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THE BELLRINGER

April
 2011



Easter Sunday

April 24th

with

Celebration Brunch at 9:00 am



Sunday Worship ~ 10:00 am

...warms the heart, feeds the soul.



Pictured with our new Youth Director, Jake, the youth of Bethel raised over \$700 for this year's mission trip! Thanks to all those who supported our ROCKIN time!! We rocked in rocking chairs for about 14 hours. Thanks Miranda, Elizabeth, Britta, Jake, Anastasia, Luke and Fletcher! (photo by Pastor Cheryl)
 Jake will be offering a Sunday Morning time with Teens. If you want to know more, call, email or friend him! (Check inside staff listing for contact information.)



April 7 12:00-2:00 pm
 April 14 9:30-11:30 am
 May 5 12:00-2:00 pm
 May 19 9:30-11:30 am

There are several times to share time at Feed My Starving Children (FMSC) in the next few months. If you have questions, please contact Joleen Carlson. Carpooling is available from Bethel UMC (Arrive 30 minutes prior to scheduled time)

Holy Week

April 17– 10:00 AM

Palm Sunday

Sanctuary

April 21~ 7:00 PM

Holy Thursday

*Holy Communion and
 Passion Playlets
 Fellowship Hall*

April 22 ~ 8:00 PM

Good Friday

Sanctuary

April 24

Easter Sunday

BRUNCH at 9:00 AM
*Fellowship Hall
 (proceeds benefit
 Youth Mission Trips)*

WORSHIP ~ 10:00 AM
Sanctuary

Celebration breathes deeply and joyfully in our midst as Bethel moves across the threshold of resurrection. Its fresh life giving air—like the aroma of wet soil in early spring or the early blooms of lilacs and hyacinths—beacons us to new life.

The life breath we celebrate comes in many forms.

- ☒ Decisions are being made and readied for action by the continuing progress of the Renovation Committee (see article by Lisa Whalen in this issue).
- ☒ A local Habitat for Humanity project is being supported by our Mission Committee. Work dates are scheduled on May 5th, 7th and 14th.
- ☒ We are cultivating a healthier physical and spiritual life out of the walk to Jerusalem (Thanks Tina!) and the burgeoning Community Garden effort (Thanks Jessie and Bob!).
- ☒ Music at worship inspires and stimulates us (Thanks Margie and MaryLou!).
- ☒ Roxanne, now fully recovered from her broken wrist, keeps us on track with ever improving means of communication and networking.
- ☒ Brandy (oh my goodness!) tidies up after us....a thankless job and with the work of renovation coming up will need everyone to stay on top of the work ahead.
- ☒ And our most recent reason to celebrate (and seconded by our youth)--the delightful addition of Jake to our staff as Director of Youth Ministry (see photo of Rockin' Lockin' mission trip fundraiser on the back page).

As we move through these final days of Lent we can anticipate that this is only the beginning of greater things to come through our common work of making caring, outreaching disciples for Jesus Christ.

We DO have many reasons to raise thanks to God. We are experiencing new life in Christ!

In Christ,
 Pastor Cheryl Goode

RENOVATION UPDATE by Lisa Whalen

The Renovation Committee has been forging ahead. Progress is being made! The committee meets twice a month on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays at 7:00pm. So far they have interviewed and hired an architect to help with the lower level planning. His involvement includes creating a plan for the restrooms, kitchen and elevator. A decision has been made on the location of the elevator based primarily on cost, but other factors were considered as well; such as convenience and accessibility. Once the construction documents have been finalized this segment of the project will go out to bid.

The next step is to finalize the plans for the kitchen and restrooms. We hope to have this completed sometime in March or April.

There were two meetings held the beginning of January to get input from as many people in the congregation as possible. We gathered all the needs and "wish list" items for the restrooms and kitchen. These ideas were prioritized based on your input and then passed along to the architect. Although we may not be able to incorporate everything, the committee is confident that we will end up with a project that will meet or exceed the needs of Bethel for many years to come.

Before we actually start construction there are a number of steps in the process. Currently we are still at the beginning stages. The next step is to finalize the floor plan, then construction documents will be drawn up and finally the project will be put out for bid. The committee has established a goal of June 1st as a start date for the actual construction.

Various church groups (UMW, Boy Scouts etc.) will be asked to pack up and move all of their items by May 8th to a designated location for the duration of the construction. We will need volunteers and people with strong arms and good backs. Groups will be able to donate items no longer needed to the Rummage Sale.

There will be a committee member along with a set of plans in the narthex after each Sunday service. This will be an opportunity for all of Bethels congregates to be informed, ask questions and be a part of this very important and exciting time in the history of Bethel.

Please continue your prayers for guidance and completion of a successful project.

Committee members:

Pat Goralczyk (Chair), Lisa Whalen, Steve Pinney, Dewey LaGow, Ron Christensen, and Janice Hurd.

Sunday Highlights

For the season of Lent through Easter please refer to the insert in this issue.

Easter Garden

This year's Garden will include Lilies, hydrangeas, tulips and Azaleas. The Easter Garden order form is available in this issue, online and in upcoming Sunday bulletins. Forms are due with payment on Sunday, April 17th.

NEW MEMBER SUNDAY

April 10th

Come and welcome the newest members to our church family.

Greeter, Hospitality and Altar Flower Sign-up charts

are located in the Narthex.

Please offer to serve in one of these ways in coming months to make welcome new and old members and friends.

If your interest lies in the area of **caring for our children or teaching** on Sundays, please speak with Tina Goralczyk.

Sunday Morning Schedule

9:00 a.m.	CHRISTIAN EDUCATION FOR ALL AGES Lower Level
10:00 a.m.	WORSHIP
11:10 a.m.	Cherub Choir Rehearsal (balcony)
11:45 a.m.	Youth Choir Rehearsal (balcony)

NEXT Bellringer Deadline:
April 12th

Receiving earlier contributions is always welcome!

The Bellringer is available via email.

SAVE THE DATES

QUILT AND CRAFT GROUP

(open to anyone)

April 2, 9:00 am—3:00 pm

POTLUCK AND EASTER CAROLING

Sunday, April 17th

ANNUAL UMW RUMMAGE SALE

Preparation: April 25th—27th

Rummage Sale: April 28-30

BOY SCOUT PLANT ORDER PICK UP

Sunday, May 1, 2-3:00 pm

Questions? Call Tracy Inglis, 612-799-3697

RENOVATION WORK

will begin as early as May 15th.

CHURCH FAMILY PICNIC

at Como Park on May 22nd

Christian Education Corner

Adult Study on Sunday mornings will be offered by Ron Carlson, **the theology of hymns**.

Classes for children are also planned for 9:00 am on Sundays in the lower level starting with preschoolers.

Contact Tina with questions!

Bethel's FEBRUARY EXPENDITURES 2011	
MEN'S CLUB	0.00
ADMIN & FINANCE	2,631.89
STAFF PASTOR PARISH	9,415.08
CONGREGATIONAL TRUST FUND	0.00
MEMORIAL GARDEN	0.00
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION	0.00
SHEPHERDING MINISTRIES	23.80
MISSIONS SOCIAL CONCERNS	0.00
WORSHIP WORK AREAS	(15.50)
TRUSTEE'S	1,239.12
OTHER	0.00
Total Expenses	13,294.39
Total Revenues	14,793.28
Net Income	1,498.89

UMW Elizabeth Circle

The Elizabeth Circle meeting in April will occur Tuesday, April 26th, with time focused on Rummage Sale set up in the evening. Bring along a pan of bars or two dozen cookies for sampling. The extras will be added to the other tasty treats for sale during the Rummage Sale itself.

THANK YOU NOTES

Dear Darleen,

Thank you so much for thinking of me on my birthday. The Prayer Shawl was a wonderful gift. It certainly brightens up my room! Be sure to thank all of your church friends for their thoughtful work.

My health is slowly, but steadily improving. In the meantime, I am staying busy with reading, playing guitar and doing artwork. I hope you are well.

Peace, Love and Understanding
Jason (Darleen's nephew)

Dear Friends in Mission,

Thank you for your gift received on 02/03/11 for \$100.00 to the United Methodist Committee on Relief. It is supporting programs that fight hunger and poverty, assist the displaced and respond to disasters. Because you gave UMCOR is able to "Be There" and "Be Hope" on your behalf.

This gift will bring hope to those who most need it.
Grace and Peace, Roland Fernandes, General Treasurer, UMCOR

GARDEN ASSOCIATION

The Community Garden group is "plowing" forward. Note the upcoming dates and join in the fun.

Friday, April 22nd, 10:00 am

Monday, May 2nd, 10:00 am and 6:30 pm

Saturday, May 14th (work day)

Please call Jessie Pinney at 472-9801 if you have interest in being a part of this exciting new ministry.

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