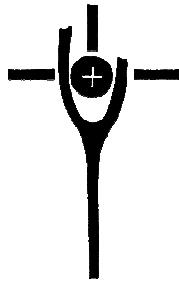


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*... making disciples for Jesus Christ in our church, neighborhood and world...*

## OCTOBER 2013

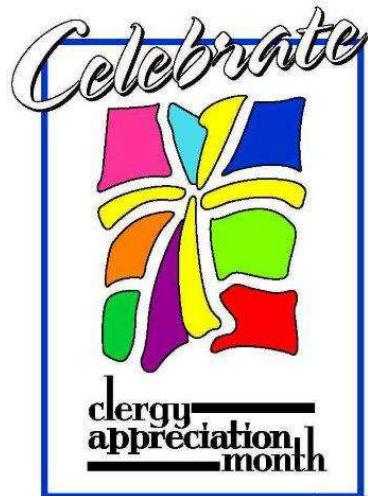
### October is Clergy Appreciation Month

October, designated as Clergy Appreciation Month, is set aside to express appreciation to pastors and their families for the time, service and prayers they give to their congregations. God has entrusted them to an important assignments.....the care of His flock.

Now is the perfect opportunity to recognize, pray for and encourage Pastor Seabaugh & Pastor Fofana who serve God at Bethel sacrificially and diligently.

Plan to thank Bethel's Pastors on **Sunday, October 20** during the fellowship time after 9:30 am worship!

*"Now we ask you, brothers and sisters, to acknowledge those who work hard among you, who care for you in the Lord and who admonish you. Hold them in the highest regard in love because of their work. Live in peace with each other." 1 Thessalonians 5:12-13*



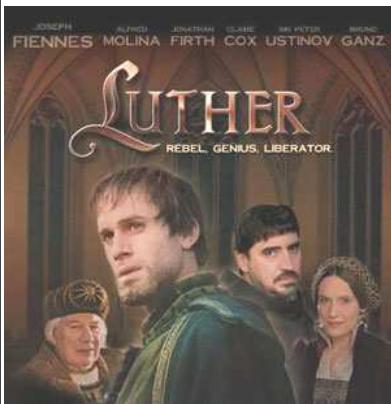
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### Celebrate the Reformation!

When the rest of the world pulls out the Halloween costumes, Lutherans get medieval and celebrate the

Reformation. Why?  
Because God rescued his church by allowing Martin Luther to rediscover the Gospel. Christ alone has saved us by grace alone through faith alone! Watch the story unfold as we celebrate the Reformation and watch the *Luther* movie together on **Friday, October 25th** at 6pm. Dinner provided! Bring a friend!



## Every Member a Ministry – Every Member a Group

From Pastor Seabaugh

The Bible is filled with ideas. Some ideas are beautiful, others are challenging, some give us comfort, others bring a deep fear. But Christianity is so much bigger than ideas. I hope our journey through the Gospel of Matthew can convince you of that. We may be tempted to think that Jesus is all about ideas, but listening to Jesus means following Jesus. To follow is to move. Jesus' ideas get us moving. His teachings change the way we think so that he can change the way we live. Consider how dangerous it would be for us to keep the teachings of Jesus as just ideas. Would that mean Jesus' death and resurrection is just an idea? What about forgiveness? What about eternal life? If redemption, forgiveness and eternal life are just ideas, then we are all living a lie. But if it's truth, then it's something others will see in and through us.

### **WaterLife**

That's why we talk about our WaterLife. Our baptism is more than just an idea. It's real. We are really given the Holy Spirit, really adopted as God's children and really forgiven of all our sins. We are changed. So we live a changed life. Living our baptism means listening to the commands of Jesus and putting them into practice in our lives. It starts with humility and repentance. It continues by living according to God's perfect creation in the midst of a broken, sinful world. This isn't a faddish self-help tool. This is wholesale change. Our homes are more simple, we put others above ourselves, we practice heartfelt generosity, we even love our enemies. Do that and we'll have stories to tell, stories that other baptized "WaterLifers" need to hear. But how do we do this? Where do we share this? Every Member a Ministry. Every Member a Group.

### **Live Your Baptism: Every Member a Ministry**

How do you serve Jesus? We all have multiple vocations between our families, jobs and social lives. Our entire lives are lived in service to Jesus. What if Jesus suddenly came up to you and asked you how you were serving him. (Matthew 25:31-46) What would you say? What would be the first words out of your mouth? If the first words are, "I go to church," or "I attend meetings," or "I go to Bible Class," then you run the risk of your life in Christ being just an idea. Certainly these things are important, but God has made us to serve him. He's given us gifts and abilities to serve him. So, what's your ministry? Ministry is defined as service. Whom do you serve? Is your ministry to your family? Great! Is it to your coworkers? Great! Is it among the homeless? Great! Is it having neighbors over to dinner? Great! Is it visiting our shut-ins? Great! Is it mentoring new Christians? Great! Here's what I'm getting at. When I, or anyone else asks you about your life in Christ, you should be able to talk about your ministry (or ministries). Talk about the people you serve. Talk about the successes and the failures. Talk about the joys and the challenges. Talk about making disciples.

### **Share Your Stories: Every Member a Group**

But we hardly see each other and Sunday morning isn't always the best setting for those kinds of discussions. That's why I am praying that God will lead every member of our church into a group. We need to spend time together as Christians. We need to share our WaterLife with each other. We need to have a safe place where we can be vulnerable enough talk about the joys, challenges, successes and failures of our ministries. We need a place where we can pray for each other, encourage each other, challenge each other and sit at the feet of Jesus together as he shows us the way. Our groups can do that... but only if you come. We all live busy lives, but we wouldn't even have these lives outside of the grace of God. Trust me, hanging out with other "WaterLifers" is a worthwhile way to spend your time.

Live your Baptism. Share your Stories. It's more than an idea... it's life.

## God's Word

## From Pastor Fofana

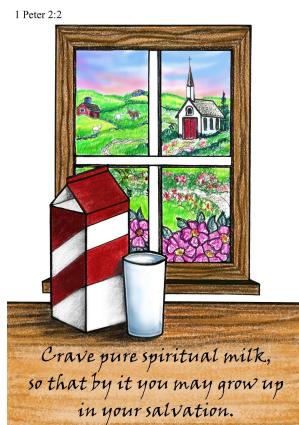
Just as our bodies need food, so our souls need spiritual food. Without it, we will become malnourished and very weak. We will be open to every temptation and we will not be able to do the work God calls us to do.

So, where do we find this spiritual food? In the Holy Bible, the Word of the Living God. The Bible reveals to us Jesus Christ the Son of the living God. He is the Bread of Life and the Water of life.

If we fail to take part in this spiritual nourishment, we will surely lose our spiritual energy of life.

In some parts of this world, people do not enjoy the freedom we have to read the Holy Bible. But praise the Almighty, we have the freedom to do it. So read it as if your life depends on it. Meditate on it, memorize it and put it in your heart for life. Then share it with others. Amen.

I leave you with this verse as words of encouragement — 2 Peter 2:2  
*"Like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation"*



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**Office hours:**  
Monday - Friday  
9 am to 3 pm

## From the Office—Lynne

Bulletin & e-news items are due to the office by Wednesday mornings.  
Banner information is due to the office by the 15th of the month.

**Funerals:** Marcy Tehle—August 3 & Mary Bandow—August 24

**Baptism:** Donovan Kowal—September 15



**Fellowship One**

Maximize Ministry, Minimize Administration Bethel's new online church management system, **Fellowship One**, is up and running! Every member has access to their profile through Bethel's website. Have you logged in to make sure your information is correct and determined what you would like other church members to see in the online directory? Just go to Bethel's website and click on the Login in the upper right to register. Once registered, check out Bethel's groups that you can join! Need help? Contact the office.

**From Bethel's Ladies Fellowship:** Due to lack of volunteers, Ladies Fellowship will discontinue providing funeral meals as of January 1, 2014. Funeral Luncheon Options will be available in the office.

## From Jordan Ray, Director of Christian Outreach

### The Cost of Being a Disciple - Luke 14

We are called by Christ to be disciples. A disciple not only knows or believes in the Rabbi's teaching, but follows it. As Christians we follow the teaching of Jesus.



Jesus' words to his disciples in the 14th chapter of Luke are striking. He tells his disciples to count the cost of following their master on the journey he is on. He then says "any of you who does not give up everything he has cannot be my disciple". What an intense calling! We are not just called to give God 10% or a tithe but rather we are called to give him EVERYTHING! The concept that we give God a portion of our finances, resources or selves and keep the rest is dead. Jesus killed it.

It's all God's and we live like it. How do we live like it's all God's? It's a journey. It starts when we realize that God's blessed us with much so that we can do much in His Kingdom. Seek the Kingdom first!

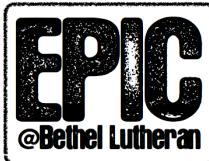
**Finances** - Our money belongs to God. We help those in need. We care for those who cannot care for themselves. We don't leave it to the government, we take care of one another because God has given us enough to do so.

**Resources** - Our house, apartment and car aren't ours, they are tools for Kingdom use. Does a neighbor need love? Does someone need a ride to church? Does someone need a place to live?

**Self** - We use our time and talents not towards building "the machine" or chasing the American dream, but rather towards building the Kingdom.

This is a journey. It doesn't happen overnight. God is using us in His work of transforming people's lives through Jesus Christ. We are called to love our neighbor in action and truth. We give up everything in this world because God has secured our lives in the next one!

## EPIC — The Future Church Now!



EPIC—The Future Church Now! Jr and Sr High youth are welcome to come on **Wednesdays** from 6:30-9 pm for games, Bible Study and fellowship.

### EPIC Youth Lock-In - Friday October 25th

All 7th-12th Grade youth are welcome to join us at our NEW Fall Lock-In!

We'll play games, worship, eat and hangout all night long! The Lock-In starts at 8pm and goes all night to 8am. Bring a friend! Bring two friends! Bring all your friends! The cost is \$10 a person which helps to cover pizza, soda, crafts, etc! Any Questions? Talk with Jordan Ray.

## A Stewardship Moment

Our God is a mighty God! He could accomplish astonishing feats just by snapping his fingers or blinking His eyes. God's many astonishing feats are well documented throughout the Bible. Our God also accomplishes His many works through his stewards. A "steward" is defined by Webster's Dictionary as "one employed in a large household or estate to manage domestic concerns including supervision of servants, collection of rents, and keeping of accounts." The office of steward is not only one of great responsibility but it is also an office that requires great accountability. Stewards have no inherent authority of their own. The master entrusts his authority to them. When we acknowledge God as our Master and that we are created for a vertical relationship with God, we come to see ourselves as God sees us: as stewards.

We remember the parable of the ten talents in Matthew 25:13-30 where the servant



### The Parable of the Talents

wisely used the money his master had generously given him and the steward was generously rewarded. The parable of the ten talents emphasizes that we are all stewards, no matter how little or how much God has entrusted to us. As stewards, how we spend, save and share our money matters to God. God generously gives us gifts and expects us to use these gifts to help others. We at Bethel use our gifts to help make disciples for Jesus Christ in our church, neighborhood and world.

Traditionally our congregation schedules the Fall Stewardship Drive during harvest time. This tradition probably started when society was more agricultural and it seemed appropriate to give thanks to God at the harvest time. In keeping with tradition, you will receive a mailing in mid October with your pledge cards that are to be returned on Commitment Sunday, October 27<sup>th</sup>. Our goal this year is to acknowledge we are God's stewards, appreciate what God has given us and to use God's gifts to help others -- God's mission is being performed through us. We do this by reinforcing the biblical tradition of returning to God the first fruits of our produce. "Honor the Lord with your substance and with the first fruits of all your produce" (Proverbs 3:9).

All that we have and all that we are are gifts from God. Stewardship is not a program. It is a way of life!

In the service of our Lord,  
*Financial Stewardship Team*

## October GodSpeak Readings & Groups

### Sept 30-Oct 5 Disciple (n./v.)

- |           |                  |
|-----------|------------------|
| Monday    | Matthew 20:1-19  |
| Tuesday   | Matthew 20:20-34 |
| Wednesday | Romans 12        |
| Thursday  | Matthew 22:1-14  |
| Friday    | Matthew 18:1-6   |
| Saturday  | Luke 18:9-17     |

### October 7-12 Disciple (n./v.)

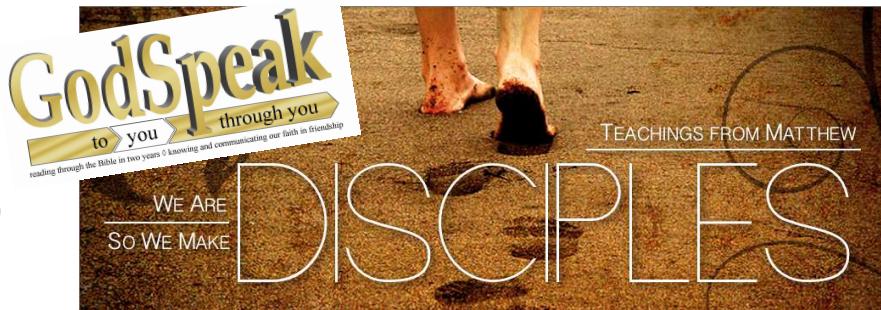
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| Monday    | Matthew 21:1-11  |
| Tuesday   | Matthew 21:12-22 |
| Wednesday | Zechariah 9      |
| Thursday  | Psalm 8          |
| Friday    | Matthew 12:33-37 |
| Saturday  | Luke 13:6-9      |

### October 14-19 Disciple (n./v.)

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|-----------|------------------|
| Monday    | Matthew 21:28-32 |
| Tuesday   | Matthew 21:33-46 |
| Wednesday | Luke 3:1-17      |
| Thursday  | Luke 7:18-35     |
| Friday    | 1 Peter 2        |
| Saturday  | Isaiah 5:1-7     |

### October 21-26 Disciple (n./v.)

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|-----------|--------------------|
| Monday    | Matthew 22:1-14    |
| Tuesday   | Matthew 22:15-22   |
| Wednesday | Revelation 19:1-10 |
| Thursday  | Acts 13:42-52      |
| Friday    | Romans 13:1-7      |
| Saturday  | Matthew 19:16-22   |



### Monday Evening 6:30 pm

at Bethel in the Youth Room (comfy chairs!)  
Leader: Steve Moeller (651-487-0316)

### Tuesday Morning 7:30 am every 2nd & 4th Tuesday

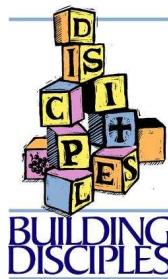
at Suzie Norris' (1276 Dayton Ave)  
Leaders: Bob Holst (651-645-7454)/Suzie Norris (651-645-3811)

### Tuesday Morning 10 am

at Bethel in the Fellowship Hall  
Leader: Pastor David Seabaugh (651-488-6681)

### Wednesday Evening (African) 6:00 pm

at ?? (rotates homes each week)  
Leader: Lusienie Fofana (651-216-9242)



### Wednesday Evening EPIC 6:30 pm

at Bethel in the Youth Room  
Leader: Jordan Ray (651-271-5636)

### Wednesday Evening 7 pm

at Bethel in the conference room  
Leader: Steve Moeller (651-487-0316)

### Wednesday Evening 7 pm

at 1105 Montana Ave W  
Leaders: Dave & Lynne Rustad (651-489-6834)

### Saturday Morning 8 am

at Bethel with breakfast at 8 am  
GodSpeak group at 8:30 am (child care provided)  
Leader: Pastor & Ruth Seabaugh (651-487-0487)

*Jesus replied: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments."*

*Matthew 22:37-40*

## "55" Club Fellowship—Thursday, October 10



Join Bethel's "55" Club on Thursday, October 10 for a meat loaf Dinner catered by Magnolias Restaurant. Cost of dinner is \$9 is payable to Betty Paulus by Sunday, October 6. Guests are welcome to enjoy dinner and entertainment by the Golden Melody Makers. Root Beers floats for all.

## Sunday School Como Zoo Field Trip — Sunday, October 20

We're doing something NEW this year with Sunday School! We're going to have a Sunday School field trip to Como Zoo. We'll have teachers lead families through a Genesis Challenge Scavenger Hunt. It's going to be a lot of fun for the whole family! This will take place during the normal Sunday School time and go until we're done. Any questions? Talk with Jordan Ray.



## Operation Christmas Child

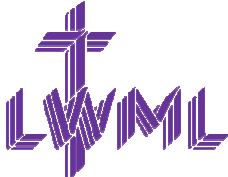


Prayerfully consider filling a shoebox this year with gifts that bring joy to boys and girls in developing countries that face difficult circumstances such as poverty, disease, famine, and war. Since 1993 girls and boys in more than 150 countries have experienced the joy of Christmas and heard the Good News of Jesus Christ with over 100 million shoebox gifts. Many of these children are now ambassadors for Christ in their communities. We praise God for how He uses these simple gifts to spread the Gospel.

Look for information brochures and shoe boxes (if needed) in the narthex towards the end of October. The brochures give ideas to help you select small toys, hygiene items, school supplies, etc. Make it a family event. If you have children, take them shopping and ask them to help pick out items.

Shoeboxes need to be delivered to church by **Sunday, November 17<sup>th</sup>**. Talk to Carolyn Weber if you have any questions.

## LWML Capitol Conference Fall Rally



The NE Suburban and St Paul Metro Zones LWML Fall Rally will be on Saturday, **October 12** from 8:30 am to 12 pm at Mount Olive Lutheran (700 Western St, Anoka). There is a \$5 donation.

The theme is "I was blind, but now I see — Amazing Grace" with speaker, Carol Zemke, from Lutheran Braille Workers. Bring 'Gifts from the Heart'— boxes of breakfast bars for the Outreach Center Gathering. Make your reservations by October 6 with Marilyn Akerman at 763-755-1022.



## Central Lutheran School News



CLS' biggest fund-raiser of the year is the Marathon for Non-public Education across the state of Minnesota held the first Saturday of October. Proceeds from this year's event for CLS will go toward supporting our Parent-Teacher organization, starting the renovation of our bathrooms, and applying the balance toward our ever-rapidly growing need for financial aid.



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SCHOOL

As our school and community change, so does the socio-economic environment of our school, and we have the need to provide much more financial aid than in the past if we are going to be able to take advantage of the mission field that God has delivered to our doors.

Seek out a CLS student and make a pledge to support this important ministry. We are changing lives here every day through the love of Jesus and the power of the Spirit!

**Library Help** - There is still a lot of work to be done to finish implementing the new library system. Bar codes need to be put on, books sorted and shelved and much more.

**Kitchen Help** - There is an ongoing need for help in the kitchen from 10am-1pm. Serving food, doing dishes and light cleaning are the main responsibilities. No cooking is needed.

**Cleaning Out?** - As you go through your child's outgrown clothes, please keep in mind that the music department can always use the following gently used items: belts, boys white dress shirts, boys black dress pants and girls black skirts (knee length or longer).

Contact the school office at 651-645-8649 or Lynn Thompson at [goodluna07@gmail.com](mailto:goodluna07@gmail.com). Thanks for helping to make this year at CLS great!

## Concordia Academy Orchestra Program

The growing string orchestra program at Concordia Academy is seeking instruments: violin, viola, cello, and bass. If you or your friends/family have any instruments sitting in the closet that you would like to either lend or donate (tax deductible) to the school, please contact orchestra teacher Julie Aiken ([julie.aiken@concordiaacademy.com](mailto:julie.aiken@concordiaacademy.com) or 612 702 5002). Students (particularly international students who are unable to transport their instruments) will be enriched by your generosity!



## Fall Bazaar — Saturday, October 12



Como Park/Falcon Heights Living at Home Block Nurse Program is hosting a fall bazaar at Como Park Lutheran Church (1376 Hoyt Ave W) from noon to 6 pm on October 12. Come for the crafts & coffee — stay for the meatloaf & auction!

## Ministry Leaders Meeting—August 29, 2013

Present: Pastor Seabaugh, Jordan Ray, Kent Kaiser, Lisa Atchison, Mark Meier, Bonnie Renner, Dave Rustad

Pastor Seabaugh led devotions and led a discussion on our congregation's mission: "As we go, we make disciples, we baptize them and we teach them Jesus' commands."

Discussion ensued concerning the importance of baptism as well as helping those being baptized—and their parents—understand what that really means (e.g., a daily, living experience versus a one-time event). The group also discussed the importance of ministry OUTSIDE the walls of the church.

The team discussed four ministry opportunities available to the congregation:

**•Recovery:** Bill Dey and Joe Estrada will be facilitating a recovery program incorporating Christian principles Saturday afternoons at 1 p.m. Participants will be invited to participate in a GodSpeak group following the sessions. Members are encouraged to PRAY for this ministry.

**•Financial Coaching:** Dave Rustad informed leaders that Thrivent Financial is hosting a training workshop for those interested in Financial Coaching. This would be one-on-one conversations with those interested in dealing with

struggles related to budgeting, savings and debt. Dave said that this ministry was a natural "follow-up" to the financial literacy presentations done several years earlier.

**Service:** Jordan Ray said that Bethel would be serving meals at Union Gospel Mission once per month (just several volunteers are needed). Jordan is working with interested Bethel members, and he hopes that Bethel's commitment and presence at the Mission can be expanded over time.

**Cat Lake:** Dave Rustad and Jordan Ray described their experiences with LAMP ministries this summer. They are excited to return to Cat Lake, Ontario, village to minister to the people of Cat Lake. The greatest need in the community is for a pastoral presence within the village, year-round. Pastor Seabaugh expressed interest in participating in future years. Members are encouraged to PRAY for the people of Cat Lake that God would raise up a resident pastor (like God called Pastor Fofana to the Liberian community), and for wisdom for Bethel's people in their relationship with the village.

Ministry Team Leaders also discussed the role and structure of their "combined" ministries (multiple leaders addressing multiple efforts versus one leader spear-heading one effort). Also

addressed:

"Every Member a Group/Every Member a Ministry." Moving forward, our goal is to involve every member of Bethel in a group with fellow believers outside of worship, and to encourage every member to use his or her gifts (whatever they be) in a ministry to others.

"Fellowship One." This is a new church management software program. When fully utilized, it should enhance Bethel's ministry.

"Air Conditioning." Bethel's Leadership Team needs to address and come to a resolution about its air-conditioning needs. This is a decision that not only affects Bethel members, but our Liberian worshiping community as well as Our Redeemer Church. The issue will be more fully addressed at the Leadership Team meeting in September.

"American Flag." A discussion was held about the presence of the American Flag within the chancel. Some leaders are viewing it as an unhealthy "endorsement of U.S. government actions" that have no place in God's house; others view it with a more traditional, patriotic view. The Leadership Team will more fully discuss this issue at its meeting in September.

The meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

-- Respectfully submitted, Dave Rustad

## Serving at Bethel in October

### Coffee Hour Servers

October 6

Connie Halverson

Michelle Sistad

October 13

Becky Sorenson

Sharon Bartels

October 20

Cake for Clergy  
Appreciation!

October 27

Cindy Pohl

Traci Matthes

### Pew Servicing

Betty Paulus

### Sunday Driver

October 6—Jim Nash

October 13—Tim Schmalz

October 20—Dave Rustad

October 27—Ken Halverson



## Friends in Deed

### Banner Assembling

**Wednesday, October 24**

**9:15 am**

Mary Hubert

Lynette Knippenberg

Evie Stener

Carolyn Westphal

Driver: Tim Schmalz

### Money Counting

#### Team # 2

Karen Bade

Mavis Henke

Mary Hubert



Do not neglect  
to do good and to  
share what you have,  
for such sacrifices  
are pleasing to God.  
HEBREWS 13:16, NRSV

### Sunday Acolyte

October 6—Autumn Atchison

October 13—Alex Head

October 20—Joshua Lopez

October 27—Grace Matthes

### Meals on Wheels

October 4—Bob Holst

October 11—Dave Stueber

October 18—Betty Paulus & Karita Wienke

October 25—Karen Bade & Suzie Norris

## Volunteer at Union Gospel Mission!

Bethel Members are volunteering the 1st Saturday of each month at the Union Gospel Mission from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm.

Other Volunteer opportunities:

Painting (in October—the 2nd or 4th Sunday)

Bible Study Leader at the Men's Campus-Saint Paul on Wednesday evenings or Friday mornings.

Talk to Jordan Ray to volunteer!



## October Birthdays

Holst, Robert	Oct 01
Morris, Eugenia	Oct 03
Gbolo, Domayoum	Oct 05
Harris, Tiana	Oct 11
Meggitt, Ann Marie	Oct 11
Moeller, Steve	Oct 13
Thies, Taylor	Oct 13
Meier, Sarah	Oct 16
Bandow, Earle	Oct 18
Hayhurst, Emma	Oct 18
Pohl, Tasha	Oct 20
Sorenson, Steve	Oct 20
Kaehler, Pearl	Oct 21
Martens, Mary	Oct 21

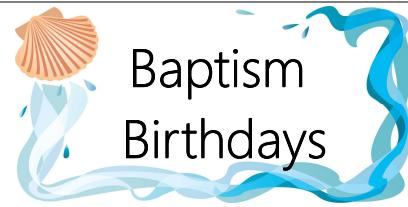


Woto, Kevin	Oct 21
Najero, Drake	Oct 22
Atchison, Lisa	Oct 23
Meier, Amelia	Oct 24
Moore, Caroline	Oct 31



## October Anniversaries

Ray & Karen Bade	51 years on October 6
Steve & Melissa Sorenson	14 years on October 09
Gary & Terri Glaeser	17 years on October 18
Lusienie & Isabella Fofana	21 years on October 26
Rich & Vicki Krivanek	24 years on October 30



Head, Alexander	Oct 1
Pate Jr, David	Oct 1
Kane, Robert	Oct 4
Meggitt, Maria	Oct 8
Meggitt, Maverick	Oct 8
Aker, Don	Oct 10
Ellmann, Bernice	Oct 11
Stefan, Gus	Oct 14
Atchison, Domanic	Oct 15
Countz, Kristina	Oct 15
Lange, Marlies	Oct 17
Norris, Suzie	Oct 17
Hagen, Karin	Oct /17
Moeller, Jessica	Oct 17
Hoveland, Robert	Oct 18
Nitz, Dick	Oct 19
Pearson, Nicholas	Oct 22
Head, Kirsten	Oct 23
Seabaugh, Daniel	Oct 23
Bartels, Sharon	Oct 24
Holst, Robert	Oct 25
Glende, Donald	Oct 26
Fofana, Isabella	Oct 26
Nienhaus, Grenneth	Oct 27

*Whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be your slave—just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.” Matthew 20:26-28*

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Sunday Morning Worship 9:30 am

Sunday Morning Bible Hour 11:00 am

Sunday Morning African Worship 11:00 am

GodSpeak Midweek Bible Groups (See page 6)

Tuesday Morning Prayer 9:30 am