

Connection Card
March 23 & 24, 2024

☐ Saturday ☐ 8:30am ☐ 11:15am

Name: Dr./Mr./Mrs./Miss/Ms. _____

Children in Attendance (Name & Age) _____

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

Email (please print) _____

Best Contact Phone (_____) _____

Address _____ Apt. _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

☐ Change in Contact Information

☐ Confidential Prayer

Prayer Requests _____

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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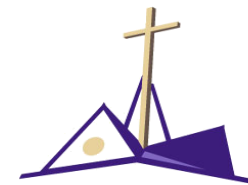
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**The Triumphal
Entry of
Our Lord**

***The King
is Coming!***

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**Bethel
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***Making
Disciples!***

**Announcements
Bulletin**



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.

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.

Women in Mission -March Gathering

Monday, April 1, 6:30 pm in the Parish Hall
All ladies invited for Refreshments & Fellowship and Bible Study: TBA
Mission Service Project: Writing notes to Mite grant recipients.

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.

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.

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.

Easter Lilies

Today is the last day! Sign-up sheets in the Narthex, please mark on the sheet what you desire. The cost is \$16.00.

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 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	Marty Criswell, Jeremy Drager
Lay Reader	Elder
Usher	Stephen Lawrenz
Organist	Beverly Catalina

Sunday	
Worship Leader	Rev. Randy Bard
Preacher	Rev. Tim Eden
Elders	8:30 Jimmy Dunn, Justin Ellison 11:15 Caleb Groves, Arthur Forsyth
Ushers	8:30 Larry Yung, Pat Kasper 11:15 Lance Lindsey, Braxton Lindsey
Lay Readers	8:30 Milton Catalina 11:15 Terry Frazier
Hosts	8:30 Marcy Ullmann 11:15 Rachel Lewis
Organist	8:30 Beverly Catalina
Keyboardist	11:15 DPM Tetsuya Sugita
Flower Delivery	Beverly Catalina

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. 24—Sun., Mar. 31 2024
Sunday, March 24	Palm Sunday, with the Lord's Supper (New Members Received)	
	*8:30 a.m. - Divine Service (Traditional)	Sanctuary
	*10:00 a.m. - Children's SS and Adult Bible Classes	Various Rooms
	*11:15 a.m. - Divine Service (Contemporary)	Sanctuary
	4:00 p.m. - Living with Grief Class	Room 240
Monday, March 25	9:00 a.m. - Helping Hands Quilters	Room 242
	7:00 p.m. - Men's Bible Study Group	Room 242
Tuesday, March 26	*10:00 a.m. - Ladies Bible Study	Room 232
	11:00 a.m. - Banner Group	Room 240
	3:00 p.m. - Staff Meeting	Room 105
	6:30 p.m. - Church Council	Room 240
Wednesday, March 27	6:00 p.m. - Handbell Choir	Sanctuary
	6:30 p.m. - Adult Choir	Choir Room
	7:00 p.m. - Bethel Brass	Choir Room
Thursday, March 28	Maundy Thursday with the Lord's Supper	
	12:00 p.m. - Worship	Sanctuary
	*6:45 p.m. - Worship	Sanctuary
	8:00 p.m. - Young Adult Overtime	Room 105
Friday, March 29	Good Friday (Church Office & Preschool Closed)	
	6:30 a.m. - Men's Bible Study/Breakfast	Room 232
	12:00 p.m. - Worship	Sanctuary
	*6:45 p.m. - Worship	Sanctuary
Saturday, March 30	No services on Holy Saturday	
Sunday, March 31	The Resurrection of Our Lord Celebration with the Lord's Supper	
	*7:00 a.m. - SonRise Worship	Outside in East Parking Lot
	*8:00 a.m. - Easter Breakfast	Parish Hall
	*9:00 a.m. - Adult Bible Class & Children SS	various classrooms
	*9:45 a.m. - Easter Egg Hunt	Children will be taken to this from SS
	*10:30 a.m. - Easter Celebration Service	Sanctuary
*Child Care Available in the Nursery		

“So let us be sober, putting on faith and love as our breastplate and the hope of salvation as our helmet, encouraging one another and building each other up as together we faithfully wait, expectantly wait, joyfully wait—for Jesus.” *Rev. Dr. Anthony (Tony) Cook, guest speaker on “The Lutheran Hour” – 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 Vathhauer

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 Garrison, Peirce Thetford, Tom Cleveland, Dorothy Herwald, Joan Wuthrich, Glenn Brewer, 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, 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

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.

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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

Shimshack, LaRue Welch and Judy Wiegat.

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.

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 McIlhaney)

Announcements

We welcome our New Members

this weekend. Seek them out to give a warm Bethel Welcome. Join us for the reception between services. Pictures are on the board.

HOLY WEEK HERE AT BETHEL

Maundy Thursday, March 28th

Maundy Thursday centers on the Lord's Supper and how Jesus' last supper promises hope in the midst of sorrow. We will celebrate Holy Communion together at both the noon and 6:45 p.m. services, concluding worship with the reading of the walk to the Garden of Gethsemane and the approach of the crowd led by Judas. In the Maundy Thursday evening service after this final reading the altar is striped and every decoration removed from the chancel [area around the altar]. This is an extremely moving event as we realize that our Lords suffering is reflected in the removal of our banners, candles, and communion ware.

Good Friday Services, March 29th

The Good Friday services focus on the betrayal, suffering, crucifixion, death, and burial of Jesus. Our music and readings are fashioned to help us understand that Christ, the Son of God, lies dead in the tomb. We exit in silence on Good Friday, mourning as the first followers of Jesus did on that first Good Friday. We have both Noon and 6:45pm services.

No Saturday evening worship on March 30th.

We Celebrate The Resurrection of Our Lord

March 31st

7:00 AM SonRise Worship/Communion

8:00 AM Breakfast

9:00 AM SS/Bible Class

9:45 AM Easter Egg Hunt

10:30AM Easter Celebration/Communion

Bethel holds two very different Easter

Sunday worship services. At dawn (7:00 AM) we gather for an "old-fashioned" sunrise service. It is a very simple service held in the east end of our parking lot. Our focus at Easter Dawn is the stunning miracle of Christ's resurrection and what it was like for the women and the first disciples to find the empty tomb. We do celebrate the Lord's Supper outside and at the conclusion of the SonRise service, we exit to the parish hall for Easter breakfast.

We will have Sunday School at 9AM and then an Easter Egg Hunt at 9:45AM. The Easter egg hunt is for grades 6 and younger, divided up by age groups. We are encouraging everyone to go to their Sunday School classroom if you want to participate in the egg hunt. We will direct the children from the classroom to their egg hunting location.

The Resurrection of Our Lord, Celebration Service - 10:30AM. This service begins in darkness. After the reading of the resurrection story, the altar is redecorated with banners, lilies, and the Lord's Supper is brought in procession. The focus of the Celebration service is the impact of Christ's resurrection in our lives. The music at Easter Celebration is the very best we enjoy all year, as our music staff pulls out all the stops that day. We also conclude this service by celebrating the Lord's Supper and singing "At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing!"

Easter Breakfast—March 31st, 8:00 AM

In the Parish Hall – 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

7:00 am Sonrise Worship Service. Coffee and juice will be provided. Each family is asked to bring one of the following (already prepared and baked):

1. An egg dish (recipes on the website)
2. Breakfast pastry
3. Fruit salad (already prepared)

If you have any questions, please contact Terry Frazier at 979-777-0724.

Volunteers Needed to help serve at the Easter Breakfast

—Bethel LWML is asking for volunteers from the congregation to help serve during the Easter Breakfast, March 31. The following shifts are available:
6:30 - 7:00 a.m. - accept food/prepare to serve
7:45 - 8:30 a.m. - prepare to serve/help serve
8:30 - 9:00 a.m. - help serve/cleaning dishes
Saturday, March 30th at 2 pm – help decorate and prepare the Parish Hall
If you can assist at any of these times, *please sign up on the sheet on the LWML table in the narthex.* Thanks in advance for your service.

VOLUNTEER to HELP during HOLY WEEK

Maundy Thursday Altar Stripping: At the conclusion of the evening service on Holy Thursday, March 28th, we strip our altar. This is a very old tradition, reminding us that our Lord Himself was stripped of His garments, His dignity, His glory, all so that He might die for us.

Each year we request volunteers to assist with this act, which is done painfully slow and with great reverence. If you have children, please consider this to be an invitation to your family as well. There is a wonderful teaching moment available to families who assist in the

removal of our altar ware, our banners, our flags and the communion ware.

Easter Celebration Processional: The Easter Celebration service (10:30am, March 31st) begins with a darkened sanctuary, a bare altar and not a lily to be seen. It is not until the announcement of the Gospel of Jesus' resurrection that we begin rejoicing. As all the altar ware, banners, Communion elements, and flowers are brought in, the congregation and choir sings the great Easter hymns and the sanctuary is transformed. It is a wonderfully moving moment. If you or your family is interested, we need about 20 folks to assist in bringing in banners and flowers, altar ware and the Lord's Supper. And just as we did for Maundy Thursday, families are encouraged to participate. It is a wonderful way to teach our children the meaning of the days.

If you or your family are able to assist in either the stripping of the altar or the Easter processional, please email Pastor Bard at pastorrandy@blcbcs.org and he will put you on the list and send you organizational notes so that you are prepared for the day.

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.