

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
Easter Sunday ✝ March 31, 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: Larry Ahrens, Scott Brundridge, Carol Eckhardt, Robert Gibbens, Audrey Gold, Weldon Griffin, Maurice Hohmann, Nic Jones, Sharon Joseph, Marian Klein, Dorothy Klier, Barbara Maner, Hillary Rabke, Charles Reaves, & Bill Smallwood.

OUR SYMPATHY to Cheryl Rowan & family upon the passing of her mother, Winifred Caroline Heidenreich.

OUR SYMPATHY to Carol Baethge & family upon the passing of her brother-in-law, Randy Johnson.

CHURCH OFFICE & PRESCHOOL CLOSED MONDAY.

NEW DEVOTION BOOKS are available in the entrance areas.

March Special Offering: Mision De Candelilla

For more than 30 years, Mision de Candelilla has served as a primarily medical non-denominational Christian mission to 9 villages in remote northern Mexico. In addition to medical care to those villages, they also provide wellness clinics to small schools, provide school supplies, and offer construction trips for these villages. Mision de Candelilla is a 501© 3 non-profit. Make a check out to Bethany Lutheran and note Mision de Candelilla on the memo line to benefit this worthy cause.

Kiesha's Sabbatical:

Kiesha Priem – our Children, Youth & family Director – will take the first half of her sabbatical April 1-28. 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.

Heritage Sunday April 21st

BBQ Lunch served after worship on our 137th Birthday

Bethany Birthday # 137 will be celebrated on Sunday, April 21, at all 3 worship services. Village Brass Band will perform at the 10:30 Traditional service. The 50-year confirmation class of 1974 will be honored. Noon lunch will feature Dave's BBQ with choice of Chicken or Brisket, plus potato salad and green beans. The Fellowship Committee will provide desserts. Donations for meal are gladly accepted!

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.

The Eclipse Is Coming

On Sunday, April 7th, come! We will have our full worship schedule although there will be **no Sunday School or Breakfast Bar** that day. Likely, travel to Bethany will be fine...but you never know, since we've never had an eclipse event like this in our lifetime. FYI, we will block the parking lot on the previous Thursday until Sunday morning, so that our spaces are available for Sunday worship. Best advice for local residents on **Monday, April 8th: stay home!** KNAF 910 will be the official eclipse-update station for Fredericksburg. If you have not yet been to a Town Hall eclipse preparation meeting or read about how to prepare, check out the official website: www.visitfredericksburgtx.com/eclipse

Building Bright Futures Campaign Goes Public!

Our community capital campaign will be started March 21st when we announced it at Texas Made Texas Raised. This will not only be the beginning of our community outreach, but it will also kick off 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!

Memorial Service for Pastor Elliott Pancoast

A Memorial Service for our former visitation pastor, Elliott Pancoast, will be Wednesday, April 3rd at 1:00pm in the Sanctuary.

A reception will follow in the fellowship hall.

Easter Sunday, March 31, 2024

7:00 Sunrise Service – includes livestream

8:15 Easter Breakfast – Fellowship Hall

9:00 Breakfast Bar – room 109

10:30 Praise & Worship – Includes livestream

10:30 Traditional Worship in Sanctuary

Mon April 1	Office Closed
Tue April 2	9:00 Staff Meeting 4:00 Faith Foundations 5:15 Bell Choir
Wed April 3	1:00 Pancoast Memorial 4:00 Jumpstart 5:00 Confirmation
Thur April 4	9:15 Preschool Chapel 10:00 GriefShare Class 4:00 Faith Foundations 4:30 Chancel Choir 7:00 Financial Peace Class
Fri April 5	
Sat April 6	
Sun April 7	8:15 Traditional Worship – includes livestream No Breakfast Bar or Sunday School 10:30 Praise & Worship – Includes livestream 10:30 Traditional Worship in Sanctuary Church Office Closed Monday April 8th for Eclipse

WORSHIP LEADERS

Worship Leaders: Pastor Casey Zesch & Pastor Kevin Haug

Organists / Pianists: Marjorie Ottmers, Annabel Wilkinson

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

Praise & Worship Leader: Matt White

P&W Leader: Mary Evans **Kids Sermon:** Mary Evans