

Bethany Bells

The monthly newsletter of BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH
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“Being, Living as, and Making Disciples of Jesus Christ”

April 2022



How Long Can You Worship?

By Pastor Casey

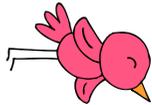
Ever been to worship that lasts 3 or 4 hours? Sure, we can hold up an extra 15 minutes beyond the usual “Lutheran hour” every now and then, but go beyond that, and somebody will call “time.”

Yet the church has a centuries-old tradition of one long, long service held over a 3-day period, and it happens this year in April. The old name is “Triduum,” meaning “Three Days,” and by Three Days we specifically mean the evening of Maundy Thursday through the evening of Easter. Those three days mark the Christian celebration of salvation, found in the one great event of Christ’s death and resurrection for the life of the world.

Those with eyes for detail have noticed that on Maundy Thursday and Good Friday, the service never ends with a benediction. We don’t “shut it down” at the end of worship because, once we begin Maundy Thursday with the absolution that we’ve been waiting for all Lent, the service keeps going and going ...into Friday and the weekend, culminating in the great Easter liturgy.

So, what I’m saying, if you only make it Easter morning, you’ve missed two-thirds of the service. Why not come for the whole deal, the full 3 days? Just an hour at a time. But amazing renewal!

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Easter Worship April 17th “Regular Schedule” In-Person and Online

Many members and visitors will be worshipping at Bethany on Sunday, April 17th. After a couple of years with “COVID” protocols and schedule, we’re anticipating a large crowd this year! Several options and considerations were discussed, and we decided to keep our regular Sunday morning schedule. Things to know:

- Since there is no sunrise service, we’ll start the 8:15 service outdoors in the front courtyard (weather permitting), then process indoors with the Bell Choir ringing.
- No geraniums this year – our supplier has gone out of the geranium business! We’ll find other ways to decorate.
- There will be Breakfast Bar and Sunday School
- 3 worship services 8:15, 10:30 traditional, 10:30 P&W.

Save the Date: May 5 Worship Grand Finale Weekend of the 175th Anniversary

The final weekend celebrating Fredericksburg’s founding in 1846 will begin with a **city-wide, all-church worship service at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 5**, in the Fredericksburg High School Auditorium. It will feature the Fredericksburg Chorale with additional singers from churches and the community, Bill Smallwood’s brass band, a prayer in 4 local languages (Comanche, German, English, Spanish), readings and prayers by pastors of the Ministerial Association, and a sermon by former Baptist pastor, Jeryl Hoover. Check out the Friday, Saturday and Sunday events for the grand finale weekend at the website www.175th.org.



In Our Prayers

Hospital/Clinic/ER:

Kurt Geistweidt	Terry Neans	Dwight Oestreich
Dorothy Rode	Gerald Schmidt	Corine Schulz
Shirley Steitle	Sharon Roarick	Dan Mittel

Ongoing:

Carol Eckhardt	Audrey Gold	Kenna Joy Kramer
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Our Sympathy to:

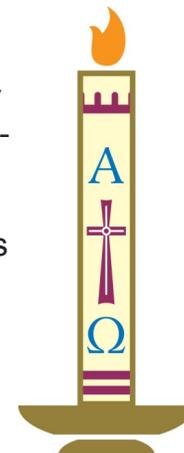
- Pastor Kevin and Dawna Haug & family at the death of Pr. Kevin’s dad, Willie Haug; funeral was March 21 at St. John Lutheran, Robstown.
- Valerie and Michael Nimitz-Stokes & family at the death of Valerie’s mother, Linda Reeh; funeral was February 28.

Baptism:

- Finley James McCall, son of Robert & Morgan McCall, was baptized on March 20.

Christian symbol

PASCHAL CANDLE—This large, white candle is an ancient symbol for Christ, the light of the world. The candle contains a cross and/or an Alpha and Omega to symbolize that Jesus is eternal and always present with his people. Also called the Easter candle, it plays a prominent role during Easter vigils and celebrations. Some churches also use the candle during baptisms and funerals.





April Birthdays



1 — Audrey Gold	11— Abbey Geistweidt	21— Renee Pearson
2- Jake Duderstadt Wilfried Mazanke	Jade Whiting Thomas Flink	22— Matthew Grobe Jacob White
3—Debbie Braden Tom Roarick	Denise Stehling	23— Travis Ahrens Jennifer Cantwell
Marc Williamson	12 —Danny Flink	Ralph Rode
Lily Straube	Johlt Haggerty	24— Heather Rode Daivey Edeen
4—Brad Evans Walter Probst, Jr.	Sarah Neans	25— Merrily Hartmann Korey Zenner
7—Jordan Hohmann	Rory Pape	27— Cody Pape Kaylee Haug
Marian Klein	13—Tina Stowe Blake Edeen	28 —Al Andrichyn
8—Caitie Huff Brandon Willis	14 – Sabastian DeLaCruz	29—Joyce Robertson
Kevin Haug, Jr.	15- Aaron Cantwell	30— Judy Brundridge Maurice Hohmann
Mike Stolpe	17—Katie Jinright Ashley Slaughter	Kailey Schnelle Rhyse Deike
9—Alayna Pape Chrissy Stuewe	18—Jacob Coolidge Camryn Greene	
David Wehmeyer	Colleen Ketron Hyleigh Ottmers	
10—Carli Cole Myron Deike	19—Susie Bryson Jennifer Dulaney	
Beverly Johnson	Cohl Hartmann	
Emily Krieger	Ashlynn Roarick	
Collins Ward	20—Millie Flink	
Ben Warriner	Adam Geistweidt	
	Lee Gisclon	



Stay Informed

- Text messages for updates & prayer; to join the Bethany group, text: **@bethanytx2** to **81010**
- After hours, listen to our office phone's voice message about upcoming worship.
- Those on our email prayer chain will also occasionally receive updates about changes in schedules.



Holy Week and Easter

MAUNDY THURSDAY

12:15 & 7:00 p.m. Holy Communion
Live stream at 7 pm

GOOD FRIDAY

12:15 & 7:00 p.m. (also live stream at 7pm)

SATURDAY

10:00 Easter Egg Hung

EASTER SUNDAY

Regular Sunday Morning times

8:15 Traditional worship— begins in front courtyard

9:00 Breakfast Bar

9:20 Sunday School & Adult Classes

10:30 Praise & Worship

10:30 Traditional worship



“BOAT”ing News: April 2022

Ahoy, Bethany congregation!

Please join us at our next meeting, April 21 at 5:45 PM, to explore whether B.O.A.T. might be an area where you would like to serve God. We will be inviting a speaker from the local criminal justice field to advise us in ways we could expand Bethany's ministry to the inmates in our jail.

We give thanks for the success of the Lifeboat little free food pantry, Car Day, and other outreach efforts, and look forward to finding new avenues for helping and advocating for our Fredericksburg neighbors. Please join us in this privilege. God bless you!

- Bethany Outreach and Advocacy Team



GriefShare – from Mourning to Joy Not too late to come to class

GriefShare classes continue to meet every Thursday through May 19. The class is offered twice each week, from 10:00 a.m. until Noon and 6:00-8:00 p.m. There is no charge for these classes and persons can join the class at any point. As we are in week 7 of 14 classes, topics remaining include Guilt and Anger, Complicating Factors, Getting Stuck, Lessons of Grief, Questions about Heaven, and What Do I Live for Now?

Of the thirteen members who are participants in the class, ten are from the community. For more information, contact Rev. Ray Tiemann, Visitation Pastor, (email) tiemann200@gmail.com or (mobile) 830-456-6948 or Wilma McAndrew, Team Leader, (email) dwmcandrew@yahoo.com or (mobile) 830-644-2092.



April 2022 Assisted Living Nursing Home Communion

Location	Day	Time	Location	Day	Time
Knopp Assisted	Wed. 4/6	9:30	Villages of Windcrest	Wed. 4/13	9:45
Knopp #2	Wed. 4/6	10:30	FBG NH	Wed. 4/13	10:45
Heritage Place	Thur. 4/7	9:30	Knopp RC	Thur. 4/14	9:30
Windcrest	Thur. 4/7	10:30	Knopp #1	Thur. 4/14	10:30

Bethany: January/April/July/October
Holy Ghost: March/June/September/December
Zion: February/May/August/November

Celeste Care

*Dan Mittel

Villages of Windcrest

*Marion Welgehausen *Gloria Brooks *Audelle Burkey

FBG NURSING HOME

KNOPP HEALTHCARE & REHAB CTR (#1)

*Robert & Bambi Walter *Brandi Welgehausen

KNOPP RETIREMENT

*Clarence Rose

KNOPP (#2)

* Betty Grinke *Ruby May Stahl

KNOPP Assisted Living Care Center

*Susan Weinheimer

WINDCREST NURSING & REHAB

*Genevieve Ketron

Out of Town

Menger Springs/Boerne, TX *Dorothy Rode

Easter stewardship: Resurrection reset

Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death?

Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.



-Romans 6:3-4

Christ is Risen! Risen, indeed! Alleluia!

The triumphant words we cherish every Easter signal more than just Jesus' victory over the grave. They announce for us the end of deadness and the start of a new life, a fresh beginning, in our earthly pilgrimage. Jesus was raised from the dead so that we, too, might walk in newness of life.

From Jesus' resurrection, our lives take on a new trajectory, a turn away from the values and precepts of the world and toward the kingdom of God. As we journey, our lives progressively align with the purposes and mission of God.

For a steward-disciple of our Lord, the implications are many. As we walk in newness of life, we might find ourselves:

- Re-examining our relationship to “stuff” – our money, our possessions, the things that might have given us a sense of security or worth. Jesus is our security and our worth.
- Drawing closer to family and friends. True wealth is measured by the love we give and receive. Our lives effervesce with the love we receive from God.
- Contributing more to church and charity. Jesus frees us from the grip that possessions have upon us. We can more freely give.
- Gathering into our lives what Paul calls the fruits of the spirit: “Love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control” (Galatians 5:22-23).

May your lives as steward-disciples take a resurrection reset. Christ is risen! Risen indeed! Alleluia!

--Rob Blezard

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Brother Steward



Rate Anxiety!

Tax rates, interest rates, inflation rates; are they causing you to lose money and sleep?

How about your Spiritual Rates? How are they doing? Is your time spent in prayer and worship up or down versus last year? Are you using more or less of your talents in helping others and doing good works? Is your percentage of giving to the offertory collection up or down from last year?

Maybe if we concentrate more on spiritual rates instead of financial rates we might be less anxious and more relaxed. When we invest in the Lord, our rate-of-return is unlimited, guaranteed, and comforting. And it starts with a prayer.

God Bless!





Sundays in April:

Adult Classes @ 9:20 Sundays

Adult Bible Class -



The Adult Bible Class meets in the overflow area at the **back** of the sanctuary with the pastors. They generally study a book of the Bible or specific Bible topics. They welcome all ages but most are over 50, although millennials sometimes attend. People of all ages are welcomed!



Transitions Class—

The Transitions class is for anyone who enjoys a highly interactive class where all thoughts and ideas are welcome. The class meets in **room 205** (triple room) at 9:20 a.m.. Please join us for lively discussions on various topics related to life and faith.

Legacy Builders (young adults class)-

The Legacy Builders class meets downstairs in room 115 starting at 9:20 am. Please join us for breakfast bar, fellowship and studies seeking guidance for life's decisions.



April 2022 TRADITIONAL WORSHIP COMMUNION

Date	Time	Communion Assistants
Sun. Apr. 3	8:15	Mike & Peggy Sue Sagebiel
	10:30	Ted & Nancy Geistweidt, Kathy Meybaum
Sun. Apr. 10	8:15	No Communion
	10:30	No Communion
Sun. Apr. 17	8:15	Jonathan Baethge, Rose Marie Mazanke
	10:30	Jody Donovan, Jim McAfee, Sharon Joseph
Sun. Apr. 24	8:15	No Communion
	10:30	No Communion

April 2022 TRADITIONAL WORSHIP –Special Days

Date	Time	Ushers
Wed. Apr. 6	12:15	Willard Dearing & Tom Roarick
Maundy Thurs. Apr. 14	12:15	Gary Stehling, captain Denise Stehling, James Hartmann, Judy Jones
	7:00 pm	Ed Kramer, captain Judy Kramer, Jackie Kneese, Larry Ahrens
Good Friday Apr. 15	12:15	Ernie Loeffler, captain Karen Loeffler
	7:00 pm	Becky Dittmar, captain Judy Dittmar



The committee that oversees Der Stadt Friedhof Cemetary extends a sincere "thank you" to the members of Bethany for their special monthly offering each January. Your generosity helps with continued upkeep & planning of Fredericksburg's oldest cemetery.

April 2022 TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

DATE	TIME	USHERS
Sun. Apr. 3	8:15	Sandra Kammlah captain, Clara Kozielski, Tom Pahl, Jerald Klett
	10:30	Kenneth Treibs, captain Jaye Treibs, Jennifer Jenschke, James & Jacob Jenschke
Sun. Apr. 10	8:15	Todd Keener, captain, Dalton & Wesley Keener
	10:30	Oliver Deike, captain Mary Alice Deike
Sun. Apr. 17	8:15	Beth Luckenbach, captain, Jerry Luckenbach, Scott & Judy Brundridge
	10:30	Ted Geistweidt, captain Nancy Geistweidt, Lyle Johansen, Kevin Kunz
Sun. Apr. 24	8:15	Dwight Oestreich, captain Joyce Robertson
	10:30	Willard Dearing captain Kyle Kneese

Breakfast Bar Info:

Come join us for a full breakfast bar in the downstairs kitchen (rm. 109). Breakfast begins at 9:00 before Sunday School. The food is served by masked and gloved hosts—not a grab & go meal. We encourage folks to dine in their Sunday School classroom or you may dine at tables & chairs across the hall in the Noah's Ark room.



Come join us for
Sunday School!!

Who goes.....

Where

2-5 year olds	Room #100
Kinder & 1 st Grade	Room #103
2nd & 3rd grade	Room #101
4th & 5th Grade	Room #105
Middle School	Room #113
High School	Room #112

Council Highlights—

March 15, 2022

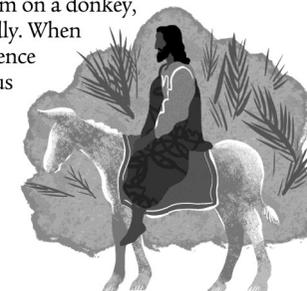
The Council:

- Amended guidelines for serving food at Bethany, making gloves required and masks optional for servers.
- Approved the Bethany Preschool by-laws.
- Nominated members for a search committee for the position of Bethany financial secretary.
- Is seeking bids for audits of the church and preschool financial records.

Bible Quiz

As Jesus entered Jerusalem on a donkey, crowds praised him loudly. When Pharisees told him to silence the people, what did Jesus say would shout if his followers didn't?

- A. Stones
- B. Palm branches
- C. Trees
- D. Hillsides



Answer: A (See Luke 19:40.)



**A Few Words from our
BPS Office Manager:
Joyce Richey**

BPS Parents and BLC Congregation:

It has been an honor and privilege to serve Bethany Preschool for the past 14 years. As I get set to retire on April 25, I wanted to say thank you to everyone who has been a part of making these years so special to me.

When I started in 2008, I was hired as a 15-hour per week bookkeeper. That part-time position has turned into a 40-plus hour per week passion – handling the financials of the school, fundraising, caring for the children and serving our preschool families.

Each child has their own, unique story and personality and I have truly enjoyed the opportunity to watch each of them grow. I marvel at the amazing things those who have graduated from our program have gone on to do.

For example, it was exciting to watch our graduates, Ella & Kirsten Hartmann and Jordan Zenner play on the Lady Billies' basketball team at the state tournament.

For all the children who are currently in our program, I wonder the places they will go.

Thank you to all the church members and preschool parents - your kind works and support have given me confidence to be a successful leader.

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April 2022 PRAISE & WORSHIP (10:30)

	<u>Leader</u> Kid's Message	HOSTS	<u>Communion Assistants</u> Prayer Minister
Sun. Apr. 3	<u>Beth Luckenbach</u> Beth Luckenbach	Shane & Michele Willis (2)	<u>No Communion</u> Beth Luckenbach
Sun. Apr. 10	<u>Cheryl Flink</u> Cheryl Flink	Danielle Geistweidt (2)	Treibs/Jenschke family (3) Beth Luckenbach <u>Cheryl Flink</u>
Sun. Apr. 17	<u>Mary Evans</u> Mary Evans	Kathy & Mark Marquart	Steve Evans, Karen & Ralph Rode, (2) <u>Merrily Hartmann</u> Mary Evans
Sun. Apr. 24	<u>Carl Schoessow</u> Carl Schoessow	Vic & Marian Nixon	Treibs/Jenschke family (2) <u>Erik & Beth Iverson (2)</u> Carl Schoessow

**Bethany Foundation Receives
Another Estate Gift**

Bethany Lutheran Foundation of Fredericksburg has received a gift of \$52,217 from the estate of the late Wilbur Pressler who died last November. Wilbur and Connie had previously given \$54,000 last year as the first part of their estate planning. We thank them for this gift, and cherish the memory of Wilbur. Each year the Bethany Foundation gives 5% of its value in this way: 25% to Bethany church, 25% to Bethany Preschool, and 50% to community and church organizations that provide for seniors, children, the disabled, food and health resources, and more. BLF can also receive memorial gifts to remember people who have died as well as gifts to honor the living. Memorials, honorariums, and other gifts should be sent to the Foundation at P.O. Box 673 , Fbg.

BLC Dollars & Cents

General Fund Budget

February 2022

Income \$62,092.38 Income—Year \$112,841.45
Expenses \$59,825.50 Expenses—Year \$115,553.41
Deficit year to date — (\$-2,771.96)

General Fund Budget—February 2022

Designated Accounts: \$274,467.94
Capital Improvement/Hennig Fund: \$167,542.49
Pre School Building Fund: \$210,059.81
Emergency Aid Fund (Chase): \$14,635.10

PNC— Money Market Account Balance \$106,799.13
ELCA Loan Fund (Investment Account) \$35,000.00

First United Bank (CD— Hein Estate Gift) \$106,199.44
First United Bank (Savings-Hein Estate Gift) \$60,703.04
Edward Jones (Dr. Stein Estate Gift) \$289,749.71

Monthly Special Offering—2022

January—Der Stadt Friedhof—\$3,763.00
February—Needs Council—\$2,290.00



Bulletin Announcements on Website

Want to see the Sunday bulletin and announcements? They're both posted each week on our website—the first items on the page:

www.bethanyfbg.com

Don't have internet? Stop by the church during the week for a copy.

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The Office Manager position will be in great hands when I leave as our administrative assistant, Jessica Schulz, will be promoted. Since starting with the preschool over a year ago, she has assisted me and since she has a banking background she is the perfect person for the role. I will continue to work closely with her to make sure there is a smooth transition.

However, I don't plan to go too far after retirement. I will be an active member of the Building Committee at Bethany and volunteer at other opportunities.

Friends are asking what I will do when I retire and my response has been, "Enjoy life at my pace." I am looking forward to traveling to new places, gardening, and checking out new businesses in Fredericksburg.

Over the past 14 years, Bethany Preschool has been my passion and it has been a true blessing to help each child and to support each staff member.

Thank you.

In His Service,
Joyce Richey





- **April 5— 3:45 pm** WELCA board meets in downstairs kitchen.
- **April 7— 9:30 am** Leah Circle meets at Bethany Fellowship Hall.
- **April 12—6:00 pm** Hope Circle meets somewhere downstairs. Try the downstairs kitchen first!
- **April 13—9:00 am** Quilters meet in the quilting/choir room downstairs.
- **April 14—9:15 am** Lydia Circle meets in the downstairs kitchen.

Monthly offering for March went to Lutheran World Relief (Ukraine)



WELCA Spring Retreat/ Joint Circle Gathering

Sunday, June 5th at the home of Karen Oestreich
More news coming later.



Yes, The WELCA ladies will sell coffee, chocolate and tea in April!!

It's for a great cause. The money raised helps to pay for the shipping of quilts, baby kits and school kits for Lutheran World Relief.

To make it more convenient, we have set up a table in the narthex at church with a donation box. We hope you will stop by and pick up a bag or two and some chocolate bars. Any questions? Contact Debbie Tiemann 456-6946 or email at : rtiemann1@austin.rr.com

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| Coffee—Whole Bean, Ground, Kcups—\$10.00 | |
| Boxed Tea—\$4 | Chocolate Chips—\$4 |
| Hot Cocoa & Baking Cocoa—\$5 | Chocolate Bars—\$4 |

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In Fredericksburg, Pat's Hall, originally built in the 1920s, was famous with couples who danced around the old oak tree on the patio. On Saturday night, May 7, from 5:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. the anniversary celebration committee will recreate a night at Pat's Hall under the Adelsverein Halle at Marktplatz. German singing groups such as the Arion Männerchor and Hermann Sons Mixed Choir were formed and still carry on that tradition today. Church choral groups and musicians add beauty and praise to worship services across our town and have for decades and decades. Early pioneers included classically trained painters such as Hermann Lungwitz and Friedrich Richard Petri who recorded the early landscape around Fredericksburg. Many artists have followed in their footsteps. The Fredericksburg Music Club was organized in 1937 and as a music study club and 85 years later continues to present classical musicians from around the world. Many other organizations, too numerous to mention in this short article, have played a role in the "lasting arts and music" traditions of Fredericksburg over the past 175 years. The 175th Anniversary Steering Committee plays tribute to all who have contributed to the vibrant arts and music scene of Fredericksburg and Gillespie County.

April 2022 Altar Guild



Traditional:

Karen Oestreich, Constance Schultz
Jean Weber, Chrissy Stuewe

Contemporary:

Karen Rode & Linda Pape



175th Anniversary Highlights “Lasting Arts and Music”

The 175th Anniversary Steering Committee highlights “Lasting Arts and Music” in April. The monthly sponsor is the Pedernales Creative Arts Alliance (PCAA) which stages the annual Oktoberfest celebration each year in Fredericksburg.

The early Germans pioneers brought their love of music and the arts to our town.

According to Jack Maguire, who wrote the text for *150 Years of Paintings and Drawings* for the 150th anniversary celebration, the first formally organized arts group was the Casino Club, started in 1886 for “the cultivation of the fine arts, especially the dramatic and musical arts, and the intellectual stimulation of its members.”

The ballroom at the Nimitz Hotel became a center for music and performances.

In the early days brass bands were popular, as well as bands made up of accordion players. Popular bands over the decades included the Rhythm Kings, Starlighter Band, Hoeltzer Band and the Fredericksburg Concert Band.

Dance halls were built by the Germans in outlying areas around Fredericksburg such as in Luckenbach, Albert, Hye, Cherry Spring, Grapetown and London. Regular dances were scheduled.

The Turner Hall (the Fredericksburg Turn Verein) was established in Fredericksburg in 1871 in the tradition of German gymnastic clubs and served as a beloved community bowling club and dance hall for generations of local residents until a tragic fire consumed the building in 2016.

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Eat, Drink, & Give

Thursday, April 28

Vista Oaks Event Center

TEXAS MADE
TEXAS ★ RAISED

A Bethany Preschool Fundraiser

TICKETS: \$75



Join us for an evening of Texas
wine, small bites and
entertainment at the beautiful
Vista Oaks.

Sponsorships Now Available

Use QR code or
Contact Bethany Preschool
For more info

See page 13 for more details.



Special Offering for April For the Synod Assembly

Evangelical Mission Endowment Fund

Every month, the food shelf of Iglesia Luterana de San Lucas in Eagle Pass serves 100 families living in poverty with staples to meet their daily needs. This ministry would not be possible without mission support from the Southwestern Texas Synod.

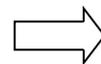
We give thanks to God for the work of Iglesia Luterana de San Lucas, and through the Evangelical Mission Endowment Fund we hope to further the ability of that ministry and others to change people's lives. In 2011 the Southwestern Texas Synod created this fund to provide financial resources in perpetuity both for the development of new congregations and the ongoing support of existing ministries in vulnerable settings, such as communities of poverty, that are dependent on financial assistance.

The purpose of the Evangelical Mission Endowment Fund—our special offering for April—embodies the theme of the 2022 synod assembly “Got Good News? Go with it!” which is based on the story of Philip and the Ethiopian eunuch found in Acts 8:26-40. Philip eagerly answered the Holy Spirit’s call to take the good news out onto a wilderness road and he faithfully responded to the needs of the Ethiopian eunuch. Philip’s eagerness and faithfulness to the gospel continue to inspire us today. When the Holy Spirit calls us, we pray that we, too, will take the good news and go with it. The fund empowers us to turn our eagerness into action by developing and supporting ministries that bear the good news on the wilderness roads of our synod.

The synod’s goal is to receive \$180,000 in offerings for the fund. **You can give by making a check** to “Bethany Lutheran Church” and stubbing it “Synod Mission” or using your special offering envelope. Thank you for your support!



**April 16th (Saturday) -
Joint Easter Egg Hunt
with Holy Ghost for kids 0-5th gr.
Meet in the Bethany Fellowship Hall
@ 10:00 a.m. Bring your Easter Baskets!**



Middle & High School kids will hide eggs @ 9:00 a.m. with and “Older Kid” Egg hunt after the younger kids are finished.



CYFM is asking for donations of individually wrapped candy to fit inside Easter Eggs. You can drop it off by Kiesha’s office.



- High School will be going to Top Golf on Sunday, April 3, after church.
 - Middle School will be going to Top Golf on Sunday, April 10, after church.
- ****Returning Players: Bring \$15; If you’ve never played before, bring \$20.****

SUMMER DATES TO REMEMBER

- June 11-18 - Middle School (current 6th & 7th graders) at Rainbow Trail Lutheran Camp, Colorado
- July 17-22—Day Camp at Bethany with Cross Trails Ministry
- July 24-29—Elementary kids (current 2nd –5th grade) at Camp Chrysalis, Kerrville



For Registration info. check with Kiesha!



High School Mission Trip

(current 8th—12th grade)

Pine Ridge, South Dakota

(Pine Ridge Reservation)

With Next Step Ministries

June 25 – July 3





First Bibles to be Presented on Palm Sunday!

First Bibles will be presented on Palm Sunday, April 10th, to our 2 year olds and 3rd graders. The 3rd grade Bibles will be displayed outside of the Fellowship Hall, starting March 27th , for people to hi-light and share their favorite verses with the kids. This is a way to celebrate God’s story with each other and for the kids to know that they are a part of something much bigger than themselves.

3rd Graders (& some who Have not received a Bible.)

Emma Baughn
Nolan Baughn
Willow Elrod
Daivey Edeen
Johlt Haggerty
Jace Marshall
Paycen Merritt
Grant Peyton
Joshua Preiss
Luke Sandoval

2 year Olds

Matthew Mechler
Cole Reeves
Corb Rush
Jacob Sanchez
Mia Turbeville

***** If you do not see your child on this list, please contact the church office! Sometimes our records are not complete.*****



A Bethany Preschool Fundraiser

Bethany Lutheran Preschool will hold its third annual **Texas Made Texas Raised Food & Wine Event**, April 28, 2022 at 7 p.m. at Vista Oaks Event Center. Everyone is invited for an evening of fun and fundraising to help Bethany Preschool continue to meet the childcare needs of Fredericksburg.

Tickets and tables can be purchased at <https://texas-made-texas-raised.ticketleap.com> or in-person at the preschool office.

This event will feature award-winning Texas wine, gourmet small bites from local chefs, great Texas entertainment, and unique big board and silent auction items. Whether you are a foodie, a wine aficionado or a live music fan this is a can’t-miss event.

This year’s event will allow Bethany Preschool to continue to offer a safe, quality learning environment. Here are some of the ways funds raised at this event are utilized...

- Enhance extra-curricular activities such as music, art and fitness classes for students.
- Provide supplementary compensation and further professional development for staff.
- Keep tuition costs low for families in Fredericksburg’s extremely strained childcare environment.
- Update curriculum to make sure the whole student is prepared for kindergarten.

Thank you for your support in the past and we look forward to a successful event in 2022.



First Communion Students

Pastor Kevin, Kiesha, and Pastor Casey had a first communion class for fourth graders and those older students who had not yet communed. Most of the students received their first communion on March 9th with their families and sponsors. They first participated in an “Agape Feast” in the fellowship hall then went to the sanctuary for first communion. Students include:

Erich Cleaton	Dax Jung	Clayton Slaughter
Autumn Elrod	Knox Padgett	Hudson Staudt
Emma Elrod	Trenton Schnelle	Andrew Stehling
Ethan Flink	Atley Schulz	Luke Stehling
Leah Geistweidt		



Congratulations to these 4th graders who took their First Communion at Beth-any Lutheran Church on March 9, 2022.

Row 1: Leah Geistweidt, Atley Schulz, Emma Elrod, Dax Jung.

Row 2: Autumn Elrod, Ethan Flink, Trenton Schnelle, Hudson Staudt, Andrew Stehling.

Row 3: Pastor Casey Zesch, Pastor Kevin Haug, Kiesha Priem

We also congratulate Erich Cleaton, Knox Padgett, Clayton Slaughter, and Luke Stehling, who completed First Communion Class, but were not able to join us on March 9.

Lutheran Disaster Response: Eastern Europe crisis response

Lutheran Disaster Response is accompanying companion churches and ecumenical partners as they respond to the crisis in Ukraine and Eastern Europe. There are major humanitarian concerns for both internally displaced people and refugees. Partners including the Lutheran World Federation and Church World Service are providing refugees with immediate support and supplies such as food, blankets, water and hygiene kits. Care for people also includes pastoral and psychological support to address the trauma they’ve endured. Gifts designated for “Eastern Europe Crisis Response” will be used entirely (100%) to provide support for people impacted by conflict in the region.



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Youth photo Gallery Continued!!



High School group at Austin Paintball.



Faith Foundations kids practice the Macarena, after learning about Jesus turning water to wine at the Wedding in Cana.

First Communion Families participated in an "Agape Feast"



Congratulations!

Congratulations to **Sylvia Van Antwerp** for being the Bethany WELCA Bold Woman recipient for 2021!!!



WELCA President Karlene Ottmers presented the Bold Woman Award to Sylvia Van Antwerp for her outstanding service and leadership at Bethany.



Youth photo Gallery

4th, 5th & 6th graders bake bread for Communion during the Sunday School hour.



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