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Four or Five Things to Look Forward To

Some people think February is about the bleakest month of the year. Maybe it's a good thing we have the Superbowl, Valentine's Day and Presidents' Day to interrupt the drabness! In any event, here are four or five things we at Bethel can look forward to:

First, our **Minneapolis Area Synod Assembly** will be held February 17 & 18 at Shepherd of the Lake Lutheran Church in Prior Lake. Dave and Libby Krogh will serve as our official lay delegates, and I will be there as a voting retired pastor and also as an advocate for the *Book of Faith Initiative* in our area.

The big item on the agenda will be the selection of a new bishop. At this time, eighteen pastors have been nominated and have agreed to be candidates. If you want to know who they are, just ask Dave or Libby, or check our synod website at www.mpls-synod.org. You are invited, of course, to keep us all in your prayers, for this is a big-time decision for all our congregations.

Second, look forward to a **special joint worship service** with *Casa de Oracion* Latino congregation on Sunday, February 12. This church has been holding services here at Bethel on Friday evenings and Sunday afternoons since September. Their members have helped keep our building and grounds clean and neat, and the rent they pay has been a boon to our parish treasury.

On the 12th their musicians will provide the music for our singing. You will find this exciting, because—as a Pentecostal fellowship—their music is often more spirited (i.e. louder) than ours. Their pastor, Oscar Flores, and I will share some of the preaching and praying duties. Afterward, we invite everyone to join us for a potluck dinner in Nazareth Hall. Judge for yourself whether lefse and tortillas have anything in common.

Third, I am scheduling an opportunity **for new members to join** our congregation on the festival of the Transfiguration of Our Lord, the Last Sunday after the Epiphany, February 19. In preparation, I will host two Saturday morning Inquirers Classes, 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon,

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Faith's Forum

Sunday at 9:15 a.m.
In the Parlor

- February 5:** Rachel Allison will lead us in a study on Love. Today: loving others.
- February 12:** Rachel Allison will lead us in a study on Love. Today: loving ourselves.
- February 19:** Rachel Allison will lead us in a study on Love. Today: loving God.
- February 26:** We will watch “Pray The Devil Back to Hell,” which chronicles the remarkable story of the courageous Liberian women who came together to end a bloody civil war and bring peace to their shattered country. Thousands of women came together to pray for peace and then staged a silent protest outside of the Presidential Palace. Armed only with white T-shirts and the courage of their convictions, they demanded a resolution to the country’s civil war. Of special note is that 3 of the women who were instrumental in starting this protest were named Nobel peace prize winners recently.

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February 4 & 11. If you know of anyone who seems to be interested in becoming a member of Bethel, ask them to give me a call and I'll invite them personally!

And anybody else who would like a mini refresher course on what it means to be Lutheran is welcome to join us. Just let me know so I am sure to prepare enough materials. We'll be dealing with the basics: Law and Gospel, the Holy Trinity, the Sacraments, the Bible, worship and prayer, death and resurrection.

Fourth, if Epiphany is about over, that means **Lent begins on Ash Wednesday**, February 22. This year I propose we take a hint from Lutheran World Relief and use the theme “Baskets of Promise” as the theme for our midweek services. Do you think we could assemble fifty school kits for impoverished youngsters throughout the world? We can bring the makings every Wednesday evening.

We'll see what we can do with the basket theme: a basket with matzoh (Exod. 29:1-3) on February 22; a basket gets blessed (or cursed; Deut. 28:1-6) on the 29th; baskets of fruit (Amos 8:1-4) and figs (Jer. 24:1-3), March 7 & 14; hampers full of leftovers (Mark 8:19-21) on the 21st; and an escape in a basket (2 Cor. 11:30-33) on March 28!

Fifth, by the time you read this the Call Committee will be considering a dozen or more candidates to serve as your next resident pastor. In a few weeks they will begin interviewing them. And then, if not in February no doubt in March or April, you'll be ready to **issue a divine Call** to the man or woman God has chosen to lead you into the future.

Until then, let's “be steadfast, immovable, always excelling in the work of the Lord,” as the apostle put it, “because you know that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.”

- *Pastor Mark Wegener*



The song of the angels is stilled.
When the star in the sky is gone,
When the kings and princes are home,
When the shepherds are back with their flock,
The work of Christmas BEGINS:
To find the lost,
To heal the broken,
To feed the hungry,
To release the prisoner,
To rebuild the nations,
To bring peace among peoples
To make music in the heart.

Howard Thurman (1899 – April 10, 1981) was an influential American author, philosopher, theologian, educator and civil rights leader. He was Dean of Theology and the chapels at Howard University and Boston University for more than two decades, wrote 21 books, and in 1944 helped found a multicultural church.



**Be the Hero.
Fight Hunger.**

The 2012 Minnesota FoodShare March Campaign is just around the corner.

With the help of Bethel we can once again help to raise enough money and food to provide many meals for Sabathani Food Shelf.

We can serve God's call to help those in need.

Watch for further information during the month of March.



Make it a plan to buy an extra item as you are grocery shopping and bring it to Bethel and put the items in the grocery cart inside the door.

Bethel has been a proud supporter of MN FoodShare for over 25 years.



New Bible Study of Galatians

A few weeks ago Pastor Wegener started a new 10:30 a.m. Friday morning Bible study on St. Paul's epistle to the Galatians, obviously attended by retirees. Now he is adding a second study on the same subject, at 6:30 p.m. on Thursdays, for those who are employed or otherwise not available during the day. Both classes are eight weeks long. All adults are invited to join either group; invite your friends and neighbors. This is NOT "for Bethel members only"!

Galatians is not only the apostle's angriest letter, but it also focuses on a basic Lutheran belief, namely, that we are "justified by God's grace, through faith, for Christ's sake." In the process he toys with the idea that we are all free from law. See the website (www.bethel-mpls.org > Fellowship & Education > Bible Studies) for a list of what verses will be covered on which days.

Have you ever been to camp? Do you remember the stories of friends that got to spend a whole week away from their parents for one whole week during the summer?

Some explain camp as a magical place. There were tons of people their age. There were fun young adults that wanted to spend their days hanging out with you. There were music, games, and a lake with a beach. You got to spend the night giggling with your new best friends. It was magical.

Some explain camp as transformative. It was the place that you learned to overcome a fear. It was the first place that someone prayed for you by name. It was the place that you felt at home. Camp stirred something up inside of you, which maybe you have never been able to explain.

Whatever it is, we cannot deny that there is something special about camp!

When Bethel, Calvary and Our Saviour's first came together to dream about this collaborative, they created a 'Wish List.' On that 'Wish List' is a joint week of camp at an ELCA Bible Camp. And through conversations with many of you, I soon realized that just like the initial team of dreamers, you see the importance of Bible Camp in the life of the students in your congregation.

Of course camp is this magical place. It is also a transformative place. But it is even more. It is that place that young people see the relationship between themselves, God, and the world around them. It is a place that they are given the space to explore their passions and ask questions. One is surrounded by peers, counselors and staff that are encouraging and supporting them to grow in faith, but also doubt and wonder.

This summer we are excited to check an item off our "Wish List" by offering a joint week at Luther Crest Bible Camp in Alexandria, Minnesota.

Like Luther Crest's mission statement says, they are "called and committed to a Christ-centered ministry through Creation and Community." Their 100-acre facility includes cabins with running water, beach access to Lake Carlos, low and high rope course, a nature center and so much more.

The theme for the summer is "Middle of the Wheel." Campers will be challenged by questions like, 'Where do we find hope in a broken world?' or 'How do we respond in a Christian way to our fear?'

Our week of camp will be June 10th to 15th and open to students in 2nd grade to senior year of high school. The cost for the week will be \$279. Pastor Laurie Eaton (Our Saviour's), Pastor Brad Froslee (Calvary) and I are also preparing to be present during the week to share in this exciting experience.

For more information and a camp brochure and registration form please contact me at

sandyt@oursavioursmpls.org or 612-871-2967

(x103). In order to guarantee your camper's spot, registration will need to be received by February 15th.



Super Bowl XLVI Party Sunday, February 5, 2012

Bethel's Theater and Gym - 45 minutes before kickoff

Please bring a non-perishable food item for Sabathani Food Shelf.

The youth will also be collecting \$\$ for the Sabathani Food Shelf after worship as a part of the Souper Bowl of Caring.

This is an intergenerational & family event. Also bring a snack to share.

ALL ARE WELCOME—BRING FRIENDS!
Games and prizes for the kids too!



February 5, 2012
Fifth Sunday after Epiphany
 Traditional Liturgy Worship
 Service (ELW Setting 4)
 with Kneeling Communion

February 12, 2012
Sixth Sunday after Epiphany
 Alternative Worship Service
 with Gospel Songs and
 Communion by Intinction

February 19, 2012
Transfiguration of Our Lord
 Traditional Liturgy Worship
 Service (ELW Setting 4)
 with Communion by Intinction

February 26, 2012
First Sunday in Lent
 Alternative Worship Service
 with Contemporary Songs and
 Communion by Intinction

Lectionary:
 Isaiah 40:21-31
 Psalm 147:1-11, 20c
 1 Corinthians 9:16-23
 Mark 1:29-39

Lectionary:
 2 Kings 5:1:14
 Psalm 30
 1 Corinthians 9:24-27
 Mark 1:40-45

Lectionary:
 2 Kings 2:1-12
 Psalm 50:1-6
 2 Corinthians 4:3-6
 Mark 9:2-9

Lectionary:
 Genesis 9:8-17
 Psalm 25:1-10
 1 Peter 3:18-22
 Mark 1:9-15

Assisting Minister:
 Ann Allison

Assisting Minister:
 Pastor Oscar Flores

Assisting Minister:
 Kristen Cleary

Assisting Minister:
 Sandy Troyan

Communion Assistants:
 Teondre Martinez

Communion Assistants:
 Alice Evenson
 Anna Olsen
 Darlene Olson

Communion Assistants:
 Gail Hanson
 Les Johnson
 Bob Ritter

Communion Assistants:
 Libby Krogh
 Marilyn Newborg
 Mary Sunde

Acolyte:
 Brianna Rice

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 Megan Psick

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Finance Team:
 Rosie Smith
 Genevieve Naumoff
 Marilyn Romsaas

Finance Team:
 Doug Psick
 Ted Allison
 Stan & Mary Rosby
 Dean Anderson

Finance Team:
 Les Johnson
 Marilyn Newborg
 Kay Newborg
 Ella Soderberg

Finance Team:
 Pat Gramentz
 Bruce Gramentz
 Ken & Leanne Puckett

Ushers:
 Ted Allison, Captain
 Mel Olson
 Darlene Olson
 Jon Melson
 Marilyn Romsaas

Ushers:
 Dan Hundt, Captain
 Dan Hauge
 Mike Greer
 Bob & Pamara Ritter

Ushers:
 Ed Sunde, Captain
 Mike Greer
 Mel Olson
 Mary Sunde

Ushers:
 Dave Krogh, Captain
 Jim Haraldson
 Jim Gaines
 Casey MacCallum
 Dale Newborg
 John Karl Ritter

Toddler Room: Laurie Hauge

Toddler Room: Stacey Allgood

Toddler Room: Paul Kile

Toddler Room: Joan Bargman

Hospitality: Alice Evenson

Hospitality: Romell White

Hospitality: Joan Bargman

Hospitality: Laurie Hauge

Altar Guild:
 Team 1: Mary Sunde
 Margaret Johnson
 Larissa Hoover

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Sacristy: Becky Brendel

Sacristy: Alice Evenson

Sacristy: Gail Hanson

Sacristy: Marilyn Newborg

Van Drivers:
 Pick up & Return: Mike Greer

Van Drivers:
 Pick up: Dan Hundt
 Return: Dave Krogh

Van Drivers:
 Pick up: Les Johnson
 Return: Gene Rodi

Van Drivers:
 Pick up: Ted Allison
 Return: Ted Allison

Ecumenical Prayers:
 Ireland
 United Kingdom

Ecumenical Prayers:
 Belgium
 Luxembourg
 Netherlands

Ecumenical Prayers:
 Portugal, Spain,
 Italy, Malta

Ecumenical Prayers:
 Germany
 France



FEBRUARY

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FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

9:15 AM Faith Trek - Sunday School
 9:15 AM Faith's Forum - Adult Education
 9:15 AM LYFE - High School Sunday School
 10:30 AM Traditional Liturgy Worship Service
 with Kneeling Communion
 11:30 AM Souper Bowl of Caring
 1:00 PM [Call Committee](#)
 1:00 PM [Casa de Oracion](#) worship service

45 minutes before kickoff - Super Bowl XLVI Party

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9:30 PM CoAM Life Enrichment Series
 1:00 PM NHS Exercise Class
 5:00 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal
 5:15 PM NHS Outreach Meeting
 6:30 PM [Cub Scouts Pack #120](#)
 7:00 PM [Boy Scout Troop 120](#)

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9:30 AM [Overeaters Anonymous](#)
 10:00 AM NHS Exercise Class
 2:30 PM El Colegio class
 7:00 PM Mission Council
 7:00 PM [Call Committee](#)
 7:00 PM Precinct Caucuses

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SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

9:15 AM Faith Trek - Sunday School
 9:15 AM Faith's Forum - Adult Education
 9:15 AM LYFE - High School Sunday School
 10:30 AM Alternative Worship Service with Gospel
 Songs and Communion by Intinction -
 Joint service with Casa de Oracion
 11:30 PM Potluck
 3:00 PM [Call Committee](#)

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8:00 AM [SHARE-A-LUNCH - Meal Preparation](#)
 9:30 PM CoAM Life Enrichment Series
 1:00 PM NHS Exercise Class
 5:00 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal
 5:00 PM [St Helena Basketball practice](#)
 5:15 PM NHS Outreach Meeting
 7:00 PM [Boy Scout Troop 120](#)

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9:30 AM Operation Love
 9:30 AM [Overeaters Anonymous](#)
 10:00 AM NHS Exercise Class
 10:00 AM Staff Meeting
 2:30 PM El Colegio class
 6:30 PM Board of Administrators

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TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD

9:15 AM Faith Trek - Sunday School
 9:15 AM Faith's Forum - Adult Education
 9:15 AM LYFE - High School Sunday School
 10:30 AM Traditional Liturgy Worship Service
 with Communion by Intinction
 1:00 PM [Casa de Oracion](#) worship service

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8:00 AM Herald Deadline for Approved Article Submission
 9:30 PM CoAM Life Enrichment Series
 1:00 PM [NHS Exercise Class](#)
 5:00 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal
 6:30 PM [Cub Scouts Pack #120](#)
 7:00 PM [Boy Scout Troop 120](#)

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9:30 AM [Book Group \(private\)](#)
 9:30 AM [Overeaters Anonymous](#)
 10:00 AM NHS Exercise Class
 2:30 PM El Colegio class
 6:30 PM [Cub Scouts Pack #120](#)
 6:30 PM Worship Committee
 7:00 PM Ruth Circle

(NO Deborah Circle)

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FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

9:15 AM Faith Trek - Sunday School
 9:15 AM Faith's Forum - Adult Education
 9:15 AM LYFE - High School Sunday School
 10:30 AM Alternative Worship Service with Contemporary Songs and Communion by Intinction
 1:00 PM [Casa de Oracion](#) worship service

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9:30 PM CoAM Life Enrichment Series
 1:00 PM NHS Exercise Class
 5:00 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal
 5:00 PM [St Helena Basketball practice](#)
 7:00 PM [Boy Scout Troop 120](#)

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9:30 AM [Overeaters Anonymous](#)
 10:00 AM NHS Exercise Class
 2:30 PM El Colegio class

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Birthdays

If your birthday or anniversary is missing from this page, please let the office know so we can update our records!

Dean Anderson	1	Elaine Gates	14
Aleda Hoover	5	Stacey Allgood	16
Meghan Olausen	5	Kellie Riley	16
Gertrude Carlson	7	Kyle Espelien	18
Rosemarie Smith	7	Matthew Stonich	20
Anastasia Schally	8	Arthur Horn	21
Elaine Vogel	8	Leanne Puckett	21
Tim Preiss	9	Benjamin Allison	22
Ryan Kjesbo-Johnson	10	Lisa Chovan-Spence	22
Betty Nelson	10	Lori Matthews	23
Jazmin Williams-Tyus	10	Jeffrey Alberts	25
Arvid Hanson	11	Jim Olausen	25
Sarah Sunde	11	Stella Warwick	25



Amanda & Lance Becherer	2/5
Dave & Libby Krogh	2/28

We want you to be among the first to know about a very special all-ages event coming up the week of Valentine's Day.

A community sing to benefit Minnesotans United for All Families—Saturday February 18, 7 - 9:30pm
at Calvary Lutheran Church, 3901 Chicago Ave S, Minneapolis
Suggested donations: \$15/adult, \$5/kids, \$25/family, more if you can.

Songs led by song leaders **BRET HESLA** and **MARY PREUS** of Minnesota Community Sings, and **DAN CHOUINARD**, one of the Twin Cities' busiest musicians

*At a community sing, everyone sings, and everyone sings together.
Song sheets are provided and all songs are led. No auditions — all voices welcome!*

We are asking for your help in making this an amazingly successful event.

Please consider helping in the following ways:

- Attend the event! – Please mark your calendars for 2/18/11
- Be an event co-host: Help to spread the word about the event and personally get 10 or more people to attend the event.
- Be a sponsor of the event: Give \$50 or \$100 to help underwrite the event and provide a larger donation. (Higher level of giving would be welcome too!)

Please let us know if you can help us with this special event which will raise money to defeat the Minnesota marriage amendment as we raise our voices together.

To reply or for more information, email event co-chair Betty Tisel at mnsings@gmail.com or co-chair Shari Seifert at Shari@ShariSeifert.com

BETHEL, CALVARY AND
OUR SAVIOUR'S ARE GOING TO

SUMMER CAMP

JUNE 10TH - 15TH

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In order to guarantee your camper's spot, registration and \$100 deposit will need to be received by February 15th.

Camperships/scholarships are available. Please contact Sandy Troyan or the Pastor of the respective congregation for more information.



ANNUAL MEETING

Save the Date! Bethel's annual spring meeting will be Sunday, March 11, immediately following service.



If you or a loved one are in need of prayer, please call the church office to be added to the prayer list: 612-724-3693.

PRAYERS FOR OUR MEMBERS

- * Roger Bevis
(Benedictine Health Center)
- * Ted Allison
- * Jan Kadiesky
- * John-Karl Ritter
- * Mabel Justus
(Walker Methodist)
- * Magne Larsen
(Augustana)
- * Sharon Phillips
- * Eula Johnson
- * Marlene Espelien
- * Ryan Summer
- * Mark Walker
- * Elaine Gates
- * Margaret Thone
- * Gladys Roskaft
- * Arvid Hanson
- * Rita Moen
- * Cherie Olausen

PRAYERS FOR MEMBERS, RELATIVES AND FRIENDS IN THE MILITARY

- * Ken Morgan *(Romell White's brother-in-law)*
- * Robert Hundt
- * Aaron Larson *(Rosie Smith's grandson)*
- * Derrick Williams *(Joni Hodgman's son)*
- * McLain Merial *(Kathy Hundt's nephew)*
- * Miles Napue *(Barb Noethe's grandson)*

PRAYERS FOR MISSION

- † The Bangladesh Mission.
- † La Conexión de las Americas.

RELATIVES AND FRIENDS OF BETHEL MEMBERS

- * Jenna Privette *(friend of Caroline Melhus' neighbor)*
- * Stan Zdon *(friend of Sharon Phillips)*
- * Cathy Moen *(Shirley Elavsky's sister-in-law)*
- * Dianne Rice *(Jan Kadiesky's niece)*
- * Samantha Williams *(John-Karl Ritter's girlfriend)*
- * Excel Arradondo *(Crystal Vaughn's father)*
- * Gage Driver *(relative of Sarah Psick's sister)*
- * David Wohnoutka *(Mike Wohnoutka's brother)*
- * Cheri Ernst *(Bob & Pamara Ritter's friend)*
- * Mark Herrmann *(Joan Dahlman's nephew)*
- * Ann Baskett *(Crystal Vaughn's grandmother)*
- * Matt Hart *(Crystal Vaughn's friend)*
- * Leann Adams *(Jim & Erin Gaines' friend)*
- * Betty Olson *(Sharon Phillips' neighbor)*
- * Larry Sarff *(Sharon Phillips' friend)*

PRAYERS OF SYMPATHY

- * For the friends and family of Jane Papas (Joan Dahlman's sister) who died on December 23.
- * For the friends and family of Verna Schimnoski (Paul Comnick's cousin) who died on January 1.

Regarding Pastoral Visits, Hospitals, and Care Centers – Please Call.

Privacy rules are making it increasingly more difficult for churches to locate their members at hospitals and care centers. Consequently, if you or a family member would like to have a visit from the pastors during a hospital stay, please notify the church office. Or if you, or a family member, are moved to a care center, please call or e-mail the information to the church office. We want to stay in contact with you and continue our ministry of presence and prayer.

Thank you,

Pastor Mark Wegener

Board of Administrators

Dean Anderson, President

December income exceeded expenses by \$3,894. Income for 2011 exceeded expenses by \$340 yielding a positive Cumulative General Fund Balance of \$7,078. General Fund Offerings were less than budget by \$12,392. Other receipts were larger than budget by \$3,641. This includes \$19,600 from the Monopole Fund which is now empty.

The Board went over the 2012 budget. The treasurer had come up with some ideas which would be able to erase some \$20,000 from the \$50,000 deficit. For a while, it looked like using the roughly \$122,184 remaining from the sale of Dr. Grant's house would take care of the rest, but we were convinced it would be a short-tem fix of money which could be put to work earning interest for a long time. There were a few unresolved questions which the treasurer will investigate.

Pastor Wegener updated the Board on assistant custodian staffing and the Mission Council's plan to coordinate an event with one of our tenants, Casa de Oracion.

Forming a task force to review Bethel's endowment and dedicated funds with an eye to garnering a better investment return was discussed and agreed upon. Four candidates to comprise the Financial Review Task Force were named and will be asked to serve.

Names of Bethel members who have not been active for a while were reviewed. The pastor was directed to contact those people to determine which ones remain on our rolls and which ones are to be removed.

Gene Rodi sent the Board an e-mail warning them of pending sidewalk repair (and its expense). A crew was surveying neighborhood sidewalks; work may begin in the spring.

The Board's Nominating Committee nominee declined. Another name was presented; that person will be contacted.

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Following the worship service, we will share a potluck meal with Casa de Oracion worshippers. Please bring:

A – E: Dessert, bars, cookies | F – M: Salad | N – Z: Casserole, Main Dishes

Come, bring a dish to share and get acquainted with worshippers who share our building!