

# New Life

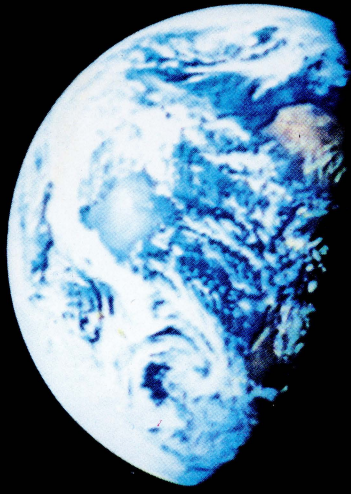
April 12, 1970  
Bethel Lutheran Church of Englewood  
Dedication  
6201 S. Sangamon  
Chicago, Illinois 60621

"And your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt;  
you shall raise up the foundations of many  
generations; you shall be called the repairer  
of the breach, the restorer of streets to  
dwell in." (Isaiah 58:12)

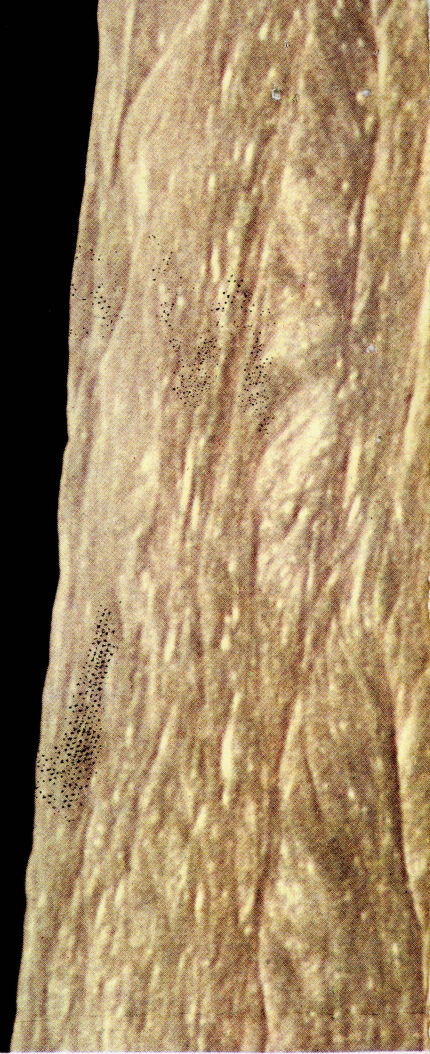
(Because of our time limit today  
we ask our speakers to "be on  
time" and except for those  
so designated as our main speakers  
for no one to go over 2 minutes.  
We have to be ready for open house  
from 4 to 6 P.M. Everyone these  
days seems to want to get straight  
to the point. So be it.)

2:00 PM Dedication Service of Celebration  
3:45 PM Cake and Coffee and....  
4:15 PM KING FILM shown by Bill Tolliver  
OPEN HOUSE  
Joe Taylor (Cement Contractor) at the organ.

Mrs. Aurie Watts has homemade peanut  
brittle at \$1.00 per box.



# *In the beginning God....*



APOLLO 8 EARTH VIEW—NASA photo—Courtesy SVE  
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PROCLAMATION.....A. Sherwood Nelson, Pastor

CELEBRANT: We gather today in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

ALL: AMEN

CELEBRANT: Our help is in the name of the Lord.

ALL: WHO MADE HEAVEN AND EARTH.

CELEBRANT: Direct us, O Lord, in all our doings, strengthen us in all our works which begin, continue, and end in your name, give us power that we may glorify your name, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

ALL: AMEN. THE EARTH IS THE LORD'S, AND THE FULNESS THEREOF, THE WORLD AND THOSE WHO DWELL THEREIN:  
FOR HE HAS FOUNDED IT UPON THE SEAS, AND ESTABLISHED IT UPON THE RIVERS.  
WHO SHALL ASCEND THE HILL OF THE LORD? AND WHO SHALL STAND IN HIS HOLY PLACE?  
HE WHO HAS CLEAN HANDS AND A PURE HEART, WHO DOES NOT LIFT UP HIS SOUL TO WHAT IS FALSE, AND DOES NOT SWEAR DECEITFULLY.  
HE WILL RECEIVE BLESSING FROM THE LORD, AND FAVOR FROM THE GOD OF HIS SALVATION.  
SUCH IS THE GENERATION OF THOSE WHO SEEK HIM, WHO SEEK THE FACE OF THE GOD OF JACOB.  
LIFT UP YOUR HEADS, O GATES! AND BE LIFTED UP, O ANCIENT DOORS!  
THAT THE KING OF GLORY MAY COME IN.  
WHO IS THE KING OF GLORY? THE LORD, STRONG AND MIGHTY, THE LORD, MIGHTY IN BATTLE!  
LIFT UP YOUR HEADS, O GATES! AND BE LIFTED UP, O ANCIENT DOORS!  
THAT THE KING OF GLORY MAY COME IN.  
WHO IS THIS KING OF GLORY?  
THE LORD OF HOSTS, HE IS THE KING OF GLORY! AMEN AND AMEN.

CELEBRANT: Peace be to this house:

ALL: And to all that enter therein.

INTRODUCTION OF CONTRACTORS AND GENERAL CONTRACTOR, Charles Moore and staff, and Presentation of Keys to Building Chairman of Bethel Lutheran Church, Frank Goodrich. (Apex Masonary, Koepke Plumbing, Joe Taylor, Cement, Griffen Excavating, Brown Drywall, Richardson Heating, R. S. Bailey & Associates, Painting, Henry Simpson, Electric, Paul Martino, Carpentry, Southshore Glass, Koppers Unit Structures, Alert Roofing, Cottage Sheet Metal, and others)

INTRODUCTION OF ARCHITECT RALPH C. KORN and Presentation of Master Plan To Frank Goodrich, Building Chairman.

INTRODUCTION OF ATTORNEY DONALD R. HANSON and Presentation of Deed to Frank Goodrich, Building Chairman.

PRESENTATION OF HOLY BIBLE, SERVICE BOOK AND SACRAMENTAL VESSELS BY ACOLYTES TO OFFICIATING MINISTER, (REV. WILLIAM LESHNER, Dean of West Chicagoland District, Illinois Synod, the Lutheran Church in America, pastor of St. Luke's Lutheran Church, 2649 N. Francisco, Chicago, Ill.) and DEDICATION OF THIS CHURCH BUILDING, multi-purpose building of Bethel Lutheran Church of Englewood.

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(during the prayers the congregation will respond by saying AMEN after each petition of prayer). (ACOLYTES are Leo Dugger and Walter Goodrich)

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THE TOLLING OF THE BELL, one toll for each of 33 years of Christ's life and THE LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES, and a moment of silence.

HALLELUJAH CHORUS (J. H. Handel) by Miss Cheryl Stampley, Organist (Handel 1685-1759)

ALL STANDING IN CONFESSION OF THE APOSTLES' CREED:

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth: And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; The third day he rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; The holy Christian\* Church, the Communion of Saints; The Forgiveness of sins; The Resurrection of the body, And the Life everlasting. Amen.

(\*The Holy catholic Church" (original text))

COLLECT PRAYER:  
(all standing)

Let us pray: O God by whose hand we celebrate the dedication of this new multi-purpose church building, we seek your blessing, O Lord, make us living temples holy and acceptable to you, through your Son, our Savior, Christ the Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end.

ALL:  
(All seated)

AMEN.

"THANK YOU" by Members of Junior Choir, Miss Pat Nelson, Director

READING OF OLD TESTAMENT LESSON (Genesis 28:10-22) by Tommy Gray, Deacon (this text Egon Weiner created "Jacob's Ladder" out of which you sculpturally see in the entrance hall).

"Jacob left Beer-sheba, and went toward Haran. And he came to a certain place, and stayed there that night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place to sleep. And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, and the top of it reached to heaven; and behold, the angels of God were ascending and descending on it! And behold, the Lord stood above it and said, "I am the Lord, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your descendants; and your descendants shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and by you and your descendants shall all the families of the earth bless themselves. Behold, I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done that of which I have spoken to you. Then Jacob awoke from his sleep and said, 'Surely the Lord is in this place; and I did not know it.' And he was afraid, and said, 'How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.' So Jacob rose early in the morning, and he took the stone which he had put under his head and set it up for a pillar and poured oil on the top of it. He called the name of that place BETHEL, but the name of the city was Luz at the first. Then Jacob made a vow, saying, 'If God will be with me, and will keep me in this way that I go, and will give me bread to eat and clothing to wear, so that I come again to my father's house in peace, then the Lord shall be my God, and this stone, which I have set up for a pillar, shall be God's house; and of all that thou givest me I will give the tenth to thee.'"

"I'll Make It Somehow" by Mrs. Bobbi Richard, accompanied by Miss Cathy Cain  
our community friends and members of Shiloh Baptist Church,  
71st and Racine,

READING OF THE EPISTLE LESSON (Revelation 21:1-5) by Tommy Gray, Deacon

"Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband; and I heard a great voice from the throne saying, 'Behold the dwelling of God is with men. He will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning nor crying nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away.'"

"I Don't Care What the World May Do, I'm Going to Praise Him Anyhow." by Bethelites

READING OF THE GOSPEL LESSON (Luke 4:16-21) by Tommy Gray, Deacon

HYMN: JESUS TOOK THE BABES AND BLESSED THEM by everyone.

Jesus took the babes and blessed them, Brought to him in days of old;  
Fondly in his arms caressed them, Bade them welcome in his fold;  
Warmly welcomed, warmly welcomed, When disciples hearts were cold.

Jesus calls them still with kindness, Passing every mortal thought;  
Bids them come, though human blindness, Still would chide when they are brought;  
Takes and blesses, takes and blesses, Whom he hath so dearly bought. AMEN.

THE BAPTISM OF CORY WILLIAM ROSS, born February 20, 1970 whose parents Mr. and Mrs. Clinton (Jo Ann) Ross share in the NEW LIFE Christ brings to us in baptism.

"CREATION" (James Weldon Johnson) by Miss Pamela Broy

"And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up; and he went to the synagogue, as his custom was, on the sabbath day. And he stoop up to read; and there was given to him the book of the prophet Isaiah. He opened the book and found the place where it was written, 'The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to Preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord.' And he closed the book, and gave it back to the attendant, and sat down; and the eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. And he began to say to them, 'Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.'"

HYMN: ALL CREATURES OF OUR GOD AND KING

All creatures of our God and King, Lift up your voice and with us sing  
AL-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia  
Thou burning sun with golden beam, Thou silver moon with softer gleam:  
O praise him, O praise him, Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Thou rushing wind that art so strong, Ye clouds that sail in heaven along,  
O praise him, alleluia!  
Thou rising morn, in praise rejoice, Ye lights of evening, find a voice;  
O praise him, O praise him, Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Thou flowing water, pure and clear, Make music for thy Lord to hear,  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Thou fire so masterful and bright, That givest man both warmth and light;  
O praise him, O praise him, Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

And all ye men of tender heart, Forgiving others, take your part,  
O sing ye, alleluia!  
Ye who long pain and sorrow bear, Praise God and on him cast your care:  
O praise him, O praise him, Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

And thou, most kind and gentle death, Waiting to hush our latest breath,  
O praise him, alleluia!  
Thou leadest home the child of God; And Christ our Lord the way hath trod:  
O praise him, O praise him, Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

A MESSAGE FROM FROM FORMER PASTORS OF BETHEL

Dr. C. J. Curtis (1953-1959), pastor of Immanuel Lutheran Church, 1500 W. Elmdale,  
and teacher at Loyola University

"The Lord Bless You and Keep You" (Peter C. Lutkin) The Bethelites

Rev. Bruce Johnston (1959-1965), pastor of Unity Lutheran Church, 5409 N.  
Magnolia, Secretary, East Chicagoland District.

"Precious Lord" by Mrs. Bobbi Richard, accompanied by Miss Cathy Cain

A MESSAGE FROM THE CONGREGATION by Mr. Curtis Robinson, newly elected Chairman of  
the Church Council for 1970.

.....by Mr. Roosevelt Mesbitt, retiring Chairman of the Church Council who has  
lead Bethel during these changing years to the  
present, Co-Chairman, Dedication Committee.

.....by Mr. Leon Timm, long time Deacon who has lead and become supportive of  
Bethel's ventures, Co-Chairman, Dedication Committee.

.....by Mrs. Aurie Watts, President of the Lutheran Church Women for 1970.

.....by Miss Rosa Webb, President of Youth of Bethel  
by Miss Connie Goodrich, Vice President of Youth of Bethel

.....by Girl Scouts of Bethel, in word and in song.

.....by Robert Moore, Presentation as Athletic Director at Bethel

THE OFFERING

"Beautiful Savior" (F. Melius Christiansen) Junior Choir and Bethelites  
(all offerings will go toward the construction of this building.)

A MESSAGE FROM THE COMMUNITY

Rev. John Clinkscales, President, Englewood Clergy Association, a Vice President of Englewood Community Congress, on the Board of Directors of YMCA, pastor of Lebanon Baptist Church, 1501 W. Marquette Road

...Neighboring Community Churches

...Neighboring Community Groups

HYMN: THEY'LL KNOW WE ARE CHRISTIANS BY OUR LOVE

We are one in the Spirit, We are one in the Lord, We are one in the Spirit,  
We are one in the Lord, And we pray that all unity may one day be restored.

CHORUS

And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,  
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

We will walk with each other, We will walk hand in hand,  
We will walk with each other, We will walk hand in hand,  
And together we'll spread the news that God is in our land.

CHORUS

We will work with each other, We will work side by side,  
We will work with each other, We will work side by side,  
And we'll guard each man's dignity and save each man's pride.

CHORUS

All praise to the Father, From whom all things come,  
And all praise to Christ Jesus, His only Son,  
And all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one.

CHORUS

THE Benediction:

All: AMEN (from AMEN song)

"DEDICATION SONG" by Bethelites

Postlude by Miss Cheryl Stampley (A MIGHTY FORTRESS)

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1970 Church Council

Curtis Robinson, Chairman (Vice President)	Sherwood Nelson, Pastor (President)
Walter Lundell, Secretary	Ollie Jackson
Charles Swanson, Treasurer	Carl Johnson
Roosevelt Nesbitt	Folke Pearson
James T. Howard	Larry Wilson, Lay Ministry Chairman
Frank Howard, Building Chairman	Robert Moore, Lay Leader
Mrs. Aurie Watts	Tommy Gray, Lay Leader
Eugene Williams, Ushering Chairman	Roy Gustafson
Harold Ammodt	
John Gales	
John Hult	

GOD'S CALL TO THE CHURCH IN EACH PLACE

THIS IS GOD'S WORLD: the object of God's love, the arena of man's achievement, and the scene of man's struggles.

THIS IS GOD'S TIME: exciting and full of hope, confusing and plagued with anxiety.

THE CHURCH IS GOD'S PEOPLE: the new humanity in Christ, called into being, sustained and empowered by the Holy Spirit.

God's people are sent into the world to speak his Word and to be agents of reconciliation.

As his people we confess that we are hesitant in our faith, timid in our ventures, and halting in our obedience.

Yet the Church continues to be God's own people, the community of faith and love and servanthood. Centered in Jesus Christ, this community is continually renewed as it relives his life, death, and resurrection in worship and mission.

Faithfulness in our day requires that the congregation come to a clearer understanding of what it means to be the Church in each place and welcome today's world as the given setting for its mission.

. . . Therefore, the Lutheran Church in America calls upon each congregation

1. To support in prayer and uphold in proclamation the oneness of the Church in all places and at all times.
2. To recognize that it shares in the oneness of the Church through the union with other congregations in the Lutheran Church in America.
3. To see in its own life the presence of the Lutheran Church in America and in what this church does corporately in North America and throughout the world, an extension of its own mission, assuming a full and generous share of the responsibilities which this entails.
4. To join with other Lutheran congregations, especially those nearby, in mutual counsel and action, gladly extending the fellowship of its pulpit and altar to all of them.
5. To engage in cooperative action with neighboring congregations and councils of churches which with it confess Jesus Christ as divine Lord and Saviour.
6. To be alert to the changing needs, moods, and currents of the modern world in order to fulfill its ministry more effectively.
7. To adapt its methods and programs to the specific community or communities which it is called to serve, recognizing especially the dramatic increase in the proportion of youth in the general population.

8. To lift its voice in concord and to work in concert with forces for good, cooperating with church and other groups participating in activities that promote justice, relieve misery, and reconcile the estranged.
9. To proclaim that God is present in mercy and judgment in man's life and work, in his searching and striving, in his art, science, and culture, and in the ordering of society and the universe.
10. To welcome the new light shed on God's Word and world by sound scholarship.
11. To strive to deepen the inner life of its members through regular worship, the Sacrament of the Altar, the study of Scripture, meditation and prayer.
12. To appreciate its rich heritage of worship and to be open to new expressions of adoration of God.
13. To be the family of God in which those who suffer the bruised of life find support and help, the complacent are stirred, and the creative and venturesome are encouraged.
14. To equip its members through a deepened understanding of the Christian faith to perform their ministries in the experiences of daily life, at work and at leisure, in family and neighborhood, and as responsible citizens.
15. To seek, welcome, and involve in its fellowship all men without regard to race, status, or background.
16. To examine its organizational life at regular intervals to make sure that every part of it is an authentic expression of the gospel and contributes to the fulfilling of its mission.

In this modern mass society and in these changing times there is danger that our congregations may have lost touch with the central dynamics of our society. If congregations are static and immobile in spiritual life or in outward service to mankind, the church will be irrelevant to this urban-oriented culture and unable to grasp its many and varied opportunities.

Each congregation must find the means and methods by which it best fulfills God's call to be his people. No statement can in itself be the final word. The faith is eternal. The forces with which it must deal and the environment in which it lives are in ferment. This is the natural climate and condition in which the church carries on its work. These do not diminish its joyous conviction that the Word of God is the power to redeem our day.

.....Lutheran Church in America, adopted in  
1966

NOTES:

Today is a day of celebration of "New Life", our new bell is old as its 2000 pounds toll....this building is air conditioned....it has some doors, exit signs, cornerstone, from the old church...Bethel is a member of the Lutheran Church in America, the largest of 3 major Lutheran denominations, the others being Lutheran Church, Missouri Synod, and the American Lutheran Church.....we are awaiting a new driveway and parking lot, baptismal font, candle holders mounted on the wall, and stack chairs that can be hooked together to form rows of "pews."..the Hammond Organ is being played for the first time today.....Cheryl Stampley has been our organist since age 13 when suddenly Bethel was without an organist and someone had to learn. ....we are grateful to our General Contractor and Mr. Ramen Parik (from India) for their work on this building, Mr. Moore has been a Brick Contractor for many years and now finds his business expanding in the General Construction field, he attended Jackson College in Mississippi and has his office on 87th Street.....Ralph Korn was hired as architect for his great ability to listen to the vision of people, and to put concrete around it with almost precision touchdown when it comes to the estimated dollar, we thank Mr. Korn and Mr. Moore who have nurtured this building through as if it were their own. ....we thank DONALD R. HANSON whose shoes are thinner, his patience shorter, and his hair more gray with our adventures around the city to move and repurchase and hundreds and hundreds of papers to make it possible that are unbelievable, without his "punch" we would not be here today, these three men are the professionals we have counted on so heavily to make it possible to get to this point "on time."

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Our congregation has organizations and programs and people who work within and outside our congregation, we believe in our church and in our community and desire to work for the interest of every person.

We do not have time or space to mention all who have sent greetings, all who have encouraged us, prayed with us, and criticized us.

Nor do we have time to mention a lot of names of our members or contributors. Suffice to say we are glad you are here. Let's make it worth while, meet your neighbor.

TODAY: 4:15 SPECIAL SHOWING OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING'S MEMPHIS SPEECH in color by Bill Tolliver, our plumber for Koepke Plumbing who did it all as one man! SEE THIS FILM, it's ABC and a speech history never will forget.

4:00 to 6:00 Organ Music by Joe Taylor, our cement contractor. Talent! Talent!

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