

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
3rd Sunday of Easter ✝ April 14, 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: Carol Eckhardt, Robert Gibbens, Audrey Gold, Weldon Griffin, Maurice Hohmann, Nic Jones, Sharon Joseph, Marian Klein, Dorothy Klier, Hillary Rabke, Charles Reaves, Bill Smallwood, Denise Stehling, & Jarrod Stokes.

OUR SYMPATHY to Kim Sedgewick & family upon the passing of her mother, Dolores Klussmann.

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 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.

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 pork, plus potato salad and green beans. The Fellowship Committee will provide desserts. Donations for meal are gladly accepted!

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!

Upcoming Events

May 12: Confirmation Day

May 19: Recognition of Bethany's 2024 High School Graduates,
Baccalaureate service at First Baptist

May 23-25: Crawfish Festival – parking lot fundraiser

May 27: Memorial Day

Third Sunday of Easter, April 14, 2024

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

Mon April 15	Facebook Morning Prayer
Tue April 16	9:00 Staff Meeting 4:00 Faith Foundations 5:15 Bell Choir 5:45 Property Management 6:00 Church Council 6:00 Hope Circle
Wed April 17	9:00 Ruth Circle 11:00 Fellowship Hall Reserved – Military Flyers 4:00 Jumpstart 5:00 Confirmation 5:00 Fellowship Hall Reserved – Lion's Club
Thur April 18	9:15 Preschool Chapel 10:00 GriefShare Class 10:30 Ministerial Assoc. 4:00 Faith Foundations 4:30 Chancel Choir 5:45 BOAT
Fri April 19	
Sat April 20	Confirmation Retreat – 8 th graders & parents
Sun April 21	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

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: Cheryl Flink **Kids Sermon:** Cheryl Flink