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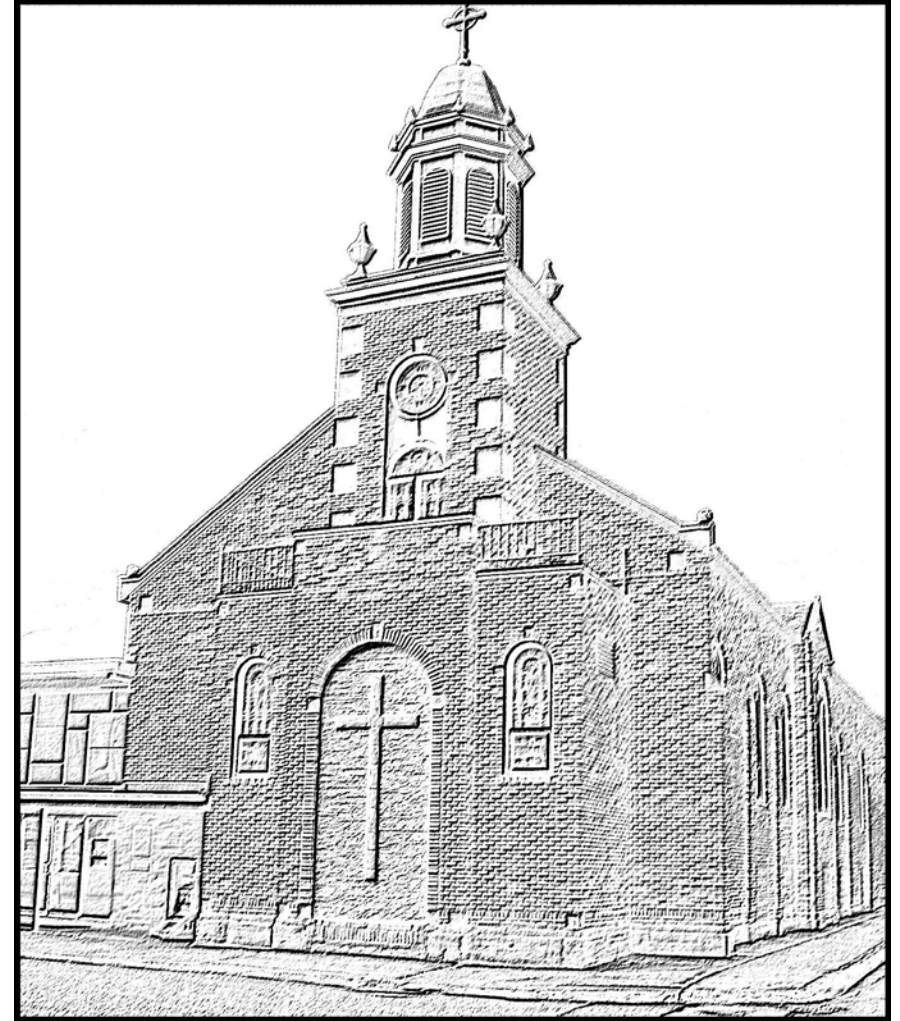
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BETHEL'S EVANGEL January 29, 2012

**Bethel's
Mission**

Statement:

“To proclaim the Good News of God’s love in Jesus Christ through worship and learning, witness and service to each other and to our neighbors throughout the world.”



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4th Sunday after the Epiphany

Saturday, January 28, 6:30 pm – Worship with Holy Communion

Sunday, January 29, 8:00 and 10:30 am – Worship

125TH Anniversary Year



Share the Kingdom!

There's a wonderful phrase in our Affirmation of Baptism service which captures the essence of how we share God's kingdom. It suggests that the Christian's task is "to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed." We proclaim the good news of Christ through word whenever we speak about God's love. We proclaim God's good news through deed whenever we act out the love of God in our daily lives. We share God's kingdom when we put our faith into words and when we act out God's love by making our daily lives an offering to God.

People of Bethel, I take this time to thank you for sharing the kingdom. Thank you for all you do to support our programs and ministry here at Bethel Church. You are truly appreciated for anything and everything you do to help share God's love with others. Thank you for living out the Gospel in this place and in your daily lives as you continue to proclaim the kingdom in word and deed. Through your service and through your sharing of the love you have been given in Christ, people's lives are touched with the grace of God.

As we celebrate Bethel's 125th anniversary, we look forward to the future, for we know that we continue to have a story to tell and work to do. With joy and thanksgiving, we offer ourselves, our time, and our possessions for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Each and every one of us is privileged to do God's work, to love and serve the Lord through the gifts we have to offer. God takes us, if we make ourselves available, and uses us with our uniqueness to do God's work. Thanks be to God for counting on us to share the kingdom!

~ *Pastor Maki*

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, January 29

8 am	Worship
9 am	Refreshments & Fellowship
9 am	Junior Choir
9:15 am	Sunday School
10:30 am	Worship
11:30 am	Potluck Dinner
12:30 pm	Annual Meeting
6 – 7:30 pm	Truth and Dare
7:30 – 8:30 pm	NYG Bible Study/Meeting

Monday, January 30

6:30 pm	1 st Year Confirmation
7:15 pm	2 nd Year Confirmation

Tuesday, January 31

8 am	Exercise Group
10:30 am	Pericope at Bethel

Wednesday, February 1

1 pm	Knit & Crochet
6 pm	Evangelism Committee Meeting
6:30 pm	Chancel Choir

Thursday, February 2

	Pastor Maki Off
8:30 am	WCS Quilters
	GROUND HOG DAY!

Friday, February 3

Saturday, February 4

	"Souper Bowl of Caring"
6:30 pm	Worship

Sunday, February 5

	"Souper Bowl of Caring"
8 am	Worship with Holy Communion
9 am	Refreshments & Fellowship
9 am	Junior Choir
9:15 am	Sunday School
10:30 am	Worship
6-7:30 pm	Truth and Dare

Large print bulletins are available on the ushers' table.

Those Serving Us

Preacher/Liturgist

Pastor Lauri O. Maki Jr.

Organist/Choir Director

Sue Pohlman

Saturday, January 28, 6:30 pm

Acolyte: Joshua Penrose

Sunday, January 29, 8 am

Usher: Warren Heikkila

Acolyte: Brett Rautio

Sunday January 29, 10:30 am

Acolyte: Michelle Doney

Nursery: Nicole Illikainen and Elizabeth Uuro

Van Driver: Marv Kantola

Kitchen Hosts: Youth Group (for Nat'l Youth Gathering)

Radio Sponsors: In memory of Bill Sheldon from his family.



Please consider volunteering ~ the sign-up sheets are at the back of the sanctuary on the bulletin board.

4th Sunday after the Epiphany

Organ Prelude

Announcements

* Invocation

Confession

God of mercy, we confess that we are captive to sin. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have failed to love others with Christ's love. Forgive us. Teach us your boundless love, infuse us with your mercy, and show us how to serve, that our lives may glorify you in every way. Amen.

Absolution

Opening Hymn "You Servants of God"

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Apostolic Greeting

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Kyrie

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Canticle of Praise

pgs. 139-140

Prayer of the Day

Compassionate God, you gather the whole universe into your radiant presence and continually reveal your Son as our Savior. Bring wholeness to all that is broken and speak truth to us in our confusion, that all creation will see and know your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

First Lesson

Deuteronomy 18:15-20

Psalmody

Psalm 111

Chancel Choir

"This Little Light of Mine"

Second Lesson

1 Corinthians 8: 1-13

* Gospel Acclamation

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* The Holy Gospel

Mark 1: 21-28

Children's Sermon (10:30)

Hymn

"I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say"

#611

Sermon

Pastor Lauri O. Maki Jr.

* Apostles' Creed

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Offering Hymn

"Will You Let Me Be Your Servant"

#659

Prayers of Intercession

Lord's Prayer

Blessing

Sending Song

"Savior, Again to Your Dear Name"

#534

Dismissal

Organ Postlude

* Please stand, if you are able

We welcome you in Jesus' name & pray that as you participate in worship today, you will be strengthened by His love & grace. Please sign an attendance slip & list prayer requests on the back. The ushers will collect them during the announcements.

You are invited downstairs for coffee & refreshments following the 8 a.m. worship service.

FIRST LESSON: Deuteronomy 18:15-20

Moses said: The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you shall heed such a prophet. This is what you requested of the Lord your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said: "If I hear the voice of the Lord my God any more, or ever again see this great fire, I will die." Then the Lord replied to me: "They are right in what they have said. I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their own people; I will put my words in the mouth of the prophet, who shall speak to them everything that I command. Anyone who does not heed the words that the prophet shall speak in my name, I myself will hold accountable. But any prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, or who presumes to speak in my name a word that I have not commanded the prophet to speak - that prophet shall die."

PSALMODY: PSALM 111

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 8:1-13

Now concerning food sacrificed to idols: we know that "all of us possess knowledge." Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up. Anyone who claims to know something does not yet have the necessary knowledge; but anyone who loves God is known by him.

Hence, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that "no idol in the world really exists," and that "there is no God but one." Indeed, even though there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth-as in fact there are many gods and many lords-yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist.

It is not everyone, however, who has this knowledge. Since some have become so accustomed to idols until now, they still think of the food they eat as food offered to an idol; and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. "Food will not bring us close to God." We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. But take care that this liberty of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. For if others see you, who possess knowledge, eating in the temple of an idol, might they not, since their conscience is weak, be encouraged to the point of eating food sacrificed to the idols? So by your knowledge those weak believers for whom Christ died are destroyed. But when you thus sin against members of your family, and wound their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. Therefore, if food is a cause of their falling, I will never eat meat, so that I may not cause one of them to fall.

GOSPEL LESSON: Mark 1:21-28

Jesus and his disciples went to Capernaum; and when the Sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. They were astounded at his teaching, for he

Youth Group Servant Week

Following is the schedule of events for Feb. 19-25:

- Sunday** - (Grades 6 & up) Greeters, Ushers & Lectors at 10:30 service
- Monday** - (Grades 2 & up) Make centerpieces for Friendship Dinner 5:00-6:00 p.m.
- Tuesday** - (Grades 2 & up) Volunteers at Friendship Dinner (5-6:00)
- Wednesday** - (Grades 2 & up) Ushers on Ash Wednesday 7:00 p.m.
- Thursday** - (Grades 2 & up) Bake cookies (6:00-7:00)
- Friday** - (Grades 2 & up) Deliver cookies to area group homes (4-5:00)
- Saturday** - (Grades 6 & up) Greeters, Ushers & Lectors at 6:30 service

'Through love, serve one another' (Galations 5:13)



The NYG youth will be serving coffee the last Sunday of each month (January through June)



FORTUNE LAKE JR. HIGH YOUTH GATHERING

***6:00 p.m. Friday, March 2nd - 5:00 p.m. Saturday, March 3rd**
(*Depart/return to Bethel) Grades 6-8 Cost: \$20
(sign up at youth office by Monday, Feb. 27th)

YOUTH COMMITTEE MEETING: Tue., Feb. 7th at 7 p.m.



Youth Events

Souper Bowl of Caring

Sat., Feb. 4th & Sun., Feb. 5th after each service, Youth will collect canned goods & dollar bills as members exit sanctuary.



Truth and Dare

Every Sunday night (**Except Feb. 12**) 6-7:30 p.m. Grades 2-12
Study a Bible passage & dare to go out that week to do the same
(+ lots of games, snacks & friends too)

Friday Fun Night (Valentine's Party)

Friday, February 10th 5:00-8:00 p.m. Cost: \$2
Grades 2-6 Come for a "Lovely" dinner & games!

Mardi Gras Luncheon (NYG Fundraiser)

Sunday, February 19th at 11:30 a.m. Donation: \$5
Get a taste of New Orleans' food!



Servant Week

Sunday, February 19 – Saturday, February 25 Grades 2 & up
The youth group will do various services for our church & community (see schedule of events)



Tubing at Al Quaal

February 26th *1:00-4:00 p.m. Cost: \$3
epart/return to Bethel) Grades 2 & up

National Youth Gathering Bible study/meeting

Sunday, February 26th 7:30-8:30 p.m.

GOSPEL LESSON: (Cont'd)

taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, and he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God."

But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent, and come out of him!" And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, "What is this? A new teaching – with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him." At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

Copies of the Annual Report are available on the ushers' table.

Treasurer's Report	Actual	Budget	Percent
Sunday (1-22-12)	\$ 4,244	\$ 6,055	70%
January (4 Sundays)	\$ 19,489	\$ 24,220	80%
2012 Offering to Date	\$ 19,489	\$ 24,220	80%
Carpet Fund	\$ 12,556	\$ 30,000 (est.)	41%

Attendance — January 21 & 22 – 230
Sunday School - 42



February Tellers:
Ann Kulju & Kay Herrala

February Van Drivers –

Feb. 5 – Mike Keranen
Feb. 12 – Duane Palomaki
Feb. 19 – Earl Eliason
Feb. 26 – Gary Thibeault



February Van Maintenance – Dave Wommer

Thank you, guys!

DECEMBER VISITORS

KITCHEN & NURSERY SERVERS for



Mary Aho	Tonya Karvonen	Linda Quayle
Bobbi Arsenault	Rosalie Kempainen	Lindy Quayle
Shirley Borg	Kara Kipling	Karen Skauge
Peggy Kipling	Molly Skauge	Sabina Carlson
Ann Kulju	Evelyn Nykanen Torreano	Sandra Carlson
Susan Lampi	Sue Vahamaa	Peggy Chapman
June Larsh	Janet Wentela	Cheryl Fowler
Mary Mantela	Andrea Wuorenmaa	Judy Hodges
Kelly Miller	Sandra Wuorenmaa	Shawn Hodges
Marina Nault	Nancy Isaacson	Tiffany Peterson

Thank you to the women who volunteered to serve!

Chairperson: Carol Brown 485-5856

February 5	Kitchen ~ Janet Wentela and Shirley Borg Nursery ~ Mary Mantela
February 12	Kitchen ~ Carol Brown and Connie Kangas Nursery ~ Ann Kulju
February 19	Kitchen ~ Rosalie Kempainen and Cheryl Fowler Nursery ~ Peggy Kipling and Jaren Kipling
February 22	Kitchen ~ Jan Beito and Sue Rader
February 26	Kitchen ~ Youth Group (Nat'l Youth Gathering) Nursery ~ Judy Hodges

Local Visitors:

Jon Carlson and MacKenzy
Ed Ouellette
Linda Chapman
Sarah Kempainen
Deanna Silva, Joe Johnson and Grace
Bob Nardi
Janet Simula
Mike Mariuzza
Marie Oja
Sue Valenti
Keith O'Brien
Kristy Hemmila, Mason & Maia
Anne Burke
Mary Kari
Pete Lammi
Sarah & Nick Toutant
Ashley Snell, Marissa & Jayla
Curt & Vickie Voegtline
Arlene Fenton

Jerri Lynn Leader, Haley & Alesha
Tiffany Irvine
Cristy & Dylan Korpi
June Peterson
Dannette Perry, Brandon & Craig
Kim Sandin-Holli and Alexandra
Jessica & Jacklyn Holli
Karen & Brad Nelson
Randy Garceau and children
Paul Bonetti
Erik & Andrea Korpi
Jil Koski
Cathy Nelson
Nancy Jones
Matt Barron
Ed & Sue Anderson
Nancy Mattson
Ken & Carol Maddock
Tim & Janine Dellangelo

Out-of-Area Visitors:

Phil, Cassidy and Kimberly Kempainen
Joseph Heilala
Allie Kamppinen
Dan Kamppinen
Dan & Peggy Argall, Kelsey
Tommy Bilkey
Annie Tippet
Erik & Anna Alanko
William Seppanen
Anne Todia
Rudy & Delcene Nyman, Kortney & Brett
Mark & Beth Champion, Sydney & Toni
Allen & Judy Niemi
Dillan & Leah Bersten
Richard & Rosario Mutka
Bruce Rantanen
Andrew & Shannon Luehmann
Scott Champion
Casey Mattson

Appleton, WI
Marshfield, WI
Omaha, NE
Elkhorn, NE
Cherry Valley, IL
Duluth, GA
Lansing, MI
Wausau, WI
Miramar, FL
Indian Rocks Beach, FL
Appleton, WI
Green Bay, WI
Houghton, MI
LaCrosse, WI
San Diego, CA
Ironwood, MI
Madison, WI
DePere, WI
Two Harbors, MN

Address not specified:

June & Mike Nelson, and Abbie
Vickie Perry
Kurt Williams and Jackson
Sandi & Danielle Peterson, Cassie
Brandon Perry

Lucas Solka
Debra Wedgworth
Marc & Jolene Silva
Nicole Oates

February Acolyte & Nursery Schedule

Date	Day	Time	Acolyte	Nursery
Feb 4	Saturday	6:30	Alyssa Anderson	
Feb 5	Sunday	8:00	Derek Mahoski	
	Sunday	10:30	Jaren Kipling	Seth Brewer
Feb 11	Saturday	6:30	Hunter Roose	
Feb 12	Sunday	8:00	Andrew Poirier	
	Sunday	10:30	Shaun Riutta	Amber Rautio
Feb 18	Saturday	6:30	Derek Mahoski	
Feb 19	Sunday	8:00	Seth Brewer	
	Sunday	10:30	Alyssa Anderson	Jaren Kipling
Feb 22	Wednesday	7:00	Amber Rautio	
Feb 25	Saturday	6:30	Akira Wedgworth	
Feb 26	Sunday	8:00	Shaun Riutta	
	Sunday	10:30	Andrew Poirier	Hunter Roose

2nd Annual Winter Wonderland Weekend!
February 10-12

Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp

Stay at FLLC and ski or snowboard at Ski Brule! Or, just hang out at FLLC and enjoy sledding, ice-fishing, cross-country ski trails, board games, relaxing, etc.

Food/Lodging costs are available in the church office and at <http://fortunelakelutherancamp.org>. The ski/snowboard costs for Ski Brule are also available.



Churchmen's Breakfast
 February 11, 8 a.m.
 Country Grille

Friendship Dinner – February 21, 5 p.m., St. John's Hall
The sign-up sheet for volunteers is on the bulletin board at the back of the sanctuary.

Fellowship Potluck Dinner
 February 12 – 5:00 p.m.

All are invited. Please bring a hot dish, salad or dessert, along with the recipe. Sponsored by Bethel's Evangelism Committee. We hope you can join us!



Christian Women's Connection Brunch
Heart of My Heart
 Thursday, February 9 – 9:30 to 11 a.m.
 Holiday Inn, Marquette

Special music by Lois Carlson
 Speaker: Virginia Paulson 'Walking Side by Side'

-For Reservations: Dorothy – 486-9464 Cost: \$9.50



In Memory of Dewey Tippett from:

Dennis & Liz Boe	Miriam Nicholls	John & Shirley Solomon
Jerry Millimaki	John & Jeanette Ruusi	
~for Social Ministry from:		
Amanda Santti	Allen & Delores DeVold	Esther Ahlstrom
Ken & Irene Harvala	Diane L. Poirier	Warren Heikkila
Mary & Bud Poirier	Bernie & Anita Mattila	Don & Janet Herman
Mike & Bev Nelson	Karen Marietti	Bob & Bonnie Nylander
Don & Mary Leece	Gene & Patsy Taskila	Richard & Nannie Karno
Laurel Vicary	Helen Bengry	Debbie & Gordy Renn
John & Lynda Zanon	Wayne & Karen Harrison	Richard & Pat Harvala
Gladys Nurmela	Carol & Charlie Brown	Kim & Dale Alanko
Mae Kari	Victor & Carol Cox	Barbara Korpi
George Harvala	John & Jo Ruona	Vivian Penrose
Bob & Cheryl Marietti	Dennis & Peggy Carlyon	Mary Tippett
Dorothy Waters	Brian, Bill & Clarice Walker	
Rev. Thomas & Luanne Skrenes		
~for Carpet Fund from Bob & Marlene Eliason		

In Memory of Gertrude Chapman from Warren and Patricia Luoma
 ~for Social Ministry from Joyce Lake

In Memory of Judy Harvala from George Harvala

In Memory of the Gabriel Maki Family from Bertha Renaldi

In Memory of Daryl Champion (for the Carpet Fund) from Scott Champion

In Honor of Rev. Rudy Kemppainen's 80th Birthday (for the Carpet Fund)
 from Betty Heikkinen

In Honor of Brian & Loretta Niemi's 50th Wedding Anniversary from
 John & Lorraine Adams

In Memory of John R. Heidemann from Jeff Heidemann

In Memory of Cleo & Mayme Goyen (for Bethel's U.P. Power Acct) from
 The Hiller Family

In Memory of Arnold & Eleanor Locke and Nancy Emanuelson from:
 Carol Holmgren Amber Emanuelson Tanner Linares

In Memory of Dorothy Rundman from Shirley (Morris) Kebler

In Memory of Leslie & Mary Bjorne from Richard Bjorne

In Memory of Clarence Dolkey from:

Gladys Nurmela	Marv & Laura Kantola	Mr & Mrs Norman Bjorne
Ken & Irene Harvala	Ralph & Viola Oja	Helen Kakkuri
Brian & Loretta Niemi	Steven & Bonnie Brewer	
~for Carpet Fund from Charles & Joyce Larson		
~for Van Fund from Kenneth Walimaa		



February 22 at 7 p.m.
 Worship with Holy Communion
 Refreshments and fellowship following
 the service.

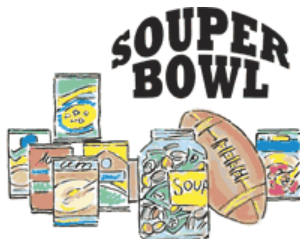
LENTEN MIDWEEK SERVICES

February 29 - March 7 - March 14
March 21 - March 28



6:00 p.m. – Before the Lenten Worship
 services, groups at Bethel will be serving a
 Soup Supper to any who would like to attend.

7:00 p.m. – Worship
 Refreshments and fellowship will follow the services.



*“Lord, as we enjoy this Super Bowl football game, help us be mindful
 of those who are without even a bowl of soup to eat”.*

Our church is participating in **“The Souper Bowl of Caring”** on Sat.,
 February 4 and Sun., February 5. This is a youth-led fight against
 hunger. Bethel’s Youth Group will be collecting \$1.00 donations
 and/or canned goods in large soup pots at the church entrances. All
 the money and canned goods collected will be donated to **local food
 pantries.**

CHURCH ACTS



*Grayson Jack Salonen, son of Eric and Jacqueline (Perrault)
 Salonen, was baptized on January 1st.*

May God bless Grayson!



PERSONAL CARE KITS

As we start another new year, we plan for our Lutheran World Relief
 Kits. We begin with emphasis on **Personal Care Kits.**

When natural disaster strikes, or political conflict flares, families often
 have little chance to gather their belongings before fleeing the danger.
 They arrive in a refugee camp, or other place of safety, scared,
 vulnerable and dirty from the travel. The simple items included in a
 Personal Care Kit allow them to wash away the dirt and sweat with the
 fresh scent of soap and the softness of a towel as reminders of
 someone’s care and concern for them in their plight.

Items needed for each kit:

- 1 bath-size towel (approx. 52"x27"), dark color recommended
- 2 bath-size bars of soap (4-5oz.), any brand, in original wrapping
- 1 adult-size toothbrush, in original packaging
- 1 sturdy comb; remove packaging
- 1 metal nail clipper; remove packaging

All items should be new and in good condition.

Please place these items in the tote marked L.W.R. (Lutheran World
 Relief) in the upstairs hallway.

Thank you,
 WELCA – Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America



BIRTHDAYS!

- 1
- 2 Dennis Kari, Laurel Raihala, Sarah Rautio
- 3 Kaye Steinke
- 4 Dylan Etelamaki, Judith Jarvi, Daniel Johnson, Ruth Laituri, Barbara Liubakka, Gail Olson, Griffin Swanson
- 5 Clifford Johnson, Lindy Quayle
- 6 Kaylee Foreman, Kay Herrala, Danielle Linna, Marion "Lou" Ouellette, Kathryn Wirtala
- 7 Matthew Beito, Anne Giroux, Tonya Karvonen, Marlene Mongiat
- 8 Florence Kakkuri, Janice Koski
- 9 Darren Arsenault, Sharon Millimaki, Tamara Niemi, Matthew Skytta
- 10 Tia Dobson, Sheree Gembolis, Michael Isaacson, Mary Mantela, Anita Mattila, Karen Skauge
- 11 Karen Gwyer, Kalli Mattson, Stephanie Nelson, Patricia Rodda, Amber Uuro
- 12 Peggy Kipling, Arne Laakso, Ellen Mueller, Dorthy Quinnell
- 13 Gregg Durand, Julie Giuchin, Doreen Lawson, Sue Pohlman, Benjamin Pruett, Jacki Skytta, Tonia Ricklard
- 14 Jeffrey Adriano, Brett Alderton, Jacquelyn Etelamaki, Sandra Etelamaki, Lorie Perry, Mandy Prahm
- 15 Mitchell St. Amour
- 16 Marie Carlson, Michael Lampi, James Rautio, Mark Rautio, William Stream
- 17
- 18 Irene Harvala, Alvar Heikkila
- 19 Sandra Carlson, Justina Helsten, Craig Korpi, Edwin Peterson
- 20 Peyton Mahoski, Daniel Pennala
- 21 Amy Alderton, Lukas Barron, Nicholas Linna, Tina LaMere-Meade, Stasia Soave
- 22 Abby Aalto, Shirley Kallatsa, Amy Poirier, Robert Poirier, James Robinson, Jeff Soave
- 23 Becky Anderson, Bonny Kipling
- 24 Steve Niemi, Jon Rosten
- 25 Dylan Junak, David Kangas, Colin Sirois, Xander Stine, Zakery Stine, Courtney Verellen
- 26 Charlee Fredy, Garrett Frustaglio, Cathy Kautz, Molli Skauge
- 27 Lindsey Sandberg
- 28 Kim Carlson, Terry Lundin, Ronald Rantanen, Gabriel Salonen
- 29 **No Leap Year Birthdays!**



Bethel's 125th Anniversary Year

More than 125 years ago, a few Finnish immigrants met in Ishpeming to plan a Lutheran Church. On February 1, 1887, the congregation now known as Bethel Lutheran Church was legally organized at the Swedish school on Division and Fourth Streets. On April 10, a building committee was selected. The present site was acquired and cleared and the building of the church was started on May 1, 1887, and finished in August at the cost of \$1,175.00. The church was dedicated on August 26, 1887.

Since that time, the church was enlarged and remodeled several times. An education center was later built to accommodate teaching and fellowship activities.

On June 21, 1995, a large portion of the church building was destroyed by fire. Rebuilt and rededicated on March 31, 1996, Bethel has since continued to move forward in faith, giving thanks to God for the gifts of Word and Sacraments, and proclaiming the Good News of God's love in Jesus Christ through worship and learning, witness and service to each other and to our neighbors throughout the world.

God bless the people of Bethel Lutheran Church as we celebrate 125 years of ministry, service and mission to the glory of God!

