



**Bethel
Lutheran
Church**

Making Disciples!

April 15—30, 2024

† Bd of Stewardship



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!

E-Memo † To the Saints

Fun Family Wednesdays

We are a go for fun! We have our meals starting at 5:15 pm with a cost of \$5/person with a max of \$20/family. The children's activities start at 6:30 pm and include The Kid's Bible Club, Youth Confirmation, Jr. High and High School Youth Groups. The Youth Choir will meet at 6:00 pm and Adult Bible Class at 6:30 pm, with child care provided.

Menu: **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



INDEPENDENCE DAY CELE- BRATION!

Sunday, June 30, 2024

5:00 pm—8:00 pm

Parish Hall & Church Grounds

Fun for the whole family!

- Pulled Pork, hotdogs, "fixings", chips, watermelon and beverages will be provided
- If your last names begins with A-L, please bring: A salad dish
- If your last name begins with M-Z, please bring a dessert
 - There will be outdoor activities
 - Sign up by June 23rd!

BRING YOUR LAWN CHAIRS!!



Vacation Bible School

"The Great Jungle Journey"

June 16th—20th





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



May 6, 2024—6:30 pm Parish Hall
May Salad Supper—All Bethel ladies and guests are invited. Please bring a salad to share

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.

Congregational Meeting



Come to Bethel's Regular Scheduled

Voters Assembly at 1:30 pm

Sunday, May 19, 2024

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



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

Join us on Sunday April 21, after late service for fellowship among the Ushers and Greeters. Lunch will be provided.

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.



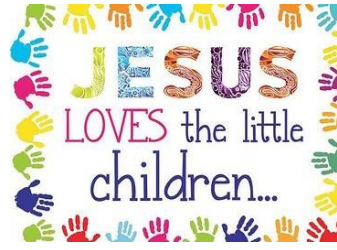
Camp Lone Star—July 28, 2024 –BBQ & Auction Fundraise

<https://camplonestar.org>

The last weekend in July each year,

Camp Lone Star hosts the annual BBQ and Auction Fundraiser to support Camp and all that this ministry does to transform lives and grow God's kingdom. This event is one of the main events which supports Camp Lone Star each year and we work hard to be good stewards of the financial resources entrusted to us in order to best glorify God and transform lives through Adventurous Christ-Centered Experiences.

The day includes an outdoor worship service followed by that good 'ole Texas BBQ. After that, enjoy the great fellowship and fun of the live and silent auctions—you won't want to miss it!



Our hallways are buzzing with excitement, as all of our classes are preparing for the End of the Year Program! Our students have learned so much this year and they are excited to share it all with their families and friends.



Even though the decision was made that the children in our care were not ready to view the eclipse (there were just too many risks for them), once the clouds parted, our staff took turns in the afternoon seeing the handiwork of our Lord.

It truly amazes me at how creative our Lord actually is!! Thank you, Dave, for creating a safe viewing box for us to use. And thank you Cindi Hannes, for bringing more eclipse glasses for our staff.

We are still registering for the 2024-2025 school year! We have 7 spots available in our 2 year old classes, 5 spots in our Pre-K classes and our 3 year old classes are FULL! God is so good and we know that he will continue to fill our rooms with sweet precious children to love and teach in His name. If you have friends or family members still looking for a Christ-centered program, please tell them to reach out to the office soon.

*In Christ,
Shelly Schultz*

**Director
Bethel Lutheran Preschool**

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

THE CHAPEL | Summer Missions & Leadership Scholarships Available

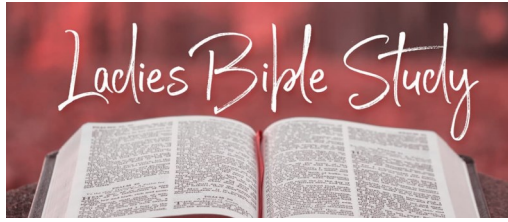
University Lutheran Chapel is grateful to offer financial scholarships to qualified students and young adults for select summer missions and leadership events in 2024

- Concordia University Texas GO MISSION Trips
- International Student Ministry Equipping Conference—May 16-18- Norman, Oklahoma
- Concordia Mission Institute Summer Conference—July 7—13—Concordia, Missouri
- Beta Sigma Psi Lutheran Fraternity Leadership Summit—July 18—21—Denver, Colorado.

Other similar summer mission endeavors or leadership events may be eligible for scholarship funding.

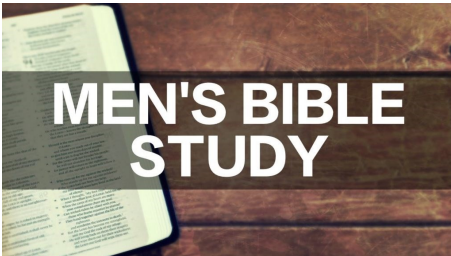
Scholarships are generally limited to current students at Texas A&M University and Blinn College Bryan and young adults, who are connected to University Lutheran Chapel, Bethel Lutheran Church – Bryan, or Holy Cross Lutheran Church – College Station.

It is important for interested students to act quickly to notify Chapel staff of their interest, as certain registration deadlines, cost-breaks, and best prices for air travel are a part of good stewardship. Students should talk with either John Karle or Dorinda Werner as soon as possible at 979.846.6687— Website: ulctamu.org



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 pm @ the home of Katy Ellison. Contact Emily 979-422-0085 with any questions.

Friday Men's Bible Study at 6:30 am 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.





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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.

Awareness Month 2024



Supporting SOS Children’s Ministry

Online Auction—April 8th—29th

Awareness Month Outreaches—

Friday, April 19—Neighborhood Prayer & Evangelism

Friday, April 26—Neighborhood Block Party

Saturday, April 27—BBQ Outreach

Office Closure: Due to HVAC replacement in the front office, the church office will be closed Thursday, April 18th. If you need assistance, please email joyces@blcbs.org

**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!**

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 McIlhane (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 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.



Connecting faith & finances for good.™

Thank you to Thrivent members who directed their Thrivent Choice Dollars to either Bethel Lutheran Church or Bethel Lutheran Preschool!

Total received :

Bethel Lutheran Church—\$2,649

Bethel Lutheran Preschool—\$1,470

These funds are used for non-budgeted purchase/expenses.



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 and play Bingo

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 Mama's Club Tuesday, April 23rd

Bethel is the sponsor for the Aggieland Pregnancy Outreach Mama's Club meal for teen parents and their children to connect and have fun. 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.



Dear Bethel Family,
We thank and praise our great God for all of you. We have received so many cards, phone calls (texts), visits and well wishes sending up prayers for us. So very kind of you all. And

the prayer quilt is beautiful. The hearts are so cheerful and the prayers and Bible verses very comforting. Thank you all. And the wonderful meals brought to us were delicious and very much needed and appreciated. Thank you to the members of the choir, bell choir, Donna & Barry Boyd and Pastor Eden's Sunday Bible Class for sending us Kroger cards. Bethel's love for our Lord and Savior has been shown clearly to us and we are very humbled. A special thank you to Katie Bentley and Joyce Sutherland for taking over my duties there at Bethel and everyone else for helping them out. Thank you so very much!!
To Christ We Cling,
Pastor and Ruthann Stroud

Happy Birthday!! To Our Bethel Family

April



Emily Bard	1	Anthony Barth	12	Sheila Hightower	20
Ida Mae Kaspar	1	Justin Cockroft	12	Charles Jones	22
Rhonda Kappler	1	Skylar Schautschick	12	James Lindsey	22
Brighton Kasper	2	Kim Rutledge	14	Luke Ramirez	22
Karen Sanders	2	Paul Kaspar	14	Maya Sanchez	22
Natalie Bachmeyer	2	Reiney Cumbie	14	Jason Gade	23
Rita Baumann	2	Zachary Smitherman	14	Jessica Cumbie	25
Aurelia Eden	3	Kylie Ouellette	16	Sandra Burns	25
Jennah Smitherman	3	Noah Drager	16	Brenna Scott	26
Kelly Cammack	3	Troy Yung	16	Terry Hausenfluck	26
Patsy Hartmangruber	3	Hailey Simmons	17	Joyce Jones	27
Grant Murphy	4	Peter Nettles	17	Kaylee Royder	27
Taylor Wendland	4	Ansin Favors	18	Suzanne Black	27
Bryce Nash	5	Christine Theiss	19	Katherine Stroud	28
Dylan Yung	5	Donna Fajkus	19	Preston Kissman	28
Sierra Wendland	5	Joy Janda	19	Manuel Martinez-Arias	29
Malinda Klein	6	Lisa Loke	19	Susan Moore	29
Quentin Burns	6	Stephen Sorensen	19	Elaine Thompson	30
George Segrest	7	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

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>



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

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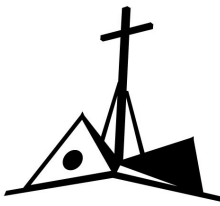
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- Mrs. Joyce Sutherland**, Director of Operations
- Mrs. Terry Frazier**, Bookkeeper
- Mr. Dave Lewis**, Facilities Manager
- Mrs. Ruthann Stroud**, Church Secretary
- Mrs. Connie Bard**, Children's Ministry Coordinator
- Mrs. Katie Bentley**, Tech & Communications Assist.

April 15—30, 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)

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 April is sponsored to the Glory of God by Rita & David Baumann.

Church Office Hours

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