



The agenda includes the final vote for 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.

Ash Wednesday begins the Lent Season

February 18th is Ash Wednesday and Worship at Bethel will be at 1 pm
or Resurrection has a service at 6:30.

If you would like to join the choir for this season, please let Rowen know; the more the merrier!
All midweek worship services will be at 6:30pm.

Bible Study Groups

Grace Study Group will meet together on Thursday, February 5th at 10:00am in the church lounge. Donna VanEss will be hosting. Leaders are Sandi Tibbets & Kay Smith.

Beer & Theology will meet on Tuesday, February 10th at 5:30pm at The Bar Next Door/Cheesecake Heaven.

Joy Study Group will meet on Tuesday, February 17th at 6:30pm at Linda Wery's home.

BBB's will meet on Tuesday, February 24th at 6:30pm. Location TBD



Advent Event

In case you were unable to attend, we had a special Advent celebration in December. The Joy Bible study group joined forces with the BBB's and provided a morning of excellent food, fellowship, and laughter. All the ladies brought food to share. Cookies were brought in to divide up to take to our at-home ministries. There were so.... many cookies that we packaged some for good will donations after service the next day. Then the fun began. Ken Jaworski auctioned off gifts that were brought in by everyone that were wrapped and came in every shape and size. Charlie Hilla was the comedy relief, acting as Vanna White and delivering the gifts to the winning bidders. When all was finished and the tally was complete, **we raised \$1830 for the Haitian Christmas party**. Thank you to everyone that participated and all the people that helped in any way.



Welcome Rowen Erickson!



We are excited to welcome Rowen to Bethel. She is now the Music and Choir Director. Please join us in person or online to listen to how blessed we are to have such a talented musician.



Baby Shower

On January 11th Bethel hosted a baby shower for Elta & Laurance, our Haitian friends & students who are expecting a baby boy mid February. We showered them with gifts and everyone had a fun morning. Thank you to everyone who participated.



Our Sympathy

Our condolences to the family of Ron Pedersen who died on December 7th.

We extend our sympathy to the family of Diane Wesoloski who died January 12th. Her service and visitation were held at Bethel on January 16th

Our condolences to the family of Lottie Jaworski who passed away January 16th. Service and Visitation were held at Assumption BVN Church in Pulaski on January 25th.

Memorials & Gifts

Thank you to Peggy Hansen for her donation to Feed My Starving Children in Memory of Ron Pedersen

Words from Bishop Anne Edison-Albright



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This is not an easy time. But it is an important time to be the church.
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BISHOP ANNE EDISON-ALBRIGHT
EAST CENTRAL SYNOD OF WISCONSIN

Bishop Anne shared the following words in a sermon preached at the installation of Pr. Jason Poole-Xiong at Zion in Appleton on Saturday, January 24th.

“Across the country and close to home, people are in hiding. Some are undocumented, some have had their refugee status taken away, some are US citizens being targeted, harassed and detained because they aren’t white. We’ve heard that this is all necessary because some people are here illegally, and that makes them criminals, and criminals deserve whatever happens to them. That kind of logic has justified acts of great cruelty and violence throughout human history, and it’s not compatible with a theology of grace. Last weekend, federal agents killed a man in Minnesota. You may

hear debates about whether or not he deserved it. Again, the question of “deserving” is antithetical to a theology of grace. Jesus teaches that people who are undeserving—the prodigal son, the late-day hires in the vineyard—will inherit the kingdom of God.

Like generations of faithful people who came before us, we are called to be the church in difficult times. Being the church means being rooted in Christ: the one who was born, lived, was arrested, was killed, and rose again so that the whole world might have God’s peace and grace and abundant life—even in our times of greatest fear, conflict and grief.

This is not an easy time. But it is an important time to be the church.”

— Bishop Anne Edison-Albright

February Birthdays

Johanna Christian	2/3	Kathy Forrest	2/19
Jennifer Anderson	2/4	Sharon Hilla	2/19
Emilia Petersen	2/5	Nancy Johnson	2/20
Jill Dequaine	2/6	Bruce Nohr	2/21
Caryl Peters	2/6	Ronald Neimuth	2/23
Michael Ashley	2/17	Aubrey White	2/25
		Sandra Elbe	2/26

February Anniversaries

Doug & Marsha Scholes	2/18	26 Years
Doug & Jodi Burmeister	2/29	34 Years

Bethel Prayer Concerns

Ron Kasulke	Karen Koblenz	Ron Niemuth
Alli	Kathy Forrest	Carl Andrews
Caryl Peters	Kelly Schmidt	Sally Caylor
Christina Petzel	Jackie	Sandy Elbe
Deb McAllister	Joe Russett	Sheila O'Connor
Elaine Barber	Lou Warner	Shirley Johnson
Eric Pedersen	Luke Wubben	Paislee Porod
Gloria Treptow		Willow Van Vonderen
The Family of Diane Wesoloski		
The Family of Ron Pedersen		
The Family of Lottie Jaworski		

Easter is Just Around the Corner!

This year we will again be ordering our Easter flowers from Schroeder's Flowers. You can choose from Easter lilies or tulips. Unfortunately we don't have the details about cost or the deadline to order yet. We wanted everyone to be able to have the order forms available. Once we get the price and dates we will send out an email and put the information in the bulletins. If you would like to order a flower to decorate the church in honor or in memory of someone, please fill out the order form and return to the church.

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.



Easter Flower Order Form 2026

The deadline to order is TBD

PLEASE PRINT

Name of person ordering flowers _____

Number of plants ordered: _____ Lily at \$TBD each = \$_____

_____ Tulip at \$TBD each - \$_____

Total amount enclosed \$_____

Dedication: _____ **In honor of** _____ **In memory of** _____ **to the glory of God**

***More than one dedication can be used per plant
please indicate with each name what type of dedication is to be printed.***



Save the Date for Bethel's Annual Meeting Sunday, February 15, 2026

Bethel Church Council Minutes

Dec. 8, 2025

Present: Tim Moran, Charlie Hilla, Ben Hieptas, Cindy Michalski, Linda Wery, Gayle Peot, Tim Carlson.

Guests: Pastor Nate Gauerke, Pastor Jenn Pockat from the synod office.

Call to Order: Cindy Michalski called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm.

Dwelling in the word: Doris presented Isaiah Chapter 11 verses 1-3. Words are critical especially in creating peace and healing.

New Council member: Motion made by Charlie to welcome Tim Carlson to the council. Seconded by Ben. Approved unanimously

Pastor Jenn gave out exercises to get to know the council members. Pastor Nate read Isaiah 35, verses 1-10. Council members shared their image of this passage.

Cards with different pictures were displayed and the council shared their feelings with the relation of the pictures to how they see Bethel at this time. They both expressed that transition cannot be rushed – "God's timing is not our own."

Secretary's report: Charlie made a motion to accept the secretary's report with one amendment to the time of the Christmas Eve service changed to 4:00pm. Tim Carlson seconded it. Approved unanimously

Treasures Report: Ben made a motion to accept the treasurer's report. Gayle seconded it. Approved unanimously

New Business: Doris made a motion to remove Deb Hirthe, Pastor Kim and Malik from membership status. Charlie seconded. Approved unanimously

Tim C made a motion to accept Lucas Dean as a new member. Tim M seconded. Approved unanimously

Charlie made a motion that we set the date of Feb 15th, 2026, for the annual meeting. Tim M seconded. Approved unanimously

Gail made the motion to cancel Abelskiver for 2026. Tim C seconded. Approved unanimously

(Note: discussed the possibility of having a congregational Abelskiver event in the fall.)

Gail motioned to send the synod \$6000, for our end of year benevolence. Ben seconded. Approved unanimously

Christmas Eve service will be at 4 pm at Bethel. The same service will be offered at Resurrection Church at 6:30pm.

Next meeting Jan 12th 2026 at 5:30 pm

Linda will have dwelling in the word devotion for January.

Doris made a motion at 9:10 pm to adjourn the meeting and Tim M seconded it.

Approved unanimously

Respectfully submitted by: Linda Wery

Typed by: Julie Juranitch

Congregational Annual Budget Meeting Minutes

Sunday, December 14, 2025

Attendance: 43 congregational members

Cindy Michalski, Council President, called the meeting to order at 10:15am.

Prayer was led by Linda Wery for wisdom & unity.

A summary of how the budget was formulated including former Pastor Kim's severance package was explained.

Discussions on the budget and the severance package were heard.

A motion was made by Julie Juranitch and seconded by Linda Martin to change the wording (in budget) to include fundraising for our four benevolences previously funded by Aebleskiver money. Budget was voted on 32 in favor 7 opposed

Tim Carlson motioned to adjourn; seconded by Sharon Hilla. Approved.

Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 11:10 am.

Respectfully submitted, Linda Wery interim secretary to the church council.

Registration is open for Crossways annual meeting and camp.

You can sign up online.

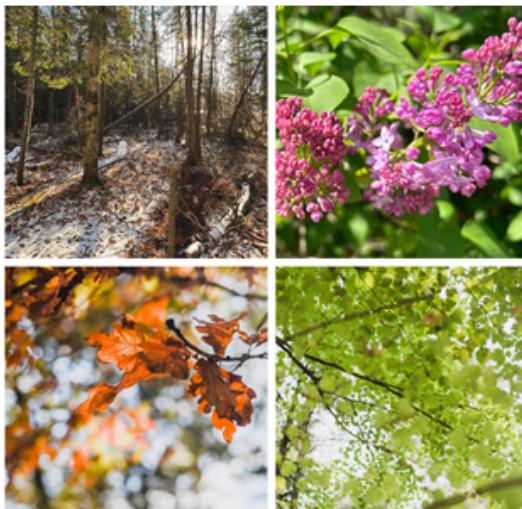


ANNUAL MEETING

**MARCH 14TH, 2026
9:00 REGISTRATION
9:30 MEETING**

St. Mark's Lutheran Church
140 S Green Bay Rd, Neenah, WI

Please RSVP voting delegates or non-voting guests by
March 1st, 2026 at Crosswayscamps.org/meeting



Camp Registration Now Open

Summer at Crossways is all about lake days, campfires, friendships, and space to grow in confidence and faith. From first-time campers to seasoned returners, there's a place waiting for every camper and every age. Spots in our most popular weeks are already filling, and we'd love to welcome your camper back (or for the very first time).

You're invited to gather with the wider Crossways community for our Annual Meeting on March 14th at **St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Neenah**. Whether you're a voting delegate or joining as a non-voting guest, we ask that everyone register by March 1st so we can plan well. We hope you'll join us as we reflect on the year behind us and look ahead together.

Mission Opportunities



Resurrection Food Pantry & Fill the Wagon: The need at the Food Pantry is growing daily. Bethel has been helping with the Fill the Wagon shopping list each month. **In January we donated over 187 pounds of food!** Please watch for an updated shopping list in the bulletin and bring in items to fill the wagon again in February! Thank you very much for everyone helping make this a huge success.

NEW Community Shelter Meal will be served in collaboration with Trinity and Resurrection churches on **Sunday, February 8th**. Six dozen bars/cookies are needed for this meal. Please sign up on the bulletin board.

Mission Room Don't forget that we collect Christmas string lights that no longer work, egg cartons, old glasses, cell phones, wine corks and prescription bottles are now being collected at the back entrance for the veterans.

Bethel Herald Deadline for the March issue will be **February 21st**. We ask that all submissions be turned in by this date. Thank you.

Handbags of Hope

Thanks to you, we have filled so many purses with goodies and necessities. These are given out at the Resurrection Food Pantry.



Suggested items include: deodorant, toothbrushes, toothpaste, feminine pads & tampons, fingernail clippers, nail files, nail polish, combs, soap, small shampoos, etc.



Service Schedule for February

	Assisting Minister	Reader	Altar Guild & Communion Assist	Usher	Video Tech
Sunday, Feb 1st	Kay Zastrow	Michael Zastrow	Dar Schuurmans Charlie Hilla	Howard & Dawn Schroeder	Rick Johnson
Sunday, Feb 8th	Cindy Michalski	Gayle Peot	Gayle Peot Peggy Hansen	Kay Smith Carl Andrews	Lucas Dean
Sunday, Feb 15th	Doug Hanson	Sharon Hilla	Dawn Schroeder Dar Schuurmans	Charlie & Sharon Hilla	Cindy Michalski
Sunday, Feb 22nd	Doug Hanson	Dar Schuurmans	Peggy Hansen Doug Hanson	Karl & Bonnie Peterson	Yvonne Pamperin

Wednesday, February 18th Ash Wednesday Service at 1pm

Sign-up in Hallway



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	Assisting Minister	Reader	Altar Guild & Communion Assist	Ushers	Video Tech
Sunday, March 1st	Kay Zastrow	Michael Zastrow	Pat Petzel Sheila Greenwood	Cindy Michalski & Gayle Peot	Lucas Dean
Sunday, March 8th	Charlie Hilla	Doris Brack	Linda Wery Linda Wery	Kay Smith & Sharon Hilla	Rick Johnson
Sunday, March 15th	Cindy Michalski	Dawn Schroeder	Debbie Kasulke Dawn Schroeder	Howard Schroeder & Carl Andrews	Doug Hanson
Sunday, March 22nd	Roland Christian	Peggy Hansen	Karen Hervas Peggy Hansen	Charlie & Sharon Hilla	Cindy Michalski
Sunday March 29th Palm Sunday	Doug Hanson	Gayle Peot	Pat Petzel Gayle Peot	Karl & Bonnie Peterson	Yvonne Pamperin

All midweek worship services will be at 6:30pm.

Please see the sign up sheet in the hallway to help during these services.

February 2026

BETHEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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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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