



**Bethel
Lutheran
Church**

Making Disciples!

May 1—15, 2024

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To the Saints

MAY EVENTS

May can be a very busy month. You may have a graduation from Preschool, Kindergarten, High School or College. You may have a confirmation to go to or a wedding. And of course there is Mother's Day (12th) to be celebrated. There's the end of the school year and for us in Texas the end of Springtime. So, here are some other Events here at Bethel for you to try to squeeze into your month of May! And ...
May God Bless you in May.

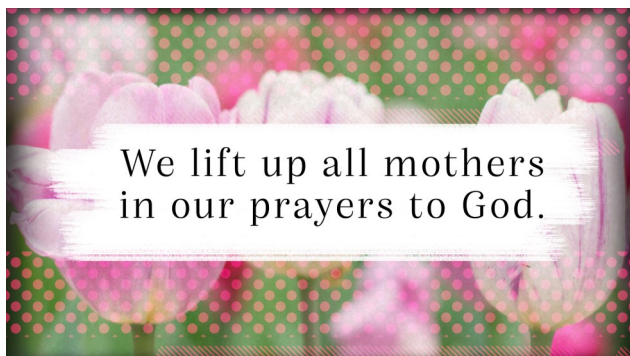
LWML Mite Collection



May 25 & 26

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 Ministry in Mission has been working in Haiti for 15 years with the leadership of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Haiti to meet the needs of people as they respond to devastating hurricanes and political unrest. Currently the churches are open for worship as work continues. The necessary materials are in the country to finish floors, repair electrical work, install toilets, and complete furnishings. Their grant will help purchase other needed supplies to finish the restoration work.



Ladies Salad Supper

Spring Cleaning for the Heart and Soul

Calling all Ladies of Bethel

Bring a salad and join us for a Spring Salad Supper and Devotion!

Monday, May 6 at 6:30 pm

"Create in me a clean heart, God, and renew a right spirit within me." Psalm 51:10



Sponsored by Bethel LWML

Bethel's OWLS

(Older, Wiser, Lutheran Souls)

Potluck Luncheon

May 16th, 2024 at Noon

For our May gathering, Lisa Mercure will be our guest speaker. The Woodland Cottages are a new and different facility under construction at 1850 Arnold Rd, College Station. She will provide information about these Independent, "Comfort of Home" facilities.

Please bring a dish to share. Please come and join us for fun and fellowship. Please use the doors under the covered driveway to access the building.



Confirmation

Our Youth here at Bethel will be confirmed on the weekend of May 18 & 19. We pray for these young Christians as they prepare their hearts.

**Brazos Church Pantry
May Food Drive**



Need a Grocery "Idea" list?

Canned vegetables, Canned meats (tuna, chicken, spam, or ham), Canned fruit, Macaroni and cheese, Dried beans, Cereal, Toilet paper, Bath soap, etc. So bring your non-perishable items to the Basket in the Donation Location by the Parish Hall doors. Thank you from the Board of Community Service.



AFTER 15 YEARS & 9 MONTHS OF DEDICATED SERVICE WITH THE CITY OF COLLEGE STATION

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1827 FEATHER RUN
COLLEGE STATION, TX 77845

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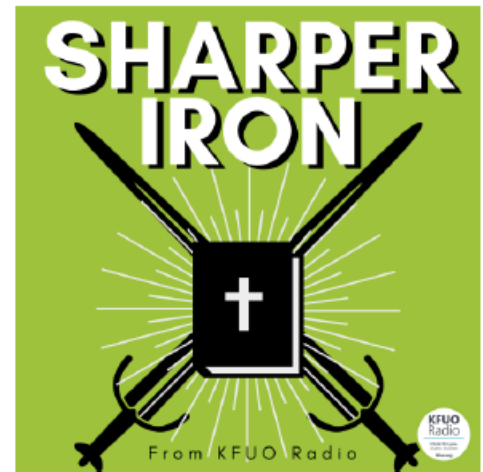
Come and go!

SUNDAY
MAY 5, 2024
12PM - 4 PM



JOIN US IN SUPPORTING THE HAUSENFLUCK FAMILY AS THEY WALK WITH LANCE IN HIS BATTLE AGAINST GLIOBLASTOMA

Please RSVP to: Kimberly Tijerina @ 979-255-6686



Hosted by Pastor Timothy Appel

with guest
Rev. Tim Eden

Wednesday, May 8, at 8:00 a.m. CT

for a study series on
"God's Kingdom Endures Forever"
Daniel 6:1-28

Listen Live or On-demand at:
kfuo.org/sharperiron



Congregational Meeting



Come to Bethel's Regular Scheduled Voters Assembly at 1:15 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. Bethel's LWML will serve a lunch from 12:15—1:00 for a freewill donation.

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."

Voting Slate

- Congregational President—Steven Klose
- Congregational Vice President—Terry Paholek
- Head Usher—Lance Lindsey

Parish Education

Jennifer Massey, 1st term
 Kristie Clark, 2nd term
 Joalla Shilling, 1st term
 Kinsey Johnson, 2nd term
 Kari Ramirez, 1st term

Community Service

Joyce Jones, 1st term
 Robyn Forsyth, 2nd term
 Vacant

Witness/Outreach

Randy Moerbe, 1st term
 Josh Addison, 2nd term
 Pierce Young, 2nd term

Stewardship

Bentley Nettles, 1st term
 Wes Hall, 1st term
 Jim Anderson, 1st term
 Dana Mortimer, 1st term

Board of Finance

Mary Hagan

Trustees

Mark Deike, 2nd term
 Johnathan Dahmann, 2nd term
 Wesley Bissett, 1st term
 Rodney Murphy, 2nd term

Early Childhood Ed

Katrina Whitten, 1st term
 Terra Bissett, 1st term
 Karen Theiss, 2nd Term
 Karen Hall, 1st term

Elders

Ian Janda, 2nd term
 Craig Murphy, 2nd term
 Remaining positions, Pending

† Bd of Stewardship



NAME TAGS

We want to encourage you to wear your name badges! This is a quick way to get to know each other and can even help us identify who among us might be guests. Also, the recent *Life*

with God group of new members are now getting their name badges, so if you see someone with a name badge that has a small star on it, please greet them and welcome them to Bethel.

Supper CLUB You Are Invited

Please join us for Supper on
 May 4th at 5:30 pm

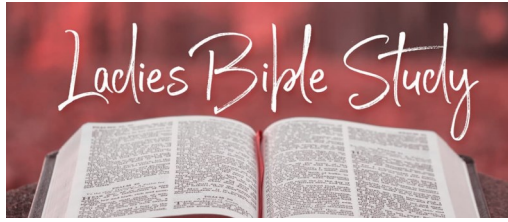
The Board of Stewardship invites you to participate in a fellowship opportunity— Bethel's Supper Club, on May 4th at 5:30 pm. Attendees will be assigned to 1 host home and asked to bring either an appetizer or dessert to share. Host homes will be in charge of drinks and the main course.

Contact Jennifer Dunkin if you want to attend at jennifer@robertsranchinv.com or at 979-716-8015

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.





Ladies Tuesday Bible Study

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

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 Sunday, May 19 at 3:00 pm @ the home of Katy Ellison. Contact Emily 979-422-0085 with any questions. This group will take a break during the summer.



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=...)

Monday Evening Men's Bible Study & Fellowship

Mondays at 7:00 pm in Room 242
A LifeLight Bible Study:
The Minor Prophets

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

Fun Family Wednesdays

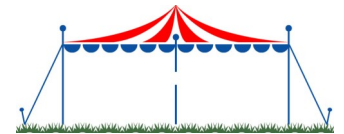
Our last night for Fun Family Wednesdays this season is May 8th. On the Menu we have Cheeseburger sliders, chips, coleslaw, fruit.

Thank you to everyone who helped and participated in Fun Family Wednesdays. What a blessing to gather together in God's Word. Thank you to all the volunteers who helped with meals, lessons, and making these events possible. We will be taking our usual break for the Summer. We look forward to getting going again with Fun Family Wednesday in September.

Summer Sunday School starts June 2nd!

This means that we may be combining some classes and Summer curriculum begins. We encourage our regular Sunday School teachers to take a break. However, they maintain the option to continue on during the summer. If you are interested in helping teach or be an assistant during summer it would be a blessing to our students. Pray about maybe helping us out then give Jeff or Connie a call.

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. We hope to deliver and set up the tent during the Youth Mission trip.



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.



Vacation Bible School

“The Great Jungle Journey”

June 16th—20th



Don't Miss Out on the Fun and Fellowship!!

Devo & Games Afternoon

Sunday, June 2nd at 3:00pm– 6:00pm

Our next Devo and Games afternoon will be June 2nd from 3pm – 6pm. Devo and Games is a time for devotion and fellowship while playing board games. Please bring a dish to share. Also, if you have a game you would like to bring it is encouraged. Sign up is in the Narthex. We will have child care if that is needed.



Breakfast Tacos

Bethel's Youth are serving breakfast tacos for a donation on Communion Sundays as a fundraiser. 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.



Camp Lone Star BBQ & Auction Fundraiser—July 28, 2024

<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!

Auction Items Needed

We are starting to collect auction items, and we need your help! This day is only successful because of the generous outpouring of gifts we receive through auction item donations!

If you would like to donate an item, please fill out this [Auction Item Form](#). All donations are tax-deductible as provided by law.

We ask that you stop by Camp to drop your item off, or you can mail it directly to us. If neither option works well for you, call the Camp office and we will schedule a time to come pick up your donated item (*within a 50 mi. radius*).

Desired items include: gift certificates, vacation packages, product baskets, handmade quilts/furniture, electronics, quality art pieces, autographed sports and music memorabilia, event tickets, Camp Lone Star themed items, and more. *Gift certificates and similar items, when possible, should be valid through October 1, 2024 or later.*

We would greatly appreciate receiving all auction item donations by July 14, 2024. (*Perishable items such as baked goods may be delivered the day of the event, however please submit the auction item form by July 14.*)



Summer is right around the corner and **YOU** are **INVITED** to join us at Camp Lone Star! We offer everything from day camp, 5-night and 2-night overnight camp, family camp, and more! Visit our website: <https://camplonestar.org> for more information and to register.



Bethel's Helping Hands Mission Quilters

Will meet on May 13 & 27 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.

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

† Preschool News



In our spring curriculum, each of our classes talked about insects and new life. To enhance their learning experience, we bought 5 caterpillars for each of our classes. Our

preschoolers watched them grow from tiny caterpillars to big fat caterpillars to forming chrysalis' to emerging a beautiful butterfly! As all the butterflies emerged, we feed them fresh fruits such as watermelon and sliced oranges. Each class was able to take out their butterflies during recess time and release them. It was so fun to watch their excitement as each butterfly spread their wings and flew away. Isn't God amazing turning a small little caterpillar into a beautiful butterfly?

We hosted our very first "Dad's Night Out" on April 25th. Only a few dads were able to make it but the time they shared together was immeasurable! Thank you, Pastor Eden, for preparing a devotional time for the dads. Fathers are a very important part of the family unit, so we used this time to show them how much Bethel Lutheran Preschool values them. My

prayer for each dad that attended is that they grow closer to our Lord through the friendships that were made.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! Our Preschool will have its annual End of Year Program on Friday, May 17, 2024 @ 6:00 PM. We are looking for volunteers to help bake, cookies, set up, serve, and clean up for this event. If you're interested in helping, please email our Assistant Director, Emma Schmeling, at PreschoolAD@blcbcs.org THANK YOU!

We are still registering for the 2024-2025 school year! We have 6 spots left in the 2 year old rooms, and 5 left in the Pre-K rooms. 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.



Happy Birthday!! To Our Bethel Family

May



Charlie Coble	1	Tara Nipps	14	Pastor Randy Bard	24
Stephanie Goehring	1	Kenslee Palasota	14	Sarah Bellach	24
Garrett Kuhlmann	1	Scott Kronstedt	15	Michael Clark	24
Theiss Cumbie	2	Jennifer Bolting	16	Faith Clark	24
Nathaniel Jungklaus	2	Cheryl Dinwoodie	16	Tilly Cheshire	25
Dawn Spence	2	Nathan Sinclair	17	Trey Schultz	25
Alivia Brocksmith	3	Mason Smith	17	Virginia Becker (92)	26
Hannah Jackson	3	Jim Wuthrich	17	Kamryn Crocker	26
Madison Rutledge	3	Katy Ellison	18	Sylvia Kraeft	26
Tucker Jackson	4	Josh Addison	19	Heather Clark	27
Sara Galow	5	Eric Jones	19	Kristin Paholek	27
Leann Jones	5	Mary Yarbrough	19	Brittney Samford	27
Sally Olson	5	Ryan Bedford	20	Andrew Jungklaus	28
Bendyl Dunkin	6	Timothy Eden	20	Beverly Catalina	29
Tim Kappler	6	Dalton Noack	20	Connie Silber	29
Presley Luckey	6	Mardell Byer	21	Lauren Hightower	30
Molly Wilder	6	Cullen Galow	21	Jenna Beyer	31
Sophi Byer	9	Richard Hammerness	21	Amanda Pannkuk	31
		Henry Nettles	21	Kaylie Scheffler	31
		Katy Hoffman	23		
Annemarie Hoffzimmer	9				
Holt Ullmann	9				
Wade Douget	10				
Alex Janda	10				
Ava Johnson	10				
Kelly Montgomery	11				
Mike Clark	12				
Kallie Markert	12				
Ruthie Bard	13				
Elizabeth Skommesa	13				
Gavin Johnson	14				
George Luber	14				

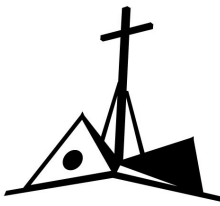
Happy Anniversary!! To Our Bethel Couples

Rodney & Heidi Murphy	25 yrs	May 8	Pat & Barbara Kasper	43 yrs	May 23
Jesse & Elizabeth Burnett	39 yrs	May 11	Jason & Leigh Chipps	7 yrs	May 26
Sam & Kelly Yoon	18 yrs	May 13	Richard & Trish Nipps	23 yrs	May 26
Preston & Annette Kissman	53 yrs	May 14	Jared & Stephanie Klatt	18 yrs	May 27
Gene & Dottie Garrison	70 yrs	May 16	Craig & Andrea Murphy	29 yrs	May 27
Brent & Diedra Centilli	10 yrs	May 17	Ross & Amanda Anderson	13 yrs	May 28
Norb & Lisa Mahnke	38 yrs	May 17	Wes & Karen Hall	25 yrs	May 29
Rusty & Lori Pfeffer	22 yrs	May 19	Tetsuya & Julie Sugita	31 yrs	May 29
Randy & Connie Bard	36 yrs	May 21	John & Linda Dalchau	54 yrs	May 30



Many, Many Thanks for all the prayers, get well cards, visits, phone calls and delicious meals delivered to us since I fell and broke my hip. Special thanks to Pastor Eden for his visits and inspirational devotions. After spending 41 days in various hospitals and rehabs, I am most thankful to be back home once again, where I am receiving home health care and getting a little stronger every day. Hopefully I will be able to come back to church soon and worship our Lord and Savior with all of you.

Joan Wuthrich



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- Rev. Tim Eden**, Associate Pastor
- Mr. Jeff Bellach**, Director of Christian Education
- Mr. Tetsuya Sugita**, Director of Parish Music
- Mrs. Shelly Schultz**, Dir., Bethel Lutheran Preschool
- Miss. Emma Schmeling**, Assistant Director, Preschool
- 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.

May 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)

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

Church Office Hours

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