



# From the Pastor's desk...

## OPENING THE BOOK OF FAITH

In 2007 the ELCA Churchwide Assembly voted to embrace an initiative called “**Book of Faith**”. It is an initiative encouraging members of the ELCA to read the Bible. The vision for this 5-year initiative is:

“That the whole church become more fluent in the first language of faith, the language of Scripture, in order that we might live into our calling as a people renewed, enlivened, empowered, and sent by the Word.”

As God’s followers, isn’t it true we want to experience more fully the power of God’s Word in our lives? I certainly do and I trust you do as well.

At the 2007 Synod Assembly of the Southwest California Synod I received a booklet describing the emphasis the ELCA. Let me share a little of what I have read so far.

“The Bible is astonishingly powerful. The Bible changes this sin-filled world. Through the Bible, God engages us with demands that judge us. Through it God engages with promise, forgiveness, and hope, setting us free to love and serve. Through the Bible, God draws us to trust, to faith in the good news of Jesus Christ. Through the Bible, the Spirit of God calls, gathers, enlightens and makes holy the entire people of God.” (Page 1)

“We testify to what we and other believers have experienced: The Bible is powerful because God addresses us there with demand and promise. It is authoritative for us. It changes lives.” (Page 3)

“The Confession of Faith of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America carefully affirms and illuminates three aspects of God’s powerful speaking:

2.02. This church confesses Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior and the Gospel as the power of God for the salvation of all who believe.

- a. **Jesus Christ** is the Word of God incarnate, through whom every thing was made and through whose life, death, and resurrection God fashions a new creation.

- b. The proclamation of **God’s message** to us as both Law and Gospels is the Word of God, revealing judgment and mercy through word and deed, beginning with the Word in creation, continuing in the history of Israel, and centering in all its fullness in the person and work of Jesus Christ.
- c. The canonical **Scriptures** of the Old and New Testaments are the written Word of God. Inspired by God’s Spirit speaking through their authors, they record and announce God’s revelation centering in Jesus Christ. Through them God’s Spirit speaks to us to create and sustain Christian faith and fellowship for service in the world.” (Pages 5-6)

In other words, the Word of God is 3 things: Jesus is the Word, God’s message is the Word, and the Bible is the Word of God.

The little booklet includes four Bible studies. I think we should try them. This fall I will use them in my Sunday morning Bible study class. It will be interesting to see what experiences we have as others across the ELCA are doing this as well.

At Bethel Lutheran Church we emphasize the Bible in worship with the Bible Question of the Week from the Life Journaling Bible reading plan. Scripture is also read and preached. Many parts of our worship service are Bible passages set to music. Hopefully you are engaging the Word through your daily quiet time (some call it devotions). There are a number of different ways to experience that quiet time.

The bottom line is that we as God’s people want to be personally and corporately interacting with God and the Bible, God’s Word to us. Let’s take this journey with the ELCA, “Opening the Book of Faith,” and see where it leads us.

Wrestling with the Word wins wisdom,

Pastor Carl



# WOMEN OF BETHEL



## “COME TO THE LIVING WATERS”

Oct. 17-19, 2008

Biennial Convention

Grand Vista Hotel

Simi Valley, CA

Join with women of all ages gathering from across the SW California Synod for a weekend of soul-filling workshops, Bible studies, music, prayer and celebrate the life-giving water of our Baptism.

All women of Bethel are invited. Registration slips are in the narthex and there is still room to carpool there. Lola Rennie will be our delegate from Bethel Women.

Women attending have been asked to bring Love Gifts for Lutheran Social Services in our Synod. Grocery gift cards, canned and staple goods will be the gifts collected. Starting October 1, we will have a box in the narthex for the food items. Food suggested: soup, meat or tuna, vegetables, Rice-a-roni, mac 'n cheese, instant rice, etc. If purchasing gift cards please give them to Joanna Elder or Lola Rennie. Gift card stores recommended are: Stater Brothers, Ralphs, Vons, Albertson's, Smart & Final, K-Mart and Target.

Let's go and see what God has in store!

Tuesday, September 2, 10:00 a.m.  
Women of Bethel Board - Library

Thursday, September 4, 9:00 a.m.  
Kitchen Work Day

Tuesday, September 9, 9:30 a.m.  
Priscilla Circle - Library

Thursday, September 11, 1:00 p.m.  
Ruth Circle - Library

Wednesday, September 17, 9:30 a.m.  
Esther Circle - Ed. Building

Thursday, September 18, 9:00 a.m.  
Quilting - Kitchen



## THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

Thank you to all who brought items for the Care Net Pregnancy Center baby shower. The Center was very appreciative of your gifts. Many mothers will be helped through these gifts. Our Bethel Women (mothers and grandmothers) enjoyed viewing the items and remembering nursery rhymes before Valerie Malangko transported them to the Center.

## LUTHERAN WOMAN TODAY BIBLE STUDY

The September issue of Lutheran Woman Today begins our 9-session Bible study that will be used at our circles (small groups). The study is called "The Hidden Hand of God. Wisdom Stories from Ruth, Daniel and Esther". Hidden refers to the presence of God in all three books and will give us an opportunity to reflect on how God sometimes seems hidden in our lives and those we love and how God may be calling us to live out those times.

These studies are for all women of Bethel and all ages. There are three circles. You are invited to choose the time they meet that is best for you and join them in study and fellowship.



# Men of Bethel

The next meeting for the Men of Bethel will be September 27<sup>th</sup>, at 9:00am in the kitchen.

For more information, call  
Bill Roy 934-4441.



ChristCare  
Group Ministry

## INVITATIONS

### IT'S ABOUT GRACE

*a study of Ephesians*

The Wednesday afternoon ChristCare group will begin a new study on September 17, 2008 with a potluck at 12:00 noon in the Bethel kitchen. Subsequent sessions will be scheduled from 1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays of each month in the Bethel Library. The study will focus on the book of Ephesians and the blessing of God's Grace freely given.

Participants will bring their own Bible in their preferred translation. Additional resources will be provided, and participants in the group will have an opportunity to review them on a rotating basis. A donation of \$10 per person or per couple toward the cost of the resource materials will be welcomed.

**WE INVITE YOU to come to the potluck for good food and an introduction to the study. Please call the leader, LaVonne McGee at 922-2047 to indicate your interest.**

### BOUNDARIES

by Henry Cloud and John Townsend

*When to say YES, how to say NO to take control of your life.*

The Wednesday evening ChristCare group is reading and discussing this timely subject. The group meets from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays of each month at the home of Gini Ruggles, 619 E. Camino Colegio. Please call the leader, Pastor Carl at 922-6601 to indicate your interest.

## Bethel Bible Adventures

Attention all K-6<sup>th</sup> Grade Students!!

Bethel Bible Adventures will begin again September 7, 2008. Please join us for another exciting school year as we will start learning about the life of Moses.

Bethel Bible Adventures is every Sunday from 10:00am to 10:45am. (September 7, 2008 through May 17, 2009) If you have any questions, please contact the church office.



### Bring your old newspapers to Ryan !!

Ryan Barrows is collecting old newspapers to recycle and earn money to buy a new computer for school.

Please help him by bringing your newspapers. There will be a bin in the entryway of the church. Just drop them in...



### BETHEL APPAREL

We are beginning to see people wearing the new Bethel apparel that many have purchased! They are very professionally done, with the Luther Seal and Bethel's name. Included are t-shirts, polo shirts, sweatshirts, and hats. If you don't already have one of these items, you may want to consider placing an order by giving LaVonne a call at 922-2047. A catalog is available.

In the meantime, there are a few items that are available for purchase in the church office. They are:

Ladies Polo shirt	XL	\$35
Men's Polo shirt	L (slim)	\$35
T-shirt	M	\$25
T-shirt	XL	\$25
T-shirt	XXL	\$25
Hood sweatshirt	XL	\$40
Hood sweatshirt	M	\$40

**Forum to Discuss  
Draft Social Statement on  
Human Sexuality**

**September 21 & 28  
10:00 a.m.**

On two successive Sundays, September 21 and 28, Pastor Carl will lead a forum to discuss the Draft Social Statement at 10:00 a.m. in the Fireside Room.

Are you thinking: But we've already done that?

What we have already done was to review three congregational studies that the task force published in the Journey Together Faithfully series. Several members responded to those studies, as did many ELCA members throughout the country. Subsequently, the task force reviewed all responses and developed a Draft Statement on Human Sexuality. We now have an opportunity to respond to the Draft Statement.

Responses to the Draft Statement must be received by the task force by **November 1, 2008** in order to be considered in the preparation of the proposed Social Statement that is to be considered by the Churchwide Assembly in 2009. Responses may be made on the format included in the Draft Statement, and/or by letter or narrative. Individual responses are recommended.

Several copies of the Draft Statement are available in the church office. Single copies may be ordered by calling 800-638-3522 ext. 2996, or by down-loading a copy from the ELCA website:

[www.elca.org/faithfuljourney](http://www.elca.org/faithfuljourney).

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**NATURAL CHURCH  
DEVELOPMENT**



**WE WANT**

**YOU!**

to come to the  
Natural Church Development Workshop

**Saturday, October 4, 2008  
9:30 to 11:30 a.m.**

It's for newer members and longer-term members.  
All are wanted and welcome  
Doughnuts will be served

**What will we do?**

We will consider some of these questions:

- *What brought you to Bethel?*
- *What keeps you at Bethel?*
- *What are some of the reasons people visit Bethel?*
- *What are some of the reasons we do not see many people visiting Bethel?*
- *What are some of the reasons people become a part of our congregation?*
- *What are some of the reasons people choose not to become a part of our congregation, or become inactive?*
- *How can we address some of the reasons that keep people from being more active in the congregation?*

**What is Natural Church Development?**

NCD is a process that can help a congregation grow and develop in a healthy way. The program identifies eight quality characteristics that are essential for growing and healthy churches, and assists congregations to achieve a balance among those characteristics. Based on results of a survey taken by 30 active Bethel members, we are currently concentrating on improving our effectiveness in Need-Oriented Evangelism.

Members of the NCD team are: Dan Barrows, Cindy Cornejo, Kathy Letvinchuck, LaVonne McGee, and Pastor Carl.



## **AWAY IN A MANGER AROUND THE WORLD December 2009**

How many of you have come to the Away In A Manger display and really enjoyed yourselves? Well, unfortunately, you will not be able to do that this year as Pastor Berg will not be able to do it with us anymore; however, we have some exciting new plans in the works.

On July 27<sup>th</sup> at Christmas In July we announced that we would like to do something to make our display unique. Our idea is to have Christmas trees from around the world displayed along with the crèches. The ornaments on them would be provided or handmade by individuals or groups from the congregation.

We decided not to have the display this year, as we wanted to have a lot of time to put everything together. Also, the two Saturday dates prior to Christmas that would work best already had other Bethel activities scheduled.

But to make this a success, we really need your help. If you are willing to help work on the ornaments and have them ready for December 2009, please let us know. If you have a tabletop tree that you are willing to loan us for two days, we would like to know that too.

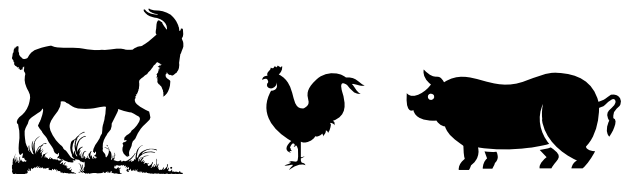
We will provide information on the ornaments so that you will know how to make them. Or you can use your own ideas or check the internet.

More exciting news: we already have volunteers to do trees from Denmark, Norway and Germany! There are many others that are available, like Austria, England, France, Holland, Italy, Lithuania, Russia, Poland, Sweden, Ukraine, Finland, Brazil, Japan, and even a Pioneer America tree. (These come from a book called, *The Trees of Christmas* that we have right here in our Bethel library.) I'm sure that there are many others that could be represented.

Another thing we would like to do is have a history of the nativities that are displayed. If they are special to you for some reason we would like to know that. The idea is to have a card to display with the nativity so others will know something about them.

We will be letting you know more about this later, but if you are willing to work on a tree please let someone from the team know.

Team members are Edith Gray, Bill Letvinchuck, Pat Noyes, Janiece Rogers and Judy Brewer. If you would like to join our team we would be glad to have you, just let one of us know so we can notify you of our next meeting.



## **CHRISTMAS IN JULY GOAT PROJECT**

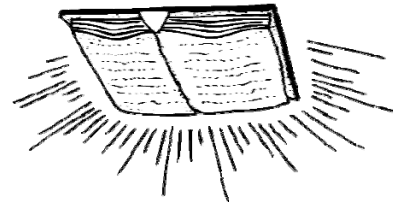
Gifts (and goats) abound! Thank you for your generosity. \$1,790.00 were collected toward this project, making it possible to purchase 35 goats, 1 pig and 1 chicken.

“Let heav’n and nature sing!”



**Please Pray for:**

The Barclay family	grieving Debbi's mom's death
Bob Chappel	grieving Doris' death
Mary Confer	health
Scott Dir	growth in faith
Lloyd Drom	healing from an infection
Lawrence Drenk	growth in faith
Paula Flory	knee replacement
Ruth Gore	health
Marge Hertler	health
Darlene Horne	health
Sharon Lewis	vertigo
Pearl McGandy	health
Joan Oswood	grieving sister's death
Dan Rennie	healing from back surgery
Bonnie Rowe	healing from surgery
Jim Smith	health
The Taylor family	grieving
Bill Todd	cancer
Marge Wright	health
Our Youth	challenges of growing up
Those grieving loved ones	comfort & strength
Those in military service	safety and health



**Scripture Readings for  
Sundays of September 2008**

**September 7**

First Reading: Ezekiel 33:7-11  
Second Reading: Romans 13:8-14  
Gospel: Matthew 18:15-20

**September 14**

First Reading: Isaiah 45:21-25  
Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:18-24  
Gospel: John 12:20-33

**September 21**

First Reading: Jonah 3:10-4:11  
Second Reading: Philippians 1:21-30  
Gospel: Matthew 20:1-16

**September 28**

First Reading: Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32  
Second Reading: Philippians 2:1-13  
Gospel: Matthew 21:23-32



*Thank You!*

We want to say a BIG THANK YOU to our Bethel family for all the prayers, cards and phone calls we received during Lloyd's recent illness. You, our Bethel friends, are loving, kind and oh so special!

God Bless You All,  
*Lloyd and Helen Drom*



Larry & Aida Curci would like to express their thanks for all the cards, calls and prayers during Larry's surgery and recovery in the hospital. He is doing well and appreciates all of the congregation's good wishes!

I want to thank my entire church family for everything. For the beautiful quilt I sleep with every night and the amazing Bible. But mostly for the love and support I've been given my entire life. Thank you all so much.

I also thank the congregation for the support that has gone towards our college grants. It helps more than words can express, and we wouldn't have any of it without this amazing support of the church family.

Thank you! & much love,  
*Melanie Cornejo*

# Upcoming Events & Opportunities

## Men's Advance 2008

### EL CAMINO PINES "LIVING IN YOUR BAPTISM" September 26<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup>

All men are invited to "TAKE A WALK ON THE WET SIDE" at the 2008 Men's Advance at El Camino Pines. The speaker is Dr. Thom Johnson. Come explore what it means to *Live in Your Baptism* as men of faith. Explore how the richness of your own baptism can serve as a resource for you each day.

More information is on the kiosk.  
Registration forms are on the Narthex table.



### Planning Ahead for: PARENT'S NIGHT OUT FALL, 2008

Friday, September 12  
Friday, October 10  
Friday, November 14



### Biker Diaper Ride-For-Life

Care♥Net Pregnancy Center is hosting a "Biker Diaper Ride-For-Life" on Saturday, Sept. 20<sup>th</sup>. All bikers welcome! The 55-mile ride will begin in Santa Maria and end with a BBQ lunch at the Union Hotel in Los Alamos. Cost is \$45 single rider or \$50 double riders (tax-deductible). Bring along a bag of diapers to further help the ministry! Call 928-9285 for a registration form.

## Chime Choir Begins



Practices are on Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m. in the library for an hour.  
New members are welcome!!



## Habitat & Thrivent Build

Thrivent and Habitat for Humanity are in the process of building a home in Atascadero. Thrivent contributes 65% financially toward the project, Habitat contributes 25%, and the local Lutheran congregations 10%. The goal of each church is an average of \$724. Next year Santa Maria will have a build and the churches will be asked to contribute to our project. We cannot get a Thrivent match because Thrivent is already the major party contributing.

If you would like to help in this project, you can place your donation in an envelope marked **Thrivent Build** during the month of September. If you have any questions, please call Bill Letvinchuck 938-7477.



### Exploring Membership 101 Seminar Saturday, Oct. 25 9:00 – 2:00 (includes lunch)

Mark this date on your calendar if you are interested in becoming a member at Bethel or if you wonder what it means to be a member and would like to explore that.

Please contact Pastor Carl, call the church office (922-6601) or make a note on your worship attendance card if you are interested in finding out more.

# Sermon Notes

**September 7** - Who has not felt the agony of feeling hurt from another's words? In today's Gospel (Matthew 18:15-20) Jesus gives us insight into bringing reconciliation to relationships that have been injured or broken. First go to the person in private to try and heal things. If that does not work, bring along a couple of witnesses to assist. If that does not work, bring the matter to the Church.

Forgiven by grace, we can surrender our hurt and our hate to God. Let forgiving grace wash out the corrosion of bad feelings and let it lead to a forgiving attitude, even if the wrong has not been admitted. Our theme will be HOW TO DEAL IN A CHRISTIAN WAY WITH ANGER.

**September 14** - Today we celebrate Holy Cross Day, the triumph of the cross of Christ. It has been celebrated in Europe since the Reformation and it has been restored to the Lutheran calendar in North America. In the fall, at the beginning of the program year for most congregations this celebration enables us to set the whole year under the sign of the victory of Christ.

Paul reminds the Christians at Corinth in his first letter (1:18-24) that the divine promise of triumph and redemption has been fulfilled in them, not through miracles or human knowledge, but through Jesus Christ crucified. For this act of love we are glad. The significance of Christ's cross is different than any other and so we remember today with our theme, THE HOLY CROSS.

**September 21** - In today's Gospel (Matthew 20:1-16) we have the parable of the laborers in the vineyard. When the wages were handed out, those who worked one-hour received the same pay as those who worked twelve hours. The 12-hour workers protested and complained. And they were justified in doing so! It was a case of labor injustice! Or was it?

This is the world's protest, but the Kingdom of God is different from the world. God does not use the same methods or measures for reward. Hence, our theme will be GOD'S WAYS ARE NOT OUR WAYS!

**September 28** - When is the last time someone gave you a compliment? When is the last time you gave an encouraging word to someone? The apostle Paul writes encouraging words to the people in Philippi in his letter to them (Philippians 2:1-13). He encourages them to be Christ like people and to emulate Jesus. And when we do, we usually feel better about ourselves and are filled with a joy that cannot be purchased.

Paul instructs the Philippians to begin with focusing on Christ, then paints a positive picture of the kind of church he hopes they will be, so they can be encouragers to others. Because Christ encourages us, we then can be encouragers of others. Our theme will be THE WAY LIFE OUGHT TO BE.



## HOLY CROSS DAY

~ Bring a cross to church ~

On Sunday, Sept. 14, we will celebrate Holy Cross Day (see adjacent column for more information).

Members of the congregation are invited to bring a special cross to church that day to have it blessed. This may be a cross hanging in your home, a piece of jewelry or some other cross that is meaningful to you.

A table will be set up near the altar rail that day so your cross may be brought forward and placed on the table for the time of blessing during worship. Let us rejoice in the meaning of the cross as we remember God's gift of eternal life - given to us through Jesus' sacrifice.



## MINISTRY FAIRE

Sunday, October 19

The ministries of Bethel will be highlighted on Sunday, Oct. 19 between worship services. A visual display of the various ministries will be set up in the Kitchen, Fireside Room & Library. What are you involved in? What might you choose to become involved with?

Come and see!



#### BIRTHDAYS

Ellen Gundlach	Sept. 2
Gladys Jorgensen	Sept. 9
Peter Uyehara	Sept. 10
Tami Arredondo	Sept. 16
Janiece Rogers	Sept. 16
Dick Johannsen	Sept. 17
Marvin Stilliens	Sept. 17
Sharon Lewis	Sept. 17
Lloyd Drom	Sept. 20
Valerie Malangko	Sept. 23
Savannah Barclay	Sept. 24
Nicholas Sauer	Sept. 25
David Sauer	Sept. 27
Leroy Sauer	Sept. 27
Lisa Nielsen	Sept. 28
Polly Ahlemann	Sept. 30

#### ANNIVERSARIES

Donna & John Heinen	Sept. 2
Kevin & Sheri Drom	Sept. 14
Dave & Misty Hopp	Sept. 27

**If your birthday or anniversary is left out,  
please notify the church office.**



Hello Partners in Mission,

I hope you are all doing well during the heat of the summer. Here at The Sending Place, all of our five summer short-term teams have safely returned from their ministries. They did wonderful work for the kingdom!

And now it's time to shift our focus to our winter teams. All of our scheduled winter teams still have openings. Have you ever wanted to be a goer, but just have not gotten around to it? Have you been on a short-term mission, and you're open to God using you that way again? Then think about joining us for one of these trips!

There are men in Brazil who are addicted to drugs who really have not seen the love of Christ up close

and personal. Their lives are devastated with little hope. You could be the one who shows them the love of Christ.

There are children in Thailand who are surrounded by Buddhist teachings every day. But you could go right in their classrooms and teach them Bible stories, and show them Christ's love and grace!

There are teenagers in Hong Kong who are struggling with their English skills, and do not know the Savior of the world. You could teach them right in their classes, grow to love them, and embody Christ for them.

And there are missionaries in Turkey, struggling to live their Christian faith, surrounded by Muslim sounds and Muslim influence, trying to hang on, hoping to bear some fruit for the Lord. You could go and love these missionaries, and give them the encouragement and strength to move forward!

Yes, you can be a goer, to have a great impact on the lives of these people. Training starts this Saturday, August 16 at 9:00 am at our Training Center, 4764 Duckhorn Drive, Sacramento. Or you can train right where you are out of the area using our training kit we will send you when you register.

For more information, you can call (916) 685-2331. Or check our website: [TheSendingPlace.com](http://TheSendingPlace.com). Thanks.

Pastor Darrel Deuel

(Editor's note: Although this newsletter is being received after the training has started, if there is interest on the part of anyone, please contact [The Sending Place](http://TheSendingPlace.com). It may still be possible to join a team.)



**SEPTEMBER 2008**  
**SERVANTS AT OUR WORSHIP**

**ALTAR GUILD** – Bill & Bev Green & Julie Heavener  
**USHER TEAM LEADER** – 8:30 Carol Sauer & 11:00 Tom McQuaide  
**ORGANIST** – 8:30 Marvin Stilliens & 11:00 The Music Team  
**SOUND TECHNICIANS** – 8:30 Lloyd Drom & 11:00 Dan Barrows

**8:30 AM**

**11:00 AM**

**September 7**

**Greeters:** Aida & Larry Curci  
**Reader:** Judy Brewer  
**Acolyte:** Francesca Canzoneri  
**Ushers:** Leroy & Carol Sauer  
**Visual Tech:** Lori Vurgun  
**Coffee Fellowship:** Susan Nielsen

**Greeters:** Sherrie Todd  
**Reader:** Debbi Barclay  
**Acolyte:** Michael Taylor  
**Ushers:** Sherrie Todd & Vera Simmons  
**Visual Tech:** Judy Brewer  
**Flowers:** Pam Hubbard – in honor of her mother's birthday (Ellen Gundlach)

**September 14**

**Greeters:** Bill & Bev Green  
**Reader:** Aida Curci  
**Acolyte:** Jonay Jones  
**Ushers:** Dave & Penny Young  
**Visual Tech:** Julie Heavener  
**Coffee Fellowship:** Alice Ingels

**Greeters:** Gloria Nath  
**Reader:** Vera Simmons  
**Acolyte:** Cassy Lewis  
**Ushers:** Tom & Pat McQuaide  
**Visual Tech:** Susan Nielsen  
**Flowers:** Darlene Horne – in memory of Richard

**September 21**

**Greeters:** Peter Uyehara  
**Reader:** Marilyn Troili-James  
**Acolyte:** Jessica Dill  
**Ushers:** Alice Ingels & Darlene Iversen  
**Visual Tech:** Lola Rennie  
**Coffee Fellowship:** Carol Sauer

**Greeters:** Stephanie & Jarod Utitus  
**Reader:** Susan Nielsen  
**Acolyte:** Francesca Canzoneri  
**Ushers:** Stephanie & Jarod Utitus  
**Visual Tech:** Brigitte Barrows  
**Flowers:** Stephanie Utitus – in honor of Aurora's birthday & in memory of Nan Utitus

**September 28**

**Greeters:** Alice Ingels  
**Reader:** Bob Baldwin  
**Acolyte:** Nick Sauer  
**Ushers:** Bill & Pat Roy  
**Visual Tech:** Janiece Rogers  
**Coffee Fellowship:** Vera Simmons

**Greeters:** Vera Simmons  
**Reader:** Lori Vurgun  
**Acolyte:** William Gunn  
**Ushers:** Charlotte Bowser & Irene Gunn  
**Visual Tech:** Stephanie Utitus  
**Flowers:** Susan Nielsen – in honor of Lisa's birthday

**ATTENDANCE FOR  
AUGUST 2008**

	<u>8:30</u>	<u>11:00</u>
August 3	62	34
August 10	51	43
August 17	45	44
August 24	70	56
August 31	N/A	N/A

**Bethel provides a meal at  
THE HOMELESS SHELTER  
Sunday, September 28.**

**Designate:**  
**GOOD SAMARITAN SHELTER**  
on a pew envelope (or other envelope) to contribute toward meal expenses. Thank you!

