



Join the Fun at Aebleskiver Fest!

Saturday, February 24th

9:00 am - 2:00 pm

\$10 for 12 yr-adults, \$5 for children, children 3 and under free

It's that time again! Time to pull out the Aebleskiver pans and costumes, the posters and the tickets – it's Aebleskiver time! Things are already well under way for our annual Aebleskiver Fest held this year on February 24th, 9:00 am – 2:00 pm.

We are in need of EVERYONE's help in making this year's Aebleskiver Fest the best ever! Information is up on the hallway bulletin board for donating themed baskets for the raffle. **Please bring your basket items to the Aebleskiver room by February 14th.** Sign-up sheets for food donations and volunteer shifts are also in the hallway. You can always give money to help buy the sausage!

We are also looking for crafts and food for the Craft & Bake Sale. Please price your items. Please have your items at the church by February 23rd.
Set up for Aebleskiver will be on Friday at 10am.

This year's Aebleskiver profits will be divided between Crossways Camping Ministries, Ecumenical Partnership for House (EPH), Feed My Starving Children, Lutheran Social Services, and Bethel Ministries.

If you know somewhere to hang a flyer and help us advertise this event, please pick up flyers in the church office or lounge and distribute where you are able. Tickets may be picked up to be sold by church members between services on Sundays or by stopping into the church office during weekday office hours.

Bethel's 2023 Annual Meeting
Sunday, February 18, 2024 (after worship)

The agenda includes report approvals and committee elections. The meeting will only be in person. Reports are available to pick up at the church office or in the lounge.

Easter Flowers
Orders due by
Sunday, March 3rd
See page 6 for order
information

From the Desk of Pastor Kim

It seems we have just finished Christmas and here I am already writing about Lent. This Lent, we are focusing on the life and faith of one of Jesus' most famous disciples. In Peter, we see a person who is both steadfast and unsteady, a dear friend and a betrayer, a follower and a wanderer. In Peter, we often see ourselves.



For each step of Peter's faith journey, we will use phrases from the lyrics of the song, "Come Thou Fount." As we follow Peter's story, we will sing our way through Lent, binding our wandering hearts to God. We will also reflect on the stages of our own faith journeys as well as who and what has shaped us along the way. Doing so, we will be reminded that God loves imperfect people - in fact, time and again, that's precisely who God claims and calls. As we wander this Lent, let us tune our hearts to sing God's grace. May we rest in the streams of mercy, never ceasing.

To assist you in this journey, you can find the online devotional [HERE](#). There will be printed copies in the lounge as well as devotional cards. Also watch and interact with Bethel's Facebook page.

During the joint midweek worship, we will focus on the psalms of the season and learn a little more about the Psalms and how they can be songs for our lives just like they were for the original hearers.

Bethel T-Shirt Order

We will be submitting an order for red Bethel T-shirts with the Bethel logo in time for Aebleskiver Fest. Shirts are \$12.50 for children sizes and \$15 and up for adult sizes. Please sign-up in the hallway and submit a ½ sheet order form **by Sunday, February 3rd!** This year, the t-shirts will be thinner and softer (like the Thrivent t-shirts we all love!).



Advent & Christmas Thanks!

Thank you to all who helped make the Advent and Christmas Season so wonderful. Special thanks to the Bethel Choir, Tone Chimes, Diane, Tori, & Dawn.

Weather Cancellations

Cancellations due to winter weather conditions will be announced on our Facebook page, through email, and on WBAY - Channel 2 & WFRV - Channel 5. We follow the Green Bay Area Public Schools for cancellations. All church events, classes, and meetings will be canceled if GBAPS announces closure/cancellation.



"Valentines are red, Wednesday's ashes are gray,
You can't spell Valentine without LENT on this day."

Join us for Ash Wednesday at Bethel
Services at 1:00 pm + 6:30 pm

Wednesdays in Lent at 6:30 pm

February 21st at Resurrection
(1024 Shawano Ave)

February 28th at Bethel

March 6th at Resurrection

March 13th at Bethel

March 20th at Resurrection

During Lent, we will again be worshipping with Resurrection Lutheran Church, rotating Wednesdays. All midweek worship services will be at 6:30pm. For the sake of the community, please plan on attending regardless of the location.

Bible Studies at Bethel

Grace Study Group will begin meeting together on Thursday, February 1st at 10:00am in the church lounge. Pastor Kim will lead our new study on Ruth. Doris will host.

Joy Study Group will meet on Tuesday, February 20th at 6:30pm in the church lounge. Linda G will host.

BBB's will meet on Tuesday, February 28 at 6:00pm at Fox Harbor for supper and conversation.

Beer & Theology will meet on Tuesday, February 21st at 5:30pm at The Bar Next Door/Cheesecake Heaven. Topic: Favorite Hymn

Confirmation

Will meet on **Wednesday, February 7th** at 5:00pm with Mentors as we discuss the Beatitudes. All Confirmands are expected to be at the Ash Wednesday service on **February 14th** at 6:30pm. Our next class will be **Wednesday, February 21st** from 5-6pm only learning about the Parables.



Our Sympathy



We extend our sympathy to the family of Ronald Wesoloski. Ron died on December 31st. His funeral was held January 5th at St. Benedict Catholic Church.



We extend our sympathy to the family of Roberta Krouth. Roberta died on January 2nd. Roberta's funeral was at Bethel on January 12th.



We extend our sympathy to the family of Florence Niemuth. Florence died January 15th. Florence's funeral was at Bethel on January 20th.

Memorials & Gifts

Tone Chimes
In Honor of Diane Meinel
Music & Arts Fund

Elaine & Dennus Klopstein
In Memory of Joel Westerfeld
Music & Arts Fund

Terri Hilbert
In Memory of Dan Bittner
Feed My Starving Children

Marilyn & Marv Meister
In Memory of Donald Sigl
Feed My Starving Children

Peggy Hansen
In Memory of Sue Davie
Feed My Starving Children

Todd & Sue Keckhaver
In Memory of Roberta Krouth
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In Memory of Roberta Krouth
Music & Arts Fund

Elaine & Dennus Klopstein
In Memory of Florence Niemuth
Music & Arts Fund

Mission Opportunities

Resurrection Food Pantry Items always needed include: baked beans such as pork and beans and great northern. Please bring only cans, not glass jars, canned meals, Jello. Also needed at this time cookies, pasta, large cans of pasta sauce 24 oz. Canned fruit & vegetables will be needed later this winter. They also are always in need of laundry soap.

NEW Community Shelter Meal will be served in collaboration with Trinity and Resurrection churches on **Sunday, February 11th**. Six dozen bars/cookies are needed for this meal. Please sign up on the bulletin board.

February Birthdays



Chad Peters 2/1
Johanna Christian 2/3

Jennifer Anderson 2/4
Emilia Petersen 2/5
Jill Dequaine 2/6
Caryl Peters 2/6
Sharon Bryfczynski 2/7
Diane Wesoloski 2/9
Clifford Buchert 2/16
Ashley Hietpas 2/16
Michael Ashley 2/17
Vivian Schwartz 2/18

Michelle Wainio 2/18
Kathy Forrest 2/19
Sharon Hilla 2/19
Nancy Johnson 2/20
Bruce Nohr 2/21
Kevin Huth 2/22
Melissa Lepp 2/22
Ronald Neimuth 2/23
Aubrey White 2/25
Sandra Elbe 2/26
Rick Pendl 2/27

February Anniversaries

Doug & Marsha Scholes 2/18 24 Years
Doug & Jodi Burmeister 2/29 32 Years



Bethel Prayer Concerns

Austin Tree
Baby Wesley
Becky Pilon
Betty Jensen
Berne Baer
Carol Peters
Steven Gibson
Kristen Daily
CJ Johnston
Willow Van Vonderen
Mellissa Montevideo
Nancy Johnson
Pat Larson

Donna Hansen
Elaine Barber
Eldon Wade
Karen Koblenz
Kathy Towle
Ken Claussen
Christina Petzel
Tyler T
Lottie Jaworski
Dan Conard
David
David Hanson

Ralph Addison
Ron Kasulke
Sandie Sheire
Sandy & Dave Elbe
Shirley Johnson





Easter is Just Around the Corner! Order Your Easter Flowers Today!



This year we will again be ordering our Easter flowers from Festival Foods. Easter lilies or tulips are the options you can choose from. Cost of lilies and tulips will be \$12 each. If you would like to order a flower to decorate the church in honor or in memory of someone, **please fill an order form found in the office or lounge and return to the church with your payment no later than Sunday, March 4th.**

Please know that you may order one plant and have multiple designations in honor of or in memory of. The money counters greatly appreciate if your flower payment is kept separate from your regular offerings. Because we need to place the orders in early March, we cannot accept late orders. Checks can be made out to Bethel Lutheran Church. Thank you!

Thrivent Membership Benefits

Did you know that as a Thrivent member, you can direct **Thrivent Choice Dollars** to Bethel at no expense to you? Last year we received \$_____ from members' designation of their choice dollars to Bethel. If you have not done so yet, you have until March 31, 2024 to designate your 2023 Thrivent Choice Dollars by contacting Thrivent.



As a member, you can also apply for 2 **Thrivent Action Team Grants** a year, up to \$250/each. You just need your Thrivent ID and a phone. Pastor Kim is able to help you! Let's think big and use this great benefit for Bethel and our community.

Not a member? It is easy to sign up for an **Associate Member** for \$20 and then you too could apply for 1 Thrivent Action Team Grant/year!



Time to clean out your stash of purses, ladies! We are collecting purses, socks, feminine products, and other goodies for the Resurrection Food Pantry. Please also ask your friends and family! We have been tasked to fill the purses with items women would appreciate and use. All interested, will gather quarterly or as needed to fill the bags full of hope for the women who visit the Pantry. Thanks in advance!

Congregational Budget Minutes

Sunday, December 10, 2023

(Awaiting approval at the Annual Meeting)

Attending: 46 Congregational Members

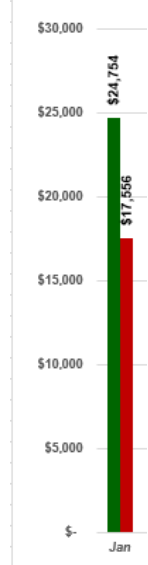
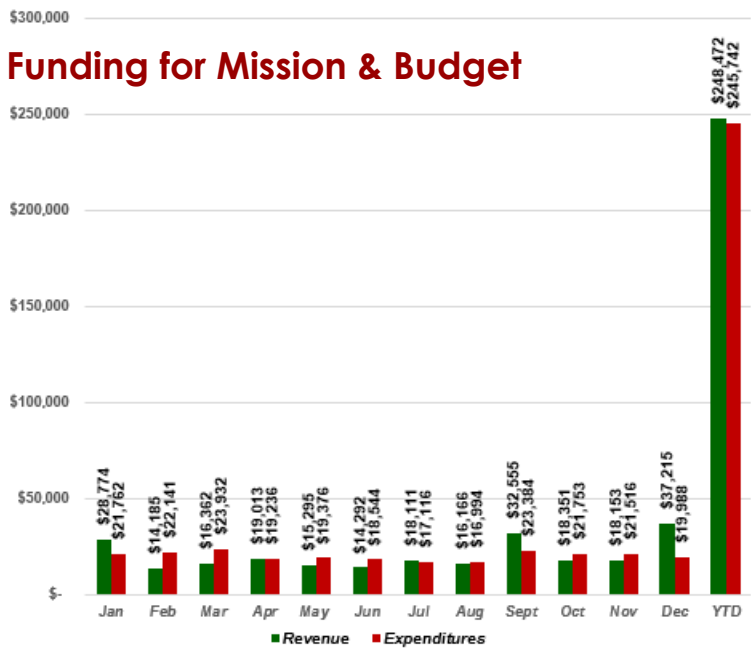
Call to Order & Prayer: Meeting called to order by Charlie Hilla at 9:55 a.m. Pastor Kim opened the meeting with a prayer.

Budget: Charlie thanked the Budget committee for their work on the proposed budget and then reviewed the highlights and changes on the budget. He then opened it up for questions and discussion. The budget passed.

Adjourn: Closed with the Lord's Prayer and adjourned at 10:10 a.m.

Respectfully submitted, Marilyn Meister, Council Secretary

Funding for Mission & Budget



2023 YTD

2024 YTD

	Revenue	Expenditures
December	\$37,215	\$19,988
2023 YTD	\$248,472	\$245,742

THANK YOU!

January	\$24,754	\$17,556	2024 Monthly Budget: \$18,743
			2024 Total Budget: \$224,917

Congregation Council Minute HIGHLIGHTS

Sunday, December 10, 2023

Present : Pegi BeDell, Doris Brack, Linda Grunewald, Charlie Hilla, Todd Keckhaver, Marilyn Meister, Cindy Michalski, Gayle Peot, Linda Wery, Pastor Kim Swenson **Excused:** Gayle Peot

Call to Order: Charlie Hilla called the meeting to order at 10:21 a.m.

Dwelling in the Word: Todd led Dwelling in the Word with a story of his own "Reflections Full Circle," and then led the opening prayer

REPORTS:

Secretary's & Parish Accountant's Reports: Received as submitted.

Pastor's Report: Received as submitted. Additional: Tori and Diane would like to propose no Palm Sunday Cantata this year and instead purchase new choir music for Holy Week Services.

NEW BUSINESS:

Annual Meeting: The annual meeting of the church will be February 18, 2024. We need nominations for Personnel, Nominating and Voting Members to affiliated meetings.

Office Hours: Dawn Schroeder is helping out in the office until a new secretary is found. The office hours are 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. The sign on the door and the Website need to be updated for the current hours.

Crossways Camping: Cindy will get some information that we can post on camping opportunities for 2024

Brat Barn for 2024: Linda W will check with Festival Foods about signing up for some dates to do another Brat Fry money raiser for the church

OLD BUSINESS

Budget 2024: The Budget for 2024 was reviewed at the December 10 congregational meeting. There was an opportunity for questions and opinions and then a vote was taken. The budget was approved by majority vote.

Thrivent Support Presentation: Set for January 14.

Aebleskiver Update: Sign-up sheets will be posted in January.

Photo Directory Update: We are still in need of many pictures. Council members will call those who have not submitted pictures to encourage them to do so or to come in to have one taken.

Kitchen Stove: Charlie contacted the company and the diagnostic check has been done. They will be coming back. The venting system has been cleaned

Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 11:20 a.m. and closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Marilyn Meister, Council Secretary

Congregation Council Minute HIGHLIGHTS

Monday, January 8, 2023

(Awaiting approval at the February Church Council meeting)

Present : Pegi BeDell, Doris Brack, Linda Grunewald, Charlie Hilla, Todd Keckhaver, Marilyn Meister, Cindy Michalski, Gayle Peot, Linda Wery, Pastor Kim Swenson **Guest:** April Martin

Call to Order: Charlie Hilla called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Dwelling in the Word: Pastor Kim led Dwelling in the Word with reference to Matthew 2:1-12 about the Wise Ones and led the opening prayer with the song "We Three Kings of Orient Are."

REPORTS:

Secretary's, Parish Accountant's & Pastor's Reports: Received as submitted.

NEW BUSINESS:

Crossways Camping: Cindy gave a report on Crossways Camping Ministries. They have a new address: W8160 Cloverleaf Lake Rd, Clintonville, WI 54929. Their annual meeting will be March 16, 2024 at St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Neenah, WI.

OLD BUSINESS:

Aebleskiver Update: April reported that she felt last year went well. We will again serve from 9:00 to 2:00 on February 24. Ticket prices will remain the same. Signup sheets for workers, supplies and baskets will go up soon. Todd will put up the banner outside. Items for baskets should be in by February 19 and put in the Aebleskiver room.

Photo Directory Update: Pastor reported we now have 64 pictures. Council members will call those who have not submitted pictures to encourage them to do so or come in to have one taken.

Annual Meeting nominations: Linda G will work with the Nominating committee to get nominees for committee vacancies.

Handbags of Hope Ministry: Marilyn will contact Larry Petersen from Resurrection to find out what is needed to get started on this ministry.

Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and Easter Services: With the recommendation of the Music and Ministry Committee the services will be as follows: Ash Wednesday 1:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m., Good Friday 1:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m., Easter Sunday 9:00 a.m. Rolls will be served on Palm Sunday.

Brat Barn: Linda W reported that sign up times are not available yet for this year. She will keep checking and trying times in May, June and September.

Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m. and closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted, Marilyn Meister, Council Secretary



Service Schedule for February

	Assisting Minister	Reader	Altar Guild & Comm Assist	Usher (2)	Video Tech
Sunday, February 4th	Cindy Michalski	Christin Jaworski	Karen Hervas Marilyn Meister	Todd & Sue Keckhaver	Rick Johnson
Sunday, February 11th	Doug Hanson	Doris Brack	Linda Wery Karl Peterson	Jerry Boettcher Dave Hansen	Yvonne Pamperin

Wednesday, February 14th Ash Wednesday Service at 1:00pm & 6:30pm Sign-up in Hallway

Sunday, February 18th	Charlie Hilla	Dawn Schroeder	Peggy Hansen Sharon Hilla	Howard & Dawn Schroeder	Doug Hanson
Sunday, February 25th	Sandi Tibbetts	Dar Schuurmans	Pat Petzel Terri Hilbert	Dar Schuurmans Carl Andrews	Pegi BeDell





Service Schedule for March

	Assisting Minister	Reader	Altar Guild & Comm Assist	Usher	Video Tech
Sunday, March 3rd	Kay Zastrow	Michael Zastrow	Peggy Hansen Gayle Peot	Bonnie & Karl Peterson	Cindy Michalski
Sunday, March 10th	Cindy Michalski	Linda Wery	D Schroeder Debra Kasulke	Todd & Sue Keckhaver	Rick Johnson
Sunday, March 17th	Sandi Tibbetts	Karl Peterson	Marilyn Meister D Schuurmans	Jerry Boettcher Carl Andrews	Yvonne Pamperin
Palm Sunday, March 24th	Charlie Hilla	Sharon Hilla	Pat Petzel D Schroeder	Dave & Mary Hansen	Doug Hanson

Holy Week: Maundy Thursday at 6:30pm, Good Friday at 1:00pm & 6:30pm Sign-up in Hallway

Easter Sunday, March 31st	Doug Hanson	Dawn Schroeder	T Hilbert; M Meister; P Hansen; G Peot	Howard & Dawn Schroeder	Pegi BeDell
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February 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 10:00 Grace Bible Study	2 Pastor Sabbath	3 10:00 Green Bay Conference Meeting
4 9:00 Worship	5	6	7 5:00 Confirmation w/mentors 7:00 Choir	8 9:30 Library	9 Pastor Sabbath	10
11 NEW Shelter Meal 9:00 Worship 10:00 Tone Chimes	12 6:30 Council	13 5:30 Beer & Theology	14 Ash Wednesday 10:00 Mission Sewing 1:00 Worship 6:30 Worship 7:15 Choir Basket items due	15	16 Pastor Sabbath	17
18 8:00 Tone Chimes 9:00 Worship 10:00 Annual Mtg	19	20 6:30 Joy Bible Study	21 5:00 Confirmation 6:30 Worship@ Resurrection 7:15 Choir	22	23 Pastor Sabbath	24 Aebleskiver Fest 9:00-2:00
25 9:00 Worship 10:00 Tone Chimes	26	27 6:00 BBB's Bible Study	28 6:30 Worship @ Bethel 7:15 Choir	29 		
		Pastor Kim Vacation				

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OUR VISION: Growing In Faith Together, boldly inviting others to share in God's love.

OUR MISSION: By God's power, we will serve as Jesus' disciples, embracing traditions and growing ministries.

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