

Looking Toward 2026: The New Aebleskiver Committee

Reminder to those interested in helping to plan a portion of next year's Aebleskiver Fest, we will be meeting on Sunday, May 4th at 10:30am in the room by the office to begin conversation. Any questions, please contact Pegi BeDell | 920-327-0670 | pegi.bedell@gmail.com



Welcome to Bethel's new Administrative Assistant, Ashley Chmielewski. She will begin training on May 6th. Please stop in and introduce yourself to Ashley and to welcome her to Bethel.

Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive - May 10th

The Resurrection Food Pantry is hoping for 10,000 lbs of food from the Stamp Out Hunger food drive on May 10th. To qualify for that much food, they need to provide at least 10 collection teams (a driver and a runner in a truck or SUV) to pick up food at the mailboxes on mail routes around our area.



The process starts at the Cofrin Post Office at about 9:30am and is usually done by about 12:30pm. Then there is lunch and sorting to be done at the pantry. The pantry is providing Pizza for the volunteers who will be sorting at the pantry at about noon.

There is no need to register to be a sorter. Resurrection is hoping for about 30 people to help with sorting. Also needed is at least one or two smaller children that can be lowered into the totes that can lift a bag of a few cans of food. The walls of the totes are about 40 inches tall and it is not easy to reach the bags at the bottom from outside the totes when they are almost empty.

If you can help with this, please let Charlie Hilla know. Also, don't forget to leave food at your place for Resurrection and other local food banks.

Upcoming Fundraising Event



MAKE YOUR Meal Matter

TUESDAY • JUNE 3 • 5-8PM

Join us in supporting Bethel Lutheran Church, as 15% of all sales including gift cards will be donated.

There's no limit to how much heart you can put into the community – and we're always looking for opportunities for neighbors to help neighbors. Join us and consider giving what you can to our local cause today.

Thank you for your support!



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6 Volunteers are needed to bus tables, deliver food to the inside tables, and the drive-up customers. Shifts are 1^{1/2} hours from 4:45-6:30pm and 6:30-8:00pm.

See the sign-up sheet in the hallway to volunteer

Confirmation

We will gather on **Wednesday, May 7th (confirmands with mentors) from 5-6:30pm** for our final session of the year at Resurrection Lutheran Church. Congratulations to Hayden Skrobel who will be confirmed on Sunday, June 8th. It's Pentecost Sunday, so wear **red** to help celebrate!



Bible Studies at Bethel

Grace Study Group will meet on Thursday, May 1st at 10:00am in the church lounge. Shirley Rasmussen will host. We will continue in our study of *Bread of Angels* by Barbara Brown Taylor.

Beer & Theology will meet on Tuesday, May 13th at 5:30pm at Next Door in the Lounge with the theme of Time.

Joy Study Group will meet on Tuesday, May 20th at 6:30pm in the church lounge continuing the study of *A is for Alabaster*. Peggy Hansen is hosting.

BBB's will meet on Tuesday, May 27th at 6:30pm at Gayle Peot's home. The study, *From Widows to Warriors* will be continued.

Calling all Bethel Thrivent Members!

Please see Pastor Kim about applying for Thrivent Action Team grants for some upcoming events at Bethel. This is a very simple process and she will help you with the applications. Last year we had 17 grants (totalling \$4,250) to use for ministry including funding for Aebleskiver, Palm Sunday, EPH Families of Faith, Handbags for Hope and Just Because Baskets. Thank you for being a Thrivent member!

Lenten Manna Pack Drive

Proceeds of \$303.14
have been collected
for the 2025 Mobile Pack.
Thanks to all who participated!



Memorials & Gifts

To Feed My Starving Children
In Memory of Donna Jansen
by Todd and Sue Keckhaver

Mission Opportunities

Resurrection Food Pantry Significant items needed now are canned soups, baked beans, meals in a can (ravioli, spaghetti or anything that is heat & eat for 1 or 2 people), side dish packs like rice pilaf or spanish rice and cookies.. Donations may be placed in the designated basket near the steps going down to fellowship hall.

Salvation Army Senior meal will be served on **Monday, May 19th**. Please see the sign-up sheet up on the bulletin board for items needed for the spaghetti dinner.

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

- Cell phones: for use in domestic violence shelters.
- Christmas Lights: recycled with the money received used to offset costs for other recycling.
- Egg Cartons for Paul's Pantry
- Wine cork: to The Cork Montados, where cork comes from, is endangered.
- Eyeglasses & Hearing Aids. recycled through our local Lions Club organization

Spring/Summer Landscaping Volunteers Needed

As the weather warms up, EPH is gearing up for its spring landscaping projects to beautify the homes and surrounding neighborhoods of families facing homelessness. We are seeking volunteers who share our passion for being outdoors and helping their neighbor's houses and community look great!



Tasks:

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| * Pulling weeds | * Cutting grass | * Edging |
| * Laying pavers, stones, rock, mulch | * Trimming trees | * Weed eating |
| * Planting shrubs, trees, and flowers | * Aerating | * Fertilizing |

How to Get Involved: If you are interested in volunteering with us, please contact Lacy Hansen at 920.655.6323 or Lacyh@ephgb.org.



May Birthdays

5/1 Elaine Barber	5/7 Paulette Pedersen	5/20 Corbin Keckhaver
5/2 Marsha Scholes	5/8 Dick Schoen	5/21 George Eitland
5/3 Doug Scholes	5/9 Paul Keckhaver	5/22 Glenn Pamperin
5/4 Kenny Anderson	5/11 Linda Grunewald	5/25 Dani Maus
5/5 Sheila O'Connor	5/13 Malik Hassan	5/26 Hailey Hansen
5/6 Judy Pedersen	5/14 Reuben Anderson	5/31 Dar Schuurmans
5/7 Bernie Baer	5/16 Linda Wery	



May Anniversaries

5/11	Kathy and Paul Long	34 Years
5/12	Megan and Andrew Wickman	13 Years
5/15	Karen and Jeff Vercauteren	43 Years
5/21	Deb & Chris Hirthe	48 Years
5/31	Tom and Jenny Kaye	34 Years
5/31	Stuart and Karen Sarkela	39 Years

(Almost) Last Sunday Supper: May 18th

Nothing says summer time like the return of Bethel's Last Sunday Suppers! Last summer we tried some new flavors, ate outdoors, listened to music, tried new places, and had lots of great conversation and fun. The first gathering of Summer 2025 will be **May 18th** (yes, it isn't the last Sunday but it almost is) at **5pm** at Pope's Pizza located at 789 Armed Forces Drive. Please let Pastor Kim know if you plan on joining! If you have suggestions for future places to eat this summer, please share!



Handbags of Hope

Time to clean out your stash of purses, ladies! We are collecting purses, socks, feminine products, and other goodies for the Resurrection Food Pantry. Suggested items include deodorant, toothbrushes, toothpaste, feminine pads & tampons, fingernail clippers, nail files, nail polish, combs, soap, small shampoos, etc. 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!



LET US PRAY FOR YOU

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

Bethel Prayer Concerns

Aili	Eric Pedersen	Rebecca, Cailon, Ethan, &
Alicia & Cam & Baby Ezra	Gloria Treptow	Wil Grant
Austin Tree	Heather Dombroski	Ron Pedersen
Becky Pilon	Jackie	Sally Caylor
Betty Jensen	Jerry Johnson	Sandy & Dave Elbe
Berne Baer	Karen Koblenz	Sheila O'Connor
Brad L	Kathy Forrest	Shirley Johnson
Caryl Peters	Kristen Dally	Simon Family
Christina Petzel	Linda	Tim
David	Lottie Jaworski	Wesley
Elaine Barber	Lou Warner	Willow Van Vonderen
Eldon Wade	Marv Meister	
Ella	Michael Jepson	

Welcome Abygael Shneyca!

LouisViege and Roberto had their baby girl, Abygael, on April 9th. She weighed 6 lbs and 14 oz. She spent a few days in NICU as she had trouble feeding but is now home and doing well.

We can't wait to meet you!



Special Congregational Meeting HIGHLIGHTS

Sunday, April 13, 2025

(To be approved at annual meeting)

Attendance: 53 congregational members

Cindy Michalski, Council President, called the meeting to order after worship.

Pastor Kim led us in a prayer before turning the meeting over to Charlie Hilla.

Sanctuary Refresh: Charlie Hilla investigated and previously brought to Council a plan to maintain and refresh the pews in the sanctuary. The council approved a bid from Sherri Koclan to bring before the congregation for approval: \$6,975 to refresh the pews, tops of the pews, altar, pulpit and lectern – plus touch-up of the gold embellishment on altar, pulpit & lectern.

Cindy opened the floor for discussion, questions and comments. Motion carried.

Adjourn: Meeting adjourned and closed with Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Doris Brack, Council Secretary

East Central Synod of WI Synod Assembly

Marcia and Doug Scholes will be accompanying Pastor Kim to Calvary Lutheran in Green Bay on **June 7th**. This year's theme is To Serve All People Following The Example of Jesus.

Semi-Annual Meeting Notice

The semi-annual meeting is scheduled for **June 1st**, immediately following the service. Please plan on attending this important meeting as new council reps will be elected

Congregation Council Minute HIGHLIGHTS

Monday, April 7, 2025

(To be approved at May meeting)

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

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

Dwelling in the Word: Todd led with a story of 3 words often used to describe the human condition: sin, trespass and iniquity based on Isaiah 53:5 telling us Jesus heals. He then led us in prayer

REPORTS:

Secretary's Report: After a few corrections it was received as submitted.

Parish Accountant Report: Received as submitted.

Pastor's Report: Received as submitted. Pastor again noted the need for volunteers during Holy Week.

NEW BUSINESS:

Curtains in Sanctuary: Todd presented a bid of \$2,168 from Budget Blinds to replace original curtains in the sanctuary. Motion passed.

Semi-Annual Meeting: Will be June 1st after worship. Linda Wery and Pegi Be Dell graciously agreed to continue on council for another 2-year term. The Nominating Committee will need an additional person to replace Todd Keckhaver who has served his full allotment.

Personnel: The Personnel Committee announced they had interviewed 2 of the applicants for the Administrative Assistant position. Although both were good, they decided on the hiring of Ashley Chmielewski. She accepted and is expected to begin training on May 6th with Dawn, on Tuesday – Thursday of each week up until Dawn's last day.

Parish Accountant: Todd suggested that we make a recovery plan for information, resources, etc. for the Parish Accountant position. This will be on next month's agenda.

OLD BUSINESS:

Racial Equity Conference: Ten people from Bethel attended the Racial Equity Conference last Saturday at Ascension in Green Bay. Two fantastic main speakers, Vance Blackfox & The

Rev Angela Khabeb and others presented nine breakout sessions. It was very informative and well worth the time. We would like to share our resources and experiences with those people interested on Sunday, April 27th after fellowship. (After Note: postponed)

Aebleskiver: A committee is being formed to begin planning our next Aebleskiver Fest. Pegi, Cindy, Linda, Gayle and Todd agreed to serve on it. Pegi will make several announcements soon to ask for more volunteers to help with each task involved for the event with the initial meeting scheduled May 4th after worship.

Tree Removal: Charlie reported that work continues as they begin the process of removing the stump grindings and filling in the holes. The tree hole at the Parsonage needs more fill.

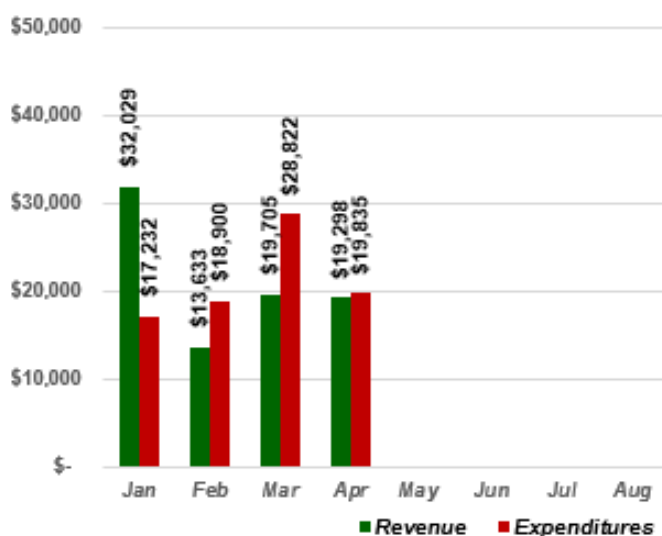
Culver's Fundraiser: Linda has finalized the date for the Share Event at the Culver's on Lineville in Suamico to be Tuesday, June 3rd from 5-8pm. The nearby roundabout will be completed by then. If this event is successful, Linda will ask if/when we can do it again.

Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 7:50pm and closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Next meeting, Monday, May 12th at 6:30pm.

Respectfully Submitted, Doris Brack, Council Secretary

Funding for Mission & Budget



	Revenue	Expenditures
February	\$13,633	\$18,900
March	\$19,705	\$28,822
<u>April</u>	<u>\$19,298</u>	<u>\$19,835</u>
2025 YTD	\$84,665	\$84,789

2025 Monthly Budget: \$20,033

2025 Total Budget: \$240,398

Thank you for your generosity!



Service Schedule for May

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




Service Schedule for June

	Assisting Minister	Reader	Altar Guild & Communion Assist	Usher	Video Tech
Sunday, June 1st	Doug Hanson	Sandi Tibbetts	Debbie Kasulke Dawn Schroeder	Carl Andrews Howard Schroeder	Yvonne Pamperin
Sunday, June 8th	Kay Zastrow	Michael Zastrow	Marilyn Meister Linda Wery	Kay Smith Carol Wehunt	Cindy Michalski
Sunday, June 15th	Doug Scholes	Peggy Hansen	Peggy Hansen Gayle Peot	Todd & Sue Keckhaver	Doug Hanson
Sunday, June 22nd	Charlie Hilla	Dar Schuurmans	Dar Schuurmans Sheila Greenwood	Dar Schuurmans Sharon Hilla	Rick Johnson
Sunday, June 29th	Cindy Michalski	Linda Wery	Gayle Peot Marilyn Meister	Marsha Scholes Jerry Boettcher	Doug Scholes

We are in need of more volunteers for worship.

If you would like to try a position to see if it is a good fit, or you would like to share your gift in one of the areas listed above, please let the office know.

May 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				¹ 10:00 Grace Bible Study	² Pastor Sabbath	³
⁴ 9:00 Worship 10:15 Tone Chimes 10:30 Aebleskiver Committee	⁵	⁶ 1:00 Pastor Text Study 5:30 EPH Celebration	⁷ 5:00 Confirmation w/mentors 7:00 Choir	⁸ 9:00 GB Conference 9:30 Library	⁹ Pastor Sabbath	¹⁰ Stamp Out Hungar Food Drive 9:30
¹¹ Mother's Day 9:00 Worship 10:15 Tone Chimes	¹² 6:30 Council	¹³ 1:00 Pastor Text Study 5:30 Beer & Theology	¹⁴ 10:00 Mission Sewing	¹⁵	¹⁶ Pastor Sabbath	¹⁷
¹⁸ 8:15 Tone Chimes 9:00 Worship 10:30 Worship Committee 5:00 Last Sunday Supper	¹⁹ Salvation Army Senior Meal	²⁰ 1:00 Pastor Text Study 6:30 Joy Bible Study	²¹	²² Pastor Vacation	²³	²⁴
²⁵ 9:00 Worship	²⁶ Memorial Day Office Closed	²⁷ 1:00 Pastor Text Study 6:30 BBB's	²⁸	²⁹	³⁰ Pastor Sabbath	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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