

BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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✝ Ministers: All the People of Bethany ✝
Pastors: Casey Zesch, Kevin Haug, & Ray Tiemann
Children, Youth & Family Director: Kiesha Priem
4th Sunday of Easter ✝ April 21, 2024

INFORMATION FOR TODAY: (1) A **Cry Room** is available in the back of the sanctuary for Traditional Worship. A **Nursery** is located upstairs in Room 208 for parents & children (No Attendant). Worship is live-streamed in the nursery. (2) Children's bulletins & activity bags (take & return to rack), hearing aids, & home devotionals are available. (3) **Offerings are collected in Offering boxes at the entrances. We do not pass an offering plate.**

KEEP IN PRAYERS: Finis Carleton, Carol Eckhardt, Robert Gibbens, Audrey Gold, Weldon Griffin, Maurice Hohmann, Nic Jones, Marian Klein, Dorothy Klier, Hillary Rabke, Wil Rathke, Charles Reaves, Bill Smallwood, Denise Stehling, & Jarrod Stokes

BELLS TROOPS will gather this Thursday, April 25th to assemble the monthly newsletter.

MINISTRY OF THE WEEK: Wild Ride Ministries of Harper

April Special Offering: Synod Assembly Lutheran Disaster Response

This year's assembly offering will go to support the Lutheran Disaster Response – our ELCA ministry that responds to natural & unnatural disasters in the United States and around the world. From wildfires to hurricanes to refugee crises, the ELCA is ready to accompany communities through relief & recovery. You can make a check payable to Bethany Lutheran and note "Special Offering." Place it in the special offering envelope or a pew envelope.

Kiesha's Sabbatical:

Kiesha Priem – our Children, Youth & family Director – has taken her sabbatical. She will be gone through April 28th. Sabbaticals are times for education, inspiration, & relaxation. Kiesha will study and experience confirmation programs at churches in Kansas City, prepare for our Bethany youth trip to Puerto Rico, finish a few projects, and then spend a few days relaxing with family.

Today is Heritage Sunday

New Braunfels Village Brass Band will perform at the 10:30 Traditional Service. Join us after Worship as we celebrate Bethany's 137th with a BBQ meal in the Fellowship Hall. Chicken/Pork, Potato Salad, & green beans are provided. Donations will be accepted. Today we also honor the confirmation class of 1974!

Randall Beckmann

Harold Frisch

Janis True Bays

Jane Luckenbach Perry

Kim Eckhardt

Peggy Young Geistweidt (adult confirmation)

Terry Reson

David Wehmeyer

Karla Rode Lawrence

Kathy Grobe

Cindy Dittmar Holmes

Renovation of Church Restrooms

Renovations began last Thursday on the 1963 restrooms in the hallway across from the church offices. Signs are up to direct you to restrooms in the Fellowship Hall. There is also a men's room outside the Sanctuary overflow, and a women's room is in the "cry room" in the rear of the Sanctuary.

Special Needs Dance, April 26th at Bethany

The Social Concerns Committee will host its annual special needs dance on Friday, April 26, 6:00-8:00 p.m. We invite you to attend and visit with our guests who love to dance and have table activities. Your heart will be deeply warmed! Food and drinks will be provided.

Building Bright Futures Campaign Goes Public!

Our community capital campaign started March 21st when we announced it at Texas Made Texas Raised. This is not only the beginning of our community outreach, but it begins the start of a matching grant challenge of \$400,000 from Mary Porter. If we raise \$400,000 in **new money** in 12 months, from 3/21/24 to 3/21/25, Mary will match that. Our goal for Building Bright Futures is to raise \$6.3 Million and we are already halfway there with your pledges and other gifts. If you have not pledged or donated to the Bethany Preschool building fund yet, please be aware of this challenge grant that can double your donation and help us reach our goal. God bless you and yours!

Bus Trip to Spanish Missions of San Antonio, June 4th.

Sign up in the Narthex. We will take a chartered bus to multiple missions in San Antonio. \$45 covers the cost of the bus.

Lunch at Luby's will follow (not included in cost). Please make your payment in the church office by May 17th.

Annual Fish Fry, Trinity Lutheran Church of Stonewall

Sunday April 28th, 11:30am-1pm. Dine in or drive-thru.

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Fourth Sunday of Easter, April 21, 2024

HERITAGE SUNDAY

8:15 Traditional Worship – includes livestream
9:00 Breakfast Bar
9:15 Sunday School, Adult classes
10:30 Praise & Worship – Includes livestream
10:30 Traditional Worship in Sanctuary
w/ Village Brass Band
11:45 Heritage Sunday Meal

Mon April 22	Facebook Morning Prayer
Tue April 23	9:00 Staff Meeting 5:30 Finance Committee 4:00 Faith Foundations 5:15 Bell Choir
Wed April 24	4:00 Jumpstart 5:00 Confirmation
Thur April 25	9:00 Bells Troops 9:15 Preschool Chapel 10:00 GriefShare Class 4:00 Faith Foundations 4:30 Chancel Choir
Fri April 26	6:30 Special Needs Dance
Sat April 27	
Sun April 28	8:15 Traditional Worship – includes livestream 9:00 Breakfast Bar 9:15 Sunday School, Adult classes 10:30 Praise & Worship – Includes livestream 10:30 Traditional Worship in Sanctuary

WORSHIP LEADERS

Worship Leaders: Pastor Kevin Haug & Pastor Casey Zesch

Organists / Pianists: Marjorie Ottmers, Annabel Wilkinson

Chancel Choir Director: Chrissy Stuewe **Bell Choir Director:** Alicia Elrod

Praise & Worship Leader: Matt White

P&W Leader: Ken Smith **Kids Sermon:** Ken Smith