

Lent is Fast Approaching

Bethel offers Lenten Devotional Worship each Wednesday night starting with **Ash Wednesday Worship and The Lord's Supper** on February 26th at Noon and 6:45pm.

Ashes will be offered at the front of our sanctuary a half an hour before each service. "Imposition of Ashes" is simply the marking of the forehead with palm ashes.

The imposition of ashes on the forehead of the worshipper signifies that a period of prayer, fasting, and "sitting in sackcloth and ashes" has begun.

We especially encourage parents to bring your children as the marking of the ashes offers you a wonderful teachable moment.

God Bless Our Lenten Time

The Church Season of Lent offers the Christian an opportunity for a special encounter with ourselves and with Jesus. It's purpose is to lead to repentance and renewed trust in Him. This is good, since repentance and renewed faith are vital as we prepare to receive the Good News which Holy Week and Easter will bring us.



Accordingly, we seek this self-examination which comes through the application of the Word of God to our hearts and lives. We allow that Word to show us our sinful condition and need. God's Gospel offers us God's plan to remove our sin: "Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world." John 1:29. It also works to empower us to live our lives for and with Him.

It is in the Word that God speaks to us of His gracious forgiveness. It is in the Word He calls us to Himself. It is in His Word we hear most clearly every promise. Listen to the Word, and make this the most blessed Lenten season yet.

Bethel offers Lenten Devotions each Wednesday night starting **March 4 thru April 1 at Noon and 6:45 PM**. With a meal served from 5:15 to 6:30 with a cost of \$4/person with a max of \$12/family.

Menus:

March 4—Soup, Salad, Bread

March 11—Sandwiches, Chips, Fruit

March 18—Quiche, Salad, Fruit

March 25—Sausage, Mac&Cheese, Beans, Broccoli Salad

April 1—Fajitas, Beans, Salad, Chips & Cheese

Lenten Devotions from Lutheran Hour Ministries

2020 Lenten Devotions Celebrate God's Acts of Liberation

In *Deliver Us: Jesus Sets Us Free*, LHM's 2020 Lenten devotions, we rejoice in Jesus' victory over the dark forces of death at Calvary. We also view His triumph in relation to God's freeing of Israel from Egypt's bondage. Through Moses, God set His people free for the Promised Land; through Jesus, God redeems them for eternity.

Deliver Us: Jesus Sets Us Free was written by LHM's Theological Writer Dr. Kari Vo. She worked with Lutheran Hour Speaker Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. He wanted to explore the relationship between the Exodus and Christ's Passion. The result is a seasonal devotion



of great depth and insight, showing the reader how God is always about the act of setting His people free.

Be sure to make *Deliver Us: Jesus Sets Us Free* part of your Lenten meditations. Reflection questions help spring-board to other ideas, and they're ideal as discussion starters for small groups. And don't forget LHM devos can be shared with others with just the touch of a button.

These devotions are available to read online or to hear as a podcast, receive them as an **e-mail subscription** throughout the Lenten season. Just go online to www.lhm.org/lent to sign up. **OR if you prefer a printed copy, we will soon have those in the narthex on the Elders Credenza.**

Join Bethel's Ladies in Bible Study and Fellowship

Step into

Sweet Life Café

Where Women Savor Time With God

LAST CHANCE TO SIGN UP



At Sweet Life Café you'll

satisfy your cravings for friends, God and spiritual growth.

It's a retreat you won't want to miss!

Join us as we savor time with God and with girlfriends.

Together we'll experience meaningful Bible studies, flavor-filled activities, and scrumptiously delicious fun!

Location: Bethel's Parish Hall

Date: Saturday, February 29th—Leap Day!

Time: 8:30am to 2:30 pm

Cost: \$10/person—Lunch is included!

Child Care provided upon request.

Sign-up sheets will be in the narthex.

THIS WEEKEND is the LAST CHANCE to sign up.

LWML Bible Study will be March 2 at 7 pm in the Parish Hall. All Ladies are invited.

Ladies Lunch Bunch - meets the 1st & 3rd Wednesdays of each month (March 4 & 18) 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.*

Ladies Tuesday Morning Bible Study meets 10:00 -11:15AM in room 232, led by Pastor Bard. Child care is provided.

LWML Helping Hands will meet **Monday, March 9th 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>.

Join Bethel's Men in Bible Study and Fellowship

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.

New Study starting:

A Lutheran Hour Ministries study: *Lost Books?*

Can we be sure the correct texts made it into the Bible? Several scholars, books and articles, movies and television specials have raised that challenge recently. Since god never sent us a specific list of what to include, who exactly decided the bible should contain the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John, but not the Gospels of Judas, Thomas and Mary?

In *Lost Books?*, The Lutheran Hour former speaker Rev. Gregory Seltz will explore these questions with the help of Dr. Paul Maier, Dr. Randall Price, Dr. Jeffrey Kloha and Bible Museum curator Joel Lampe.

Fun Family Wednesday

Our Fun Family Wednesday Program will take a break as we begin the Church Season of Lent. We will start back after Easter on April 15.

Youth Quake

The event starts Friday, February 21st in San Antonio. If you are one of the youth or adults going on this trip make sure you are at the church and ready to leave by 5pm. We should arrive back around 3pm on Sunday February 23rd. If you did not receive an e-mail with paperwork that needs to be turned in before leaving, please call or text me. If you need to make a payment you can pay online or see me, DCE Jeff. Please call me if you have any questions. 913-940-9697.

Also, if you are not going on this trip, please pray for those going and the whole assembly that will be there this weekend. God Bless them.



Taco Fundraiser – We will be selling Tacos: March 8th & 22nd

after the 8:30 worship service in the Parish Hall. If you have a youth and they need funds to go on a youth trip, have them sign up for the Taco Fundraiser. Any money they earn will be added to their youth account. That account can be used to help offset or even cover them completely for going on youth events. Youth and Parents of Youth in the fourth grade and up are available to sign up to help.



Confirmation During Lent

To Our Confirmation Parents:

March 4, 18, and April 1 classes will be held immediately after the 6:45pm Lenten devotional services, If you are not attending Lenten Devotionals your student should be on campus by 7:20 pm. **These abbreviated classes are held in the front of the sanctuary on the pulpit side.** We will dismiss no later than 8:10 pm.

Bethel's Youth Confirmation Weekend will be May 30/31.

Church Worker Scholarship in Honor of DCE Randy Moerbe

Over the past couple of months, we have been able to raise over \$10,000 for the Church Worker Scholarship in honor of DCE Emeritus Randy Moerbe. Our hope is to be able to continue to raise funds to support an endowment to be able to give out a church worker scholarship in Mr. Moerbe's name every year into perpetuity. If you wish to support this scholarship, please designate your gift as: for DCE Randy Moerbe Church Worker Scholarship. Funds given will be tax-deductible. *Disclaimer: By contributing to this project, donors acknowledge that the church has full authority to apply contributions designated for this project to other purposes in the event the project is canceled or oversubscribed.*



**Become
Part of
Our
Church
Family**

Bethel's "Life with God @ Bethel" new member series Meets on Sundays—It's Not Too Late to Join!

If you are interested in learning more about our congregation or if you are considering becoming a member, Pastor Bard leads us for 8 weeks immediately following the late service (12:30 pm in Room 232). We always finish by 1:30 pm and snacks are provided. If you are interested in membership, there is an

attendance requirement which Pastor will talk about at the first meeting. We would love to have you come and find out more about Bethel. If you or your family are planning on attending, please contact Treva Robertson at 409-782-5693 or treva.robertson@gmail.com. Childcare is provided upon request.

Bethel Lutheran Preschool News



Our Preschool children had a wonderful time singing for the residents at Carriage Inn for Valentine's Day. They also made Valentine's Day cards that they gave to the residents. It was a great time of sharing a little love and sharing a little about Jesus through our songs. I'm not sure who enjoyed the visit more, the residents or the children!



REGISTRATION FOR THE FALL – Our program is designed for 2, 3 & 4 year olds and we offer Tuesday/Thursday, Monday/Wednesday/ Friday or Monday through Friday. We also offer part time or full time (7:15-5:30) care. If you are interested in learning more about our preschool, you may go to the preschool link on the church website or call Debbie Sadler for more information (979-485-9835 or 979-446-1578). We would be very happy to answer your questions or have you visit our preschool.



From the Bd of Early Childhood Ed (ECE)

Seeking Candidates Interested in Becoming Bethel Preschool Director

In preparation for Debbie Sadler's pending retirement, the Board of Early Childhood Education (ECE) is seeking candidates for director of the Bethel preschool starting August, 2020. Interested candidates must be a current member of Bethel Lutheran Church, or willing to join Bethel. According to state guidelines, preschool directors must meet certain education and preschool experience guidelines. Interested persons, and those seeking more information, please contact Joyce Juntune, ECE Board chair (joycejuntune@gmail.com) or Pastor Bard.



LWML Mites Gathered Feb. 29 & March 1

Please make any checks out 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.



Please Return the
Live Nativity Signs

If you have a Live Nativity yard sign still at home,

would you please bring it back to church as soon as possible? We are going to fix a few of them and then store them all

together. You can drop them off in the parlor closet.
Thank you!

Brazos Church Pantry Service Opportunity

Beginning on Tuesday, March 24th, the Brazos Church Pantry will begin offering evening distribution. The Pantry will be open the 4th Tuesday of each month from 6 to 7 pm and is in need of volunteers to help distribute to those in need. The Church Pantry is located at 304 West 26th Street in Bryan. If you are interested and able to help, please contact Judy Dunn or the Board of Community Service.



Helping Others
Brazos Church Pantry

OUR FEBRUARY

**FOOD DRIVE
IS UNDERWAY**

A box is
in the Donation Location
waiting for your donations.

Thank you in advance

BOWLING WITH BEE

join us for an evening of fun to support the bee community

FRIDAY APRIL 17TH

GRAND STATION ENTERTAINMENT
COME-AND-GO BOWLING 5-8PM

Put on your bowling shoes and come support the BEE Community with a night of bowling! The event will be at Grand Station on Friday, April 17th from 5:00 to 8:00 PM. It's a come-and-go event, but you can register here: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/bowling-with-bee-2020-tickets->

Scotty's House is in need of toys for any age child. They can be put in the collection baskets in the Donation Location by the Parish Hall doors.



Toy Collection

From the Board of Elders



Director of Music Ministry

Our call committee has been finalized and we are ready to have our first meeting. The call committee will be comprised of the following:

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| 1. Board of Elders (to include Pastor Bard and Pastor Eden) | 6. Diana Tomlin |
| 2. DCE Jeff | 7. Jeremy Shilling |
| 3. DCE Randy | 8. Connie Silber |
| 4. Beverly Catalina | 9. Fran Beard |
| | 10. Kelly Montgomery |

Our first meeting date is set for 25 FEB 2020, @ 6:30 pm, Room 232. If you have any questions, please contact Adam Janac (adam.janac@outlook.com) or your elder.

Bethel Music Ministry

The Sanctuary Choir meets on Wednesday nights at 7:00—8:00 pm We sing SATB Choral music. All High school—adults are invited to join us. If you have any questions you may call Beverly Catalina, 979-694-5165.



The Hand-bell Choir is always looking for more ringers. We practice on Wednesdays at 6:00—7:00 pm in the balcony. Any Questions? Email Josh Ninke at jmninke@gmail.com.

Update on Dining Hall Project – Mtakuja Secondary School, Moishi, Tanzania

Bethel has supported Mtakuja Secondary School in Moishi, Tanzania for several years. Offerings from Adult Sunday School classes have been designated for this mission. The first project supported was the construction of a kitchen so that meals can be prepared for the students in an enclosed facility. The kitchen has been completed. We embarked on a second project, the construction of a dining hall for the school to be used for meals, meetings, and indoor instruction. About one-half of that project has been completed thanks to funds that BLC has provided. As the Church Council has investigated ways that the project can continue to be supported, we have learned that foreign activities and grants are highly regulated by the U.S. State Department and other federal government agencies. As the regulations are



quite complicated, the project has been put on hold temporarily and Adult Sunday School offerings will no longer be designated for the school. The Council will continue to look at options and report to the congregation. Prayers are requested for the dedicated servants (teachers and administrators) at Mtakuja Secondary School and for options that will allow BLC to continue support of this worthwhile project.

Bethel Financial At-a-Glance - 2019

Income & Expense		Year to date (Dec 31, 2019)	
	2018 Actual	2019	
		Budget	Actual
Envelope/Plate Offering	\$ 874,268	\$ 963,933	\$ 907,647
Other Income	427,357	447,286	427,848
Expenses	(1,308,158)	(1,411,218)	(1,401,202)
Net Surplus (Shortage)	\$ (6,533)	\$ -	\$ (65,707)

Loan Balance (3% interest)	\$ 634,126
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The Aggies Are
Coming to Bethel
March 28th

Bethel's Board of Trustees Invites

you to come help us on this
Church Work Day and
Get to Know Some Good
Hearted Aggies.

They will start around 9:30 am
and the Board will provide
lunch. They will try to finish
up around 1:00pm.

Happy Birthday!!

Our Bethel Family

February

Sharon Cowart	21	Mitchell Dill	22	Jade Fajkus	25	Lois Erickson	28
Mike Deike	21	Bobbie Denmark	23	Velma Black	26	Sally Kaminski	28
Rachel Jungklaus	21	Robert Pali	23	Genevieve Birdwell	27	Christopher Byer	29
		Rosie Schoenfeld	24	David Hildebrandt	27		
		Bill Benfer	25-91yrs	Jessica Pfeffer	27		

March

Lee Price	1	Heidi Murphy	10	Frank Duchmasclo	21
Doris Crow	2	Daniel Jaeger	12	Katie Bentley	22
Jared Klatt	3	Jackson Shilling	12	Sadie Hausenfluck	23
Linda Maples	3	Arthur Forsyth	13	John Wilson	23
Dana Muller	3	James Burnett	14	Pat Caudle	24
Jarod Pratt	5	Kristie Clark	14	Eunice LePori	25
Cali Engram	6	Karen Guyton	15	Barbara Kasper	26
Natalie Jochen	7	Ernest Koeplin	15	Kelli Kindt	27
Fredrick Kuhlmann	7	Brad Lenz	15	Flo Schaffer	27
Joyce Sutherland	7	Jim Smith	15	Brooke Scott	27
Brian Spence	8	Lilo Sanchez	16	Talon Engram	28
Samantha Clements	9	Liz Burnett	17	Bruce Theiss	29
Caleb Groves	9	Jennifer Dunkin	17	Bryan Theiss	29
Jagger Harris	9	Delayna Hold	17	Bullet Cheshire	29
Kori Scheffler	9	Amy Motquin	17	Meghan Ullmann	29
Diana Tomlin	9	Lenora Garcia	18	Haley Schautschick	30
Tim Gade	10	Luke Palasota	18	Jacob Brown	31
		Bryce Sinclair	18	Martha Delovio	31
		Terry Frazier	19	James Ellison	31
		Bill Wieghat	20	Lisa Paholek	31
		Catherine Morken	21	Doris Shimshack	31



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Thrivent Choice Dollar Update

Thanks to all Thrivent members and associate members for designating Bethel Lutheran Church to receive Charitable Dollars from Thrivent. **March is the deadline to designate any 2019 funds and 2020 funds must be chosen as well.** Call 1-800-Thrivent or go online to Thrivent.com to designate funds for 2020. Call David Bronstad for more information about Thrivent at 979-777-0985. If anyone has a project for the Thrivent Committee to consider for funding, fill out the form in the church office or contact Rita Baumann (979-774-7273), Terry Paholek, Leann Jones, Jim Wuthrich, or Frank Duchmasclo.



LUTHERAN
HOUR MINISTRIES

The Lutheran Hour For the Month of **February** is sponsored to the glory of God by **David & Rita Baumann**
To God be all Glory!

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 2020 Sign Up Chart for The Lutheran Hour is in the Information Center by the elevator.



The 2020 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.



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Mr. Jeff Bellach, Director of Christian Education

Mrs. Debbie Sadler, Dir., Bethel Lutheran Preschool

Mrs. Kathy Herwald, Director of Operations

Rev. K. Lynn Stroud, Pastor Emeritus

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

February 20—March 5, 2020



Church Office Hours

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

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)

The Lord's Supper is served on the 1st, 3rd, & 5th weekends of the month.

ASH Wednesday Worship,

February 26, at Noon & 6:45pm

Wednesday Night Devotions,

March 4, 11, 18, 25, April 1 at Noon & 6:45