Bethel Lutheran Church

Making Disciples!

November 5 - 19, 2026

E-Memo To the Saints

Our Veterans Honored November 7th & 8th



We cannot Thank You enough for your service to your Country and to us. If you are a veteran or a widow of a veteran please let the ushers know. Bethel will have a gift for you. May our Lord Jesus Christ continue to look over and bless our Armed Forces members and their families.

Bethel's Annual Fall Voter's Assembly November 15 2026 ~ 1:00 PM



Agenda includes board and committee reports, building committee update, and the 2027 Budget. Check with the office if you would like an advanced copy of the pro-posed 2027 Budget. Nursery/Child Care will be provided for this meeting.

Voter's Meeting Meal - November 15, 2026

The Bethel Women in Mission will be providing a Voter's Meeting meal with a free will offering. The free will offering will be given to University Lutheran Chapel to help with the purchase of their van.

The meal served from 12:15-1:00 pm in the Parish Hall will consists of soups, sandwiches, salad with chicken breast, tea, water and desserts.

Thanksgiving Eve Worship



November 25th at Noon

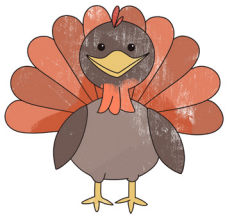
COME YE THANKFUL PEOPLE COME!

Bethel will have ONE service on Thanksgiving Eve, Wednesday, November 25th, that will be at Noon only. We will sing the traditional Thanksgiving hymns and celebrate the Lord's Supper as we take time to thank our Lord God for His great and continuous blessings.

Bethel OWLS Potluck Luncheon (Older, Wiser, Lutheran Souls)

Thursday, November 12th
at Noon In the Parish Hall.

Join us for a Thanksgiving Feast! Turkey & Dressing will be provided. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share. We will play some Bingo afterwards. Remember to enter through the main doors by the covered drive way.



VOLUNTEERS WANTED to Help with the PRESCHOOL THANKSGIVING FEAST!!

The preschool children are practicing and working hard to get ready for our annual Thanksgiving Feast and Program. On Thursday, November 19th, we will invite all our preschool families to join us for a small program before gathering together to give thanks and enjoy a meal. We are asking for volunteers for this event. We will start preparing around 9:30 AM and conclude with clean up by 1 or 1:30 PM. . If you're interested in greeting families, meal preparation, serving the meal, or helping with clean up, please contact the preschool by email, preschool@blcbcs.org or call 979-485-9835. Thank you so much and please pray that we might share Jesus with many that day!

COME HELP Decorate the Church



Saturday, November 28th ~ 9AM-Noon

Do you love walking into church that first service of the Advent Season? Everything has that magical Christmas touch from lights, wreaths, ornaments and trees. Well that's not magic...it takes a team of Helpers! Here's an easy opportunity to help out at the church. We will meet on Saturday, November 28th from 9AM til Noon. The more people available the quicker it will go! Thank you!

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Witness/Outreach

Advent by Candlelight

will be held Saturday, **December 5, 2026**
Starting at 2:00 to 4:00 pm.



Ladies and Girls, 2nd Grade age and up are all invited. This is an opportunity for us to get into the Advent spirit and prepare our hearts for our coming Savior. The afternoon will begin with a light tea, special music, and then a program titled "Christmas Begins with Christ". Sign up in the Narthex to reserve a seat at this event! We encourage you to invite relatives and friends (sign them up also).

We also need Table Hostesses! Contact:
Sarah Bellach at skbellach@yahoo.com or Kayla Zanek (kaylalou99@yahoo.com) for information.
Sign-Up in the Narthex TODAY!

LIVE NATIVITY SIGN UP in Progress

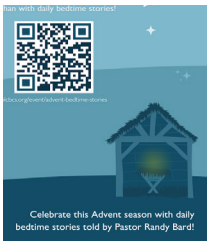


Yes, It is time to Sign UP to help with Bethel's Live Nativity which will be held on December 11,12,13. Sign up sheets are in the narthex on the bulletin board. We need characters for the Nativity Scene, Helpers for setting up, helpers for serving cookies, people to bake cookies and make suppers for the workers, Helpers to clean up after; and a whole lot of other ways you can be a part of this fun Outreach Event.



Christmas Caroling! Sunday, December 6, 5-7 pm

Help us bring some Christmas Cheer to our neighbors by caroling! We will meet at Bethel then head out to the surrounding neighborhood to sing Christmas Carols. We will sing familiar Christmas hymns from the Lutheran Service Book. No choir experience is needed.



Advent Bedtime Stories – A Special Way to Celebrate the Season!

As we prepare our hearts for the birth of our Savior, we invite families to enjoy Advent Bedtime Stories, available on Bethel's website from November 30 through December 28.
Take a few moments to slow down, gather the family, and enjoy stories that help us reflect on the hope, peace, joy, and love of the Advent and Christmas season.
Visit: https://www.blcbcs.org/advent-bedtime-stories/
May these special moments help bring the joy of Christ into your home this season!

Thank You for Making Bethel's Trunk or Treat a Success!

What a wonderful evening! Bethel's Trunk or Treat was a great success, and we couldn't have done it without YOU! The Board of Witness and Outreach would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to everyone who volunteered their time, decorated trunks, helped with games, prepared and served food, donated baked goods, and worked behind the scenes to make this event possible.
We also want to thank all the families and friends who came out to join the fun! It was such a blessing to see everyone come together for an evening of fellowship, laughter, and community.
Thank you for helping us share Christ's love and making this outreach event so special. We are truly blessed with an amazing church family!











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Parish Education

Our Children's Christmas Program

- Manger Tales - will be on December 20th at the 11:15am Service. We will not have Holy communion at this service. Mom and Dad, please mark your calendar. All children 2 years old and up will sing, act, read or perform that day. We will be practicing in the sanctuary on Sunday December 13th and 20th during Sunday School hour. Also, we will have a practice on Saturday, December 19th from 10am - noon in the sanctuary. If you have any questions, please contact DCE Jeff or Emma Schmeling

Christmas Angels Tree is up in the Narthex!

The Still Creek Ranch Angels and the Bryan ISD PRS Angels names are hung on the tree. Choose a child to bless this Christmas and return gifts wrapped with the angel's name & color on it by Dec. 13th. Make sure to sign up that you took an angel.

Youth RESET Retreat 2027 January 15-11

Life getting crazy and feeling out of control? It's time for a RESET! Developed some habits that need to be kicked to the curb? It's time for a RESET.

I do not have any details at this time for the Reset Retreat. However, we will have a signup in the narthex for High School students to signup now. (This weekend usually consists of worship, large group speaker sessions, breakout sessions on a variety of topics, small group time with your church, games, camp activities such as gaga ball, campfires.)

I should have more details for the event closer to December. Sign-up in the narthex. DCE Jeff

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 Will NOT Meet on November 27th. But usually 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.

Sunday Breakfast Tacos

Thank you to everyone for helping support the youth with our Breakfast Taco fundraiser.

Fun Family Wednesday (FFW)

Just two more Wednesdays Then we break for Thanksgiving, Advent & Christmas.

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: Nov. 11th -** Chicken Drumsticks, Baked Beans, Potato Salad, Grape Salad. **Nov. 18th-**Cheeseburger Sliders, Cole Slaw, Chips, Fruit Salad

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Homebound Connections Ministry of BLC has as its goal "keeping our brothers and sisters in Christ connected to the Body of Christ". We do this with visits, calls, cards of encouragement, prayer, and pastoral communion visits. A new initiative for our group is to publish, here in the *Memo to the Saints*, a brief biography of those homebound members celebrating birthdays each month. If you would like to join in these efforts, we encourage you to pray for the member(s) and, if you are so moved, send a card or note to them. Contact information can be found in the church directory or from the church office.Thanks for helping to keep these connections strong!

Our "Highlight" for the month of November is Irwin Carroll

Irwin was born in Many, LA on November 6, 1934. He grew up in Shreveport, LA and attended C.E. Bryd High School. He met Claudia, his wife, on a blind date while attending SMU. They married 68 years ago on June 27, 1958. Irwin is the father of one son, Rick and one daughter Claudia.

Irwin graduated from SMU with a degree in mechanical engineering and worked for Texas Instruments for 27 years. After retiring from TI, he was a consultant.

Irwin joined Bethel in 2011 and while active he enjoyed singing in the choir.

One of his favorite stories happened in 1920. A plane landed in the pasture near the home where his mother and family lived. The pilot got out and was offering rides in his plane for $5. His mother's dad paid $10 for her and her sister to take a ride finding out later that the pilot was Charles Lindberg.

On Friday the 6th, please join our group in praying for Irwin's health and God's blessings on his next year of life.

PRESCHOOL NEWS

October was a fun filled month with special visitors and exciting activities!

Our annual fall pumpkin stand was a huge success! Farmer Jeff and Farmer Randy supplied our students with an amazing crop this year. Each student was able to "purchase" a pumpkin for a great low price of $2! Everyone was so excited and happy to get a little pumpkin of their own. Huge thank you to Pastor Bard and DCE Jeff for taking time out of their busy schedules to come help during this special event.

"Orange You Glad for Jesus?" Our preschoolers enjoyed celebrating Jesus by wearing orange and carving pumpkins! Did you know that we are a lot like pumpkins? God picks you from the patch, brings you in, washes all the dirt off you, opens you up and scoops out all the yucky stuff removing the seeds of sin. He then carves a new smiling face, making you, His creation! God then puts his light inside of you to shine for all the world to see. "Let your light shine be-fore men in such a way that you may see your good works and glorify your Father who is in heaven." Matthew 5:16. Our preschoolers had so much fun celebrating Jesus!

Our THANKSGIVING FEAST is Nov. 19. See the article on the front page.













In Christ, Shelly Schultz

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PRESCHOOL - Bethel Lutheran Church (blcbcs.org)
Bethel Lutheran Preschool admits students of any race, color, and national or ethnic origin.



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.



THE BEE COMMUNITY
will be hosting the 4th annual Great Gingerbread Gathering! on Dec. 1st & 2nd
Location: The Brazos Center, 3232 Briarcrest Dr. Bryan, TX 77802
Business & Family Dinner: Tuesday, December 1st
5:30 PM - 8:00 PM
This fun-filled gingerbread extravaganza is for children, moms, dads, grandparents, friends, and coworkers alike to create treasured memories. Festivities include: gingerbread houses for each ticketed attendee, candy and icing galore, as well as a casual meal.
Note: Children under 3 may sit on adult laps or adults may choose to stand to assist children. Each ticket/seat includes one house and one meal. Buy your table today!
Ladies Luncheon: Wednesday, December 2nd
11:00 AM to 1:30 PM
Bring a group of friends, coworkers or your sisters and moms to this adult ladies luncheon where each attendee will decorate a gingerbread house while sharing lunch. Festivities include: houses for each guest, candy and icing galore, keepsake apron, and a boxed lunch. Buy your table today!
https://cbo.io/app/public/bidapp/gingerbreadgathering



Brazos Church Pantry November Food Drive

As everyone prepares for their Thanksgiving Feast, so many people are without the means to have a meal on the table. Please consider giving some food items for the month of November. Our goal is to raise three hundred pounds of food for the Church Pantry, in the month of November.
Items such as Cereal, snack food items, canned soups or meats, Macaroni- Cheese meals, Peanut Butter, Cake Mixes & Frosting, and other Non-perishable foods are always needed.



Bethel's Helping Hands Mission Quilters We will meet on November 9th & 23rd at 9:00 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.



Mark your calendars for Tuesday, November 17th, 2026 for our annual Vision Dinner: Anchored in Hope! We have a spectacular announcement to make, and TWO of the best pro-life advocates in America to give powerful testimony to the importance of our work.
Bethel does have a table for this event. Sign up sheet is in the narthex.

Options for Attending and Participating in Giving Hope
Individuals - Attendance is complimentary but you MUST register in advance to attend.

Table Hosts - As a Table Host, you invite enough like-minded friends who might be interested in and able to support Hope financially to fill a table that seats 8 to 10 people. You attend the event with your guests and are their host for the evening. You will be able to register your guests yourself using the instructions provided when you register as a Table Host. Attendance for you and your guests is complimentary.

Table Sponsors* - As a Table Sponsor, you support the event with a donation of $1,000 to cover the cost of one table at the Vision Dinner. You do not need to attend the event, and you do not need to invite guests. Your name and/or logo will appear in the program as appreciation for your support. You may choose to also be a Table Host, in addition to being a Table Sponsor.

*If you wish to be a Table Sponsor, you can give online HERE, or go to our website at hopepregnancy.org and click the donate button, or mail a check made out to "Hope Pregnancy Center" to:
205 Brentwood Dr E
College Station, TX 77840
https://v4app.fundeasy.com/events/attendance/1336/event

Lutheran Women in Mission

Proclaim Christ—Support missions - Equip women—Serve others
Bethel Lutheran Women in Mission invites all women in the congregation to join us **Monday, December 7th at 6:30 PM** in the Parish Hall for our Christmas Social!

The next mite collection (coins, cash, checks) is **November 21 & 22** at all worship services.

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Happy Birthday to Our Bethel Family

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Jean Anderson	1
Noah Pratt	1
Saige Favors	2
Glenn Frazier	2
MacKenna Goodenow	2
Drew Huggins	2
Bowen Kouba	2
Alli Lewis	2
Jeff Martini	3
Autumn Helton	4
Wesley Bissett Sr	6
Irwin Carroll (92)	6
Lovelia Lawrenz	6
Thomas Barth	7
Vivian Peacock	8
Rob Clark	9
Doak A. Dunkin	9
Karen Theiss	10
Rebekah Zehnder	11
Glenda Duncan	12
Wilson Wendler	13
Amy Marino	14
Tetsuya Sugita	14
Kirk Grimes	15
Gabriel Pratt	15
Julie Sugita	15
Carolyn Janac	16
Emma Dahmann	17
Melissa Smith	17
Taryn Burns	18
Travis Engram	18
Engelbert Henriquez	18
Adalyn Lewis	18
Isaac Morris	19
Terry Paholek	19
Grace Moravec	20
Debbie Perez	20
Margaret Bernstein	21
Justin Ellison	21
Braxton Kasper	21
Aiden Clements	22
Kelli Bedford	23
Barry Boyd	24
Josh Zehnder	24
Gus Welch	26
Kristy Cockroft	27
Klint Brocksmith	28
Vonn Addison	29
Larry Yung	29
Todd McIlhaney	30

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Happy Anniversary

Will & Jessica Schlottman	5 yrs	Nov. 1
Brandon & Julie Smith	25 yrs	Nov. 8
Dustin & Brittney Samford	14 yrs	Nov. 10
Dennis & Cathy Davidson	61 yrs	Nov. 12
John & Dana Schriever	32 yrs	Nov. 12
Jim & Debbie Smith	34 yrs	Nov. 14
Robert & LeeAnn Pali	54 yrs	Nov. 18
Mitch & Jane Dill	44 yrs	Nov. 20
Bill & Judy Wieghat	66 yrs	Nov. 20
Michael & Kathryn Buchhorn	39 yrs	Nov. 21
Les & Sally Olson	52 yrs	Nov. 29

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 November is sponsored to the Glory of God by Tim & Elizabeth Donathen

Bethel Financials	Oct 2026 Actuals	Jan - Oct 2026 Actuals	% of Jan - Oct Budget
General Fund Income	$160,910.16	$1,395,263.02	84.5%
General Fund Expenses	$129,277.76	$1,393,930.35	89.7%

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Mrs. Shelly Schultz, Dir., Bethel Lutheran Preschool
Miss. Emma Schmeling, Assistant Director, Preschool
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Mr. Jeremy Shilling, Facilities Manager
Mrs. Ruthann Stroud, Church Secretary
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