

# THE BEACON

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## heaven ON EARTH

Unexpected beauty.  
Radical love.  
Breathtaking grace.  
God blesses the world with heaven on earth.  
Join us for the July/August sermon series.



**Bethlehem Worships  
at Lake Harriet Bandshell  
Sunday, July 17, 10:00 am  
Church Picnic 11:00 am**

The church picnic has been a part of Bethlehem's story since the very beginning of the congregation. A picnic can be defined simply as a pleasure excursion at which a meal is eaten outdoors, ideally taking place in a beautiful landscape. For the Bethlehem community, it is a chance to worship together while experiencing and appreciating God's creation. The picnic that follows the service is an opportunity to build relationships or just appreciate this community. We hope you have July 17 on your calendar. Bring your favorite fresh fruit or dessert to share. The Parish Life team will provide Subway sandwiches, lemonade and chips. So pack a lawn chair and invite your friends!

To really experience the sense of community, volunteer to help with set up, serving of sandwiches or as greeters for the service. For more information on how you can volunteer contact Wendy, 612.312.3363, [wosman@bethlehem-church.org](mailto:wosman@bethlehem-church.org).

*Note:* Regular worship at Bethlehem at 8, 9, 10:15 am and 7 pm (no 11:30 service)



### **Monroe Crossing at Bethlehem July 24**

On Sunday, July 24 Bethlehem will again host *Monroe Crossing*, a premiere bluegrass and gospel musical ensemble that will enliven worship at 9:00 and 10:15 am.

They offer a full spectrum of bluegrass music, all the way from the songs of the first generation masters, to traditional fiddle and banjo tunes, to inspiring original songs.

## Pastor's Word

A few weeks ago, a TV commercial caught my eye. "Hey America, it's summer, and just because you're on the go doesn't mean you can't stay connected!" The consumer electronics company then showed us in lampoon style the many ways electronic devices can help us out when we're caught in the rain on a camping trip or in the car on a road trip with stir crazy kids. "Are they serious?" I wondered, so I played the commercial again. Yes, the actors really were watching a movie in a tent and handing their kids handheld electronic gadgets to keep them occupied in the car. It made me laugh, and it made me cringe. Far be it that we should ever be bored or disconnected from friends or work!

Jesus regularly went off by himself to a "lonely place." He left the crowds and the demands of his work, and he found quiet time with God. Ancient wisdom tells us that it's woven into our being to find restoration and healing when we take time apart. Indeed, in the first story of creation, the Holy One creates the world and then rests. Throughout the Hebrew Scriptures, we are told to do the same. God asks us to include rest and a focus on him in the rhythm of our lives. Sally Howell Johnson, author of *Barefoot Zone* and the *Pause* blog, writes that Sabbath is a time set apart when, "we recognize who we are and what our purpose here is. At the same time Sabbath reminds us that we are

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not God. This is, I have found," she says, "always a welcome relief." Furthermore, "Sabbath is a time set aside to not only rest but also glory in our living." What a gift!

In our fast-paced world, it's a challenge to observe Sabbath. Our schedules keep us going, and our electronic devices keep us connected. But the point of Sabbath is to disconnect from our to-do lists and the chatter in our heads. The discipline of Sabbath is the invitation to connect with our own breath and to leave room in our heads for another Voice.

An older, wiser friend recently told me she makes room for that voice by repeating a simple phrase in her mind

*The discipline of Sabbath is the invitation to connect with our own breath and to leave room in our heads for another Voice.*



throughout the day. It might be something as simple as, "guide my feet." As the day goes by, she repeats the phrase whenever she remembers. Her prayer varies from day to day.

For me, the gift of Sabbath most often comes when I venture out of town and drive in open country. I breathe more deeply and allow cluttered thoughts to leave my mind. Since most of my days are spent close to home, however, I'll take a tip from my friend. This summer as I walk around the lake, I'll use a simple prayer to disentangle my brain from its usual, myriad thoughts. Instead, I'll find a phrase that helps me focus. So far my experiment has helped me marvel at billowy clouds and well-formed leaves on towering trees. I hope your summer brings awe-filled opportunities for you to encounter God in creation and daily life, as well!

*Pastor Kris Tostengard Michel*

## God's Sense of Humor

*by Nicolas Johnson, Stewardship Ministry*

I have served on the Stewardship Ministry team for just over a year now. How I came to the committee is proof to me that God has a sense of humor, and is always looking out for us. I'll tell the story. Let me set the scene:

Last April, as you all know, the world economy was (and arguably still is) in an awful state. My wife, Val, and I were informed that we would not be receiving raises at our jobs, our plans of moving after having a second child had fallen apart due to the housing market crash, and our daycare provider had just informed us that they were raising their rates significantly. Val and I, while sitting in church before the service, were in a heated discussion over our current household finances when Pastor Chris greeted us and asked if we would prayerfully consider serving on the Stewardship Ministry team. I could almost see God smiling at the irony.

Over the past year it has been inspiring to witness firsthand the generosity of Bethlehem's congregation. I've learned that even when we don't see how we can possibly give any more out of our budget, God does. He will always provide for us if we just give him the chance.

### Council Highlights



At the May meeting, council updated the strategic planning and work that continues in collecting information and perspectives in an effort to grow beyond our limestone walls. As we look to grow beyond those same walls, we recognize our need to hold our building in trust for the future, so we welcomed Pat Noonan from our Property Team with an update. Bethlehem is blessed with wonderful facilities and a terrific team of hard-working individuals who strive to maintain it as a safe, clean "base camp" to prepare us for our continued worship in our daily lives. The Property Team presented a prioritized list of upcoming maintenance needs and talked about several ongoing projects. Council expressed thanks to Pat's team on behalf of all who enjoy and are equipped in this beautiful building!

Year-to-date financials were reviewed, with continued thanks to all who so gratefully return a portion of the blessings we've received. April continued 2011's strong financials. Additionally, Bethlehem staff continues to closely watch expenses. Thank you for your generosity!

Council information is available on the Bethlehem web site; minutes of the meetings are available at the mailboxes across from the office; and there are council people, wearing nametags, available for your questions in the Gallery the last Sunday of each month. You can also email us at [council@bethlehem-church.org](mailto:council@bethlehem-church.org). Let us know your thoughts.

## The Bethlehem Lutheran Church **Foundation**

The Bethlehem Lutheran Church Foundation is pleased to announce the following list of grants that were approved at our January meeting.

### **\$5,000—to Seminary Students**

- \$1,000—Betsy Hoium—Luther Seminary
- \$500—Holly Johnson—Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary
- \$500—Amanda Maleska—Luther Seminary
- \$1,000—Michael Rusert—Luther Seminary
- \$500—Jo Bauman Johnson—Luther Seminary
- \$500—Gena Koeberl—Luther Seminary
- \$1,000—Scott Donnelly—Luther Seminary

### **\$5,500—to Outreach**

- \$1,000—Luther Memorial Lutheran Church
- \$2,500—Kaleidoscope Place
- \$2,000—Lutheran Summer Music Program (students Rosie Linsner and Alma Neuhaus)

### **\$9,490—to Bethlehem Staff Enrichment**

- \$9,490—Executive Coaching

### **\$2,000—to Bethlehem Properties**

- \$2,000—Spirit Garage, new laptop

### **\$3,000—to Kids' Choice Fund**

- \$1,000—Safe House
- \$1,000—Danish Mission Hospital
- \$1,000—Scholarship for African high school student

### **\$3,000—Lutheran Elementary School—Slovakia**

- Previously approved, but not funded

### **\$27,990—Total Grants Funded**

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### **Service Times:**

- **Sundays— 8:00, 9:00, 10:15, 11:30, 7:00 pm**
- **Sunday, July 17, 10:00 am worship at Lake Harriet Bandshell** (regular worship at Bethlehem at 8, 9:00, 10:15 am & 7:00 pm)
- **Nursery available at 9:00, 10:15 & 11:30 am on Sundays**

*Connecting people  
with God, each other  
and their mission in  
the world.*

**Next Beacon Deadline:**  
**July 10, 2011**  
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**@ Beacon now online**

**Save the Date:**  
**October 9**

**31st Annual Bridge  
Builders Dinner**

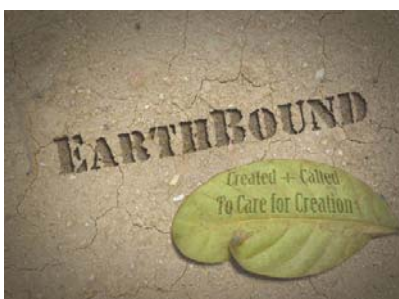
Save Sunday, October 9, 2011 for the 31st Annual Bridge Builders dinner. It will be held at the Marriott Southwest Hotel from 6:00-9:00 pm. The dinner had previously been held in December and has been moved to October to avoid conflicts with the Christmas season. The Bridge Builders dinner is for any member who has included Bethlehem Lutheran Church in their estate plans.

## Love Wins—Wednesdays July 27 & August 3, 7:00 pm 2-Week Book Study with Pastor Ben

In February of 2011, Pastor Rob Bell released a video promo for his newest book “Love Wins.” The book wasn’t released until mid-March but in the intervening weeks the blogosphere exploded. People all over the Christian landscape had an opinion, some describing this book as the worst thing for American Christianity, while others welcomed it as a breath of fresh air. What’s all the excitement about? Join Pastor Ben for a 2 week study of the book, and the questions it raises. Wednesday nights at 7:00 pm July 27 and August 3.

## Earthbound: Created and Called to Care for Creation Mondays 7:00-8:30 pm

Join us for an inspiring study focusing on our role in caring for creation and what the Bible has to say about it. Earthbound is a cutting-edge series, filmed in high definition. It takes Martin Luther’s breakthrough understanding of justification and vocation and explodes it across God’s magnificent creation. We’ll watch the 20-minute video each week (featuring Walter Brueggemann, Larry Rasmussen, Barbara Rossing, Terry Fretheim, Cynthia Moe-Lobeda and others) followed by discussion, outside if it’s nice. Watch the inspiring trailer of the study at [store.seracomm.com](http://store.seracomm.com).



- July 11: Domination/Dominion (above creation, or part of it?)
- July 18: Me/We (identity in social context)
- July 25: Now/Forever (short-term benefit, or eternal creation)
- August 1: Enough/Too Much (scarcity and abundance)

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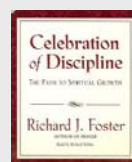
## Holden Village in October Fall Work Week October 23-30



Interested in a trip to the Cascade Mountains of Washington for a week of work and play? Holden Village is a retreat center in an isolated wilderness setting that builds community around worship, work, study, and recreation. Each fall, volunteers are invited to bring their energy and put on work clothes to help prepare the village for winter. In the process, friendships are made, faith is explored, and muscles are stretched. Contact Pastor Kris Tostengard Michel for more information, [kristm@bethlehem-church.org](mailto:kristm@bethlehem-church.org).

## Spiritual Practices 101 Wednesdays, 9:30 am or 7:00 pm, throughout summer

### *Celebration of Discipline*, by Richard Foster



Throughout the summer, two small groups of people are reading Foster’s well-loved book on the spiritual disciplines, along with daily Bible readings. You are welcome to join us if you’d like to learn more about the disciplines and practice them in community with others. Register online at [bethlehem-church.org](http://bethlehem-church.org), or call the church office.

## Conversations with Dr. Phil Sunday mornings at 9:00

Study of the Sunday Bible readings continues throughout the summer with Dr. Phil Quanbeck. Join us in Langemo as your schedule allows.

## Biblical Fluency Survey

Thank you to all who completed the questionnaire on your experience with the Bible! Over 300 people completed the online or paper survey, and 21 people participated in one-on-one interviews. We look forward to sharing insights with you when we receive the results from Luther Seminary.



## Summer Days Health Awareness

By Diane Waarvik, Director of Care Ministries



Most people know that extreme heat can make us sick. But we may think of heat related illness as something that affects people who are overdoing it - like marathon runners, professional athletes, or new recruits doing drills on military bases. However, extreme summer days can affect anyone. Most heat related illnesses and deaths occur in individuals who are over exerting themselves on a hot and muggy day. But you do not have to be a victim. Here are some signs that you may be experiencing a heat related illness as we approach the hot and muggy days of summer:

- Dizziness or fainting
- Heavy sweating
- Muscle cramping
- Cold or clammy skin
- Headaches
- Rapid heart rate
- Nausea

If you have these symptoms, get out of the heat, drink water, juice or a sport drink and get medical attention. If it isn't treated, heat exhaustion can lead to heat stroke, which is an emergency. Heat stroke also develops in people who aren't being physically active but are simply in a hot environment. Also, if you know someone who is a senior and living alone, be sure to check on them when the temperature and humidity are high.

## Sun Safety



### SUN EXPOSURE SAFETY

- Limit sun exposure during peak intensity hours.
- Be sure to apply enough sunscreen and reapply every 2 hours or after swimming or sweating.
- Use sunscreen on sunny and cloudy days.

### OPEN WATER/POOL SWIMMING SAFETY TIPS

- Never swim alone.
- Closely supervise young children.
- Consider swimming lessons for young children. Children age 1 to 4 may be at lower risk of drowning if they have formal swimming instruction.

## Blueberry Orange Yogurt Parfait

Ingredients:

- 2 cups vanilla Greek Yogurt
- 2 cups fresh blueberries
- 2-3 large oranges
- 1/2 tablespoon orange zest
- 1/4 cup wheat germ

Mix yogurt with wheat germ and orange zest.

In 4 clear glasses: Layer the yogurt, then blueberries, then oranges. Repeat the layers.

4 servings



## Community News

### Births/Adoptions

**Edie Jane Pellinen**, 3-11-11

*Parents:* Melissa and Brent Pellinen

**Parker Joseph Freeman**, 5-8-11

*Parents:* Adam and Holly Freeman

*Big Brother:* Henry

**Zachary Jason Vogt**, 5-19-11

*Parents:* Melissa and Joel Vogt

### Baptisms

May 22, 2011

**Kathryn Annette Feile**, 3-9-11

*Parents:* Christopher and Laura Feile

**Claire Louise Mueller**, 2-19-11

*Parents:* Mark and Kate Mueller

**Patrick James Wilhelmi**, 3-3-11

*Parents:* Kevin and Kari Wilhelmi

**Ruby Hope Tritabaugh**, 3-15-11

*Parents:* Adam and Kelsey Tritabaugh

**Samuel John Testa IV**, 11-11-10

*Parents:* Samuel III and Jamie Testa

**Aubrey Ana Manganiello**, 2-7-11

*Parents:* Micah and Sarah Manganiello

June 12, 2011

**Graham Thomas Torkelson**, 12-25-10

*Parents:* Ryan and Megan Torkelson

**Holly Mae Christianson**

**Ian Lucas Miller Winskowski**, 4-5-11

*Parents:* Lucas and Ann Marie Winskowski

**August Henry Schumacher**, 4-6-11

*Parents:* Cory and Alicia Schumacher

**Thank you** to all who sent cards and greetings after my shoulder surgery. My recovery is going well and I hope to be back soon.  
*Jeff Tornio*

## Foot Clinic

Available 10-2 pm by appointment:  
August 5.

## Healing Touch

Available in nursing homes, hospitals, member's homes, or at Bethlehem. Call Cheryl Salter to schedule, 952-250-8857.

## Gathering

2nd and 4th Thursday of the month. Can be a volunteer or participant. Call the church office to reserve a spot, 612.312.3400.



## VBS Thank You

***VBS 2011 - Pandamania - was a huge success this year!***

Thank you to the many hearts and hands who helped make it all happen including:

- Crew leaders and assistants
- Station leaders and assistants
- Guitarists, singers and sound technicians
- Registration crew
- Decorating team
- Nursery volunteers
- Staff members
- Participants and parents

Everything was fabulous and was a great time shared by all.



## Taking the Time to Twirl *by Heather Roth Johnson*

On my son's baseball team there is a kid I love to watch and his favorite position is center field. One day I asked him why he liked to play in the outfield and he told me, 'it was where he could twirl'. Curiously, I watched him at practice over the last couple of weeks and this is what I learned about his twirling.

He would twirl, spin out of control and then fall down. From the outside it would look like he was goofing off but looking closer I would see him chase a butterfly, dig in the dirt for lucky clovers or stare at the clouds. To him, his twirling game allowed him to appreciate the world around him. It is his way of taking in heaven on earth, those small moments of peace and quietness that help us escape from the business of life. After a couple of fleeting moments, the coach reels him back in to be attentive to the game.

Kids know how to see the grace-filled wonders even in the midst of a baseball game. I hope this summer you have a chance to twirl. To spin around and fall where you may and take in a little bit of heaven here on earth. It is all around us creating small moments that if we don't pay attention we will miss. So together let's chase butterflies, watch baby ducks and appreciate the wonder, beauty, and whimsy in the small moments, the moments that, when strung together, form a lifetime.

***Want to find time to 'twirl' and play this summer? Let's meet at Lyndale Farmstead Park near church (3900 Bryant Avenue S) on Wednesday, July 6 at noon. Bring your lunch, kids and see you there!***



## Bible Camp at Shores of St. Andrew

***July 31 - August 5***

What better place to twirl and frolic in nature than at camp! Bethlehem kids go to Bible camp at Green Lake Lutheran Ministries. For kids who have completed grades 2-5, that means signing up for "Andy's Gang" at Shores of St. Andrew near New London, MN.

The week is filled with friends, fun and fabulous opportunities to grow in faith. One of the highlights of camp is being mentored by college-age counselors. Some of our own Bethlehem members serve as counselors at Green Lake!

Register directly with the camp at [www.gllm.org](http://www.gllm.org). Indicate that you are with Bethlehem/Minneapolis, and register for the member rate. Scholarships available; contact Kris Tostengard Michel for more information, [kristm@bethlehem-church.org](mailto:kristm@bethlehem-church.org).

## Youth in Mission *By Mandy Licklider Baseman*

This month, 49 students and 9 adults travel to Logan, West Virginia to take part in the ministries of YouthWorks, a mission organization engaging young people in service learning. Logan is located in the southern part of West Virginia and is part of the Appalachian Mountains. Logan is a small town with a population of 1,505. A coal mining region, over 20% of Logan's residents live below the poverty line, including nearly 30% of those under age 18.



Bethlehem's group of young people will spend their week working with local children helping with a variety of home projects throughout the extended county of Logan. In addition, exploration of the local history, culture and unique struggle with mountain poverty will become a focus of our relationship building and learning.

In preparation for Bethlehem's ministry in Logan, Vacation Bible School participants collected school supplies which will be delivered by Bethlehem's youth. A big thank you to all the children and parents who took part in this supply drive!



You are invited to follow along with Bethlehem's youth, commit to daily prayer and connect to their devotional theme, "Be Different." Find the itinerary, complete with prayer requests and devotion materials at Bethlehem's Youth in Mission page. In addition, Bethlehem's sojourners will post frequent blogs, videos and pictures. To get you started, consider this:

(reprinted with permission from YouthWorks 2011 Devotion)

*Sometimes we try really hard to fit in. We wear certain clothes. We say certain things. We even do stuff just because everyone else is doing it. All we really want is to feel accepted and maybe even loved. Jesus challenges his followers to be different by believing bigger, serving the undeserving, forgiving enemies and loving extravagantly. You see, Jesus loves people no matter what. **Jesus welcomes the outcast. Jesus always forgives.***

*And now Jesus is inviting you: To jump out of line. To light flares in the dark. To somersault past "please walk" signs. To wear neon on a planet of gray. It's comfortable to fit in. But what if you were never meant to fit in? What if you were meant to stand out in incredible ways? **In a world where the crowd nudges you toward "normal," what if you were designed to be different?***

## 2011 Mission Trip Roster

Luke Anderson	Bradley Morison
Tyler Bavalak	Jack Mortenson
Sam Belo	Audrey Mundstock
Tess Belo	Andrew Nylin
Lucas Bjorlie	JP Nylin
Sam Branstad	Emma Potter
Toby Branstad	Mikaela Potter
Becca Braun	Hailey Quanbeck
Matt Broos	Alexandra Rocker
Molly Brown	Henry Rollings
Callan Brown	Lucia Sandberg
Rebecca Chapin	Anna Schmid
Cassie Davis	Joe Schmid
Caroline Dickey	Abby Schneck
Lizzie Furey	Ben Seidel
Jessica Horick	Jake Smith
Nathaniel Jackson	Sam Smith
Sten Johnson	Thomas Specht
Jennan Kellogg	Ben Stark
Alex King	Ben Steen
Austin Knowlton	Kenna Stephens
Andrew Leighton	Elizabeth Varberg
Jack Lucas	Kate Varberg
Jack Madson	Elliot Walwark
Matt Michel	

**Bethlehem Staff:** Mandy Licklider Baseman, Rob Norris-Weber

**Adults:** Shawn Brown, Cynthia Dutcher-Flack, Toni Ferch, Christy Hallenbeck, Chris Kelly (Spirit Garage), Becky Maki (Spirit Garage), Hershel Ousley

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**49 youth and 9 adults are about to find out God's plan: a call to live a life that breaks past expectations seeks courage in Christ and overflows with love!! May they be blessed so they can be a blessing to others.**

## Connecting People With Their Mission in the World...

by Bethlehem Heritage Committee

Mark Peterson has become the latest member of Bethlehem to be ordained into the Lutheran ministry. He graduated from Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary in Columbia, South Carolina, accepted a call to First Evangelical Lutheran Church in Brockton, Massachusetts, and was ordained there on Palm Sunday.

The first was Irvin Jacobson who was both ordained and commissioned as a missionary in 1923. He later was Bethlehem's visitation pastor.

Thirty-two pastors have been ordained and four missionaries commissioned at Bethlehem. (Does not count those with Bethlehem connections who have been ordained elsewhere.)

Most began their ministry in the upper Midwest; half continued in the area, serving congregations in the five-state region. Other locations include China, Papua New Guinea, Tanganyika and seven other states.

They were parish pastors, a bishop, a bishop's assistant, three chaplains, two professors, and one academic administrator. Of the missionaries, one was a pastor, two were nurses and one was a teacher.

Since 1963, thirteen have been supported by grants from the Bethlehem Foundation. A total of fifty individuals have received Foundation grants for seminary education. Not all of those were ordained, and of those ordained, not all were ordained here.

Pastor John F. Nelson, now retired and returned to Bethlehem, was the first person ordained at Bethlehem (1955) who was a member from birth to ordination. His son, John D.F. Nelson was also ordained at Bethlehem (2002).

It is impossible to enumerate the extent of the reach of these men and women sent out from Bethlehem.

*Their voice has gone out to all the earth, and their words to the end of the world... to equip the saints for the work of ministry. (Rom. 10:18 & Eph. 4:12 )*

## Staff Summer Reading List

### Pastor Kris

*Love Wins*, by Rob Bell

*Celebration of Discipline*, by Richard Foster

*Naked Spirituality*, by Brian McLaren

### Pastor Ben

*Caveman's Guide to Baby's First Year*

Because I have no clue what I've gotten myself into. Baby Cieslik is due September 5th!

*Accompany Them With Singing - The Christian Funeral*

Tom Long, one of my favorite preachers, talks about the role of the Christian Funeral in the life of faith and the need for revitalizing our practices around these momentous occasions.

*2030 - The Real Story of What Happens to America*, by Albert Brooks

### Pastor Beth

After reading "The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo" trilogy for "fun," I am now delving into some books over the summer that define and reflect on what it means to be a missional church:

*Reenvisioning Theological Education: Exploring a Missional Alternative to Current Models*, by Robert Banks

*Practicing Gospel: Unconventional Thoughts on the Church's Ministry*, by Edward Farley

### Gena Koeberl

*Here if You Need Me: A Memoir*, by Kate Braestrup, Braestrup's narration about her work as a chaplain with Maine's fish and game wardens is filled with the same comfort she offers those to whom she ministers.

*Breaking Up With God: A Love Story and A Church of Her Own: What Happens When a Woman Takes the Pulpit*, by Sarah Sentilles

### Whitney Stofflet

*Bossypants*, by Tina Fey

*The Hunger Games Trilogy*, by Suzanne Collins



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## Staff News

Current job openings on the Bethlehem staff:

### Junior High Associate Position

Part-time position available in July. Contact Mandy Licklider-Baseman for more information: [mlickliderbaseman@bethlehem-church.org](mailto:mlickliderbaseman@bethlehem-church.org)

### Receptionist/Administrative Assistant Position

Bethlehem seeks a friendly, hospitable professional to serve as our first point of contact. This position will be 16 hrs/week receptionist and 24 hrs/week providing administrative support to specific programs. Candidates must be organized, detail-oriented, ability to multi-task and follow-through, and possess strong verbal and written communication skills. Application and complete job description available at [bethlehem-church.org](http://bethlehem-church.org) or in the church office.

## Welcome New Friends

On May 22, the Karen family worshiped at Bethlehem with a reception afterwards. Since January 19, Ki Ki, Ma Yi, and their five children completed their Thailand-to-America journey at a warm St. Paul apartment which was, thanks to Bethlehem members and friends, entirely furnished. As Christy Hallenbeck wrote: "It



was a humbling opportunity to establish the family's first home in the United States, just as it is a blessing to now watch them make it their own...we have witnessed the ways God breaks through language barriers...we revel in God's unceasing power to unify brothers and sisters from all ends of the earth." If you are interested in playing a key role in hosting another refugee family, contact [christine.hallenbeck@gmail.com](mailto:christine.hallenbeck@gmail.com) or Pastor Beth.



## Ladies' Tea is a Hit!

A big thank you to all who attended or helped plan and make possible our Ladies' Afternoon Tea this spring. The event attracted 160 ladies of all ages and raised \$1,800 for Community Emergency Services. The food and tea were delicious, the music and conversation lively, and the hats and dresses outstanding. Thanks to everyone for the many ways you contributed to the event!

## Wednesday Mid-Day Book Group

The Wednesday Mid-Day Book Group does not meet during summer months, but they have selected their first reading for the fall. Add "Wild Swans" by Jung Chang to your summer reading list and plan to join them for discussion on September 14. This book has become a bestselling classic of three generations in 20th century China, an engrossing record of Mao's impact on China, particularly the female experience of the writer's grandmother, a warlord's concubine, her mother's struggle as an idealistic Communist, and her own survival in this world. The writer left China to get a Ph.D. at York University in 1982, the first person from People's Republic of China to receive a doctorate from a British university.



## In Concert Thursday, July 28

On Thursday, July 28 The Summer Singers will perform a free concert in the Bethlehem sanctuary at 7:00 p.m. This a cappella chamber choir is frequently featured on MPR and has been performing in the Twin Cities since 1986. This year's concert will feature *Ubi caritas* by Paul Mealor, which was premiered at the marriage of Prince William and Kate Middleton earlier this year. The Summer Singers have performed at the American Choral Directors Association's Minnesota and North Central conferences and have produced four recordings to date. Visit [www.summersingers.org](http://www.summersingers.org) for more information.



## From Age to Age Lead Worship Sunday, July 31

*From Age to Age*, directed by Andrew Miller, will sing at 9:00 and 10:15 am worship. *From Age to Age*, comprised of singers from all across the state of Minnesota, is committed to presenting quality choral music to communities in greater Minnesota and beyond.

## Assist with Meals for Kids in North Minneapolis

During the week of July 11-14 we will be serving meals at The Neighborhood Hub at Christ English Lutheran Church to school-aged children affected by the tornadoes in north Minneapolis. Meals will be provided by Augsburg Campus Kitchens, so meal preparation is not required. We need teams of at least 4 people each day to serve lunch to around 20 school-age children and possibly interact with simple activities each day. Time: 11:00-1:00 pm, Monday - Thursday. Sign up online at [bethlehem-church.org](http://bethlehem-church.org).



## Thank You for Disaster Relief Donations!

And thank you to all who helped the north side through monetary donations and giving of your time. As of June 5, a total of \$3,148 was sent for North Minneapolis Tornado Disaster Relief. And on May 26, a group volunteered at the Disaster Recovery Center. There will be a continued need to support and meet the everyday challenges of people in this community.

## CareerWalk: a Job Transition Group

CareerWalk: a job transition group will provide a process for the job search and also for building networking opportunities. This ministry is for members and non-members, people unemployed or thinking of changing jobs and wanting to build their job-search skills. There is no cost. Please register at [www.bethlehem-church.org](http://www.bethlehem-church.org) so we can be best prepared to meet your needs. If you don't sign up, you are still welcome. Attend each session to get the most value or feel free to come to any session. Each meeting will have a topic for learning and discussion (about 1 hour) and about 1 hour of networking.

**July 14, 6:30 pm:** Interviewing // Networking

**July 28, 6:30 pm:** Assessing Offers (including Compensation) // Networking

## Raise Awareness for Mental Illness



Help Vail Place, a local nonprofit that provides recovery-oriented services for people living with mental illness and mission partner of Bethlehem, at its 10th anniversary of Tour de Vail! Join us on Saturday, July 16 for a family-friendly roll and stroll around Lake Calhoun to raise money, awareness, and hope for people with serious mental illnesses. Two hours around the lake followed by food and entertainment. All event proceeds benefit Vail Place. Anyone can participate! Everyone can help! All of us will benefit! For more information and to register, please visit [www.vailplace.org](http://www.vailplace.org). To speak to a Bethlehem member involved with Vail Place, contact Greg Heaton-Hill at [Gheaton-hill@vailplace.org](mailto:Gheaton-hill@vailplace.org).

## Meals at Our Saviour's Housing

In May Bethlehem people received enthusiastic thank you's for serving a hearty and healthy meal of enchiladas, rice, green beans and taco salad to shelter residents and staff at Our Saviour's Housing, 2219 Chicago Ave. S. One gentleman made a short speech about the dinner being the best meal he had eaten in America. We are blessed to have the opportunity to serve others and a great kitchen to prepare the food. Upcoming dates for preparing and serving meals are:



- ➔ Friday, August 19 at Loaves and Fishes. Contact Marcia Bell to volunteer, [bell.marcia1@gmail.com](mailto:bell.marcia1@gmail.com).
- ➔ Sunday, September 25 at Our Saviour's Housing. Contact Mary Tinkham to volunteer, [mtinkham@mmm.com](mailto:mtinkham@mmm.com).

## Lyndale School and Bethlehem in Partnership Serving our Community

You may recall that this past January, Bethlehem embarked on a new relationship within our community. With the help of Kinship of Greater Minneapolis, we launched a mentorship program with the hopes of building a true partnership with Lyndale Community School on 34th Street and Grand Avenue. In essence, we “adopted” a school. So much has happened in five short months.

### Relationship Building

We are getting to know each other! The Principal of Lyndale, Ms. Ossie Brooks-James, has been a frequent guest at Bethlehem over the past few months, sharing her philosophy on education and how mentoring can benefit her kids. In addition, a number of us took a tour of the school and had the opportunity to meet the staff and visit with teachers. Lyndale is a welcoming, intimate place with a global feel. As one staffer commented, “It’s like I’m coming to the United Nations each morning.” With the help of Pastor Ben, we also created a video with voices from all aspects of the Bethlehem/Lyndale/ Kinship alliance which spoke to the need and importance of mentoring our children. Check it out on our website.

### Mentoring

We hope to have six mentors from Bethlehem matched with students by the end of June! This is wonderful news! We also have another half dozen individuals and families who are actively pursuing mentoring and are in the process of finding just the right child. Our members have taken on the commitment of meeting with their child weekly for at least one hour. This gift of time and energy is sacrificial, and yet as we know and believe, our time in service is blessed and certainly Holy.

“I think about the things I can accomplish in one hour per week; some laundry, a workout or an errand from my never-ending “to do” list...and I compare that with the Kingdom work of befriending a young person who could benefit from small but rare things like interest, attention and encouragement. The best use of that one hour becomes very clear to me. Plus, how could I miss out on knowing this remarkable girl named Aisha?” - Kate Mortenson



“My mentee and I both look forward to the activities (such as sledding, tennis, building things, etc) and down time together every week. His mother thought Kinship would be a great idea to help him through some tough family changes and some issues with being bullied at school. I have been so impressed with the energy and general excitement that he brings to our meetings every week and feel blessed to have such a wonderful mentee!” - Kyle Hoegh



Contact Steph Smith, 612.978.7272, [stephsmith@msn.com](mailto:stephsmith@msn.com), if you are interested in mentoring.

### Book Drive

Thank you to all of Bethlehem for the generous donation of 23 bags of books during the recent book drive. Every student in Kindergarten, 1st and 2nd Grade received 4 books at their reading level (over 1000 books).



## Get Ready for Bethlehem’s Habitat 2011 Project ~ August 15-19 ~

We are ready for action for our Habitat 2011 Summer Project! Craig Schiller is set once again as our on site coordinator for the week and Melissa Sternal will have lunches covered. We have a new construction site in north Minneapolis on 4307 Girard Ave N. – a part of the city that needs much attention after the devastating tornado. And now all we need is you!

Please consider setting aside a day during the week of August 15 – 19 to help build a home! For those not familiar with Habitat, all we ask is that you set aside one day minimum during the work day, that is 8:30 am – 4:30 pm with lunch provided. You will be asked to work within your abilities and will have supervision for all aspects of the day. Of course we will not turn away those looking to volunteer multiple days.

To register, please contact Rick Jackson, [jacksr@dept56.com](mailto:jacksr@dept56.com) or



**July 3** —*Creation Matters*

Genesis 11:1-9

**July 10**—*Creation Matters*

Genesis 2:1-4

**July 17**—Bandshell/Picnic Sunday

*Bethlehem worships at the Bandshell at 10 am AND  
Regular worship at Bethlehem at 8, 9, 10:15 am & 7 pm*

**July 24**—*Heaven on Earth*

Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

**July 31**—*Heaven on Earth*

Matthew 14:13-21

**Service times: Sundays – 8:00, 9:00, 10:15, 11:30, 7:00 pm**

**Nursery available at 9:00, 10:15 & 11:30 am Sundays**



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## Reading the Bible in 2011



Sunday mornings in July find us reflecting on creation and our relationship to the Creator. Midway through the month, we'll turn to some of the parables found in Matthew and explore the Kingdom of God. You are invited to read a bit each day and soak in the Word of God as we soak in the

summer sun. Blessings to you in your quiet time with God!

### **Week of June 27-July 3**

- Hebrews 10:23
- Psalm 8
- Proverbs 3:5-6
- **Genesis 11:1-9**
- Romans 7:14-25
- Genesis 3:22-24

### **Week of July 4-10**

- Psalm 95:1-7a
- **Genesis 2:1-4**
- Leviticus 25:1-7
- Leviticus 25:8-12
- Hebrews 4:9-10
- Exodus 16:22-30

### **Week of July 11-17**

- Romans 8:18-25
- Romans 8:26-30
- Romans 8:31-39
- Matthew 13:1-17
- Matthew 13:18-23
- **Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43**

### **Week of July 18-24**

- **Matthew 13:31-32**
- **Matthew 13:33**
- Matthew 13:34-35
- **Matthew 13:44**
- **Matthew 13:45**
- **Matthew 13:47-52**

### **Week of July 25-31**

- Psalm 105:1-4
- **Matthew 14:13-14**
- **Matthew 14:15-21**
- Psalm 145:8-9
- Psalm 145:15-16
- Psalm 145:18

*Note: Sunday readings are bolded.*



## SAILING !

**August 5-7**

**September 23-25**

Join in the fun as we sail the Apostle Islands. Register at [bethlehem-church.org](http://bethlehem-church.org).

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**Worship Every Sunday 10:00 am at the Lake Harriet Bandshell.**

**[www.outdoorworship.org](http://www.outdoorworship.org).**

7/3: St. John's Lutheran

7/10: Lake Harriet Spiritual Comm.

**7/17: Bethlehem Lutheran Church**

**7/24: Spirit Garage**

7/31: Knox Presbyterian