

Bethany Bells

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

March 2024

Out Like a Lion

By Pastor Kevin Haug

There is an old saying that “March roars in like a lion and out like a lamb.” Of course, it refers to the blowing of the wind, and we are not strangers in the Hill Country to the machinations and power of the winds. In my short time serving Bethany, our neighbor’s fence has suffered wind damage twice!!! I think most of us would very much prefer to have winds that are meek and mild like a lamb.

But March this year ends with quite a different feel. Easter is the last day of March, and Easter, or course, is the most important day in the church year! It is the day when Jesus raises from the dead. The Gospel accounts talk about earthquakes, angels, footraces, sudden appearances, and eyes being opened. These are not meek and mild events! These are earth changing events!

If Jesus is raised from the dead, then a radical event truly has taken place. This life is not the only life there is. Evil, suffering, and death do not have the last word! No matter what our circumstances may be, there is sure and certain hope that we can hold. This hope has inspired and empowered too many people to count over the last 2000 years: workers for peace and justice; workers who fed the hungry and gave drink to the thirsty; workers who brought healing to the sick; preachers who tended the heart and soul.

March will not go out with a whimper this year as we gather to celebrate God’s power made manifest as the Lion of the tribe of Judah is raised from death to life! March will end with a roar and a proclamation that Christ is Risen! He is Risen indeed!!

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Easter Worship March 31st Sunrise Service with Breakfast Returns

Many members and visitors will be worshipping at Bethany on Sunday, March 31st. Here are things good to know this year:

- SUNRISE SERVICE begins briefly outside in the front courtyard (weather permitting) followed by a procession indoors. Music includes the Bell Choir.
- BREAKFAST FOR “SUNRISERS” who attended 7am worship follows in the Fellowship Hall at 8:15 until 9:00.
- There will be regular BREAKFAST BAR and SUNDAY SCHOOL.
- TRADITIONAL WORSHIP 10:30 will feature a brass ensemble of youth directed by Bobby Wendt and our Chancel Choir.
- PRAISE & WORSHIP is led by our praise team Agape Road.
- There are 3 Easter worship times—7:00 sunrise, 10:30 traditional, 10:30 P&W



Holy Week Breakfasts at Holy Ghost, Zion, & Bethany 7:00 a.m.

After being canceled due to COVID, the Holy Week breakfasts return, with devotions by the pastors. At 7:00 each morning, we meet according to this schedule:

Monday, March 25:	At Holy Ghost
Tuesday, March 26:	At Zion
Wednesday, March 27:	At Bethany



In Our Prayers

Hospital/Clinic/ER/Tests:

Sharon Joseph	Marian Klein	Barbara Maner
Bill Renfro	Constance Schultz	Shirley Steitle

Ongoing:

Carol Eckhardt	Robert Gibbens	Audrey Gold
Nic Jones	Dorothy Klier	Russell Wahl

Our Sympathy to:

- The family of Pastor Elliott Pancoast who died February 11; memorial service at Bethany is April 3 at 1:00 p.m.
- The family of Billy Pehl who died February 25; funeral service at Bethany was March 1st.
- The family of Rachel Clifton who died February 20

Show Your Irish
spirit!!

Wear something
green on Sunday,
March 17th!



March 2024 Wednesday Lenten Services—Ushers

DATE	TIME	USHERS
Wed Mar. 6	12:05	Willard Dearing- captain, Wilma McAndrew
	6:00 pm	Tom Roarick- captain Sharon Roarick
Wed Mar. 13	12:05	Becky Dittmar- captain, Judy Dittmar
	6:00 pm	Jody Donovan - captain Sheila Donovan
Wed Mar. 20	12:05	Carl Schoessow- captain, Cristol Schoessow
	6:00 pm	Jody Donovan - captain Sheila Donovan



Online Worship: Registering Attendance

Each Sunday, both Traditional and Praise & Worship services are available online via our pages on Facebook and You Tube. You can also find the service on our website:

www.bethanyfbg.com.

There is a link on these sites where you can register your online worship attendance. All who register are now counted in our worship attendance records.



Bulletin Announcements On Website

Want to see the Sunday bulletin and announcements? They're both posted each week on our website. Click on the worship tab for the drop down menu: www.bethanyfbg.com

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



Holy Week and Easter

MAUNDY THURSDAY

12:05 p.m. (Noon) & 7:00 p.m. Holy Communion
Live stream & First Communion at 7pm

GOOD FRIDAY

12:05 p.m. (Noon) & 7:00 p.m. (also live stream at 7pm)
Prayer Vigil 7am – 12 am mid-night (sanctuary)

SATURDAY

10:00 Easter Egg Hunt

EASTER SUNDAY

Regular Sunday Morning times

- 7:00 Sunrise Service – begin in front courtyard
- 8:15 Breakfast for sunrise attendees: Fellowship Hall
- 9:00 Breakfast Bar for Sunday School
- 9:20 Sunday School & Adult Classes
- 10:30 Praise & Worship
- 10:30 Traditional worship



A Lenten Series: “Come to the Table”

Five Wednesdays worship & meal together 12:05 & 6:00:

February 21: “Hospitality: By the Oaks at Mamre”

February 28: “Trust: Manna in the Wilderness”

March 6: “Rebellion: Mary and Martha”

March 13: “Vision: Walk to Emmaus”

March 20: “Deliverance: The Passover”

Maundy Thursday worship in the sanctuary:

March 28: “Grace: The Last Supper”

Evening Menu for March:

March 6: Taco Salad provided by Fellowship Committee

March 13: Open Casserole (members sign up)

March 20: Hamburgers provided by Fellowship
Committee

March 27: Holy Week Breakfast at 7 a.m. with Holy
Ghost pastors leading the message—many different break-
fast casseroles, fruit & mini muffins

March 31: Easter Sunday after Sunrise Service—
3 choices of breakfast tacos, donuts, mini muffins, fruit



Bethany YARD heART Youth Fundraiser

Send the Bethany YARD heART exhibit to a friend for a (suggested) donation of only \$20. Upon receipt of your order form and donation, volunteers will secretly place Bethany’s YARD heARTS in the requested friend’s front yard to be exhibited. Requests can be made by filling out the YARD heART order form or emailing: kieshablc@gmail.com However, payment must be received before the heARTS will be placed. You may also purchase “heart insurance” for a suggested donation of \$25 to insure that your yard is not targeted again.

The YARD heART exhibit will travel in the evening hours and will remain in the yard for approximately 48 hours. YARD heARTS can be sent to ANYONE, not just Bethany members! But please keep it in the Fredericksburg zip code.

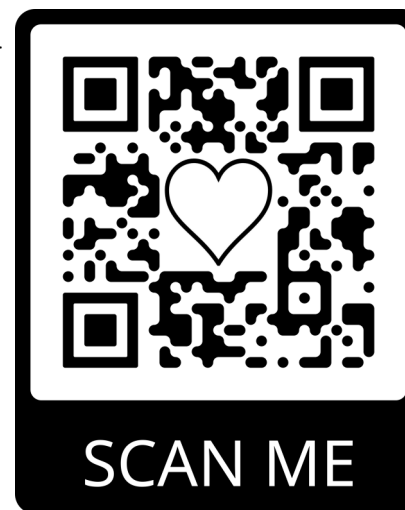
**** **HOWEVER**, our hearts may not be placed onto public property or at apartment complexes.*****

Please make checks payable to Bethany Youth and bring your check/cash along with your completed YARD heARTS Order Form to:

Bethany Lutheran Church, attn: Kiesha
110 W. Austin St.,
Fredericksburg, TX 78624

OR

Use the Venmo App:
[@BethanyFBG](https://www.venmo.com/BethanyFBG)





- **Mar. 4—(Monday)—WELCA board mtg**—4:00 in the downstairs breakfast bar
- **Mar. 7—Leah Circle**—9:30 am at the Bethany Fellowship Hall.
- **Mar. 12—Hope Circle**— 6:00 pm in the downstairs breakfast bar
- **Mar. 13 - The quilters**—9:00 am -will meet in the quilting/choir room downstairs.
- **Mar. 14—Lydia Circle**—1:30 pm in the downstairs breakfast bar (Note: temporary change in time—In May this circle will go back to 9:15 am.)
- **Mar. 20— Ruth Circle**— 9:00 am at the home of Lois Bush.



The Monthly WELCA offering for January went to:
The Needs Council



The Monthly WELCA offering for February went to
The Good Samaritan Center



Bold Woman Sunday

Sunday, March 3rd

Bethany WELCA will be recognizing our 2023 Bold Woman of the year!!

Summer Joint Bethany WELCA Luncheon

Date: Sunday, June 2, 2024

Time: after the 10:30 services

Place: TBD

Stay tuned for more information!!!!



*please
join us*

All women are invited to join in our WELCA activities. See above for times and places. We'd love to have you be a part of our circles or gathering!



A Friday of Prayer

This Good Friday, Bethany will host an all day prayer vigil starting at **7 a.m. and running until midnight.** The vigil will be in addition to our two worship services at 12:05 p.m. and 7 p.m.

The day of prayer on Good Friday was inspired by the experiences of those who attended the "Building Bright Futures" prayer vigil in October. Many spoke of how meaningful it was to spend time praying for the church, the community, and the world without any distractions, and several inquired if we could have another one.

Carl and Cristol Schoessow decided to lead Bethany in implementing another vigil, this time on Good Friday—a very appropriate day of prayer as we reflect on Jesus' sacrifice on that day and in preparation for Easter Sunday.

Sign up sheets can be found at the entrances to our worship spaces, and we encourage all who feel called to pray to select a time so that the entire day is covered.



New Sunday Radio Schedule

Bethany worship services will now be broadcast on KNAF-AM 910 every Sunday morning at 9:00 a.m. instead of our previous "once per month." Thus the schedule for morning worship broadcasts from our downtown Lutheran churches:

- **9:00 am Bethany Lutheran Church**
- **10:00 am Holy Ghost Lutheran Church**
- **10:30 am Zion Lutheran Church** 5

Eclipse Parking Lot Volunteers?

Monday, April 8

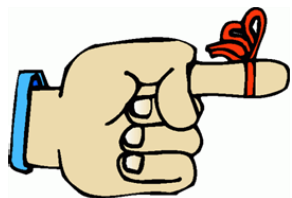
The Church Council is researching “best options” for Bethany property on Monday, April 8, when thousands of people come to Fredericksburg to see the total solar eclipse at 1:32 until 1:37 p.m. You won’t see that again until 2044! And one of the best places to see it in the USA is... Fredericksburg. We’re in the path of totality.

Are you available to monitor parking or observation space for our Bethany paved parking lot? Those are two options we’re considering, in addition to simply closing the lot. Realize, however, that any Bethany volunteers may not be able to drive home for at least 6 hours due to traffic congestion. So the most likely candidates to volunteer would be people who live near Bethany and would walk home.

The western unpaved “Hennig Lot” will possibly be used by vendors (or closed to traffic for observation space).

FYI: we will close our entrances Thursday April 4 until Sunday morning worship April 7, to avoid campers and tents being set up and thus allow for Sunday morning worship parking.

Check out www.VisitFredericksburgTx.Com/eclipse for a special detailed page with information for residents and visitors. Basically, residents should stay home April 8! The website also gives advice on safeguarding your property.



Just a Reminder!!!

Spring Break is
March 9th-17th.

(Parking along Austin St. will probably be full.)

BPS will be having class Mar. 11-14th. The preschool will be closed on Friday, March 15th.



Youth & Family



Save the Date!!!

Thursday, March 7th

Chicken Express is donating 15% of sales to Bethany Youth for our summer trips. Just mention Bethany any time after 5 pm that day!



Summer Dates to Remember

- **June 8-15**—Middle School (Current 6th & 7th grade) at Rainbow Trail
- **June 24-28**—Daycamp at Bethany (current Kinder-5th grade) Middle & High School and adult Volunteer Opportunities!!!!

***Daycamp Registration will not begin until late March/early April. Check back later, but **PUT IT ON YOUR CALENDAR!**

- **July 5-12**—High School (current 8th –12th grade) to Puerto Rico with Cross Trails Ministry
- **July 21-26**—Elementary (current 2nd—5th grade) at Camp Chrysallis in Kerrville.

(To register, please contact Kiesha ASAP!)

March 2024 TRADITIONAL WORSHIP & Holy Week

DATE	TIME	USHERS
Sun. Mar. 3	8:15	Wayne Klier- captain, Dorothy Klier, Jackie Kneese, Larry Ahrens
	10:30	Kenneth Treibs- captain Jaye Treibs, Jennifer Jenschke, Jaycee Treibs
Sun. Mar. 10	8:15	Bubba Schnelle- captain, Pam Schnelle,
	10:30	Jim Schultz- captain Constance Schultz, Shelba Fenimore
Sun. Mar. 17	8:15	Cindy Zenner- captain, Carol Seminara, Jerry Luckenbach, Todd Keener
	10:30	Ernie Loeffler- captain Karen Jo Loeffler, Sandra Kammlah, Tom Pahl
Palm Sun. Mar. 24	8:15	Dwight Oestreich - captain, Clara Kozielski
	10:30	Willard Dearing- captain Logan Ketron, Colleen Ketron, Shelley Gibbens
Maundy Thurs. Mar. 28	12:05	Willard Dearing- captain, Jerry Luckenbach, Wilma McAndrew, Beth Luckenbach
	7:00pm	Jim McAfee- captain Sharon Joseph, Karen & Ernie Loeffler
Good Fri. Mar. 29	12:05	Carl Schoessow- captain, Cristol Schoessow
	7:00 pm	Randy Busch- captain Lois Bush
Easter Sun. Mar. 31	7:00 am	Max Beckmann- captain, Bonnie Beckmann, Scott & Judy Brundridge
	10:30	Oliver Deike- captain Mary Alice Deike, Leland Geistweidt, Kathy Meybaum



Council Highlights



February 20, 2024

- Council appointed a small committee to oversee preparations for the Bethany property for the Eclipse on April. 8.
- Council heard an update on the Community Capital Campaign for the new Pre School Building, including a proposed Kick-Off date.
- Council approved the Aesthetics committee's proposal to renovate the restrooms nearest the narthex.
- Council approved the acceptance of new members to Bethany.



Financial Peace University

Financial Peace University, beginning Thursday, April 4, is a 9 week video curriculum taught by financial expert Dave Ramsay. Millions of people have gone through FPU and learned God's way of handling money, a life-change that comes when people learn to take control of their money. Sessions will meet from 7-8:30 pm here at Bethany in the Trinity Room. Cost is \$79 per couple. To sign up, call the church office (830) 997-0269. More details will follow.

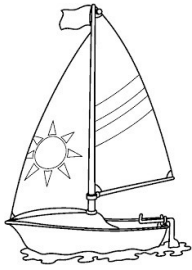


March Sunday School Offering will go to:

HealthWell Foundation
(healthwellfoundation.org)

Their Mission: To reduce financial barriers to care for underinsured patients with chronic or life-altering diseases.

(Middle School Sunday School class helped choose this)



Lifeboat Log : March 2024

Willing Helpers is a volunteer group at Heritage Place Assisted Living in Fredericksburg, eager to help local non-profits. We

are able to do various “table activities” such as folding and addressing mailings, writing request or thank-you notes, various arts and crafts or a variety of other tasks. Our purpose is to provide free assistance for the organizations that give so much to our community and the surrounding area.

BOAT has been a strong supporter of our group by apprising organizations they know of our service. We would ask that you join in by contacting any organization you know that we might be able to assist.

For more information or to book an activity, please contact Roberta Young by phone or text at 281-907-2030.

Thank you!



Car Day Is Coming!!!

Date: Saturday, March 2

Time: 9-11 AM

BOAT will be hosting a free Car Day clinic, Saturday, March 2, from 9-11 AM in the Bethany parking lot. Please stop by for fluid, belt, tire and battery checks and some TLC for your auto. And, recommend us to anyone who could use this service.

See ya there!

March 2024 PRAISE & WORSHIP (10:30)

	Leader Kid's Message	HOSTS	Communion Assistants Prayer Minister
Sun. Mar. 3	<u>Erik Iverson</u> Erik Iverson	Ken Smith Beth Iverson	No Communion <u>Erik Iverson</u>
Sun. Mar. 10	<u>Cheryl Flink</u> Cheryl Flink	Elizabeth Warriner (2)	Karen & Ralph Rode Steve & Mary Evans <u>Cheryl Flink</u>
Sun. Mar. 17	<u>Ken Smith</u> Ken Smith	Robert & Morgan McCall	No Communion <u>Ken Smith</u>
Palm Sun. Mar. 24	<u>Beth Luckenbach</u> Beth Luckenbach	Vic & Marion Nixon	Jaye Treibs (2) Ken Smith (2) <u>Beth Luckenbach</u>
Easter Sun. Mar. 31	<u>Mary Evans</u> Mary Evans	Danielle Geistweidt (2)	Ralph & Karen Rode Steve & Mary Evans <u>Mary Evans</u>



Quilters' Corner

(Here's the news from our quilters!!)

The Quilters will be meeting on their regular day—Wednesday, March 13th at 9:00 am.

We welcome everyone who has an interest in helping with LWR Quilts. There are many jobs like cutting squares, ironing fabric, sorting donated fabric, sewing squares together, as well as tying knots on the completed quilts. We do all of this while enjoying conversation, and even stopping for a coffee break!

We Have a Place For You!!



March 2024 Assisted Living

Location	Day	Time	Location	Day	Time
Knopp Assisted	Wed.3/6	9:30	Villages of Windcrest	Wed. 3/13	9:45
Knopp #2	Wed. 3/6	10:30	FBG NH	Wed. 3/13	10:45
Heritage Place	Thur.3/7	9:30	Knopp RC	Thur. 3/14	9:30
Windcrest	Thur. 3/7	10:30	Knopp #1	Thur. 3/14	10:30

Bethany: January/April/July/October

Holy Ghost: **March**/June/September/December

Zion: February/May/August/November

CELESTE CARE

VILLAGES OF WINDCREST

*Marion Welgehausen *Gloria Brooks

FBG NURSING HOME

*Russell Wahl

KNOPP HEALTHCARE & REHAB CTR (#1)

*Brandi Welgehausen *Linda Warriner *Claudia Kemper
*Audrey Gold *Jeanette Beckmann *Corine Schulz

KNOPP RETIREMENT

*Clarence Rose *Patricia "Trish" Schmidt

KNOPP (#2)

KNOPP Assisted Living Care Center

*Annabel Stein

WINDCREST NURSING & REHAB

HERITAGE

*Roberta Young *Frankie Law *Elizabeth Parsons

Alamo Ranch, San Antonio

*Audelle Burkey

Brother Steward

Renew! Rise up during Lent!



Centuries ago, Merry Olde England wasn't so merry. Brothers were persecuted by a despotic King. Monasteries were closed, the faithful jailed, and the clergy martyred.

Fast forward to today: the beginning of Lent. The word comes from Latin meaning "Spring": a time for renewal, rebirth, and a time for reflection on our faith and resurrection. We should use our time to renew prayers to resolve all ills in the world. We should use our talents to renew our battle against poverty and renounce greed. It is a time when we should use our treasure to renew our commitment to support our church and its ministries. And it is time to renew our allegiance to the Lord.

God Bless!





Sunday School & Adult Education Classes 2024

Who goes.....

- 2-5 year olds
- Kinder & 1st Grade
- 2nd & 3rd Grade
- 4th & 5th Grade
- Middle School
- High School
- Young Adults/Legacy Builder's
- Transitions Class
- Adult Bible Class

Where

- Room #100
- Room #103
- Room #101
- Room #105
- Room #113
- Room #112
- Room #115
- Trinity Room
- Sanctuary

Breakfast Bar Is Open!!!
9:00-9:30 am- Downstairs Kitchen



Breakfast Bar Teams for March

March 3: Team 7– Cheryl/Danny Flink— Alicia Elrod, Brittany Durst, Danielle Geistweidt, Carolyn Garza, Ginny Stehling, Karlene Ottmers, Mary Carleton

March 10: Team 8– Karen Oestreich— Eileen Whited, Debbie Tiemann, Ann Hostetter, Denise Stehling, Jackie Kneese, Cristol Schoesow, Annabel Wilkinson, Carolyn Carson

March 17: Team 9– Shane/Michele Willis— Will Stehling, Jody/Sheila Donovan, Greta Hartmann, Caroline Stafford, Dorothy Klier, Sharon Wendt

March 24: (Palm Sunday) Team 10– Beth/Erik Iverson— Kiesha Priem, Teri Ewing, Donna Beckmann, Kara Anderson, Chrissy Stuewe, Kelly Urbanec, Lyn Farris

March 31: (Easter) Fellowship Team– various team members

March 2024 TRADITIONAL WORSHIP and HOLY WEEK COMMUNION

Date	Time	Communion Assistants
Sun. Mar. 3	8:15	Shirley Sagebiel, Carol Seminara
	10:30	Jim & Constance Schultz, Mike Stolpe
Sun. Mar. 10	8:15	No Communion
	10:30	No Communion
Sun. Mar. 17	8:15	Mike & Sue Sagebiel
	10:30	Jean Weber, Ben & Elizabeth Warriner
Palm Sun. Mar. 24	8:15	No Communion
	10:30	No Communion
Maundy Thur Mar. 28	12:05	David & Sharon Browne
	7:00	Weldon & Jet Itz
Good Fri. Mar. 29	12:05	No Communion
	7:00	No Communion
Easter Sun. Mar. 31	7:00 am	Beth Luckenbach, Rose Marie Mazanke
	10:30	Joyce Richey, Jean Weber, Becky Dittmar, Keith & Eileen Whited & TBD



March Birthdays

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| 1 – Danny McQuay
Trey Schnelle | 11 – Lucinda Zesch
Kinsley Rabke | 23 – Ginny Tillman |
| 3 – Seth Bonillas
Judy Enderlin
Kaitlyn Evans
JR Hartmann
Courtney Ottmers Eddins | 12 – Luke Oestreich
Rick Slaughter | 24 – Mary Evans
Margie Hohmann
Allen Marshall
Janet Rode |
| 5 – Donald Eckhardt | 13 – Linda McCann | 25 – Deanna Christensen
Ellen Cleaton
Carlene Grobe
Gayle McQuay
Sydney Windham-Llanes |
| 6 – Ethan Flink
Mary Greene
Sandra Hohmann
Daniel Stehling | 14 – Brooklyn Grobe
Sharon Millsap | 27 – Debbie Cox
Pat Laughlin
Katlin Millsap |
| 7 – Fred Eiler
Sidney Nixon
Kenneth Treibs | 15 – Zander Maner
Bailee Treibs | 28 – Kyle Kneese
Liston Tronstad |
| 8 – Kenneth Hoffmann
Gary McCready
Jena Ottmers
Mary Perry Monkhouse
Ashley Wipff | 16 – Evie Cox
Jordan Cox | 29 – Kathy Hill |
| 9 – Kiesha Priem | 17 – Carl Schoessow
Corine Schultz | 30 – Ida Crenwelge
Anton Loest
Jane Perry |
| 10 – Dawson Holland
Eunice Pape
Mike Sagebiel | 18 – Evan Bell
Stacy Rush | 31 – Kaden Ottmers
Cassy Schoessow
Knox Padgett |
| | 19 – Shannon Smith | |
| | 20 – Chris Schoessow
Sarah Whited Amann | |
| | 21 – Kyla Atkins
Bill Hill
Eston Epton
Kendra Ottmers | |
| | 22 – Elizabeth Dulaney
Leland Geistweidt | |



First Communion Class

(current 4th grade & above)

Palm Sunday, March 24 at 11:45

Pastor Kevin, Kiesha, and Pastor Casey will have a first communion class for fourth graders and those older students who have not yet communed. The class is Palm Sunday, March 24 at 11:45 and includes lunch. The students will bake unleavened bread (with honey!) for distribution at First Communion worship, Maundy Thursday, 7 pm.

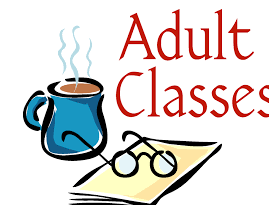
Below are those (known) eligible for First Communion this year:

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| Klara Atkins | Keaton Gold | Alayna Pape |
| Stanton Cantwell | Ezra Graham | Grant Peyton |
| Grayson Durst | Calen Holland | Callie Rabke |
| Mila Fowler | Chase Lombardi | McKenzie Robison |
| Bryant Gold | Kinsley Magee | Abigail Warriner |

Please let Kiesha know if anyone is missing or needs to be removed from the list.



March Adult Sunday Schedule 9:20 a.m.



Adult Classes

Adult Bible Class-

The Adult Bible Class will be studying the Psalms beginning the second Sunday of March. This class meets in the overflow area at the back of the sanctuary with the pastors. People of all ages are welcome. Please come and join us!



Transitions Class-

For March the Transitions Class will be starting a study with Adam Hamilton,

“Wrestling with Doubt, Finding Faith.”

This class meets in room 205 (Trinity Room) at 9:20 am. Please join us for scripture, encouragement, insight, and great fellowship!

Legacy Builders-

For March, we will be studying the Lenten series, “Final Words from the Cross”

by Adam Hamilton. This class meets downstairs in room 115. Please join us for lively discussions and great fellowship!





Special Offering for March
Mision de Candellia



For more than 30 years, Mision de Candellilla has served as a primarily medical non-denominational Christian mission to 9 Ejdos (villages) in remote northern Mexico. In addition to medical care to those villages, they also provide wellness clinics to small schools, provided school supplies, and offer construction trips for these villages. Through these trips with local volunteers, they not only change the lives of those they serve in Mexico but also those who go to serve.

Mision de Candellilla is a 501©(3) non-profit. Use the special monthly offering envelope in your packet, a pew envelope, or simply a check made out to Bethany Lutheran and Mision de Candellilla on the memo line to benefit this worthy cause.



March 2024 Altar Guild

Traditional:

Marjorie Ottmers, Pat McCready, Shelba Fenimore

Contemporary:

Sandra Swearingen, Kathy Marquardt

Maundy Thursday:

Karen Oestreich, Constance Schultz,
Chrissy Stuewe, Jean Weber



First Bibles to be Presented on Palm Sunday!

First Bibles will be presented on Palm Sunday, March 24th, to our 2 year olds and 3rd graders. The 3rd grade Bibles will be displayed outside the Fellowship Hall, starting March 10, for people to highlight 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.)

Blake Edeen
Millie Flink
Devon Lucero
Cooper Jung
August Neans
Matthew Priess
Kinsley Rabke
Camden Robison
Cash Robison
Connor Sides
Hawkins Staudt
Daniel Stehling
Boen Stone

Daisy Straube
Beckett Ward
Cheyenne Feller

2 year olds

Fields Farnhof
Caden Fowler
Finnley Gonzales
Norris Jones
Tobias Littlejohn
Haven Lozano
Emily Usener

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

BLC Dollars & Cents

	Jan 2024	Year to Date
Gen Fund Income	\$75,754.95	\$75,754.95
Gen fund Expenses	\$61,849.52	\$61,849.52
Surplus:	\$13,905.43	\$13,905.43

Balances Other Funds

Designated Accounts: \$222,143.83

Capital Improvement/Hennig Fund (SSBT): \$56,255.19

Capital Improvement/Hennig CD (Guadalupe): \$81,127.12

Pre School Building Fund:

SSBT:	\$950,359.70
TX Hill Country CD:	\$202,268.50
Stein (Ed Jones):	\$307,343.57
Total:	\$1,459,971.77

Emergency Aid Fund (Chase): \$8,201.68

Contingency (Guadalupe) - Money Market Account:
\$107,388.91

ELCA Mission Fund (Investment Account): \$35,000.00

Broadway Bank (CD—Hein Estate Gift): \$171,159.25

Monthly Special Offerings—2024

January—Der Stadt Friedhof—\$3,890

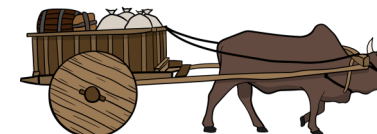
Fort Martin Scott to Celebrate 175 Years

Everyone is invited to attend the commemoration events marking the 175th anniversary of Fort Martin Scott. On Friday, March 8, bring your lawn chair or blanket, a picnic supper, and a flashlight to the fort's parade ground at 4 PM for the commemoration, and stay for a "concert under the stars" by the U.S. Army's concert band from Ft. Sam Houston. On Saturday, March 9, there will be dozens of living history reenactors who will depict the growth of Fredericksburg along with the military in the western part of the state from 1848-1900. Admission is free, and there will be food trucks on site selling refreshments. On Saturday and Sunday, the Texas Rangers Heritage center next door to the fort will hold their annual Celebrate Texas! Event. Lots for the family members of all ages to see and do!

For more information, contact Eric Hammersen,
Cell—703-477-4131

Or contact Andrea Schmidt, Director of Parks & Recreation at:

(830) 997-7521



Bethany Church Council 2024

(Meets the 3rd Tuesday @ 6:00 pm)

Tim Dahlstrom, President

Dave Browne, Vice President

Danny Flink, Secretary

Members:

Becky Dittmar	Autumn Holland
Sheila Donovan	Mike Stolpe
Brenda Doerre	Ben Warriner
Katie Jung	Cristol Schoessow
Randy Busch	
Pastor Casey Zesch	Pastor Kevin Haug

Committees and Council Reps:

Evangelism—Dave Browne

Fellowship—Cristol Schoessow

Finance—Becky Dittmar

CYFM—Katie Jung

Preschool Board—Tim Dahlstrom

Property & Mgmt—Sheila Donovan

Social Concerns—Mike Stolpe

Stewardship—Brenda Doerre

Traditional Worship—Autumn Holland

Praise & Worship—Randy Busch



Bethany Lutheran Church welcomes our new members. So glad to have you a part of our congregation!!

- Nitis Brock
- Frank & Jamie Davis
- Ryan & Holly Feller, Cheyenne Feller
- Jobby and Millie Johnson
 - Michelle Lange
 - Bev Pankratz



Bethany Foundation Roster For 2024

- Merrily Hartmann, President
- Beth Luckenbach, Secretary
- Joyce Richey, Treasurer
- Keith Whited
- Jody Donovan
- Lindy Haley
- Erik Iverson
- Mike Myers
- Chase Perry

Ex-officio, Non-voting Members:

Pastor Casey Zesch, Sr. Pastor, BLC

Tim Dahlstrom, President of BLC Council



We Won't Do This

Recently, church members have received emails from “Pastor Casey” asking for gift cards. Please know that these emails are fake and are put together by people who are trying to get money out of you. The church office and staff will not solicit money or gift cards from you in this manner. We will do it the old fashioned way, with announcements at church!

Just kidding. The church office and staff will not ask for money or gift cards through email or text. Sketchy characters will try to imitate staff because our names and emails are public information. Look carefully at the sender’s supposed email address, and you will easily see that they did not originate in the church office.

If you are unsure about any particular email or text, please call the church office or staff to make sure it originated at the church and not with someone trying to take advantage of you.

Pastor Kevin Haug

Bethany Preschool Board Members- 2024

- Pastor Casey Zesch
- Cheryl Flink
- Jessica Schulz
- Monica Jinright
- Tyler Turbeville
- Ben Warriner
- Andy Farnhoff
- Justin Hagendorf
- Crystal Ristau
- Courtney Mechler
- Karis Edeen
- Michael Yosko
- Will Cooper



GriefShare – from Mourning To Joy

Bethany began it’s third offering of a grief support program called “GriefShare” on January 18. The class is offered on Thursdays through April 18, from 10:00 a.m. until noon. It is designed to provide sustained, personal support and helps a grieving person move from mourning to joy. Pastor Tiemann and a team of lay leaders facilitate the sessions that are a part of this program. The class is free and you can join at any time. The videos that are watched are available online and the participant workbook walks through the conversations.

For more information, contact:

Rev. Ray Tiemann, Visitation Pastor,

(email) tiemann200@gmail.com or (mobile) 830-456-6948

or

Wilma McAndrew, Lay Leader,

(email) dwmcandrew@yahoo.com or (mobile) 830-644-2092.

or

Kathy Meybaum, Lay Leader,

(email) knktexas@ctesc.net or (mobile) 830-998-0349

Peace,

Ray Tiemann, Visitation Pastor

Bethany Lutheran Church

Fredericksburg, TX



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.

Tickets on Sale!!

Bethany Preschool

Please Join Us!!

5th Annual Texas Made—Texas Raised

7:00 PM—10:30 PM

It's time for our annual FUN-raiser.

Texas Made Texas Raised (TMTR) will be held on **March 21st**

at the Vista Oaks Event Center. We will have local wineries donating wines, delicious food, beer, and this year we are featuring a specialty cocktail.

Individual tickets are **\$75 each**, or we have sponsorship options available:

- Diamond Level—**\$5,000**
- Platinum Level—**\$2,500**
- Gold Level—**\$1,000**

Scan the QR code to purchase tickets or become a sponsor! We look forward to celebrating our Preschool with you!! Anyone can call the BPS office 830-997-8751 or walk in to purchase tickets. Please see Jessica. Have cash or check in the exact amount—\$75.00.



Purchase Tickets Here



SCAN ME



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Wednesdays, as well as Sundays. As many of you may have experienced, growing up in Fredericksburg, (I remember when I was in middle school) Wednesdays were considered as church days and seemed to be sacred. We never had games on Wednesdays, and after school practice was always over in time for us to walk to church for Confirmation. But that is not the case anymore as our society seems to continue to move at a faster pace. We, as a church, need to find ways to keep up with that fast pace, while remaining committed to teaching and passing on the faith to the next generations.

April 2-11 I'm heading to Kansas City, Missouri, and while I'm there, I'll be visiting three different Lutheran churches in the area to talk with their pastors and staff about how Confirmation programs work in their churches. I'm also planning on sitting in on a few Confirmation classes. I'm hoping to learn a few things from my colleagues in Kansas and be able to bring those ideas home to help reshape what Bethany's middle school programs will look like in the future.

April 13-18 I'll be headed to San Juan, Puerto Rico. Bethany's high school youth are preparing to go to Puerto Rico for a mission trip with Cross Trails, and I'm blessed to be able to go ahead of time to scope things out and make some connections while I am there. I'll be doing some projects with Cross Trails Ministry alongside other adults from Palm Valley Lutheran in Round Rock and Emanuel's Lutheran Church in Seguin.

April 19, my cousin is getting married in Kyle, so I'll rush back for that, and then I'll take the rest of my time in April to rest and reflect.

While I'm away, CYFM is helping to find substitutes on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Sundays to teach in my place. I am so very grateful for Bethany youth and families, and all of our members who are committed to helping raise the next generations in their faith in Christ Jesus. Please keep our youth programs in prayer in April. I'm not very good at asking, but I would also appreciate your prayers as I travel, learn, grow and rest, while encountering Jesus along the way. Thank you for giving me this gift of time.



A Few Words from our Youth Minister

Kiesha Priem

“Sabbatical? What’s that?” That’s usually the question I get when I talk about the journey I’m about to embark on. In the words of Steve Dulin, Sabbatical time is used “to strengthen your relationship with the Lord. The word ‘sabbatical’ comes from the word ‘Sabbath,’ which is a day of rest dedicated to God. Essentially, a sabbatical is several Sabbaths put together.” So, I am taking some time away to study, learn, grow in faith, and rest. (And I’m coming back! Don’t worry!)

According to Shane Sanchez, with Orange Ministries, “at last check, the average tenure of a youth pastor is typically 18 months.” This August will mark my 10th year serving as the Director of Children, Youth & Family Ministries, here at Bethany. Can you believe it? Sometimes I can’t. I love what I do here, and I consider Bethany congregation to be my family. But sometimes you just get tired. You need rest and time for renewal. I hope to come back with a fresh perspective and renewed energy after my sabbatical time.

I will be taking the first part of my sabbatical April 1-28, 2024. The second part will be October 14-November 10, 2024. The studying and learning aspect of my sabbatical will focus on Confirmation programs at different churches, so I needed to plan it during times when Confirmation is “in session.” This rules out summer and any holidays like Thanksgiving, Christmas, etc; therefore I chose to break my time into these two chunks of time.

Bethany has been blessed to be very close to Fredericksburg Middle School. This allows kids to safely walk together after school to Bethany for Jumpstart (our 6th grade program) and Confirmation (our 7-8th grade program) on Wednesdays. We also have middle schoolers that walk over, who volunteer to help with our Elementary Kids at Faith Foundations after school on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Fredericksburg is building a new Middle School, which will NOT be a block away. While this is much needed in our community, it’s forcing us to re-think our middle school programs and how they function. We have also been struggling to compete for kids’ time with athletic schedules and other events (both school sanctioned and extracurricular) on

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Building Bright Futures Community Campaign Launches in March

The Building Bright Futures Community Capital Campaign Committee is working diligently on finalizing sales literature and creating an extensive list of potential community donors to the new Bethany Preschool. The plan is to announce the community capital campaign at the Bethany Preschool fundraiser, Texas Made Texas Raised, on March 21st and then proceed with community asks.

If you know of an individual, a business owner or foundation that may be interested in helping with our local childcare crisis by making a donation to the new preschool facility, please let Jody Donovan, Community Capital Campaign Chairman, or one of the Pastors know who that is, and the committee will reach out after March 21st.

Thank you!



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

(Easter Egg hunt is on Saturday, March 30th!)

******See p. 19 for more information on the Easter Egg hunt!******



Our Needs Council Christmas Families were very grateful for the kindness Bethany showed them at Christmas Time!!

I thank you from the bottom of my heart for your kindness and pure generosity for the sake of my family.



Thank you so much for the wonderful gifts. God Bless you and Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Thank you so much—we appreciate everything—
God bless +
Merry Christmas



♡ Thank you for giving us a happy, joyful Christmas! Merry Christmas! 😊

Thank-you for making this Christmas possible!!



Thank y'all for everything. Hope y'all have a wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year!



World Day of Prayer
Friday, March 1, 2024
Time: 11:00 am
Place: Bethany Lutheran Church

The World Day of Prayer is an ecumenical movement inspired by the motto "Informed Prayer and Prayerful Action." We follow the example of Jesus Christ, who prayed from a place of knowledge and care for the world, and who acted from a place of prayer and connection to God.

This year Bethany Lutheran Church will be hosting the World Day of Prayer for Fredericksburg. Volunteers are needed to help with this event. Please see your circle leaders for more information.



*Thank you,
Bethany
Foundation!*

From John Willome,
Executive Director
At the Good Samaritan Center

I am so touched by the generous grant you awarded to our diabetes program. Thank you! Your partnership since 2009 has made a difference in thousands of patients' lives as we have helped them manage their diabetes. I hope you all have a lot of joy from the partnership you have with us and so many others in the community.



A Few Words from our BPS Director: Cheryl Flink

Hosea 12:6 But you must return to your God; maintain love and justice, and wait for your God always.



A HUGE “Thank You” for the generous donations received during the February Special Offering!! Part of our ministry is providing financial aid and scholarships to families that need assistance. At this time, we have 4 families utilizing the financial assistance on a monthly basis which costs \$1,287 per month. This number fluctuates depending on what our families may need in emergency circumstances. Families can apply for financial assistance by completing an application which is then reviewed by a confidential committee. We will use the funds donated from the February offering to refill our financial aid bank! We are grateful to be able to continue providing assistance to families in need!

We hope to see you at Texas Made Texas Raised on March 21st, where we can all join in fellowship together to support Bethany Preschool and the children of Fredericksburg. Check out the link to become a sponsor or purchase individual tickets!

<http://texas-made-texas-raised.ticketleap.com/>

In His Name,
Cheryl Flink, BPS Director



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