

Do not be conformed to this world



Wednesdays in Lent at 6:30pm

How is God transforming you for the sake of the world? That is the question that we have been addressing through the stories of Biblical characters and our guest preachers. There still are a few weeks left of our meaningful Midweek worship series. Choir will occur after services at Bethel.

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

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



HOLY WEEK

Saturday, April 12th

We need volunteers to help deliver rolls, palms and bulletins to in-home members

Sunday, April 13th

9 am Palm/Passion Worship w/Choir

10 am Special Congregational Meeting about the Pew "Re-fresh"

10:15 am Cinnamon Roll Fellowship Hour

Thursday, April 17th

6:30 pm Maundy Thursday Worship

w/Handwashing, Communion, Stripping the Altar, and Choir

Friday, April 18th

1:00 pm Good Friday Worship w/Adoration of the Cross

6:30 pm Good Friday Worship w/Adoration of the Cross and Choir

Sunday, April 20th

9 am Festival Easter Worship w/Choir & Tone Chimes

Share Your Meal - MannaPack Bags

You are invited to share a meal with hungry children in our world. A common practice during this season is to “give up” something. We can shift that to “giving In” for the work of Feed My Starving Children. Your support will make it possible for us to provide hope and the promise of a beautiful future to precious children around the world. A meal costs less than 30 cents to make. (When we do the math, a child can be fed for a year for \$106.00.)



Would you be able to feed a child this month? More than one? Empty Feed My Starving Children (FMSC) MannaPack Bags are available at the church for you to pick up. These bags typically hold the meal ingredients of rice, soy, dried vegetables and vitamins. Could you fill them with your spare change or several dollars each time you eat a meal at home or when you go out? Imagine how much we could gather as a congregation if we remembered each time we ate that there were hungry people among us and that we could do something about it.

Please return your Share Your Meal - MannaPack Bags to the church at the end of April. Questions? Contact Kay Zastrow.



Bible Studies at Bethel

Grace Study Group will meet on Thursday, April 3rd at 10:00am in the church lounge. Sandi Tibbetts will host. We will continue in our study of *Bread of Angels* by Barbara Brown Taylor

Beer & Theology will meet on Tuesday, April 8th at 5:30pm at Jalisco's Mexican.

Joy Study Group will meet on Tuesday, April 8th at 6:30pm in the church lounge continuing the study of *A is for Alabaster*. Cindy Michalski is hosting.

BBB's will meet on Tuesday, April 29th at 6:30pm at Christin's home for our study of *From Widows to Warriors*.

Baby Shower for Louis & Roberto

Thank you for all of your wonderful gifts for the expectant family. They were overwhelmed by your kindness and generosity. Thank you especially to the Joy Circle for sponsoring the party!



Greeting Cards for Sale

Do you need a card for an upcoming special occasion? Birthday, anniversary, holiday, baptism, graduation - - just to name a few? The Library has cards for sale for \$5 a box. Money raised will be used to purchase more books. What a wonderful way to support Bethel! Why not pick up a few today?



Our Sympathy



We extend our sympathy to the family of Kathy Towles. Kathy died on March 15th. Her funeral will be held at Bethel on Saturday, March

29th at 11:30 am. Visitation is from 9:30-11:30 am.

Memorials & Gifts

To Music & Arts

In Memory of Pat Larson
by Linda Grunewald, Todd & Sue
Keckhaver, Ron Niemuth,
Tim Carlson, & Peggy Hansen
In Memory of Marv Utech and Carol
Poppy by Tim Carlson

To Feed My Starving Children

In memory of Kathy Towle by Linda
Grunewald

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. Particularly needed at this time are canned soups, large cans of pasta sauce, jelly, cookies and side dish packets. They also are always in need of laundry soap. Donations may be placed in the designated basket near the steps going down to fellowship hall.

NEW Community Shelter Meal will be served in collaboration with Trinity and Resurrection churches on **Sunday, April 13th**. Six dozen bars/cookies are needed for this meal. Please sign up on the bulletin board.

Mission Room Don't forget that we collect the following items downstairs in the green room. At this point, we will no longer be collecting batteries.

- 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

April Birthdays

4/1 Gayle Peot
4/3 Alexander Peot
4/5 Heather Dombroski
4/12 Michael Zastrow
4/19 Matthew Golden

4/20 Rose Dunst
4/20 Zachary Krech
4/22 Marvin Meister
4/23 Michael Golden
4/27 Diane Zimmer



April Anniversaries

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| 4/2 | Cheryl and Terry Winzenried | 49 Years |
| 4/6 | Matthew and Sarah Golden | 12 Years |
| 4/20 | Karl and Bonnie Peterson | 57 Years |



Bethel Prayer Concerns

Aili
Alicia & Cam & Baby Ezra
Austin Tree
Becky Pilon
Betty Jensen
Berne Baer
Brad L
Caryl Peters
Christina Petzel
David
Denise
Elaine Barber
Eldon Wade
Ella

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

Rebecca, Cailon, Ethan, &
Wil Grant
Ron Kasulke
Ron Pedersen
Sally Caylor
Sandie Sheire
Sandy & Dave Elbe
Sheila O'Connor
Shirley Johnson
Simon Family
Tim
Wesley
Willow Van Vonderen
The family of Kathy Towle

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

Aebleskiver Fest 2025 in the Books!

Here are the final numbers:

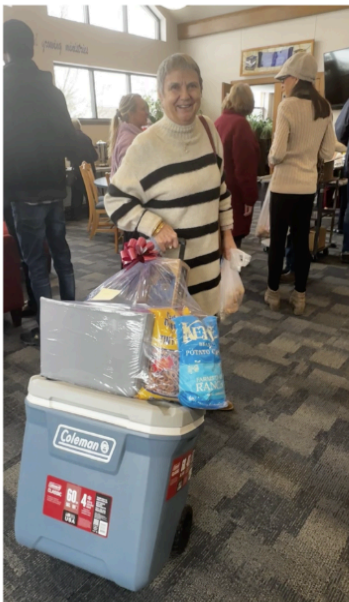
We served 574 adults and 34 children.

48 batches of Aebleskiver batter were made, which equals 3,120 Aebleskivers.

160 pounds of sausage were cooked and 700 cups of coffee were served. 35 baskets were sold totalling \$3,971 and sales from the event were \$6,743 totalling \$10,714 in net proceeds.

Thank you again for all the donations of ingredients, baked goods, basket items and volunteer hours.

We couldn't have pulled this off without each and every one of you!



Looking Toward 2026: The New Aebleskiver Committee

A huge thank you again to April, Michael and Linda Martin for organizing Aebleskiver Fest for so many years. Knowing how much time and effort goes into running Aebleskiver (our largest fundraiser) we are looking for those interested in being on a committee to help plan all aspects of this fundraiser. We would like to have a meeting shortly after Easter to start working on Aebleskiver 2026. Tentative date is: Sun, May 4th.



If you're interested in being on this committee please let me know. Many hands make light work. Thank you!

Pegi BeDell | 920-327-0670 | pegi.bedell@gmail.com

Tree Removal Gang - THANK YOU!

Many hands made light work of the removal of the 4 large trees on the church property a few weeks ago. Thank you to those who cut and lifted, drove and swept, as well as the unseen volunteers who brought cookies, lunch, and drinks.



Special Congregational Meeting: Pew and Altar Refreshing

Sunday, April 13th at 10 am

The Council is calling a special meeting on April 13th immediately following the Palm Sunday service. The only item on the agenda will be to discuss refreshing of the pews, lecture, pulpit and altar. This project, which will cost under \$7,000, was passed unanimously at our last council meeting. I strongly encourage your attendance at this important meeting.

Congregation Council Minute HIGHLIGHTS

Monday, March 17, 2025

(to be approved at the April meeting)

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

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

Dwelling in the Word: Pr Kim led with a question from the lenten *Everything in Between* devotional cards. This led to sharing time when we sensed a message from others that we did not belong and the long-term effect it had. Pastor Kim led us in prayer.

REPORTS:

Secretary's Report: Received as submitted.

Parish Accountant Report: Some long-inactive accounts have been closed and the balances of \$82.30 transferred to the Mission Reserve Account. Report received as submitted. Motion was made to transfer \$1,000 from the Special Fund – Tradition Innovation to Aebleskiver – Community Efforts. Motion passed. Motion was made to transfer half of the ministry savings to the American Funds-Money Market. Motion passed. We are awaiting to make a contribution to FMSC, to see if there will be a matching funds drive closer to the fall Pack.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Kim handed out a flyer for the April 5th Racial Justice Conference at Ascension encouraging more people to attend. Report received as submitted.

NEW BUSINESS:

Synod Benevolence: After discussion, a motion was passed to send \$4,000 for the first quarter of 2025.

Stamp Out Hunger: Saturday, May 10, 2025, Resurrection Pantry will participate in this event. At least two more volunteers are needed to drive around a designated route to pick-up food left by resident mailboxes. Then at approximately 12:30pm, volunteers are needed to meet at the Post Office to divide the collection. The more volunteers we have, the more food will be allocated to the pantry. Please see Charlie Hilla for more information.

OLD BUSINESS:

Aebleskiver: We give thanks for the many years of service by April and Mike Martin. Discussion on setting up a committee to help oversee the fundraiser for next year as it is too much for one person. Therefore, a meeting will be held on May 4, 2025, to organize committees on shifts, clean-up crew, announcements, baskets, food, etc.

Tree Removal: Charlie will call Diggers Hotline and Todd will investigate who originally installed electricity to the electric sign. Then stump grinding will be scheduled. After completion, Buildings & Grounds will clean up debris.

Sanctuary Flooring Repairs: HJ Martin will be here Thursday March 20th to repair the floor area from the pew reconfiguration.

Pew Refurbishing: Charlie received an estimate of \$6,975 from Sherri Koclan to refurbish the pews, pulpit, altar, lectern and some gold paint touch ups. Congregational approval is needed due to the cost exceeding \$5,000. Information will be in the Bethel Herald. A motion was passed to bring before the congregation for a vote.

Culver's Fundraising: This year we will try the program called Share Event at Culvers. It runs from 5-8pm on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesdays. A minimum of 4 adult volunteers are needed as runners, to bus tables, man the Gift Card Recruitment table, ect. Linda will try to secure June 3rd or June 10th.

Care for Our Neighbor-Haiti: A text from Sue Brown relayed overwhelming gratitude of the happy couple and especially their families still in Haiti! They expressed appreciation for this church as we live out our Christian ideals. Tutoring continues, being rewarding on both sides.

Adjourn: Adjourned at 8:15pm. Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Next meetings, Monday, April 7th at 6:30pm and May 12th at 6:30pm.

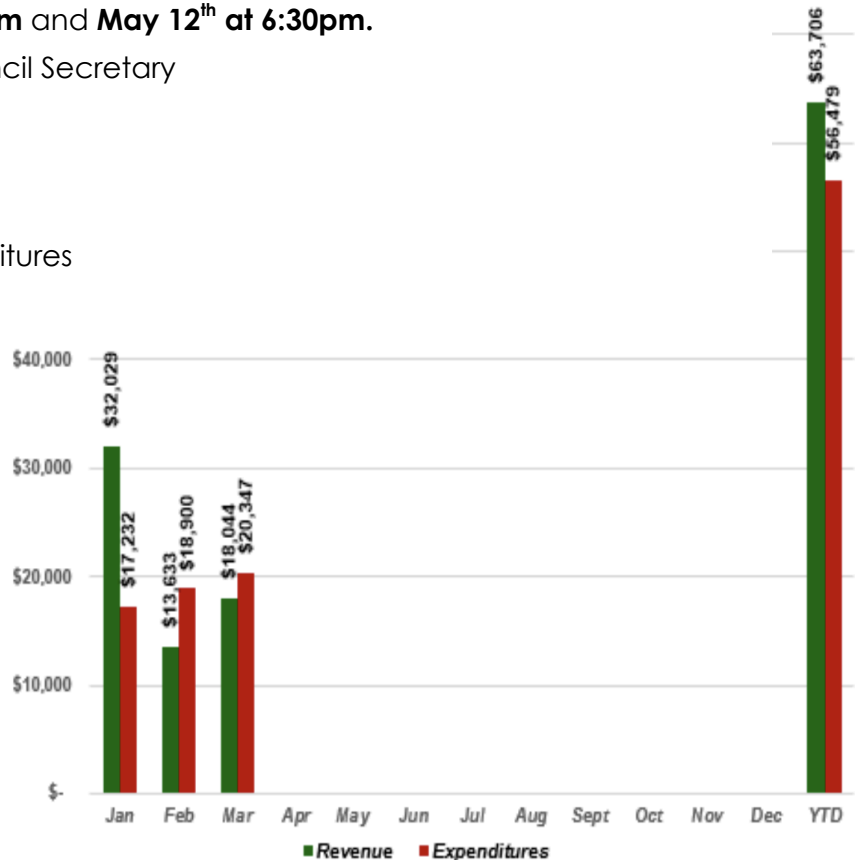
Respectfully Submitted, Doris Brack, Council Secretary

Funding for Mission & Budget

| | Revenue | Expenditures |
|-------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| January | \$32,029 | \$17,232 |
| February | \$13,633 | \$18,900 |
| <u>March 28th</u> | <u>\$18,044</u> | <u>\$20,347</u> |
| 2025 YTD | \$63,706 | \$56,479 |

2025 Monthly Budget: \$20,033

2025 Total Budget: \$240,398



Thank you for your generosity!

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

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| 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 |

Service Schedule for May



| | Assisting Minister | Reader | Altar Guild & Communion Assist | Usher | Video Tech |
|------------------|--------------------|-----------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Sunday, May 4th | Kay Zastrow | Michael Zastrow | Kathy Long Linda Wery | Linda Grunewald Carol Wehunt | Cindy Michalski |
| Sunday, May 11th | Doug Scholes | Gayle Peot | Pat Petzel Marilyn Meister | Marsha Scholes Kay Smith | Doug Hanson |
| Sunday, May 18th | Charlie Hilla | Sharon Hilla | Karen Hervas Dar Schuurmans | Todd & Sue Keckhaver | Rick Johnson |
| Sunday, May 25th | Cindy Michalski | Doris Brack | Peggy Hansen Dawn Schroeder | Jerry Boettcher Howard Schroeder | Doug Scholes |

April 2025

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| |  | 1 1:00 Pr Text Study | 2 5:00 Confirmation 6:30 Worship at Resurrection 7:15 Choir | 3 10:00 Grace Bible Study | 4 Pastor Sabbath | 5 9:00 Racial Equity Conference |
| 6 9:00 Worship 10:15 Tone Chimes | 7 6:30 Council | 8 9:00 GB Conf 5:30 Beer & Theology 6:30 Joy Bible Study | 9 10:00 Mission Sewing 6:30 Worship at Bethel 7:15 Choir | 10 9:30 Library | 11 Pastor Sabbath | 12 |
| 13 Shelter Meal 8:00 Tone Chimes 9:00 Palm Sunday 10:00 Cong Mtg 10:15 Cinnamon Roll Brunch | 14 | 15 1:00 Pr Text Study | 16 | 17 6:30 Maundy Thursday Worship | 18 1:00 & 6:30 Good Friday Worship | 19 |
| 20 Easter 8:00 Tone Chimes 9:00 Worship | 21 | 22 1:00 Pr Text Study | 23 5:00 Confirmation 7:00 Choir | 24 | 25 Pastor Sabbath | 26 |
| 27 9:00 Worship 10:15 Tone Chimes | 28 | 29 1:00 Pr Text Study 6:30 BBB's | 30 7:00 Choir |  | | |

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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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