



# The Bethel Lighthouse

## Season Two - Episode Four - April 2014

*Shining the Light of Christ to a broken world.*

### From the Pastoral Staff -

#### Bethel Men - "Body Guard: Waging The Peace"

The Bethel Men's Retreat is coming up May 16-18. We look forward to spending time with the guys from Adventure Church at Cedar Springs in Lake Stevens. Plan now to attend; Cost will be \$150.00. For more details, contact Pastor Wes. It's going to be a great time.

#### The Women In Our Lives



Plan now to attend the Women's Retreat at Warm Beach, May 2-4. Take time away from the daily duties of life to relax, worship, pray, and be spiritually nourished. The featured speaker for the weekend will be **Kim Meeder**, whose life was changed forever due to her parent's murder-suicide. Kim is an accomplished speaker and

author. She has addressed audiences across the country from churches and book clubs to U.S. Government policy councils and a portion of the U.S. Senate in Washington, D.C. She has written four books and has been interviewed several times on Focus on the Family and Family Talk Radio. Kim's message of hope comforts and brings healing to many women and children in today's harsh world.



#### Prayer Ministry - An All Night Prayer service was

held on Good Friday and Silent Saturday. It was an opportunity to reflect and pray on our Savior's journey to the Cross and preparation for celebrating Resurrection Sunday. Thanks to the warriors who prayed.



#### Missions News

**Jami Strandberg** came to visit on Sunday April 6th. She has been on home assignment during the last year visiting supporting churches. Jami plans to return to Guanajuato, Mexico within the next few months and would appreciate your prayers. Specifically, please pray for good health, energy and safety in travel, for new financial partners and for growth of the churches in Guanajuato.

We also spent some time this month with **Christopher & Heather Schwarzen** who are leaving for Nepal in September. Christopher will be encouraging, training and working alongside Nepali church planters and pastors who are serving in a difficult region of the country.

**Justin & Melissa Foltz** have completed the first session of training in Florida during the month of April. They are in process to serve with Wycliffe in Papua New Guinea. You can read

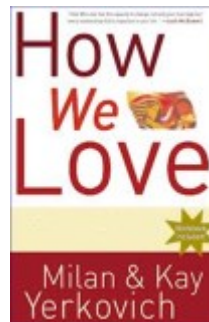
more about their time in training at [www.thefoltzfamily.org](http://www.thefoltzfamily.org) and click on the "blog" tab at the top.

**Scott & Ruth Millar** plan to visit on Wednesday April 30th during the Wednesday Night Men's & Women's Dinner & Bible Study. It will be great to see them and hear about what God is doing in Argentina.

**Negesso Bridge Project** - According to Steve & Diane Mosman, and as of March 29th, they have received news that the bridge is nearing completion and will be put to use before the rainy season. Bethel has been involved with the Negesso Bridge project for the past 5 or 6 years. It will be nice to know that men, women and children can cross this river without putting their lives in danger during the rainy season.



#### How We Love Seminar - taught by Dr. Mary Hoppa.

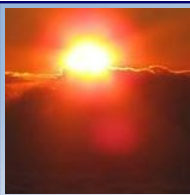


This series is based on the book by Milan and Kay Yerkovich. The book helps us focus on many aspects of relationships, children, marriage and how each of us relates to others. This very insightful study helps in discovering how all our relationships are based on our relationship with God. You can find out if you are an avoider, a pleaser, a vacillator, a controller or a victim. Each of these types will be studied in depth. Dr. Mary will continue this series on one Sunday each month. A light lunch will be served before each session.

#### Introducing Trevor Stephens

Trinity Lutheran College student and Bethel Intern. Trevor is a Junior at TLC and hopes to be active in missions and church planting. His vision is to be a sports teacher in an orphanage setting. Currently he is learning how to write sermons, plant churches and how to do fundraising. Trevor is married to Julia whom he met at Capenway Bible School in England and spent time with her relatives in who are missionaries in France.





**Awakenings Prayer Institute**  
(Seminars and Retreats) Begins again next fall.

**API ONE**—first year seminars will be from 9:00—1:00 ending with lunch  
**API TWO**—second year seminars will be from Noon– 4:00 beginning with lunch

There are three API Retreats each year. The first, “My Soul Within Me” concentrates on Breath Prayer & Lectio over a signature Scripture. The second retreat is “Praying Our Challenges and Triumphs”, letting God form and process key moments in our lives. The third and final retreat deals with “The Art of Soul Friendship” and is held at Westminster Abbey in Mission B.C.

**Worship Committee Month** - During the month of April the Bethel congregation experienced several types of worship. The first Sunday was **Liturgical** style which included responsive readings, hymns and two short musical responses from the choir. On the second Sunday the worship style was **Taize** which is interactive and features simply phrased music. It encourages Christians to live in the spirit of Kindness, Simplicity and Reconciliation. Several “stations” were set up in the sanctuary for people to meditate and pray. This form of worship was a perfect fit in celebrating Palm Sunday. Easter Sunday was our **traditional Bethel style** in celebration of our Risen Savior. The congregation also participated in the **Flowering Of The Cross** which has become a beloved tradition at Bethel Church. Our final Sunday highlighted the **Southern Gospel** music style. Southern Gospel music today ranges from the traditional four-part harmony quartet to a blend of country and bluegrass. The Gaither Vocal Band and the Blackwood Brothers are popular Southern Gospel groups.



**Charles Swindoll**

"The benefits [of the resurrection] are innumerable. To list a few:  
Our illnesses don't seem nearly so final;  
Our fears fade and lose their grip;  
Our grief over those who have gone on is diminished;  
Our desires to press on in spite of the obstacles is rejuvenated...  
Our identity as Christians is strengthened as we stand in the lengthening shadows of saints down through the centuries, who have always answered back in antiphonal voice:  
**'He is risen, indeed!'**"

Stewardship 2014	
Total General Fund Income Year To Date	\$ 61,379.00
GF Budget Needed Through April 20, 2014	\$ 67,536.00
Percent <b>Surplus / Deficit</b> Budget	<b>% 9.1</b>
Monthly General Fund Need	\$ 18,275.00
General Fund Giving for April	\$ 12,866.17
Designated Fund Giving for April	\$ 566.45
Total Giving for April	\$ 13,452.62
Total Giving Year to Date	\$ 67,213.38

**March Totals were very encouraging.**

**From the book “Lord, I Want To Know You”**  
by Kay Arthur

**Jehovah - The Self Existent One**  
Of all the names of God, *Jehovah* is the name most frequently used in the Old Testament. The first of 6,823 usages occurs in Genesis



2:4 where Jehovah is compounded with Elohim. The name of Jehovah is derived from *havah*, which means “to be, to become.” Therefore, Jehovah speaks to God’s being or essence.

Jehovah is the self-existent one—“I AM WHO I AM.” He is the eternal I AM, the Alpha and the Omega, the same yesterday, today and forever. All of life is contained in Him. Why do we look elsewhere? Why do we not rest in His unchangeableness? He has never failed. Would he begin with me or you? He cannot. He is Jehovah, the self-existent, covenant-keeping God.

When you need assurance that God is there, that He will keep His promises without changing—even though you have wavered in your promises to Him—run to your Jehovah. Trust in His name. It can’t change because He can’t change. He is Jehovah—the same yesterday, today and forever. (Hebrews 13:8).  
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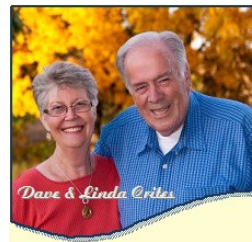
**Bag Ladies Plus One continues to THRIVE!**

*Donations of canned goods and sandwich making supplies are needed at this time.*



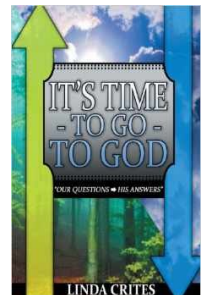
*They can be left in the Annex kitchen.*

*Also, the **Food Bank** is in serious need of replenishment. Please bring non perishable items such as **canned goods & pasta** and place them in **Charlie’s Closet** (located just outside the Fireside Room).*



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**Dr. Mary Hoppa** is available for personal or family counseling on Sunday and Monday afternoons and into the evenings on Mondays. You may sign up for an appointment on your blue registration card, or contact Dr. Mary personally at 425.879.5283 or by email at [lighthousecounseling@frontier.com](mailto:lighthousecounseling@frontier.com)