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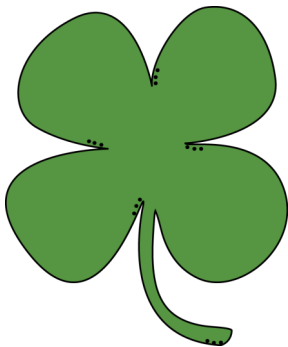
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- Bethel Children, Youth & Family Ministry bridges generations to model, equip, and encourage a foundation of trust in God's story.

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and Calendar deadline is:

**Wednesday,
March 17
12:00 Noon**

Dear Bethel Members and Friends,

As I write this article I have learned that I will be eligible for my vaccines around the first of June. I am excited about that and I hope you are excited about getting your vaccines too. Although at first glance, it might feel like June is a long way off, I see it as a mere three months away. And knowing that people more eligible will be getting their shots before me makes me happy and hopeful. I pray that you are happy and hopeful too!

I know this has been a long year. Today is the one-year anniversary of someone in Minnesota having been diagnosed with COVID -19. Some have lost dear loved ones to this global pandemic, some have been sick and still struggle with lasting issues, some have been sick and are well again but do not know if they can get it again. Others continue to try their best to stay safe, but never know what little thing we might do that may infect us and/or those we love.

Some of you are feeling a bit more free, having gotten your vaccines. We celebrate with you! And trust you will continue to take appropriate precautions to keep yourselves and all those you love as safe as possible. This ever-changing virus is a tricky thing!

Each month the Board of Administrators prays and wonders about when we can meet again in person. We watch what the science is suggesting, listen to what our state and church leadership are saying, and think about the needs and wants of our community. And, for now, our building will remain closed as our ministry continues in full.

Many of you received a Lent and Holy Week Bag of things to do at home during this Lenten and Holy Season. (Thank you Mission Council, Dr Jen, and so many people who helped, for this gift!) We can still worship online each Sunday and now Wednesday nights too.

We are moving toward all our worship services being provided "live" online so that Phil does not have to work so hard in creating the videos each week. And we hope, in time, to include more voices, faces, and friends in the leadership of our services. That is, as things become more safe. Small, safe, and smart steps to keep as many people as healthy as possible. That is our plan. We hope you understand.

God blesses you!

Pr Brenda

LENT 2021: *The Earth Laughs in Flowers* *Breaking the Chains of Injustice*

Bread of Life Deaf and Bethel Lutheran Churches will be sharing Wednesday Lent worship again this year. Due to COVID these will be on YouTube. We hope you will all join us virtually for this worship!

Worship at 7:00 PM Virtually on Bethel YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCfSN55V8HpmZbnPgIH0Gug>

Wednesday, March 3
Wednesday, March 10
Wednesday, March 17
Wednesday, March 24

Anti-Fat Bias and Justice
Water and Environmental Justice
Justice for Elders
Economic Justice

HOLY WEEK (Mark your calendars)

At this point we are still planning on doing all worship virtually:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCfSN55V8HpmZbnPgIH0Gug>

Palm Sunday Worship
Maundy Thursday Worship
Good Friday Worship
Easter Egg Scavenger Hunt
Easter Breakfast
Easter Sunday Worship

Sunday, March 28 at 10:30 AM
Thursday, April 1 at 7:00 PM
Friday, April 2 at 7:00 PM
Saturday, April 3 at 10:00 AM
Watch for details on at-home options
Sunday, April 4 at 10:30 AM

Fellowship follows Sunday worship on Zoom at:

<https://uso2web.xoom.us/j/85032958485>

Faith Forum at 9:15 AM on Zoom

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82083004977>

March 14 Blog Discussion (please read in advance)

"Dear White People, This is What We Want You to Do"

<https://insidethekandidish.wordpress.com/2020/05/30/dear-white-people-this-is-what-we-want-you-to-do/> by Kandise (**<https://insidethekandidish.wordpress.com/about/>**)

March 28 Podcast Discussion (please listen in advance)

De-escalating Disability from South Carolina Public Radio
A four-part series (total about 60 minutes of listening)

<https://www.npr.org/podcasts/969107895/de-escalating-disability>



Phil's Music Score

Lent – a time for reflection...

The more I think of it, this past year has been a period of never-ending reflection. It seems as though all of the meetings I've attended lately have had time for reflection, with much of the conversation being somewhat negative or melancholy. The challenge we face now as more and more activities return in-person is how we can see the positive aspects of the past year and continue to incorporate them into our new routines.

For the past three years I have been a board member of the Twin Cities American Guild of Organists. Our chapter is robust and very active and in a typical year schedules many concerts, conferences and socials. This final year of my term has been slightly different as we have had to adjust what we offer to our members. Thinking of new ways to engage listeners and share organ music in a world where organists are in ever-decreasing supply and demand has been an ongoing challenge but spurred new ideas of sharing music with new listeners. Our meeting also covered how many organists' roles may have changed over the past year due to the COVID-19 pandemic. I reflect on my position at Bethel and realize that my normal day-to-day routines are miles away from what a director of music would typically be doing. It is not a problem unique to me or just Bethel either. Many people I have talked to across different fields share similar stories. If you are employed, take a moment to reflect on the way your role may have changed over the past year. Take a moment to reflect on how your daily routines have morphed over the last year. Take a moment to reflect on the positive that has come out of these changes.

Reflect.

Christ is the Life – All Creation Sings #927
Verse 2: Christ is the death of all that is;
a broad and beck'ning tomb,
who welcomes us from well-worn ways
to darkness of the womb.
Christ is the death, the sinking down
past all desire and fear,
whose promise in the gentle dark
bids newness to appear.

I think many of us can relate to the text of this hymn, especially the second verse. As we reflect on our own lives, we realize they can become cluttered with the many struggles of technology or frustrations of socializing in new ways during a pandemic. Through all of this though God provides us new ways to interact, new ways to connect, and really does "bid newness to appear." This newness not only happens through Christ's resurrection, but by the Holy Spirit's ability to make us see and experience it in other aspects of life as well.

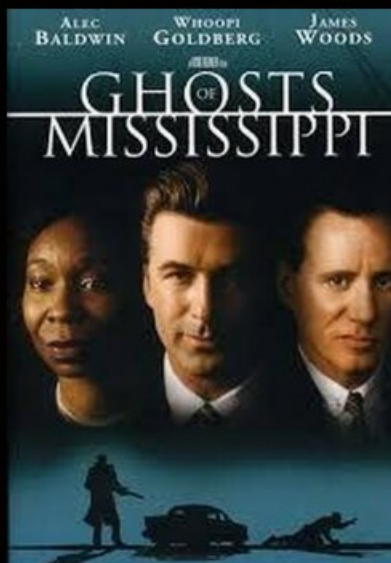
So once more, reflect.

ZOOM MOVIE NIGHT

+ discussion



BETHEL'S RACIAL JUSTICE INITIATIVE PRESENTS



Ghosts of Mississippi is a 1996 American biographical courtroom drama film directed by Rob Reiner and starring Alec Baldwin, Whoopi Goldberg and James Woods. The plot is based on the true story of the 1994 trial of Byron De La Beckwith, the white supremacist accused of the 1963 assassination of civil rights activist Medgar Evers.

Friday, March 12th @ 7pm

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87288711521>

Meeting ID: 872 8871 1521

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Bethel's Intercultural Capacity Building Initiative

zoom Movie Night



Johannes "Jojo" Betzler is a ten-year-old Hitler Youth member who finds out that his mother is hiding a Jewish girl in their attic. He must then question his beliefs, while dealing with the intervention of his imaginary friend, a fanciful version of Adolf Hitler with a comedic stand on the politics of the war.

Friday, March 26th 7pm

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85131001271>

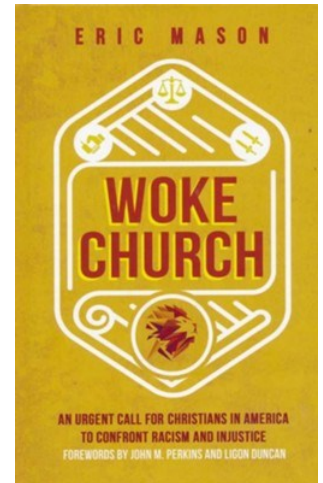
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Book Club this month is on March 21 at 12:30 PM on Zoom.

Woke Church: An Urgent Call for Christians in America to Confront Racism and Injustice by Eric Mason

"The author challenges the church in America: get up, sleeper, and rise up from the dead. It's time to take a hard look at our history and stand together against the indignities and injustice in our world - to understand that justice is both theological and sociological - that there is no intimacy with God without justice in one's heart."



May 23 - Dear Church: Letters from a Disillusioned Generation by Sarah Raymond Cunningham

Our Little Free Pantry needs supplies.

We are especially in need of dry items. Items that can remain outside and not burst.

Some ideas: dry cereal, snacks, rice, ramen, mac & cheese, etc.

Other items are needed and welcomed as well.

Soups, sauces, canned stew, canned tuna, chicken, etc.



Update on our siblings at the US / MX Border It is beginning...



*Thank God
for opening
the gates to
our siblings.*

WELCOME!



***And let us be aware of the
continuing threat to children.
Biden is reopening detention
centers for unaccompanied
children. One step forward and
two steps back.***



Feel free to call Pr B
directly anytime!
651-270-4960

MARCH

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
	1	2 10:30 AM Virtual Staff Meeting 12:30 PM Virtual Text Study 6:30 PM Virtual Mental Health Small Group http://us.02.zoo.us/j/83044586675 7:00 PM Pentecostal Casa Music Practice 7:00 PM Scout Troop Meeting
7 10:30 AM Virtual Bethel Worship 11:30 AM Virtual Fellowship Time https://uso2web.xoom.us/j/85032958485 1:00 PM Pentecostal Casa Worship 1:30 PM MN CASA Worship 8:30 PM IDI Information Session https://usweb02web.zoom.us/j/88000791412	8	9 10:30 AM Virtual Staff Meeting 12:30 PM Virtual Text Study 6:30 PM Virtual Mission Council http://us.02.zoo.us/j/84515895120 7:00 PM Pentecostal Casa Music Practice 7:00 PM Scout Troop Meeting
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CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Pursuant to Chapter 10.02, a
Meeting of Bethel Lutheran Congregation
is being called on

March 21, 2021 following worship.

Due to COVID-19, this will be a





Zoom meeting.

The link will be sent closer to the date.



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Please call us
if you need anything
612-724-3693

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3 11:00 AM Virtual Bible Stud http://us.02.zoo.us/j/85032958485 6:30 PM Confirmation Class 7:00 PM Virtual Lenten Worship	4 6:00 PM MN CASA Service	5 6:00 PM Pentecostal Worship	6 9:00 AM Cub Pack 38
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Easter Garden of Memories

Easter Sunday (April 4)

Here's all you need to do to contribute to the Easter Garden of Memories: Your envelopes for the month contain an envelope to use for the Garden of Memories. Or simply create your own envelope which includes:

In memory of _____ AND
 Given by: _____

Please mail to the church office to be received by **March 26**.

Be sure to write "Garden of Memories" on the memo line of your check.

If your birthday or anniversary is missing from this page, please let the office know so we can update our records!

Birthdays

Larissa Hoover	March 1
Libby Krogh	March 1
Laurie Hauge	March 2
Ryan Summer	March 2
Jon Allie	March 3
Audrey Campbell	March 7
Becky Brendel	March 8
Paige (Lovstuen) Woolems	March 8
Katie Phillips	March 9
Crystal Vaughn	March 9
Mona Falk	March 12

Birthdays

Chris Hoover	March 19
Ross Pikkarainen	March 20
Jodi Alberts	March 22
Silja Nordine	March 23
Joan Hurtovento	March 25
Janet Peterson	March 25
Derek Hanson	March 26
Tony Lovstuen	March 28
David Dorumsgaard Ayers	March 30



Happy Anniversary

Rick & Kay Herceg	March 15
James & LaVonne Nesheim	March 16



Prayers of Sympathy and support for

Dr. Jen Kilps & family.

Jen's mom died on February 23, 2021

We hope your memories bring you a sense of calm and peace.

She is with you still.

Shared Sabbatical Update

As you might know, our shared sabbatical continues with the work of the congregation around Cultural Competence Building. Here are ways that you can be a part of the action!

- Take the Intercultural Development Inventory (IDI). There is no cost to you.
- Join all the opportunities we offer (Faith Forum, Movie Nights, Book Club, etc.).
- Watch for more information and opportunities concerning our Loneliness Project.
- Do the Breaking the Chain devotion found in the Lent bags. Be sure to check out both sides. Recognize the connection to Sunday and Wednesday worship.
- Shop in places where you find yourself in the minority and observe cultural similarities and differences ~ with no judgment.
- Support minority-owned businesses.
- Listen to podcasts and read blogs that highlight how various cultures cooperate or collide. Follow similar pages/people on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, etc.
- Find ways to educate yourself with articles, books, site visits, and travel experiences and share your learning with others.

We would still like to get at least 50-70 more people to take the IDI in the next year, so please come to one of the **Initial Information Sessions** this month:

**** Sunday, March 7 at 8:30 PM** (for the parents after the kids go to bed)

**** Tuesday, March 30 at 6:30 PM**

Also, Pastor Brenda and Mary are rethinking their time away for this Sabbatical. Although the plan was to go overseas, they are now looking at finding ways to investigate cultural competence here in North America. This way they could drive from location to location and not have to fly to countries where there are travel bans/quarantine rules due to the global pandemic. They hope to send a change in itinerary to the Lily Foundation by the end of March to see if they would still cover some time away for Pastor Brenda. We will let you know what they learn.

If you have questions or would like to share your ideas for cultural competence building, please get in touch with one of us or Pastor Brenda.

Ann Allison, President
Stephanie Johnson, Mission Council Chair
Laurie Hauge, Sabbatical Committee Chair

Date	<i>Bible Study Readings for Bethel</i> Zoom on Wednesdays, 11:00 AM https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81542792093
March 3	Isaiah 55:2 and John 2:13-22
March 10	Ephesians 2:1-10 and Luke 15:31-32
March 17	Isaiah 43:18-21 and Psalm 51:1-12
March 24	Philippians 2:5-11 and Luke 19:28-40
March 31	Luke 24:1-12 and Acts 10:34-43



PRAYERS FOR OUR MEMBERS

Dr. Jen and her family	Marjorie Hauge
Mark & Jan Walker	Hundt Family
Judith Day	Marilyn Romsaas
Mike Simons	Tom Keating
Trudy Carlson	Sharon Warwick
Audrey Campbell	Bresina Family
Sheila Nelson	Teondre Martinez
Warwick Family	Crystal Vaughn
Pikkarainen Family	Lynn Vaughn
Laurel Jorgensen	Jeff Fossum
Sue Dorumsgaard Ayers	Mel Olson
Rosie Smith & Family	Joan Dahlman
Gloria Condon	Puckett Family
Paige Best	Andy Martinson
Larissa Hoover	Doris Christianson

MEMBERS, RELATIVES & FRIENDS IN THE SERVICE

Robert Hundt
 Katreel Bishop (Pr Brenda's nephew)
 Adam Froisland (Pr Brenda's nephew)
 Dwana Froisland (Pr Brenda's niece)
 Brian Hansen (Kaka Day's husband)
 Aaron Larson (Rosie Smith's grandson)
 Sean Young (Pr Brenda's godson)

OUR MISSION PARTNERS

- ❖ Bancroft Neighborhood Association
- ❖ Bread of Life Deaf Lutheran Church BOLD
 - ❖ Casa de Oracion - MN
 - ❖ Casa de Oracion - Pentecostal
 - ❖ Every Meal ❖ Mpls Area Synod
 - ❖ Nokomis Healthy Seniors
 - ❖ ReconcilingWorks

RELATIVES & FRIENDS

Marvin (Bryan Mann-Entzel's dad)
 Nini & Brenda (Christian Ledesma's
uncle & aunt)
 Betty (Christian Ledesma's mom)
 Gretchen (Larissa Hoover's mom)
 Kristian (Pr B's bestie)
 Bob (Sue Dorumsgaard Ayers' uncle)
 Ray (AnnE Keating's brother)
 Darlene (Jeff Alberts' mom)
 Dennis Houde (Gloria Condon's friend)
 Susan (Mike Condon's sister)
 Steve (Pr B's brother)
 Cherril (Candy Hickenbotham's friend)
 Susan & Dale (Wendy Ledesma's parents)
 Sue & Wayne (Karen Warwick's parents)
 Rhonda (Sheila Nelson's friend)
 Joni (Sheila Nelson's cousin)
 Rosy Fieker (Libby Krogh's sister)
 Rev. Ron Schuette (Dave's father)
 Steve Elavsky (Shirley Elavsky's son)
 Denann Karels (Jan & Mark Walker's friend)
 Joanne Wilberg (Marge Hauge's sister)
 Gabe Ness (Julie Hundt's husband)
 John Hundt (Kathy Hundt's brother-in-law)
 Ann Baskett (Crystal Vaughn's grandmother)
 Andrea (Mona Falk's daughter)

MORE PEOPLE OF GOD

The US Government and our nation in this
time of transition
 All of us regarding COVID-19
 Indigenous Lives
 Black and Brown Lives
 Medical Workers, Essential Workers
 Migrants & Asylum seekers

Board of Administrators

Greetings, Bethel members and friends.

I try to write something encouraging each month and let you know about the activity of the Board. I am really struggling this month. Currently we are planning for the virtual Annual Meeting which will be on Sunday, March 21st following worship. So, for this month, I will just leave you with the Prayer of Teilhard de Chardin, a French Jesuit priest, scientist, paleontologist, theologian, philosopher and teacher.

Above all, trust in the slow work of God.

We are quite naturally impatient in everything to reach the end without delay.

We should like to skip the intermediate stages.

We are impatient of being on the way to something unknown, something new.

And yet it is the law of all progress

that it is made by passing through some stages of instability—and that it may take a very long time.

And so I think it is with you; your ideas mature gradually—let them grow, let them shape themselves, without undue haste.

Don't try to force them on, as though you could be today what time (that is to say, grace and circumstances acting on your own good will) will make of you tomorrow.

Only God could say what this new spirit gradually forming within you will be.

Give Our Lord the benefit of believing

that his hand is leading you,

and accept the anxiety of feeling yourself in suspense and incomplete.

Blessings to you all!

Ann Allison, Chair of the Board of Administrators

Mission Council

We have decided to pull our IDI and intercultural competency work out of our Racial Justice Initiative and it will now be its own related, but separate, initiative that will be called the Intercultural Capacity Building Initiative. As we ramp up our Intercultural Capacity Building efforts with our wider roll-out of the IDI, we felt it was important to make sure we maintain a focus on racial justice as its own initiative. In light of this, we plan to alternate the focus of our Friday movie and discussion nights between the two initiatives. Our Racial Justice Initiative movie will be Ghosts of Mississippi on March 12 and our Intercultural Capacity Building Initiative movie will be JoJo Rabbit on March 26.

We are grateful for all of the work put into the planning, the donating (or building) of contents, the assembly, and the distribution of the Lenten and Holy Week bags. Thanks to you all!! It was really a group effort and they turned out really well. It is great that we will be able to have this shared Lenten and Holy Week experience though we are physically separated. Feeling this connection with our church community is so important now as we near the one-year mark of worshipping separately from home.

Stephanie Johnson, Mission Council Chair

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