



## Holy Week

### Maundy Thursday, April 2nd

6:30 pm Maundy Thursday Worship /Handwashing, Communion and Stripping the Altar.

### Good Friday, April 3rd

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

### Easter Sunday, April 5th

9 am Festival Easter Worship w/Choir

## IMPORTANT COMMUNICATION TRAINING

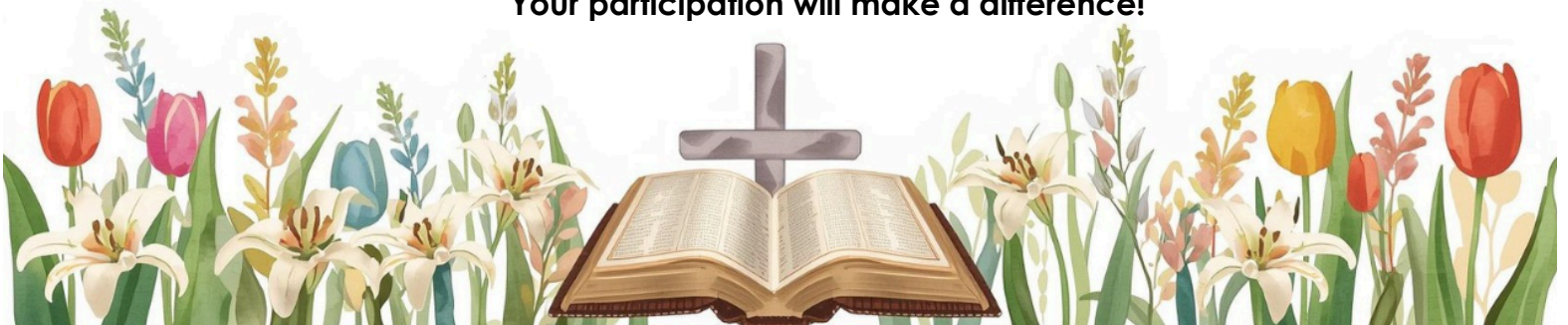
Bethel will be offering a series of communication training sessions to help strengthen how members connect with one another, council leaders, and staff. These sessions will be led by a synod-recommended counselor, Cathy Cowling.

The first gathering will be a “circle meeting” on **Wednesday, April 22 at 6:00 PM** in the church basement. This session will follow a structured and controlled format with specific guidelines set by Cathy to ensure a respectful and meaningful experience for all participants. Plan to address hurt feelings ; what is our vision; what is God's calling for the congregation; and how do we get to a healthy place before calling a new pastor?

Following this, there will be **three additional Wednesday evening sessions at 6:00 PM**, focused on building communication skills, fostering understanding, and helping us grow together as a church community.

All Bethel members are encouraged to attend and take part in these discussions and learning opportunities. We believe this effort will strengthen our relationships with one another, as well as with new members, friends, staff, and leaders. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend as many sessions as you can.

**Your participation will make a difference!**



## Mission Opportunities

**Resurrection Food Pantry:** During March, Bethel donated 113 pounds of food to the pantry. There will be a shopping list for you later in April.

The Stamp Out Hunger food drive is coming on Saturday May 9th. The Food Pantry will again need collection teams to pick up the food on the mail routes beginning at 9:30 am. The pantry is furnishing teams who will be collecting on the East Side of Green Bay at the Cofrin Post office. Last year about 85,000 pounds of food was collected by the east and west side post office teams. In total the NEW Postal Carrier service area collected 155,000 pounds. Resurrection is committed to provide at least 8 two person collection teams, for which they will receive about 8,000 pounds of food in the afternoon of that day. The collection activity is usually finished by about 1pm. We will then need many additional people at the pantry to sort and put the food away. There will be a light lunch funded by a Thrivent Action Grant around 12:30 pm. Those who participated last year actually had fun doing this service. Just remember to **bring sunscreen**. Please sign up to help by April 14 for planning purposes.

Other exciting news from the pantry: They have applied and been approved for grants to purchase meat, eggs, cheese and produce directly from Wisconsin Farmers! It will help them bring in items that pantry clients most frequently request. The food pantry is also expecting a donation this month of an additional refrigerator and freezer to help with the increase in perishable foods.

**NEW Community Shelter Meal** will be served in collaboration with Trinity and Resurrection churches on **Sunday, April 12th**. 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: Cell phones, Christmas Lights, Egg Cartons for Paul's Pantry, Wine corks, Eyeglasses & Hearing Aids.

### Bible Studies at Bethel

**Grace Study Group** will meet on Thursday, April 2nd at 10:00am in the church lounge. Nancy Johnson will be hosting.

**Beer & Theology** will meet on Tuesday, April 14th at 5:30pm at The Bar Next Door (Cheesecake Heaven).

**Joy Study Group** will meet on Tuesday, April 21st at 6:30pm at Marilyn Meister's home.

**BBB's** will meet on Tuesday, April 28th at 6:30pm at Dar Schuurmans home.



### 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

4/2 Cheryl and Terry Winzenried	50 Years
4/6 Matthew and Sarah Golden	13 Years
4/20 Karl and Bonnie Peterson	58 Years



### Bethel Prayer Concerns

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

### Memorials & Gifts

Thank you to Terri Hilbert  
 for her donation to  
 Feed My Starving Children  
 In memory of Shirley  
 Johnson

## *Say Something Nice*

I am starting a new page for the newsletter. It is a space to share something nice about someone in our congregation. It will give people the opportunity to learn about a fellow member or employee of Bethel. Please consider sharing "something nice" sometime soon.

Rowen Erickson has a mind like a steel trap when it comes to music and the organ at Bethel.

She recently asked for my assistance. Little did I know that it would involve reaching the foot pedals and finding all the different toggles that are labeled in a foreign

language. She had me sit at the organ in the balcony while she stood in the aisle below. Then the most amazing thing happened...Rowen began telling me which toggles to press. Not just the words and numbers on the toggles but exactly where to find them. And when I thought one failed to turn on because it didn't light up, she knew that toggle was unlit. She rattled these names and numbers off like she could see them. It was an amazing experience. I have added a photo of the organ so you can understand how truly special our organist is. Please take a moment sometime soon to tell Rowen that she is appreciated.



Cindy Michalski, Council President

## Special Thank You to Bethel staff & members

Thank you for the information regarding Mrs. Cowling's upcoming meetings with church members. I want to express my appreciation for Palm Sunday, a festive service which I viewed on the computer. The two piano sonata by Mozart which Rowan and her friend played were absolutely delightful. It was so typically Mozart. I also want to express my gratitude for the closed caption which we now have. Those of us with hearing loss are especially thankful.

Last of all, thanks to the group which provided gifts of a palm leaf, breakfast rolls, and the palm sunday church bulletin to homebound members. Being remembered warms the heart!

Sincerely,

Ann Poh



## Pastoral Updates

We have Sunday coverage through the end of May. As of this newsletter no plans have been made for Wednesday night summer services. April 12th will have no communion because there is no supply pastor available. May 3rd Bishop Anne Edison-Albright will be leading our worship service.

# Congregation Council Minute HIGHLIGHTS

Monday, March 23, 2026

**Present:** Cindy Michalski, Charlie Hilla, Linda Wery, Julie Juranitch, Gayle Peot, Tim Carlson, Ben Hietpas

**Excused:** Doris Brack

**Guests:** Rowen Erickson, Howard Schroeder, Debbie Kasulke, Angel Upstone, and Carol Wehunt-(via phone)

**Call to Order:** Cindy Michalski called the meeting to order at 5:30PM

**Dwelling in the Word:** Ben played a recorded message about "Turning Inadequacies into Victories"

## REPORTS:

**Secretary's Report:** Charlie made a motion to approve the Secretary's Report. Julie seconded the motion. Received as submitted.

**Parish Accountant Report:** Ben made a motion to approve the Parish Accountant Report. Gayle seconded the motion. Received as submitted.

## NEW BUSINESS:

**Music and Worship Committee recommendations:** Met on March 4th

Charlie will request that the Gift and Memorial Committee approve the renaming of the "pipe organ" funds to "instrument maintenance".

Biannual piano tuning will be arranged by Rowen.

There was a discussion about the possibility of moving the organ to the main floor and removing the piano from the balcony.

Charlie motioned to include Bethel in the "Organ Concert Series" that happens in August on Tuesday evenings. Gayle seconded the motion. Approved unanimously.

The moving of the organ to the main floor was delayed in order to get more input from the congregation.

Rowen will plan a "Hymn Festival" for October with a dessert reception.

**Removal of membership:** Tim moved to remove David Karnopp's membership from Bethel due to a transfer to Bethany Baptist. Seconded by Cindy. Passed unanimously.

Cindy gave a briefing on the annual Crossways Camping Ministries meeting.

Reviewed the report on security issues submitted by Ashley after a visit from the locksmith. Options included, electronic locks, possible alarm system and/or camera system.

GB police dept. was contacted regarding security around the church. They have been doing door checks and extra patrol during hours of darkness.

Discussed part-time pastoral service

- options contracted pastor
- shared position 50/50 or 25/75

Discussed summer services on Wednesday nights- do not want to double the weekly costs for supply pastors- don't know what the availability of supply pastors would be.

Tim motioned that the semiannual meeting be held on June 7th. Seconded by Ben. Passed unanimously.

Charlie reported on Gift Advisory Committee meeting and the recommendation that \$15,000 be withdrawn to be split 3 ways between EPH, FMSC, and Resurrection Food Pantry. Tim motioned to accept this recommendation. Gayle seconded the motion. Passed unanimously.

Quarterly distribution for synod will not happen this quarter- it will be revisited when funds become available.

Discussed the planting of a memorial tree (Ginkgo?) from the families of Ray Wery and Shirley Johnson.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Communications training;** Cindy read the recommended wording to be sent out to the congregation. No changes were recommended. A letter will be arranged with Ashley.

**Culver's Night:** Next date is scheduled June 2, 2026 at the West Mason location from 4-7PM

**Care for Our Neighbors:** Stamp Out Hunger Event May 9, 2026

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Gayle made a motion to adjourn at 8:07. Seconded by Ben. Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

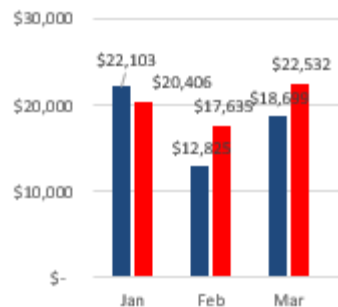
Respectfully submitted by Linda Wery

**Funding for Mission & Budget**

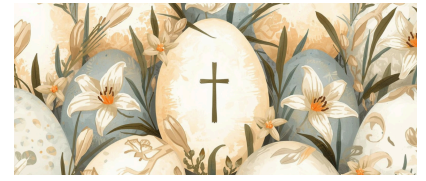
<u>Revenue</u>	<u>Expenditures</u>
January \$22,103	\$20,406
February \$12,825	\$17,635
<u>March \$18,699</u>	<u>\$22,532</u>
2026 YTD \$53,627	\$60,573

2026 Monthly Budget: \$18,843

2026 Total Budget: \$226,118



*Thank you for your generosity!*



## Service Schedule for April

Maundy Thursday, Apr 2 and Good Friday, Apr 3 services at 6:30pm

Sign-up in Hallway

	Assisting Minister	Reader	Altar Guild & Comm Assist	Usher	Video Tech
Easter Sunday, April 5th	Cindy Michalski	Sandi Tibbetts	Pat Petzel Linda Wery	Marsha Scholes Rick Johnson	Doug Scholes
Sunday, April 12th	Kay Zastrow	Dawn Schroeder	Karen Hervas Dawn Schroeder	Carl Andrews Howard Schroeder	Rick Johnson
Sunday, April 19th	Charlie Hilla	Peggy Hansen	Debbie Kasulke Peggy Hansen	Gayle Peot Sharon Hilla	Lucas Dean
Sunday, April 26th	Roland Christian	Linda Wery	Linda Wery Sheila Greenwood	Doug Scholes Cindy Michalski	Yvonne Pamperin



## Service Schedule for May

	Assisting Minister	Reader	Altar Guild & Communion Assist	Usher	Video Tech
Sunday, May 3rd	Cindy Michalski	Doris Brack	Kathy Long Linda Wery	Peggy Hansen Sheila Greenwood	Doug Hanson
Sunday, May 10th	Doug Hanson	Gayle Peot	Pat Petzel Gayle Peot	Marsha Scholes Kay Smith	Doug Scholes
Sunday, May 17th	Charlie Hilla	Sharon Hilla	Karen Hervas Peggy Hansen	Dawn & Howard Schroeder	Rick Johnson
Sunday, May 24th	Kay Zastrow	Michael Zastrow	Debbie Kasulke Linda Wery	Carol Wehunt Carl Andrews	Lucas Dean
Sunday May 31st	Roland Christian	Sandi Tibbetts	Debbie Kasulke Sheila Greenwood	Doug Hanson Linda Wery	Yvonne Pamperin

# April 2026

<b>Sun</b>	<b>Mon</b>	<b>Tue</b>	<b>Wed</b>	<b>Thu</b>	<b>Fri</b>	<b>Sat</b>	
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<b>Easter Sunday</b> 9:00 Worship 10:00 Fellowship				10:00 Grace Bible Study 6:30 Maundy Thursday Worship	6:30 Good Friday Worship		11
5	6	7	8	9	10		
<b>NEW Shelter Meal</b> 9:00 Worship 10:00 Fellowship 10:30 Choir			10:00 Mission Sewing	9:30 Library	2-4 Tutoring		18
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9:00 Worship 10:00 Fellowship 10:30 Choir		6:30 Joy Bible Group	6:30 Communication Training		2-4 Tutoring		
26	27	28	29	30	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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