Bethel Lutheran Church

Making Disciples!

October 1 - 15, 2026

E-Memo To the Saints

TRUNK OR TREAT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Bethel's Trunk or Treat is Sunday, October 25, and we need your help to make it a great event for our kids and a wonderful outreach to our community!

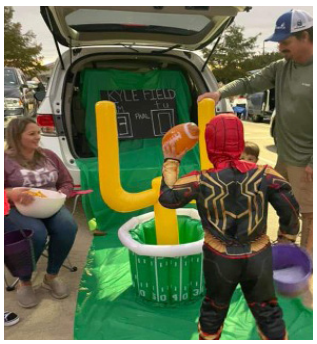
We have volunteer opportunities for decorated trunks, games, food, parking, Cake Walk baked goods, and more. There's something for everyone!

A BIG thank you to everyone who has already signed up to help with Trunk or Treat! We still have several volunteer opportunities available, so if you haven't signed up yet, please stop by the bulletin board and see where you can lend a hand.

Thank you for helping make this a fun and welcoming event for our church and community!









Craft Retreat

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

Bethel Lutheran Church
in the Parish Hall
October 10, 2026
10:00am-3:00pm

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



Honoring Our Veterans

This Veterans Day, Bethel's Board of Witness and Outreach would like to do something special to recognize and thank the veterans in our church family. If you have served in the U.S. Armed Forces, we would be honored to include you. Please add your name and branch of service to the sign-up sheet located in the Narthex.

We understand that not everyone is comfortable being recognized publicly, and we completely respect that. Participation is entirely optional.

To all who have served—thank you for your service and sacrifice.

LCMS.org/Stewardship

It's in the Way that You Use It!

Consider the humble baseball bat. It is a simple tool designed for a complex task. The batter needs a tool that can consistently deliver force to a small ball which may be thrown at over 100 miles per hour, but which might also come slanting across the plate as a slow curve. For a game like this, the founders of baseball had to redesign the old cricket bat, which is more of a flat paddle. The tool had to fit the job.

But even a specially-designed tool can be used for a different purpose. It turns out that some years ago in England, the home of cricket, baseball bats suddenly started selling like hotcakes. What were folks across the pond doing with all those baseball bats? Using them as clubs in riots!

A tool can be used, and it can be misused. It's all in the way that you use it.

The same is true with the things of God. The Second Commandment states that we should "not misuse the name of the Lord." In the Small Catechism, Luther goes on to tell us exactly what this misuse is, as well as the proper use:

"We should fear and love God so that we do not curse, swear, use satanic arts, lie, or deceive by His name, but call upon it in every trouble, pray, praise, and give thanks." (SC I)

The Lord has given us His name: He has placed it upon us in Holy Baptism and He has invited us to pray to Him as our Father. In this sense, the Lord's name is something for us to use. We should not misuse it … and we should not fail to use it. The Pharisees of old were so afraid of misusing the name of God that they decided to simply never say the name of God (YHWH, Jehovah) at all! This non-use is just as bad as misuse. The Lord gives His gifts for our use.

A Christian steward is one who is called to use all of God's gifts for His purposes. This includes things like the Name of God, the Sacraments and the Word, and it also includes things like our family and friends, our talents and skills, our money and resources. Everything that God has given to you, He has given to you so that you may be blessed to use it for His kingdom.
It's all in the way that you use it!



Please plan to attend Bethel's Ministry Fair on October 25th during Bible Study. Learn more about Bethel's boards, committees and our ministries. Breakfast tacos will be served by our youth, and there will be a raffle drawing.

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. 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

Bethel is giving every member a library card to a massive Christian resource center that is open 24/7 on their phone, tablet, computer, or TV.
That is essentially what 'rightnow MEDIA' does. 'RightNow Media' is a streaming platform that equips the people to follow Jesus through on-demand Bible studies and Christian coaching for every stage of life.
Please share the e-mail address you wish to have connected with this account. We will share the e-mail address with 'RightNow Media' who will send you an e-mail to get access. Questions? Contact DCE Jeff.

Devo and Games Afternoon
October 4, 3—6 PM

We will be meeting in Room 240 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!

Camp Lone Star's Fall Blast for 5th & 6th Grade Youth November 6th-8th

We will be taking our 5th & 6th Graders to
Join us for Fall Blast and enjoy a 2 night adventure, full of Christ centered experiences. The event will be, filled with skits, songs, camp activities, and Bible Study.
Please sign-up on the bulletin board in the narthex.
Cost for the 2 nights: $100/youth
DCE Jeff will be entering registrations on October 15th.



Fun Family Wednesday (FFW)

Join us each Wednesday Night for Fun for the Whole Family! We start with a meal at 5:15 pm. Cost is $5/person with a max of $20/family.

MENU:

Oct 7th - Pancakes, Sausage, Egg Souffle, Fruit
Oct 14th - Tomato Soup, Grilled Cheese, Veggie Tray, Fruit
Oct 21st - Jambalaya, Salad, Bread
Oct 28th - Chicken Strips, Mashed Potatoes/Gravy, Green Beans, Applesauce/Rolls

Activities start at 6:30 pm and the programs include:
KIDS BIBLE CLUB in Room 234 for Kindergarten through 4th grade. Games, Devo, Crafts.

Youth CONFIRMATION in Room 240 for those starting in 5th & 6th Grade.

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 children younger than K-5.

Bible Study Groups

Monday Evening Men's Bible Study & Fellowship ~ 7:00 pm in Room 240

We are Studying the book of Hebrews. Call George McIlhaney 979-229-0020 if the doors are locked when you get here.

Ladies Tuesday Bible Study

We meet at 10:00 am in Room 239. Pastor Eden will lead us in a study on the book of Exodus.

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

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.

Women in the Word
Ladies' Thursday Bible Study

All women are invited to join us Thursday evenings at 7:00-8:30 p.m. as we study God's word, growing closer to God and Each other. We will be going through LifeLight: 1 Corinthians. We can't wait to see you there! For location or more information, please call or email Madison Murphy at 979-446-8689 or email Madisonm3220@gmail.com, or contact DCE Jeff at dcejeff@blcbcs.org or 979-822-2742.

Sunday Breakfast Tacos

Calling All Youth! It's time to sign up and take your turn at serving Breakfast Tacos. The Sign Up Sheet is on the bulletin board.
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.



From the Bd of

Early Childhood Ed

PRESCHOOL NEWS

We have had a very busy couple of weeks learning about Community Helpers! This is a fun and exciting time for our preschoolers, especially with our special visitors! Office Baker from Bryan PD came out to talk about how he protects and keeps our community safe. We loved seeing his awesome police car and getting to see a lot of his cool tools he uses every day. He even turned on his lights and siren for us! Thank you, Officer Baker, for coming out to talk with us.

We also had Fire Station #3 come to see our school and show us their amazing red fire truck! We learned that if we are ever on fire, to stop…drop…and roll! We talked about if we need help, we can call them by dialing 911. They showed us their gear and all the things they wear to keep them safe while fighting fires! Their fire truck was full of tools they use to help them when they are called to help our community. The fire station received a call for help while they were here, so we were able to see the lights and hear their very loud siren. Thank you, Bryan Fire Station 3, for coming to our school and helping us learn about fire safety! We are so blessed to have amazing men and women who help protect and serve our community!

We are hiring for a Pre-K Lead teacher for this school year! If you know of anyone who may be interested, please have them reach out to the preschool office.

In Christ, Shelly Schultz

Director, Bethel Lutheran Preschool
979-485-9835 office
979-446-1578 cell phone
PRESCHOOL - Bethel Lutheran Church (blcbcs.org)
Bethel Lutheran Preschool admits students of any race, color, and national or ethnic origin.















THE BEE COMMUNITY
will be hosting the 4th annual Great Gingerbread Gathering! on Dec. 1st & 2nd

They Need Candy for this event!
You may go online to see their candy wish list - Just pull it up with the QR code to the right. If you have any questions just email volunteer@thebeecommunity.com



Mon.-Fri. 2:00-8:00pm; Saturdays 10:00am – 8:00pm and Sundays 12:00pm – 8:00pm.
Located at 2301 E. 29th St., Bryan.
Come find your perfect pumpkin for the season and help a family build an affordable home.
Volunteers Needed to Work the Pumpkin Patch
Register now to help. 2-hour shifts are available.
https://bcshfh.volunteermatrix.com



Twin City Mission Coat & Blanket Drive Thru November 6

The big box is now in the narthex ready to receive your donations of New or gently used Coats, Blankets, hats, gloves and scarves for all ages. As you are cleaning out that closet please consider giving away what you don't use any more. Your donations will be given to people who need them at the Give Away Event, November 19th, 9am-4pm at Twin City Mission, 2505 S. College Ave.

If you Don't Wear It, Share It!
Thank you so much!

Other Items Twin City Mission is in Need Of:
Extra-long twin sheets, Regular twin sheets
White bath towels, Hygiene items

Scotty's House Wish List Items

Counseling & Coping Supplies
Paint Brushes, Acrylic paint, Board Games, Journals and Pens (variety of colors), and Stickers

Family Support Supplies
Water (small bottles), snacks, sodas, rolled fleece blankets, laundry detergent (pods or small bottles), personal Hygiene items (ex: face wash, body wash, body sprays, nail polish, hair care items (for multiple hair types)

Activities for Kids
Fidgets, colored pencils, crayons, markers, art paper, coloring books, activity books, match box cars, mini white boards & dry erase markers, p0laying cards (ex: Old Maid, go Fish, Uno, etc.), stuffed animals.

Please ensure that all items are NEW and in original, unopened packaging. Thank you!



Bethel's Helping Hands Mission Quilters We will meet on October 12 & 26 at 9:00 am in room 242

We put Mission quilts together for Lutheran World Relief. (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.

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Current Needs Include liquid bath soap...any brand... scents women will like. :) Cleaning products for dusting and mopping, and Dishwasher tablets...any brand or off brand.

Also, we can use three new First Aid Kits (one for each of the family rooms). We continue to struggle with affordable housing barriers for most families seeking our help. If anyone in the congregation has a unit for rent, that information will help us as well. Thank you and the members of Bethel Lutheran Church for your continued support.

Bethel Lutheran Women in Mission gathers again Monday, October 5 at 6:30 PM in the Parish Hall. Please join us for a Bible Study and kickoff to our new year of serving the Lord.

Mites (coins, cash, checks) will be collected October 24 & 25 at all worship services.
All Mite monies collected here and at other LCMS churches fund mission grants that will help in Texas, the US, and around the world. One funded grant is described below:

Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne / Africa -- $100,000 -- Scholarships to Support International Deaconesses — Tanzania
The South East of Lake Victoria Diocese of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Tanzania has been partnering with Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne (CTSFW) to train deaconesses to serve their expanding membership. Upon graduation, these women will be able to serve as instructors at the Bishop Emmanuel Makala Center in Negezi, Tanzania, thus allowing the formation of deaconesses in the future to be an indigenous process.

The trained deaconesses will lead other women to better serve the needs within their communities. The needs include overcoming poverty, disease, disabilities, hunger, alcoholism, spousal and child abuse, and pagan influences that permeate the culture, resulting in the separation of children from their parents, creating orphans and outcasts in desperate need of the love of Christ.

This grant will fund scholarships for two students to complete their master level deaconess studies through the distance education program of CTSFW.

Jesus our Savior, You give deaconesses unique opportunities to show love and to help new Christian women in Tanzania who face many daily challenges. Bless the women chosen to become deaconesses, that they may show love and compassion to all those who need to hear about Your saving grace. Help them train other women to serve You and to love their neighbors, that the church in Tanzania may be strengthened and may continue to proclaim Your saving grace. Bless this mission grant that will supply scholarship funds for their deaconess education. In Your name we pray. Amen.

Living with Grief—

Help for Those Dealing with Grief
Each Sunday at 4 pm, Rm 105

This program is designed to encourage us to look at our loss and its impact on our lives from God's perspective. We will learn that grief is a natural response to the loss of a loved one and that there is relief, purpose, and joy in the future.

There are 13-weekly sessions based on video, bible study, and discussion in which we learn to accept and manage our feelings, emotions, and change in our lives. You are invited to attend as many sessions as you like and are under no obligation to attend all sessions. Please join us for an upbeat and refreshing understanding of what God has done for us and his plan for our lives.

If you are interested, contact the church at 979-822-2742 There are no fees or long term commitment. Refreshments will be served and each participant will receive a participant guide. Other resource materials are available. We look forward to meeting you.

Bethel OWLS Potluck Luncheon (Older, Wiser, Lutheran Souls) Thursday, October 15th at Noon In the Parish Hall.



Please bring a dish to share. Join us as we travel to Italy with Doug & LaVelda Box. See you Oct. 15th. Remember to enter through the main doors by the covered drive way.

OCTOBER
Birthdays & Anniversaries

Happy Birthday to Our Bethel Family

Cheyenne Bishop	1	Diedra Centilli	8	Millie Hagemann	12	Steven Klose	22
Valery Addison	2	Tim Donathen	8	Abby Murphy	13	Annette Kissman	23
Judy Wieghat	2	Cindi Hannes	8	Carli Samford	13	Becky Sisco	23
Phillip Smith	3	Thomas Kettle	9	Ashley Zemanek	13	Katrina Whitten	23
Cathy Davidson	4	Juan Ramirez	9	Heidi Janac	14	Haley Clark	24
Manny Martinez-Arias	4	John Clark	10	Linda Dalchau	15	Debra Shepherd	24
Cameran Schumann	4	Miriam Delovio	10	Patti Ellis	15	Zac Zemanek	24
Debbie Smith	4	Brittany Kettle	10	Melissa McIlhaney	15	Jackson Jungklaus	26
Pat Bryson	5	Valerie Markert	10	Madison Kelley	16	Amanda Anderson	27
Joyce Samford	5	Harper Nored	10	Trish Nipps	16	Archer Castro	29
Milton Catalina	6	Dennis Davidson	11	Aliya Bellach	17	Esther Castro	29
Bob Gibbons	6	Brock Friemel	11	Mark Deike	17	Mike Sadler	29
Wes Hall	6	Jess Junek	11	Amber Fattig	21	Kristi Addison	30
Jace Anderson	7	Madison Murphy	11	Danielle Lustick	21	Katelyn Medina	31
Jonathan Dahmann	7	Jude Brown	12	Maggie Schumann	21	Dave Dinwoodie	31
Kay Carrabba	8	Allen Hold	12	Bonna Williamson	21	Frances Duchmasclo	31
		Shay Simpson	12				

Happy Anniversary

Steve & Connie Silber	55 yrs	Oct. 2	Ryan & Kelli Bedford	6 yrs	Oct. 17
Artie & Sarah Brocksmith	6 yrs	Oct. 3	Malcolm & Martha Delovio	17 yrs	Oct. 17
Brandon & Kendra Friemel	29 yrs	Oct. 4	JT & Jennifer Boyd	1yr	Oct. 18
Justin & Briley Schoppe	2 yr	Oct. 5	Dennis & Tammy Webb	41 yrs	Oct. 18
Jeff & Sarah Bellach	21 yrs	Oct. 9	Nathan & Heather Segrest	21 yrs	Oct. 22
Spencer & Angela Wilder	5 yrs	Oct. 9	David & Rita Baumann	61 yrs	Oct. 23
Gerry & Patsy Hartmangruber	39 yrs	Oct. 10	Kenneth & Bobbie Denmark	67 yrs	Oct. 24
Kevin & Sylvia Kraeft	17 yrs	Oct. 10	Charles & Karen Sanders	39 yrs	Oct. 24

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

Bethel Financials	Aug 2026 Actuals	Jan - Aug 2026 Actuals	% of Jan - Aug Budget
General Fund Income	$99,096.68	$1,099,696.22	83.3%
General Fund Expenses	$134,621.08	$1,124,995.17	90.5%

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Mrs. Connie Bard, Children's Ministry Coordinator
Mrs. Autumn Helton, Office Assistant



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Join us for . . .
Worship & Bible Class

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