

Connection Card
March 9 & 10, 2024

☐ Saturday ☐ 8:30am ☐ 11:15am

Name: Dr./Mr./Mrs./Miss/Ms. _____
Children in Attendance (Name & Age) _____
Email (please print) _____
Best Contact Phone (_____) _____
Address _____ Apt. _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____

☐ Change in Contact Information

☐ 1st Time Guest
☐ Regular Guest
☐ College Student
☐ Member

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.



**Bethel
Lutheran
Church**

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Mrs. Connie Bard
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Mrs. Katie Bentley
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**Fourth
Sunday in
Lent**

***Forgetfulness,
Unthankfulness,
& Complaint—
The Path of the
Immature
Christian***

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2024**



***Making
Disciples!***

**Announcements
Bulletin**

*"Make a snake and put
it up on a pole; anyone
who is bitten can
look
at it
and
live."*

NUMBERS 21:8, NIV



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. If you are a first time guest, we have a mug for you with some Bethel information in them. Please check at the Welcome Center in the Narthex. Please click on this QR code to fill out our visitor’s survey. Thank you.

Children’s Activity Bags 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. You are also welcome to use The Gathering Room, to your left as you walk into the Narthex from the sanctuary.

- During this busy time of year, be sure to check out all the Sign-Ups in the Narthex:
- Church Work Day/Big Event
 - Easter Lilies
 - Maundy Thursday Altar help
 - Easter Morning Altar help
 - Easter Breakfast Volunteers
 - Choir & Handbells Concert
 - Potluck
 - Host Homes
 - Youth Mission Trip

Adult Sunday Bible Classes

Bethel offers two Adult Bible Classes on Sundays starting at 10:00AM. The Book of Acts is being studied in the Parish Hall, led by Pastor Randy Bard. This is the same study on Saturday evenings at 5:00 PM in the Sanctuary. The Gospel According to St. Matthew is being studied in room 239, led by Pastor Eden. We hope you will join either one of these classes.

Bethel Lutheran Preschool offers classes for ages 2-4 with extended care available. For more information, contact Shelly Schultz at preschool@blcbcs.org or 485-9835.

Bethel Preschool News Registration for the 2024-2025 school Registration recently opened to the public and spots are filling up quickly! There is still time to get your children registered if you have not done so already. We are so blessed to have such an amazing opportunity to love on sweet children in the name of Jesus here at Bethel.

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

Preschool is Hiring We are currently looking for a couple of Teachers Aides and/or Extended Care givers. If you love children and teaching them about Jesus, then the Preschool is a great place to work! If you are interested please call the office at 979-485-9835 or email Shelly at preschool@blcbcs.org

Lenten Devotions Booklets available in the Narthex These devotions are available to read online or to hear as a podcast, receive them as an e-mail subscription throughout the Lenten season. Just go online to www.lhm.org/lent to sign up. OR you may pick up a printed copy in the Narthex on the Elders Credenza and Welcome Center.

THE LUTHERAN HOUR for the month of March is sponsored to the glory of God by The Friday Men’s Bible Study. To God be All Glory!

READY for YOU to PICK UP in Room 105 and by the Donation Location.

- The Portals of Prayer for January - March
- The Portals of Prayer for April - June
- The Lutheran Witness for March
- Children’s “My Devotions”
- Children’s “Happy Times”

Those Serving This Weekend

Saturday	
Pastor	Rev. Randy Bard
Elders	Matt Hagemann, Preston Kissman
Lay Reader	Elder
Usher	Kirk Grimes
Organist	Beverly Catalina

Sunday	
Worship Leader	Rev. Randy Bard
Preacher	Rev. Randy Bard
Elders 8:30 11:15	Ian Janda, Allen Hold George McIlhaney, Greg Montgomery
Ushers 8:30 11:15	Eric Jones, Dakota Miller David Hildebrandt, John Kappler
Lay Readers	8:30 Milton Catalina 11:15 Anastasia Lewis
Hosts 8:30 11:15	Chuck Burgess Lance & Tobey Lindsey
Organist	8:30 Beverly Catalina
Keyboardist	11:15 DPM Tetsuya Sugita
Flower Delivery	Liz Burnett

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 truly and physically present in the Sacrament and that with the bread and wine all communicants receive Christ's 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

Christian friend, if you do not agree to or understand what we mean by these statements, we would welcome you to come forward during communion to receive a blessing/prayer* from the Pastor, but we ask that you do not partake of Communion at this time. We encourage you to contact one of our Pastors to learn more about our beliefs/doctrine, especially to discuss the possibility of communing in the future.

*To receive a blessing, simply cross your arms over your chest.

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

My Walk with Jesus this week will include ...

☐ Reading my Bible Daily.

☐ Praying for all those on our Church prayer list.

☐ Attending a weekly Bible Study.

OPPORTUNITIES TO Grow in Christ		Sun., Mar. 10—Sun., Mar. 17 2024
Sunday, March 10	Fourth Sunday in Lent *8:30 a.m. - Divine Service (Traditional) *10:00 a.m. - Children’s Sunday School & Adult Bible Classes *11:15 a.m. - Divine Service (Contemporary) *12:30 p.m. - Life with God @ Bethel 4:00 p.m. - Living with Grief	Sanctuary Various Rooms Sanctuary Room 239 Room 105
Monday, March 11	9:00 a.m. - Helping Hands Quilters 5:30 p.m. - Personnel Committee 7:00 p.m. - Men’s Bible Study & Fellowship	Room 242 Room 239 Room 242
Tuesday, March 12	11:00 a.m. - Banners Group 6:30 p.m. - Bd of Elder 6:30 p.m. - Bd of Trustees	Room 240 Room 239 Room 240
Wednesday, Mar. 13	12:00 p.m.- Lenten Devotions 5:15 p.m. - Lenten Meal *6:45 p.m. - Lenten Devotions	Sanctuary Parish Hall Sanctuary
Thursday, March 14	6:00 p.m. - Handbell Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Friday, March 15	6:30 a.m. - Men’s Bible Study & Breakfast	Room 239
Saturday, March 16	Fifth Saturday in Lent with the Lord’s Supper 4:00 p.m. - Divine Service (Traditional) 5:00 p.m. - Adult Bible Class	Sanctuary Room 105
Sunday, March 17	Fifth Sunday in Lent with the Lord’s Supper *8:30 a.m. - Divine Service (Traditional) *10:00 a.m. - Children’s Sunday School & Adult Bible Classes *11:15 a.m. - Divine Service (Contemporary) *12:30 p.m. - Life with God @ Bethel 4:00 p.m. - Living with Grief	Sanctuary Various Rooms Sanctuary Room 239 Room 105
*Child Care Available in the Nursery		

With gentleness and respect, we witness to our faith in Jesus so that others will come to believe in Him and eagerly await His return. All who confess Jesus as Lord look forward to His Second Coming with a joy far greater than idle mirth. We are encouraged as we remind each other that our Savior is coming back, and we pray that He would ‘hear and grant our fervent plea.’ Come, Lord Jesus!” *Dr. Carol Geisler – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org* **Life Quote is from Lutherans For Life—www.lutheransforlife.org.**
Hurting from abortion? Word of Hope can help. www.word-of-hope.org; 888.217.8679.

Email or Text workorder@blcbcs.org with items needing Bethel staff attention.
Notary Public service available in the church office. Contact Joyce Sutherland.

In Our Prayers This Week

Bethel’s Preschool Teachers and students.

Bethel’s Seminary Student:
Matthew Vathauer

Bethel’s Partner Organization:
Family Promise

Those of our families who are expecting babies. Dyanna Murphy (July baby), Katie Hofmann (high risk pregnancy)

Those who are struggling with infertility.

Those with injuries, scheduled surgery or recovering from surgery: Evelyn Siegel, Dorothy Herwald, Ruthann Stroud, Dalton & Deann Noack, Ellen Solymosy, Shawn Welch, Larry Yung, Rennie Ellis, David Potthoff, Bob Pottberg.

Those who are ill, hospitalized, or dealing with chronic health issues and their families: Glenn Brewer, Bobby Maly, Craig Murphy, Jennifer Goodenow, Marie O’Neill, Gabe Sanchez, Jana French, Bobby Maly, Lance Hausenfluck, Frank Duchmasclo, Autumn Beard, Marvin Karstens, Cynthia DuPont, Vivian Peacock, Trey Schultz, Victor Mata, Jayson Cockroft, Rhonda Sanders, Amy Dillman, Cathy Hunt, Roland Junek, Joe Marshall, Jason Lawrenz, Barbara Welch, Doug Noack, Bev Tinney, Pat Fox, Wade Bolting, Krista Jones, Pat Byer.

Our Beloved Members: Nancy Benfer, Mardell Byer, Gene & Dottie Garrison, Dorothy Herwald, Sue Hoffart, Mike Lenz, Wayne & Eunice LePori, Gladys Paholek,

Millie Parrack, Lee Price, Milton Reim, Doris Shimshack, LaRue Welch and Judy Wieghat.

Those who mourn: The Clark and Brewer families at the death of Edwina Brewer on Mar. 2nd. Sharon Marshall and family at the death of Joe Marshall on Feb. 25th. For the Noack and Frazier family at the death of Doug Noack.

All of our Law Enforcement, Fire Fighters and First Responders: Mike Clark, Roger Simmons, Tim Kappler, Jason Nored, Scott Goodenow, Waylon Wendler (Wilson’s son), Bryan Thurston (Cheryl Wendler’s son-in-law), Ryan Rutledge (Heather Clarks brother).

Those in the Military who are Deployed and their families:

Army
Jacob Ford (**Deployed unknown location**) (Glenda Duncan’s cousin)
Caleb Albarado (**Deployed to Poland**) (The DuPont’s Nephew)
Nick Solymosy (**Deployed**) (Ellen Solymosy’s grandson)

Marines
Vincent Jochen, **Deployed to Japan** (The Boyds’ son-in-law)

Navy
Michael Sefcik **Deployed National Guard:**

Joshua Shepherd—**Deployed** to the Texas Border (Debbie Shepherd’s son)

Air Force
Cullen Douget **Deployed to Turkey** (Wade & Terressa Douget’s son)
Hayley Sisco **Deployed** (Niece of Debbie Smith)
Clay McIlhaney (grandson of George & Lynn McIlhaney)

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

Stewardship Encouragement—John 6:8-9 – “One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, said to him, ‘There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish, but what are they for so many?’” The disciples focus on the numbers — so little for so much! But the Lord’s grace will not be limited by the narrow vision of His disciples. The Lord has a plan to use even the little for His work of greatness. So let us be faithful even in the little and watch the Lord use it for His great works!

Announcements

Bethel offers Lenten Devotional Worship March 13 & 20th at Noon or 6:45pm for Lenten Devotional Time. We will have nursery care for the Wednesday 6:45pm Devotions. **On these Wednesdays during LENT** we will continue to have our meal that starts at 5:15pm. The cost of the meal is \$5 per person or \$20 for a family.
Mar. 13th—King Ranch Casserole, Salad & Bread.
Mar. 20th—Fajitas

Thrivent Choice Dollars

Thrivent would like to remind everyone to check their Thrivent Choice Dollar balances before the March 31 deadline. If you have a balance, please consider directing those to Bethel before the deadline. More info can be found at Thrivent.com or your Thrivent Agent.

Make note! Church office change in hours: Monday March 11th– Closes at 3:30p.m.

Bethel's Helping Hands Mission Quilters

We will meet on March 11th & 25th at 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. Join us for Christian Fellowship.

Monday Men's Bible Study & Fellowship meet each Monday at 7:00PM in Room 242 Studying LifeLight: The Minor Prophets

Ladies Tuesday Bible Study

***NOTE we are not meeting this week.**

Friday Morning Men's Bible Study/ Breakfast at 6:30AM— CPH Study-Simon Peter: The Rough Fisherman.

Young Adult Overtime

***NOTE we are not meeting this week.**

Scotty's House

Bethel Lutheran will be collecting stuffed animals during the months of February and March for children served by Scotty's House. The stuffed animals must be new with tags and between 6" to 18" tall. No 'Beany Babies', please. The box for the collection is in the Narthex. Thank you for your continued support of Scotty's House!

Save the Date— Please join the Board of Stewardship for the next Legacy Giving Event-Funeral Planning. On Sunday April 7th led by Pastor Bard following late service.. Lunch will be served and childcare provided. A sign-up sheet will be posted on the bulletin board.

Gathering Room Books for Sale-

We have restocked some of the books we have on hand for congregation members to purchase. These books include: Lutheran Study Bible for \$60, Luther's Small Catechism (Hardback) for \$20, New Items: The Formula of Concord for \$7, and the Augsburg Confession for \$7. If you are interested in one of these items you may see DCE Jeff or Connie Bard about purchasing information.

HOPE PREGNANCY NEEDS:

Hope Pregnancy Center is in need of size 3 and size 5 diapers, as well as size 9-12 boys clothes. If you can provide any of these items, there will be a drop off spot in the Narthex.

Plastic Bins for Free

We have been doing a little spring cleaning, making room! If you would like a plastic bin (tote), there are some located in front of the Gathering Room; 105. Help yourself.

EASTER CANDY COLLECTION:

As we prepare for Easter we are requesting some help. We would like donations of individually wrapped candy that we can use to put into Easter Eggs for the Easter Egg Hunt. The donated candy can be placed in the blue bin in room 105, the Gathering room. We will accept donations up to Sunday Mar. 24th. Thank you for helping make our Easter celebration special for our youngest worshippers.

CHOIR & HANDBELLS CONCERT:

On April 14th & 15th; Bethel is hosting the high school choir and handbells from Faith Lutheran School in Plano. Bethel members will provide a potluck dinner before the concert on Sunday. We will need host homes for the teens and adults. Sign-up sheets for host homes and potluck are in the Narthex!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

April 15th -Theological Debate to be hosted at Emmanuel Baptist Church 7320 Steep Hollow Rd., Bryan, TX. There will be a meal starting at 5:30 p.m. followed by the debate on **"Can infants be Baptized?"** between Pastor Matthew Jones and our very own Pastor Tim Eden. See flyer in Narthex with more info and a QR Code to RSVP.

Church Work Day/Aggie BIG EVENT

March 23rd starting at 9:00AM

TAMU Big Event will be sending several aggies to help as we give the grounds a good "spring cleaning". All are welcome and encouraged to join to pitch in, sign-up sheet in the Narthex. Bethel Trustees will provide food and will take the lead and supply needed equipment and direction.

We look forward to seeing y'all Here

BETHEL'S HOMEBOUND CONNECTIONS

MINISTRY works to keep our homebound brothers and sisters in Christ connected to the

body of Christ. We are looking for other people interested in participating in this ministry! If are interested, please contact George McIlhaney (979-229-0020) or Cathy Holste (979-777-1533) to learn more!

Young Women in Christ

Come join Young Women in Christ as we study the book of Romans together. YWIC is a bible study group for young women ages 14-21. Our next meeting will be 3:00 p.m., March 24th at Katy Ellison's house. Contact Emily 979-422-0085 with any questions.

Youth Mission Trip 2024

The mission trip is scheduled to leave Saturday June 29th-returning Saturday July 6th. Please sign up on the bulletin board in the Narthex. The mission trip will be to Harlingen, Los Fresnos area of South Texas. We will be partnering with The Table of Los Fresnos and Way of the Cross ministries. If you have questions about the mission trip please see DCE Jeff or Connie Bard.

Easter Lilies

Sign-up sheets are in the Information Center or contact the church office, 822-2742. You may purchase one in memory of a loved one or in honor of someone special. Please print these names clearly. We will decorate the Altar with them on Easter Sunday, You may pick up your lily after either worship service, help deliver them to shut-ins or leave for us to deliver. Please mark on the sign-up sheet what you desire. The cost is \$16.00. The deadline to sign-up is Sunday, March 24th.

Children's Sunday School Offering:

Teaching our children about giving— A portion of the funds will be used to purchase a tent for Way of the Cross in Harlingen.

New Member Reception—

Join us on Sunday March 24 in the Parish Hall between services to welcome our newest members.