



## Bethel Banner July/August

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Even during the slowness of summer, our culture continues to shift at lightspeed. This can seem troubling to Christians, making many feel powerless, *yet this can also be an exciting time*. There is a battle waging for the hearts and souls of America (not to mention the world) and like it or not **we have been called to such a time as this**.

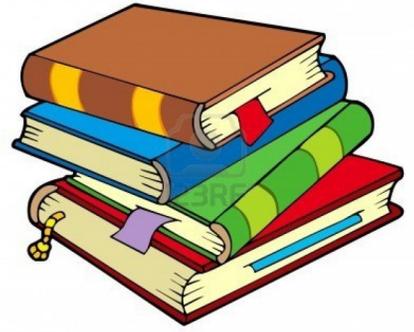
Lately, I have had to field many inter-related questions in the congregation like, “**How can Bethel Lutheran Church respond** to the various forces at work deconstructing Western Civilization?” As a pastor I enjoy listening/discerning, connecting, and equipping people together, matching needs, resources, people, like-mindedness, and ministries. As the winds of change blow, perhaps a perfect storm of opportunity has developed...



**GULF COAST**  
★ *Classical Academy* ★

A few years ago, Bethel Lutheran blessed the launching of a new ministry under our very roof: **Gulf Coast Classical Academy**, a small homeschool hybrid, utilizing a highly respected and practiced classical Christian curriculum. Intriguingly, this Bethel Lutheran ministry seed is blooming into a full fledge Monday – Friday private school starting this fall. It is an independently budgeted school based in the Greek and Latin foundations of Western civilization and rooted in historic Judeo-Christian theology. This is the only classical school in all of Pinellas County, and among its rich benefits teaches youth not what to think, but *how* to think via logic, reason, and rhetoric through a Biblical worldview.

**Lutherans are no strangers to classical education** and have historically paired well with it. Martin Luther knew the importance of teaching the people to study the Scriptures and learn the faith when he translated the Bible from Latin, into his native German language. Lutheran artists like Lucas Cranah and Albrect Durer brought theology into illustrative form, while Johanne Sebastian Bach breathed the life of theology into music. Moreover, Johannes Bugenhagen taught us the extreme importance of educating the youth of the church.



*“For if you keep silent at this time, relief and deliverance will rise for the Jews from another place, but you and your father's house will perish. And who knows whether you have not come to the kingdom for such a time as this?” (Esther 4:14)*

As Bethel Lutheran Church continues this healthy partnership, it fosters a beautiful ministry of light to flourish in the darkness of our times. A unique ministry, which I believe will only continue to meet an increasing need in our community, draw people to our church, and most importantly— to Jesus.

**For more information** about Gulf Coast Classical Academy regarding; mission, overview, academics, faculty, tuition, extended care, extra-curricular, and a pathway to college, etc...

You are invited to attend one of the future information meetings:

Tuesday, July 6<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30 pm @ Bethel Lutheran Church

Thursday, July 22<sup>nd</sup> @ 6:30 pm @ Bethel Lutheran Church

Rsvp for Information Meetings @ 727-385-5951 or [info@gulfcoastclassical.org](mailto:info@gulfcoastclassical.org)

—Pastor Eichinger

**From Pastor**

Hello Bethel Family,

Wow, what a great summer it has been so far with our Jr. and Sr. youth kicking off our first event with a trip to the Daniel Boone National Forest in Winchester, KY! During this trip our youth had a ton of time to ponder on our theme GRACE, waking up each morning to focus on God and the Word of God, spending our afternoons looking for ways God works within our lives, and closed out our day with a debriefing and group worship before lights out (sun goes down).



So, what is next?

### **Summer Camps**

The Lord has given us so many talents, and our summer events are a great way for our youth to discover new activities, without ridicule, to see what they like while in the safety of our church.

Archery Camp: June 28<sup>th</sup> – July 2<sup>nd</sup> / Time: 2pm-4pm (Pre-Camp Hangout 12pm-2pm)

Golf Camp: July 5<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> / Time: 12p-2pm (Pre-Camp Hangout 10am-12pm)

Art Camp: July 12<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> / Time: 12p-2pm (Pre-Camp Hangout 10am-12pm)

Music Camp: July 19<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> / Time: 2pm-5pm (Pre-Camp Hangout 12pm-2pm)

Karate Camp: July 26<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> / Time: 12p-2pm (Pre-Camp Hangout 10am-12pm)

Couple of changes to this event. First, you only need to click on one link to sign up your youth for these great camps. Below I have attached the web address for parents to start signing up. Last, we are offering a Pre-Camp Hangout for youth a couple of hours before the camps. Snacks, crafts, and games will be provided before the camp.

Some of these camps do have age restrictions such as Archery (ages 8 or older) and Golf (we are asking parents with children 6 years or younger to please attend the camp with them). For our Karate, Music, and Art camps, we are asking that all children be potty trained or that the parent attend the camp with them.

Our instructors are all outstanding members of our church who possess a particular set of skills that they wish to share with the youth of our church. We are always looking for great volunteers to help so please let me know if you would like to attend or have any questions.

Bethel Summer Camps: <https://forms.gle/tu8vq53DKWFqxfKRA>

*Any questions please call, text 727-560-9859, or email [jgraybethel@gmail.com](mailto:jgraybethel@gmail.com)*

### **Sunday School Teachers Wanted!!!!**

Yes, that is right! We are looking forward to Sunday School starting Sep 5<sup>th</sup>, 2021, and we are looking for volunteers who are faith-driven Christians who can share their time and talents with our children at Bethel. I came across a poem I thought touched on the importance of teachers in our lives and I wanted to share it with you.

Why God Made Teachers!  
By Kevin William Huff



When God created teachers,  
He gave us special friends  
To help us understand His world  
And truly comprehend  
The beauty and the wonder  
Of everything we see,  
And become a better person  
With each discovery.

When God created teachers,  
He gave us special guides  
To show us ways in which to grow  
So we can all decide  
How to live and how to do  
What's right instead of wrong,  
To lead us so that we can lead  
And learn how to be strong.

Why God created teachers,  
In His wisdom and His grace,  
Was to help us learn to make our world  
A better, wiser place.

Not many people know that my first love when I started attending Bethel was singing in the choir. But, after a couple of years, a member of our church saw more in me than just a singer. I was asked to teach high school Sunday School and quickly fell in love with teaching God's Word. What I realized after a couple of classes was how God was working through me to teach these young minds. I, a goofy, and sometimes silly individual, didn't need to have all the answers but just needed to be willing to take a couple of hours out of my week to pray, prep, and teach these young minds. Teaching is not for everyone, but I encourage you all to take some time in prayer and ask God where you can best help serve Him.

Please call, text, or email me if you have any questions.

I would like to thank our wonderful congregation again for their support of our Youth and Family Ministry. As always, be on the lookout for these great events that are soon to come, helping each of us grow in our time together with one another in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

**James Gray**  
Youth & Family Ministry Director



## **MEN'S BIBLE & BREW**

Men's Bible Study meets on the third Monday of the month for stimulating and topical discussion. We meet **July 19 and August 16**, at 7:30pm at Lagerhaus Brewery and Grill, 3438 East Lake Rd (Boot Ranch), Palm Harbor 34685.

## **WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY**

Our Women's Bible Study will resume in late summer or when school begins. Our study will be, "*Calm My Anxious Heart: A Woman's Guide to Finding Contentment.*" For more information, please email Susie Lorenzo-Luaces at: [Susie@lorenzo-luaces.com](mailto:Susie@lorenzo-luaces.com)



## **BETHEL BANNER MONTHLY NEWSLETTER**

Would you like to receive the Bethel Banner at your email address? Please send your address to [BLutheranChurch@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:BLutheranChurch@tampabay.rr.com). The newsletter link is on our website if you prefer to read it on the website. We also use this distribution list to send out notices when necessary.

## **PRAYER GROUP**

In addition to our Prayer Partners who pray at home at their convenience, we have a new group who meet at Bethel every Tuesday morning at 10am to pray for our church, our leaders, our country, and our people. All are welcome to join this group in the Great Hall.

## **Wine, Women, & The Word**

Come join other ladies of Bethel as we meet together for scripture and fellowship. We will meet on Monday, **July 12 and August 9**, at 7:00 pm at the Lagerhaus Brewery and Grill of East Lake Woodlands. (Same place men meet for Bible and Brew). Would love to have you join us as we sip a glass of wine, (or diet coke), and explore what the Bible says about fellowship. If you are like me, you need it.



## **GOOD STEWARDSHIP**

*"Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms."*

1 Peter 4:10

## **FROM THE BOARD OF FINANCE**

When writing a check to Bethel, it would aid our electronic scanning if you would use a dark blue or black ink that does not bleed through. Artistic colors or checks with a busy or dark image do not scan well. Also, please try not to sign over the bank routing number on the bottom of the check. Thank you.

## **NEW GLASSES? NICE!**

Did you know that MOST Ministries will take your old pair—or all those pairs sitting in your dresser drawers? Our eyeglass teams are requested by churches around the world. Is your Bible study group searching for a service project? In addition to an eyeglass donation, please consider making witness materials (bracelets or puppets) that our teams use to share the Gospel! Call MOST Ministries at 734.994.7909 or visit [www.mostministries.org](http://www.mostministries.org) to learn more. You may drop off your old eyeglasses in the baskets located in our narthex (on the tables at either end—near the restrooms).



*Thank you!*

Dear Bethel Friends,  
Thank you for your prayers, calls and loving concern during my recent hospital stay and rehab.

May God bless you,  
Joan Ferra

## **CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES**

Copies of the Church Council minutes are available on the tables near the restrooms in the narthex. If you would like a copy mailed to you at home, please call Jeannie at 727 799 3010.

## TAMPA BAY VIRTUAL MEMORY CAFÉ EVENTS

Are you finding the stay-at-home orders are making your care partner stir-crazy? You? Care partners connect to reminisce, share stories, and build friendships through events led by Dr. Cate McCarty, Ph.D., who has over 40 years of personal and professional experience. Every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, 11:10am. Zoom is a free and user-friendly platform. With a computer, tablet, or smart phone, you can see and hear other participants in the meeting. No smart phone? No worries—you can hear and talk to others in the meeting using a dial-in phone number and entering the meeting number. You must register by visiting: [www.catemccarty.com/calendar](http://www.catemccarty.com/calendar)  
Questions? 727.771.1600 or email [PalmHarbor@arden-courts.com](mailto:PalmHarbor@arden-courts.com)

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## LCMS APP AVAILABLE

Available on both the Apple® and Android® app stores, the easy-to-use app features links to some of the most popular information on the LCMS website, including the LCMS church locator and links to news stories, giving opportunities, LCMS social media and other ways to connect with the LCMS.

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How do I shop at AmazonSmile?

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How do I select Bethel when shopping on AmazonSmile?

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## FLOWERS IN JULY & AUGUST

**July 4** Erika St. Jean in loving memory of her husband Hank St. Jean on his birthday  
Marianne Craig, Eric & John Cassidy in loving memory of Patrick Cassidy on his 16th year in heaven



**July 11 OPEN**

**July 18** In loving memory of Charles and Florence Wadenklee

**July 25 OPEN**

**Aug 1 OPEN**

**Aug 8** Ken & Dorothy Kossow in honor of their 55th wedding anniversary

**Aug 15** In loving memory of Charles & Florence Wadenklee

**Aug 22 OPEN**

**Aug 29 OPEN**

If you would like to place flowers on the altar, please complete a form which may be found on the table next to the flower book. Place the completed form in the 3-ring flower chart binder on the credenza in the narthex. Print your name in the book for the date chosen. Each arrangement is \$20 and can be added to your regular contribution. Mark the "Flower" line with the amount.



### **Gifts to Bethel**

#### **In memory of Kitty Sheppard**

Trudy MacDonald  
Landon & Edie Wetzel  
Lee & Nancy Tieman  
Ed & Jan Temme  
John & Jeannie Hughes  
Kelly & Marianne Craig  
Karen Brasted  
Rick & Kathy Miller

#### **In memory of Peggy Bernard**

Trudy MacDonald

## FL-GA DISTRICT LWML MISSION GRANTS 2020-2022



The total 2020-2022 Biennium District Mission Grant is \$126,093.55. Our 8th Grant is for **Support for Lutheran Family Services of Haiti, Jacmel Lutheran Home—\$5,000** to help provide screened residents with basic needs along with medical and daily spiritual care in their last earthly days. Did you know you can mail your Mites to Bonnie Larson for submission to the District?

### **BETHEL LWML NEWS**

As in the past, we will not have meetings in July, but will pick back up on August 4 at 10am & 6:30pm. This will be an exciting meeting for LWML Bethel—we are having elections for our new President, Vice President, Secretary and Historian, who will lead us into the next 2 years of God-blessed fellowship and love for His Word.

We will attend **Water Walk**, the FL-GA District LWML Retreat, September 24-26, in Melbourne. (That's right, we will be staying on the beach!)

In October we will celebrate LWML Sunday and then, on Saturday, November 6, Bethel LWML will host the St. Petersburg Zone Rally for five LCMS churches.

As always, please join us on the first Wednesday of each month for our meetings at 10am & 6:30pm for a time of pure joy!

Blessings to all for a happy and safe summer. See you August 4th!

Kathy Miller  
813 765 3307

### **NURSERY NEWS**

There is a nursery located in the Education wing. If you would like directions, please see an Elder.

# JULY

## Elders

### 4 Communion -

Early: \* Lee Tieman  
Mike Vanhorenbeck  
Erik Schulz (lector)

Late: \* Fred Behnke  
Paul Blake  
John Voda (lector)

### 11

Early: \* Kevin Steidley  
Dustin Anderson (lector)

Late: \* John Voda  
Phil Hubbell (lector)

### 18 Communion

Early: \* Erik Schulz  
Jamie Munro  
Dustin Anderson (lector)

Late: \* Paul Fenton  
Lee Genco  
Ralph Otte (lector)

### 25

Early: \* Lee Tieman  
Kevin Steidley (lector)

Late: \* Brian Wolf  
Paul Blake (lector)

## Altar Guild

Early: Karen Beck,  
Marianne & Kelly Craig  
Late: Michelle Anderson, Lauren Brown,  
Susie Berry

## Counters

Lee & Nancy Tieman

## Sound/Video

Early: Josh Munro, Kaitlyn Standiford

4 Don & Cindy Nelson

11 Don & Cindy Nelson

18 Ben & Michelle Anderson

25 Ben & Michelle Anderson

## Greeters

4 Early: Fred & Carol Bennett  
Late:

11 Early: Karen Beck  
Late: Jim & Bonnie Larson

18 Early: Evangelism  
Late:

25 Early: Jim & Dorothy Fulford  
Late: Beverly Ashby

## Acolytes

4 Early: Evan Anstett  
Late: Volunteer needed

11 Early: Luke Leininger  
Late: Leland Sokolowski

18 Early: Summer Mack  
Late: Bella Wiley

25 Early: Chloe Mahaz  
Late: Ethan Anstett

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July 2021						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
	Archery Camp, 2 – 4 pm, Monday - Friday					
4 8&10:30am Worship with Holy Communion <i>Independence Day</i>	5 9am Bulletin deadline	6 8am BBBs 10am Prayer Group 6:30pm GCC Info Meeting	7	8	9	10
	Golf Camp, Noon – 2 pm, Monday - Friday					
11 8&10:30am Worship 9:15am Safety Committee	12 9am Bulletin deadline 7pm Wine, Women & The Word	13 8am BBBs 10am Prayer Group	14	15	16	17
	Art Camp, Noon – 2 pm, Monday - Friday					
18 8&10:30am Worship with Holy Communion	19 9am Bulletin deadline 7:30pm Men's Bible & Brew	20 8am BBBs 10am Prayer Group	21	22 6:30pm GCC School Info Meeting	23	24 9am Gifts & Greens Planning
	Music Camp, 2 – 5 pm, Monday - Friday					
25 8&10:30am Worship 11:30am Safety Committee	26 9am Bulletin deadline	27 8am BBBs 10am Prayer Group	28	29	30	31
	Karate Camp, Noon – 2 pm, Monday - Friday					

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# August

## Elders

### 1 Communion -

Early: \* Lee Tieman  
Mike Anstett  
Erik Schulz (lector)

Late: \* Fred Behnke  
Steve Krick  
John Voda (lector)

8

Early: \* Kevin Steidley  
Mark Thibideau (lector)

Late: \* Paul Blake  
Ralph Otte (lector)

### 15 Communion

Early: \* Jamie Munro  
Dustin Anderson  
Kevin Steidley (lector)

Late: \* Paul Fenton  
John Voda  
Brian Wolf (lector)

22

Early: \* Lee Tieman  
Erik Schulz (lector)

Late: \* Fred Behnke  
Phil Hubbell (lector)

### 29 Communion

Early: \*  
Late: \*

## Altar Guild

Early: Nancy & Lee Tieman  
Late: Dena Gray & Jeannie Hughes

## Counters

Lee & Nancy Tieman

## Sound/Video

Early: Josh Munro, Kaitlyn Standiford

1 Ben & Michelle Anderson

8 Don & Cindy Nelson

15 Don & Cindy Nelson

22 Ben & Michelle Anderson

29

## Greeters

1 Early: Fred & Carol Bennett  
Late:

8 Early: Karen Beck  
Late: Jim & Bonnie Larson

15 Early: Evangelism  
Late:

22 Early: Jim & Dorothy Fulford  
Late: Beverly Ashby

29 Early:  
Late:

## Acolytes

1 Early: Kate Lahey  
Late: Natalie Davis

8 Early: Gavin Munro  
Late: Evan Anstett

15 Early: Volunteer needed  
Late: Austin Davis

22 Early: Leland Sokolowski  
Late: Elsie Eichinger

29 Early: Bella Wiley  
Late: Annie Johnson

## Ushers

Fred Bennett, Dave Ekardt,  
Jim Fulford, Tom Tiedemann

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## August 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> 8&10:30am Worship with Holy Communion	<b>2</b> 9am Bulletin deadline	<b>3</b> 8am BBBs 10am Prayer Group 7pm Elders	<b>4</b> 10am & 6:30pm LWML	<b>5</b> 7pm Finance	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> 8&10:30am Worship 9:15am Safety Committee	<b>9</b> 9am Bulletin deadline 7pm Wine, Women, & The Word	<b>10</b> 8am BBBs 10am Prayer Group 7pm Church Council	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b> 8&10:30am Worship with Holy Communion	<b>16</b> 9am Bulletin deadline 7:30pm Men's Bible & Brew	<b>17</b> 8am BBBs 10am Prayer Group	<b>18</b> 6pm Joy Bells 6:30pm Chancel Bells	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> 8&10:30am Worship 9:15am Sunday School Volunteer Breakfast 11:30am Safety Committee	<b>23</b> 9am BANNER & Bulletin deadline	<b>24</b> 8am BBBs 10am Prayer Group	<b>25</b> 6pm Joy Bells 6:30pm Chancel Bells	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> 8&10:30am Worship with Holy Communion	<b>30</b> 9am Bulletin deadline	<b>31</b> 8am BBBs 10am Prayer Group				

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## **HEP!**

Bethel Youth Council is happy to partner with the Homeless Empowerment Program (HEP) in Clearwater to provide hygiene kits to distribute to their clients. Here is a list of items that are needed in the kits. Please **DO NOT INCLUDE** money or alcohol based products (no hand sanitizer, no mouthwash, no cough medicine or medications). All donations must be in their original packaging and be unused.

Sunblock	Backpacks
Hand wipes	Walmart gift cards (even \$5)
Ponchos	Feminine hygiene products
Socks	Nail clippers
Chapstick	Tissues
First Aid Kits/Band-Aids	Flashlight
Zipper plastic bags (large enough for their important papers)	
Reusable water bottles	Lotion

Please drop off your donations in the narthex container. Thank you! This will be an ongoing effort by our youth.

## **HOST AN INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE STUDENT**

Volunteers, with or without children at home, are needed to host exchange students from Europe and Asia for this coming school year. The students speak English, are covered by medical insurance, have spending money for their personal expenses, and hope to arrive in August for enrollment in their new high school. For more information on hosting contact Yvette at SHARE!:800-941-3738, or ycoffman@sharesouthwest.org, or visit [sharesouthwest.org](http://sharesouthwest.org)  
SHARE! Is a non-profit educational program seeking homes for 90 students in need of caring families.



## **LEE & MARY NELSON CELEBRATION OF LIFE AUGUST 28, 2021**

The family of Lee & Mary Nelson invites you to join them to celebrate the lives of Lee & Mary Nelson at The Well, a United Methodist Church, 14770 Canada Avenue West, Rosemount, MN 55068

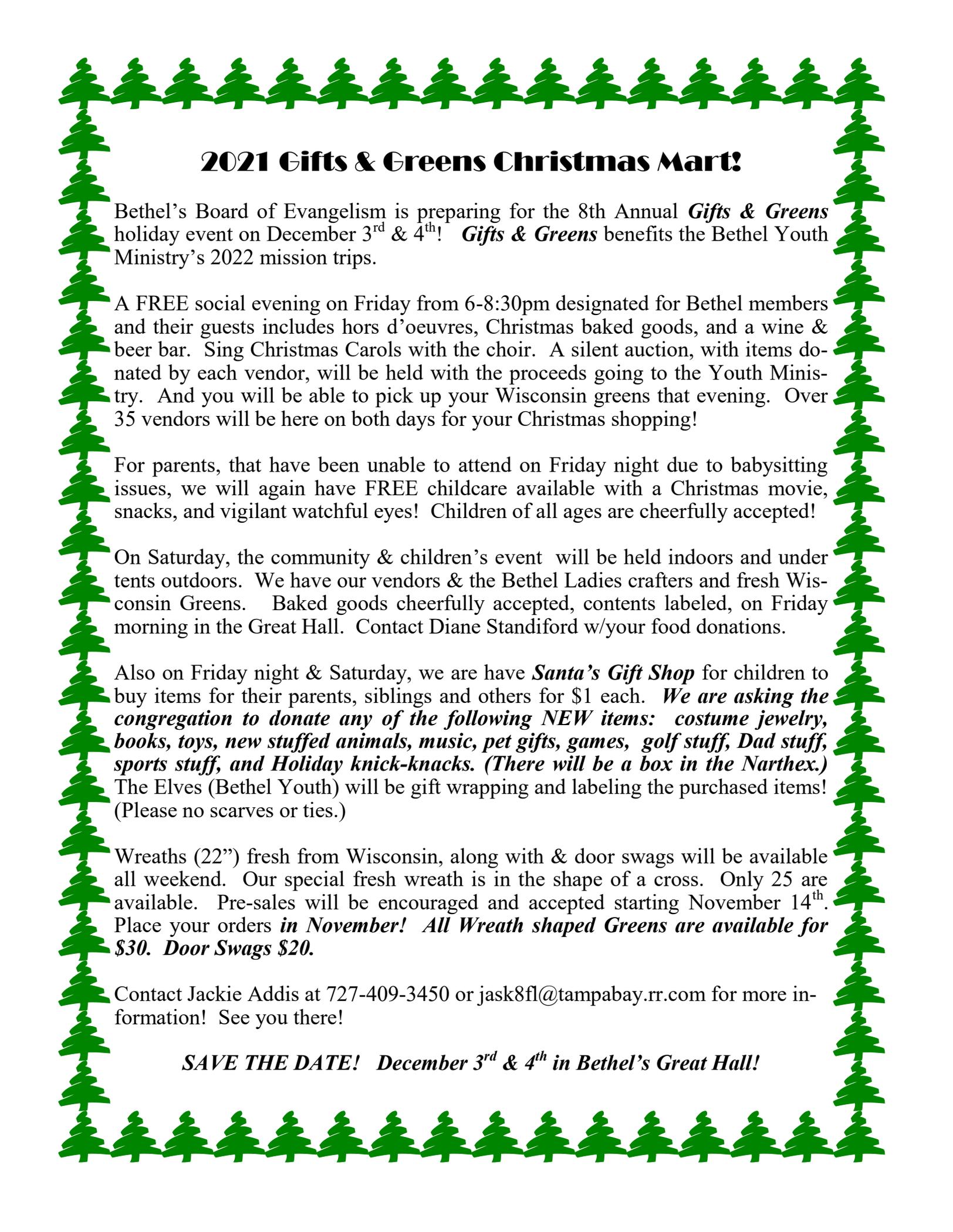
10-11am Visitation  
11am—12pm Service  
12-1pm Luncheon

The service will be recorded and live-streamed for those not able to attend. Your email RSVP is requested to: [CelebratingMaryandLee@gmail.com](mailto:CelebratingMaryandLee@gmail.com)  
Please include information on whether you will attend and stay for lunch or if you cannot attend and would like a copy of the video emailed to you.

The link to the livestream:  
[Bit.ly/CelebratingLeeMary](https://bit.ly/CelebratingLeeMary)  
**Or**  
<https://vimeo.com/560568508/db81708f15>

To see a copy of the obituaries:  
[Bit.ly/LeeNelsonObit](https://bit.ly/LeeNelsonObit)  
[Bit.ly/MaryNelsonObit](https://bit.ly/MaryNelsonObit)

If you have any questions, please contact Reed and Kelli at 952-238-8449.



## 2021 Gifts & Greens Christmas Mart!

Bethel's Board of Evangelism is preparing for the 8th Annual *Gifts & Greens* holiday event on December 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>! *Gifts & Greens* benefits the Bethel Youth Ministry's 2022 mission trips.

A FREE social evening on Friday from 6-8:30pm designated for Bethel members and their guests includes hors d'oeuvres, Christmas baked goods, and a wine & beer bar. Sing Christmas Carols with the choir. A silent auction, with items donated by each vendor, will be held with the proceeds going to the Youth Ministry. And you will be able to pick up your Wisconsin greens that evening. Over 35 vendors will be here on both days for your Christmas shopping!

For parents, that have been unable to attend on Friday night due to babysitting issues, we will again have FREE childcare available with a Christmas movie, snacks, and vigilant watchful eyes! Children of all ages are cheerfully accepted!

On Saturday, the community & children's event will be held indoors and under tents outdoors. We have our vendors & the Bethel Ladies crafters and fresh Wisconsin Greens. Baked goods cheerfully accepted, contents labeled, on Friday morning in the Great Hall. Contact Diane Standiford w/your food donations.

Also on Friday night & Saturday, we are have *Santa's Gift Shop* for children to buy items for their parents, siblings and others for \$1 each. *We are asking the congregation to donate any of the following NEW items: costume jewelry, books, toys, new stuffed animals, music, pet gifts, games, golf stuff, Dad stuff, sports stuff, and Holiday knick-knacks. (There will be a box in the Narthex.)* The Elves (Bethel Youth) will be gift wrapping and labeling the purchased items! (Please no scarves or ties.)

Wreaths (22") fresh from Wisconsin, along with & door swags will be available all weekend. Our special fresh wreath is in the shape of a cross. Only 25 are available. Pre-sales will be encouraged and accepted starting November 14<sup>th</sup>. Place your orders *in November!* *All Wreath shaped Greens are available for \$30. Door Swags \$20.*

Contact Jackie Addis at 727-409-3450 or [jask8fl@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:jask8fl@tampabay.rr.com) for more information! See you there!

**SAVE THE DATE! December 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> in Bethel's Great Hall!**