

Ash Wednesday, March 5th at 1pm and 6:30pm w/Choir

We have the privilege of having Pastor Lisa lead both services on Ash Wednesday. Please sign up in the hallway to volunteer to help in worship so that we can continue to support two services. Come and hear what God can do with dust, what God can do with us.



Sundays in Lent at 9am

Our theme for Lent will be "Everything In Between," which invites us to navigate the polarities in our lives with more faith, intention, and openness to be transformed. Each weekly sub-theme explores two binaries (ie: faith & works, rest & growth, or grief & hope) along with Gospel texts from Luke with the hope that we might find God is present in between.



Wednesdays in Lent at 6:30pm

Through the season of Lent, our midweek worship focuses on biblical stories of transformation. Sometimes through direct revelation, and sometimes through seemingly ordinary conversations, individuals are transformed to live anew: working for justice, giving generously, and serving others. How is God transforming you for the sake of the world? Each week we will hear sermons from Pastors around the area as we worship together with Resurrection Lutheran using the liturgy, *Joyous Light*. If you would like to hear the service ahead of time, check out [THIS RECORDING](#) from an ELCA church. Please plan on attending regardless of the location. (Pastor Kim will also be traveling to local churches at this time) Choir will occur after services at Bethel.

Do not be conformed to this world



Midweek Lent 2025

March 12th, 6:30pm at Bethel with Pastor Matt, from Atonement, GB, on Zaccheus

March 19th, 6:30pm at Resurrection (1024 Shawano Ave) with Pastors Kim & Melissa on Jesus

March 26th, 6:30pm at Bethel with Pastor Jen, from Good Shepherd, Howard, on Esther

April 2nd, 6:30pm at Resurrection with Pastor Stacy, from St John, Little Suamico, on Mary Magdalene

April 9th, 6:30pm at Bethel with Pastor Josh, from St John, Ashwaubenon, on Jacob



Thank you!

Aebleskiver had a great turn out. Thank you to all who donated food and basket items and for the many people who worked in the days before and on the day of to make it so successful. Numbers coming in April.



Please join the Joy Circle as we host a baby shower for Loius and Roberto, the cousin of Elbot and Elta from Haiti, on **March 16th during the Fellowship Hour**. Cake and goodies will be served. They have a little girl due in April.

We have collected some larger items needed and some clothes. We will be purchasing a car seat. **Additional gifts needed are: diapers, sleepers, bathroom and medical supplies, blankets and board books.** Thanks for helping to

welcome them and their new baby.

As a note: several women have been meeting with them on Fridays to help teach English and life skills for living here. Other volunteers are always welcome.

Plan to join us for
Fellowship on Sunday, April 13th

after the Palm Sunday Service.

Menu includes: Cinnamon Rolls, Fresh Fruit,
Orange Juice & Coffee. There will be a free will offering.



Easter Flowers



This year we will be ordering our Easter flowers from a new supplier. Easter lilies or tulips will be the options you can choose from. Cost of lilies and tulips is unknown at this point. Look for information in the coming weeks in the bulletin and April Bethel Herald.

Now Hiring: Administrative Assistant

Bethel Lutheran Church (ELCA) has an exciting opportunity for a versatile, proactive office administrator to lead our daily operations. The part-time position (up to 20 hours/week) offers flexible Monday-Thursday work hours in a comfortable and caring environment and includes paid vacation and sick leave. Position potential start date is May 1st. More information can be found at: [HERE](#) (or <https://bethelonbond.org/now-hiring-admin-assistant/>)

Responsibilities

- Publication Development: to include preparing weekly worship bulletins & monthly newsletters
- Technology, Website, & Social Media: produce communication updates and postings
- Office Management: day to day office responsibilities supporting the pastor, staff, & congregation
- Receptionist: answer incoming mail, emails, and phone calls and greet visitors
- Volunteer Management: assist council (lay leadership) and other committees

Skills & Experience

Ability to work independently on a routine basis. Capacity to interact with a wide variety of people in a personable manner. Demonstrated capability to be self-motivated, reliable, efficient, and manage a number of tasks simultaneously. Aptitude to handle confidential information and to be discrete when dealing with sensitive situations. Computer knowledge of various publishing and database programs as well as word processing experience is required. Experience with and understanding of Christian worship and traditions is helpful. Knowledge of web design recommended but not required.

To apply, please send your cover letter, [application](#) and resume with the subject line "Administrative Assistant Application" to bethelonbond@yahoo.com.

Bible Studies at Bethel

Grace Study Group will meet together on Thursday, March 6th at 10:00am in the church lounge. We will continue in our study of *Bread of Angels* by Barbara Brown Taylor (Cost of book is \$16). Gloria will host.

Beer & Theology will meet on Tuesday, March 11th at 5:30pm at Jalisco's Mexican. Topic: What's Love Got to Do with It?

Joy Study Group will meet on Tuesday, March 18th at 6:30pm in the church lounge to continue *A is for Alabaster* by Anna Carter Florence. Cindy will host.

BBB's will meet on Tuesday, March 25th at 6:30pm for our study of *From Widows to Warriors* at Marsha's house.

First Communion Class

A preparation class for first communion will be held on **Sunday, April 6th at 10:15 am**. The invitation is for all children in 1st -4th grade, and older students who have not yet taken 1st communion. This session is for **students and parents**. Students will be invited to take their first communion on **Maundy Thursday, April 17th at the 6:30pm** service or at a later scheduled service. Please let Pastor Kim know if your family will or will not be attending. Thank you.



Epiphany Blessing of the Church

Hailey & Taylor Hansen marked all of the entrances of the church as they prayed for blessings to anyone who walks through our doors in the year ahead.

20 + C (Casper) + M (Melchior) + B (Balthasar) + 25

Confirmation

We will gather on **Wednesday, March 19th from 5-6pm at Resurrection Lutheran Church**. Confirmands are **expected to attend worship on Ash Wednesday (March 5th)**.

During Lent, we will be using the Lord's Prayer re-written by the Confirmation Students, Mentors & Pastors:

**Dude, Primary Big One in the everywhere and anything,
your name is special and untouchable.**

**From sunrise to sunset, all the work that is yours to do,
may your desires be done here, there, and everywhere.**

**When's dinner? We ask that you give us enough and others enough, too.
Provide us with what we need.**

**Don't hold against us our wrongs and help us to accept the freeloaders of this world.
Lead us to good thoughts, not bad.**

**Keep us distracted from giving up and drag us away from hate.
All of us and all around us is your reflection.**

**You are fire; you are amazing,
you are the be all and end all ad infinitum. Amen.**

Mission Opportunities

Resurrection Food Pantry Items always in short supply include: soup, baked beans , side dish packets, meals in a can (SpaghettiOs) and canned fruit. Also, jelly is needed to go along with the peanut butter already provided from the government commodity program. Please bring only cans, not glass jars. There will be a benefit concert on Sunday, March 2nd at 2:30pm at Ascension Lutheran Church, 2911 Libal St, to help replenish the Pantry fund which was depleted with the roof repair.

Salvation Army Senior Lunch Meal will be prepared on **Monday, March 17th**. Please sign-up on the bulletin board for items needed which include: 9 (24 oz) jars spaghetti sauce, 3 (2#) boxes dry spaghetti, 6 dozen breadsticks/dinner rolls, 3 (8oz) containers parmesan cheese, 3 (1#) bags baby carrots and 6 dozen cookies. Ice Cream Buckets are always needed.

Mission Room Don't forget that we collect the following items downstairs in the green room.

- Cell phones. Old cell phones will be sent to an organization that recycles the phone for use in domestic violence shelters.
- Christmas Lights will be recycled with the money received being used to offset shipping costs for other recycling. Egg Cartons for Paul's Pantry
- Wine corks, The Cork Montados, where cork comes from, is endangered.
- Eyeglasses & Hearing Aids. All glasses and hearing aids are recycled through our local Lions Club organization to help those in need of glasses.



Welcome, Astra Joyce

Welcome to Astra who was born on Feb 10th to Tori and Joe Russett. She was 6 lbs 15 oz and 19.5 inches long. Big sister Freya is in love. Mom and baby are doing well.

March Birthdays

3/3 Lucas Wickman
3/5 Todd Keckhaver
3/5 Karen Vercauteren
3/7 Eva Meister
3/11 Kathy Long



3/12 David Karnopp
3/14 Digby Meister
3/15 Audrey Johnson
3/16 Lynn Adamczak
3/16 Bonnie Madsen
3/17 Patricia Petzel
3/18 Doug Burmeister
3/21 Levi Meister

3/21 Raymond Wery
3/22 Stuart Sarkela
3/22 Emmalynn White
3/23 Debra Kasulke
3/23 Donna Nieft
3/28 Coleen Nohr
3/31 Pastor Kim

March Anniversaries

3/4	David & Mary Hansen	43 Years
3/5	Jessie & Joe Bouressa	25 Years
3/7	Doug & Sheila Greenwood	33 Years
3/12	Brooke & Cody Flavion	3 Years
3/18	Jennifer & Lance Williams	3 Years
3/20	David & Sandra Elbe	60 Years
3/22	Virgil & Shirley Johnson	67 Years
3/23	Tori & Joseph Russett	6 Years
3/24	Roland & Johanna Christian	41 Years
3/31	George & Wanda Eitland	46 Years

Bethel Prayer Concerns

Aili
Austin Tree
Becky Pilon
Betty Jensen
Berne Baer
Brad L
Caryl Peters
Christina Petzel
Dan Conard
David
Denise
Diane Wesoloski
Elaine Barber
Eldon Wade
Ella

Eric Pedersen
Heather Dombroski
Jackie
Jerry Johnson
Jojo
Karen Koblenz
Kathy Forrest
Kathy Towle
Kristen Dally
Linda
Lottie Jaworski
Lou Warner
Marv Meister
Marv Utech
Michael Jepson

Pat Larson
Rebecca, Cailon, Ethan, &
Wil Grant
Ron Kasulke
Ron Pedersen
Sandie Sheire
Sandy & Dave Elbe
Sheila O'Connor
Shirley Johnson
Simon Family
Tim
Wesley
Willow Van Vonderen

Reminder: If you are hospitalized, please call Pastor Kim's cell or the church office to let us know.

Annual Meeting HIGHLIGHTS

Sunday, February 16, 2025

(Awaiting approval at the next Annual Meeting)

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Attendance: 36 congregational members

Call to Order: Cindy Michalski, Council president, called the meeting to order at 9:56 a.m.

Devotions: Pastor Kim led the opening devotions with a call and response, asking God to bless us so we can bless others.

REPORTS:

Secretary Reports:

2024 Annual Meeting Minutes, 2024 Semi-Annual Meeting Minutes, 2024 Special Congregational Meeting Minutes, & 2024 Budget Meeting: Accepted

Financial Reports:

Parish Accountant Report: Acceptance Motion carried.

Special Funds Report: Acceptance Motion carried.

Youth Funds: Pastor Kim reported that the Bethel Youth Savings will be closed and transferred to the Mission Reserve Fund as part of the Special Funds.

NEW BUSINESS:

Elections:

The nominating committee has recommended the following people to fill the vacant committee positions and all nominations passed:

Personnel Committee: Linda Martin and Marsha Scholes.

Nominating Committee: Carol Wehunt.

Green Bay Conference Voting Members: Doris Brack and Debbie Kasulke.

Tree Removal:

Charlie Hilla reported on his research with the Buildings & Grounds Committee and Council to remove 4 aging trees. With snow covering the roots, it is hard to get an exact cost estimate. To avoid another Congregational Meeting, a motion was made to use \$5,200 - \$6,000 from the Capital Improvement Fund to fell trees, remove branches and grind the stumps. After additional discussion, it was determined that the estimate should cover the cost since church members will be hauling away the logs and chips from the job. Motion passed.

Gift Advisory

Charlie Hilla reported on the Gift Advisory Committee recommendation to use the Emareen Gass ELCA Endowment Fund earnings of \$12,000 to be divided equally between and given to: Lutheran

Disaster Relief: Hurricane, Lutheran Disaster Relief: CA wildfires, and the Resurrection Food Pantry for the new roof and food. Motion passed.

Give Big, Green Bay

Mark Strohschein asked for clarification on EPH's open house and Green Bay's Give Big, Green Bay occurring simultaneously. Motion passed to donate \$2,700 of the former Youth Savings Account (recently transferred to Mission Reserve) to EPH during Give Big, Green Bay so the amount can be matched.

Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 10:38 a.m. and closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Doris Brack, Council Secretary

Congregation Council Minute HIGHLIGHTS

Monday, February 10, 2025

(to be approved at the March meeting)

Present: Pastor Kim Swenson, Cindy Michalski, Doris Brack, Linda Wery, Tim Moran, Gayle Peot, Todd Keckhaver and Charlie Hilla. **Excused:** Pegi BeDell

Guest: Kay Zastrow

Call to Order: Cindy called the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m.

Dwelling in the Word: Pr Kim led with a preview of *Joyous Light*, the new Lenten midweek liturgy.

Guest Comments: Kay spoke about her desire to increase our giving to EPH & FMSC since we are partner churches. She requested that it not just come from Aebleskiver funds but from our budget or E Gass endowment. Kay also shared her concerns about the lack of kindness and tension that has been plaguing our church and was hoping to have some form of communication support. A Crossways Retreat or weekly prayer sessions were talked about as well as using Kay's consulting skills. Suggestions are welcome.

REPORTS:

Secretary's Report & Pastor's Report: Received as submitted.

Parish Accountant Report: Received as submitted with a note to transfer \$15,000 from checking to Ministry Savings to earn interest..

NEW BUSINESS:

Bethel Youth Account: Motion passed to consolidate the Bethel Youth savings of \$5,727.69 with the Mission Reserve Fund.

Sanctuary Flooring Repairs: Motion passed to approve HJ Martin's bid of \$1,450 for the sanctuary flooring repairs. Funds to be taken from the Capital Improvement Fund.

Gift Advisory: The committee met and suggested taking \$12,000 from the E. Gass Endowment Fund earnings to be divided evenly (\$4,000) as follows: Lutheran Disaster Relief for NC Hurricane; Lutheran Disaster Relief for CA Wildfires; Resurrection's Pantry roof repair and food. Motion passed to follow the recommendations of the Gift Advisory committee and forward that decision to the congregation for vote. Discussion was tabled on EPH & FMSC to be addressed next month.

OLD BUSINESS:

Tree Removal: Charlie received four bids for tree and stump removal for 3 trees. During those walk-throughs it became apparent we need to remove the tree by the office as well. Charlie made a motion to fell 4 trees, cut & remove branches and stump grinding at greater than \$5,000 but less than \$6,000 to be taken from the Capital Improvement Fund. Motion passed with all approving for it to be brought forward for approval at the Annual Meeting.

Personnel: Pastor Kim put the Administrator Assistant job information on Bethel's website and emailed the information to several places. Please share with anyone interested.

Care for Our Neighbor-Haiti: The four Haitians are soaking up whatever we present and are very appreciative, making a pleasant couple of hours spent together tutoring. Sue Brown says that they find it to be helpful. It is heartwarming to see Roberto and the other couple be so attentive to Loius. Pr Kim has acquired quite a few items for the surprise baby shower on March 16th. Joy Circle will be hosting and are purchasing a car seat.

Adjourn: Adjourned at 8:45pm. Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Next meetings, Monday, March 17th at 6:30pm

Respectfully Submitted, Doris Brack, Council Secretary

Funding for Mission & Budget

2025 Monthly Budget: \$20,033

2025 Total Budget: \$240,398

	Revenue	Expenditures
January	\$32,029	\$17,232
February thru Feb 18th	\$11,088	\$7,365
2025 YTD	\$43,347	\$24,597



Thank you for your generosity!



Service Schedule for March

	Assisting Minister	Reader	Altar Guild & Comm Assist	Ushers	Video Tech
Sunday, March 2nd	Kay Zastrow	Doris Brack	Pat Petzel Marilyn Meister	Carl Andrews Gayle Peot	Doug Hanson

Wednesday, March 5th Ash Wednesday Service at 1:00pm & 6:30pm

Sign-up in Hallway

Sunday, March 9th	Charlie Hilla	Sharon Hilla	Debbie Kasulke Sheila Greenwood	Jerry Boettcher Kay Smith	Rick Johnson
Sunday, March 16th	Cindy Michalski	Dar Schuurmans	Karen Hervas Dar Schuurmans	H Schroeder Rick Johnson	Yvonne Pamperin
Sunday, March 23rd	Doug Hanson	Karl Peterson	Gayle Peot D Schroeder	Dave & Mary Hansen	Pegi Be Dell
Sunday, March 30th	Kay Zastrow	Michael Zastrow	Linda Wery Marilyn Meister	Todd & Sue Keckhaver	Cindy Michalski



Service Schedule for April

	Assisting Minister	Reader	Altar Guild & Comm Assist	Usher	Video Tech
Sunday, April 6th	Doug Scholes	Sandi Tibbetts	Pat Petzel Linda Wery	Marsha Scholes Dar Schuurmans	Doug Hanson
Sunday, April 13th	Charlie Hilla	Peggy Hansen	Peggy Hansen Dar Schuurmans	Gayle Peot Sharon Hilla	Rick Johnson

Maundy Thursday, Apr 17 at 6:30pm and Good Friday, Apr 18 at 1:00 & 6:30pm services

Sign-up in Hallway

Sunday, April 20th	Cindy Michalski	Dawn Schroeder	Terri Hilbert Dawn Schroeder	Carl Andrews Howard Schroeder	Doug Scholes
Sunday, April 27th	Doug Hanson	Linda Wery	Debbie Kasulke Sheila Greenwood	Doug Scholes Rick Johnson	Yvonne Pamperin

MARCH 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2 9:00 Worship 10:15 Tone Chime	3	4	5 1:00 & 6:30 Ash Wednesday Worship 6:00 Choir	6 10:00 Grace Bible Study	7 	8 _____
9 Spring Forward 9:00 Worship 10:15 Tone Chime	10	11 5:30 Beer & Theology	12 10:00 Mission Sew. 11:45 EPH Annual Mtg 6:30 Worship @ Bethel 7:15 Choir	13 9:30 Library	14 Pastor Sabbath	15 _____
16 8:00 Tone Chime 9:00 Worship 10:00 Baby Shower	17 Salvation Army Senior meal 6:30 Council	18 1:00 Pr Text Study 6:30 Joy Bible Study	19 5:00 Confirmation 6:30 Worship @ Resurrection 7:15 Choir	20	21 Pastor Sabbath	22
23 9:00 Worship 10:15 Tone Chime 10:15 Personnel	24	25 1:00 Pr Text Study 6:30 BBB's Bible Study	26 6:30 Worship @ Bethel 7:15 Choir	27	28 Pastor Sabbath	29
30 9:00 Worship 10:15 Tone Chime	31					

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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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