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“Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path.” Psalm 119:105

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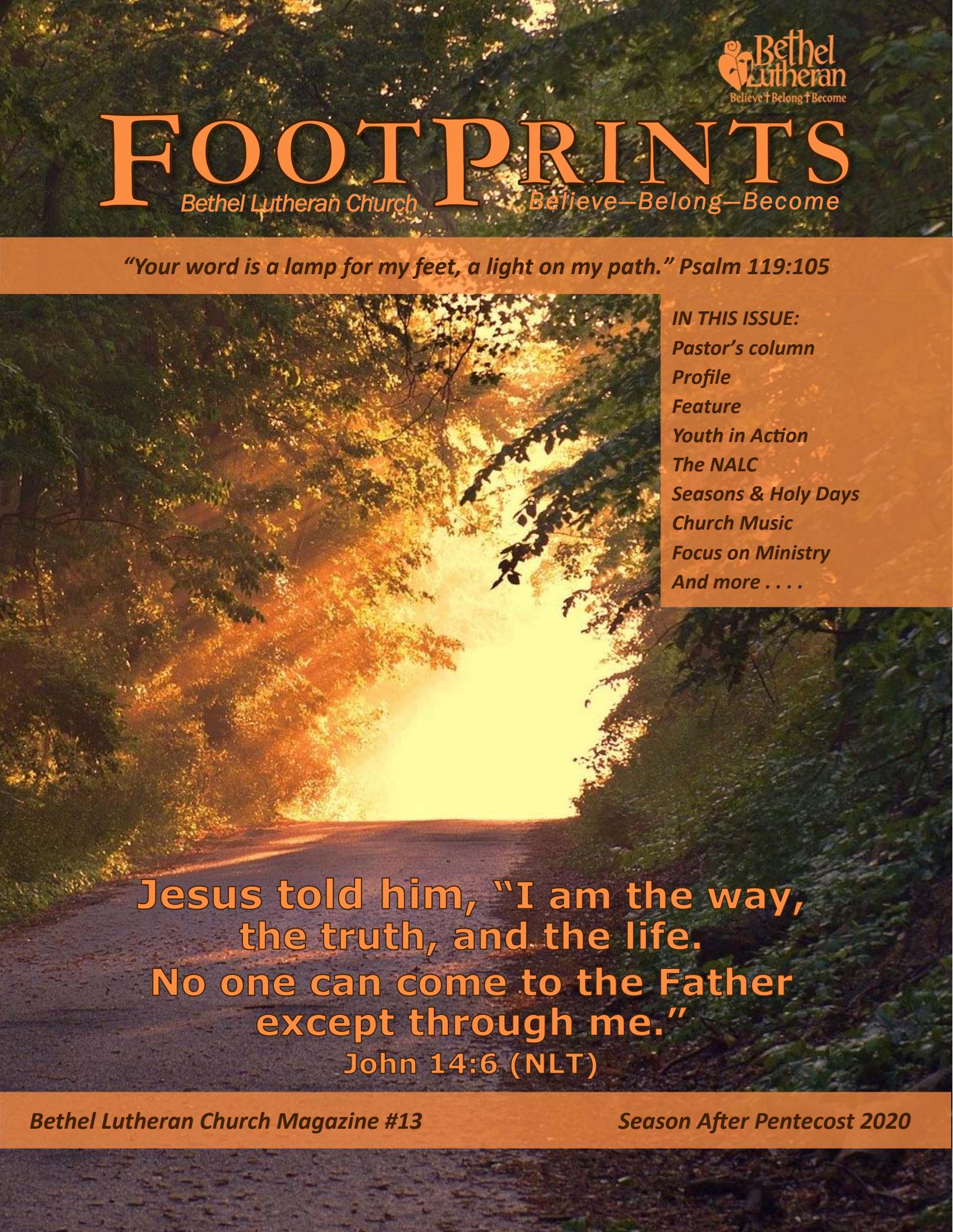
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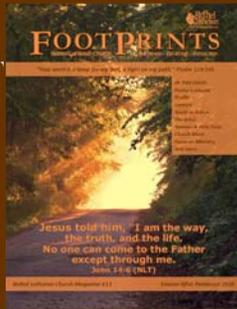
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**Jesus told him, “I am the way,
the truth, and the life.
No one can come to the Father
except through me.”**

John 14:6 (NLT)

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With the name **FOOTPRINTS**, we honor our commitment to walk in the steps of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ leaving a legacy for others to follow. At the same time, we look back and acknowledge the Bethel believers and our own personal *cloud of witnesses* who have gone before us leaving their footprints of faith for us to follow. We hope our humble efforts give Glory to God and provide enlightenment, entertainment, and knowledge to our readers. God bless you all!



Bethel's **vision** is to be a dynamic, life-changing church of fully devoted disciples of Jesus Christ.



Bethel's **mission** is to engage the curious, encourage the convinced, and empower the committed to be fully devoted disciples of Jesus Christ.



PoWeR SuRge

- Pray daily
- Worship regularly
- Read Scripture daily
- Serve others
- Relate to other Christians in Faith
- Give of your financial resources



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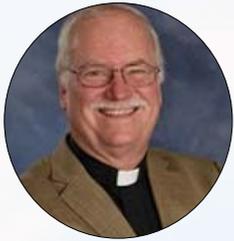
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SEASON AFTER PENTECOST

PASTOR'S COLUMN PASTOR DOUG GAST

It Is the Little Things

Then Jesus said to His disciples: "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat; or about your body, what you will wear. For life is more than food, and the body more than clothes. Consider the ravens: They do not sow or reap, they have no storeroom or barn; yet God feeds them. And how much more valuable you are than birds! Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to your life? Since you cannot do this very little thing, why do you worry about the rest? (Luke 12:22-26)

Jesus is teaching. He is always teaching, that is unless He is healing or preaching. I for one am glad the Gospel writers captured so many of those moments in Jesus' life. Each Gospel writer tells the story from a slightly different angle.

Both Matthew and Luke have Jesus teaching the crowds. Jesus' greatest teachings in the book of Matthew are in the Sermon on the Mount. Luke has much of the same material right smack dab in the middle of his book. Both Gospel writers share Jesus' teaching about the role of worry in life. Matthew has Jesus sum up worry by saying, "Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own."

I get that! Every day has its challenges . . . every day has its surprises, and not always fun ones . . . every day has its share of problems to face, to decide about, and to navigate. I love what Rick Warren has said on many occasions. "Right now you are either in a problem, or just coming out of a problem, or getting ready to go into a new problem." Life is a series of problem-solving opportunities. The problems you and I face will either defeat us or develop us . . . depending on how we respond to them.

Look again at the five verses at the top of the page. Read again the last line, "Since you cannot do this very little thing . . . why do you worry about the rest."

A number of years ago, Richard Carlson wrote a book entitled, "Don't Sweat the Small Stuff." I loved his perspective of how to keep from letting the small things drive you crazy. I know I can have a propensity for making mountains out of molehills. I can be frozen by worry that grows way out of proportion to what is reality. When I stew and fret over every little thing, the joy, the fun, the laughter, the ability to live in the moment is sucked right out of my life. And I am left in a dark place all alone. Yet at the same time, we know little things do matter.

When our children were small and would get wild and crazy by something they were distracted by, I would say, "Come on guys, pay attention." Small things do make a

difference. Jonah preached a small sermon and God used it in powerful ways. Jesus held up a mustard seed and said even a faith as small as this can move mountains. Jesus took a couple of small fish from a young boy and fed 5,000. Jesus saw a small man up a tree named Zacchaeus and transformed him into one of the greatest and most generous men of all time. Jesus welcomed small children . . . and connected it to what God's kingdom is like.

Winning or losing . . . success or failure . . . the difference between good and great . . . whether we reach a goal or not . . . even health and wholeness comes down to paying attention to the little things around us.

Jesus brought a whole new perspective to life and living, and to relationships and faith because He paid attention to the small things. He extended compassion because He paid attention to the pain in people's faces. He offered prayers of thanksgiving because He noticed every great and small blessing His heavenly Father shared in His life. He offered grace and understanding because there were so many around Him who felt so small about themselves. He reached out with healing and forgiveness because He noticed how sins, great and small, blocked people's relationship with God and one another.

Yes, it is important to pay attention to the big picture and have grand visions. But every great picture is created by attending to and paying attention to tiny, almost indiscernible movements of brush and hand.

Andy Andrews, in his book, "The Little Things" reminds us that one of the greatest big pictures in history hangs in the Louvre. When Leonardo da Vinci painted the Mona Lisa, he chose to work with the smallest brush he had ever used. It is said the pressure he applied with that brush was so delicate and the movements of its tip were so slight, that even today, using a magnifying glass you can't see the individual brushstrokes. Because of his care, taking the extra time needed, and because he paid loving attention to each and every detailed stroke, he created a masterpiece.

If we are to be the masterpieces God has envisioned us to be, then we need to entrust all the pieces of our lives to the Master, who cares about every detail, can handle every problem, forgives us every sin, helps us through every mess, promises to be with us always, and reminds us we are all precious in His sight.

Take some time today to reflect on the worries that rob you of joy and life. No matter what your care, concern, fear or worry is today, take the first small step of placing it fully in God's hands and then step back and watch as God uses this mess for good and then experience peace where worry use to occupy.

Pastor Doug



PROFILE: Holly Eldredge

By Carole Kuhn



Communicating with a Smile!

Last fall, it was decided that the Bethel church office would hire an additional person for part-time office assistance. Holly Eldredge saw the Ministry Assistant position opening and began the interviews. It fit her need for part-time work that she could feel good about, and she had experience from working at Cicero Christian Church.



*Bethel Ministry Assistants:
Suzy Patterson & Holly Eldredge*

The previous church office position was her only experience in that particular area but it had brought out a realization that God had a reason for her being there. She described that position, and her current one, as a very loving, accepting, giving and challenging environment that was a blessing for her. “My spirit lifts when I am around people. For some reason, God likes to use me to give joy to others. So I am forever willing to let him use me.”

Other qualifications are the fact that she has worked in branding, promotions and communication for 24 years. She attended Indiana University in telecommunications and worked for companies in marketing and HR departments to meet their marketing and branding goals. She enjoys today’s world of technology by using communication methods like Web sites and social media and promotional products. But she also believes that the “tried and true methods of printing and face-to-face communication is always most effective.”

Holly was born in Des Moines, Iowa, but moved around a lot in her early years. They were in Minnesota for a while and then on a horse farm in southern Indiana. Moving to Indianapolis was next on the list and then when she was in 6th grade, they moved to Cicero. She grew up in Cicero and loved it, felt at home there. Later, there was a short time in Carmel, but she moved back to Cicero as a single Mom to raise the last two of her four children.



Melissa, Holly, Bailey, Aly, and David

The children have a large range of ages! Her son David is 25, and works in South Carolina as a traveling Field Construction Manager. Her daughter Aly, 22, just graduated from Clemson University and works in Charlotte, North Carolina. Melissa is 14, attends Hamilton Heights, loves school, and participates in volleyball and basketball. Bailey, age 8, goes to Hamilton Heights and also plays volleyball and basketball.



Granddaughter Kensie
(David's daughter)



There are pets at their home — a dog named Molly James Rose Bowlovelton and a cat named Kitty Hopekins Bowlovelton. You will have to ask Holly about the “meandering” last name!



Holly has had a lot of changes in her life...that influenced her in both negative and positive ways. Going through divorce and beginning over and forming new hope for the future plays in a lot. But she says “It also taught me a lot about what is important in life and to focus more on God and my relationship with Him.” One effort to move in a positive direction was reading the Bible every day. She expresses how that has influenced her. “I have had peace through everything even when my circumstances didn’t change. I have had joy when I previously felt joyless. I felt hope again because I gave God control of my life. Now I am forever His.”

Her mother was a successful insurance business owner...at that time, in a man’s world. She was a big influence on Holly as she was joyful and full of life. She taught Holly about God... that He is good and loving. She attributes her own children as influencing her in positive

ways also...the blessings of life and how to be sacrificial. As she puts it, she just had to “find my own path”...and office work seems involved in that path. She enjoys working with people and working on the computer with graphics and creating layouts. She is active in the audio/video technology areas too.

Her other interests include the children, and going to their sports events, but it doesn’t rule her life. She enjoys “spending time with family and friends, laughing and helping each other and living life together.” Holly likes being outside, enjoying nature, loves water which involves lake living. She is a member at Cicero Christian Church and volunteers on the tech team.

Her future plans start with continuing to grow her relationship with God...to please Him, and try to be the person He created her to be. Working for God led her to the office position at Bethel, where she plans to definitely work for God. “I love the people here, and I am very happy to be here!” And she enjoys the staff and the volunteers, even when one of them greets her with “HOLLY-LUAH!” She accepts that with a smile...stop and say hello and see that smile!

Bethel Believes — combining *Bethel News* & eBlasts

One of Holly’s responsibilities is to put together *Bethel Believes* every week. With the virus shutdown, it became very important for Bethel to communicate with members and others. *Bethel Believes* came about as a combination of the information and functions of the weekly *Bethel News* and eBlasts, and Holly’s skill set fit the project perfectly.





MISSIONS

Joining Jesus on His Mission



Welcome Pastor Greg Finke!

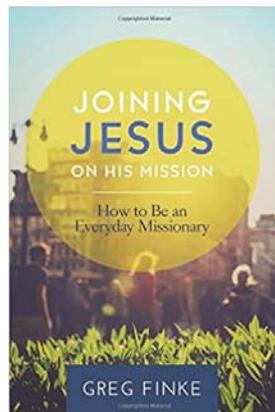
The weekend of September 18-20, we will host Rev. Greg Finke, author of *Joining Jesus on His Mission: How to be an Everyday Missionary* for a “Kick the Tires” Mission weekend. We studied his book last fall, and this weekend will be the next step in our application of

those learnings. Bethel is blessed with a heart for mission outreach, and the ministry approach of joining Jesus on His mission we explored is a natural complement to what we are already doing.

Our “Kick-the-Tires” Mission Weekend begins on Friday evening when Pastor Finke meets with our planning team (Ben Black, Greta Forrer, Beth Hooper, Lora Kerry, Paul Borg, and Pastor Al) and Church Council. The conference will take place on Saturday, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The whole congregation is invited, and we will open this to interested churches of our Mission District and beyond! The weekend will culminate with Greg preaching in our three weekend services and leading an Adult Forum during the Discipleship Hour.

Currently, we plan for this event to take place in our Fellowship Hall and Sanctuary. Our plans are flexible, however, and if circumstances warrant, we will move to a “hybrid” in person and online experience or an online-only presentation. He has given this weekend presentation both ways this Spring, and he is prepared to be with us this way as needed. Registration information will be available in early August.

This weekend will give us a thorough way to “kick the tires” on how Jesus is leading each of us on a life of mission. Come and see!



JOINING JESUS ON HIS MISSION

How to Be an
Everyday Missionary

Chapters:

1. What's Jesus Up to?
2. Joining Jesus
3. The River Moved
4. Are You Stalling?
5. Could It Be This Simple?
6. An Inefficiently Effective Strategy
7. Seeking What's Already Happening
8. The Kingdom of God
9. What Does the Kingdom of God Look Like?
10. The Mission of God
11. Getting into Position Every Day
12. Seeking the Kingdom
13. Hearing from Jesus
14. Talking with People
15. Doing Good
16. Ministering through Prayer
17. The Missional Party
18. What Will Your Story Be?
19. With a Little Help from My Friends

Greg Finke had been ordained since 1989, spending the last ten years of his pastoral ministry pastoring churches with a 1000 or more in worship. In January 2011 he realized he couldn't remain a senior pastor and do what Jesus was calling Him to do.

[Dwelling 1:14](#) is one of the results of that. Greg and his wife Susan are neighborhood missionaries in a subdivision in League City, Texas.

(from the [Dwelling 1:14 Website](#))

MATCH ME MISSIONS

Dear children, let's not merely say that we love each other; let us show the truth by our actions. 1 John 3:18

Pastor Doug Gast of Bethel Lutheran Church and Pastor John Conrad of First Lutheran Church, Floresville, TX both have a heart for the Lutheran church in Ethiopia. They have each visited Ethiopia and formed strong bonds with the Ethiopian Evangelical Church Mekane Yesus (EECMY) – the Lutheran church in Ethiopia. Both have felt strongly the movement of the Holy Spirit in establishing relationships there. Both have formed friendships and kept in contact with friends and fellow clergy so when the coronavirus pandemic hit earlier this year, they felt the need to put their love into action!

In Pastor John's case, after learning that the EECMY Seminary had closed and sent its students home with small stipends to help them survive, he contacted a number of NALC pastors who he knew shared his passion for helping the Ethiopian church. Pastor John hoped to raise \$25,000 to supply a month's food and sanitizing needs for the seminary and the people they serve. The seminary's soccer field had already been designated as an emergency area for treating infected people.

One of the pastors that was contacted was Pastor Doug. During his visit to Ethiopia in 2018, Pastor Doug had visited and spent time speaking with the leaders of the seminary. Pastor Doug wanted to help so he prayed and then brought that desire to help to the Bethel Missions Committee. Sharing his desire and his vision, the Committee brainstormed ways to help. They had \$2500 that they could send to help. They prayed and talked and decided to see if God could help them do more, so they challenged the Bethel congregation to match the \$2500! The committee stepped out in faith at a time of limited



Pastor Doug at Seminary

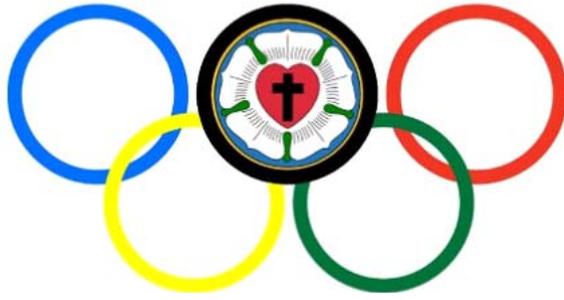
worship services, social distancing, lower church giving, other needs both in the church and the community, and fear of job loss and illness. They believed the Lord would provide!

Within two weeks, the \$2500 had been matched! Within three weeks, the amount given had tripled! By the end of the month's drive, the funds raised including the match amounted to \$9457.50!

A simple idea to take some "seed" money with a challenge to "Match Me" brought forth an outpouring of blessings to support fellow Christians thousands of miles away – to put Christian love into action!

A banner for Match Me Missions. The background is a photograph of a large, spreading acacia tree in a savanna landscape under a cloudy sky. In the top left corner of the banner is a decorative cross symbol. The text is centered and reads:

MA⁺CH ME MISSIONS
EECMY
Helping our Ethiopian brothers & sisters
Bethel Missions will match every contribution up to \$2500



Bethel Rally Day / Olympics

Sunday, September 13

What: Bethel Rally Day – Olympics Style! Come join the fun as we kick off the Sunday School year with an All-Church Picnic and Family Games!

When: Sunday, September 13th – time TBA

Who: Everyone is invited! Bring a friend! We would love to have all Bethel members be able to join us for this fun-filled church gathering.

Where: Outside at the Picnic shelter.

Food: In an effort to hold the picnic within safety guidelines, we are planning to have pizza, pre-packaged chips and water to enjoy.

Events: Games Events include Hula Hoop Contest, Balloon Toss, Sack Race, Egg/Spoon Race, and Scooter Races. Gold, Silver and Bronze Medals will be awarded to the top 3 teams/partners in these events.

Additional Games - Corn hole, Volleyball, Frisbee, Soccer, and more!

Donations and Loans Needed: We will be sharing an Amazon Wish-List soon! Please keep an eye out for this, as we would love help in gathering supplies for this event!

Outdoor Games (borrowed - Volleyball net, corn hole, Frisbees, Can Jam, Spike Ball, soccer balls anything you'd like to let us borrow for the event!)

Sign-up: In an effort to get a good count of how many people might attend and how many pizzas we will need, we will be opening sign-ups the first weekend in August.

Volunteers: We will need volunteers to help run this fun event! If you would like to volunteer to help plan the Bethel Rally Day / Olympics, or to help on the day of the event, please email Kris Lingenfelter at kris@bethellutheranchurch.com. We also will need volunteers to help with the picnic.

Look for many more details coming soon!

CONTACT: Kris Lingenfelter at: kris@bethellutheranchurch.com
For more information or to volunteer!

Congratulations to Scholarship Recipients



Aubrey Rudy

Bethel awards two scholarships annually to graduating high school seniors. Aubrey Rudy is the recipient of the Newby Award, and Grace Pearson is the recipient of the Phyllis L. Anderson Scholarship.



Jill Dietz, Grace Pearson, & Phyllis L. Anderson

STEWARDSHIP

STEWARDS OF GOD'S INFLUENCE

Time, Talents, Treasure and Testimony



Welcome to the NALC's **Stewards of God's Influence: Time, Talents, Treasure and Testimony** and Bethel's 2021 Stewardship Program. We encourage you to think about this year's annual financial response not as a program but as an invitation to enter into a faith-raising experience. Together, you will grow in faith, increase in generosity and use all your gifts for the building of his Kingdom!

Our Stewardship focus this year is to engage the topic of influence — God's influence on us and our influence on others. Through our time, talents, treasure and testimony we are given the means and the opportunity to influence others. Everybody has influence. Everyone influences someone. Every day, you and I have a positive or negative effect on others. Whether a smile, an encouraging email or informative Facebook post, lunch with a friend, funding charities, voting and serving others, you and I have more influence than we can imagine.

How we choose to spend our time, use our talents and skills, invest our money, and share our testimony has a significant impact on our witness in the world. God did not give us influence to use for selfish reasons. God gives us influence as a gift to be used for his mission:

- to build up his Church,
- to make disciples,
- to point others to the saving grace of Jesus Christ.

Thus, in Baptism, we are called out, set apart to be faithful stewards of his influence.

Salt & Light

When we think of influence, what often comes to mind is title and position, fame and fortune or status and authority. But you may well have all or a few of these things and still not have influence. Influence is God-given. It's a gift given by him through the Holy Spirit for the benefit of bringing about his will.

The Four T's of Influence are time, talents, treasure and testimony. And we are called in baptism to unleash these gifts through the church and into the world. These are visible expressions of faith, and they demonstrate all the opportunities that are given to us for the sole purpose of influencing others.

Jesus in his Sermon on the Mount explains how we are to be salt and light, and to bring our saltiness (influence) into the world.

"You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people's feet. You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven." Matthew 5:13-16

If we lose our saltiness or light, then we lose the ability to influence. Salt preserves, and it also enhances flavor. We are the salt of the earth. We are also the light of the world. If we are the light as Jesus has said we are, then we are called to take our gifts of time, talent, treasure and testimony into the darkness of this world and light it up with the presence of his promise proclaimed in the gospels. So often, you hear the word "stewardship," and it immediately conjures images of money, annual campaigns and fundraisers. And although these annual campaigns are an important focus of stewardship, stewardship encompasses so much more. It is one of the markers of genuine discipleship.

There are those who are very generous in their financial support of their congregations and the NALC but choose to serve very little in ministry. They write a check but don't engage in ministry and the profound joy of serving our Lord. On the other hand, there are people who prefer to serve their congregation as a substitute for financial contributions. But, the capacity to do effective ministry takes the weekly financial offering, the time to invest one's natural God-given abilities and professional skills, and the testimony of each us to sustain and expand the reach of his Church.

How we use our time, talents, treasure and testimony to unleash his influence in our lives and how we pass this influence on to others is as important as how we use our wealth and manage our money. If we are not influencing others, we will surely be influenced by them.

Goals

The goal of our Stewards of God's Influence program is twofold. First, all stewardship programs are designed to help members grow spiritually. Second, to help our members discover and rediscover the joy of giving and service. It is a fact that stewardship programs should only secondarily be about money. There is a difference between a stewardship program and a fundraising program.

Prayer is a Key

Prayer is a fundamental expression of our faith. Before we embark on any ministry, we pray. We pray and ask for the power of the Holy Spirit to give us guidance and wisdom in our discernment. So, we pray and we keep praying. A key to spiritual growth, and a key to growth in giving, is prayer. Many of us grew up with little plaques in our homes that said, "Prayer Changes Things!" It was so common, it became almost a cliché, but it is true.

Prayer is a key to everything we do in the Christian life. Paul wrote, "Pray without ceasing" (1 Thessalonians 5:17).

Probably one of the most important things any congregation can do to enhance their stewardship ministry is pray.

Faith-Raising Experience

Join us this fall as we take this faith-raising experience and discover how we are all **Stewards of God's Influence** with our **Time, Talents, Treasure and Testimony!**

Heartland Mission District Convocation

Bethel Lutheran Church, Noblesville, IN

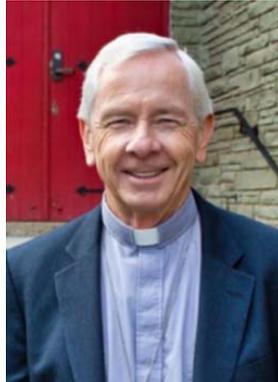
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9am—3pm EDT

Fresh *WINDS* of the Spirit

John 3:8

NALC Bishop
Rev. Dr. Daniel Selbo



Disaster Relief Mission Activity

Praise & Worship

Mission Moments

Special Sessions on:

Renewal & Discipleship

Prayer

Technology



Registration \$10/person (includes lunch)

Register by Email or Call **Linda Karlin**

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(260)438-0459



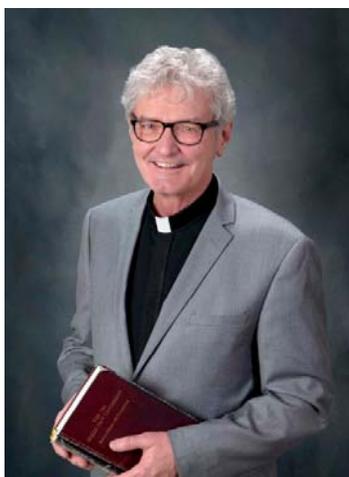
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North American Lutheran Church

Seminary Weekend

By Jill Dietz

Special Guest Preacher Coming to Bethel September 26-27: Rev. Dr. Eric Riesen!



The last weekend of September will be a thrilling one for Bethel as we welcome Rev. Dr. Eric Riesen to preach that weekend. That will be Seminary Weekend, and we will focus on why the seminary is so important to the NALC and its future.

Pastor Riesen was called to serve as the president of the North American

Lutheran Seminary (NALS) on November 5, 2019. He assumed office on February 1, 2020. The NALS is based out of Ambridge, Pennsylvania. When the NALC began, there was no seminary for our future pastors. The NALS was begun 6 years ago, and they work with a variety of undergraduate schools, who are all working together to create pastors who will one day serve the NALC churches and missions.

Pastor Riesen is a graduate of IU, Fort Wayne, Fuller Theological Seminary, Luther Theological Seminary, and Pittsburgh Theological Seminary. In Pittsburgh, Pastor Riesen focused his work on the issues between theology and science. He wrote his dissertation on issues raised by the moral and theological questions raised by new genetic techniques, and it's titled: "When Worldviews Collide: The Christian Faith and the New Genetics." He has published a book called *The Christian Faith: A Catechism for the Curious* and has written for the online edition of *First Things*. Pastor Riesen is the chair of the NALC Life-to-Life Discipleship Initiative as well as other positions in the NALC. He served as a pastor of four congregations for 34 years.

He and his wife of 43 years, Terry, have three grown children.

In this quote, found on both the NALS and NALC websites in an article written by Rev. Andrew Fuller on November 19, 2019, Pastor Riesen, states:

"My hope, my prayer, and my commitment is to make the North American Lutheran Seminary the finest Lutheran seminary in the country. I covet your prayers as this parish pastor learns what it means to serve the Church by serving the seminary community."

Pastor Riesen knows there is a great need for future pastors, who are critical to the health of Christ's church and the NALC. Pastor Riesen says there are ways we each can help this endeavor. First is to pray for the seminary and the students. Pray that God would call these men and women to serve Him and that they be open to His call. The second way we can help is to find people in our own congregation who are hearing God's call for them to be a pastor and/or lay professional and to support them in that endeavor. Third is to financially support the seminary. And last, pray even more!

Now, more than ever, when church attendance is declining, and churches are closing and the whole mood surrounding Christianity is changing, we need vital, uplifting, motivating, evangelical pastors to lead us into the future. We can't have those without encouraging them, supporting them and them attending seminary, ready to lead each congregation and the NALC into the future.

Welcome to Bethel, Pastor Riesen. We're honored to have you here for the weekend and are looking forward to hearing you preach!



SEASONS & HOLY DAYS

REFORMATION DAY

by Carole Kuhn

In 1517, a young monk, Brother Martin, was a scholar having difficulty agreeing with his church in Germany. The church had convinced people to buy “indulgences” to gain extra grace and forgiveness of their sins in the past, present and future. They could also pay for some who had already passed away to gain for them more forgiveness. This year, as large crowds were expected to celebrate All Saints’ Day on November 1, indulgences would bring in more money due to the crowds. Many people came to see the church relics which would be displayed from inside the church...gaining more money. There would also be more scholars attending. If a monk wanted to have a discussion with other scholars, questions could be posted on the door of that church.

God saved you by His grace when you believed. And you can't take credit for this; it is a gift from God. Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done, so none of us can boast about it.

Ephesians 2:8-9 (NLT)

So, Brother Martin nailed his questions, the 95 Theses, to the church door on October 31, 1517, the day before the large gathering. He wanted to present his arguments against “buying” God’s grace and forgiveness. He believed in repentance rather than penance. The theses were in Latin, but someone got them translated into German so many more people could read them. Great turmoil began, a reformation, more than the debate Martin Luther had expected. October 31, 1517, became Reformation Day.

This Good News tells us how God makes us right in His sight. This is accomplished from start to finish by faith. As the Scriptures say, “It is through faith that a righteous person has life.”

Romans 1:17 (NLT)

The entire Season After Pentecost is a time to remember Jesus’ time on earth and to remind ourselves to reach out to others. It’s the longest so-called “season” of the church year. Reformation Day is one of the Holy Days we remember. The liturgical color on the Sunday we celebrate Reformation Day will be red. It is to represent the Holy Spirit and to remind us of martyrs who suffered for their faith in Jesus.

Jesus told him, “I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one can come to the Father except through me.

John 14:6 (NLT)

One of the 95 Theses was “The Church’s true treasure is the gospel of Jesus Christ.” Many refer to that as the true meaning of Reformation Day.



LUTHERAN CHRISTIANS

WHO WE ARE - WHAT WE BELIEVE

By Gay Hanson

The Creeds

There are three Creeds used in the Lutheran Church. All three summarize our beliefs about God, about the Holy Trinity, and about salvation. They are the



Apostles, the Nicene, and the Athanasian Creeds. The **Apostles Creed** is the oldest, shortest, and most often used. It was also the one most beloved by Martin Luther.

It was difficult for early Christians to understand who exactly Jesus was as they tried to fit Jesus into their religious understanding, often handed down from the days of idol worship, of what God must be. Many people couldn't believe that God could ever take on a human body, could ever be born in the flesh, could ever suffer and die. No, they reasoned, Jesus had to be pure spirit. Others couldn't believe that Jesus rose bodily from the dead. These people believed that Jesus may have been born and died, and that His resurrection was only a spiritual one.

These controversies became so heated that in places they threatened to destroy the church, so in the 4th Century AD, the church convened a council in the Greek city of Nicaea to address the controversy. The result is the **Nicene Creed**, which devotes a longer discussion to Jesus and His relationship to the Father.

Finally, there's the **Athanasian Creed** (6th Century), the longest creed usually said only once a year, if

at all, on Holy Trinity Sunday. Because the Trinity was a difficult concept for the early believers, and even many people today who think Christians worship three gods, the Athanasian Creed spends a great deal of time on describing the nature of the Trinity.

The Trinity and Jesus as fully God and fully man are difficult concepts.

We worship a single God, but a God existing in three equal Persons, all of whom have always coexisted. There is God the Father, who created the universe. Jesus is the Son of God but is both fully God and fully Man. And there is the Holy Spirit.

God, the Creator, has always existed – all knowing and all powerful.

Jesus was present at the creation, but He became fully human, giving Himself for us both for the redemption of sin and as a model of the Godly life, showing us the kind of people we should be. Jesus lived among us, filled with grace and truth, but He did so both as true God and true man. That is to say, He took human form, became human, through and through. He was without sin, but He was subject to human frailties and disappointments. He could experience hunger, pain, and sadness. By doing so, He became aware of how our earthly difficulties can beset and torment us, and He experienced an excruciating death. But He rose from that death and provides us the forgiveness of sins that only God can give.

The Holy Spirit is also fully God. Sometimes called “the present tense of God,” the Spirit was involved in the creation of the world, has provided comfort and encouragement for God's people since the beginning of time, and is present with and for us today.



ASK THE PASTOR



IS THERE SOMETHING YOU ALWAYS WANTED TO ASK?

By Pastor Al Schoonover

Why do Lutherans do what they do in worship?

This issue, I wanted to address some specific questions I've received about our worship practice involving our weekly readings:

I. Why do we follow a set of readings during our service?

Our weekly worship service has its roots in the Jewish synagogue service which had a prescribed series of readings from the Torah (first five books of the Hebrew Scriptures or Old Testament) and the Prophets. These Torah readings were laid out so that the entire five books were read each year, while the selections from the prophet complemented the Torah readings. We catch a glimpse of this in Luke when Jesus reads from the scroll in the synagogue and then sits down to speak (4:16-20).

For the first few decades, the early Church was a sect within Judaism, and the first Christian services (in Jerusalem, at least) took place during worship in the Temple (Luke 24:53). As they developed, Christians added readings to the service that told the story of Jesus based on his teachings and the letters of the Apostles to the churches they founded, and they chose Old Testament readings that complemented that story. The underlying understanding was that those Old Testament passages had two levels of meaning: they refer to its own time to God's dealing with Israel AND it refers in some way to Jesus Christ. In time, this list of readings became formalized and standardized between communities.

Our lectionary year falls into two broad categories – Festival time and Ordinary time. Festival time runs from Advent through the Day of Pentecost (the end of November through mid-May to early June, depending on the date of Easter) and is focused on telling the story of Jesus' life – his birth, ministry, passion, death, resurrection, and post-resurrection appearances – through the cycle of the major festivals of our church year (Advent, Christmas, the baptism of Jesus, Ash Wednesday, Lent, Holy Week, Easter, and Pentecost). Ordinary time (the Sunday after Pentecost through Christ the King Sunday the weekend

before or after Thanksgiving) focuses on how we as believers (or the church as a whole) respond to Jesus' life, death, and resurrection on our behalf as revealed in the first half of the year.

Nowadays, our lectionary readings fall into three "years" highlighting each of the first three gospels: A (Matthew), B (Mark), and C (Luke). Readings from the gospel of John are sprinkled throughout each of these three years, especially during the Easter season. When used consistently, a congregation will make its way through



most of the New Testament and large portions of the Old Testament in three years. One benefit is to avoid more haphazard methods of choosing scripture readings for worship which inadvertently (or otherwise) leave out large portions of the Bible. This keeps preachers from reshaping scripture to fit his or her own personal agenda, and to encourage an ecumenical relationship with believers across denominational lines who are using the same readings. The lectionary we follow at Bethel is used by other Lutherans, and (with some modifications) by our sisters and brothers in the Presbyterian, Episcopalian, Roman Catholic, Methodist, United Church of Christ, and Anglican churches.

II. Why do laypeople read some readings and the pastors read the Gospel reading?

My understanding is that this also stems from our roots in the synagogue service. The custom was for the speaker to read the lesson immediately before sharing his remarks (at that time, only men taught). As the church formalized its service after Constantine established Christianity as the faith of the empire in the fourth century AD, it created various roles of worship leaders – acolytes, lectors, communion assistants, presiding minister, etc. – that we still use today. Some were reserved for clergy (preacher, presider at communion), while others were open for laypeople. Since the preacher is (traditionally) the pastor, she or he will usually read the gospel, leaving other readings, prayers, and litanies available for laypeople to share during the service.

Pastor Al

CHURCH HISTORY

William Tyndale: Translator of the Bible into English

By Jill Dietz



William Tyndale

William Tyndale c. 1494-1536

Influenced by Martin Luther and Erasmus of Rotterdam, William Tyndale was well known for his incomplete translation of the Bible into English. Erasmus published the Greek Scriptures in 1516 and Luther's German Bible was published in 1522. Tyndale's

Bible was the first English translation, and he drew upon the Hebrew and German texts from Erasmus and Luther. Several things to note: His Bible was the first to use the printing press, first of the new English Bibles of the Reformation and the first English translation to use Jehovah as God's name.

The King James Bible was largely Tyndale's work with one estimate, done in 1998, suggesting that the Old Testament is 76% Tyndale words and the New Testament is 83% his. His work spread Reformation ideas across the English-speaking world, and in 2002, he was placed at number 26 on the BBC's list of the 100 Greatest Britons.

After college, while serving as a chaplain, Tyndale grew frustrated that he couldn't study scripture, as it wasn't in English. Although very fluent in French, Greek, Hebrew, German, Italian, Latin and Spanish, he wanted to study the Bible in English. He left London and possibly went to Wittenberg, where he began translating the New Testament, finishing it in 1525, with assistance from William Roy. Copies were soon being printed and smuggled from Europe into England and Scotland. The translation was condemned in October 1526, and copies were burned in public. He was declared a heretic in January 1529. Following this hostile reception, Tyndale went into hiding in Hamburg. He revised his New Testament and began translating the Old Testament.

Two of Tyndale's books fell into the hands of King Henry VIII. These books insulted King Henry on religious and moral levels, causing Tyndale to flee England to Flemish territory. Tyndale was betrayed by Henry Phillips, who it is suspected was hired to gain Tyndale's trust, then betray him. He was charged with heresy in 1536 and was executed. Within four years of his death, where he cried out, "Lord, open the King of England's eyes!" four English translations were published in England at King Henry's request. Each of these works were based on Tyndale's work.

Tyndale strongly denounced the praying to saints and rejected the Roman Catholic view that scriptures could only be interpreted by approved clergy. He wanted to get The Word into every hand, "even the boy that driveth the plough."

In 1989, Tyndale's New Testament was reprinted and revised, and in 1992, his Old Testament, both for modern spelling.

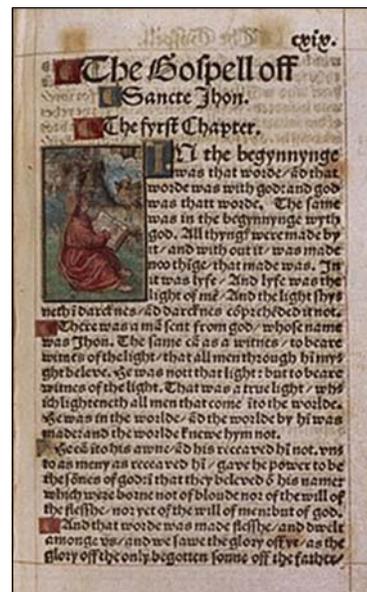
Tyndale had a profound impact on the English language. He introduced new words and phrases we use every day, such as: *Passover*, *my brother's keeper*, *knock and it shall be opened to you*, *seek and ye shall find*, *ask and it shall be given*, *judge not that ye be judged*, and many more!

The clergy of the Catholic church did not like Tyndale's words and phrases as it took power away from them and gave it back to the congregational members of each church. Tyndale was accused of many errors in his translation. Bishop Tunstall of London stated there were upwards of 2,000 errors to which Tyndale replied that he didn't intentionally alter any of the Bible, but he had sought to interpret the sense of the words and the meaning of the spirit.

Only three copies of his first edition Bibles from 1526 survive. The one complete edition is part of the Bible Collection in Stuttgart, Germany. The British Library has a copy that is missing the title page and list of contents. No information is available on the third edition.

The goal of every English version, including the Revised Standard Version, the New American Standard Bible, The English Standard Version, and paraphrased versions like the Living Bible, has been duplicated by the desire to make The Word accessible to everyone.

In 2000, the Church of England made October 6th, the day on which Tyndale was executed, a liturgically honored day. He is also listed in the "Calendar of Lesser Festivals and Commemorations" in *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* as a translator and martyr.





CHURCH MUSIC

By Gay Hanson

HYMNS

On Eagle's Wings

Father Jan Michael Joncas — 1977

Those who live in the shelter of the Most High
will find rest in the shadow of the Almighty.

This I declare about the LORD:
He alone is my refuge, my place of safety;
he is my God, and I trust him.

Psalm 91:1-2 (NLT)



“On Eagle’s Wings” was written in 1977 by Father Jan Michael Joncas. He says that the song came about when he was with a friend who had just received word of his father’s death from a heart attack. Father Joncas wanted to comfort and console his friend, and since he was both

a priest and a composer, he turned to the Scriptures and music to do so. “I knew this was a hard, hard experience in anybody’s life, [and I] just wanted to create something that would be both prayerful and then comforting,” Father Joncas later told an interviewer. It was sung for the first time publically at the friend’s father’s wake.

The song is based on Psalm 91. When you read the Psalm, it is very obvious that the lyrics are drawn from this Psalm that describes God’s ongoing sovereign protection of His people. Although Psalm 91 doesn’t mention eagles, the chorus does use that metaphor to depict God’s control and care – reference found in Exodus 19:4b (NLT), “You know how I carried you on eagles’ wings and brought you to myself.”

Father Joncas kept the song under wraps for a while after its debut. He had had some negative experiences with liturgical music publishing so it was several years before he submitted the song with a group of other compositions to the St. Louis Jesuits’ publisher, North American Liturgy Resources, who then offered Father Joncas an album deal. “I think they had already tagged ‘On Eagle’s Wings’ as the [song] that was going to have the most legs,” Father Joncas said.

He didn’t pay a lot of attention to the hymn after that, but he gradually became aware that the song was gaining popularity outside of the Catholic church. His publisher was receiving requests from other denominations to use the song in their hymnals and song-books. It was put into a Methodist Hymnal in 1989

and the Lutheran *With One Voice* hymnal in 1995.

He intended the verses to be sung by a cantor who could handle the wide range of notes with the congregation singing the chorus, but Father Joncas has been amazed to find congregations singing the whole song, “because I think the verses are somewhat difficult,” he said.

Father Joncas has composed more than 300 liturgical songs, but his name is most widely known for “On Eagle’s Wings.” Since its debut in 1979, it has become a staple at church services, funerals, and memorial events as a reminder of God’s uplifting presence in our lives and most especially in times of sorrow.

On Eagle's Wings

Father Jan Michael Joncas

1. You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord
Who abide in His shadow for life
Say to the Lord: "My refuge, my rock in whom I trust!"

Chorus

And He will raise you up on eagle's wings
Bear you on the breath of dawn
Make you to shine like the sun
And hold you in the palm of His hand

2. The snare of the fowler will never capture you
And famine will bring you no fear
Under His wings your refuge, His faithfulness
your shield

Chorus

3. You need not fear the terror of the night
Nor the arrow that flies by day
Though thousands fall about you, near you it shall not come

Chorus

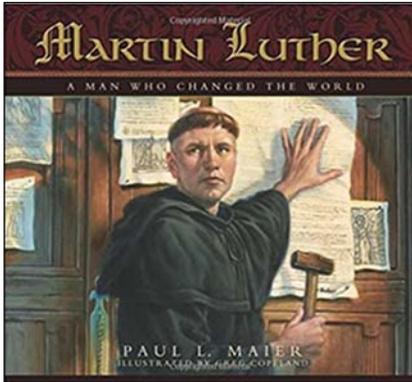
4. For to His angels He's given a command
To guard you in all of your ways
Upon their hands they will bear you up
Lest you dash your foot against a stone

Chorus

BOOKS OF INTEREST

Reviews by Trudy Kussov

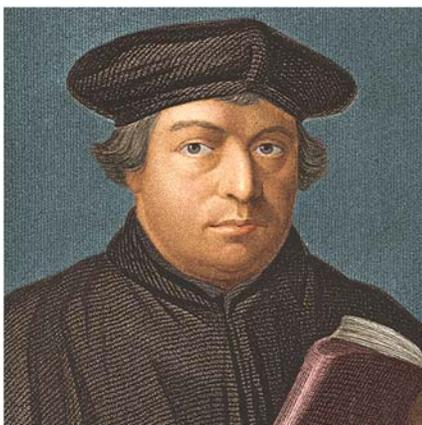
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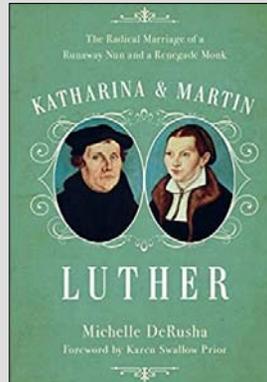
MARTIN LUTHER: A MAN WHO CHANGED THE WORLD

by Paul L. Maier

Martin Luther served as a catalyst to the Protestant Reformation in sixteenth-century Europe. This book teaches children about his life, influence, and teaching while encouraging them to see how God uses them in His kingdom today. Children will learn the historic background to a significant time in the church. They will discover that, like Martin Luther, they can learn about Christ's life and death on their behalf, His grace and mercy, and His love for them as His baptized, redeemed children.



Reading level:
Teen through Adult



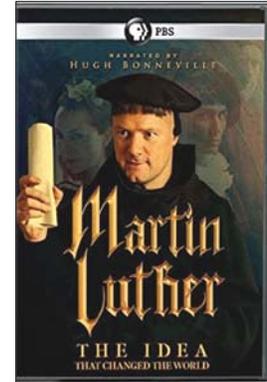
KATHARINA AND MARTIN LUTHER

by Michelle DeRusha

*The Radical Marriage of a
Runaway Nun and a
Renegade Monk*

DeRusha points out that while there is voluminous material about Martin Luther there is extremely little about Katharina Von Bora. But she has gleaned much of interest to us from her careful research. She has succeeded in writing a biography that convincingly portrays the life of Luther and Katie as it was actually lived on a daily basis. They were an unlikely couple who developed a deep and tender love for each other which was able to transcend the joys and griefs, the triumphs and pressures of the life Martin Luther was called to live.

DVD:
Rating: PG-13



MARTIN LUTHER, THE IDEA THAT CHANGED THE WORLD

This portrayal of the life of Martin Luther was produced by PBS with the excellence of detail. The major stories that we know about Martin Luther are depicted with authentic acting and setting. The story is enhanced by commentary from several male and female Luther scholars.

Controversial parts of Luther's story are portrayed in a positive way, not critically. At the end, the DVD enumerates the many positive influences Luther's life has had on western civilization. And it reveals that Dr. King, Sr. was so enthusiastic about Luther's life and work that he changed his name and his son's name to honor Dr. Martin Luther!



CHRISTIAN

YOUTH & SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT

Sunday school starts September 20 — No Class on October 18 due to Fall Break.



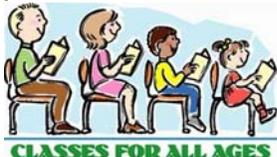
Sunday School — Children ages Kindergarten through 5th grade begins at 10:00 a.m. Children go directly to their rooms where they will meet their teachers). They are dismissed to parents at 10:55 a.m.

Nursery — Infants and toddlers under 3 are welcomed into our nursery during the 8:45 service through the end of the Sunday School hour. Nursery attendants read Bible stories, play and love on our youngest members while their parents attend Adult Education classes or worship.

Preschool — Children who turn 3 years old before December 31st are invited to join our Preschool Sunday School Class at 10:00. Gospel Light Curriculum teaches children Bible lessons in a fun, age-appropriate way, with engaging songs, stories, videos and puppets!

K-5th Grade — Children are grouped into Sunday School classes by age/grade. Over a three-year cycle, students learn the basic stories and Lutheran concepts in preparation for Confirmation during middle school.

High School—We explore various topics of mutual interest, seeking to apply our faith to real-life situations and challenges; to move beyond the accumulation of more head knowledge, into the arena of faith application and growing as disciples. We begin class each week sharing at least one good thing from the past week. We encourage conversation and discussion in a respectful manner. We encourage active serving while reminding them of the little eyes looking up to them here at church. We end each class with prayer requests and prayer.



CLASSES FOR ALL AGES



Confirmation

Confirmation class for Middle School students (grades 6-8) strives to move faith from the head to the heart through a highly interactive experience that includes both large group presentation and small group discussion. Confirmation meets during the Sunday School hour, and following class, we attend the 11:11 a.m. service to worship together. Once a month, we will continue our time together after worship with a large group fellowship activity. Our goal is to develop a sticky, life-long faith through a combination of engaging learning events, regular fellowship activities, and frequent service opportunities in and beyond the congregation.

Contact Pastor Al Schoonover at PastorAl@BethelLutheranChurch.com for registration information.



MIDWEEK: High School Youth Ministry

Our High School (grades 9-12) youth ministry meets upstairs in the Student Center on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. A typical night involves hanging out, eating Oreos or something awesome, listening to music, playing games, watching a video, discussing the important and the not so important things and wrapping up the evening with HI's and Low's. We welcome all (members and friends alike), and we encourage each other throughout the week. We have been known to go on trips, mission work, summer camp and Boundary Water Adventure journeys. High School life is too hard to do it alone so we try and do it together.



Baptism Class

This class is for parents who wish to have their child(ren) baptized. During this session, we explore what happens when we come to the font and what it means to be a disciple of Jesus Christ. We review the expectations placed on parents and the support they can expect to receive from the church. Contact Pastor Al Schoonover at PastorAl@BethelLutheranChurch.com for more information. Classes are first Tuesday of the month.



First Communion Class

Children in 4th grade and up learn about God's promises and the importance of Holy Communion. Classes are held during Lent after the Sunday School hour, and culminate with the Rite of First Communion on Maundy Thursday. For more information, speak with Kris Lingenfelter at Kris@BethelLutheranChurch.com.



Discovery: Becoming a Disciple of Jesus Sundays — Sept. 20 to Oct. 11, 2020

During this interactive and engaging "new disciple" orientation, participants will grow deeper into the life of discipleship as we explore key aspects of our Lutheran Christian faith, including how God has wired each person to be ministers rather than simply members of the Church. Contact the church office (773-4315) or one of the pastors to register.

EDUCATION

ADULTS — Fall 2020

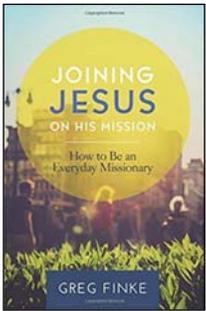
Sunday Classes are ongoing. Zoom Class starts September 23

No Class on October 18 due to Fall Break. Blood Drive will be in Fellowship Hall on Nov. 1

PASTORS' CLASS — Fellowship Hall
Led by Pastor Al Schoonover & Pastor Doug Gast

July 12-August 23: Joyful Living — a Study of the book of Philippians

September 13-October 11: In Mission with Jesus — a look at what mission looks like at Bethel.



On **September 20**, our special guest will be Rev. Greg Finke, author of *In Mission with Jesus!*

Joining Jesus on His Mission will alter the way you see your life as a follower of Jesus and take you beyond living your life for Jesus to living life with Jesus. Simple, powerful and applicable insights show

you how to be on mission and recognize where Jesus is already at work in your neighborhoods, workplaces and schools. You will feel both relief and hope. You may even hear yourself say, "I can do this!" as you start responding to the everyday opportunities Jesus is placing in your path.



Beginning Oct. 18
Stewards of God's Influence: Time, Talents, Treasure and Testimony — Fellowship Hall

Our Stewardship focus this year is to engage

the topic of influence — God's influence on us and our influence on others. Through our time, talents, treasure and testimony we are given the means and the opportunity to influence others. Everybody has influence. Everyone influences someone. Every day, you and I have a positive or negative effect on others. Whether a smile, an encouraging email or informative Facebook post, lunch with a friend, funding charities, voting and serving others, you and I have more influence than we can imagine.

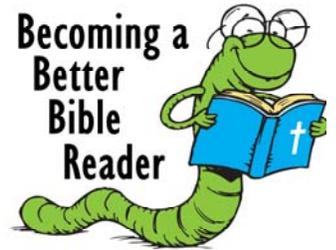


ZOOM CLASS — Wednesdays
Contact [Pastor Al](#) for the link

Becoming a Better Bible Reader
Led by David & Carol Jacobs

The Bible is for everyone, from first-time readers to scholars. Most of the Bible is readily understandable. But a few essential insights help to grasp the meaning of this ancient document for our

21st century life. Join us while we study how the Bible came to its present form, the genres of the Bible, social and cultural context of the First Century, and helps for interpretations.



Ongoing Sunday Adult Classes

Ask the Question — Chapel
Led by Lu Olp



The Church ought to be a safe place where we can bring our faith questions. In fact, a healthy faith questions and pushes for greater understanding, and a healthy church embraces those questions without feeling threatened or attacked. Join us as we discuss the questions you bring to the table.

Loose Links — Library
Led by Suzy Patterson



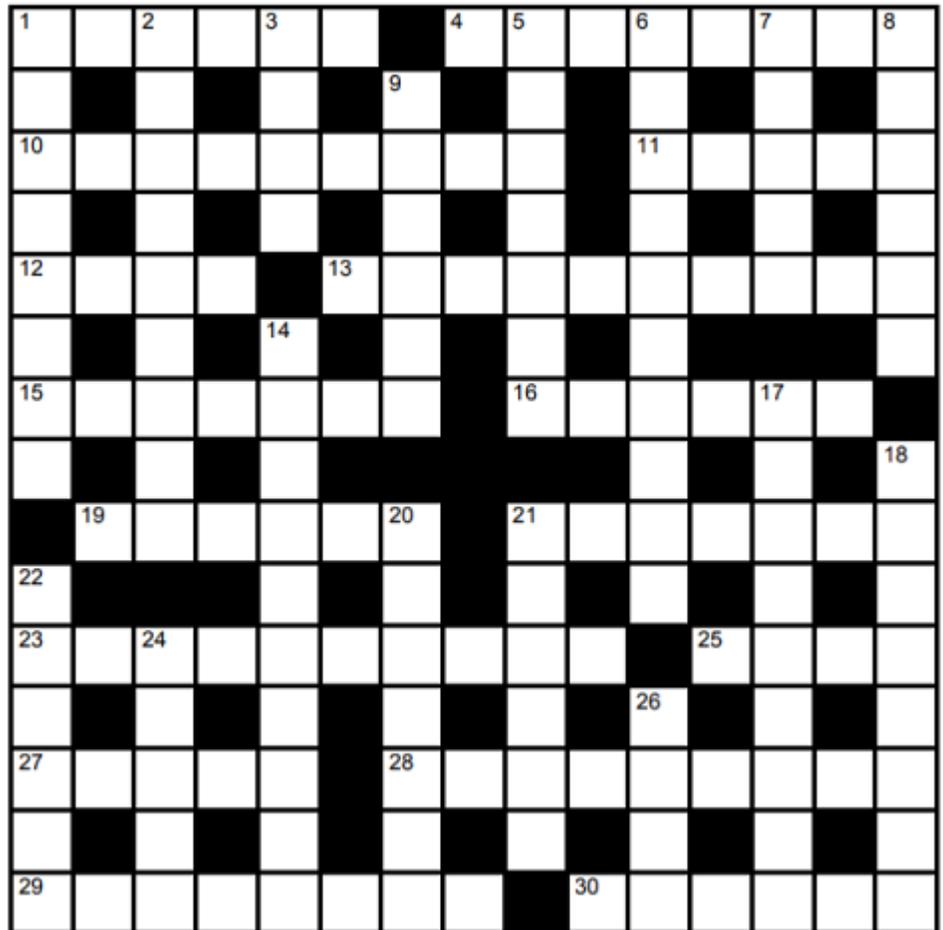
A group of Christian friends who discuss, question, and banter around day-to-day life situations and use the Bible, their own "common sense," and humor to help each other out. New participants welcome!

WORD

Crossword Puzzle

Across

- 1 An ancient weight (6)
 4 Seemed (8)
 10 New Testament book (9)
 11 Unit of length (5)
 12 '...it is a ____ thing the king requireth' (Dan 2:11) (4)
 13 Contemplation (10)
 15 Abigail supplied David with one hundred clusters of these (7)
 16 A son of King David (6)
 19 Concurred (6)
 21 Light sources (7)
 23 Propitiations (10)
 25 A false god (4)
 27 Gather (5)
 28 Abimelech was hit by this (9)
 29 Instructors (8)
 30 Hastily (6)



Down

- 1 Skilled animal workers (8)
 2 Inspiring (9)
 3 Compass point (4)
 5 Intense emotion (7)
 6 The words of Jeremiah said not to listen to these (10)
 7 Jewish leader (5)
 8 'He is proud, knowing nothing, but _____ about questions and strifes of words...' (1 Tim 6:4) (6)

- 9 Bread makers (6)
 14 In this year of King Nebuchadrezzar's reign, Nebuzaradan arrived in Jerusalem (10)
 17 Ancient city of Og, King of Bashan (9)
 18 Stringed instrument (8)
 20 Joseph, perhaps? (7)
 21 Tiny amount (6)
 22 Jesus did this with authority (6)
 24 Last letter of the Greek alphabet (5)
 26 Province of the Roman Empire (4)

by Philologus

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Answers may be found on page 22.

PLAY

Sermon on the Mount Word Search



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| ADULTERY | HUNGER | PLUCK |
| ALMS | HYPOCRITES | PRAYER |
| BEAM | JUDGEMENT | RACA |
| BEATITUDES | KINGDOM OF HEAVEN | RIGHTEOUSNESS |
| BLESSED | LIGHT | SALT |
| BRETHREN | LORD'S PRAYER | SAND |
| CANDLE | LOVE | SEEK |
| CHILDREN OF GOD | MAMMON | TEMPTATION |
| CORRUPT | MERCIFUL | TREASURES |
| DISCIPLES | MOUNTAIN | TRESPASSES |
| FALSE PROPHETS | MULTITUDES | TWAIN |
| FASTING | NEIGHBOUR | |
| FOOTSTOOL | PEACEMAKERS | |

CALENDAR

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

Bethel Lutheran Church functions on a liturgical calendar with seasons and holy days. There are colors associated with each of the seasons and holy days. These are shown on this calendar and are reflected in the paraments in the sanctuary.

DAY	DATE	CHURCH CALENDAR
Sunday	8/2/20	9th Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday	8/9/20	10th Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday	8/16/20	11th Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday	8/23/20	12th Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday	8/30/20	13th Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday	9/6/20	14th Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday	9/13/20	15th Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday	9/20/20	16th Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday	9/27/20	17th Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday	10/4/20	18th Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday	10/11/20	19th Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday	10/18/20	20th Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday	10/25/20	Reformation Sunday
Sunday	11/1/20	All Saints Sunday
Sunday	11/8/20	23rd Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday	11/15/20	24th Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday	11/22/20	Christ the King Sunday
Thursday	11/26/20	Thanksgiving Day
Sunday	11/29/20	1st Sunday of Advent

Answers to Crossword

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Across: 1 Shekel, 4 Appeared, 10 Ephesians, 11 Cubit, 12 Rare, 13 Meditation, 15 Raisins, 16 Nathan, 19 Agreed, 21 Torches, 23 Atonements, 25 Baal, 27 Glean, 28 Millstone, 29 Teachers, 30 Rashly.
Down: 1 Shearers, 2 Exhorting, 3 East, 5 Passion, 6 Enchanters, 7 Rabbi, 8 Doting, 9 Bakers, 14 Nineteenth, 17 Ashtaroth, 18 Psalter, 20 Dreamer, 21 Tittle, 22 Taught, 24 Omega, 26 Asia.

EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

August 1, 2020 — November 30, 2020

- Aug 5 Healing Service 7 p.m.
- Aug 7-8 2020 NALC Convocation—online
- Aug 9 Wreaths Across America Exhibit 10a-5p
- Aug 22 4th Saturday — Worship & Picnic
- Sept 2 Healing Service 7 p.m.
- Sept 11 Fish & Chicken Fry—Missions
- Sept 12 Ministry Fair
- Sept 13 Ministry Fair & Bethel Rally Day/Olympics
- Sept 18-20 Greg Finke—Joining Jesus on His Mission
- Sept 20 Sunday School starts
- Sept 20 Discovery Class starts (4 Sundays)
- Sept 26 Autumn in the Air Clean-up Day
- Sept 26 4th Saturday — Worship & Picnic
- Sept 26-27 Seminary Weekend—Rev. Dr. Eric Riesen
- Oct 3 Respite Ranch
- Oct 7 Healing Service 7 p.m.
- Oct 10 Heartland Mission District Convocation 9a-3p
- Oct 10-11 Special Guest—NALC Bishop Dan Selbo
- Oct 11 80+ Luncheon 12:30 p.m.
- Oct Directory photos taken—Oct 23, 24, 27, 28
- Oct 24 4th Saturday — Worship & Picnic
- Oct 25 Reformation Sunday
— First Communion & Confirmation
- Oct 31 Trunk or Treat 4:00 p.m.
- Nov 1 Daylight Savings Time—set clocks back 2a
- Nov 1 All Saints Day
- Nov 1 Bethel Blood Drive
- Nov 6 Healing Service 7 p.m.
- Nov 21 Thanksgiving Giving Baskets
- Nov 25 Thanksgiving Eve Service 7 p.m.
- Nov 28 Hanging of the Greens
- Nov 28 4th Saturday — Worship & Picnic
- Nov 28-29 First Weekend of Advent

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Events & Activities



The graphic is a grid of diamond-shaped tiles, each representing a different event or activity. The tiles are arranged in a staggered pattern and feature various logos, icons, and text. The events include:

- SERVICE OF HEALING**: Logo of hands holding a lamp.
- 2020 VISION**: Logo with the numbers 2020 and the text 'MISSION CONVOCATION AUGUST 7 & 8, 2020'.
- WREATHS across AMERICA MOBILE EXHIBIT**: Logo with three wreaths.
- BETHEL 4th SATURDAY FELLOWSHIP**: Logo with the number 4 and the text 'Worship Service & Picnic 5:30p WORSHIP 6:30p PICNIC'.
- Annual Fish & Chicken Fry**: Logo with a fish and a chicken, and the text 'in support of Missions'.
- ministry fair**: Logo with a cross and the text 'ministry fair'.
- Bethel Rally Day / Olympics**: Logo with colorful balloons and the Olympic rings.
- MISSIONS WEEKEND**: Logo with three dice showing the number 6.
- sunday school STARTS**: Logo with colorful figures holding hands.
- Bethel Discovery Class**: Logo with a magnifying glass over a cross.
- Autumn in the Air Cleanup Day**: Logo with a trash can and a church.
- NALS**: Logo with a heart and the text 'North American Lutheran Seminary'.
- Respite Ranch**: Logo with a circular path and the text 'Stronger together...support prayer community'.
- Heartland Mission District**: Logo with a heart and a cross over a map of the region.
- 80+ Luncheon**: Logo with a flower and the text '80+'.
- Seminary Weekend**: Logo with a heart and the text 'Seminary Weekend'.
- Church Directory Photographs**: Logo with a camera and the text 'Church Directory Photographs'.
- REFORMATION SUNDAY**: Logo with a cross and the text 'REFORMATION SUNDAY'.
- Trunk or Treat**: Logo with a car and children.
- SET YOUR CLOCKS BACK**: Logo with gears and a clock.
- All Saints' Day**: Logo with a dove and the text 'All Saints' Day'.
- BLOOD DRIVE**: Logo with a blood drop and the text 'BLOOD DRIVE'.
- Thanksgiving Food Baskets**: Logo with a basket of food and the text 'Thanksgiving Food Baskets'.
- Thanksgiving Worship**: Logo with a cornucopia and the text 'Thanksgiving Worship'.
- Hanging of the Greens**: Logo with a window and the text 'Hanging of the Greens'.
- Advent Sundays & Midweek**: Logo with candles and the text 'Advent Sundays & Midweek'.



WEEKEND WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

SATURDAY

5:30 p.m. – Casual Worship

SUNDAY

8:45 a.m. – Classic Worship

10:00 a.m. – Christian Education Hour

11:11 a.m. – Praise Worship

Communion will be celebrated at all services.

Worship Times: Saturday 5:30pm,
Sunday 8:45am & 11:11am
Sunday School 10am

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OTHER WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

FIRST WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH

7:00 p.m. – Healing Service

4th Saturday Fellowship

At the Shelter weather permitting in August & September

5:30 p.m. Worship & 6:30 p.m. Bring your own Picnic

THANKSGIVING EVE

November 25

7:00 p.m. – Worship Service

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