

# Bethany Beacon

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## Missions *By Pastor Eric*

This past summer, Bethany supported two different mission trips. Our first one consisted of our youth group. We made a 14 hour drive to Pennsylvania and stayed in the small coal mining town of Mahanoy City. (Pronounced Manoy) We spent a week painting, sanding and repairing residences and nursing homes. We played with the kids of the neighborhood and helped feed those less fortunate with a community wide barbecue.

Recently, four adults flew down to New Orleans to help Samaritan's Purse rebuild a neighborhood after it was destroyed by Katrina. It's amazing to know how much work still needs to be done 5 years after that hurricane.

Going on a mission trip is exciting. We meet new people, learn new skills, and face new challenges. A mission trip can be exhausting, liberating, and

fulfilling. It's amazing how close to God we can feel by serving Him in serving others.

These two mission trips are a great reminder of what we, as a church, are called to do; bring the Good News of Jesus Christ to the world. I'd like to think of Bethany as a mission headquarters. We are on a mission. In fact, we've been commissioned by Christ himself when he said:

*Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. – Matthew 28:19-20a*

How can we be more like a mission here in Loves Park? What is the mission Jesus Christ is sending Bethany Church? Not to communities 14 hour drives or 6 hour flights away, but right here in our

home town? How do we make disciples, how can we find people to baptize, how do we teach people about a God who desires more than anything to have a relationship with them?

These are all great questions that we are seeking answers to. As you read this article, please end by taking a few moments to pray for Bethany and the community we are in. Please pray for your elders, trustees and deacons and for me your pastor as we seek to carry out God's will in Bethany and the Rockford region.

This past summer saw a lot of mission work done by those of us at Bethany; both distant and locally. I look forward to the mission work God has yet to send us on.

Blessings,  
Pastor Eric

## Extraordinary Women's Conference

The Women's Association is planning to attend the Extraordinary Women's conference on November 5-6<sup>th</sup> at the MetroCentre. This year's theme is Embracing Powerful Peace.

The cost is \$59 per person, which includes a box lunch on Saturday. Scholarships are available so don't let cost prohibit you from attending!

See Jen Keller to register with payment no later than **September 26<sup>th</sup>**. Make checks payable directly to Jen.

## All Church Picnic!

Join us for fellowship and food at:  
Bethany All Church Picnic  
Sunday, September 19, 12:00 PM  
Schoonmaker Park  
10500 Ventura Blvd, Machesney Park

Broasted Chicken, lemonade, and paper products provided.

Please bring a dish to pass.  
RSVP sign up sheet at church or call  
815-877-8001

## Meet the Krug Family!

Tim and Deborah Krug, along with their children Rachel (8), Brynn (6), Daniel (4) and Sawyer (2) have been living in Machesney Park for 3 years. Tim started in the music ministry full time out of grad school when he left WIU in Macomb and moved to Santa Fe, New Mexico, working at St. John's UMC as the Director of Music. He developed children's, youth and adult vocal choirs, as well as introduced contemporary Christian music. Tim and Deb got married in July 1996 in Macomb, IL. Deb finished her teaching degree at the University of New Mexico and they enjoyed the arts and outdoors! In 2002, they discovered that Deb was pregnant, and they were blessed with an opportunity to move back to Illinois and get closer to family. The rest, they say, is history. The Krugs are very happy to be part of the Bethany family and are looking forward to some wonderful years ahead!



## T is for Tasmanian Devil

In about the space of one hour, a Tasmanian Devil can eat a third of its weight in food. This is equal to a person stuffing themselves with fifty steaks at one meal!

God's Word says:  
Proverbs 23:19-21

Listen to me, my children! Be wise and have enough sense to follow the right path. Don't be a heavy drinker or stuff yourself with food. It will make you feel drowsy, and you will end up poor with only rages to wear.

You will end up with a headache and a stomach ache! Our money is needed for other things, so it is not good to waste it foolishly.



## Presbyterian Heritage

Discrimination against the Japanese was widespread in the early 1900's. Because of this, Rev. Mark Matthews of the Seattle First Presbyterian Church, Seattle Washington, funded an Oriental Mission outreach. In 1905 he began an outreach to the Japanese.

In 1906, Rev. Orio Inouye came to the United States to raise funds for his Tokyo church which had burned during the riots following the 1905 Russo-Japan War. He stayed to evangelize the Japanese immigrants. On June 2, 1907, the Japanese branch of the Seattle First Presbyterian Church was dedicated.

In 1914 the mission moved to Fifth Avenue and was renamed: "Tokyo Dendo Kai" (Oriental Evangelistic Society). It ran a Japanese dormitory (a Christian home for Japanese) and offered English classes four nights a week and Bible Study on two nights. The students were encouraged to attend all six classes. Rev. Inouye would meet the steamships from the Far East and offer housing to the Japanese men coming off the ships. The Issei (first generation) began marrying and started families. The Nisei (second generation) were growing up bilingual and bicultural. World War I was ensuing. There was widespread unemployment and a Spanish flu epidemic prompted a ban on public assemblies for a month.

In the 1920's, Seattle's Nihon Machi (Japan Town) had 7,800 residents. As the Exclusion Act in 1924 excluded immigrants from Japan and other Asian nations, and denied citizenship privileges, the mission work shifted away from single men to families. The church is thriving today!

## MoMints – Moderator Minutes (from August 2010) *By Pastor Eric Keller*

In August we held a joint board meeting of our Elders, Deacons, and Trustees. The meeting included a potluck, my State of the Church Address and small and large group discussion.

In my state of the church address I shared the good things that have happened at Bethany in the last few years. They include:

- Kid's mural
- New members
- New staff
- Quality of worship
- Nicer looking grounds
- Youth puppet ministry grant
- Deacons working with Love, Inc.
- Church membership rolls

- cleaned up
- New directory
- Trustees getting lots of work done

After celebrating the good things God has done at Bethany, we took a look at some of our challenges and spent the rest of the evening discussing how we can respond to our biggest challenge; an overworked leadership.

After looking at the number people available to serve and comparing that with the number of positions we have to fill, we concluded as a group that we have more positions to fill than we have people to fill them. After concurring on this, we broke into two groups, the Deacons, and a joint meeting of Elders and Trustees. Each

of the two groups was given the same task: Discuss how we can carry out our respective ministries with half as many people. The two groups met for about 45 minutes,

The night ended with a group discussion. I reminded our leaders that our goal was not to down size the church but to "right size" the church so that people can be freed up to worship and carry out ministry. And that our ultimate purpose as a church is to bring glory to God and introduce people to Jesus Christ.

If you would like to know more about the night or hear more of the State of the Church Address, please go to our website: [www.bethpc.org](http://www.bethpc.org). I've put a copy of my Address outline on the site.

## Trustees Report

### *In Attendance*

- Wallace Zipperer
- Andy Franklin
- Tom Czubachowski
- Cheryl Olson
- Bruce Wyatt
- Sandy Hewitt
- Janet Potter (short time)
- Eric Keller (short time)

### *Notes*

Cheryl opened in prayer. Wallace talked with Gilley's and found that the large price difference is due to OEM vs. aftermarket parts. Session is discussing getting a loan to repair the roof and the air conditioner. There is a fund of \$3500 ear-marked as a van fund that may be used temporarily. Cheryl made a motion to go with Nelson Carlson and Tom seconded it. The downstairs AC condensate pump has been leaking again. Eric has instructed the Trustees to go ahead and make the repairs. Bruce will be calling to have Nelson Carlson fix the whole system and will have them check the drain for leaks. Wallace closed in prayer.

### *Planned & In Progress*

- quote and repair AC unit for sanctuary; Gilley's \$6185 (OEM

- compressor), Nelson Carlson \$3690 (aftermarket compressor)
- replace neighbor's fence corner post
- Fix baseboard between the car port and the elevator (Bruce)
- paint boards around window air-conditioners
- repair wood frame on outside sign (Andy)
- install second door chime (Andy)
- kill grass in parking lot (Mat)
- cement walking path between two lots (Bruce)
- cover or move Stronghold drawing in storage classroom (waiting for Session decision)
- baby changing station in narthex bathroom & possibly the cry room - \$185 per station (Sandy)
- repair sanctuary window sills (talk with Denny Schleicher about his previous plans)
- repair narthex ceiling tiles (after roof)
- check office HVAC air filter
- check lights in office – Julie reported that they are flickering and humming – probably needs a ballast replaced
- Wasp nest outside the classrooms on the parking lot side (Bruce)
- Cintas to check/recharge fire

extinguishers (Bruce)

### *Completed*

- Mat cleaned & polished the pews
- youth to paint office walls (July)
- replace or repair kitchen doors – installing metal kick plate (June)
- clean stairwell carpeting (June)
- stairway entry way bulb to be replaced with compact florescent or heavy duty bulb
- replace one classroom fluorescent ballasts
- fix gutter downspout south near gas meter
- Work with Donovan Wood to coordinate a spring clean-up day Saturday, June, 12th (June)
- move stone benches in memorial garden with Don Wood (June)

## Deacons Report

The deacons did not meet for the month of August. The next meeting will be Monday, September 20<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.

***For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven:  
Ecclesiastes 3:1***

The Summer season is closing, only to open into the beautiful season of Fall. I, too, have passed through a season – a season in which God brought much love to me when He put Kirk's and my heart together, as one. That season "'til death us do part" has come and gone, but through the sorrow and pain, God blessed me with the strength, love, caring, and kindness of my family, friends, and you, my Bethany family. My heart is overflowing with love for each and every one of you. You, with the guidance and strength from God, have and are helping me enter another season of my life. There are no words of "thank you" which are large enough to be sent from my heart to yours. But, I thank you from the very depth of my heart. God's love is so amazing!

Love,  
Diane Johnson

Dear Bethany,

Thank you God and thank you Bethany, for letting me be a part of your congregation for this season. University of Dubuque Theological Seminary...or as I like to call it "pastor school," requires each student to have internships so we can learn (and grow) from experienced pastors and congregations. And I have learned so much! I've loved getting to know you (sadly, some I haven't met) and being in worship with you. Thank you Pastor Eric and my oversight committee (Lori Mitchell, Diane Johnson, Chris Franklin, and Ed Zahorik) for your support and encouragement. As I go off to my last year in seminary, and you continue to worship and serve here at Bethany, know that God holds our present and our future. May each of you trust in God's promises...."For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." Jer. 29:11. God bless you!

## Budget and Stewardship Update

Members of committee:

Eric Keller  
Debra Smith  
Ruth Barclay  
Kathy Panozzo

The Budget and Stewardship committee has met twice this summer and we are busy working on the following key things.

1. Mission Statement. We have to define our mission before we can set a path.
2. Additional ways to give your Tithes and Offerings... Watch for emails regarding new ideas...
3. Pledge drives.....
4. Bethany Blvd... Providing more information to the Congregation....
5. Send statements quarterly?
6. Giving quarterly updates "live" to the Congregation
7. Have a personal finance seminar at Bethany...

We are very excited about these and other ideas that we have been brainstorming in our recent meetings. Watch for emails and/or Beacon updates regarding the items above and MORE!!

Sincerely,  
Kathy Panozzo  
On behalf of the Budget and Stewardship Committee

## Rockford Rescue Mission's Women of Hope Gathering

September 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7pm  
Giovanni's in Rockford  
Dr. Bev Puzia, Speaker  
Tickets are \$15

Join us for an evening of wonderful desserts, fellowship and inspiration to benefit homeless and hurting women served at the Mission. An offering will be taken. Register by September 13 at [www.rockfordrescuemission.org](http://www.rockfordrescuemission.org) or by calling 815-316-4165

**Do you have high cholesterol or high blood pressure? Have members of your family suffered from these ailments? Do you have a poor diet?** If you answer "yes" to any of these questions, you may want to consider being screened for your risk of stroke through the services of **Life Line Screening.**

Life Line Screening uses ultrasound technology to view the plaque build-up in your carotid arteries, the main arteries that carry blood to the brain. Blockages in these arteries are a leading cause of stroke. The screening will be held on **Thursday, September 16, 2010 at Grace Lutheran Church.** Register for the Stroke, Vascular Disease and Heart Rhythm Package for \$139. All four ultrasound screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete. Your Health is in Your Hands, so call 1-888-653-6441 to pre-register.

## September Calendar

| Sun   | Mon   | Tue   | Wed  | Thu  | Fri  | Sat                               |
|---|---|---|--|--|--|-----------------------------------|
|   |   |   | <b>1</b><br>6:30pm: Praise Team practice<br>7:30pm: Choir practice   | <b>2</b><br>6:30pm: Boy Scout Troop 396<br>7pm: Al-Anon                        | <b>3</b><br>7pm: Coffee Hour for Christ the Cornerstone Mission with the Rostads | <b>4</b>                          |
| <b>5</b><br>9:00am: Sunday School<br>10:15am: Worship Celebration                         | <b>6</b><br>Labor Day<br><br>Office Closed  | <b>7</b><br>6:30pm: Trustee Meeting<br>7pm: AA Meeting<br>7pm: Al-Anon<br>7pm: Al-Ateen | <b>8</b><br>5pm: Budget & Stewardship<br>6:30pm: Worship Committee<br>6:30pm: Praise Team practice<br>7:30pm: Choir practice | <b>9</b><br>6:30pm: Boy Scout Troop 396<br>7pm: Al-Anon                        | <b>10</b>  | <b>11</b>                         |
| <b>12</b><br>9:00am: Sunday School<br>10:15am: Worship Celebration                        | <b>13</b><br>5pm: Daisy Troop 3127<br>6:30pm: Boy Scout Troop 396<br>7pm: Session             | <b>14</b><br>7pm: AA Meeting<br>7pm: Al-Anon<br>7pm: Al-Ateen                           | <b>15</b><br>6:30pm: Praise Team practice<br>7:30pm: Choir practice  | <b>16</b><br>9am: BYKOTA Circle<br>6:30pm: Boy Scout Troop 396<br>7pm: Al-Anon | <b>17</b>  | <b>18</b><br>Beacon Articles Due! |
| <b>19</b><br>9:00am: Sunday School<br>10:15am: Worship Celebration<br>12pm: Church Picnic | <b>20</b><br>2:45pm: Daisy Troop 3603<br>6:30pm: Boy Scout Troop 396<br>7pm: Deacon's Meeting | <b>21</b><br>7pm: AA Meeting<br>7pm: Al-Anon<br>7pm: Al-Ateen                           | <b>22</b><br>6:30pm: Praise Team practice<br>7:30pm: Choir practice  | <b>23</b><br>6:30pm: Boy Scout Troop 396<br>7pm: Al-Anon                       | <b>24</b>  | <b>25</b>                         |
| <b>26</b><br>9:00am: Sunday School<br>10:15am: Worship Celebration                        | <b>27</b><br>5:30pm: Daisy Troop 3127<br>6:30pm: Boy Scout Troop 396<br>7pm: Christian Ed     | <b>28</b><br>6pm: Parents Prayer<br>7pm: AA Meeting<br>7pm: Al-Anon<br>7pm: Al-Ateen    | <b>29</b><br>6:30pm: Praise Team practice<br>7:30pm: Choir practice  | <b>30</b><br>6:30pm: Boy Scout Troop 396<br>7pm: Al-Anon                       |  |                                   |

### Nursery Thank You August

- 8/1 – Polly Smith & Carolyn Rink
- 8/8 – Mike & Jodi Mohr
- 8/15 – Ruth Chandler & Cheryl Eickman
- 8/22 – Dan & Stephanie Bock
- 8/29 – Ruth Ann Zipperer & Becky Moore

### September

- 9/5 – David & Jennifer Bock
- 9/12 – Terri Bailey & Youth
- 9/19 – Homer & Karen Troy
- 9/26 – Lori Mitchell & Marilyn Beebe

Jim Keener graduated from Baylor University on 8/14/10, with a Phd. in Bible.

BYKOTA circle will meet at Gill's Diner at 9am on September 16<sup>th</sup> and at the church at 10am.

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