



**Bethel
Lutheran
Church**

Making Disciples!

June 15th—July 6th, 2023

E-Memo To the Saints



Ephesians 6:10-18

Come to Bethel's VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Sun., June 18—Thurs., June 22
6:00pm—8:45pm

With *Keepers of the Kingdom*, your kids will learn how they can be part of God's kingdom through salvation in

His Son and will be equipped with the armor of God to become Keepers of the Kingdom who stand strong in today's battle for truth.

Register your Children NOW for VBS

We welcome students 2 years old through 6th grade as of September 1st, 2022, 23 school year. Click on the QR Code or go to our website.

Adult Vacation Bible School

VBS sessions for Adults will start 6:30pm upstairs. This will be led by Pastor Bard on the Epistles of Peter. Adults will also have snacks and crafts. Come join the fun. *This Class will also be Livestreamed.* Go to www.blcbcs.org.



We STILL need volunteers to help us this week.

Click on the QR Code above or go to Bethel's website To Volunteer! www.blcbcs.org

*We are in need of an adult male Jester Costume for VBS. If you have one we could borrow for the week please let us know.

*We are in need of some playground monitors before VBS starts.

*We are in need of a couple of people to gather trash during the meal, refill drink containers and generally be an extra set of hands. No skills necessary.

*Would you be willing to make a dessert for adult VBS? We need 2 desserts per night.

*We are Collecting the following supplies for VBS this year.

Paper Towels, Jif Peanut Butter ONLY

Canned Pumpkin, Quart and/or Gallon Ziploc Bags

*VBS monetary offerings will go to Bethel's 1 John 3 Project.

*We are in need of some help on Thursday June 22 to take down and clean up from VBS. Stop by around 8:30 that evening for 45 minutes to help us get the building back to normal.

*If you have new or hand made blankets for children to be given at Scotty's House, please drop by church no later than June 28th. We will pray over and bless them on July 8th and 9th.

Meals for Vacation Bible School

We will have meals each night before VBS.

We will start serving at 5pm and end by 6:30pm.

Cost is a Freewill Offering.

Menu: Sunday: Hamburgers, Beans, Cole Slaw, Watermelon

Monday: Pancakes, Hashbrown/Egg Casserole Sausage, Fruit

Tuesday: Fajitas, Beans/Rice, Chips/Cheese, Salad

Wednesday: Pulled Pork, Broccoli Salad, Beans, Watermelon

Thursday: Sausage Wrap, Potato Salad, Chips, Veggie Tray, Fruit



VBS POOL PARTY

Sat., June 24th

At Adamson Lagoon, CS

9:30am—11:30am

Bring the family and let's celebrate at the Pool!!

Other Areas the Board of Parish Ed Needs Your Help

*Do you sew, crochet, knit or make dolls, stuffed animals or other creative items to be given to Bryan ISD pregnancy related services in December as an extra gift?

*We have 18 panels of a children's Nativity Book to be cut out and sewn. Let us know if you are interested in helping.

*This summer do you have time to wash Live Nativity costumes? Take one or ten home wash, dry and iron if necessary and return to church.

*There are still a few opening left for Summer Sunday School. Sign up for 1 or 2 Sundays this summer.

*Would you be willing to prep/prepare or gather some of the items needed to feed the 32 people attending the South Texas Mission Trip the end of June. Examples would be cooking and freezing sausage, ground beef, putting together casseroles or baking muffins, cookies or ??? The group will be leaving Church on Sunday June 25th around 1pm.

Please contact DCE Jeff or Children's Ministry Connie Bard if you can help in any of these areas.

"By this we know
love that he laid down
his life for us, ...
Little children, let us not love
in word or talk but in deed
and in truth" (1 JOHN 3:16-18)

Life Ministry at Bethel

As Christians, we encourage moms and dads to "choose life" . . . but then what? The 1 John 3 Life Ministry Project at Bethel is a joint project between the Board of Witness and Outreach and the Board of Community Service in coordination with

our existing community partner, Hope Pregnancy Center. Our next planning session will be **June 19th at 3:30-5:00pm** in the **room 237**. We'd love to see you there!

We have a unique opportunity to double the impact of funds we raise this summer for local beginning-of-life outreach through a LCMS [matching grant program](#). If our grant application is accepted, the Synod will match us dollar-to-dollar up to \$50,000. If you would like to support this effort financially, write a Memo of '1 John 3 Project' on checks to the church.

This project will have four components: Mentoring, Volunteering, Financial Support and Prayer. For the next four E-Memo's we will focus on one of these components. Today's focus is Financial Support.

Financial Support

Through our conversations with Hope, we have identified four financial needs we would like to fund with this project:

Training Scholarship: Sonography Certification course for 2 RNs: \$10,600

Additional Ultrasound Machine: \$21,000

Build out Hope's attic space for Dadhood Program: \$50,000

Addition of downtown Bryan facility for Hope: \$24,000

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Baby Bottle BOOMERANG!

Is Going on NOW thru June 18th

We are using changelopes in place of the baby bottles



this year. Pick up a changelope at Church and Return it on **Father's Day!** Simply find the table in the narthex with all the changelopes, pick one up, and sign the sheet on the table. Then take your changelope home and fill it with coins, cash, or check* and return them! It's easy! We appreciate your tremendous support for saving lives of the unborn!

Hope Pregnancy Center has graciously granted their approval for Bethel to keep the funds to further Bethel's 1 John 3 project. Watch for more details about the 1 John 3 project to come.

*If giving a check, please make it out to Bethel with a note in the memo line – *1 John 3 Project*.

[Check out the display in the Narthex!](#)



HOPE Pregnancy Center's Open House

June 24, 10:00am-1:00pm

Please join us for this **FIRST ANNIVERSARY** of the overturn of Roe v. Wade! Our doors will be open and the coffee will be brewing.

Our staff and Board of Directors will be available to provide you with tours, answer your questions, and discuss matters of Life. www.hopepregnancy.org

THE LUTHERAN HOUR is on KAGC, 1510 AM on Sundays at 12:30 p.m. sponsored by Bethel. If you would like, you can sponsor a week's broadcast for \$25 or a month for \$100.

The Lutheran Hour for the month of June is sponsored by

Foster & Marcy Ullmann - To God be All Glory!

Also, for the month of July is sponsored by

Ken & Bobbie Denmark - To God be All Glory!

**PICK UP YOUR June/July Lutheran Witness Magazine
in Room 105 OR at the Donation Location**

Inside the Lutheran Witness you will find The Texas Messenger, a small Texas District magazine inserted each month. There are all sorts of articles from the different areas of ministry our Texas District is involved; always a great article by our president, Rev. Michael Newman and lots of pictures from churches celebrating different events. The Texas Messenger is also available on-line.

<https://txlcms.org/texas-messenger/> is the home page and provides links to 6 previous issues as well as the current issue.



Men of Bethel Event Saturday, June 24th

All Men of Bethel are invited to attend a men's gathering on Saturday, June 24th for devotions, fellowship and shotgun shooting. The event will be held at the Brazos 4-H Shooting Range near Snook. A map and directions to the range will be sent to those signing up. Be there at 8-8:30AM for breakfast and devotions. Shooting will begin at 9AM. Shooting will be on the Sporting Clays Range and 50 targets will be thrown for each shooter.

There is no fee for shooting. The Bd of Stewardship



will take care of expenses. Each shooter is encouraged to contribute several cans of food for the Brazos Church Pantry.

You will need to bring 2 boxes of shells 7 1/2 or 8 shot and a few extra shells for a shoot off.

Sign Up in the Narthex on the bulletin board so we know how many plan to shoot. If you do not

want to shoot, come anyway for breakfast, devotions and fellowship. Sign up for this also.

If you need more information call Charlie Coble at 979-229-8382. All are invited. You do not have to be an expert shooter!



LCMS

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What Do You Want?

One of the best-known and most-beloved psalms is Psalm 23, the "Shepherd Psalm." There we learn that the Lord is our Shepherd. And since He is our Shepherd, we will not want. We will not suffer want because the Lord, our Shepherd, will lead us to green pastures and beside still waters. In other words, the Lord, our Shepherd, will provide for all that we need in both body and soul.

Yet, we live as though this is not the case. We live as though we *actually* suffer from want, that the Lord, our Shepherd, will not provide for all that we need. And thus, we live as though the Lord is not our Shepherd. And that means that we live as though we are not the Lord's sheep.

When do we live as though the Lord is not our Shepherd? When we put anything else before Him and His provision for us. When we think that going to work is more important than receiving His gifts in church on Sunday (in violation of the First and Third Commandments). When we fail to give generously of the first fruits of what the

Lord has provided for us because we don't know what the future will bring (even though He has promised that He will lead us to green pastures and still waters).

We live as though we are not the Lord's sheep when we think that the Lord is only in the business of helping those who will help themselves. We act this way because our minds are set on earthly, temporal things and not on heavenly, eternal things. We act this way because we have stopped hearing the call of our Shepherd, which comes through His Word.

Through the Word of God, the Shepherd calls us to Himself. Through the Word, the Holy Spirit gathers and enlightens us with His gifts. Through the Word, we are kept holy and nourished in the one true faith, the faith that follows our Shepherd wherever He leads us. He promises to lead us to our true home, to the land flowing with milk and honey, to a better country, not of this world, but a heavenly one.

And so, here's the Good News: the Lord is your Shepherd, even and especially for wayward sheep. For Jesus seeks and saves those who are lost. He finds the lost sheep and carries them back to the fold. He is the Shepherd who lays down His life for His sheep. The Lord is your Shepherd. Let us live as His sheep.

– LCMS Stewardship Ministry: lcms.org/stewardship

PLEASE GO ONLINE to Fill Out Your Time & Talent Surveys

Here is a link to Bethel's Time & Talent survey

<https://ncv.microsoft.com/QvX8tPJaqE>.

A paper survey is also available in the narthex.

Volunteers are essential in supporting the Church's work. We could not do all that we do without your help.



Ladies Tuesday Bible Study

We are taking a break through the Summer.
We will start back up in September.

Adult Sunday Bible Study

During the Summer we will have one adult Bible Study on Sundays. We will be studying the First Book of Thessalonians. Our Pastors Bard and Eden will take turns leading this. We will return to two classes in August.

Youth Mission Trip June 25th-30th

Please pray for our group of youth and adults who will be going on this Mission Trip to south Texas. We have 25 youth and 5 adults going. We are going to be staying in Harlingen, TX and serving that community and the community in Los Fresnos, TX. We will help package food for the *Way of the Cross Ministry* that feeds people from South Texas all the way down to South America. In Los Fresnos, we will help The Table LCMS, provide VBS for the Boys & Girls Club. Thank you for all your support to make this trip possible.

Breakfast Tacos

We will not have breakfast tacos in the month of July. But will start back up in August with the approval of Council. Thank you for your continued support of our youth. Students are encouraged to sign up to help make breakfast tacos. The students who work are given money that goes into an account that helps them go on events and trips through the youth group.



Play and Pray ~ Mondays, 9-11 am

Come connect with other moms of babies and preschoolers! This group's purpose is for moms of young children to have a place for their children to play while they connect with and support other moms in this messy, tiring, and beautifully joy-filled phase of motherhood. Come for a devotion, fellowship, prayer and play! *During the summer we will be on the playground or in a room downstairs if it is too hot.* Coffee and snacks provided!

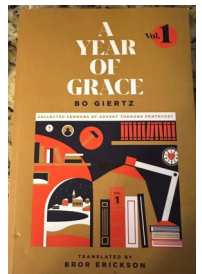


Tuesday Men's Bible Study Join them on Tuesdays at 7:00PM in Room 242

Let them know you are coming by calling George McIlhane 979-229-0020 or George Luber is 979-777-6921. Or call if the doors are locked when you get here. They've begun a new study titled "Life of Jacob according to Martin Luther". This is a video course created by Rev. Brian Wolfmueller of St. Paul Lutheran, Austin.

Friday Men's Bible Study at 6:30AM with Breakfast In Room 232 each Friday!

Started new study with the book, *A Year of Grace* by Bo Giertz. We will study the second Sunday in lent next week. Available on Amazon- paperback \$18.99, Kindle \$6.49; Apple iBooks \$6.99. Author of *The Hammer of God*, Bo Giertz (1905-1998) was a Swedish Lutheran Theologian and "thoroughly a Reformational pastor in that justification by grace through faith in Christ's death and resurrection is the heart of everything he wrote, Scripture alone remained his sole authority, and a contagious love for God's children permeates the ink spilled from his pen." Translator, *Rev. Bror Erickson*



The Moerbe Scholarship

The Board of Parish Education has a church worker scholarship grant named the Moerbe Scholarship. This grant is available for any student going to an LCMS school or seminary training to be a Pastor, Deaconess, Director of Christian Education, or Lutheran School Teacher. To apply for the grant you may contact the office of DCE Jeff to get the application.

If you are interested in helping support these students you can make a donation to the Moerbe Scholarship

Designated account. This money will be set aside to help future church workers from Bethel to be prepared for ministry.

Matthew Vathauer is our seminarian who receives this scholarship. Matthew is going to Concordia Seminary in St. Louis, MO and received his Vicar assignment to The Lutheran Church of Vestavia Hills, Alabama. Please keep Matthew in your prayers as he is being prepared to serve as a professional church worker.

Pray together. Read together. Find hope together with Christ. Summer Reading Challenge!



Find hope in God's Word this summer through a reading program that encourages people of all ages to dig into books that reflect His grace. All who complete the challenge from May 31 to August 11, 2023, are eligible for a chance to win prizes!

- Can you read 1,000 minutes in 10 weeks? Readers of all ages who complete this challenge are eligible to win prizes!
- Can you read 35 books in 10 weeks? Readers ages 0 to 5 who complete this challenge are eligible to win prizes!
- 1 Grand Prize Winner and 5 Runners-Up!

Find Out More at

<https://www.cph.org/cph-reads>

With new ways to log, score, and connect, participation isn't just a solo adventure!
Start Logging Minutes TODAY!



LWML Takes a Break

We will not meet in the month of July. See you on August 7th for our next Gathering.



Please pray for our LWML as they meet in Convention on June 22nd—25th in Milwaukee. Rosie Schoenfeld and Liz Burnett will be attending from our Congregation. Watch the Convention from home! Go online to <https://livestream.com/thelwml>.

LWML Mite Collection June 24 & 25, 2023

LWML MITES will be Gathered June 24 & 25. Those collecting for this can bring their Mites to any of the services. Go online to <https://www.lwmltxdist.org/mission-grants> to see just where these monies are going. For the national Mites go to www.lwml.org/mission-grants. We appreciate the continued support from Bethel.



Bethel's Helping Hands Quilters

We Meet June 26 ~ 9AM in Rm 242

We put Mission quilts together for Lutheran World Relief. You don't need to know how to sew or quilt. We just need helping hands to tie the quilts. Go online to www.lwr.org for details on how these quilts get used throughout the world. Here is just one example of the beautiful quilts they make for this mission. Thank you *Ladies* for all your hard work!



SEE something around the church facilities that needs our attention?

Anytime you come across anything in need of repair, refilled, cleaned, or even if you aren't sure, please text or email to workorder@blcbcs.org!

Bethel Preschool News

THE PRESCHOOL IS HIRING FOR THE 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR! We have a lead Teacher position and several Teacher's Aide positions that are vacant for the coming school year. If you or someone you know is interested in working here and sharing Jesus with our littlest ones, please contact us at Preschool@blcbcs.org or call/ text (979) 446-1578. All positions are part-time and we have morning and afternoon shifts available.

REGISTRATION FOR THE 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR: Our 2 year old program is now full but we still have some space available in our 3 and 4 year old classrooms. If you or someone you know is interested in registering a child for next school year, please contact us soon! Preschool@blcbcs.org or call our preschool office 979-485- 9835.

Bethel is Hiring a Part-time Technology & Communications

Assistant. 20—25 hours a week

This position provides support for technology and communication platforms for Church staff. Duties will include website maintenance, social media management and technology support.

Additionally, will assist in the creation of PowerPoint slides for worship services, preparation media for DVD and audio/visual portions of the service for the website. Technology support to include basic hardware and software troubleshooting.

If interested, please send your resume to Joyce Sutherland @ joyces@blcbcs.org.

You can support our Preschool through our Mabel's Labels fundraiser! This is an ongoing event so you can order anytime!

Visit the link: https://mabelslabels.com/en_US/fundraising/support/ and search for Bethel Lutheran Preschool (Bryan). Monies raised through this campaign will go to replace tired playground equipment, refresh curriculum materials, and more! Thank you for your support!



Carolyn Janac

Director, Bethel Lutheran Preschool (979) 446-1578

Bethel Lutheran Preschool admits students of any race, color, and national or ethnic origin.

Preschool Director Call Process

Bethel is forming a call committee to look for a Preschool Director. We are accepting nominations for this position from our congregation of possible candidates that are rostered by the LCMS who have the experience working in a preschool. You can pick up a nomination form on the elders credenza. More information will be coming in the next several weeks.

Living with Grief Starting August 20th

This is a GriefShare nation wide program which includes a 13 week video series, bible study, and discussion for those who have experienced a loss. Meetings are held weekly on Sunday evenings beginning at 4:00 p.m. starting August 20th. Please let the church office know if you are interested—822-2742. There is no requirement that you attend all meetings but the first one you will receive a schedule and discover how this works to help you on your grief journey. If you have questions, please call or text Pat Wallace (979)229-3234.

Camp Lone Star—July 30, 2023

<https://camplonestar.org>

The last weekend in July each year, Camp Lone Star hosts the annual BBQ and Auction Fundraiser to support Camp and all that this ministry does to transform lives and grow God's kingdom. This event is one of the main events which supports Camp Lone Star each year and we work hard to be good stewards of the financial resources entrusted to us in order to best glorify God and transform lives through Adventurous Christ-Centered Experiences.

The day includes an outdoor worship service under the canopy of trees near the lake (A/C live streamed service is available in the Koop Center) followed by that good 'ole Texas BBQ. After that, enjoy the great fellowship and fun of the live and silent auctions—you won't want to miss it!



THE SCHEDULE FOR THE BBQ & AUCTION IS AS FOLLOWS



9:45 AM
REJOICE
DINING HALL



10:45 AM
SPECIAL MUSIC



11:00 AM
OUTDOOR
WORSHIP



12:00 PM
BBQ LUNCHEON



1:00 PM
LIVE & SILENT
AUCTION



3:00 PM
CLOSING
REMARKS

Happy Birthday!!

To Our Bethel Family

June

Josiah Zehnder	16
Brad Hildebrandt	18
Dyanna Murphy	18
Tommy Thompson	18
Taylor Brocksmith	19
Ruthann Stroud	19
Rachel Ullmann	19
Merritt Clark	21
Ben Pannkuk	21
Ken Goodenow	23
Irene Luther	24
Kathy Bard	25
Allan Davis	25



Wanda Gruhn	25
Nathan Spence	26
Sam Hildebrandt	27
Justin Busse	28
Doak Dunkin	28
Wesley Bissett, Jr	29
Donna Betto	30
Jordyn Pfeffer	30

July

Marty Criswell	1
Ethan Janac	1
Lisa Mahnke	1
Trevor Royder	1
Ridge Samford	1
Miley Deike	2
Joshua Stroud	2
Catie Bard	3
Connie Brocksmith	3
Karen Hall	3
Paul Lucht	4
Philip Schmidt	4
Earl Tomlin	4

Lyla Wigley	5
Kassidy Kujawski	6
Tripp Samford	6
Leigh Chipps	7
Georgia Fritsche	7
Brittney Huggins	7
Ryan Clements	8
Gayle French	8
Andrea Murphy	8
Kevin Kraeft	9
Nani Sanchez	9
Barrett Kujawski	10
Kevin Hightower	11
Marvin Karstens	11

Lost and Found

Lots of STUFF gets Lost and Found around here! If you are missing a clothing item, cookware, jewelry, a toy, or a Bible, it may be at the church!

We have set up the Lost and Found Box in the Donation Location by the Parish Hall doors.

Please go by there to see if anything belongs to you or your family. We will be donating items to charity if not picked up soon. Thanks.



Order BLC-branded merchandise from M&M Apparel in College Station!



Ladies' Apparel



Men's Apparel



Fleece & Jackets



Headwear



Accessories

How It Works:

1. Shop at www.blcbcs.com
2. Place items in the cart.
3. Check out with a credit card.
4. Receive items in the mail or pick up at M&M Apparel in 2-3 weeks!

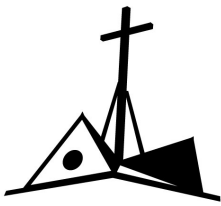


Scan to Go Directly to the Online Store!

The 2023 Flower Chart for Altar flowers is in the Information Center by the elevator. The cost is \$50 per sponsorship. There are a lot of empty spots on the calendar.

You can email the church office at office@blcbcs.org or call 822-2742 if you have any questions. Thank you.





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Mr. Tetsuya Sugita, Director of Parish Music

Mrs. Carolyn Janac, Dir., Bethel Lutheran Preschool

Miss Emma Schmeling, Assistant Director, Preschool

Mrs. Joyce Sutherland, Director of Operations

Mrs. Terry Frazier, Bookkeeper

Mr. Dave Lewis, Facilities Manager

Mrs. Ruthann Stroud, Church Secretary

Mrs. Connie Bard, Children's Ministry Coordinator

Rev. K. Lynn Stroud, Pastor Emeritus

Mr. Randall Moerbe, DCE Emeritus

June 15—July 6, 2023

**Join us for**

Saturday - Worship at 4pm & Bible Class at 5pm

Sunday Mornings

8:30 AM	Divine Service (Traditional)
10:00 AM	Sunday School & Bible Class
11:15 AM	Divine Service (Contemporary)

Church Office Hours

Mondays—Thursdays	9am - 5pm
Fridays	9am—3pm