



# THE BELLRINGER



## Starting A New Year

I have now been at Bethel with you for a year and a half. I am enjoying it here and it seems like a good fit. Robin and I feel like we have been welcomed into this congregation. After eighteen months it is a good time to take stock as to how things are going. We will have a Church Conference on January 26 to approve the budget and hear reports from the various groups within the church. Each year at these gatherings the pastor is expected to give a State of the Church Report. This note is a preview of that.



While we may not be huge in numbers we do have a huge heart at Bethel Church. We have a lot of people who pitch in to accomplish our activities. There is a deep concern for our world and particularly people around us in need or who are hurting. During our prayer time in worship the joys and the concerns flow freely. This connects us to each other and to people outside our walls.



I am impressed by the dedication that people have to living their faith and growing spiritually. Throughout the year we host both a mid-week Bible study and a book study that are well attended. There is also a strong commitment to missions in the congregation. We have people who regularly serve meals at Simpson Shelter and a group who pack meals at Feed My Starving Children every other week. Then there are the Wednesday meals that are served to our own community in collaboration with the Free Church across the street. Every other week the meal is in our Fellowship Hall and put on by our members. The number of people we have engaged in these and other mission activities amounts to a significant part of our congregation.



As we begin this New Year there are several projects that we are considering to improve and update our church. One is to make the visuals in the sanctuary permanent with a mounted screen and projector system. Our sign on Commerce Blvd. has had problems and is showing much wear. An electronic sign would give a more modern appearance and would be far easier to change its message. We would like to update our computer software that we use for our church records so that it would all be integrated instead of pieced together with several programs. Finally there are some updates we are looking at in the narthex to finish some of the renovation that was done a couple of years ago and make the entryway more appealing to the eye. You will be hearing more about these in the coming months, as we will likely need to raise additional funds to make them happen.



This will be an exciting year with a lot of possibility and potential. It is a great time to be in ministry together!

As we journey together,

Pastor David

# Metro West Builders

Each spring and fall, the Board of Directors of the Metro West Builders reviews applications and selects one project to be the recipient of our Call Grant. This year the 2013 Fall Call Grant is in support of Simpson United Methodist Church of Minneapolis.

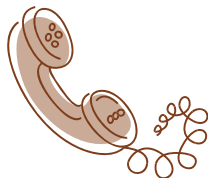
Simpson has a long history of ministry and service to it's neighborhood. Currently, the building houses a men's shelter, a women's shelter, a food shelf, the Simpson Center for Servant ministries, and a worshipping congregation. Hundreds of families are served by the food shelf, and 66 men and women are sheltered every night in the building.

The building that houses these ministries is in serious need of repairs to the stucco. Cracks are causing damage to inner walls and ceilings. The total cost for repair of the stucco comes to \$22,000. An anonymous donor has stepped forward to match your gift, dollar for dollar up to \$10,000. Be a partner in their ministry. Your gift will make the difference.

If interested, please send your gift to:  
Metro West United Methodist Builders  
122 West Franklin Ave., Room 400  
Minneapolis, MN 55404  
Please make checks payable to:  
Metro West Builders, with notation: "2013 Fall Call"

## Bethel Directory

If you have additions or changes for your contact information, please call the church office or email us, thank you.



# SUNDAY HIGHLIGHTS

## January 5th - Epiphany Sunday

Sermon: "Starstruck"

Scripture: Isaiah 60:1-6; Matthew 2:1-12

## January 12th - 1st Sunday after the Epiphany

Sermon: "The Beginning of the Journey"

Scripture: Isaiah 42:1-9; Matthew 3:13-17

## January 19th - 2nd Sunday after the Epiphany

Sermon: "An Invitation"

Scripture: John 1:29-42

## January 26th - 3rd Sunday after the Epiphany

Sermon: "I'd Rather Be Fishing"

Scripture: Matthew 4:12-23

## February 2nd - 4th Sunday after the Epiphany

Sermon: "When the Church is the Church"

Scripture: Micah 6:1-8

## February 9th - 5th Sunday after the Epiphany

Guest preacher

## February 16th - 6th Sunday after the Epiphany

Dan Hulitt preaching

## February 23rd - 7th Sunday after the Epiphany

Tyler Oberdeck preaching

# Christian Education Classes

## Sunday Morning Schedule

9:00 a.m. CHRISTIAN EDUCATION FOR ALL AGES

Lower level - Adult and Teen Class  
Children's Class

10:00 a.m. WORSHIP

## Thursday Bible Study

A weekly Bible Study held at Ella Richter's home at 11:00 a.m. starting January 9th. Contact Church office for information and details.

## Bethel Missions



There are several times to share your time at Feed My Starving Children (FMSC) in the next few months.

- January 9th -- 12:00 - 2:00 p.m.
- January 23rd — 12:00 - 2:00 p.m.
- February 13th — 12:00 - 2:00 p.m.
- February 20th — 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.

If you have questions, please contact Joleen Carlson.

Carpooling is available from Bethel UMC.  
(Arrive 30 minutes prior to scheduled time).

### Dinner is Served!

Join us every 2nd and 4th Wednesday, as we reach out to those in need in our community with our ongoing community meal, Dinner is Served! Partnered with the Mound Free Church, the 1st and 3rd Wednesday hosts, this program is going strong and continues to grow. Please contact Joleen with questions.



#### Staff Support for Bethel's Ministers and Leaders

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## All Church Men's Club Dinner

Everyone is invited to attend the Men's Club Dinner on January 28<sup>th</sup>. Doors will open at 6pm and dinner will be served at 6:30pm.

Chef Bittle promises a wonderful meal of baked ham, sweet potatoes and all the fixin's. Before dinner appetizers, beverages and desert will all be served at a very affordable price.

We will have a speaker after dinner on an important topical subject yet to be determined. We will provide more information as it becomes available. Hope to see everyone there.

## Church Office Hours



**Monday, Wednesday, Friday**  
**8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.**

Bethel's November EXPENDITURES 2013	
MEN'S CLUB	0
ADMIN & FINANCE	\$23,326.91
PASTOR PARISH STAFF	\$109,893.57
CONGREGATIONAL TRUST FUND	0
MEMORIAL GARDEN	\$552.58
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION	\$919.50
SHEPHERDING MINISTRIES	\$837.81
MISSIONS SOCIAL CONCERNS	\$370.18
WORSHIP WORK AREAS	\$1,287.01
TRUSTEE'S	\$46,455.75
OTHER	0
Total Expenses	\$183,643.31
Total Revenues	\$178,279.48
Net Income	(5,363.83)

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**Sunday Worship ~ 10:00 a.m.**  
*...warms the heart, feeds the soul.*



## Memorial Garden

It is hard to believe, but our beautiful Memorial Garden was built 9 years ago. It was designed by the Memorial Garden Committee and funded by the Crossroads Campaign to be an aesthetic addition to the community and a place of peace and serenity for Bethel United Methodist members to choose as their final resting place.

Near their Church home and convenient for family members to visit, the Memorial Garden provides a safe haven for people to visit their loved ones after passing and also a place for meditation and reflection for members of the greater community. It was developed to provide an affordable alternative to burial.

If you would like more information on this wonderful addition to the services our church provides, please contact Pastor David or Dave Feerhusen for more information.

## Blood Pressure Checks

On Sunday, January 12th, our Parish Nurse, Tina Goralczyk will be available for Blood Pressure Screenings after the 10 a.m. service. Plan to be here and take advantage of this wonderful service.

## 2014 Sign-up Sheets Available

**Greeter, Hospitality and Altar Flower Sign-up charts** are located in the Narthex. Please offer to serve in one of these categories in coming months to make welcome new and old members and friends.

Also, please check the **Mission Outreach Board** in the Narthex for future service programs.