



In gratitude, Bethel Lutheran Church amplifies God's grace, nourishes all creation, reaches out, and builds community.

- We are a Reconciling in Christ Congregation.
- Bethel Children Youth & Family Ministry bridges generations to model, equip, and encourage a foundation of trust in God's story.

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Shifting the Paradigm, AGAIN

Continued blessing and prayers to all of you, as well as everyone you love! Lately I have been trying to get my head and heart around the facts that COVID may be here to stay. That is, maybe instead of "waiting for it all to be over," we need to shift our thinking to, "since it is not going to leave us soon, **how do we continue to live into this new reality while keeping as many people as safe as possible for as long as possible?**" This has been the question I have thought about, daily, since this all began.

It seems to me that over the past 18 months, we have tried many new things, we have failed at some, and we have succeeded on various levels on others. And through it all, we have continued to be "the church." Ministry still happens, mostly outside the building, and in our own homes, but ministry is still happening! We remain the church of the people of Jesus!

And, I know we are tired. We continue to make decisions on a weekly and sometimes daily basis about what is safest for all people, without exception. Although we now worship in person, we continue to be online for many reasons, not the least of which is to keep our most vulnerable safe.

In some ways, the definition of our "most vulnerable" has changed from our elderly folks to our children, yet has stayed the same for any of us with an immunodeficiency. My statement from a year ago still remains important: "I would rather stay distanced from all of you than bury any of you because of this virus."

How then do we move forward with this new paradigm shift?

Do we just start worshipping together like we used to inside and COVID be damned? Or do we continue to make decisions based on the science, numbers of cases, and vaccine availability, and do our best with the information we have at the time?

If we do go inside, what can be done safely? Should Holy Communion continue to be in our pews or can we receive the elements up front? Do we hand the offering plates around again, or keep the box near the bulletins?

Do we worship outside until the snow flies, the vaccines are available to all ages, or COVID-19 no longer exists? Or do we find more ways to come inside and create the safest environment possible?

Will we frustrate our young families with children (who cannot get vaccinated yet) if we do go inside for worship? Do we frustrate our older population (who are vaccinated) by staying outside for worship? Or both?

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What about the prediction I heard just this morning about this winter being a really tough winter again concerning this virus? What if we have to close the building again? If this has become a pandemic of the unvaccinated, how do we make sure the unvaccinated are still welcome - and what about our children?

These are the questions that keep me up at night. These are the questions your elected leaders talk about on a regular basis. These are the questions we pray about and hope to find acceptable and safe answers for each month.

Friends, I am writing this before our Board of Administrators meeting tonight. I have no idea if we will be worshipping inside or outside come Sunday, October 3, 2021. I hope the rest of this newsletter clarifies that for all of us. In the meantime I continue to pray for guidance, for healing, and for a way forward in the midst of this ongoing global pandemic. God help us all.

With you, for Jesus,

Pastor Brenda

PS: The Board of Administrators has decided to move our Sunday morning activities inside again. Faith Formation will be held in Nazareth Hall and Worship will be held in the sanctuary. We will continue to

- be masked,
- be physically distanced from anyone not in your pod,
- use the individual communion packets in your pew, and
- collect our offering near where you pick up your bulletins.

We will see how things will change over time ... and want to slowly and intentionally move in ways that keep everyone safe.



**Thank You to the
Endowment Committee
from your Bethel staff.**

Our staff retreat on a pontoon on Lake Minnetonka was fun and relaxing! We ate, played a game, talked and **laughed a lot!** We really needed this time to together after such a hard year!

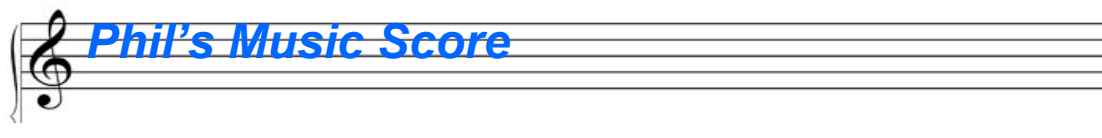
Thanks, Jen, Katie, Michael, Phil, Susie & Pr B



Pr. Brenda, Barb, Ruth, Becky, Gail, and Barb,

Thank you very much for the scholarship for this school year! I greatly appreciate Bethel's continued support of my academics, and this scholarship is very beneficial! I look forward to hopefully seeing you all at church when I am home on breaks!

Thanks again,
Megan



Ensemble Belonging

Think of all the groups or activities you are a part of on a weekly basis. They can be church related or not. Each group serves its own purpose and has different people participate in it. Some of those groups will even provide a sense of belonging. I feel there are many activities here at Bethel that provide a sense of belonging, but I will focus on how music can provide that and how I have witnessed that in past weeks.

A few weeks ago, Mondays, Masks & Music started up. These rehearsals of bells and singing made a glorious return after an eighteen-month hiatus. During this time, we have laughed, learned new techniques in music making and some have even discovered they have new talents! The overall experience has been very positive even in a different rehearsal setting due to COVID-19 protocols. We are building that ensemble feeling back together again!

What is an ensemble? Dictionaries tend to define a musical ensemble as two or more musicians who play together. It's fairly vague and I tend to agree yet disagree with that definition. While it's true that a musical ensemble is technically made up of a group of musicians, this definition fails to define the deeper meaning of the sense of belonging that goes hand in hand with being part of an ensemble. A music ensemble is sort of like a mosaic. Each person brings their own attributes and colors to the larger group. However, if there's no sense of belonging, that person will not know what to do to fit into the larger picture of the ensemble and would stick out just like piece of a mosaic that is out of place.

How do we create that belonging? Encouraging words, teaching methods that apply broadly to all music makers, amateur or professional, finding time to check in with everyone, and learning something new about our neighbor. The list can go on and on. Each little thing builds us closer together as a tight-knit group, celebrating our similarities and differences, with music being the common thread for all of us. Being part of an ensemble is awesome!



Phil Radtke,
Music Director



From the desk of Dr. Jen Kilps, Engagement Coordinator

Why **TRUNK-OR-TREAT** is a **MINISTRY** that needs you!

Please join us on **Halloween, October 31st from 5:00 PM-6:30**

At first glance, TRUNK-OR-TREAT might sound merely like a fun time for kids and families. It may not appear to be something you would think applies to you. And guess what...it IS a fun time for kids and families and THAT is a ministry of the church! Providing time for kids to feel cared for, cherished and worthy of a party/celebration/fun is a CRITICAL ministry of the church. Jesus tells us, directly, how important ministry with kids is:

Mark 9:36-37 *"Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, "Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me."*

Since I've been at Bethel, we've had pretty much the same folks decorate the trunks of their cars and pass out candy to Bethel and the neighborhood kids. We've had fun each year, even the year it was sleeting and cold. Last year we had a large number of kiddos participate largely due to the participation of kids from Messiah Lutheran (thank you, AnnE Keating)! I won't tell you who won the prize for best decorated vehicle because it was the pastor and she brought her boat!!!! (The CYF Committee has stipulated that she can't win two years in a row.)

We want the kids in our church and in our neighborhood to know that Bethel cares for them. In this way, we are helping to show them that Jesus cares for them. Yes, by handing out Zots and Snickers bars we are saying to these children, "We people who love Jesus care about you. We want to play with you. We want you to be happy and feel cared for. Because Jesus loves you!"

The more people we get to participate, the better the event is for the kids. So please, if you haven't decorated a car before, come out this year. Buy some prepackaged candy and give it to the kids. Team up with other folks if you don't want to do it alone! Because THIS IS IMPORTANT! It is a critical ministry of the church at a time when kids are still not yet vaccinated, when getting back to school can be tough and confusing. We want kids to know that Bethel cares for them. That Jesus cares for them.

Sign up today!

[CLICK HERE TO SIGN UP!](#) (link also on website)



Racial Justice Initiative Thursday, October 21, 9 AM - 12 PM

White Saviorism: Knowing Your Role in Anti-Racism, Equity, and Inclusion

Virtual, Live / Online **Fee: \$89 Bethel will subsidize if needed.**

Please Register: <https://www.minnesotanonprofits.org/events/event-detail/2021/10/21/default-calendar/white-saviorism-oct-2021>

"It feels awkward to say 'The White Community', right? A reason for this is that whiteness is afforded the acknowledgement that white people are diverse in their cultures, thoughts, and realities. The actions of one white person, or a small group of white people, are not systemically positioned as representative of all white people. So why are we so comfortable saying 'the Black, the Indigenous, the Asian, or the Muslim community'?" - @ancestorsfuture on Twitter.

As White folks, we often do not seek to understand what our role is in anti-racism, equity and inclusion, even in our own workplaces and community spaces. This training will help you understand the Eight White Identities and find your role in the ongoing work of racial and social justice in our communities. All learner types were thought of when planning this training, with times for individual reflection, small group work, and full group sharing. Join us to say no to white saviorism and commit to working toward being an ally and accomplice.

Topics include: Cultural, religious, and racial tensions ❖ Moving from indifference to action
❖ The eight white identities ❖ White savior complex ❖ Interpersonal vs. systemic discrimination
❖ Contradictions for white folks in racial justice work ❖ Interrupting dominant white culture

Learning Objectives: You will understand the levels of whiteness and identify where you are on your journey. ❖ You will hear stories of both marginalization and hope from Minnesota communities. ❖ You will learn about white saviorism and understand your role in racial and social justice as a white person working toward being an ally and accomplice.

Due to the sensitive nature of this topic, the workshop will not be recorded so that people can be as brave and authentic as possible.

Book Club

Do you want to increase your cultural capacity? Please join us for our Book Club every six weeks and learn more. We read one book at a time and discuss it together for an hour or so. Here is a list of the next two books. **Sundays 12:30-2:00PM**

October 31 - **White Fragility: Why It's So Hard for White People to Talk About Racism** by Robin DiAngelo

December 12 - **United States of Grace: A Memoir of Homelessness, Addiction, Incarceration, and Hope** by Lenny Duncan

Come 2022 we will take more time to work through **My Grandmother's Hands: Racialized Trauma and the Pathways to Mending our Hearts and Bodies** by Resmaa Menakem. This might be a weekly or every other week meeting for several weeks. It is a great, and heavy book, and provides healing options that we will practice as a group.

Bethel Library is going through a Refresh Project!

As part of that project, this desk from the library is being made available to Bethel folks through a lottery process.

The desk is 42x30" and 30" high. It has a glass top. It is a heavy wood desk with one main drawer and three side drawers.

If you are interested and would like to have this desk, please leave your name with the Bethel Office. You must submit your name before the end of office hours **Thursday, October 14.**

On **Friday, October 15**, a drawing for the desk will be held.

The person's name drawn will be the person to take this desk home!





Anniversaries

Janet & Dean Anderson	Oct 3
Brock & Lorraine Hanson	Oct 9
Heidi & Matt Nordine	Oct 11
Regan Saunders & Jeff Iblings	Oct 27



If your birthday or anniversary is missing or incorrect please let the office know so we can update our records!



Birthdays

Erin Gaines	Oct 1	Clarice Lovstuen	Oct 19
Sophia Warwick	Oct 4	Stan Rosby	Oct 19
Ruby Burgess	Oct 8	David Sunde	Oct 19
Jim Nesheim	Oct 9	Franklin Wohnoutka	Oct 23
Joyce Hughes	Oct 11	Darrell Dahl	Oct 24
Trent Rosby	Oct 14	Jim Lair	Oct 24
Les Johnson	Oct 15	Anna Wohnoutka	Oct 24
Norris Lovstuen	Oct 18	Olivia Wohnoutka	Oct 25
		Anna Olsen	Oct 31

BETHEL LUTHERAN CHURCH
INVITES YOU TO

Trunk or Treat Halloween

October 31
5 - 6:30pm

Parking Lot of Bethel Church * 17th Ave S & 42nd St

Put on your
costumes &
your masks
(the safety kind)

ALL KIDDOS
WELCOME!

rain or
shine


COMMUNITY BUSINESS

SUPPORTING BLACK, INDIGENOUS & PEOPLE OF COLOR (BIPOC) OWNED BUSINESSES IN SOUTH MINNEAPOLIS


Please join in our commitment to supporting local business especially during this time of COVID. As part of Bethel's Racial Justice Initiative we are particularly concerned with businesses owned and run by our BIPOC neighbors. Please play our Bingo game! Prizes for individuals and families who can claim

BINGO!

*apologies, in advance, for any mistakes on our behalf

Du Nord Craft Spirits 2610 East 32nd St website>>	Safari Express 920 East Lake Street website>>	Dragon Wok 805 E 38th Street website>>	Mesob Ethiopian 3915 Hiawatha Ave website>>	Boludo 3749 Nicollet Ave website>>
Addis Ababa Restaurant 2713 E Lake St website>>	Smoke In The Pit 3733 Chicago Ave S website>>	Curry in a Hurry 3025 E Franklin Ave website>>	Harry Singh's 2653 Nicollet Ave website>>	Sassy Spoon 5011 S 34th Ave website>>
Hamburguesas El Gordo 4157 Cedar Ave website>>	El Nuevo Rodeo Restaurant & Club 2709 E Lake St website>>	 Free Space	Dumpling 4004 Minnehaha Ave S website>>	Mama Sheila's 3744 Bloomington Ave S website>>
Pasteleria Gama 1703 E Lake St website>>	C&G's Smoking Barbecue 4743 Nicollet Avenue website>>	Salsa a la Salsa Restaurant 920 E Lake St #155 website>>	Ted Cook's 19th Hole BBQ 2814 E 38th St website>>	All Square 4047 Minnehaha Ave website>>
Meseret Ethiopian Restaurant 3867 Minnehaha Ave S website>>	Winter Goddess Foods Midtown Farmer's Market 3032 Minnehaha Ave website>>	Katar Ethiopian Restaurant 2751 Minnehaha Ave website>>	Star Dragon Restaurant 1540 E Lake S website>>	Hamdi Restaurant 818 E Lake St website>>

October

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	
3 9:15 AM Faith Formation 10:00 AM Bethel Worship 1:00 PM Pentecostal Casa Worship 1:30 PM MN CASA Worship 4:00 PM MN Casa Potluck 5:00 PM Blessing of the Animals	4 9:58 AM Morning Gym Class 3:08 PM Afternoon Gym Class 6:00 PM Mondays, Masks & Music	5 8:30 AM OA HOW Meeting 9:58 AM Morning Gym Class 10:30 AM Staff Meeting 12:30 PM Virtual Text Study 3:00 PM Afternoon Gym Class 6:00 PM Girl Scout Meeting 7:00 PM Pentecostal Casa Music Practice	6 9:51 AM Morning 9:30 AM Evening 10:00 AM Noon 12:00 PM Virtual https://us02w 3:15 PM After 6:45 PM Com
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Note: Time Change happens
on **Sunday, November 7**

2021

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BIBLE STUDY WEDNESDAYS AT NOON

Weekly Bible Study continues on Zoom & In-person. If you would like to come in person, you are welcome to join us in the Fireside Room. We will all need to be masked and distanced.

Date	Bible verses
Oct 6	2 Corinthians 9:6-12 Mark 10:17-22
Oct 13	Psalms 92:1-5 Mark 10:35-45
Oct 20	Jeremiah 31:7-9 Mark 10:46-52
Oct 27	Jeremiah 31:33-34 Romans 3:19-28



Stewardship is ... **EVERYTHING** we think, say, and do after we say, "I believe."

Dear Friends,

As we look into our next calendar year, we ask that you prayerfully consider what stewardship looks like in our everyday lives. Maybe you would like to add a few words to the cloud above. What would those words be? Feel free to send Pastor Brenda a note and she will continue to build our word cloud as we venture through this year's campaign.

During the month of October we will investigate what stewardship looks like in our lives. Our worship and faith formation times will include some thoughts and ideas, and we want you to be a part of this process.

- What is your "why?" of stewardship to the church?
- What stories do you have about stewardship?
- Who taught you the most regarding stewardship?

If stewardship is ... **EVERYTHING** we think, say, and do after we say, "I believe," then it seems it is a way of life. Not simply a box to check on a weekly or monthly basis. Instead, stewardship is the way in which we live, love, grow, and participate with our

congregation, neighborhood, and society. Stewardship becomes more than a task at hand and becomes a ministry and a vocation for each of us.

We invite you to be mindful, prayerful, and faithful in your attention to this important daily vocation. During worship this month, we will share stories, explore scripture, and ask some of you to share your answers to the questions above. By sharing our stories, experiences, and daily living, we are sure to create some "aha" moments about what stewardship truly means in our everyday lives.

As members of your Stewardship Committee, we humbly and respectfully ask you to fill out a **PROMISE PAGE** to let us know how you will share yourself (money, time, talents, and stuff) with our congregation in 2022. Please fill it out and either send it to Bethel or bring it to our Promise Sunday worship service. **Promise Sunday will be celebrated on October 31, 2021, at 10:00 AM.**

Also join us for **Faith Formation (at 9:15 AM)** on that day, which we will be hosting! This will be an intergenerational time to continue to explore our vocations as stewards of creation.

We look forward to a meaningful and delightful Stewardship campaign.

Humbly,

Kristin Doug Psick Jerry & Pastor Brenda

Your Stewardship Committee (Kristin Cleary, Jerry Johnson, Doug Psick, & Pr Brenda)

Engagement Coordinator Position News

Please also note, our **Board of Administrators** has approved a two-tiered plan in order to fund the Engagement Coordinator position, at least through December 2022. Along with hoping to secure some matching funds, the Board is asking for your involvement in this fundraising plan.

- The first tier will ask everyone to give a 13th month donation to this particular line item before the end of 2021. We ask that you send an additional contribution (whatever you typically give in one month) to Bethel and earmark it "Engagement Coordinator 2022." You will hear more soon regarding this ask.
- The second tier will include a rather extensive silent auction to be held in mid to late spring of 2022. For this tier we will be asking you to either donate something (worth at least \$100) or to talk with a local business to ask for a donation to this ministry. Again, you will hear more in early 2022.



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PROMISE PAGE FOR 2022 - BETHEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Financial

Name _____ Phone # _____

Address _____

Email _____ Envelope # _____

I will give \$ _____ weekly _____ monthly _____ annually _____. Total annual \$ _____

____ I will give by Simply Giving automatic bank withdrawal. (Please send me the form)

____ I will give by check or cash.

____ I will give another way (stocks, online, etc.).

This is a statement of intent, not a binding pledge. Should your circumstances change, you are free to alter this promise by notifying the pastor.

Time and Talent

I would like to serve Bethel, especially on Sunday mornings, in the following ways: Mark X for yes or a ? to ask for more information. Open to all ages!

____ Assisting Minister

____ Reader

____ Altar Guild

____ Usher

____ Cantor

____ Sacristan

____ Technology Assistant

____ Acolyte

____ Hospitality

____ Communion Assistant

____ Children's sermon

____ Preach

Is more than one of you volunteering, including the kids? Put initials above.

Planned Giving

____ Bethel is already included in my estate plans.

____ I would like to learn more about estate giving.

Blessing of the Animals

Drive-thru

Sunday, October 3rd ~ 5-6PM

4120 17th Ave S ~ parking lot



Bring your pets to this drive-thru event to have them blessed by local pastors from three different congregations.

We will bless cats, dogs, snakes, spiders, hedgehogs, fish, turtles, rabbits, and whatever you wish to be blessed. We will also bless stuffed animals and photos of animals.

Blessings available in both English and ASL.

Sponsored by Living Table UCC, Bread of Life Deaf Lutheran Church, and Bethel Lutheran Church.

Stewardship Corner

I hope everyone is continuing to come up with answers for “Stewardship is...” and what it means to them. As I look back, 2020 and 2021 have been tough years. We have gone through events that I hope we, and future generations, don’t have to go through again. However, the one thing I have seen more of this past year is generosity.

Stewardship is...generosity. Jesus said it is more blessed to give than receive. When we give generously, it is often we who are blessed. The act of true generosity blesses us by shaping our personalities and forming our character. Generous people (or as we say “Minnesota nice”) tend to be the kind of people we want to have as our friends. I used to think that generous people are those that give money to persons or organizations. However, a generous person also gives their time, their love and themselves. Giving someone a smile, a courtesy, a thought, a prayer and your time, will lead to you developing a generous heart.

Let us all continue to grow our generous hearts. Stewardship is...Generosity.

submitted by Doug Psick



PRAYERS FOR OUR MEMBERS

Judith Day
Mike & Grace Simons
Mark & Jan Walker
Warwick Family
Marilyn Romsaas
Ann Allison
Mary Thone
Trudy Carlson
Audrey Campbell
Sheila Nelson
Pikkarainen Family
Laurel Jorgensen
Sue Dorumsgaard
Ayers
Kevin Hoover
Cantu-Cannon Family

Rosie Smith & Family
Gloria Condon
Marge Hauge
Hundt Family
Tom Keating
Bresina Family
Teondre Martinez
Crystal Vaughn
Lynn Vaughn
Jeff Fossum
Mel Olson
Joan Dahlman
Puckett Family
Andy Martinson
Doris Christianson

MORE PEOPLE OF GOD

Victims of natural and human disasters
All of us regarding COVID-19
Black and Brown Lives
National Leaders
Indigenous Lives
Asian Lives
Migrants & Asylum seekers
Palestinians in Gaza

Our Mission Partners

- ❖ Bancroft Neighborhood Association
- ❖ Bread of Life Deaf Lutheran Church BOLD
 - ❖ Casa de Oracion - MN
 - ❖ Casa de Oracion - Pentecostal
 - ❖ Every Meal
 - ❖ Mpls Area Synod
 - ❖ Nokomis Healthy Seniors
 - ❖ ReconcilingWorks

RELATIVES & FRIENDS

Trent & Michelle Halvorson (Norma's family)
Steven Keating (Tom's son)
Bill Chilvers (Mary's dad)
Vicki (Sheila Nelson's sister)
Bill Shy (Assistant Custodian)
Nini & Brenda (Christian Ledesma's
uncle & aunt)
Betty (Christian Ledesma's mom)
Gretchen (Larissa Hoover's mom)
Kristian (Pr B's bestie)
Bob (Sue Dorumsgaard Ayers' uncle)
Ray (AnnE Keating's brother)
Darlene (Jeff Alberts' mom)
Susan (Mike Condon's sister)
Steve (Pr B's brother)
Cherril (Candy Hickenbotham's friend)
Susan & Dale (Wendy Ledesma's parents)
Sue & Wayne (Karen Warwick's parents)
Rhonda (Sheila Nelson's friend)
Joni (Sheila Nelson's cousin)
Rev. Ron Schuette (Dave's father)
Joanne Wilberg (Marge Hauge's sister)
Gabe Ness (Julie Hundt's husband)
John Hundt (Kathy Hundt's brother-in-law)
Ann Baskett (Crystal Vaughn's grandmother)
Andrea (Mona Falk's daughter)

MEMBERS, RELATIVES & FRIENDS IN THE SERVICE

Robert Hundt
Katre Bishop (Pr Brenda's nephew)
Adam Froisland (Pr Brenda's nephew)
Dwana Froisland (Pr Brenda's niece)
Brian Hansen (Kaka Day's husband)
Aaron Larson (Rosie Smith's grandson)
Sean Young (Pr Brenda's godson)

Board of Administrators

The Bethel Board of Administrators, at its monthly meeting on 9/21/2021, made several decisions that impact the life of the congregation.

First, with a combination of faith and confidence that funding will be available, the Engagement Coordinator position, held by Dr. Jen Kilps, will be extended through 2022; current funding is set to expire at the end of this year.

Second, while we continue to recognize the human tragedy caused by the pandemic, we also recognize that some members spiritually need to worship together and doing so outdoors is increasingly impractical. Thus, Sunday worship will be moving indoors. Of course, masking continues to be the norm and the service will continue to be broadcast via YouTube.

Finally, the annual Bazaar with its fun activities like the Cookie Walk must be cancelled this year; the health risks outweigh the rewards. Feelings were torn because the Board also recognizes some members will have a feeling of loss. The Board is in the early stages of planning a spring silent auction; members may want to hold onto some items they might donate, because the silent auction may present another opportunity for donating them.

submitted by: Paul Kile, Treasurer

Mission Council

Our October movie and discussion night will be presented by our Racial Justice Initiative and we will be watching Loving on October 15th. This movie tells the real-life story of Richard and Mildred Loving, a couple who is arrested in 1960s Virginia for having an interracial marriage, and their legal battle that went all the way to the Supreme Court. Please join us in October!

On September 17th our Intercultural Capacity Building and Racial Justice Initiatives hosted a workshop called Diversity Toolkit. This was produced by the School of Social Work program at the University of Southern California. We had a good turn-out at this event, especially for a Saturday morning. This was a hybrid event with people attending both in person and on Zoom and was presented by Pastor Brenda and Dr. Jen. We talked about topics such as culture, identity, dominant culture/non-dominant culture, gender, sexuality, race, ethnicity, and intersectional identities, among other things. It was great to hear the individual stories from the participants and to refresh our knowledge of these topics or to learn something new. Pastor Brenda and Dr. Jen expressed a willingness to offer this workshop again if there is enough interest. We will also be promoting other workshop opportunities around these topics in the future, so watch for information.

-Stephanie Johnson, Mission Council Chair

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BETHEL'S RACIAL JUSTICE INITIATIVE PRESENTS

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NIGHT



The story of Richard and Mildred Loving, a couple whose arrest for interracial marriage in 1960s Virginia began a legal battle that would end with the Supreme Court's historic 1967 decision.

Friday, October 15th @ 7pm + discussion

Live link on the website: www.bethel-mpls.org

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