

**Connection Card**  
**August 8 & 9, 2020**

Saturday    Sun. 8:30    Sun. 11:15

Name: Dr./Mr./Mrs./Miss/Ms. \_\_\_\_\_  
Children in Attendance (Name & Age) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Change in Contact Information

1st Time Guest  
 2nd Time Guest  
 Regular Attender  
 College Student  
 Member/Associate

Email (please print) \_\_\_\_\_  
Best Contact Phone ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ Apt. \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Prayer Requests \_\_\_\_\_  
 Confidential Prayer

Please register for The Lord's Supper on the reverse side. Please place this card in the offering plate or give it to an usher.



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Lutheran  
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**Rev. K. Lynn Stroud**,  
Pastor Emeritus

**Mrs. Ruthann Stroud**,  
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**Mrs. Connie Bard**,  
Children's Ministry Coordinator

**Mr. Nic Duncan**,  
Facilities Manager

**Mrs. Katie Bentley**,  
Office Assistant

**Mr. Jeremy Shilling**,  
*His Praise Leader*

Check Out Bethel's Website  
for Current Calendar and Info  
[www.BLCbcs.org](http://www.BLCbcs.org)



Tenth  
Weekend  
After  
Pentecost

*The First  
(and most  
important)  
Commandment*

August 8 & 9,  
2020



**Bethel  
Lutheran  
Church**

*Making  
Disciples!*

Announcements  
Bulletin



**YOU SHALL HAVE  
NO OTHER GODS  
BEFORE ME.**

EXODUS 20:3, NRSV

## A Warm Bethel Welcome to Our Guests!

We are delighted you are with us. We hope you will fill out the connection card on the back of this bulletin. We usually have a mug for first time guests but these days are different. Now we have hand sanitizer.

**Bethel Lutheran Preschool** offers classes for ages 2-4 with extended care available. For more information, contact Debbie Sadler at [preschool@blcbcs.org](mailto:preschool@blcbcs.org) or 485-9835.

**Children's Activity Books** are available in the narthex beside the Elders Credenza.

**NURSERY AVAILABLE—Nursery Care** is available in Rm. 152 for ages 4 and under. If your little one becomes restless, feel free to use the Nursery. The ushers will be glad to be of assistance. Please know though, that your children and babies are always welcome as we worship.

### Bethel's Church Nursery is Opening Up!

Starting this Sunday, (Aug. 9) we will have nursery workers available in the nursery, room 152 during the worship services. Our amazing Board of Parish Education has opened the nursery. This will be done with some health and safety in mind for workers and children. We will need to check in/out your child from the nursery. We will also be screening children and workers. More details will be present for those checking in your children at the nursery. If you have specific questions you may contact DCE Jeff.



### Sunday Adult Bible Class and Children's Sunday School ONLINE

Throughout August we will continue to offer online Adult Bible Class [found on our website www.blcbcs.org](http://www.blcbcs.org).

**Studying the Ten Commandments**—Pastor Bard will lead our online Bible Class in August.

**Sunday School for children** is still being offered online with Mrs. Amanda and Mrs. Connie. [Look for it on our website, www.blcbcs.org](http://www.blcbcs.org)

**Youth, Junior High, and 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Grade** will continue to meet via zoom during the normal Sunday School hour 10am-11am on Sunday. To access any of the zoom Bible Studies please contact DCE Jeff.

### ONSITE WORSHIP AT BETHEL -

#### Schedule for August.

The Lord's Supper will be served on the 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, & 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays.

**Saturdays at 2:30 pm**, Traditional Divine Service for those at high risk for serious illness

**Saturdays at 5:00 pm**, Traditional Divine Service with social distance seating

**Sunday at 8:30 am**, Traditional Divine Service with social distance seating

**Sunday at 11:15 am**, Contemporary Divine Service with social distance seating

**The 2020 Flower Chart** for Altar flowers is in the Information Center by the elevator. The cost is \$30 per sponsorship and we will accept 3 sponsors each Sunday. You can email the church office at [office@blcbcs.org](mailto:office@blcbcs.org) or call 822-2742 if you have any questions. Thank you.

**THE LUTHERAN HOUR** for the month of August is sponsored to the glory of God by Flo Schaffer in loving memory of Horace Schaffer and Thomas Schaffer. To God be all the glory!

*DVD of the worship service is available. Call the church office to order one for a donation.*

*The New Portales of Prayer for July—Sept., 2020 are available for pick up in the narthex.*

### Those Serving This Weekend

#### Saturday

**Preacher** Pastor Randy Bard  
**Worship leader** Pastor Tim Eden

**Elders 2:30**  
**5:00**

**Organist** Donna Boyd

**Ushers 2:30** David Fleeger, Ken Denmark  
**5:00** Kirk Grimes, Nick West

#### Sunday

**Preacher** Pastor Randy Bard  
**Worship leader** Pastor Tim Eden

**Elders 8:30**  
**11:15**

**Organist** Donna Boyd

**Ushers 8:30** Craig Murphy, Jim Smith  
**11:15** Brad Hildbrandt, David Hildebrandt

**Hosts 8:30** Stacy Lucht  
**11:15** Bob Beard

**Lay Reader** Matthew Vathauer

My Walk with Jesus this week will include . . .

- Praying for all those on our Church prayer list.
- Reading my Bible Daily.
- Attending a weekly Bible Study.

#### Registration for Holy Communion

I believe that God sent His Son, Jesus as my Savior from sin, Satan, and death, and that He is Lord of my life. I repent of my sins and ask God's forgiveness for Jesus' sake. I believe the Risen Christ is really present in the Sacrament and that with the bread and wine all communicants receive His true Body and Blood. I resolve to dedicate myself anew to my Lord through His Church, by regular worship, study of His Word, faithful witness, and loving service.

*Signatures of those communing*

#### SEND ME INFO ABOUT . . .

- Baptism
- What Lutherans Believe
- Membership at Bethel
- Associate Membership

#### SEND ME INFO ABOUT MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES FOR:

- Prayer Chain
- Children/Youth
- Women
- Men
- Seniors
- Music

**OPPORTUNITIES TO Grow in Christ**

**Sun., Aug. 9, 2020—Sun., Aug. 16, 2020**

Sunday, <b>Aug. 9</b>	<b>Tenth Sunday after Pentecost with The Lord's Supper</b>	
	*8:30 a.m. - Divine Service (Traditional)	Sanctuary
	10:00 a.m. - <u>ONLINE</u> Children's SS and Adult Bible Class	
Monday, <b>Aug. 10</b>	*11:15 a.m. - Divine Service (Contemporary)	Sanctuary
	5:30 p.m. - Bethel Personnel Committee	Room 232
	7:00 p.m. - Men's Bible Study Meet <u>ONLINE</u> via ZOOM	
Tuesday, <b>Aug. 11</b>	6:00 p.m. - Bd of Early Childhood Ed. Mtg	Parish Hall
	6:00 p.m. - Bd of Stewardship Mtg	Room 240
	6:30 p.m. - Bd of Elders Mtg	Room 232
Wednesday, <b>Aug. 12</b>	6:30 p.m. - Bd of Trustees Mtg	Parish Hall
Friday, <b>Aug. 14</b>	6:30 a.m. - Men's Bible Study	Room 232
Saturday, <b>Aug. 15</b>	<b>Eleventh Saturday after Pentecost</b>	
	2:30 p.m. - Divine Service (Traditional)	Sanctuary
	5:00 p.m. - Divine Service (Traditional)	Sanctuary
Sunday, <b>Aug. 16</b>	<b>Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost</b>	
	*8:30 a.m. - Divine Service (Traditional)	Sanctuary
	10:00 a.m. - <u>ONLINE</u> Children's SS and Adult Bible Class	
	*11:15 a.m. - Divine Service (Contemporary)	Sanctuary

\* Child Care Available in the Nursery

“[W]hen a child is adopted into a family, there is a real family formed there. Our entire Gospel is at stake in that recognition because there is no such thing as an ‘adopted child,’ only children who were adopted. Adopted in the New Testament is a past-tense verb, not an adjective.” *Dr. Russell D. Moore, author of “Adopted for Life: The Priority of Adoption for Christian Families” and chair of the Ethics and Religious Liberty Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention. This Life Quote is from Lutherans For Life—www.lutheransforlife.org.* Hurting from abortion? Word of Hope can help. [www.word-of-hope.org](http://www.word-of-hope.org); 888.217.8679.

**Give Electronically** —It's so simple! Just text the amount you want to give, with the dollar sign, to 844-985-0897. OR go Online to [www.blcbs.org](http://www.blcbs.org) OR scan in this QR Code.



**Stewardship Encouragement—Matt. 14:30 – “But when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, ‘Lord, save me.’ ”** The world really is a scary place – natural disasters, disease, terrorism, and a hundred other things. But where do we place our hope, our trust, and our vision? Where do we look for aid and comfort? When Peter's eyes were on the Lord, he had confidence. When he turned to look at his problems and took his eyes off the Lord, he fell apart. Sometimes God's call to support the work of His Church with our offerings makes us nervous. But put your eyes back on your Lord, trust Him, follow His Word, and all will be well.

# In Our Prayers This Week

**Those, in our Bethel Family, celebrating birthdays this week:** Mildred Grimes, Cassie Jackson, Mary Hagan, David Kindt, Leslie Ehlers, Rachel Lewis, Sherri Coffman, Jaxton Royder, Bob Beard, Judy Dunn, Joyce Piper, Ryan Ullmann, Jenna Kujawski, Sharon Lenz, Rod McCallum, Nancy Yung, Owen Brocksmith, Bentley Nettles, and Kendra Palasota.

**A Blessing on the Marriage:** of Jessica Pfeffer to Matt Fuller on July 26.

**Those of our families who are expecting babies. Praises for the safe delivery of** Baby Girl Gaster born on July 21 to Samantha & Jake Gaster.

**Those who are struggling with infertility.**

**Those under Hospice Care and their families:** Ray Schreiner, Bobbie Murphy, Sandi Sefcik, Alice Criswell, Bob Maly and Norma Flory.

**Those who are ill, hospitalized, or dealing with Chronic health issues and their families:**

Amy Dahmann & Baby, Ron Chase, Rev. Mike Gruhn, Pearl Symmank, Earl Tomlin, Esther Synatschk, Roy Schoenfeld, Ruth Chow Hoy, Stacey Donathen, Lynn Stroud, Gabe Sanchez, Kathleen Kappler, Linda Murphy, Jerry Werner, Calvin Copeland, Donna Kotaska, David Olson, Marilyn Meyer, Marie Bell, Heaven Ware, Preemie William Ryan Price, Preemie Gracelyn Munoz, Toddler Eva Koebernick, Toddler Logan Meier, Denny Blakely, Ellis Hise, Linda Wellman, Mary Kamr, Sarah Clark, Cora Mickan, Tonia Olson, Gabby Baker, Marinell Bartlett, Geneva Sanchez, Bradley Isenberg, Maribel Martinez, and Xylia Martinez.

**Those with injuries, scheduled surgeries or recovering from surgeries:** Judy Wieghat, Signy Mickelson

**Our Missionaries:** **University Lutheran Chapel A&M Campus & Int'l Students Ministry as they have put forth a Call to Rev. John Karle.** **Rev. Karim Baidoui, Disciples Of the Way.**

**Pastor Steve Wiechman—Breathe Life Ministries Mtakuja Secondary School in Tanzania.**

**Those who mourn:** Joy Schulz and family at the death of Robert Schulz on Aug. 6. Ian Janda and family at the death of his uncle Bill Goetz on Aug. 5. The family of Zack Haveron who died this week. Rosie Zuniga and family at the death of her husband, Greg Zuniga. Justin Birdwell and family at the death of his grandmother, Dolores on July 25. Gary Shockey and family at the death of his grandmother, Martha Garetson on July 9.

**Our Beloved Members:**

Anor Byer	Barbara Petty
LaNelle Coursey	Milton Reim
Alice Holik	Judy Wieghat
Mike Lenz	Sam Clark

**All those in the Military and their families:** **Army**

Jaden Zaneck  
Emalyn Menefee (Jennifer Skains' daughter)  
Justin Swarb (Kathy Herwald's cousin)  
Katherine Haney (**Deployed** to S. Korea, David Fleeger's niece)  
Walker Eifert (The Ellis' son-in-law)  
Grant Holman (Nicole Rincones' son)  
Kyle Kendall (Rachel Jungklaus' cousin)  
Teddy Vaughn (Barbara Frazier's grandson)

**Marines**

Tyler (Brandon) Shane —(Becca & Gabe Sanchez' son)  
Vincent Jochen, (The Boyds' son-in-law)  
Matthew Sutherland

**Navy**

Ben Pannkuk  
Niels Olson (**Deployed** to Guam)  
William “Web” Beard (Bob Beard's son)  
Kristian Sutton, (Barbara Sutton's son)  
Cameron Skains (Jennifer Skain's son)

**Air Force**

Joshua Stroud (**Deployed** to Middle East)  
Cullen Douget (new members Wade & Terressa Douget's son)  
Matthew Simpson (John & Mary Hagan's grandson)

**Army Reserve** Kenneth Jones (**Praising God for Kenneth's retirement from his military service. Thank you for your service, Sir.**)

Michael Sutton

**Bethel's Preschool** as they plan to open Aug 17.

*Please note: In an effort to keep our prayers updated, please let us know about your friend and family if you wish them to stay in our petitions. prcb*

# Announcements

**The BRAZOS CHURCH PANTRY** is a place where your neighbors who are in need can go when they need emergency food aid. The food comes from you - either by direct donation or your gift money. Our unpaid volunteers buy food at wholesale prices so that your monetary gift has maximum value. **Bethel's August Food Drive is underway. So bring your donations to the donation cart in the Information Center.**

## Bethel's Preschool News

The goal of the preschool has always been to not only teach the children their ABC's and good social skills but to also tell them about their loving Savior. This year it is more important than ever to help the children and their families during this fearful and difficult time.

***We ask that you would keep the preschool staff, the children and their families in your prayers!*** We especially ask for prayers of protection for our children, their families and our staff. Please pray for good health, wisdom and guidance as we deal with the COVID-19 issues. This is such a wonderful ministry as we teach the children about Jesus each and every day! ***Thank you for your continued support and love for these children!***

We are starting our 9<sup>th</sup> year as a preschool! Our first year, in 2012, we had 24 children attend the first day of preschool. We currently have 60 children in our program. Our numbers are a little lower this year due to COVID-19 but it is our hope that we gain more children as the year goes on. The Lord has blessed our program in tremendous ways and we give Him praise for all He has done. ***We pray for His continued blessings for this year!***

Our staff will be commissioned at the worship services on August 15 and 16. Our first day of preschool is August 17 and **we are so excited to see our little ones again and get this school year started!**

If you would like more information or have a question about the program, please feel free to talk to me (979-446-1578).

Debbie Sadler, Preschool Director

## Caring for College Students

The Board of Witness and Outreach is preparing back to school care packages for college students of Bethel members and the University Lutheran Chapel (around 50 packages). If you would like to sponsor a care package the cost is \$25 per package and needs to be received by August 16<sup>th</sup>. Please make checks out to Bethel Lutheran Church with the Memo saying "College Care".

Funds given will be tax-deductible. *Disclaimer: By contributing to this project, donors acknowledge that the church has full authority to apply contributions designated for this project to other purposes in the event the project is canceled or oversubscribed.*

## Coming Up In September

**On Sept. 6th, We will open up our facilities for Children Sunday School and Adult Bible Classes.**

**Adult Bible Class** – We will be having in person Bible Class starting September 6<sup>th</sup>. It is our desire to continue to provide an online option for adult Bible Class. We will be providing more information later this month about expectations in social distancing and wearing of masks. Please keep your ministry team in your prayers as we work though how to provide safe in person Bible Study options.

**Children's Sunday School** – Our first day back for in person Sunday School will be Sunday September 6<sup>th</sup>. We have plans to continue online format for Sunday School as well. This also means that we will be recruiting teachers and teacher aid volunteers for the 2020-2021 Sunday School year. Please contact DCE Jeff or Connie Bard to let us know you are ready! The opening of the Sunday School will also be with some care and instruction in how to social distance and protect one another from any spreading of illness. Join us in sharing the Gospel of Jesus and not germs.

**On Sept. 8th, We will start up the Tuesday Ladies Bible Study**, studying the book of John, led by Pastor Bard.

**On Sept. 9th, We will start up our Youth Confirmation Classes. 2020-2021 Confirmation** will be starting up in person. See Pastor Bard's article for more details. We are blessed again this year to have another large group going through this discipleship process. We encourage you to begin praying for all who will be going through this process. May Jesus be in our hearts and echoed in the way we love others.

### Other Items...

**Men's and Women's Bible Studies at Church** - The Board of Parish Education has approved in person meeting for these Bible Study groups. Please note we do have some restriction when meeting at our building. Please contact DCE Jeff to help get your facilities room request submitted.

**NO Fun Family Wednesday for Children...** at this point. The decision has been made to forgo Children's Fun Family Wednesday. The Board of Parish Education will continue to review the opening of this program. However, at this time it will remain closed.

**Special Offering to be received on Reformation Weekend, October 24/25** - As we approach a decade of residing at our Boonville location, I have often been reminded that we have yet to complete our construction. What remains might be missed by the casual observer, but there are still several important things which we need to complete.

Because of this our Church Council recently approved a special offering for this fall to receive funds to provide seating for the balcony and for audio visual equipment which we still need. Estimates to provide adequate balcony seating is about \$100,000, but we have about half of this amount from previous gifts. Our A/V team estimates we need about \$16,000 for A/V equipment. My hope is that, with the monies raised at the end of October, we will have our new seating in place by Easter [Lord willing!]

We have announced this special offering early, so as to allow each family to set aside what they might give as the day approaches. Pr. Bard

### We are still:

**Live Streaming – Sunday worship at 8:30 & 11:15.**

**Providing Men's Friday Morning Bible Study Group by ZOOM.** Contact Marty Criswell.

**Providing Men's Monday Evening Bible Study Group by ZOOM.** Contact George McIlhaney.

**Our Boards are meeting through ZOOM** or at church (practicing social distancing).

**Also, Pastor Eden continues to have his Daily Briefing from God's Word available on Facebook and website.** His schedule for the month of August will be Mon., Wed., & Fri.