



**Bethel
Lutheran
Church**

Making Disciples!

March 16—31, 2024

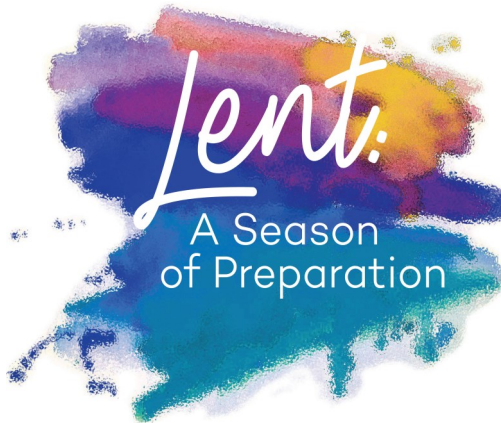
E-Memo † To the Saints

The Season of Lent is Here!

**Join Us on Wednesdays,
March 20th at Noon or
6:45pm for Lenten
Devotional Time.** We will
have Nursery care for the
Wednesday 6:45pm Devotions.

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.
March 20th—Fajitas



God Bless Our Lenten Time

The Church Season of Lent offers the Christian an opportunity for a special encounter with ourselves and with Jesus. Its purpose is to lead to repentance and renewed trust in Him. This is good, since repentance and renewed faith are vital as we prepare to receive the Good News which Holy Week and Easter will bring us.

Accordingly, we seek this self-examination which comes through the application of the Word of God to our hearts and lives. We allow that Word to show us our sinful condition and need. God's Gospel offers us God's plan to remove our sin: "Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world." John 1:29. It also works to empower us to live our lives for Him and with Him.

It is in the Word that God speaks to us of His gracious forgiveness. It is in the Word He calls us to Himself. It is in His Word we hear most clearly every promise. Listen to the Word, and make this the most blessed Lenten season yet.



Easter Egg Candy

Throughout Lent we prepare our hearts for our Easter Celebration. In this spirit we are requesting donation of individually wrapped single serving candy for our Easter Egg hunt. If you would like to support but do not want to buy candy we also can take small stickers or toys that will fit in Easter eggs. All donations can be placed in our Easter Candy Bin found in the Gathering Room 105, before March 24th. Please let DCE Jeff or Mrs. Connie know if you have any questions.

Lenten Devotions from Lutheran Hour Ministries

Lamb of God: In *Lamb of God*, we have God's Son come to earth as the eternal Word, Jesus Christ. Throughout John's Gospel, Jesus is made known to us as both God and Man, full of grace and truth. He has come into the world to seek us out—you and me—to rescue us from the power of evil, and to make us His beloved children forever.

Jesus was born for sacrifice and servanthood. As God's beloved Lamb, He intimately joined our lives in the flesh, compassionately healing, teaching, and loving us as our Good Shepherd. On the cross, He gave His life for our transgressions, and three days later He rose triumphant in victory over sin, death, and the devil.

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 SOON you will be able to pick up a printed copy in the narthex on the Elders Credenza and Welcome Center



EASTER SONRISE BREAKFAST

March 31, 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 am Sonrise Worship Service. Coffee and juice will be provided.

Each family attending is asked to bring one of the following (ready to serve):

- Breakfast casserole (recipes on Bethel's website)
- Breakfast pastry/bread, fruit salad

You can bring your food to the kitchen prior to the 7 am service.

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 us during the Easter Breakfast, March 31. The following shifts are available:

- 6:30 - 7:00 am - accept food & prepare for serving
- 8:00 - 8:30 am - put food out and monitor serving tables
- 8:30 - 9:00 am - monitor serving tables and begin clearing dishes
- 9:00 - 9:30 am - clean up

If you can assist at any of these times, please sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board next to the women's bathroom. Thanks in advance for your service

LWML Mite Collection

March 23/24

Mites (coins, cash, checks) will be gathered at all 3 worship services. All monies collected here and other LCMS churches fund 42 mission grants in Texas, the US and around the world. One of these grants goes to Trinity Lutheran Church Disaster Response Team (TLC DRT) in Tyler, TX, to serve those in need by ministering to the physical and spiritual needs of people affected by severe storms. The grant allows repair and replacement of equipment so the team can continue to be Christ's hands and feet and share God's love to people affected by disasters.

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.



New Member Reception

A reception will be held in the Parish hall for our new members on Sunday, March 24th between services. Please come and welcome our newest members.

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 the late service. Lunch will be served and childcare will be provided. A sign-up sheet will be posted on the bulletin board.

CHOIR & HANDBELLS CONCERT:

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 5:00—6:00 pm in the Parish Hall. The concert will be at 6:00 pm in the sanctuary.

HOST HOMES NEEDED:

After the concert we will need host homes for 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 at 979-822-2742 or email office@blcbcs.org

Usher & Greeter Training Lunch

We will be hosting an usher and greeter training session with lunch provided on Sunday, April 21 after the late service.

We will discuss the roles and responsibilities of the Ushers and Greeters as well as the challenges and blessings experienced by both groups. We want to recognize the importance of Greeters and Ushers to help us spread the gospel to visitors and to serve one another.

The event is open to everyone. Current and prospective Ushers and Greeters are encouraged to attend. Please fill out the sign up sheet on the bulletin board if you are interested in attending.

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 pm followed by the debate on **"CAN INFANTS BE**

BAPTIZED?" between Pastor Matthew Jones and our very own Pastor Tim Eden. Stay tuned for a QR code to RSVP!



Holy Week

Are you interested in helping with the stripping of the Altar on Maundy Thursday? Helping with the Easter Processional at the 10:30 Celebration Service? Singles, families, young and older. Sign up is on the bulletin

board. Or text 979-422-0138

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.



Our spring semester is in full bloom! Our students have enjoyed learning about the great state of Texas and all about flowers and plants this month. Speaking of flowers,

have you all seen the beautiful bluebonnets lining the highway? Spring is definitely here and our preschoolers have been enjoying the amazing weather outside on the playground!

Registration for the 2024-2025 school year is well underway and we already have 42 little ones enrolled! Space is becoming more limited so if you or someone you know is interested in registering a child for next school year, please contact us soon! We currently have space in our 2 year old classes and our 4 year old classes. For our 3 year old class, pending responses from email that were sent out, IT IS FULL! We are so blessed to have such an amazing ministry here at Bethel. Please be in prayer for Emma and I, as begin the planning for the 2024-2025 school year.

In Christ,
Shelly Schultz
Director

Bethel Lutheran Preschool

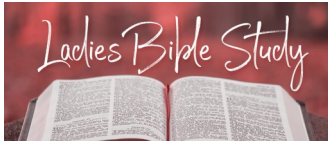
Bethel Lutheran Preschool admits students of any race, color, and national or ethnic origin.



Easter Lilies

Would you like to purchase an Easter Lily? Sign-up sheets are in the Narthex 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

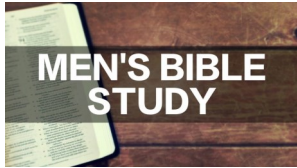
these names clearly. We will order the lilies and decorate the altar with them on Easter Sunday. You may pick up your lily after either worship service, help deliver them to shut-ins or leave for us to deliver. Please mark on the sign-up sheet what you desire. The cost is \$16.00. The deadline to sign-up is Sunday, March 24th.



Ladies Tuesday Bible Study

We meet at 10AM in Room 239.

Pastor Bard leads this Bible Study. Child Care is provided.



Monday Men's Bible Study & Fellowship

Mondays at 7:00PM in Room 242

LifeLight: The Minor Prophets

Call George McIlhane 979-229-0020 if the doors are locked when you get here

Young Adult Overtime

New group for all of our College Students and Young Adults., *Wednesday evenings through March 20th, and once more Thursday, March 28th 8:00—9:30 pm in the Gathering room 105.

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 March 24th at 3:00 p.m @ the home of Katy Ellison. Contact Emily 979-422-0085 with any questions.

Friday Men's Bible Study at 6:30AM with Breakfast In Room 239

Simon Peter: The Rough Fisherman

Join Rev. Wayne Palmer in this nine part series on the origin story of the undisputed leader among the twelve disciples, Simon Peter.

[Simon Peter: The Rough Fisherman \(youtube.com\)](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=...)

Impulsive and full of passion, he was a man of strange contradictions. One minute, he declared Jesus the Son of God and promised Messiah; the next, he tried to discourage Him from completing His mission. One minute, he walked across the Sea of Galilee; the next, he was sinking beneath the surface through fear and unbelief. One minute, he single-handedly attacked a company of soldiers to defend Jesus; moments later, he threw Jesus under the bus to protect himself from a servant girl. Not all of us are as bold and impulsive as Peter, but we can all learn a lot from him. So, today we'll start at the beginning. But, as we look at how Peter first met Jesus of Nazareth, we need to keep one thing in mind: Peter was not his original name. Jesus will give him that name afterward. As we first meet him, he is simply Simon, the son of John.

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 Ministries in Harlingen.

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 Way of the Cross ministries. If you have question about the mission trip, please see DCE Jeff or Connie Bard

Breakfast Tacos

Youth is serving breakfast tacos for a donation on Communion Sundays as a fundraiser for the Youth. 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.





Bethel Spring Social Church Work Day Aggie BIG EVENT



March 23th starting at 9:00AM

**CHURCH
WORKDAY**

Please join us Saturday, March 23th from 9:00AM until the afternoon for our Spring Social and Big Event. There will be several aggies to help us give the grounds a good “spring cleaning” All are welcomed and encouraged to pitch in. Bethel Witness & Outreach will provide food and will take the lead on supplies and equipment needed for the event. Please sign up in the Narthex and let us know you will be staying for lunch!

We look forward to seeing y'all Here!



BETHEL's HOMEBOUND CONNECTIONS MINISTRY

The Homebound Connections Ministry works to keep our brothers and sisters in Christ connected to the body of Christ by connecting with our homebound members through regular visits and by facilitating further connections to our congregation in creative ways.

“Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it.” (1 Cor 12:27 NIV)

We are looking for other people interested in participating in this ministry! Do you enjoy...

spending time with people?

connecting people with other people?

visiting those who have difficulty getting out?

bringing a smile to someone, lifting their day?

If so, please contact George McIlhaney (979-229-0020) or Cathy Holste (979-777-1533) to learn more!



**Caring for Our
Homebound
Members**

Thrivent Choice Dollars

Please check your Thrivent Choice Dollar balances before 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

Note from Pastor Bard

Over the past year Bethel has given \$39,246 to our Texas District LCMS for Mission & Gospel Work. We have also received a \$14,732, rebate for our 2023 loan.

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's Helping Hands Mission Quilters

Will meet on March 25th at 9 AM in room 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.



We take Donations

If you have items these are some things we can use.

- Flat Sheets (twin size is big enough)
- Fabric suitable for quilt top (cotton, cotton blends, corduroy, wool, upholstery fabric) We make 60"x80" quilts.
- We cannot use fabric that has religious symbols or messages, patriotic symbols, or camouflage since they are donated through Lutheran World Relief all around the world. <https://www.lwr.org>

If you wish to donate money for the purchase of batting, you can write a check to Bethel and on the Memo line write that it is for Helping Hands Quilting.



Bethel's 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!

Gathering Room Books for Sale:

We have restocked books for congregation members to purchase. These books include: Lutheran Study Bible \$60.00. Luther's Small Catechism (hardback) \$20.00. New items: The Formula of Concord \$7.00 and the Augsburg Confession \$7.00. If you are interested in these items you may see DCE Jeff or Connie Bard.

The 2024 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. Please consider giving.

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

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. Thank you for your continued support of Scotty's House!

Scotty's House (979-703-8813) is the Child Advocacy Center of the Brazos Valley. Its mission is to provide safety, healing and justice, for children victimized by abuse, through professional assessment, counseling and education in a compassionate and collaborative approach.

SCOTTY'S HOUSE

Brazos Valley Child Advocacy Center



Hope Pregnancy is completely out of boys clothes size 9-12. And are in need of size 3 and 5 diapers. If you wish to donate any of these items, please leave them in the Narthex.

Still Creek Ranch Amazon Wish List: https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/3CL6A1MGUYLAQ?ref=wl_fw_le

Hope Pregnancy Center Hannah's Closet Amazon Wish List: <https://a.co/itlG3r7>

Twin City Mission Current Needs list: <https://www.twincitymission.org/current-needs>

Happy Birthday!!

To Our Bethel Family

March



Leona Price	1
Doris Crow	2
Philip Busse	2
Michael Gruhn	3
Jared Klatt	3
Jarod Pratt	5
Ross Anderson	6
Cali Engram	6
Harper Lockhart	6
Joyce Sutherland	7
Frederick Kuhlmann	7
Natalie Jochen	7
Brian Spence	8
Elizabeth Adcock	8

Diane Tomlin	9
Samantha Clements	9
Caleb Groves	9
Jager Harris	9
Tim Gade	10
Heidi Murphy	10
Violet Lawrence	11
Jackson Shilling	12
Arthur Forsyth	13
Kristie Clark	14

James Burnett	14	Katie Bentley	22
Jim Smith	15	John Wilson	23
Bradley Lenz	15	Sadie Hausenfluck	23
Bethany Morabito	15	Barbara Kasper	26
Dania Hildebrandt	15	Kelli Kindt	27
Lilo Sanchez	16	Brooke Scott	27
Lori Pfeffer	17	Blaire Huggins	27
Elizabeth Burnett	17	Bruce Theiss	29
Jennifer Dunkin	17	Bryan Theiss	29
Delayna Hold	17	Meghan Ullmann	29
Lenora Garcia	18	Bullet Cheshire	29
Bryce Sinclair	18	Haley Schautschick	30
Luke Palasota	18	Matthew Yarbrough	30
Terry Frazier	19	Doris Shimshack	31
Bill Weighat	20	Martha Delovio	31
Gavin Carvajal	20	Jacob Brown	31
Deanne Noack	21	James Ellison	31
Frank Duchmasclo	21	Liam Nash	31
Catherine Morken	21		



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So **faith** comes from **hearing**, and **hearing** through the **word of Christ**.
Romans 10:17 ESV

Hope and Security through the Love of Christ



Disciples of the Way Ministries

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Employment Assistance at DOW'S Refugee Care Center

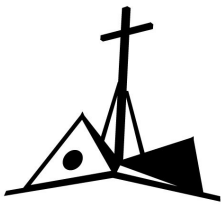
DOW recently hired a new staff member to devote his time to reaching out to businesses in the DFW area to facilitate communication and training, as well as helping our neighbors with resumes and apply for jobs online.

DOW continues to live up to its Mission Statement and each out to people from all nations and train people of all nations to serve people from all nations. Our goal has already been to raise up workers who can reach out and disciple their own people in their heart language.

Pray with us for DOW workers from all nations to continue to lead their communities to the Hope & Security through the Love of Christ.

<https://disciplesoftheway.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 2024 Sign Up Chart is in the Information Center next to the elevator.**
The Lutheran Hour for the month of March is sponsored to the Glory of God by Friday Men's Bible Study.



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Mrs. Terry Frazier, Bookkeeper

Mr. Dave Lewis, Facilities Manager

Mrs. Ruthann Stroud, Church Secretary

Mrs. Connie Bard, Children's Ministry Coordinator

Mrs. Katie Bentley, Tech & Communications Assist.

March 16—31, 2024

Join us for

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

Sunday Mornings & Palm Sunday

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

Lent Worship Noon and 6:45pm

Maundy Thursday—March 28

Noon & 6:45 PM (Communion)

Good Friday—March 29

Noon & 6:45 PM

Easter Sunday—March 31

7:00 AM SonRise (Communion)
8:00 AM Easter Breakfast
9:00 AM Sunday School & Bible Class
9:45 AM Easter Egg Hunt
10:30 AM The Resurrection of our Lord Celebration (Communion)



Church Office Hours

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