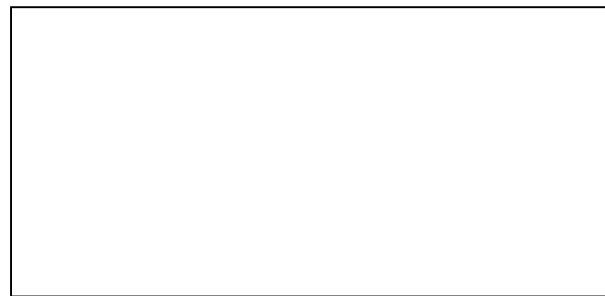


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SUNDAY WORSHIP ~ 10:00 am



BAZAAR Preparation schedule:

NEW DATES for Lefse Making
 October 10, 11, 12, 13 and 15th
Bazaar Set up—cookie making
 October 27th and 28th

Trunk or Treat—October 30th



This is a new twist on "Trick or Treating" and one that will be enjoyed by many. Come join others at **5:00 p.m.** and park your vehicle in our church parking lot with trunks open to give away treats to the imaginatively dressed youth and children.

At **6:00 p.m.** we'll move to the bonfire for s'mores and "scary" stories by Jake.



is ready to pick up in the Narthex.
 (Note changes listed on the inside of this issue to note in your copy.)



September PACKING DATES IN CHANHASSEN,

Thursday, October 13th
 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.

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).

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THE BELLRINGER

October 2011

P.E.E.L. (Preparing and Educating Eager Learners)

Some of you may remember Jake and I introducing you to a new concept that we are adopting for our common ministries. We no longer are working separately, with our own committees, (spiritual formation team and youth steering committee), rather working together for the benefit of our Bethel Family.

As we are all eager to learn more about His Word, we are working with an all-inclusive curriculum called "Feasting on the Word". This model is designed so that everyone from the preschoolers, teens, adults to small groups and the general congregation will focus on the same text from the lectionary, hearing about it and experiencing it in different ways—through worship, study and fellowship.

Here are some of the ways you can "plug-in" to His Word:

- ✦ **Sunday morning classes at 9:00 a.m.** will focus on the scripture of the week. Adults will meet in the library, preschoolers and elementary classes in the balcony (until the renovation is complete, then we will all move back downstairs). Teen class meets at 11:00 a.m. in the balcony.
- ✦ **Bag lunch Bible study 12:00 noon on Wednesdays.** This study focuses not

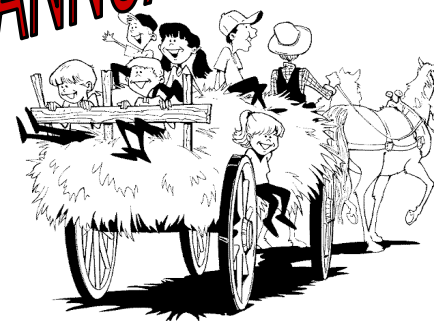
only on the scripture of the week, but also the three other lectionary verses of the week. This group will meet in the library.

- ✦ **DO the Bible** will be held at 5:30 p.m. on the third Wednesday of each month. This is a mission focused opportunity for ALL ages. We will begin with a pizza and salad supper (\$5 per person) at 5:30 p.m. At 6:00 p.m. we will discuss the scripture of the week and marry it with a mission project wrapping up around 6:45 in time for Wednesday Choir rehearsals.
- ✦ **Book Study: Strong Women, Soft Hearts** (by Paula Rienhardt) will take place on Mondays at 1:00 p.m. in the library. While this book study is not directly tied to the lectionary, it is a wonderful way to join in fellowship sharing and learning with other Christian women.

We hope you take the time to be an "eager learner" and join us in "Feasting on the Word."

Let's PEEL!
 Tina Goralczyk and Jake Stodolka

ANNUAL HAYRIDE



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9TH

Who: Any and all friends and family of Bethel
Where: Rock Isle Farm in Waconia
Why: Fellowship with your Bethel family under the fall canopy!
How: Cost to be announced.
TIME TO BE ANNOUNCED

Bonfire/fellowship meal and hayride

Bring meat to roast and a dish to share. Dress for the weather and have some fun!!

Questions? Call Tina G. at 472-8822
Hope to see you there!!

Briefly

Annual Bazaar to

raise funds for women and children through the UMW is in full swing.

Saturday, October 29

See "The Clippings" for details and dates for preparation on the back cover of this issue.

RENOVATION Dedication

Sunday, November 20
 With OPEN HOUSE in January for the community.

Renovation Volunteers needed

Over the next six weeks we will need many hands to make our tasks light. Please look over the following anticipated schedule to see how you might help and contact Pat to volunteer, 952-472-8822. Check the Trustees' bulletin board for more details and updated schedule (with more to come).

- Buy-install classroom door frame** 9/26 to 10/12
- Floor prep in Nursery/Art Room** 9/22 to 9/30
- Paint Walls in Fellowship Hall** 10/8 to 10/19
- Paint Ceilings in Nursery/Art Room** 10/15 to 10/19
- Paint Walls in Nursery/Art Room** 10/15 to 10/19
- Remove Fellowship Hall carpeting** 10/18 to 10/19
OR SOONER IF dumpster is removed.
- Install counter, sink and cabinet in Artroom** 10/24 to 10/28
- Install New Baseboards in Fellowship Hall** 10/24 to 10/27
- Hang Artroom door and install trim** 10/21 to 10/27

THANKS BE TO GOD!

Note from Your Lay Leader

Greetings!

Like many of you, I haven't been around as much this summer as I am during other times of the year—spending time traveling, or at the lake cabin or with various events.

I came back this fall and I noticed reading the bulletin the other day that we are starting to get fairly significantly behind budget. I figured it was a little concerning but we typically don't end up spending everything we budget for and then figured it probably wasn't "as bad."

I asked how are we doing on our budget vs. actual expenditures. It's not as bad but we are actually spending more than what we are taking in. We truly are behind!

This made me realize that while I tried to keep up my weekly giving during the few Sundays I was in church, **I was behind.** I definitely noticed that I had plenty of weeks of giving envelopes with summer dates on them.

I had to make it up. I couldn't do it all in one big chunk but had to start doubling or tripling my weekly gift to make up for what my family and I

had promised Bethel to help carry on God's work.

Have you had a similar experience? Hopefully, you too, will realize YOUR church needs your time, talents and gifts year-round. We have many great things going on and we are starting many new small groups and trying to take advantage of our soon-to-be completed new construction.

I know we've been asked for and have given a lot already with everything going on. But most things cost money and we need to ensure the "good old things" keep working and the new things get paid for—to start them out on the right foot and ensure their success.

No matter what your circumstances I know God has blessed you richly with His eternal Grace and we need to give thanks for that Grace with our gifts. Please look at your summer giving and see if a "catch-up" contribution (or two, or three) is needed.

*God Bless,
Tyler Oberdeck
Lay Leader*

Stewardship Campaign ~ "What Gift Can I Bring?"

Whether we are visiting friends for a casual gathering or potluck often we ask, "What gift can we bring?" It is a sign of wanting to be a part of the hospitality of the event.

October 16 through November 6 the members of Bethel will have an opportunity to discern their giving for 2012 with that very same question as we take our part in providing resources for Bethel to do ministry in

the world.

New in this year's campaign will be a process for you to learn about what spiritual gifts you might offer for the common good. Do you know what spiritual gifts you have? More information will come about this opportunity in the first letter sent in October.

—Finance Committee

FALL, 2011 CHOIR SCHEDULE - Mark your calendars! All are welcome!

Chancel Choir – Wednesdays 6:50 p.m. – 7:50 p.m.
Cathedral Bells – Wednesdays 8:00 p.m. – 8:50 p.m.
Cherub Choir – Sundays 11:10 a.m. – 11:40 a.m.
Youth Choir – Sundays 11:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

WORSHIP Highlights

October 2nd Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost World Communion Sunday

Liturgist: Gordon Dolan
Children's sermon: Tina Goralczyk
Scripture: Matthew 21:33-46
Sermon: "The Trust Clause"



October 9th Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost Contemporary Sunday

Baptism of Tabitha Grace Hermanek
Liturgist: Joan Simonds
Children's sermon: Sunday School
Scripture: Matthew 22:1-14
Sermon: "Save the Date"



October 16th Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost Stewardship Campaign Begins!

Liturgist: Becky Maas
Children's Sermon: Pastor Cheryl
Scripture: I Thessalonians 1:1-10
Sermon: "Give Thanks"



October 23rd Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost Traditional Sunday

Liturgist: Cindy Gibbs
Children's Sermon: Tina Goralczyk
Scripture: Matthew 22:34-46
Sermon: "In the Practice"



October 30th ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

Liturgist: Katie Korzenowski
Children's Sermon: Jake Stodolka
Scripture: Matthew 23:1-12
Sermon: "Knobs Verses Mats"



NEXT Bellringer Deadline: October 11th Receiving earlier contributions is always welcome!

The Bellringer is available via email. If you have not yet signed up to receive via email and would like to know more about how please contact the church office at 952-472-1522.

QUILT AND CRAFT GROUP

Our next gathering will be
Scheduled in January, TBD.



In the meantime, creative artists are encouraged to attend the **retreat** offered at Kingswood the weekend of **November 10-13**, hosted by Pastor Cheryl. Check bulletin board for flyers or go on-line to CampMinnesota.org and look for camp #465, Creative Arts Retreat.

Call Katie Fox (472-5626) with questions.

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

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.

Also, please check the **Mission Outreach Board** in the Narthex. And don't forget **FOOD SHELF** giving

If your passion lies in the area of **caring for our children or teaching** on Sundays or in conjunction with other events please speak with Tina Goralczyk.

DIRECTORY UPDATES

Page 8 - Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church - replace Father Stan with Father Tim Dolan
Page 10 - WeCAN address: 5213 Shoreline Drive, Mound, MN 55364
Meals on Wheels Contact: Replace Audrey Oglund with Carolyn Dillon.

Bethel's AUGUST EXPENDITURES 2011	
MEN'S CLUB	0.00
ADMIN & FINANCE	2,424.93
STAFF PASTOR PARISH	10,213.48
CONGREGATIONAL TRUST FUND	0.00
MEMORIAL GARDEN	100.00
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION	51.52
SHEPHERDING MINISTRIES	23.80
MISSIONS SOCIAL CONCERNS	0.00
WORSHIP WORK AREAS	23.24
TRUSTEE'S	3,185.06
OTHER	0.00
Total Expenses	16,022.03
Total Revenues	11,499.55
Net Income	(4,522.48)

"The Stitchers"

Meetings will be the second and fourth Mondays in October. October 10th and 24th at 9:30 a.m. —Edna Fox's home.
All are welcome as we create items for sale at the Bazaar.

THANK YOU'S

Dear Friends in Mission:

Thank you for your generous gift to the United Methodist Committee on Relief. 100 percent of your contribution will go to Undesignated - UMCOR, Advance #999895 through the Advance, the designated giving channel of the United Methodist Church.

Your gift received on 8/01/2011, for \$50.00 is supporting programs that fight hunger and poverty, assist the displaced and respond to disasters.

To learn more about the Advance, please visit <http://www.advanceinghope.org>

Roland Fernandes, General Treasurer and
Shawn Bakker, Associate General Secretary

Dear Bethel Church,

Thank you for praying for our family. My step-brother Jason Greenslit passed away after his battle with cancer. We were blessed by people praying for us. May the Lord protect you and bless you.

- Rob and family

Dear Bethel United,

On behalf of the WeCAN Board of Directors, I would like to thank you for your donation of \$15.00 and for collecting back to school supplies who answered WeCAN's plea.

Thanks to the generosity of people in the West Hennepin County area, a total of 226 children from 123 families were served in the first week of the program. We expect to see more families once school starts and will continue to provide school supplies throughout the year.

Please visit our website for more information on WeCAN, the needs of our community and ways that you can help. WeCAN-help.org

—Sincerely, Leah Weycker, Executive Director

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