

Connection Card
March 16 & 17, 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 _____

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

☐ Change in Contact Information

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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**Fifth
Sunday in
Lent**

***Jesus: The
Mediator of a
New Covenant***

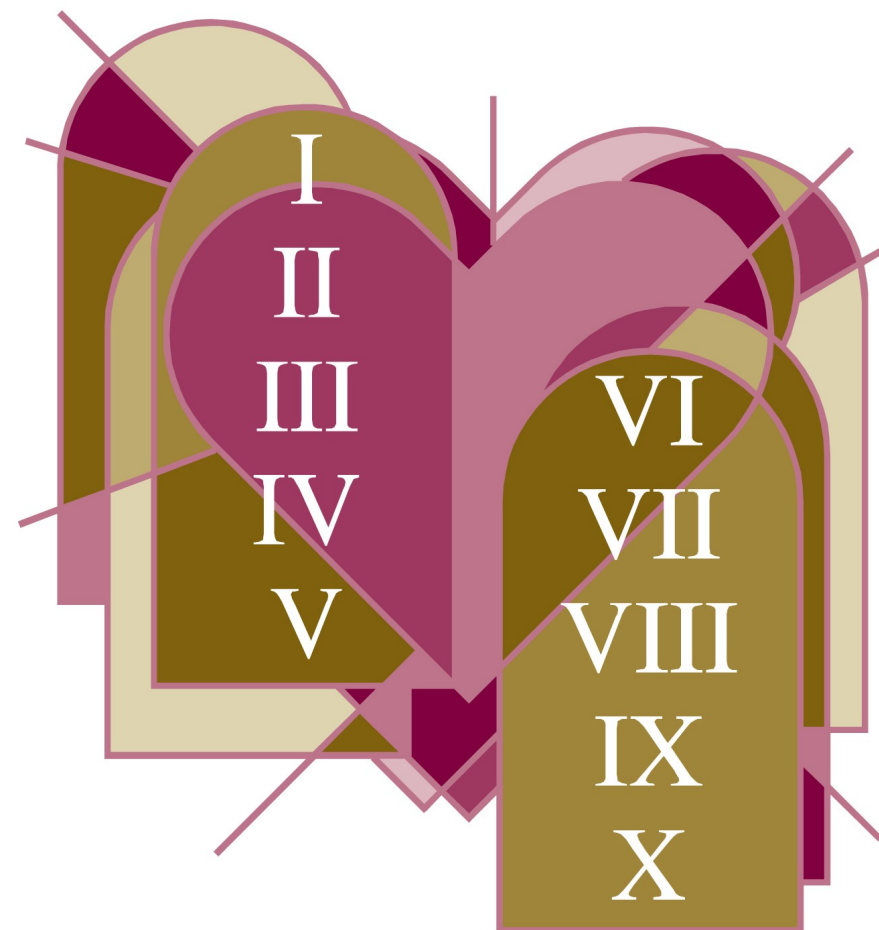
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***Making
Disciples!***

**Announcements
Bulletin**



**I will put my law within
them, and I will write
it on their hearts.**

Jeremiah 31:33

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

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 worshipers.

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. Tim Eden
Elders	Craig Murphy, Terry Paholek
Lay Reader	Elder
Usher	Tom Donathen
Organist	Donna Boyd

Sunday	
Worship Leader	Rev. Tim Eden
Preacher	Rev. Tim Eden
Elders	8:30 Mike Sadler, Bruce Theiss
	11:15 Foster Ullmann, Jacob Brown
Ushers	8:30 Jim Smith, Mark Jones
	11:15 Caden Bellach,
Lay Readers	8:30 Justin Busse
	11:15 Meagan Brown
Hosts	8:30 Irene Luther
	11:15 Cindi Hannes and kids
Organist	8:30 Donna Boyd
Keyboardist	11:15 DPM Tetsuya Sugita
Flower Delivery	Rosie Schoenfeld

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. 17—Sun., Mar. 24 2024
Sunday, March 17	Fifth Sunday in Lent with the Lord’s Supper *8:30 a.m. - Divine Service (Traditional) Sanctuary *10:00 a.m. - Children’s Sunday School & Adult Bible Classes Various Rooms *11:15 a.m. - Divine Service (Contemporary) Sanctuary *12:30 p.m. - Life with God @ Bethel Room 239 4:00 p.m. - Living with Grief Room 105	
Monday, March 18	6:30 p.m. - Bd of Community Service Room 105 7:00 p.m. - Men’s Bible Study & Fellowship Room 242	
Tuesday, March 19	11:00 a.m. - Banners Group Room 240	
Wednesday, Mar. 20	12:00 p.m.- Lenten Devotions Sanctuary 5:15 p.m. - Lenten Meal Parish Hall 6:00 p.m. - Be of Early Child Ed Room 105 *6:45 p.m. - Lenten Devotions Sanctuary 8:00 p.m. - Young Adult Overtime Room 105	
Thursday, March 21	6:00 p.m. - Handbell Choir Rehearsal Sanctuary	
Friday, March 22	6:30 a.m. - Men’s Bible Study & Breakfast Room 239	
Saturday, March 23	Palm Saturday in Lent 9:00 a.m. - Church Work Dar/Big Event Grounds/Parish Hall 4:00 p.m. - Divine Service (Traditional) Sanctuary 5:00 p.m. - Adult Bible Class Room 105	
Sunday, March 24	Palm Sunday in *8:30 a.m. - Divine Service (Traditional) Sanctuary *9:45 a.m. - New Member’s Reception Parish Hall *10:00 a.m. - Children’s Sunday School & Adult Bible Classes Various Rooms *11:15 a.m. - Divine Service (Contemporary) Sanctuary 4:00 p.m. - Living with Grief Room 105	
*Child Care Available in the Nursery		

“God loves everybody. God loves people that are big and small. God loves people that are every age. God loves people no matter where we live. All people are special to God. The Bible says, ‘For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand’ (Ephesians 2:10). God has good things for each of us.” *Timothy, a sixth grader from southern Minnesota, who has Down syndrome – 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 Vatthauer

Those of our families who are expecting babies. Jessica Fuller (July baby), Dyanna Murphy (July baby), Katie Hofmann (high risk pregnancy)
Praising God for safe birth of: Serena Marie Barth born to Anthony And Hillary Barth.

Those who are struggling with infertility.

Those with injuries, scheduled surgery or recovering from surgery: Joan Wuthrich, Jeanette Pratt, Evelyn Siegel, 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: Gene & Dottie Gariison, Peirce Thetford, Tom Cleveland, Dorothy Herwald, Joan Wuthrich, 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, David Lawrenz, 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 Jones Family as the death of Edgar “skeeter” Jones on Mar. 4th, Eric Jone’s uncle. 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)
 Will Blanno (friend of Ruthie Bard)
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 Gober (grandson of George & Lynn

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-Genesis 22:2 – “He said, ‘Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you.’” It’s hard for us to even fathom a faith as strong as Abraham’s — he follows the Lord’s Word even when it seems impossibly hard. But he does so because he knows that the Lord only means to bless. What happened here to Abraham should be an encouragement for us: trust the Lord and keep His Word

Announcements

Bethel offers Lenten Devotional

Worship March 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. 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.

Bethel’s Helping Hands Mission Quilters

We will meet on March 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

New group for all of our College Students and Young Adults, *Last 2 meetings: Wednesday Mar. 20th & Thursday Mar. 28th. 8:00-9:30 p.m. in the Gathering Room, room 105.

Breakfast Tacos in the Parish Hall. Thank you for Supporting our Youth.

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.

OWLS (Older, Wiser, Lutheran Souls) Potluck Luncheon
March 21st, 2024 at Noon

Please bring a dish to share.
Paul Hofmann, professor at Texas A&M University will share some experiences at the Bush School of Government and Public Service. Please come and join us for fun and fellowship!

NEW MEMBER RECEPTION—

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

CHOIR & HANDBELLS

POTLUCK & CONCERT:

UPDATE: On April 14th Bethel is hosting the high school choir and handbells from Faith Lutheran School in Plano. Bethel members will provide a potluck dinner at 5:00 pm in the Parish Hall, and the Concert will be at 6:00 pm in the sanctuary.

HOST HOMES NEEDED:

After the Concert, we will need host homes for the 10 girls, 6 boys and 4 adults (some pet and food allergies). Sign-up sheets for host homes and potluck are in the Narthex! For more information call the church office 979-822-2742 or email office@blcsbcs.org.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Monday, 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.