

fall 2018



BETHEL
generations in faith together
ED AND REC

Do you have a hobby or special talent that would make a great class, activity or field trip? We'd love to work with you to create a Bethel Ed and Rec opportunity! Please contact the Bethel office.

september opportunities

RALLY DAY @ BETHEL AND RICE PARK

Sunday, September 9, 9:15 a.m.

Rally Day starts with worship at Bethel including Holy Communion and a couple faith milestones. Fellowship time for all will follow worship and take place at Rice Park. The Bethel bus will act as a shuttle between the park and church.

5TH QUARTER

September 7 and 28, 9:00-11:00 p.m., Vinje Lutheran Church

6th-8th graders

Led by: Willmar Area Churches

Cost: \$3/person each event

Let's celebrate a Willmar win or console a Willmar loss at Vinje with activities and food for 6th-8th graders.

SENIOR GAME DAY

Every Tuesday beginning September 11, 1:30 p.m., Bethel Luther Hall

For everyone!

Cards, dominos, bunco, and fun!

MATINS MOVIE - "I CAN ONLY IMAGINE"

Wednesday, September 12, 11:30 a.m., Bethel Luther Hall

All ages (kids must be accompanied by an adult)

Led by: Beverly Baseman

\$7 if ordering lunch

Join us for a viewing of "I Can Only Imagine" in Luther Hall after Matins. Lunch from Jimmy John's is optional - just let us know by 10:00 a.m. that day if you'd like to order a sandwich.

CELEBRATE ART! CELEBRATE COFFEE!

Saturday, September 15, 10:00-3:00 p.m., Bethel Church and Kennedy School

For everyone!

Bethel takes part in this community event in two ways. Bethel youth offer "tacos in a bag" at Kennedy as a fundraiser for upcoming youth trips. The Bethel WELCA offer pies and coffee in Bethel's Luther Hall as well as a quilt show throughout the church. Tickets will be sold at the door.

FRIDAY AT THE FOXHOLE

Friday, September 21, 6:00 p.m.

Ages 21 and older

Register by: September 14 if you need childcare

Meet up with friends for fellowship at the Foxhole! Pizza will be provided, but drinks are on your own. Childcare is available at Bethel from 6-8 p.m. (dinner will be provided for children also). Please register by September 14 if you will be needing childcare. See you there!

FLYING WITH BRUCE

Saturday, September 29, 12:00 p.m., Willmar Airport

All ages (child must be with parent or guardian)

Cost: \$15/person

This is your chance to fly in a general aviation airplane with Bruce Jaeger! He will be piloting half hour flights over Willmar. Six total flights with three passengers each will be available. First come first served. Sign up outside the office.

3RD-5TH GRADE MOVIE & SNACKS

Sunday, September 30, 2:30-4:30 p.m., Bethel Heritage Room

3rd-5th Graders

Led by: Jenni Thorpe

Cost: \$2/person

Join us for a movie (title TBD) in the Heritage Room and some yummy snacks! \$2 per person, friends are welcome! Sign up on the youth board.

october opportunities

HORSE SENSE

Date TBD, Delta Equine Center

Ages 16 and over

Led by: Doug and Tammie Knick

No cost!

Want to get up close and personal with horses? Come visit Doug, Tammie and all the horses at the Delta Equine Center. The purpose of this event is to provide opportunity for people to experience the majestic wonders of the horse, individually and collectively, through various activities. This event might be for you if you are seeking balance in your life, if you have had a negative experience with a horse, if you are struggling with the daily routine of life or you are just curious about the beauty of the horse. Your senses will be guided by the sense of the horse. There is no charge for this event and it is limited to 16 people ages 16 and over. Sign up outside the church office.

BONFIRE & NIGHT GAMES

Saturday, October 6, 6:30-11:00 p.m., Green Lake Bible Camp

9th-12th Graders

Led by: Willmar Area Churches

Cost: \$10/person

Come join your Willmar Area Church friends for an evening at Green Lake Lutheran Ministries to play night games and have a bonfire! Hotdogs and s'mores will be provided! Find more information and sign up on the youth board.

K-2ND GRADE MOVIE & SNACKS

Sunday, October 7, 2:30-4:30 p.m., Bethel Heritage Room

K-2nd Graders

Led by: Jenni Thorpe

Cost: \$2/person

Join us for a movie (title TBD) in the Heritage Room and some yummy snacks! \$2 per person, friends are welcome! Sign up on the youth board.

MATINS MOVIE - "THE POST"

Wednesday, October 10, 11:30 a.m., Bethel Luther Hall

All ages (kids must be accompanied by an adult)

Led by: Beverly Baseman

\$7 if ordering lunch

Join us for a viewing of "The Post" in Luther Hall after Matins. Lunch from Jimmy John's is optional - just let us know by 10:00 a.m. that day if you'd like to order a sandwich.

HOW TO MAKE A T-SHIRT YARN (TYARN) BASKET

Saturday, October 13, 10:00 a.m., Bethel Luther Hall

For anyone with basic crochet or knitting skills

Led by: Ruth Smith

Register by: October 7

Learn how to use your old t-shirts (no side seams or screen prints) to create a fun and unique basket. Ruth will show you how to cut up the shirts and will provide the crochet or knitting pattern. Items to bring include t-shirts, sharp fabric scissors, and as big of a hook or knitting needles as you can comfortably use (the patterns call for size 17 hook or 50 needles, but t-shirts can be cut and patterns can be altered for any size). Register by October 7.

GOD'S WORK OUR HANDS FOOD FOR KIDZ PACKAGING EVENT

Sunday, October 14, Bethel Luther Hall

All ages

Led by: the Bethel Community Outreach Team

Our main act of worship will be the packaging of food, "Food for Kidz," in Luther Hall – some of which will go locally and the bulk of which will go internationally. We look forward to bagging several thousand meals. We hope you will engage this important day at Bethel where we really get to use our hands to serve and worship God!

november opportunities

SACRED DANCE

Sundays, November 4, 11, 18, and December 2, 11:30-12:00 p.m., Bethel Sanctuary

K-12th Graders

Led by: Elizabeth Dimler and Jenni Thorpe

No cost!

Kindergarteners through high school seniors, boys and girls, are invited to participate in sacred dance. We will have four practices and then share our dance with the congregation during the Christmas Program on December 9.

BOOK CLUB

Saturday, November 10, 9:00 a.m., Bethel Library

All ages

Led by: Sarah Dahl

No cost!

Looking for a good book to read? In *The Gifts of Imperfection*, Brene' Brown explores how we can cultivate the courage, compassion, and connection to wake up in the morning and think, "No matter what gets done and how much is left undone, I am enough." Throughout her book, she encourages her readers to dissolve the pressures we place on ourselves and to authentically live life as a worthy recipient of love. Join Sarah Dahl on Saturday, November 10, from 9:00-11:00 in the Bethel library for fellowship and discussion of the book.

K-5TH GRADE BOWLING & PIZZA

Sunday, November 11, 12:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m., Alley on Ash

K-2nd Graders

Led by: Jenni Thorpe

Cost: \$5/person

We will meet at Bethel and ride the Bethel bus there and back. \$5 per person, friends are welcome! Sign up outside Jenni's office.

MATINS MOVIE

Wednesday, November 14, 11:30 a.m., Bethel Luther Hall

All ages (kids must be accompanied by an adult)

Led by: Beverly Baseman

\$7 if ordering lunch

Join us for a movie in Luther Hall after Matins. Lunch from Jimmy John's is optional - just let us know by 10:00 a.m. that day if you'd like to order a sandwich.

SW MN SYNOD JR. HIGH YOUTH GATHERING

Friday, November 16-Saturday, November 17, Willmar Conference Center

6th-8th grade

Led by: Jenni Thorpe

Cost: \$25/person

Register by: Wednesday, October 3

6th-8th graders are invited to join their synod peers for a night with Rachel Kurtz for music, games, and nightlife at the Willmar Conference Center. Register on the youth board by October 3.

CHILI FEED

Saturday, November 17, 4:00-6:00 p.m., Bethel Luther Hall

For everyone

Led by: The Chili Feed Committee

Cost: Freewill offering

Fall is coming, there will soon be a chill in the air and Old Man Winter will be dropping snowflakes. That only means one thing... it's time for chili!!! Saturday, November 17. Chili eaters and volunteers are needed. See ya there!

THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE AND PIE FEST

Wednesday, November 21, 7:00 p.m.

For everyone

Cost: Freewill offering

Join us for a beautiful Thanksgiving Eve worship followed by our annual pie fest! All are encouraged to attend.

ALL CHURCH CHRISTMAS DECORATING

Sunday, November 25, following worship

All ages

On November 25, we will be decorating Bethel for Advent and Christmas. Join the fun by grabbing a cookie and some decorations! There is something for every age!

december opportunities

CHRISTMAS COOKIE EXCHANGE

Saturday, December 1, 10:00 a.m., Bethel Luther Hall

For everyone

Register by: November 18

Sign up by November 18 to participate in the Bethel Cookie Exchange, a great opportunity to easily bake one kind of cookie, but come away with a large variety for your holiday plans! After the registration date, we'll determine the amount of cookies to bring and let you know.

GINGERBREAD HOUSES

Saturday, December 1, 10:00 a.m.

Preschool and older (must be accompanied by an adult)

Led by: Marge Hanson

No cost!

Start your advent season off with a fun gingerbread project! All are welcome to create a masterpiece with a variety of candy and treats.

A CHRISTMAS CAROL

Sunday, December 2, 12:15 p.m.

All ages

Cost: \$34 per ticket plus travel costs

Register by: Wednesday, October 31

"God bless us everyone." Join fellow Bethelites for a matinee of "A Christmas Carol" at the Paramount Theatre in St. Cloud. Kids must be accompanied by an adult. Cost for the ticket is \$34 plus traveling costs (to be determined). Supper will be on your own on the way home. Sign up and ticket payment must be in by October 31 to keep this reservation. We will leave Bethel at 12:15 p.m. and return approximately 7:15 p.m.

LUCIA DAY

Saturday, December 8

For everyone

Led by: Sandy East and the Lucia Day Committee

The big event starts at 9 a.m. with a candlelight procession of Bethel's 66th St. Lucia leading her gowned court of attendants and children into the sanctuary. Following a presentation of this memorable Swedish tale of the mysterious maiden who brings light to Northern Europe through dialogue and music, you are invited to the Heritage Room Bake Sale and Luther Hall to celebrate the beginning of the Christmas season with delicious coffee, cookies, breads, and other homemade goodies. There is no charge for this fun event for you and your friends, but a "plate" at the serving table will be placed for any contribution you might wish to make. Lucia Day is a wonderful way to open the Christmas season, in your hearts and ours.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Sunday, December 9, 4:00 p.m.

For everyone

Led by: Jenni Thorpe & Sarah Dahl

Our annual Christmas program features all of our musical ensembles, Sunday School kids, and Sacred Dancers. Please join us for this tradition followed, as always, by the Scandinavian Supper.

SCANDINAVIAN SUPPER

Sunday, December 9, following the Christmas program

For everyone

Led by: Jenni Thorpe and the Bethel Youth

Cost: Adults \$10, Ages 6-11 \$6, Ages 5 and Under Free

The Scandinavian Supper will be held in Luther Hall after the Christmas program. Tickets for the supper are available in the church office or at the door. All proceeds support Bethel youth trips. This evening will be a GiFT (Generations in Faith Together) experience you won't want to miss!

MATINS MOVIE

Wednesday, December 12, 11:30 a.m., Bethel Luther Hall

All ages (kids must be accompanied by an adult)

Led by: Beverly Baseman

\$7 if ordering lunch

Join us for a movie (the Gustavus Christmas program if available) in Luther Hall after Matins. Lunch from Jimmy John's is optional - just let us know by 10:00 a.m. that day if you'd like to order a sandwich.

CHRISTMAS CAROLING EVENT

Sunday, December 16, 3:00-5:00 p.m.

All ages

Led by: Beverly Baseman

Cost: Freewill offering for dinner

Register by: December 15

Sign up for a GiFT event: Christmas caroling, hayride, and supper! A free-will offering will be taken for supper and please bring some Christmas cookies to share for dessert. Last year's event was a blast so be sure to bundle up, warm up your voice, and join the fun!

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

Monday, December 24, 4:00 and 10:00 p.m.

For everyone

Please join Bethel in worshipping on Christmas Eve. The 4:00 p.m. candlelight worship service will begin with prelude music shared by our Bethel youth. The 10:00 p.m. candlelight worship service will include Holy Communion.

january opportunities

MATINS MOVIE

Wednesday, January 9, 11:30 a.m., Bethel Luther Hall

All ages (kids must be accompanied by an adult)

Led by: Beverly Baseman

\$7 if ordering lunch

Join us for a movie in Luther Hall after Matins. Lunch from Jimmy John's is optional - just let us know by 10:00 a.m. that day if you'd like to order a sandwich.

BETHEL ANNUAL MEETING

Sunday, January 27, 10:30 a.m., Bethel Luther Hall

All ages (childcare is provided)

Led by: Bethel Church Council

Come and hear all the great things that have happened at Bethel over the past year and learn about our vision for the next! Topics covered will include a budget vote, Council appointment vote, team reports, staffing, and other items. Coffee and treats are provided.

regular activities at Bethel

LITTLE TOTS & POLKA DOTS

Sundays, through the program year, Bethel Room 306

Ages 0-not yet in preschool with parents

Led by: Parents

Join the little tots in room 306 on Sundays during Education Hour! Parents can chat over a cup of coffee while their children can sing songs, do crafts, and play with toys. No need to sign up - come any week that is convenient for you!

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sundays, through the program year, Rooms 205 and 300

Preschool-5th grade

Preschool will meet in room 205 from 10:45 to 11:20 a.m. K-5th grade will meet in room 300 from 10:40 to 11:40 a.m.

CONFIRMATION

Wednesdays, through the program year, 5:30-7:00 p.m., Bethel Youth Room and Heritage Room

6th-8th grade

Led by: Pastor Jon, Jenni Thorpe, and Beverly Baseman

Confirmation starts with an orientation on September 5 for students and parents. Beginning September 12, our regular schedule includes dinner in the youth room followed by a lesson in the Heritage Room.

NOTES OF PRAISE

Mondays, through the program year, 4:30-5:15 p.m., Bethel Sanctuary
Kindergarten-5th grade

Led by: pre-practice activities - Jenni Thorpe, choir - Sarah Dahl

Like to sing? Join the Notes of Praise kids choir who practice weekly and sing occasionally during Sunday worship. Practice is on Mondays from 4:30-5:15. Optional transportation to Bethel from Willmar Public Schools is available and fun activities are provided between the end of the school day and start of practice.

CATHEDRAL CHOIR

Wednesdays during the program year, 7:00-8:00 p.m., Bethel Sanctuary
Adults

Led by: LaDonna Hallberg-Sook

Join Bethel's Cathedral Choir who practice each Wednesday and is part of worship on the first and third Sundays of each month during the program year.

JUBELLANT RINGERS

Wednesdays during the program year, 5:00-6:00 p.m., Bethel Sanctuary
Adults

Led by: LaDonna Hallberg-Sook

Join Bethel's JuBellant Ringers who practice each Wednesday and are part of worship on the second Sunday of each month during the program year.

ADULT EDUCATION

Sundays, during the program year, 10:30-11:20 a.m., Bethel Heritage Room

Led by: Pastor Jon

Adult Ed is open to anyone each week! Topics vary but discussion is always lively! Coffee and treats are provided.

STRETCHING AT BETHEL

Fourth Wednesday of each month, 11:00 a.m.

Led by: Corrine Dahl and Roger Lundquist

We've taken the best parts of stretching, yoga, pilates, and tai chi! Join us for a fun class where you can learn good stretching techniques that you can do at home. All ages are welcome and we tailor the class so that any age/ability will be able to participate and learn.

MEN'S BREAKFAST

First and Third Thursdays of each month, 7:30 a.m., McMillan's Restaurant

All men are invited.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Thursdays, 9:00-10:00 a.m., Bethel Library

Led by: Pastor Jon

All men are invited.

WOMEN'S BREAKFAST

Second Wednesday of each month, 8:30 a.m., McMillan's Restaurant

All women are invited.

KNITTER'S CIRCLE

Third Monday of each month, 2:00 p.m., Bethel Library

All knitters or crocheters are invited.

QUILTERS

Second and fifth Thursday of each month, 9:00 a.m., Bethel Luther Hall

All are invited-no experience necessary!

ADULT COLORING

Third Wednesday of each month, 1:30 p.m., Bethel Library

All are welcome.

OVER/UNDER 60s

Dates vary- please check the Bethel calendar

Cost varies

Join us for themed programs, food, and fellowship. All are welcome!

BETHEL WOMEN

Dates vary- please check the Bethel calendar

Join the Bethel women for Bible study and various sponsored programs. All women are welcome.