



**Rev. Tim Eden and his family, Amanda, Aurelia,
Timothy & Philip will be arriving very SOON!!**



Installation of Pastor Tim Eden

The installation service for Bethel's New Associate Pastor Tim Eden will be held on **October 27th at 4:00 p.m.** After the service we will have a meal to celebrate the joyous event. We encourage everyone to signup for the installation service/meal. You will find a signup on the blbcs.org website or you can sign up on a form in the back of the narthex. Also, you may indicate if you will need child care, as it will be provided for the event. Let us rejoice together in whom God has called to serve among us.



POUNDING the EDen Family

It is good and right to welcome our new pastor and his family to Bethel and to Bryan/College Station. Being new and unfamiliar with things makes small tasks more difficult. Let us join together to provide knowledge and support for this new family of five. We are asking that you share information and/or a gift card to your favorite restaurants, grocery store, family activities, and date night locations. You will find the pounding basket in the narthex. You may also drop any gifts off in the office. Thank you for helping welcome Pastor Eden and his family to our community.

Town Hall Meeting Saturday and Sunday, October 5 & 6 During the Bible Class Hour

Bethel's Church Council will be holding a Town Hall Meeting to inform the congregation about the Mtakuja Secondary School in Tanzania and also the situation on finding Bethel a Music Minister.

Pastor Eden Sunday Bible Class Starting on October 20th

Pastor Eden's class will be meeting during the Sunday School hour in room 232. His class will be taking a look at the book of Exodus. This class will have a workbook that can be purchased for \$8. We will have some books available on Sunday the 20th to purchase on sight. If you would like to attend and purchase a workbook please contact dcejf@blcbcs.org.



FUN FAMILY WEDNESDAY

This program is being blessed! As God continues to bless, we also seek workers for the field. **We are needing volunteers for our Wednesday night program.** We would like to split the class of 20 kids into two groups. This will require an additional teacher and assistant for children between the age of Kindergarten and fourth grade. If God is calling you to serve come be apart of our Wednesday programing. If you are interested please contact DCE Jeff. 913-940-9697 dcejf@blcbcs.org

We start with a meal served from 5:15 to 6:30 with a cost of \$4/person with a max of \$12/family. **Menu:**

October 9th - Chicken Tacos, Beef Tacos, Beans, Salad, Chips & Cheese, Cookies

October 16th - Sausage, Sauerkraut, Mac and Cheese, Broccoli Salad, Applesauce, Popsicles, Ice Cream Sundaes

October 23 - Chicken Fajitas, Onions, peppers and Fixins, Beans, Salad, Chips and Cheese, Sopapilla Cheesecake, Rice Krispie Cookies

October 30th - Mashed Potato Bar, Toppings, BBQ Chicken, Sausage, Chili, Broccoli and Cheese, Bacon, Sour Cream, Butter, Cheese, Olives, Green Onions, Salad, Cupcakes

The Educational Time begins at 6:30 pm and the programs include:

KIDS BIBLE CLUB in Room 237 for Kindergarten through 4th grade. Games, Devo, Crafts.

JUNIOR CONFIRMATION in Room 232 for those starting in 5th Grade.

7/8 grade YOUTH NIGHT Junior High will be meeting in the 7th and 8th Grade Classroom. Devo/topic, some games, free time

9-12 grade YOUTH NIGHT The Senior High will be meeting in the Youth Room. Devo/topic, some games, free time.

ADULT BIBLE STUDIES (Childcare available for children younger than Kindergarten)

HISTORICAL ARCHEOLOGY from the *Christian Perspective* led by Jake Gaster in Room 240.

FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY - If you are seeking to simplify your finances and make every dollar have a purpose come find financial freedom with FPU. 6PM in Room 233.

'AT EASE' Support Group for Military Families -Join Us for prayer, devotional, support, fellowship and opportunities to serve both one another and our military service members. We meet in the Parlor at 6:30 pm.



Real - Present - God

Life is filled with exceptions to the rule, unexpected happenings and impromptu moments. We can focus on the plans we have made or be present in the plans God has for us.

Sometimes, going with the flow, calls us to be certain of what we have not seen. It calls us to be faithful. It is an opportunity to show others our God has it covered. Being stuck at the airport, delayed flights, tired from less sleep can change our attitudes and ruin our plans. However, this group rested on our Real - Present - God. We were blessed to see them find joy in their situation, reach out and make new friends, and be a witness to each of us that God's plan is more important. We read in Jeremiah 29: 11 "For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."



Children's Christmas Program

WOW! Yes, Christmas is creeping up on us fast. Mrs. Kristi Addison is directing our Christmas program this year. We give thanks as she is a talented and amazing servant for us in this role. She is requesting information from parents about student participation. This is what she needs:

All youth 2 years to High School: If your child is willing to participate in the program on December 8th please let her know. This includes participation and singing.

For students who wish to be more involved Mrs. Addison would need to know:

3rd - 8th Grade: Would your child be willing to have an acting part?

5th - 8th Grade: Would your child be willing to have a speaking part?

7th - High School: Would you be willing to have a main speaking part?

High School: Assist as stage manager, costume arranger, picture/slide show arranger.

You may send an e-mail to dcejf@blcbcs.org or write your wishes at the Kids Check stations for Sunday School. Thank you for helping make our Christmas program a success.





The **Butter Braid Fund Raiser for the Preschool is starting soon!** This is our big fund raiser for the year. With the holidays right around the corner, the Butter Braids make a wonderful dessert, breakfast food or even gifts! *We will have a display and take orders for two weekends (Saturday & Sunday, Oct. 12 & 13 and Oct. 19 & 20).* Butter Braid orders are due by Friday, Oct. 24. They will be delivered to the

preschool Nov. 12 and will be available for pick up during the week and on Saturday/Sunday, Nov. 16 & 17 and Nov. 23 and 24. The flavors this year are: Apple,



Blueberry & Cream Cheese, Cherry, Cinnamon, Cream Cheese, Strawberry & Cream Cheese, Bavarian Crème with Chocolate Icing and the **Four Cheese & Herb Bread with Marinara Sauce.** Something new this year is **Caramel Rolls with Caramel Glaze or Caramel Rolls with Cream Cheese Icing.** The price is \$14.50 per braid (the four cheese breads and caramel rolls are \$15 each). We make almost \$6 for each pastry sold and our goal is \$3,000. *We are very grateful for the terrific support from the church in the past for the Butter Braid Fund Raisers!*

God has blessed us with a terrific staff again this year.

We are very thankful to have such a great team!

We currently have 73 children in our preschool. Pretty much every spot is taken every day! **Christ-centered schools are eternally significant in the lives of these little ones and their families. We have a wonderful opportunity to teach the children each and every day! Please continue to pray for our staff, the children and their families.**

Praise be to God as He continues to bless this ministry!

Bethel OWLS (Older, Wiser, Lutheran Souls)

October 17 at Noon

OWLS meet October 17, 2019 in the Parish Hall at Noon with a potluck lunch. Sally Kaminski will be our guest speaker. She will share information about her trip to Italy with us. Please come and join us.



The OWLS opened the fall meeting season with a potluck luncheon on Thursday, September 19. Twenty-four persons attended and the opening prayer was led by Larry Piper. Joining the roost for the first time were Richard Hammerness and Cathy Morken.

Doris Shimshack was accompanied by her daughter, Cheryl Kocman, who announced that she and her mother had recently launched "Destined to Travel" a new travel business in College Station (questions may be directed to Doris at 690-3636).

The main speaker was Irene Luther, a Finnish American, who talked about Finland and its history and culture. Irene also shared her trips to Finland where she visited popular tourist sites, historic Lutheran Churches, family heritage sites, and relatives still living there.

Dear Fellow Older Lutherans of Bethel,

This is a letter of invitation and explanation of Bethel's OWLS "Older, Wiser, Lutheran Souls". This



Advent By Candlelight November 16, 2019

Advent is fast approaching, as we see Christmas decorations of all sorts in the stores already. All Ladies, Confirmation age and up, plan to take time out of your busy schedule and join us for ADVENT BY CANDLELIGHT, November 16, 2019. The evening will begin at 6:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall, with a light dinner, a program to prepare our hearts for our Savior and Christmas music.

Consider being a table hostess. Reservations are required. We are asking for \$5.00 to help defray the cost of the event. Everyone, help us raise a good sized monetary gift for Still Creek Ranch to support their effort of taking children from Crisis to New Creation. Look for the sign up table in the Narthex.

group function is for our Retirees/Seniors.

We meet the Third Thursday at Noon, take the summers off and change dates for holidays—Thanksgiving/Christmas/Easter. This is not just for couples as there are many who are new singles.

Please call for information: Lois & Martin Erickson—979-774-7904 Or Joan & Jim Wuthrich—979-774-1152 Or Irene Luther—979-255-3742.

If you have suggestions of programs that would be of interest for the seniors, they will be greatly appreciated.

From the Board of Stewardship

Continued Encouragement to Use Your God Given Talent to Show Your Gratitude for Receiving the Gift of Eternal LIFE

"We are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do" Ephesians 2:10.

As we continue with our series on *Discovering Your Spiritual Gifts*, we ask that you take the 30 minute test online to find out what your gifts are at <https://gifts.churchgrowth.org>. In doing so, you can receive the promise of being "prepared in advance" as stated above, and thus better equipped to do the good works as commanded.

We have explained in past issues of this E-Memo which are the gifts of SERVICE, EXHORTATION, GIVING, TEACHING, EVANGELISM, MERCY-SHOWING, PROPHECY and SHEPHERDING. In this issue we will explain what the gift of ADMINISTRATION entails. The Greek word "kubernesis" means one who steers a ship. This expert had the responsibility to bring a ship into the harbor through the rocks and shoals, under all types of pressures. As an administrator you have the Spirit-given capacity and desire to serve God by organizing, administering, promoting, and leading the various affairs of the church. The administrator is not a glorified file clerk.

As an administrator you are a take-charge person who jumps in and starts giving orders when no one is in charge. You will put a plan on paper and start delegating responsibility. You may lean toward organizing things, events or programs, OR toward organizing people, emphasizing personal relationships and leadership responsibilities. In the first case, you usually organize details and have people carry them out. In the second case, you tend to organize people and rely on others to take care of the little things.

You don't often admit to mistakes and do not like to take time to explain why you are doing things; you just expect the job to get done. If things in the church, office, club, etc. become fragmented, you can harmonize the whole program if given a chance. You are a person with a dream and are not afraid to attempt the impossible. You are goal-oriented, well-disciplined, and work best under heavy pressure. You are often a good motivator and not a procrastinator. You are serious minded, highly motivated, intense, and have an accurate self-image. You tend to be more interested in the welfare of the group than your own desire. You are probably a perfectionist and want things done your way now.

Although to others you appear to be organized, you usually aren't. Be careful that you do not make decisions just based on logic rather than Scripture. Work on your willingness to admit to making a mistake and on being more sensitive to "little" people. Try to be a little more tolerant of other people's mistakes.

Beware of Satan's attack on your gift. He can cause pride because of your leadership role, selfishness because of success (not sharing glory with those under you), blame-shifting when things go wrong, discouragement and frustration when goals are not met, anger and mistreatment of those who disagree with your plans, lack of concern for people, lack of spiritual growth, and wrong motives.

How can you use this gift?

You may work well as the leader of a project, ministry, or program; chairman of a committee or board; a church planner; or chairman of building or fund-raising projects. The list is endless!



From the Board of Community Service

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Faith in Action Pumpkin Patch (located next to Hillier Funeral Home at 2301 E 29th St.) is open October 1— 31.

Pumpkin Patch Hours

Sunday – Friday 12 p.m. to 8pm

Saturday 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.



Volunteers Needed! - If you would like to volunteer at the pumpkin patch, please go online to sign up. THANK YOU!

<https://habitatbcs.org/volunteer/pumpkin-patch/>

Shop to support BEE Community!

Fall market schedule:

- HOUSTON Sat 10/5: Pepperlou Gifts 11am-4pm
- Tue 10/29: The Local 4pm-7pm
- Sun 11/3: Ronin Fall Farm Day 2pm-6pm
- Thurs- Sat 11/7-11/9: The Wares
- Sun 11/17: Jingle Bell Market 12pm-4pm
- Tues 11/26: The Local 4pm-7pm
- Sun 12/8: Merry Marketplace 1pm-5pm
- Tues 12/10: The Local 4pm-7pm

Or go to <https://shopthebeecomunity.ecwid.com> to shop online!

THE BEE COMMUNITY

is a GOD-CENTERED, post-secondary, vocational program that provides a place of BELONGING, MEANINGFUL WORK, AND LIFELONG LEARNING for adults with disabilities. The BEE Community is a place for people WITH AND WITHOUT DISABILITIES to enter into AUTHENTIC RELATIONSHIPS. We want people of all abilities and talents to use their gifting for the glory of God and good of others.

LCMS Stewardship Ministry



In the early morning hours of Feb. 18, 1546, Martin Luther closed his eyes forever. And the hand that hammered the 95 Theses into the door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg on Oct. 31, 1517, penned its final words:

“We are all beggars. This is true.”

And this is the truth that our Lord says makes you free. Ironical, isn't it? That, in order to be free, you must be a beggar; you must be utterly dependent and reliant upon God. This makes us uncomfortable – the way we're uncomfortable when someone gets us a Christmas or birthday present when we haven't gotten them one. We feel we owe them. And we don't much like being in someone's debt.

But what Luther would remind us is that we are all indeed beggars. But we're not just anyone's beggars. We're God's beggars. And this is His legacy to the Christian Church. Christ came for sinners. He came to seek and save the lost. He came to heal the sick and raise the dead. He came for sinners, and He dwells only with sinners.

And, if we are to be where He is, we must be willing to be counted among the lost, the sick, and the dead. We must be willing to be beggars. We must cry out for mercy, for grace, and for his undeserved love and kindness. We must be dependent solely on Him and what He gives.

And here's the beauty: He gives us everything. Everything – forgiveness of sins, salvation from death and the devil, and eternal life. This is not because of any worthiness or merit in us, but it is because of His divine goodness, mercy, and grace.

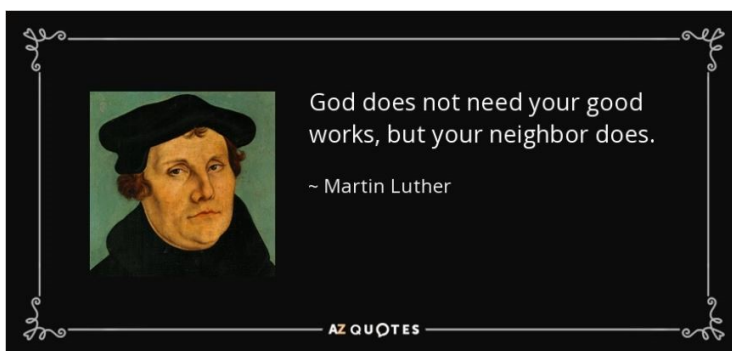
On account of Christ's death and resurrection, the Father forgives you, saves you, and is pleased with you. And you receive. You receive His love, His righteousness, His holiness, His acceptance, and His inheritance. We are all beggars. This is true.

This is the heart and soul of Christianity and the lifeblood of the Christian Church. God justifies us, and He declares us innocent and righteous by His grace received through faith for the sake of Christ. This is not because of our works; this is because of His work on the cross. We, who once were enemies of God, are reconciled to Him and made to be His children.

This is what Luther would point us to when He took up his pen for the last time and scribbled “We are all beggars. This is true.” We are beggars. But we are beggars of the God who does not ignore us, who doesn't pass by us on the other side. We are beggars of the One who descended from heaven to make His dwelling with sinners.

We are beggars of Him who deigns to dwell with us, among us, and – yes – even in us by grace for Christ's sake. For in the bread and cup that we bless, we share together with Christ and each other the riches of God's grace.

So inexhaustible are the riches of this grace – the Gospel in sermon and absolution, in Baptism and Holy Communion – that our cups overflow. We, who are God's beggars, are not only inexhaustibly satisfied but have something to give back in thanksgiving and praise.



Join Bethel's Ladies and Men in Bible Study and Fellowship

LWML Bluebonnet Zone Fall Rally

Serving the Lord with Gladness

October 6th at Trinity LCMS

1530 Washington Ave., Navasota

Registration—12:45pm

Lunch—1:00 pm

Rally—2:00 pm—5:00pm

Cost: \$8

Speaker: Janis Muller

Service Project for Hospice - Each society, please bring a quilt to be donated to hospice.

If you are interested in attending and/or carpooling, please contact Rosie Schoenfeld at 979-820-0126.

LWML Monthly Bible Study

Monday, October 7

7:00 pm in the Bethel Parish Hall. All ladies of Bethel and their guest(s) are invited to attend. Please let Rosie Schoenfeld (979-820-0126) know if childcare is needed.

LWML Officers for 2019-2020 will be

President - Rosie Schoenfeld

Vice President/Membership - Joyce Sutherland

Christian Growth - Shay Simpson

Ladies Lunch Bunch - meets the 1st & 3rd Wednesdays of each month (**Oct. 16**) at Blue Baker on University Dr. at 11:30 or whenever you can get there. We'll gather for our devotion and have great conversation and food. We hope you can join us for a spiritual respite from your hectic day.

FIT FOR CHRIST — Hey Ladies! We still meet on **Tuesday and Thursday mornings (8:15)** upstairs in room 240. Our workout consists of a warm up routine of walking, and then toning exercises which focus on upper

or lower body or sometimes Pilates. We wrap up the time together with a devotion. *Child Care available.*

LWML Helping Hands will meet Monday, October 14th at 9:00am in the Parish Hall. All are welcome to come anytime between 9:00am—2pm to help tie quilts. The quilts are shipped to Lutheran World Relief. <http://lwr.org>.

Men's Monday Evening Bible Study & Fellowship Group meets at 7:00 PM in Room 232.

They are doing a study on Haggai, Zechariah, and Malachi. This study is part of the *LifeLight* Bible study series of in-depth studies of Bible books put out by Concordia Publishing House (cph.org). The goal of *LifeLight* is that through a regular program of in-depth personal and group study of Scripture, more and more Christian adults may grow in their personal faith in Jesus Christ.

Friday Morning Men's Bible Study/Breakfast Group each Friday morning at 6:30 AM in the Parish Hall. This group will start this Friday. **Grace-Based Recovery** - overcoming addictions and strongholds.

LWML MITE\$ Gathered

The Weekend of September 28 & 29

Please make checks payable to Bethel LWML.

Thank You Bethel for your Monthly Mite Donations

CHECK IT OUT online at <http://www.lwml.org/mission-grants> to see these mission \$\$ at work.



Holy Cross Lutheran Church in College Station FALL FEST

October 20, 2019 ~ Starting at 11AM

Activities

Food—11am—1pm

Games—Starting at noon

Auction—12:45 pm

Prize Drawing Following Live Auction

Prize Drawing Prizes Include: Cruise travel package, Visa Card, Kid Kindle Fire HD with Amazon Fire

1200 Foxfire Dr., College Station //

holycrossbcs.org



Faith Lutheran Church invites **you** - our neighbors and fellow Lutherans - to our **Oktoberfest!**

Saturday October 12th, 3pm — 7pm

This event has something for everyone including: authentic German food, music, kids' area (bounce house, face painting and hay rides), kickball tournament, biergarten & more!



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Happy Birthday!!

Our Bethel Family

October

Jared Harris	1	Joyce Samford	5	Shay Simpson	12	Ron Lueck	23
Cheyenne Rountree	1	Milton Catalina	6	Abby Murphy	13	Milton Reim	23
Judy Wieghat	2	Kay Carrabba	8	Carli Samford	13	Becky Sisco	23
Rachel Paholek	3	Diedra Centilli	8	Heidi Janac	14	Katrina Whitten	23
Phillip Smith	3	Tim Donathen	8	Linda Dalchau	15	Haley Clark	24
Cathy Davidson	4	Cindi Hannes	8	Patti Ellis	15	Gabe Sanchez	24
Hadley Harris	4	Harper Jackson	8	Melissa McIlhaney	15	Mike Caudle	25
Harper Harris	4	Anor Byer	9	Dorothy Herwald	16	Jackson Jungklaus	26
Debbie Smith	4	John Clark	10	Trish Nipps	16	Nick Flippin	27
Pat Bryson	5	Miriam Delovio	10	Mark Deike	17	Wayne LePori	27
Alex Nipps	5	Valerie Markert	10	Alice Holik	18	Robby Johnson	29
		Harper Nored	10	Jeff Wheeler	18	Mike Sadler	29
		Dennis Davidson	11	Ben Beyer	20	Kristi Addison	30
		Madison Murphy	11	Danielle Lustick	21	Katelyn Crocker	31
		Jude Brown	12	Steven Klose	22	Frances Duchmasclo	31
		Allen Hold	12	Annette Kissman	23	Nathan Fleer	31



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. Thank you to all who have given to this ministry.

The 2019 Sign Up Chart for The Lutheran Hour is in the Information Center by the elevator.

The Lutheran Hour For the Month of **September** is sponsored to the glory of God by
David & Rita Baumann



The 2019 Flower Chart for Altar flowers is in the Information Center by the elevator. The cost is \$30 per sponsorship and we will accept 3 sponsors each Sunday.

We are needing more small coffee cans to help us delivery flowers to our homebound members. Please bring them to the church office or place them in the Sacristy. Thank you.

TWIN CITY MISSION

COAT & BLANKET DRIVE Is Underway. Find the Box in the Narthex. Bring your gently used Coats & Blankets



Young Couples Or NOT

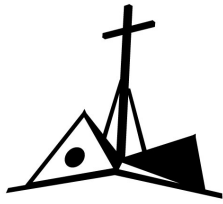
Game Night—October 25th

6:00—9:00 PM in the Parish Hall

Devotional, Games, Fellowship, Fun

Bring a Halloween Theme food to share





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Mrs. Kathy Herwald, Director of Operations

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Mr. Randall Moerbe, DCE Emeritus

Mrs. Ruthann Stroud, Church Secretary

Mrs. Connie Bard, Children's Ministry Coordinator

Mr. Nic Duncan, Facilities Manager

Mrs. Katie Bentley, Office Assistant

Mr. Jeremy Shilling, *His Praise* Band Leader

October 3—24, 2019



Join us for

Saturday Night

Worship at 5PM and Bible Class at 6PM

Sunday Mornings

8:30 AM Divine Service (Traditional)

9:30 AM Fellowship Time

10:00 AM Bible Class/SS

11:15 AM Divine Service (Contemporary)

Holy Communion is served on the 1st, 3rd, & 5th weekends of the month.

Church Office Hours

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