

Connection Card
March 2 & 3, 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

☐ 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.

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



**Bethel
Lutheran
Church**

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**Third
Sunday in
Lent**

***The Law...Built
Upon the
Gospel!***

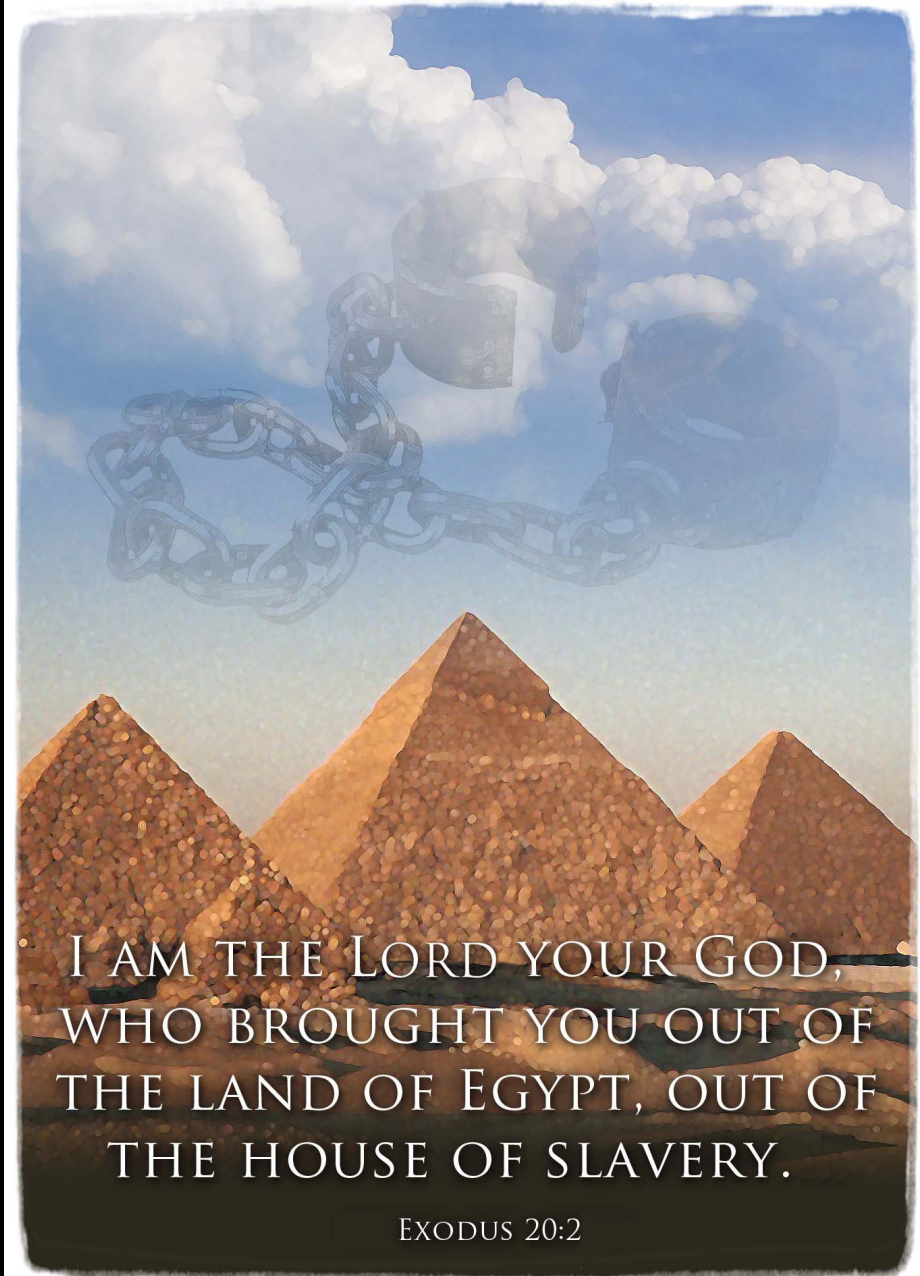
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***Making
Disciples!***

**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.

If you wish to participate in the Lord’s Supper, please read the statement concerning the Supper on your attendance card. If you are in agreement with us, then please sign the card and place it in the offering plate. We offer gluten-free wafers at Communion. If your diet/health requires that you do not eat gluten, please ask for one from the elder serving the bread at the time you commune. If you are medically or emotionally unable to drink the offered wine, then grape-juice with a single drop of wine is offered in the center of each tray.

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.

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 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.

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

TODAY’S ALTAR FLOWER are given to the Glory of God by Les & Sally Olson

THE LUTHERAN HOUR for the month of February 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 Lutheran Witness for February
 - Children’s “My Devotions”
 - Children’s “Happy Times”

Those Serving This Weekend

Saturday	
Pastor	Rev. Tim Eden
Elders	Foster Ullmann, Jacob Brown
Lay Reader	Elder
Usher	Barry Boyd
Organist	Donna Boyd

Sunday	
Worship Leader	Rev. Randy Bard
Preacher	Rev. Tim Eden
Elders	8:30 Marty Criswell, Jeremy Drager
	11:15 Jimmy Dunn, Justin Ellison
Ushers	8:30 Pat Wallace, Justin Busse
	11:15 Brad Hildebrandt, Chris Byer
Lay Readers	8:30 Connie Silber
	11:15 Katy Ellison
Hosts	8:30 Charles & Karen Sanders
	11:15 Cathy Holste
Organist	8:30 Donna Boyd
Keyboardist	11:15 DPM Tetsuya Sugita
Flower Delivery	Ellen Barnes

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., Feb. 25—Sun., Mar. 3 2024
Sunday, March 3	Second 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 4	6:00 p.m. - Bd of Parish Ed Room 232 6:00 p.m. - Bd of Witness/Outreach Room 105 6:30 p.m. - LWML Gathering Parish Hall 7:00 p.m. - Men’s Bible Study & Fellowship Room 242	
Tuesday, March 5	*10:00 a.m. - Ladies Bible Study Room 239 11:00 a.m. - Banners Group Room 240	
Wednesday, Mar. 6	12:00 p.m. - Lenten Devotions Sanctuary 5:15 p.m. - Lenten Meal Parish Hall 6:00 p.m. - Bd of Stewardship Room 105 *6:45 p.m. - Lenten Devotions Sanctuary 8:00 p.m. - Young Adult Overtime Room 105	
Thursday, March 7	3:30 p.m. - Church office closes early 6:00 p.m. - Handbell Choir Rehearsal Sanctuary 7:00 p.m. - Adult Choir Rehearsal Choir Room	
Friday, March 8	6:30 a.m. - Men’s Bible Study & Breakfast Room 239 All Day - Church Office Closed	
Saturday, March 9	Fourth Saturday in Lent 4:00 p.m. - Divine Service (Traditional) Sanctuary 5:00 p.m. - Adult Bible Class Room 105	
Sunday, March 10	Fourth Sunday in Lent *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	
*Child Care Available in the Nursery		

“[W]e were made for light and life. God’s Word and Sacraments cast darkness aside in our lives; they draw us closer to Him and make us strong unto salvation ... cling to the promises of Christ. May we recognize that we are blessed For Life even when we are surrounded by darkness, and may we in our darkest seasons, through the work of the Holy Spirit, lean toward the Son for light and for hope.” *Michelle Bauman, Director of Y4Life – 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 & Edwina 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: 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)

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)

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—Ephesians 5:1–2 – “Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us.” Our sanctification flows from the justification which we have received in Christ. His love for us transforms us into His image. This is why the Bible talks so much about giving — we are to imitate God in His generosity. If you want to walk in the footsteps of your Heavenly Father, seek mercy, kindness and open-handed generosity.

Announcements

Bethel offers Lenten Devotional Worship March 6, 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.

Menu: Mar. 6th—Salad Bar & Bread

Mar. 13th—King Ranch Casserole, Salad & Bread.

Mar. 20th—Fajitas

Lenten Devotions from Lutheran Hour Ministries

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.*

Women in Mission March

Gathering—Monday March 4th, 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall. All ladies invited for Refreshments & Fellowship. Bible Study: Take My Life. Mission service project: Goodie baskets for BS&W and St. Joseph's Hospital ER Staff. If you are able, please bring individually wrapped snack items.

Make note! Church office change in hours:

Thursday March 7th—open 8:30a.m.-3:30p.m.

Friday March 8th—**CLOSED**

Monday March 11th—open 8:30a.m.-3:30p.m.

Young Adult Overtime

New group for all of our College Students and Young Adults, *Wednesday evenings thru March 20th, and once more Thursday March 28th. 8:00-9:30 p.m. in the Gathering Room, room 105. *note-not meeting Mar. 13th

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—We meet at 10AM in Room 239. Pastor Bard leads this Bible Study. Child Care is provided.

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

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!

Living with Grief Each Sunday at 4PM, Rm 105— This 13-week program began on Sunday, January 14th, meet each Sunday afternoon at 4:00 p.m. here at Bethel. You are provided a workbook to follow and measure your progress. We watch a video, read Bible passages, share thoughts, and discuss what we saw on the video. You will find that this is an upbeat approach to a sad situation and for the most part, the participants enjoy the videos and find the fog of grief to be lifted.

EASTER CANDY COLLECTION:

We are collecting candy for our Easter Egg Hunt. Please drop any donations in the Gathering Room, rm. 105 before Sunday March 24th. Thank you in advance for your donation.

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!

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 **"IS GOD PLEASED WITH THE BAPTISM OF INFANTS?"** between Pastor Matthew Jones and our very own Pastor Tim Eden. Stay tuned for more info!

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!

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.

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

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!

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.

It's Never too Late to Fill Out Time & Talent Surveys!

Bethel's Board of Stewardship encourages everyone to complete our Time, Talent and Treasure Survey to have up-to-date information for all our members. Fill this out online at our website, blcbcs.org; , or there are paper copies in the Narthex. Please turn in your filled out survey to the church office.

Easter Lilies

Would you like to purchase an Easter Lily?

Sign-up sheets are in the Information Center or contact the church office, 822-2742 or office@blcbcs.org. You may purchase one in memory of a loved one or in honor of someone special. Please print these names clearly. We will order the lilies and decorate the altar with them on Easter Sunday, March 31st. 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.