen you; and help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand."

- Carol Wester, Parish Nurse

BETHEL'S THIS 'N THAT



Guess who's 80 years young?

Please join Bert Hovland and his family in celebrating a milestone birthday!

April 10, 2011, 2:00-4:00 p.m.
Bethel Church
Your presence will be your gift.

RSVP to Doris: 218.998.2458 or
bdhovland@gmail.com

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Baby Shower
April 1-30

Helping Moms and Dads in Need!
Items used for Health Resources Center's Parent Educational Programs

SUGGESTED NEW DONATIONS:
Baby Books, Wash & Lotion, Pacifiers, Bibs, Sippie Cups, Spoons, Baby Clothing (Sz. NB-3T), Lullaby CD's, Learning toys, Diapers, & Wipes.

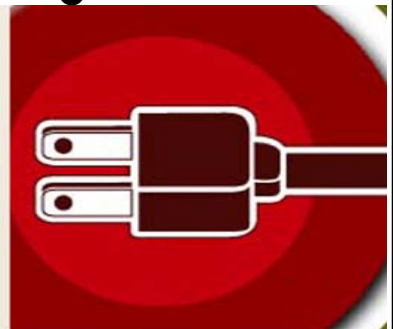
THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

Drop off at the following stores:
Herbergers, Kmart, and Pamida

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Did you miss Church last week? Visit www.bethellbc.org and...

STAY PLUGGED IN
In the Main Menu, click "Bethel in Print" to read this week's bulletin and this month's Briefly Bethel!



Need a Mailbox?

It's one of the many ways to stay connected with Bethel news and activities, if you don't have one and would like one, e-mail Dee: cstelljes@bethellbc.org



Prayer & Praise

Prayer:

- For those struggling financially
- Pray for the ministry of our church in the community
- The leadership of our country
- For the call committee as we seek a Pastor of Praise and worship.
- For our missionaries
- For the Bagirmi

Praise God for:

- Those who have experienced healing!
- For the community of believers at Bethel Church
- Spring!
- Faith @ Home groups!



YOUR GROUP HERE!

Does your group have an event, outing, or just something happening that you want people to know about?

GET THE WORD OUT!

Send your requests with the information you'd like in the Briefly Bethel to Sara at: stysver@bethellbc.org



Easter Lilies

If you would like to purchase an Easter Lily in memory or honor of a loved one, please fill out a form at the Welcome Center. Forms are due April 17.

