



**Bethel
Lutheran
Church**

Making Disciples!

April 23—May 7, 2026

E-Memo To the Saints

Come to Bethel's Regular Scheduled Voters Assembly at 1:30 pm Sunday, April 26th, 2026

The purpose of this meeting will be to Elect Board and Council Members

(Slate of Nominees included.)

Nursery/Child Care will be provided for this meeting.

Ladies Salad Supper "A Time for Beauty" May 4th, 2026

All ladies are invited to join LWML for a **Salad Supper** on **Monday, May 4, at 6:30 PM!** Our program for the evening is "A Time for Beauty". This will be a delightful evening of Devotion, food & fellowship. Just bring your favorite salad and a friend to share the evening with. As a special treat, your **friend will receive a gift** for attending! Please **RSVP Joyce Sutherland (979-224-1349) by Friday, May 1.** Sign Up Sheets are in the Narthex!! We can't wait to see you both there!



Bethel Preschool's 3 Week Summer Program



Summer is approaching fast, Bethel Lutheran Preschool is providing a Summer Program for 3 weeks in June. This summer program is for 2s, 3s, and 4s (the class that was just completed). This summer camp program will run June 1st-5th, June 8th-12th, and June 15th-19th. Hours are 8:00 -4:00 with a 30 min. early drop off and a 30 min. Late pick up option. We have limited spots available. Please reach out to Emma Schmeling preschoolad@blcbcs.org for a flyer and registration form.

Volunteers Needed to Help Get Ready for Bethel Preschool's 3 Week Summer Program



Bethel Lutheran Preschool is looking for volunteers to come help us get ready for our Summer Program! We will need help with getting rooms, supplies, and lessons put together for our three weeks of the program. If you are available, the week of May 26th -29th we would love your help! Please reach out to Emma Schmeling by email preschoolad@blcbcs.org, call 979-485-9835 or fill out the google form by the QRcode.



Devo and Games Afternoon May 3rd, 3—6 PM

We will be meeting in the Parish

Hall from 3pm – 6pm. Instead of a meal we are asking that you bring your favorite appetizer. If you have some games you would like to bring and share as a group that would also be great. A sign up sheet is on the bulletin board in the narthex or contact DCE Jeff Bellach. See you there!

The Rite of Confirmation will be held on Saturday or Sunday, May 16th or 17th.

Please remember these students in your prayers as these days approach.



Check It Out!

The Pictorial Directories are here, and the Board

of Stewardship will be in the Narthex to deliver these to members who participated in the photo sessions. A limited number is available for purchase at \$8 each by families who did not have their pictures taken.

It's Never Too Late to Fill Out Your 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. You can go online [Bethel's website](#) to fill it out. Or there are paper copies of the Survey in the narthex. Please turn in your filled out survey to the church office.



Craft Retreat

Join us for a day of crafting! Bring your own project and enjoy some company!

**Bethel Lutheran Church
in the Parish Hall
May 2, 2026
9:00am-4:00pm**

There is an intermission for lunch and devotion, please bring your own lunch, or go grab something when you're hungry!

**Contact Autumn at
979-219-1867 to RSVP**



New Prayer Quilts

WE have two New Prayer Quilts Up in the Narthex. Please stop by and write some comforting words, scripture, or hymn verses on them for Charlie Coble and for Jeff Bellach & family.

Thank you.

Small Coffee Cans Needed



We are requesting donations of small coffee containers - plastic, metal, or other water impervious (not glass) that the flower delivery crew can use for taking the altar flowers to our beloved members. These small containers make the perfect size for delivering to small living spaces and non-glass material is safer in these spaces as well. Just bring them to the church

office and we will decorate them. Thank you so much.

Bethel OWLS (Older, Wiser, Lutheran Souls) Potluck Luncheon Thursday, May 21st at Noon In the Parish Hall.



Come have Potluck lunch with the OWLS on May 21st, 2026, the third Thursday of the month. Please bring a dish to share. Our Guest Speaker will be Dalton Noack. Dalton & Deanne Noack are excited about a product that has done wonders for their health. It's not a pill. It won't hurt you. Dalton would like to share their experiences with us. Please come join us for fun & fellowship! Please remember to enter under the awning.

This will be our last gathering until September 17, 2026. Have a Safe & Blessed Summer!!!

Lutheran Women in Mission

Join Bethel's LWML Monthly Gathering! May 4th!

Join us May 4, at 6:30 PM for our May Salad Supper in the Parish Hall. Please bring your favorite salad, dish, dessert and a friend. We will enjoy a program, devotion, and visiting.



LWML Mites (coins, cash, checks) will be collected April 25 & 26 at all worship services. All Mite monies collected here and at other LCMS churches fund 47 mission grants that will help in Texas, the US, and around the world. One funded grant is described below:

Lutheran Heritage Foundation (LHF) -- \$100,000 -- Introducing Muslims to the Savior

LHF supports the mission of the church — bringing Christ to the lost so that, through the Holy Spirit and the Word, they may believe in Christ their Savior. For over 30 years, LHF has been extending the ministry of God's Word by translating and publishing Lutheran books that help explain

the Bible. They have translated and published more than 1,500 titles in over 150 languages, which have been distributed at no cost to churches, pastors, individuals, and missionaries.

About a quarter of the world's population — over 1.9 billion — identify as Muslim. They are living in spiritual darkness and starving for the love of Jesus Christ.

This grant will fund publication of over 20,000 Lutheran books, like the Small Catechism, A Child's Garden of Bible Stories, and devotions translated into the Arabic, Farsi, Bahasa Indonesian, and Kazakh languages that will be distributed in the United States and worldwide.

Merciful God, whose love reaches every nation and people, we pray for Muslims around the world to hear and receive the good news of Jesus. Soften hearts, open minds, and prepare the way for Your Word to be welcomed with joy. Bless those who share Christ's love with wisdom, compassion, and humility. Protect believers who witness in difficult places, and surround seekers with Your peace. By the power of the Holy Spirit, reveal Jesus as Savior, Redeemer, and Lord. May many come to know His grace, His forgiveness, and His life-giving hope. Draw all people to Yourself. Amen.

Wear your purple and grab your pearls you're invited to the LWML Bluebonnet Zone Gathering

on May 2, 2026 at Grace LCMS in Brenham, TX from 9am—2pm. Cost is \$18.00. Guest Speaker will be Joel Eisenbaum, Director of Ministry Operations at Camp Lone Star—Tomball Campus. Come enjoy the fun!!



If you plan to attend the Bluebonnet Zone Spring gathering in Brenham on May 2, please RSVP to Sally Blum by text or calling 979-203-4834. The deadline to RSVP is this Saturday, April 25. Those attending will coordinate traveling together.



Camp Lone Star Work Weekend May 15-17, 2026

Want to **support Camp Lone Star** and help us get ready for an amazing summer of ministry? Join us for our annual **Work Weekend** at our La Grange campus as we prepare to welcome 2,000+ campers!

This is an awesome chance to meet and **serve alongside our 2026 summer staff and connect with other volunteers**. Projects may include: power-washing, picking weeds, planting flowers, moving fire-wood, cleaning, moving supplies, and more.

Kids are welcome too! They'll join some of our summer staff for hands-on work projects and still have plenty of time to enjoy a few of their favorite Camp activities.

This event is FREE, but lodging is limited—so **register early**. We can't wait to serve with you!

Learn More & Register

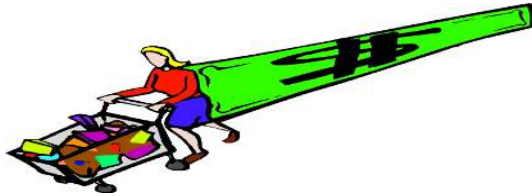
Location: La Grange Campus
Ages: All Ages
Cost: FREE
Registration Deadline: May 1





BRAZOS CHURCH PANTRY ACTIVITY

PARENTS, here's a way to teach your child on giving and how to make a dollar stretch a long way.



Take your children to the grocery store and tell them they have \$1.00 or \$5.00 or \$10.00 to spend for the Brazos Church Pantry. How many bags can they fill for their money?

- Some items to buy*
- tuna
 - tomato sauce
 - soup (kid friendly)
 - peanut butter
 - canned fruit
 - canned vegetables
 - boxed cereal
 - macaroni and cheese
 - rice (small bag)
 - dried beans
 - canned meats
 - small sugar or flour

The Box is in the Narthex Let's load it up!!



Hope Pregnancy Center's Baby Bottle Boomerang

**Pick up a Baby Bottle On Mother's Day, May 10th and
Return it by Father's Day, June 21st! Boomerang!**

"National Family Month" is celebrated between Mother's Day & Father's Day. With this, we celebrate Hope Pregnancy's Baby Bottle Boomerang event. Beginning on Mother's day through Father's Day (May 10- June 21, 2026).

Simply find the table in the narthex with all the Baby Bottles, pick one up, and sign the sheet on the table. Then take your Baby Bottle home and fill it with coins, cash, or check and return them! It's easy! We appreciate your tremendous support for saving lives of the unborn! This is a great opportunity to let your children help save the money for Hope! They can watch the bottle fill up and know that they helped.

Still Creek Ranch

LAUNCH into College & Career

Still Creek is converting a portable classroom building into an efficient cabin for young adult graduates in their "LAUNCH into College & Career" Program.

It will be set up like a dorm room. They had a donation of 4 twin bed frames and mattresses and will need the following items to go with them.

4 pillows, 4 pillowcases, 4 twin fitted and flat sheets, and 4 twin top blanket comforters.

Help us take care of this need for them.



Bethel's Helping Hands Mission Quilters—We will meet on Mondays, April 13 & 27 am in room 242.

We put Mission quilts together for Lutheran World Relief (www.lwr.org). 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 and Mission work.



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>

Monday Evening Men's Bible Study & Fellowship ~ 7:00 pm in Room 240
CPH study Life By His Word:
Paul's Mission Work and Epistles Set:
Philippians

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

Ladies Tuesday Bible Study

Tuesday Women's Bible Class meets at 10:00-11:15AM. Pastor Eden leads this class in room 239. They are currently studying the Book of Romans. We will be meeting through May 19th then break for Summer time. Blessings!

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

New Study starting December 5th.
 Concordia Publishing House's

Embracing Godly Character by Kenneth Kremer
 We live in a godless culture. What are we to do when the faith of the next generation is threatened and challenged? We respond by embracing godly character. Join us on Friday Mornings.



Sunday Breakfast Tacos

Thank you to everyone for helping support the youth with our Breakfast Taco fundraiser. We will provide tacos on communion Sundays. This opportunity helps youth raise money for their youth account to attend events. Thank you for supporting our youth in this way.

Fun Family Wednesday
NOW through May 6

Join us on Wednesdays for Fun for the Whole Family!

We start with a meal at 5:15. Cost is \$5/person with a max of \$20/family. **Menu: April 29-** Sausage Wraps, Beans, Broccoli Salad, and Fruit

May 6- Cheeseburger Sliders, Chips, Cole Slaw and Grape Salad
 Then at 6:30pm we have our different activities. **KIDS BIBLE CLUB** in Room 234 for Kindergarten through 4th grade. Games, Devo, Crafts.

Youth **CONFIRMATION** in Room 232 for those starting in 5th Grade & 6th Grades.

YOUTH NIGHT— for Grades 7 - 12. Crossroads Devotions/topic, some games, free time. Junior High will be meeting in the 7th and 8th Grade Classroom (237). The Senior High will be meeting in the Senior High classroom (232).

ADULT BIBLE STUDY—led by Pastor Tim Eden in room 239. Childcare available for kids younger than K-5.

Bethel Small Groups

Some of our Small Groups have started. If you are interested in starting a small group please contact DCE Jeff. We have some training videos online for leaders.

Small Group for Ladies
Women in the Word
Thursdays at 7:00 pm

All women are invited to join us on Thursday evenings as we study God's word, growing closer to God + Each other. We will be going through LifeLight: 1 Corinthians. Can't wait to see you there! For location and more information call or email Lauren Smith at 817-229-9907 or laurenleannsmith12@gmail.com or DCE Jeff at dcejeff@blcbcs.org, 822-2742.

Volunteers Needed - Bethel is seeking

volunteers for Sunday School classroom teachers and aids if you feel the Lord's call to speak Jesus to these children contact DCE Jeff or Connie Bard. 822-2742

SAVE the DATES



Vacation Bible School

June 21-25

Sign Up in the Narthex

Mission Trip

June 28-July 5

Sign up in the narthex!

It is hard to believe that we are nearing the end of the year! Our students have been busy in their classrooms learning about so many wonderful things like ponds and frogs, where our students pretended, they could jump as far as frogs! We enjoyed celebrating children's books by dressing up as our favorite children's book character. As our Pre-K students prepare for Kindergarten, they have been thinking about what they want to be when they grow up. We are constantly exploring our emotions and what those emotions look and feel like. The weather has been so nice that our students have enjoyed outside play the most. We are always learning and growing in preschool!

We are gearing up for our End of Year Program on Friday, May 15, 2026 @ 6:00 PM. We are looking for volunteers to donate cookies, help with set up, serve food, and clean up after the event. If you're interested in helping, please email our

Assistant Director, Emma Schmeling,
at preschoolad@blcbcs.org

Registration is still open for the 2026-2027 school year! If you know of someone interested in registering their child for our program, please have them reach out to the preschool office. Spots are limited!

In Christ, Shelly Schultz

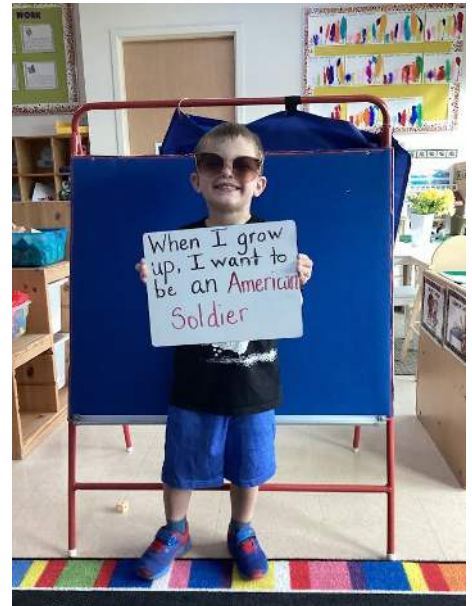
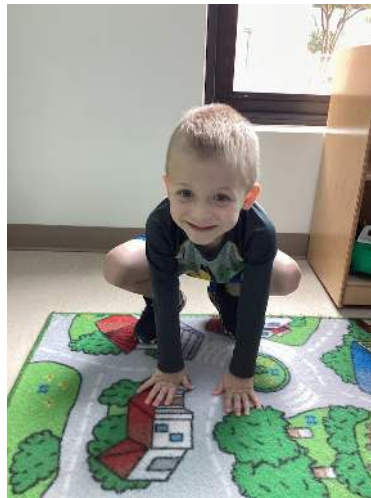
Director, Bethel Lutheran Preschool

979-485-9835 office

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[PRESCHOOL - Bethel Lutheran Church \(blcbcs.org\)](http://PRESCHOOL-Bethel Lutheran Church (blcbcs.org))

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



Happy Birthday!! To Our Bethel Family



Jessica Cumbie	25	Charlie Coble	1
Sandra Burns	25	Theiss Cumbie	2
Beth Busseau	26	Nathaniel Jungklaus	2
Terry Hausenfluck	26	Dawn Spence	2
Brenna Scott	26	Alivia Brocksmith	3
Joyce Jones	27	Hannah Jackson	3
Suzanne Black	27	Everleigh Largent	3
Sandy Hemann	28	Madison Rutledge	3
Katie Stroud	28	Tucker Jackson	4
Preston Kissman	28	Sara Galow	5
Manuel Martinez-Arias	29	Leann Jones	5
Susan Moore	29	Sally Olson	5
Elaine Thompson	30	Bendyl Dunkin	6
Madison Jochen	30	Tim Kappler	6

Molly Wilder	6	Cheryl Dinwoodie	16
Sophi Byer	9	Jim Wuthrich (93)	17
Annemarie Hoffzimmer	9	Katy Ellison	18
Holt Ullmann	9	Josh Addison	19
David Williams	9	Eric Jones	19
Wade Douget	10	Mary Yarbrough	19
Ava Johnson	10	Ryan Bedford	20
Kelly Montgomery	11	Timothy Eden	20
Mike Clark	12	Dalton Noack (91)	20
Kallie Markert	12	Mardell Byer	21
Donna Adcock	13	Cullen Galow	21
Ruthie Bard	13	Richard Hammerness	21
Amanda Goodenow	14	Joshua Johnson	21
Gavin Johnson	14	Henry Nettles	21
George Lubber	14	Katy Hoffman	23
Tara Nipps	14	Pastor Randy Bard	24
Scott Kronstedt	15	Sarah Bellach	24
Jennifer Boyd	16	Michael Clark	24
		Faith Clark	24



Happy Anniversary!! To Our Bethel Couples



Jeremy & Joalla Shilling	18 years	April 26
Jonathan & Abbie Gilmore	12 years	April 26
David & Dania Hildebrandt	8 years	April 27
Bryan & Caralynda Theiss	8 years	April 28
Josh & Erin Stroud	6 years	April 29

Rodney & Heidi Murphy	27 yrs	May 8
Jesse & Elizabeth Burnett	41 yrs	May 11
Sam & Kelly Yoon	20 yrs	May 13
Preston & Annette Kissman	55 yrs	May 14

The 2026 Flower Chart for Altar flowers is in the Information Center by the elevator. The cost is \$50 per sponsorship. You can email the church office at office@blcbcs.org or call 822-2742 if you have any questions. Thank you.



THE LUTHERAN HOUR is on KAGC, 1510 AM on Sundays at 12:30 pm. sponsored by Bethel. If you would like, you can sponsor a week's broadcast for \$25 or a month for \$100. **The 2026 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 David & Rita Baumann.

Bethel Financials	Mar 2026 Actuals	Jan - Mar 2026 Actuals	% of Jan - Mar Budget
General Fund Income	\$271,618.88	\$480,917.42	97.1%
General Fund Expenses	\$145,995.19	\$405,230.94	86.9%

Note: March Income includes \$14K Mortgage Loan Rebate plus \$115K one-time donor gift.



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Mr. Tetsuya Sugita, Director of Parish Music
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Miss. Emma Schmeling, Assistant Director, Preschool
Mrs. Joyce Sutherland, Director of Operations & HR
Mrs. Terry Frazier, CPA, Accountant
Mr. Jeremy Shilling, Facilities Manager
Mrs. Ruthann Stroud, Church Secretary
Mrs. Connie Bard, Children's Ministry Coordinator
Mrs. Autumn Helton, Office Assistant



April 23—May 7, 2026

Join us for

Saturday -

Worship at 4:00 pm & Bible Class at 5:00 pm

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 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

Fridays 9:00 am - 12:00 pm