

## LEMS Stewardship Ministry

Our God is a God who works through means. He can and has worked immediately without agency, as the Bible testifies, but primarily, on the whole and for the most part, our God works through means. He does this not only

for all of our earthly needs but also for all of our spiritual needs. And He does this for our benefit.

He provides for all our needs of this body and life through means. He gives us fathers and mothers to care for us when we are young. Through them, God provides house and home, food and clothing, education and training in the arts and work of this world.

He gives us good government to protect us from harm and danger; He gives us faithful neighbors and good friends to help in times of need and lack. He gives us employers who trade our work for income so that we may acquire the needs of the body. He gives us brains and brawn so that we will have something to trade with those employers for that needed income. This work, which we are able to do only because of what God has provided to us, redounds to the benefit of others. And so, the cycle of God giving through means continues.

He provides for all our needs of our souls. He sent His Son into the flesh to be our Savior. In that body, our Lord Jesus Christ lived the life that God demands of us all – a life we have failed to live because of our sins – and, in that body, He made payment for those sins on the cross, once and for all.

God delivers this forgiveness through the means of His Word and Sacraments. He calls pastors to pro-

claim, in His stead and by His command, that our sins are forgiven for Jesus' sake. Through these same pastors, God Himself claims us as His own in Holy Baptism, placing His own name on us in water and Word, igniting faith by the gift of the Holy Spirit. And He gives us His life-giving body and blood to nourish us in this same faith until the end. Our God is a God who works through means.

This is true also of stewardship. This is what St. Paul wrote in Philippians:

“I have received full payment, and more. I am well supplied, having received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent, a fragrant offering, a sacrifice acceptable and pleasing to God. And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus” (Phil. 4:18–19).

The gift St. Paul received from the Philippian church is a fragrant offering, a sacrifice acceptable and pleasing to God. They gave to God. God provided for St. Paul through the Philippians. And the God who loves both Paul and the Philippians will supply their every need according to the riches in Christ Jesus. Our God is a God who works through means.

“For all the promises of God find their Yes in [Jesus Christ],” St. Paul tells us in 2 Cor. 1:20. This is true also of you. Trust in the God who provides for all that we need in body and soul through means. And not only will you find His “yes” to you, but others will find it, too, through you. “But as you excel in everything – in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in all earnestness, and in our love for you – see that you excel in this act of grace also” (2 Cor. 8:7).



**Become  
Part of  
Our  
Church  
Family**

The Next Bethel's *“Life with God @ Bethel”* new member series will begin on February 9th.

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](mailto:treva.robertson@gmail.com). Childcare is provided upon request.

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

Step into

# Sweet Life Café

Where Women Savor Time With God



*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 of Feb. 8/9 thru 22/23.**

### Ladies Lunch Bunch - meets the 1st & 3rd

**Wednesdays** of each month (**Feb. 19**) 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, February 10 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](http://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.



### Bethel Older, Wiser, Lutheran Souls (OWLS) February 20@Noon

Please join us on February 20th when the program will be "The Mature Driver Program"—Aging gracefully on the Road - making sure we travel safely as we age. This program is a collaboration between Baylor Scott & White and the Texas Department of Transportation. Put this date on your calendar! Bring a potluck dish to share at noon. See You There!

### Mission Trip:

We are currently planning for a Mission Trip to Port Isabel, TX. In June/July. We are planning the dates for the mission trip to be June 28<sup>th</sup> – July 5<sup>th</sup>. Save the date and keep your eyes peeled for more sign up information.



## To Fun Family Wednesday

Join us on Wednesdays. As to the norm, The MEAL will be served from 5:15 to 6:30 PM. The cost remains \$4/person with a max of \$12/family.

**The Menus for:**

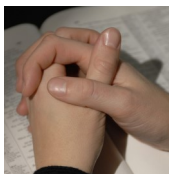
**Feb. 12**—Chicken Strips, Mashed Potato/gravy, green beans, applesauce, rolls

**Feb. 19**—Breakfast casseroles

**Something NEW to FFW**—We will be having **Kids Club students** who are finished eating, meet in the choir room at 6:15pm as a light opener before class begins. We look forward to seeing you there!

**Junior Confirmation and Jr. & Sr. High Youth Groups** meet at 6:30. See you all then!

**FFW Adult Instruction** – Pastor Tim Eden will be leading our Wednesday evening instruction. The group will meet in room 240, or the corner room upstairs. Pastor Tim will be leading *Nurturing your Faith Study focused on Prayer*. This class meets at 6:30pm.



**FPU** – Financial Peace University will be running during Fun Family Wednesday. Be encouraged that: “A budget is telling your money where to go instead of

wondering where it went.”

Come and join FPU class and be encouraged to take control of your financial outlook.

## Youth Quake is coming up soon.

Youth Quake – The event starts February 21<sup>st</sup> in San Antonio. Therefore, I will be working with those going to identify when we will be able to leave. The drive to San Antonio is about 3 hours. Our hope is to leave around 7:00pm on Friday. However, if we can leave earlier we will. We should arrive back around 3pm on Sunday February 23<sup>rd</sup>. If I have your name that you are going to Quake you will receive an e-mail with paperwork that will need turned in before leaving. If you need to make a payment you can pay online or see DCE Jeff. Please call me if you have any questions. 913-940-9697



## Taco Fundraiser – We will be selling Tacos: February 9<sup>th</sup> and March 8<sup>th</sup>



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.

## Update on The Chapel (One of the Missions We at Bethel Support)

As most of you know University Lutheran Chapel has been without a pastor since the springtime. Pastor Hoemann served there many years, but took a call to Missouri to be closer to his and his wife's family. The Chapel has been “vacant” since. I (Pastor Bard) understand that Holy Cross, College Station has taken the lead keeping The Chapel functioning. Bethel's pastor emeritus, Neil Bockelmann has been serving them on Sundays and that the student leadership has stepped up to serve as the Call Committee.

I asked our Texas District MMF, Dr. Jon Braunersreuther where they are in the process at present, and below was his reply.

*Like any congregation involved in the call process, it takes some time to go through the steps—the student leadership, with [Holy Cross' Pastor] Mike Hafer's*

*help, has moved at about the speed of that a typical congregation would, even though they're hampered by the schedule of being off-campus for breaks. I am proud of the student leadership at ULC and wish I saw that quality of leader in more LCMS congregations! They have just submitted their call packet to the district office and are now awaiting a call list from President Newman, which should be forthcoming. I would anticipate a call being issued before the end of the year, if timing goes as things usually do.*

Just to clarify, I asked Dr. Braunersreuther if he meant the end of the spring semester, or the calendar year. He enthusiastically answered “spring semester!!”

We will continue to pray for the Chapel, as it is Bethel's arm of ministry on the TAMU campus. May our Lord send them an enthusiastic and Holy Spirit filled pastor!



# Bethel Lutheran Preschool News

**We are having a fun and busy February in our Preschool!** We have our **Preschool Mom's Night Out on Thursday, Feb. 6.** We will gather for a meal and make a heart decoration. This is one of our ways to get to know the moms a little better and to offer them a fun evening out.

On **Thursday, Feb. 13**, our 3 and 4 year olds will walk next door to Carriage Inn to sing for the residents and give them Valentine's Day Cards the children have made. This is always a very special time for the residents and our children.

On **Friday, Feb. 14**, we will have our **Valentine's Day classroom parties.** The children are very excited about giving and receiving cards from their friends!

We are closed on Monday, Feb. 17, for President's Day as it is a school holiday.

On **Feb. 20**, **Light Pediatric Dentistry** will visit our preschool to talk about good dental habits. We very much appreciate their time and the children love to see Pearl the Tooth!

*It is time to register for our Fall Preschool Program for the 2020-2021 School Year.* We are offering the available spots first to those currently in our program and to our

church families and friends. In March, we will open registration to the community. Our program offers several options for the days of the week and the times you may need. Preschool classes are from 8:30-12:00 noon. We have an "Early Bird" time from 7:15-8:30 and Extended Care pick up times of 1:00, 3:00 or 5:30 P.M. We follow the Bryan school calendar (so we are closed during the summer months).



**IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN A POSSIBLE SPOT FOR YOUR CHILD FOR NEXT FALL**, you may find more information on the church website under the preschool link. You may also email the preschool at [preschool@blcbcs.org](mailto:preschool@blcbcs.org) or call Debbie Sadler (485-9835 or 446-1578). If you put your child's name on our waiting list in the past for the 2020-2021 school year and have not filled out a Registration Form, now is the time to come by the preschool and fill out the form. *We are receiving many calls for next fall already! We'd love to have you come tour the preschool and receive more information. We are always happy to answer any questions you may have!*

## 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](mailto:joycejuntune@gmail.com)) or Pastor Bard.

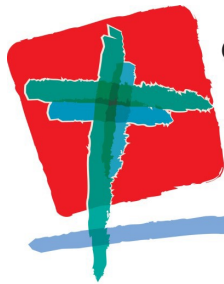


### Our Preschool is in need

of another one to two people to work in the afternoons in our Extended Care program. This is a part-time position, 12:00-5:30, two to three afternoons a week. We follow the Bryan school calendar so this position is through the month of May. We are looking for people who love the Lord and love teaching little ones. Some experience in early childhood education and/or attending education classes is very helpful. For more information, call Debbie Sadler at the preschool (979-446-1578) or email her at [preschool@blcbcs.org](mailto:preschool@blcbcs.org). Please keep our staffing needs in your prayers as the Lord continues to bless our program!

## From the Board of Community Service

### What a Wonderful Valentine's Gift!



*God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.*

ROMANS 5:8, NRSV

### We can demonstrate Our love for God by giving Food for the February Church Pantry Food Drive

Bring your food items to the Donation Location by the Parish Hall doors.

Chat.

This Saturday \* February 8th \* 8AM to NOON

Sip.

Connect.



Hope you can join us this Saturday for coffee and CHOCOLATE!

  
**COFFEE HOUSE**

CHAT SIP CONNECT | HOPE PREGNANCY CENTER

## Notes from the Church Office

**A Note From the Office Staff:** As of the first of this year, we converted our Church software to new programs. Please be patient with us as we endeavor to learn to maneuver thru it all. Thanks for your patience and understanding.



Live Streaming

**Changes to Bethel's Live Streaming:** Bethel has completed the live streaming video migration from Sunday Streams to Boxcast, so any existing links, addresses, or apps you have for accessing Sunday Streams video are no longer valid. The easiest way to access the new Boxcast video player is through the live streaming icon on the blcbs.org home page. Alternatively you can point your browser to [streaming.blcbs.org](http://streaming.blcbs.org) and get there as well.

## From the Board of Elders



### Director of Music Ministry

At the Voter's Assembly last November, Bethel's congregation approved funding for the addition of a Director of Music Ministries.

So, we are now requesting nominations from the congregation. Copies of the request form are available to the congregation in the narthex on the Elders Credenza. Nominations will open through February 10th, 2020. Any additional nominations will go through the same initial screening process as the original list and, if the nominee is open to a call, will be added to the candidates list for the call committee to consider. If you have any questions, please contact Adam Janac ([adam.janac@outlook.com](mailto: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](mailto:jmninke@gmail.com).



Scholarship Fund

## 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.*

**Lent is Fast Approaching**  
**Bethel offers Lenten Devotional Worship** each Wednesday night starting with **Ash Wednesday** 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.

Watch for more details on **Lenten Wed. Worship, Lenten Meals and Lenten Devotional Booklets from Lutheran Hour Ministries.**

## Camp Lone Star in La Grange

has the list of their summer camps available. If you are interested in sending your student to a Summer Camp we would encourage you to look at Camp Lone Star. <http://www.lomt.com/summercamp.html> The previous link is where you can find information about their camp types, weeks, and availability. You may also Contact DCE Jeff if you need more information.

## CAMP LONE STAR

LUTHERAN OUTDOORS MINISTRY OF TEXAS

filled as a result of what Jesus Christ has done through his death on the cross and resurrection to life. By Him, we now also have the opportunity to put our faith into action. Day by day, we move forward BY FAITH.

The question we want everyone to ask themselves is this: what area of your life is God calling you to step forward by faith? This summer our campers will learn that by faith we believe in God and in His promises. They will learn that faith in God means obedience to Him, even when we can't understand His full plan. Campers will learn that faith in God has saving power and that by faith we receive joy when we experience an encounter with Him. As a result of all those pioneers of faith before us, we are called to run the race set before us.

Campers and guests of Camp Lone Star will be transformed as they experience and revisit true stories of those who lived by faith in Scripture and are motivated to do likewise. Camp Lone Star's summer camp programs are exciting weeks, where campers have fun, make memories, develop friendships, and grow in faith and in their relationship with God. Most of all, summer camp is an intentional Christian community, set apart, safe and alive with God's word, focused on Jesus Christ and built around scripture. Join us this summer—you won't want to miss it!

## BY FAITH: SUMMER 2020 THEME

Children and youth will explore the Bible study theme By Faith. Hebrews 11:1 says, "Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen." This will be our core framework of the Bible study time for 2020 campers.

Faith in God calls us to action. Hebrews 11, which is also known as the "Hall of Faith" chapter of the Bible, gives examples of those who came before us and actively lived out their faith in the promise of what was to come. All of those pioneers of the faith hoped for and were confident that the promised Savior was coming. By grace, through faith, we know and believe that this promise has been ful-

# Happy Birthday!!

## Our Bethel Family

### February

Evan LoBello	1	George McIlhaney	7	Susan Neitsch	14	Bobbie Denmark	23
Greg Montgomery	1	Jim Holste	8	Jonathan Bentley	15	Robert Pali	23
Heath Hausenfluck	2	Peggy Chase	9	Pastor Tim Eden	15	Ben Zucker	23
Mike Lenz	2	Dottie Garrison	10	Addison Markert	15	Rosie Schoenfeld	24
Nikki Smith	2	Lee Goehring	10	Debbie Sadler	15	Bill Benfer	25-91yrs
Kathy Herwald	5	Annie Perez	10	Dustin Samford	15	Jade Fajkus	25
Shianne Lenz	5	Angela Shockey	10	Art Kaspar	16	Velma Black	26
Pierce Young	5	Jayce Wilder	10	Joalla Shilling	17	Genevieve Birdwell	27
David Baumann	6	Spencer Wilder	10	Sarah Hildebrandt	17	David Hildebrandt	27
Everett Dahmann	6	Connie Bard	11	Gerry Hartmangruber	18	Jessica Pfeffer	27
Margaret Johnson	6	Kira Hoffzimmer	11	Bobby Lenz	19	Lois Erickson	28
Randy Moerbe	6	Erica Gusewelle	12	Anastasia Lewis	19	Sally Kaminski	28
LeeAnn Pali	6	Julie Maly	12	Sharon Cowart	21	Christopher Byer	29
Gage Goodenow	7	Samuel Moravec	12	Mike Deike	21	Justin Zaragoza	29
		David Fleeger	13	Rachel Jungklaus	21		
		Meaghan Anderson	14	Mitchell Dill	22		



### 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.



**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.

### Be A Census Taker for the 2020 Census

Apply for temporary jobs Online at

**2020census.gov/jobs**

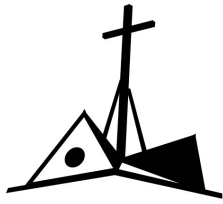
Brochures are in the church office

### ReconMR is hiring in BCS!

Fulltime, Part-time, Day/Evening, Temporary/Long-term, you will be conducting public opinion surveys all across the nation from our office located in Bryan/College Station. No sales or collections ever.

Call **512.757.8145** or go online **ReconMR.com**





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**Rev. Tim Eden**, Associate Pastor

**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 6—23, 2020



### 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