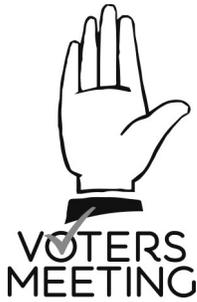




**Bethel
Lutheran
Church**
Making Disciples!

E-Memo to The Saints

March 21—April 11, 2019



**Come to Bethel's
Special Called Voters Assembly
Sunday, March 24th, 2019
FOR THE PURPOSE OF ELECTING
THE SENIOR PASTOR**

Check out the display in the narthex where you will find the Candidates for the election of Senior Pastor and their information (links to their websites to listen to their sermons), the Board of Elders' Recommendation, and a Sample Ballot. Any questions and/or comments may be directed to your elder and/or Adam Janac, (979) 575-2841, adam.janac@outlook.com

Our Ballot of Candidates is

- 1.) Pastor Randall C. Bard, Current Call to Bethel Lutheran, Bryan
- 2.) Pastor Charles Byer, Current Call to Our Redeemer, Long Island, NY
- 3.) Pastor Ken Mitschke, Current Call to Word of Life Fellowship, Cibolo, TX
- 4.) Alan Struckmeyer, Current Call to Abiding Savior, Gainesville, FL

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CHECK THIS OUT!

Bethel has been blessed to receive a loan rebate from the Texas District Church Extension Fund for \$12,990.76. The rebate is based upon our loan balance and deposits there from the church and its members. Church Council has earmarked these funds to help pay for the balcony seating.

The mission of the Texas District Church Extension Fund is to extend God's Kingdom by boldly and responsibly assisting congregations to acquire land and buildings and by linking investors with congregations. To find out more about the Texas Church Extension Fund, go online to <https://texascef.org/about/>.



Texas District Church Extension Fund
a ministry of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

Bethel Prayer Walk

**Saturday, March 23 from 2-5 pm
at Bethel**

Come and walk Saturday during the time periods suggested (or even after church service if you wish).

We have Guides in the narthex by the library and at the starting point in the Prayer Garden and suggested prayers will be provided if you want them. If the weather is not good, a walking option for inside our building will be provided. A third option for those that cannot walk long distance, will be to pray in the church.

We want to cover Bethel in prayer as we go through our Pastoral and DCE searches. We also want to offer prayers for the Lenten season, for our shut-in members, for our ailing members, and for our church staff, as well as individual prayer needs.



LWML Helping Hands Mission Quilts

Bethel Helping Hands has made 74 mission quilts this past year for Lutheran World Relief. We will be Blessing these quilts this weekend during our worship services. When received overseas, these quilts are used for shielding against the cold and rain, and for warm bedding. Quilts can also be used for simple tents, floor coverings, or a wrap to hold a baby on a mother's back.

Thank-you Pastor for blessing these quilts as they go to countries in need of our help.

Mission quilts will be driven to Zion Lutheran Church Brenham collection site on April 22 then to the Houston collection point. From Houston, the last stop will be LWR warehouse South St. Paul, Minnesota.

The stamps that LWML collects are used by Lutheran World Relief to offset shipping costs. Each quilt costs LWR \$2.25 to ship overseas.

More information can be found online at <http://www.lwr.org>.



From the Board of Stewardship



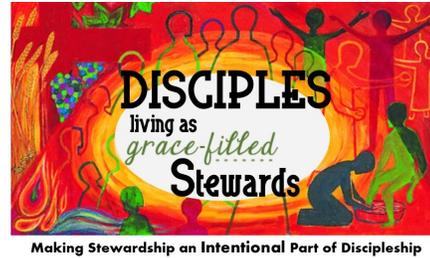
*Time, Talent & Treasure
Surveys—It's never too
late to turn them in to the
church office!*



Bethel OWLS (Older, Wiser, Lutheran Souls)

**April 11, 2019 at Noon
in the Parish Hall**

THE OWLS will MOVE their date to Thursday, April 11th, the second Thursday, due to Easter. Larry Piper will share some very interesting highlights from *The Allies* by Winston Groom. Please bring a dish of food to share and a friend and join us for fun and fellowship. See you there.



“Disciples Living as Grace-filled Stewards”

Our Sunday Bible Classes are currently following a series focusing on discipleship and stewardship. Jesus has called each of us to be His disciples. As His disciples, we follow Him and learn from Him as we read and study His Word. His love for us compels us to go and encourage others to follow Him and become His disciples.

Acknowledging that all we are and have are gifts from God, we become His faithful stewards who manage all that has been entrusted to us. God honors us with the privilege of being His disciples who live as grace-filled stewards. Pastor Bard is teaching this in his class downstairs and DCE Randy Moerbe is teaching it upstairs in room 232. Let us all pray that this four-week emphasis **Disciples Living as Grace-filled Stewards** will bless us and draw us closer to Jesus in our spiritual journey.

Bethel offers

Lenten Devotional Worship

Just 3 more weeks of Lent **March 27, April 3 & 10 with services at Noon and 6:45 PM.** With a meal served from 5:15 to 6:30 with a cost of \$4/person with a max of \$12/family.

Menus:

March 27—Pot Roast, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans

April 3—Quiche, Spinach Salad, Fruit

April 10—Spaghetti, Caesar Salad, Bread

WEDNESDAY LENTEN SCHEDULE



Noon – Lenten Devotional Service
5:15 PM – Lenten Meal (served until 6:30 PM)
5:30 PM – Handbells
6:45 PM – Lenten Devotional Service
7:30 PM – Sanctuary Choir
CONFIRMATION SCHEDULE
Wednesday April 3 – Immediately following church.

Fun Family Wednesday (and regular Confirmation schedule) resumes April 24, May 1 & May 8.

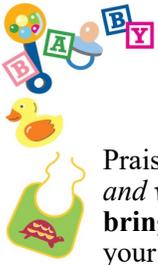
Lenten Daily Devotions in Emails, Podcast, or Booklets *People of the Passion*

Bethel's Board of Witness/Outreach is making available Lenten Devotion booklets from Lutheran Hour Ministries. You can read *People of the Passion* or hear it as a podcast. During the Lenten season, you can receive these devotions as a daily e-mail, beginning on Ash Wednesday, March 6. Go online to www.lhm.org/lent for all these

versions. **OR pick up a printed copy in the narthex on the Elders Credenza.**

With Lent comes the period in the church year when the love of God as expressed in the bitter suffering and death of His Son Jesus is contemplated among Christians. This year's Lenten devotions from LHM, *People of the Passion*, give readers the sense of wonder at how God could love us so much that He would do this—sacrifice His only Son—on our behalf.

From the Board of Community Service



Baby Shower for Hope pregnancy

HOPE
Pregnancy Centers

Praise God for Life! *The shower will be held at Hope Pregnancy on Monday, April 1 from 5:30 - 6:30 and we will provide decorations, refreshments and a game for the attendees.* **If you have signed up to bring some items, please have them to the church by THIS SUNDAY, March 24th.** If you can't get your gift here by Sunday, the 24th, please contact Judy Dunn at (820-1273 or jydunn80@gmail.com) to let her know. Also, please do not wrap your items. We need to see what they are so they can be evenly distributed. There are no more sign ups for items to buy, but if you would like to donate some money, that would be fine. You can still sign up to go to the party. **Check out the display in the narthex.** Thank the Lord for this exciting opportunity!



BOWLING WITH BEE

FRIDAY MARCH 22ND
GRAND STATION ENTERTAINMENT
COME-AND-GO BOWLING 5-8PM

The BEE Community - a place for adults with disabilities to work and belong – **is the newest addition to community organizations Bethel supports.** Their mission is to provide meaningful work for adults with disabilities in a God-centered environment.

Go online to www.thebeecomunity.com to see what they are all about. AND Come out to Grand Station this Friday to support them while enjoying bowling. Go here to register:

<https://thebeecomunity.z2systems.com/eventReg.jsp?event=2&>

THE BEE COMMUNITY

is a **GOD-CENTERED**, post-secondary, vocational program that provides a place of **BELONGING, MEANINGFUL WORK, AND LIFELONG LEARNING** for adults with disabilities.

The BEE Community is a place for people **WITH AND WITHOUT DISABILITIES** to enter into **AUTHENTIC RELATIONSHIPS**. We want people of all abilities and talents to use their gifting for the glory of God and good of others.



Mad Taco is promoting Family Promise of B-CS with two specials

for this month, sales of which will benefit FP, and a profit share at each location.

FP will get a portion of all sales for the day, regardless of time, and no need to collect receipts. Tell your friends!

WEDNESDAY, March 27th - Greens Prairie location, 1664 Greens Prairie Rd W, CS 979-704-6137

Bethel's Preschool News

Thank you for your support! We are so blessed that we continue to receive donations given to our preschool! A portion of our budget relies on donations and fund raisers and we very much appreciate these gifts.

Our **Good Samaritan Fund** is our **preschool scholarship fund** that allows us to help a preschool family that needs temporary assistance paying their tuition (due to job loss, family crisis or other such circumstances). The scholarship is a one-time a school year gift that only goes toward their tuition. It is a way for Bethel to show that we not only educate/care for the child but also are concerned about the entire family. The money in this fund is from church members who make donations ear marked for the scholarship fund and/or memorial gifts given for the preschool.

Preschool registration is taking place now for the 2019-2020 school year. Currently our classes are full for the 4 year olds

and we are starting a Waiting List. **We do have openings still for the 2 and the 3 year old classes.** The children need to be 2 by September 1, 2019, to qualify for our program. We follow the Bryan school calendar. Several options for the days of the week and the times you may need are offered. Preschool classes are from 8:30-12:00 noon. "Early Bird" is from 7:15-8:30 and Extended Care pick up times of 1:00, 3:00 or 5:30 P.M. are offered. For more information or to get a tour, please call Debbie Sadler (979-485-9835 or 979-446-1578). **We are always happy to answer any questions you may have!**

Please continue to keep the preschool children, families and the staff in your prayers. Prayers for good health for our children and staff would be greatly appreciated!



From DCE Randy & Board of Parish Ed



LCMS NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING—We have been blessed with some generous special gifts from some of our members toward this event this summer. As we have some families with multiple children going, as well as some single parents with a child attending we're going to need all the help we can get!

These Gatherings have been held for almost 40 years. I know personally that Bethel has attended since 1986 and most likely at least 1983 and has sent over 200 youth and adults to these Gatherings over the years.

- 1980 Fort Collins, CO Rejoice in His Presence (Apostles' Creed)
- 1983 San Antonio, TX Amigos de Cristo (Third Article)
- 1986 Washington, DC On Wings Like Eagles (Isaiah 40:28-31)
- 1989 Denver, CO Blessed in the Journey (Seasons of the Church Year)
- 1992 New Orleans, LA Time for Joy (Ecclesiastes 3:1-8)
- 1995 San Antonio, TX River of Light (Psalm 46:4)
- 1998 Atlanta, GA Called to Be (Romans 1:6)
- 2001 New Orleans, LA Higher Ground (Colossians 3:1)
- 2004 Orlando, FL Beyond Imagination (Ephesians 3:20-21)
- 2007 Orlando, FL Chosen (I Peter 2:9/Book of I Peter)
- 2010 New Orleans, LA We Believe (John 20:31)
- 2013 San Antonio, TX Live Love(d) (1 John 4:10)
- 2016 New Orleans, LA In Christ Alone (Phillippians)
- 2019 Minneapolis, MN Real.Present.God (Psalm 46:10-11)

Our flight leaves Hobby Airport at 6:45 AM on July 11th. We are contracting with Ground Shuttle services for transportation to the airport on the 11th and home on the 15th. Again, thanks for your continued support.

NOTHING BUNDT CAKES

If you ordered a Bundtlet cake please know that they will be available this weekend, March 23/24. If you have not picked up the cards you ordered they are available as well. Please see DCE Randy for help with this.

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DCE CALL PROCESS—We are down to our “final four” names on our DCE Call list. Skype Interviews have been set up for the DCE Call Committee and these candidates the evenings of March 28th and April 2nd.

As reported in the previous E-Memo we started with a list of seventeen names. Of these four asked not to be considered and six others have taken Calls since their names were put on our list and so cannot be considered by us. We have chosen to do Skype interviews with the four top candidates on this list. Following these interviews, we will decide on bringing one or more of these candidates in for a visit to Bethel to meet with the Call Committee, youth, staff, etc. It is our hope to have a DCE Call recommendation for the same Voter's Meeting in May where we consider the Associate Pastor Call. As always we solicit your prayers for guidance as we move forward.

EASTER EGG HUNT DONATIONS

Please remember that we have our annual Easter Egg Hunt on Easter Sunday morning at 9:45 AM. We collect donations of individually wrapped candy that the youth will use to “put together” the hunt. We already have plenty of empty plastic eggs but need the candy to stuff them with. If you like stuffing the eggs (like a family project with your children) that's fine as well! In early April we'll start the collection. (Please note that for health reasons we don't accept “traditional” dyed Easter Eggs. Having them out in the sun for a time that morning could render them not safe for consumption.) Thanks for your support. (DCE Randy)



Young Couples Game Night - April 5, 2019 at

6:00—9:00PM - Join Us in Parish Hall for fellowship, devotional time, games and food. Please bring a Mexican dish to share. Child Care is Provided. Young is how you feel, not your age. All ages welcome! RSVP to DCE Randy Moerbe at dcerandy@blcbcs.org or Text 979-255-0824. You can also sign up at the table located in the Narthex.



Join Bethel's Ladies in Bible Study and Fellowship

Ladies Lunch Bunch - meets the 1st & 3rd Wednesdays of each month (April 3 & 17) at Blue Baker on University Dr. at 11:30 or whenever you can get there. We'll gather for our devotion and have great conversation and food. We hope you can join us for a spiritual respite from your hectic day.

Ladies Tuesday Morning Bible Study meets 10:00 -11:15AM in room 232, led by Pastor Bard. Child care is provided upon request only.

FIT FOR CHRIST — Hey Ladies! We still meet on Tuesday and Thursday mornings (8:15) upstairs in room 240. Our workout consists of a warm up routine of walking, and then toning exercises which focus on upper or lower body or sometimes Pilates. We wrap up the time together with a devotion. *Child Care available.*

LWML Helping Hands will meet Monday, April 8th at 8:30am in the Parish Hall. All are welcome to come anytime between 8:30am—2pm to help tie quilts. The quilts are shipped to Lutheran World Relief. <http://lwr.org>.

Monthly LWML Mites will be collected on March 30-31.

Change in LWML - Lutheran Women in Mission Meeting for April 1.

Instead of having our monthly meeting in April, the Lutheran Women for Mission will be participating in the Baby Shower for Hope Pregnancy that same day. This will serve as our service project for April. So no meeting in the Parish Hall that evening.

Save the Date

Lutheran Women in Mission Bluebonnet Zone Spring Workshop April 27 from 9-2

Holy Cross Lutheran Church
Speaker: Rachel Norris from Joy Pottery
Cost: \$8.00/includes lunch
RSVP to Rosie Schoenfeld if you are interested in attending.

Save the Date

Mother/Daughter Supper Monday, May 6 at 6 pm

More information to follow.

Join Bethel's Men in Bible Study and Fellowship

Men's Monday Evening Bible Study & Fellowship Group meets at 7:00 PM in Room 232.

They are doing a study on Haggai, Zechariah, and Malachi. This study is part of the *LifeLight* Bible study series of in-depth studies of Bible books put out by Concordia Publishing House (cph.org). The goal of *LifeLight* is that through a regular program of in-depth personal and group study of Scripture, more and more Christian adults may grow in their personal faith in Jesus Christ.

Friday Morning Men's Bible Study/Breakfast Group each Friday morning at 6:30 AM in the Parish Hall. The Journey from Unbelief to Faith. A DVD series with Rev. Dr. John Nunes. This Bible study conveys in frank language the lives of individuals who traveled from the outer edge of unbelief and apathy to the Christ-centered faith they now devotedly embrace.

Living with Grief - Learn how to cope with Grief Sundays, at 4PM in Room 240

Bethel is hosting a biblical study for those who have suffered the loss of a loved one, following a nationally recognized curriculum sponsored by GriefShare. This program is designed to encourage us to look at our loss and its impact on our lives from God's perspective. We will learn that grief is a natural response to the loss of a loved one and that there is relief, purpose, and joy in the future. Please join us for an upbeat and refreshing understanding of what God has done for us and his plan for our lives.

EASTER SONRISE BREAKFAST

Bethel's LWML - Lutheran Women In Mission will host the breakfast this year. All Bethel members and visitors are invited to share the joy of the Risen Lord together at our annual Easter Breakfast. Everyone is encouraged to stay for a delicious breakfast and great fellowship following the Sonrise Worship Service at 6:45 a.m. Coffee and juice will be provided. Each family is invited to bring one of the following (already prepared and baked):

1. An egg dish (recipes are printed)
2. Breakfast pastry
3. Fruit salad (already prepared)

If you have any questions, please call, text or email Judy Dunn (820-1273 or jydunn80@gmail.com)

PLACE: Bethel Lutheran Church in the Parish Hall
DATE: Easter Sunday, April 21, 2019
TIME: 8:00 A.M.

Volunteers Needed

The LWML is asking for help from the congregation during the Easter Breakfast. It would only be for one of the following different shifts. They are looking for 4 volunteers for each shift and there will be at least one LWML member to supervise the shift.

Saturday we will need help preparing the parish hall.

The shifts on Sunday are:

- 6:30 - 7:00 a.m.** - to accept food and prepare for serving
7:45 - 8:30 a.m. - to prepare for serving and help serve
8:30 - 9:00 a.m. - to help serve and begin cleaning dishes

Contact: Call, text or email Judy Dunn (820-1273 or jydunn80@gmail.com)
Thank you for any help you can lend.

More Recipes can be found in the attachment of this email. Or get a flyer at the church office.

LARGE EASY BREAKFAST CASSEROLE (A Church Favorite)

This may be made on Saturday and put into the refrigerator until Sunday.

Place one bag frozen tater-tots or hash brown in the bottom of an un-greased 13x9 cake pan. Top with 10-12 cooked eggs (scrambled, boiled, or diced.).

Top eggs with one of the following:

- 1 lb. bacon crisp and crumbled
- 1 lb. sausage fried (scrambled if pan sausage, chopped if link sausage)
- 2-3 cups chopped ham

Top meat with cheese sauce: Mix 5 Tbs. Flour with 5 Tbs. Melted butter. Add 2 cups milk and heat, stirring frequently until thickened. Add one of the following:

- ½ lb. Velveeta (that's ¼ of a 2 lb. package.)
- 2-3 grated cups of your favorite cheese (Cheddar, Swiss, etc.)

Stir until cheese is melted. Place casserole, uncovered, in a 350 degrees oven for 25-35 minutes or until cheese begins to bubble and is slightly brown on the edges. (May add onion, bell pepper, chili peppers, mushrooms)



Happy Birthday!!

Our Bethel Family

March

Bill Wieghat	20	Grant Flippin	24	Bruce Theiss	29
Frank Duchmasclo	21	Eunice LePori	25	Bryan Theiss	29
Katie Bentley	22	Barbara Kasper	26	Haley Schautschick	30
Sadie Hausenfluck	23	Kelli Kindt	27	Jacob Brown	31
Pat Caudle	24	Flo Schaffer	27	Martha Delovio	31
		Brooke Scott	27	James Ellison	31
		Talon Engram	28	Lisa Paholek	31
				Doris Shimshack	31

April

Emily Bard	1	Tyler Shane	8	David Ellis	20
Rhonda Kappler	1	Wally Hahn	9	Sheila Hightower	20
Ida Mae Kaspar	1	Rodney Murphy	9	Cooper Klatt	20
Rita Baumann	2	Paul Schoenfeld	9	Brayden Jones	22
Brighton Kasper	2	Nathan Segrest	9	James Lindsey	22
Karen Sanders	2	Flora Fleeger	10	Luke Ramirez	22
Patsy Hartmangruber	3	Shelley Wedemeier	11	Maya Sanchez	22
Grant Murphy	4	Justin Cockroft	12	Jason Gade	23
Adalynn West	4	Cheryl Jones	12	Sandra Burns	25
Joy Schulz	5	Skylar Schautschick	12	Jessica Cumbie	25
Dylan Yung	5	Nicole Zucker	12	Morris Guyton	26
Sierra Yung	5	Jennifer Skains	13	Terry Hausenfluck	26
Malinda Klein	6	Kim Rutledge	14	Brenna Scott	26
Rachel Lucht	7	Noah Drager	16	Suzanne Black	27
Michael Reece	7	Kylie Ouellette	16	Joyce Jones	27
George Segrest	7	Troy Yung	16	Kaylee Royder	27
Violet Addison	8	Peter Nettles	17	Sandra Hemann	28
Lily Clements	8	Hailey Theiss	17	Preston Kissman	28
Mary Ann Lubber	8	Donna Fajkus	19	Katie Stroud	28
		Lisa Loke	19	Chris Rutledge	30
		Magdalyn Delovio	20	Elaine Thompson	30

Disciples of the Way Ministries

Disciples of the Way assists refugees in a variety of ways. One of these is teaching valuable skills that help people adjust to life in America. DOW's computer classes teach our refugee neighbors to use a computer, find jobs, access information on the internet, and communicate with others electronically.

Sewing skills create opportunities for jobs and much-needed income. They make it possible for women to make the traditional clothing of their home cultures which can be difficult to find in the U.S. And these skills provide a sense of accomplishment for women facing innumerable challenges.

DOW's sewing classes also offer a safe place for women to build relationships with one another and with the DOW staff. After a morning of sewing, the women gather together with the volunteer teachers and Staff to share lunch, Fellowship, and a devotion.

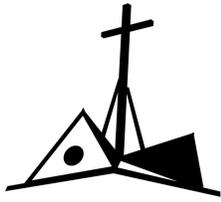
Disciples of the Way welcomes donations of fabric and other sewing materials, and is always looking for volunteers! If you have sewing skills that could make a difference in a woman's life, we would love to have you on our volunteer team!

<http://www.disciplesoftheway.org>
(214) 369-1232

"Make it your ambition to lead a quiet life... and work with your hands, just as we told you, so that your daily life may win the respect of outsiders and so that you will not be dependent on anybody."

- 1 Thessalonians 4:11-12





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Mrs. Katie Bentley, Office Assistant

Mr. Jeremy Shilling, *His Praise* Band Leader

March 21—April 11, 2019



Join us for

Saturday Night

Worship at 5PM and Bible Class at 6PM

Sunday Mornings

8:30 AM Divine Service (Traditional)

9:30 AM Fellowship Time

10:00 AM Bible Class/SS

11:15 AM Divine Service (Contemporary)

Holy Communion is served on the 1st, 3rd, & 5th weekends of the month.

Lenten Wednesday Worship—March 13th— April 10th — 12:00PM & 6:45 PM

Church Office Hours

Mondays—Thursdays 9am - 5pm

Fridays 9am - 3pm