



**Bethel
Lutheran
Church**

Making Disciples!

April 1—15, 2024

E-Memo To the Saints



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. **Sign up for help with the Pot Luck is in the narthex.**

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—We need the follow:

- 2 Homes for a pair of girls
- 2 homes for a pair of boys
- 1 home for an adult and a boy
- 1 home for an adult

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.

Space is limited make sure to use the QR code to RSVP!



Fun Family Wednesdays

Starts back up April 10th! We have our meals starting at 5:15pm with a cost of \$5/person with a max of \$20/family. The children’s activities start at 6:30p.m and include The Kid’s Bible Club, Youth Confirmation, Jr. High and High School Youth Groups. The Youth Choir will meet at 6PM and Adult Bible Class at 6:30pm, with child care provided.

Menu: **April 10**—Grilled cheese, tomato soup, salad, fruit—**April 17**—Breakfast—**April 24**—Chicken strips, mashed potatoes/gravy, green beans, rolls, applesauce—**May 1**—Sausage wraps, mac & cheese, beans, broccoli salad—**May 8**—Cheeseburger sliders, chips, cole slaw, fruit



Vacation Bible School

“The Great Jungle Journey”

June 18th—22nd





BLUEBONNET ZONE SPRING WORKSHOP

Hosted by Bethlehem Lutheran Church—William Penn

Saturday, April 20, 2024

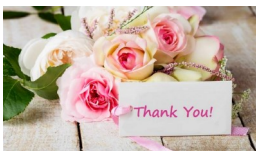
9:00 am—1:00 pm (lunch will be served)

Theme: The Rock

Speakers: Nancy Beckcom and Amanda Hafer

Carpool Available—Contact Terry Frazier (terryfrazier@outlook.com) by Sunday, April 14th.

Will meet at Bethel at 8:00 am to carpool



BETHEL'S LWML THANK YOU!

Thank You to everyone who helped with the Easter Breakfast – set-up, decorating, serving, and clean-up!

LWML Mite Collection

April 27/28

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 Upheld by God's Hand, Mental Health Outreach. Grant funds will support the development of published materials and resources to provide training for church workers and lay leaders related to mental health outreach and spiritual care.

HONOR AND REMEMBER WITH

ALTAR FLOWERS

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.



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. There are paper copies of the Survey in the narthex, you can go online to Bethel's website or use the QR code. Bethel needs YOU!



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.



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
- Augsburg Confession \$7.00.

If you are interested in these items you may see DCE Jeff or Connie Bard.

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.

† Church Council

Come to Bethel's Regular Scheduled

Voters Assembly at 1:30pm

Sunday, May 19, 2024

Congregational Meeting



The purpose of this meeting will be to Elect Board and Council Members Nursery/Child Care will be provided for this meeting.

Who is a Voting Member?

According to Bethel's Bylaws...

"All communicant members of the congregation who have attained the age of eighteen (18) years and have signed the Constitution and Bylaws shall be eligible to vote unless otherwise restricted by the Bylaws."



Abby Johnson is coming to Rudder Forum—April 17, 2024 @ 7:00 pm

Hear from former Bryan Planned Parenthood Director turned pro-life activist

Presented by Young Americans for Freedom and Pro-Life Aggies



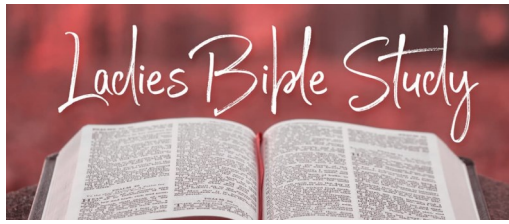
Our preschoolers have had an amazing couple of weeks preparing for Holy Week. We started by singing in church on Palm Sunday, heard a great message during children's time and then we celebrated in our classrooms by having a party and an egg hunt! During chapel time the children learned the cross reminds us that Jesus died for our sins. On their way back to class, you could hear them in the hallway saying, "Look there is a cross, Jesus died for me." Then someone would respond "He did? Jesus died for me too!" I love how each statement was true and personal! Being able to teach these precious children about the true meaning of Easter is a blessing for sure!



*In Christ,
Shelly Schultz
Director*

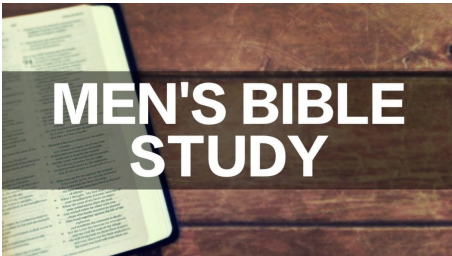
Bethel Lutheran Preschool

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



Ladies Tuesday Bible Study

Tuesdays at 10:00 AM in Room 239.
Pastor Bard leads this Bible Study. Child Care is provided.



Monday Men's Bible Study & Fellowship

Mondays at 7:00 PM in Room 242
LifeLight: The Minor Prophets
Call George McIlhaney 979-229-0020 if the doors are locked when you get 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 April 21st at 3:00 p.m @ the home of Katy Ellison. 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 Way of the Cross ministries. If you have question about the mission trip, please see DCE Jeff or Connie Bard

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.

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.





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Whose Is It Anyway?

If you have ever bought or sold a house, you are acquainted with the concept of a “title search.” Before you can sell your house, and before anyone else will feel comfortable putting down the money to buy it, you have to prove that you really own it. So a title company looks through the public records to ensure that you bought it from the person who really owned it, who bought it from the person who really owned it before that, all the way back to the earliest records of your state, including when your state was only a territory or colony of England.

Peak into a preschool classroom during playtime and you’ll see a simplified version of this. A child starts playing with a ball, but another child says, “That’s mine: I had it first.”

You can’t understand the Seventh Commandment without understanding this concept of ownership or title.

As the Small Catechism puts it:

You shall not steal. What does this mean? We should fear and love God so that we do not take our neighbor’s money or possessions, or get them in any dishonest way, but help him to improve and protect his possessions and income.

Your neighbor’s possessions are *his*: you don’t have a right to take them. And likewise, your possessions are yours. Ownership and property rights are foundational to any functioning society.

But there is something deeper to know about ownership, and that is the question of who has the title and ownership *to you*? Paul says, “Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, for you were bought with a price” (1 Cor. 6:19–20).

If you yourself are owned by God, then of course everything that you own, you really only possess by God’s leave: all of it, at bottom, belongs to Him since *you* belong to Him. For you were bought with the blood of Christ.

This notion is the foundation of all Christian stewardship. It all belongs to God. It should all be used for things that bring honor to His name, blessings to our neighbors and the extension of His kingdom.

PICK UP YOUR April

Lutheran Witness Magazine

And the *Portals of Prayer Devotion Booklet—April—June 2024*

HERE AT CHURCH in The Gathering Room—Room 105!

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.



Thank you Bethel Family for the kindness you have shown to Richard and me during my recent incapacitation. The cards, food and well wishes are very much appreciated. Many blessings, Evelyn & Richard Siegel

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



Bethel's Helping Hands Mission Quilters

Will meet on April 8th & 22nd 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 April 18th, 2024 at Noon

Please bring a dish to share.
Please come and join us for fun and fellowship!

Hope and Security through the Love of Christ



Disciples of the Way Ministries

*A Ministry of People of All Nations
reaching out to People from All Nations*

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/>



Life Ministry at Bethel

Bethel is the sponsor for the Aggieland Pregnancy Outreach Mama Clube

meal for teen parents and their children on April 23rd. Sign-up sheets are located on the bulletin boards. We are needing cookies, individual chip bags, and help serving the meal. We are preparing to serve approximately 75. Please contact Susan Neitsch for more information.



Hope Pregnancy is having their 2nd Annual Family Barn Dance—Sunday April

7th 2:00 pm—6:00 pm at The Gin at Hidalgo Falls. Live Music, Dancing, Desserts, Raffles and Loads of Family fun. For more information contact Hope Pregnancy @ 979-695-9193.

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.

Happy Birthday!!

To Our Bethel Family

April



Emily Bard	1	Michael Reece	7
Ida Mae Kaspar	1	Rachel Mace	7
Rhonda Kappler	1	Amy Dahmann	8
Brighton Kasper	2	Brandon Shane	8
Karen Sanders	2	Lilly Clements	8
Natalie Bachmeyer	2	Mary Ann Luber	8
Rita Baumann	2	Violet Addison	8
Aurelia Eden	3	Nathan Segrest	9
Jennah Smitherman	3	Paul Shoenfeld	9
Kelly Cammack	3	Rodney Murphy	9
Patsy Hartmangruber	3	Wallace Hahn	9
Grant Murphy	4	Flora Fleeger	10
Taylor Wendland	4	Shelley Wedemeier	11
Bryce Nash	5		
Dylan Yung	5		
Sierra Wendland	5		
Malinda Klein	6		
Quentin Burns	6		
George Segrest	7		

Anthony Barth	12	Sheila Hightower	20
Justin Cockroft	12	Charles Jones	22
Skylar Schautschick	12	James Lindsey	22
Kim Rutledge	14	Luke Ramirez	22
Paul Kaspar	14	Maya Sanchez	22
Reiney Cumbie	14	Jason Gade	23
Zachary Smitherman	14	Jessica Cumbie	25
Kylie Ouellette	16	Sandra Burns	25
Noah Drager	16	Brenna Scott	26
Troy Yung	16	Terry Hausenfluck	26
Hailey Simmons	17	Joyce Jones	27
Peter Nettles	17	Kaylee Royder	27
Ansin Favors	18	Suzanne Black	27
Christine Theiss	19	Katherine Stroud	28
Donna Fajkus	19	Preston Kissman	28
Joy Janda	19	Manuel Martinez-Arias	29
Lisa Loke	19	Susan Moore	29
Stephen Sorensen	19	Elaine Thompson	30
Chris Witzel	20	Eli Yarbrough	30
Cooper Klatt	20	Keith Yarbrough	30
David Ellis	20	Madison Jochen	30
Magdalyn Delovio	20		

Happy Anniversary!!

To Our Bethel Couples

April

Vincent & Sara Jochen	5
Rex & Shirley Jackson	6
Russell Goodwin & Aimee Thomas	7
Richard and Evelyn Siegel	10
Owen & Connie Brocksmith	13
Chris & Charly Byer	14
Dave & Cheryl Dinwoodie	19
Nathan & Valerie Markert	22
Jonathan & Abbie Gilmore	26
Jeremy & Joalla Shilling	26
David & Dana Hildebrandt	27
Bryan & Caralynda Theiss	28
Joshua & Erin Stroud	29



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

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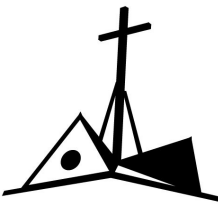
Hope Pregnancy Center Hannah's Closet Amazon Wish List: <https://a.co/itlG3r7>

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

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- Mrs. Ruthann Stroud**, Church Secretary
- Mrs. Connie Bard**, Children's Ministry Coordinator
- Mrs. Katie Bentley**, Tech & Communications Assist.

April 1—15, 2024



Join us for

Saturday -

Worship at 4pm & Bible Class at 5pm

Sunday Mornings

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

Church Office Hours

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