

# The Bethel Bell



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Pastor's Page

What is the ELCA?

At a recent Bethel Council meeting we had some discussion about our congregation's relationship to our denomination, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). Over the next few months, the Pastor's Page will cover different aspects of the ELCA and our place within it.

The ELCA was formed in 1988 by the merger of three previous Lutheran denominations—the American Lutheran Church, the Lutheran Church in America, and the Association of Evangelical Lutheran Churches. The new name adopted elements of each of the previous denomination names, so let's see how these help define who we are as the ELCA.

When Martin Luther was actively working to reform the Christian church of Rome in the 1500's, the word evangelical was used to identify him and other reformers who based their ideas upon the good news of Jesus Christ found in the scriptures of the Bible. The word "evangelical" comes from the Greek word euangelion meaning "good news." You can also see the word "angel" in that word, meaning messenger. Since Luther's time, many Lutheran denominations have included the word evangelical in their name.

The word evangelical has taken on a nuance of meaning over the past several decades. These days we think of evangelical Christian churches as charismatic in nature, and, lately, associated with more conservative denominations who read the Bible quite literally and often emphasize personal conversion experiences. This can be confusing for people outside Lutheran circles as what they find inside most ELCA congregations does not align with the evangelicalism seen in other denominations in the U.S.

Another obvious word in our name is "Lutheran." As mentioned above, Martin Luther and his contemporaries were adamant about giving people access to the Bible. At the time, the Bible was only written in Latin or ancient Greek, so only the educated clergy could read it. Luther translated the Bible into the common German vernacular, which allowed people not only to understand it when it was read in church, but many people learned to read for themselves using this translation as their textbook.

Martin Luther never would have wanted any church to be named Lutheran. He preferred the word Christian, because we follow Christ—not Luther. His opponents started calling those who agreed with him "Lutherans" as a derogatory term, but it stuck with those who use Luther's writings—and those from other similar scholars—to help interpret Scripture. As Lutherans we base our faith on Scripture, and Martin Luther's works help us teach and interpret Scripture.

The ELCA also adopted the words "in America" as part of their name. We are a denomination made up of congregations that are located in the geographic areas of the United States of America. There are Lutheran denominations in Canada and other parts of the world with whom we are in relationship, but which have their own structures and leadership. The ELCA is located IN America, but we are not OF America because we are not supported in any way by our nation, as are churches in countries like Sweden, for example. This part of our name is descriptive only of where we are in the world.

Bethel Lutheran Church Mission Statement

"We are called, enlightened and empowered through Christ to worship, witness, and serve."

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IT IN THIS  
MONTH'S  
BETHEL  
BELL**

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## Pastor's page (contd)

So, we are *evangelical* whose primary calling is to be messengers of the good news of Jesus Christ. We are *Lutheran*, finding value in the teachings and writings of Martin Luther and other scholars at the time of the 16th century Protestant Reformation along with those who have followed them since. We are located *in America*, with our mission field centered here, in each community where an ELCA congregation is found, and expanding out to all nations around the world.

There are plenty of other Lutheran denominations in the US and, on a personal note, that is one of my great laments about being Lutheran. Once Lutherans in the U.S. were divided by language and culture (German, Swedish, Norwegian, etc.) because of immigration, but now, Lutherans are divided by doctrine and practices. One of the reasons you have a female pastor is because Bethel is an ELCA congregation. A couple of others that broke away from the ELCA in recent years also ordain women, but most of the others that were around before the ELCA do not. For this and other reasons, Lutherans often have a hard time interacting and worshiping with each other, and this can be confusing for folks who don't understand the Lutheran story.

There are other differences, as well, but for now we will focus on who we are and how we function. Next month we will look at the structure of the ELCA and how we as a congregation fit in that structure. In John's gospel, before Jesus went to the cross, he prayed for his disciples and for those who would come to believe in him because of their testimony—which includes us! May this prayer for unity among all Christian expressions be our prayer as well.

Jesus prayed *"I ask not only on behalf of these disciples, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me."* John 17:20-23

Joyful blessings,  
Pastor Lynne

### An update from Dean Sutera

Dean asked Pastor to share with the congregation that his wife, Judy, is doing very well in her new home at The Hampton at Salmon Creek, a memory care facility. The staff is attentive and gentle, and Dean is able to bring their dog, K-10, to visit Judy just about every day. Sending cards is the best way to connect with Judy. Dean appreciates the love and support of our Bethel family and our understanding of what is best for her.



Dean wrote: "Here's a photo of our family at The Hampton for Judy's 80th Birthday celebration. We had a wonderful time with good food and conversation filled with love. Judy was awake and alert for the full 3 hours. Also another photo with just Judy, me, Tahni and Joe."



Cards for Judy can be put in our box at Bethel or mailed to me. If anyone wants to see Judy, please contact me to schedule a visit.

## Holy Week Schedule

On **Maundy Thursday**, April 6, we will gather at 7:00 PM in the Narthex to begin our service with prayer, offering, scripture, communion, and a bowl of soup. Then, we will move to the sanctuary for a message, footwashing, and the stripping of the altar as we transition to Good Friday.

To help us be better prepared for the Maundy Thursday soup meal and footwashing, please take a moment to fill in one or more of the areas by clicking the sign up tab in the Mid-Week to let us know if you are attending the service/soup meal, if you would like to be a table host, or if you would like to partake in the footwashing activity. There is also a sign-up sheet at the welcome desk.

We give thanks for Geni Hammer who will prepare the soup and for Marlyne Olson preparing the loaves of unleavened bread.



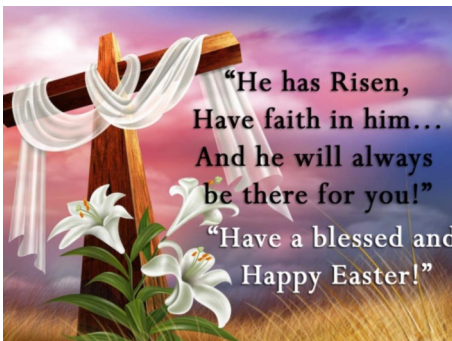
**April 7th - Good Friday – service at 7pm. Service will be live-streamed**



**April 9th - Easter Sunday schedule...  
Bethel Services at 8 and 10am**

**The 10am service will be live streamed**

**There will be a continental breakfast served between  
worship services.**



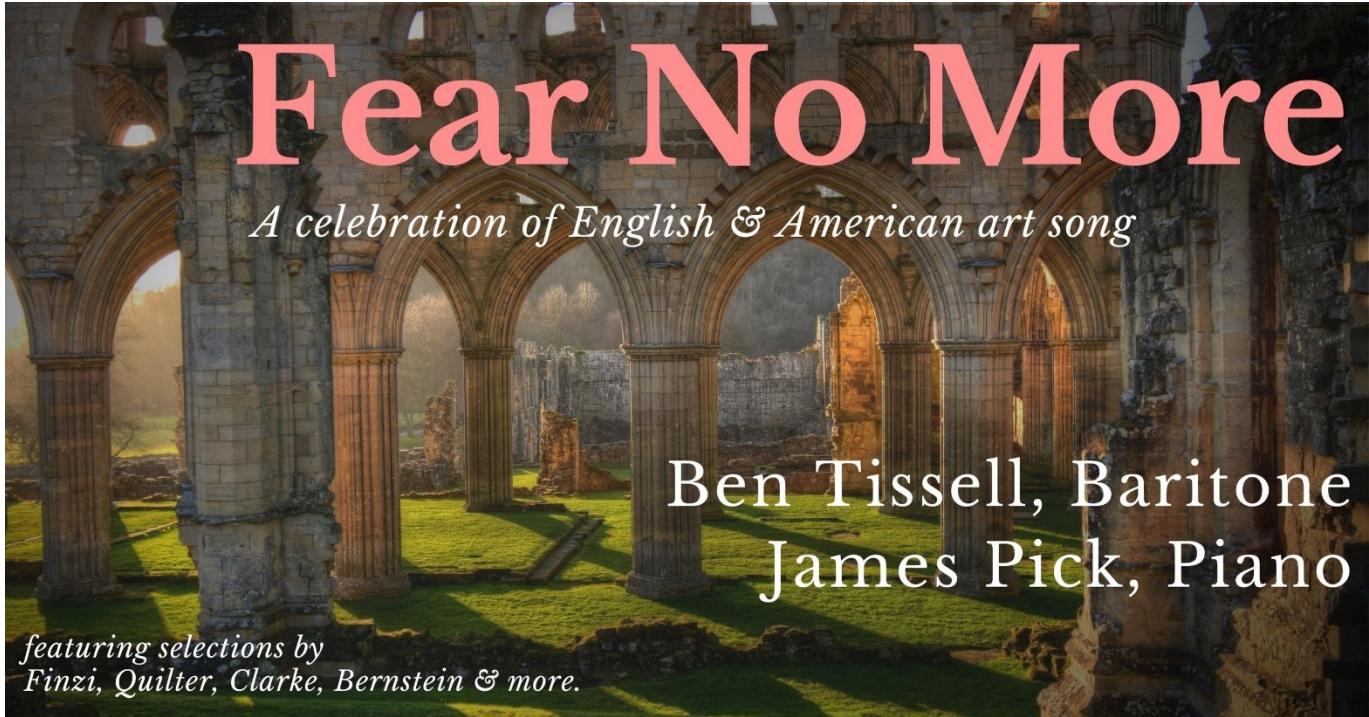
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**Battle Ground  
Sunrise Community Easter Service  
7:00am, April 9<sup>th</sup> at Lewisville Park  
Central Shelter**

## Summer Concert Series at Bethel

This summer, Bethel will host three “summer” concerts open to the public, and we’re kicking it off with a concert by our previous music director, James Pick and his friend Ben Tissell.

**May 7, 2023 2:00pm**



Whether you’re a classical music fan or just looking to hear some good tunes, you won’t want to miss this extraordinary concert featuring the works of Quilter, Finzi, Bernstein, Clarke, Copeland and others. Ben Tissell (Baritone) and James Pick (Piano) come together for their third recital celebrating English and American song. Powerful, evocative, and passionately performed, these works are sure to move, encourage, and delight audiences.

Invite your friends and neighbors for a delightful afternoon of good music, followed by a simple reception. Watch for details about future concerts, including one by the Battle Ground gospel singers, The Happy Accidentals!



### **New Member Class TBA**

If you are a newer worshiper here at Bethel and you are interested in learning more about what it means to be a member of this congregation, please speak with Pastor Lynne or call the church office.

We will plan the orientation class after Easter so we can welcome you into the Bethel family!

Pastor Lynne: [blcpastor@bethelbrushprairie.org](mailto:blcpastor@bethelbrushprairie.org)  
Church office: 360-892-4231

FROM BONNIE STAUFFER:

## APRIL FAMILY MINISTRY



We are launching the plans for Bethel's four day VBS adventure, June 26-29, 9:00 AM-12:00 PM

At Stellar VBS, kids will discover what it means to shine Jesus' light in everyday life!

I have loved Vacation Bible School since I was a little girl here at Bethel. I have had many mentors over the years to show me the way and share their vision of bringing together a fun-filled week of learning about Jesus. I love watching kids' faces light up as they enter Bethel's doors and wonder what fun things are in store for them each day. We have a faithful team of Bethel members who love preparing and leading the main stations for kids to take part in. I personally actually love to dream of wacky, elaborate decorations for our VBS theme! Last year we hosted a work party night filled with volunteers to help all the props and decorations come together. **But I get a little worried** when it comes to recruiting. "Where will we find **Crew Leaders** for all the kids?"



### Sharing the Vision - How can you help?

First, let's take a deep breath...and **pray!** Remember, God knows each person at Bethel and each child who will attend our VBS. **So, will you join me in prayer to ask God to open the eyes, hearts, and minds of those who will be just the right fit for our program.**

Our goal is to shine Jesus' light and love to children at VBS. Right now, we have enough volunteers to be the Station Leaders, but we **need at least 6 Crew Leaders and 6 helpers as well as a Music Station Leader.**

Anyone who loves the Lord and loves children can be a Crew Leader! A Crew Leader is...

- ⇒ a friend and a helper,
- ⇒ responsible for drawing kids into discussions as much as possible,
- ⇒ someone who offers kids choices,
- ⇒ someone who asks questions,
- ⇒ someone who encourages kids, and someone who helps and encourages Station Leaders.

If you would like to schedule a time to dig deeper into the ways you can serve at VBS or learn more about the details for other various ministries, please contact me. I am usually at the church office Monday-Wednesday.

*Bonnie Stauffer*

Family Ministry Director  
blcfamily@bethelbrushprairie.org



### Our Family Ministry Mission Statement

To partner with families to reach and teach them in such a way that they have the greatest opportunity to become fully developed followers of Christ.

#### Deuteronomy 6:6-8

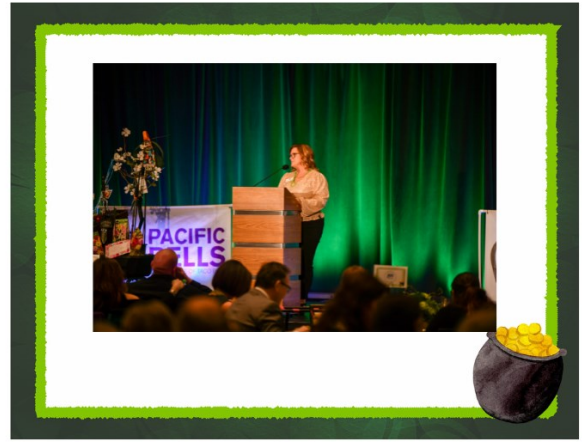
*These words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and you shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise.*

**Scan the QR Code from your phone camera to keep up to date with all the latest news on our website. You can also access the church calendar from there.**





# April Newsletter 2023



Rocksolid is grateful to everyone who supports our program serving youth! The 21st annual auction was a huge success! Thank you!

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Clark County Food Bank!



Group Photo!



Police Activities League



Cirque Du Soleil field trip!



Bye Bye Birdie Play!

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**Thank you, Bethel, for giving us a home!**

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March Council Meeting  
March 14, 2023



### Council Meeting Highlights – March 2023

- Holy Week Services: o Palm Sunday, April 2, service at 10am.  
Maundy Thursday April 6, service at 7pm with hosted soup supper.  
Good Friday, April 7, service at 7pm.  
Sunday, April 9, Easter schedule ▪ Easter Service at 8:00am. This service will NOT be live streamed.  
▪ Easter Service at 10:00am. This service will be live streamed.  
▪ There will be a Continental Brunch between services.
- We have filled the vocal and bell choir director positions. Still looking for individuals to fill the following positions: part-time pianist and part-time bookkeeper.
- The sanctuary committee is prioritizing some of the key factors to focus on during remodel: seating, communion rail, and chancel area.
- 2023 financial summary based on bank statements. o February: Deposits = \$30,233; Payments = \$20,066; Difference of \$10,167  
YTD: Deposits = \$53,533; Payments = \$36,164; Difference of \$17,368

The full minutes may be read on-line at our website: [bethelbrushprairie.org](http://bethelbrushprairie.org)



### Pacific Northwest Bold Gathering for Men

May 20, 2023 11:00-2:00 Pacific  
Trinity Lutheran Church – Parkland, WA

***A Bold Gathering is a day for men to come together to learn, network and be equipped to boldly live out their faith as bold, daring followers of Jesus Christ.***

Six guest speakers will be sharing their “Bold Stories from the Heart”. Watch for speakers, topics, and registration updates at [boldgathering.com](http://boldgathering.com). Registration will be free but appreciated to help with planning. Lunch will be served with a Free Will offering.

For those in other parts of the country, speaker presentation recordings will debut nationally in the weeks following via Lutheran Men in Mission communications and [boldgathering.com](http://boldgathering.com). Thank you to Trinity Lutheran Church in Parkland, WA for partnering with Lutheran Men in Mission.

For more about Lutheran Men in Mission resources and events,

go to [www.lutheranmeninmission.org](http://www.lutheranmeninmission.org)

## Noisy Offering – April 30

Benefitting Lutheran Community Services



### Lutheran Community Services Northwest Provides Critical Services for Refugees

Meet Maryam, a 30-year-old Afghan mother living in Vancouver with two grade-school children, her parents and her brother. Her husband left Afghanistan for Germany three years earlier with plans to have the family join him to start a new life. Those plans, however, were thwarted when Afghanistan fell under the Taliban regime, so fleeing to the United States with her family was the only hope for a better future.

This is one of many families Lutheran Community Services Northwest helps during the transition to a new life, in a new home, in a new country. Rental assistance provided through the organization only takes them through a few months, but with the help of a case manager, jobs are secured for all the adults, imperative in order to cover their monthly rent of \$2,500. The children are enrolled in school and making every effort to learn, despite the challenges of learning a new language. Life isn't always easy.

Read Maryam's story at *The Columbian* link below where she shares, "We are loving this country more, day by day, because we are happy here. We don't have to be scared here."



*Maryam and her girls attended Easter services and enjoyed their first egg hunt with new found friends in 2022.*

<https://projects.columbian.com/2022/07/03/afghan-refugee-family-we-are-happy-here-in-hazel-dell/>



**BRING YOUR  
CHANGE  
TO  
CHURCH!**

**THIS MONTH'S NOISY OFFERING WILL BENEFIT  
LUTHERAN COMMUNITY SERVICES NORTHWEST  
Please help if your able**



## Prayer Bead Workshop

You are invited to a prayer beading workshop at St. Andrew Lutheran Church (5607 NE Gher Rd. Vancouver, WA 98662) on April 22nd from 9:30am-1pm, to embark on a journey that will introduce you to a new and ancient way of connecting with God. Prayer beads are a prayer tool used in many faith traditions that can help you experience God's presence, increase your focus and comfort level in prayer, and be still and know God's love for you. This introductory workshop will teach a particular prayer bead pattern based on a book by Kristen Vincent titled "A Bead and A Prayer: A Beginners Guide to Protestant Prayer Beads."

Join us on April 22, 2023, 9:30 am – 1:00 pm at St Andrew's Lutheran Church, Vancouver WA. A donation of \$25 is suggested. Beading supplies, workshop materials, and lunch are provided. The workshop is a fundraiser for the homeless who participate in the Winter Hospitality Overflow Shelter.

To sign up:  
Call the Church at: (360) 892-7160



## A THANK YOU FROM REACH

Dear Bethel Lutheran Church Women,  
Thank you does not begin to express my gratitude for your generosity through your In-Kind donation of cleaning supplies to REACH Community Development. As April approaches, our properties are scheduled for unit inspections. Your donations will be used at my upcoming Spring-Into-Clean Events to support residents in their efforts, as well as bingo prizes, and raffle gift baskets. Please know that you've made a difference!  
Much love and gratitude,  
Sandy Egan  
Resident Services Coordinator  
REACH Community Development

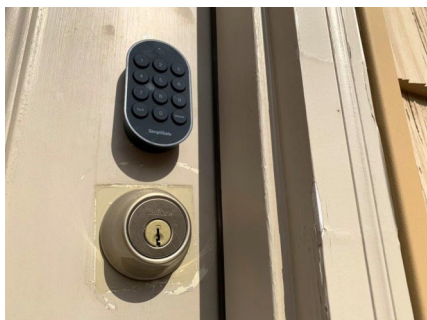


### Sandy Egan

Resident Services Coordinator

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## NEW SECURITY PROGRAM COMING TO BETHEL



Bethel's building will soon have a security alarm system. Once the system is installed all keyholders to the building will need to come to the office to receive a PIN code to arm/disarm the system and hands-on training. When all keyholders are accounted for, the security system will be activated. The scheduled date for activation is April 5th.

Terry Smith will be holding Key Holder classes on Sundays after church and on Tuesdays at 10am for the next couple of weeks.

Please contact him with any questions and to set up a time.  
(cell) 360-798-0816

# Community Outreach Ministries

April 2023



**VBS:** Vacation Bible School will be here sooner than you think! I frequently see Bonnie signing up people and planning activities. She is in need of Crew Leaders (the people that take the kids from station to station). People who like being a mentor and love kids. They don't have to do any planning. They just stay with a group of kids and interact with them throughout the day at each station. It is a 4 day program, **June 26-29, 9:00 AM to noon.** See Bonnie to volunteer.



**WHO:** The WHO- Winter Hospitality Overflow started in 2003 by the Clark County faith community as an emergency measure to address a growing unsheltered population. The WHO provides a warm, dry and safe overnight shelter from November 1 thru March 31. St. Paul serves single men and St Andrew serves single women, couples and families. Volunteers in our community are the life-blood of WHO. For more information: visit their website [www.whoprogram.org](http://www.whoprogram.org)



**ASSISTANCE LEAGUE OF SOUTHWEST WASHINGTON:** The Assistance League Southwest Washington is an all-volunteer, nonprofit organization that is comprised of multi-talented volunteers working together to fulfill its mission. Members volunteered over 11,800 hours last year. Our volunteers are dedicated to improving the lives of Clark County residents through hands-on programs. Join the women and men who volunteer with Assistance League Southwest Washington. Choose from the philanthropic programs and committees that interest you and would benefit from your special skills. Make a difference in our community by sharing your enthusiasm and extending a helping hand while making new friendships that will last a lifetime. Contact them at (360) 690-1253.

**COMMUNITY IN MOTION:** The mission of Community in Motion is to connect our neighbors with access to reliable transportation options that ultimately help community members maintain full and independent lives. Community in Motion has a volunteer driver program to provide more trips for our community. Trips provided by volunteer drivers help our community members live healthy, independent lives with trips to the grocery store, social gatherings, veterinary clinics, and so much more. You can help by becoming a volunteer driver today. To volunteer call (360) 735-3680.

## **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:**

- Rocksolid Community Teen Center Volunteer
- Keeping In Touch Outreach Volunteer - Visits to the Homebound
- Help Maintain and Beautify Our Building, Property, and Grounds
- Make & Deliver Meals to Fellow Congregants in Need

*This & That*  
from  
Pat

**April Quilting**  
Join one of the groups  
in the fall.

**Share House Quilters**  
2nd and 4th Monday  
at 9am

**Mission Quilters**  
2nd and 4th Tuesday  
at 9am



**Set-up for  
Sunday Fellowship Hour  
April - Priscilla Circle**

Members of the Circle will set up the coffee for Sunday morning and schedule helpers for clean-up at the close of services.

All Bethel families are invited to help with food as well as serving & clean up.

You'll find a sign up sheet on the welcome desk.  
Please help as you're able.

**Keeping In Touch**

**Someone you haven't  
seen lately?  
Give them a call**

**Make their day!**



### April

Saturday, April 1st  
Brunch Hostess - Priscilla Circle

**Guest Speaker  
Gary Lindbo  
presents  
"Lilly"**



Share House Quilters  
Monday, April 10th & 24th

Mission Quilters  
Tuesday, April 11th & 25th

Circles meet on Tuesday, April 18th at Bethel  
Priscilla - 9:30am  
Naomi - 1:00pm  
Hope Circle - 6:30pm

Priscilla: Jan Shepard, hostess  
Naomi: Nanci Keenan, hostess  
Hope: Maureen Smith, hostess

\*Sunday Fellowship set-up: Priscilla Circle  
Easter Sunday - April 9th





APRIL 9 – EASTER  
JOIN US FOR A  
CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST!



## Southwestern Washington Synod News

**Ordination & Installation of Linda Marousek  
as Pastor of St Paul Lutheran Church**  
Sunday, April 30, 2023 - 2:00 PM

**Good Soil**  
*Lord, let my heart be good soil,  
open to the seed of your Word.  
Lord, let my heart be good soil,  
where love can grow and peace is understood.*

St Paul Lutheran Church  
1309 Franklin St, Vancouver, WA 98660



### Camp Lutherwood Oregon

Your family's summer vacation is already planned

What if the best family vacation was also the most affordable and the easiest to plan? Family & Friends Camp at Camp Lutherwood Oregon promises loads of fun and lifelong memories for all ages. Relax by the creek or cool off in the pool! Trained staff lead games and activities for toddlers, teens, and everyone in between. Adults-only time complements evenings all together around the campfire or gazing at the stars.

*Book your spot now—there's only room for 14 families each session!*

**Register for Family Camp Session One: July 1-4**

**Register for Family Camp Session Two: July 21-23**

Got a 2nd or 3rd grader? Capture their imagination!

This summer, elementary campers will have opportunities to be creative, explore the creek, sleep out, play games, splash in the pool, and make new friends at Camp Lutherwood Oregon. Staying in a cabin with peers and a trained counselor encourages important social skills, independence, confidence, and teamwork. Get your campers away from screens and plugged into WONDER in 2023!

**Register for Session One: July 9-13**

**Register for Session Two: July 30-August 3**

*Note that ages listed in registration platform are for the 2023-24 school year.*

[www.lutherwoodoregon.org](http://www.lutherwoodoregon.org)

# KEENAGERS

April 20th at 12noon

POTLUCK LUNCH

LEARN ABOUT OUR FROLIC PROGRAM

PLAY WHITE ELEPHANT BINGO

Bring a dish to share and ask a friend to join us!



## **FROLIC ...Little Steps, Big Faith**

***We believe that Christian faith is essential to early childhood development. By connecting Christian faith development with developmental milestones, FROLIC resources introduce age-appropriate faith concepts that help the youngest children understand God, and the lives around them.***

***FROLIC connects with families of children, infants through age 5, by sending them E-newsletters with helpful articles, tips and activities centered around faith and childhood development.***

***The E-newsletters help busy parents during their child's first 5 years. On the first of every month, they will receive the E-newsletter. This will be available for up to five people in the child's family.***

***This is where you come in. As a Godparent, grandparent, aunt or uncle you too can be part of this event by adding an infant - 5 year old to the enrollment.***

***Join us at Keenagers on April 20th at 12pm to learn more.***



**MARK YOUR CALENDAR!**



**WOMEN'S  
BRUNCH  
AND PROGRAM  
10:00 AM  
1<sup>ST</sup> SATURDAY OF  
EACH MONTH**

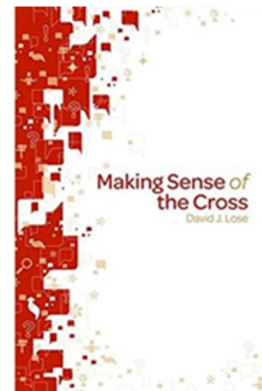
Work Day Every Tuesday

**MEN'S  
MINISTRIES**

**Bethel Men are Invited  
to Breakfast and Devotions  
Third Saturday of Each Month  
9:00AM**

## **Pastor's Mid-Week Bible Study**

**Join us  
Wednesday morning at 10am.  
Our current study is  
"Making Sense of the Cross"**



*Feed the hungry, and help those in trouble. Then your light will shine out from the darkness, and the darkness around you will be as bright as noon.*  
Isaiah 58:10 (NLT)

There's a special appreciation for a warm and comfortable home, food that is readily available in the cupboards or refrigerator and a cozy bed to crawl into at the end of a long day when you've shared a night with others who don't have the comforts of a permanent residence. Early in March, Bethel volunteers stepped up to help make life a little easier for two families who are working through a difficult time in their lives but are actively working to get back on their feet again so they, too, can enjoy the comforts of a real home—one they can call their own.



Our thanks to John Sarver, Pastor Lynne, and Craig and Candi Ehrich for giving of their time during our service week to either prepare a meal for the families or serve as hosts at the overnight shelter, which is located at Battle Ground Community United Methodist Church. Our next opportunity to serve will be the week of May 14. Please reach out to one of these volunteers to ask about their experience and consider how you might lend a hand the next time Bethel is called to serve.



## Musician Position Open: Worship Pianist

### Bethel Lutheran Church

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Bethel Lutheran Church is seeking an experienced pianist to lead congregational singing for worship, 2-3 Sundays per month, Contact the church office for a complete job description and application information.



Join us In person:  
for Worship at 10:00am on Sunday mornings  
On line: follow the links from our website  
[bethelbrushprairie.org](http://bethelbrushprairie.org)  
Phone Patch: 360-729-0011  
Put your phone on speaker  
and don't forget to hit the mute button...



**Masks are welcome, but optional,  
according to your comfort level**

#### Worship Assistants Schedule for April 2023

	Worship Asst	Reader	Greeter	Usher
April 2	Eric Ogren	Terry Smith	M. Olson/M. Smith	T. Smith/D. Wolf
April 9 -(8am) (10am)	Heidi DeBroeck Charles Moon	R. Hauser Jack Graves	C. Wolf/S. Gullickson V. Moon/J. Bradley	J. Fuerstenberg/D. Wolf D. Stauffer/L. Kytola
Apr 16	Ken Saylor	Rick Hauser	Claudia Bottemiller Kay Nock	Neal Correy Dennis Stauffer
April 23	Charles Moon	Randy Crawley	Chad McCabe Tara McCabe	Jim Fuerstenberg Ray Sell
April 30	Terry Smith	Jack Graves	John Johnson Gloria Johnson	Craig Ehrich Ken Coats



Got some important Bethel news? You can send updates, or get information to us by e-mailing:



Today we ask for prayer for Judy Sutera, Anne Hultsman, Milt Kleven, Jody Huffstutler, Lucille Gukeisen, Denneva Coats, Sheryl Elder and Laurie Haynes

We pray for the financial & spiritual health & growth of Bethel and for all who struggle with illness and economic issues. We ask God's guidance and protection on our military, our leaders and our country.

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Director of Family Ministries  
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A/V Ministry: Jim Bergren  
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RSTC Director  
Marcy Sprecher  
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Thank you Bethel for your continued financial support.

Have you considered setting up automatic giving through your bank or credit union? It's usually done at no charge.

Masks are now optional at Bethel. Wear or not - according to your own comfort level.

Stay well!



May 2023  
Bethel Bell  
Newsletter Articles  
are due by Apr 20th  
Office hours:  
Regular hours  
Mon-Fri 9AM-3:30PM

Please call if you have questions.  
Office: 360-892-4231

*"pray without Ceasing"*  
1 Thessalonians 5:17



*"Always pray and never give up"*  
Luke 18:1

**Are you a part of Bethel's Prayer Chain?**

If not, and you'd like to be, please contact Judy Bergren (phone chain) 360- 666-9134 or Judy Wood (email chain) 360-892-4231 or 360-904-0271. All we need is your name and email address, or your phone number if you don't use a computer...

### Communion April 2023



Communion will be served to those who attend in-person services at Bethel this month.

Communion elements for home use are available at the Bethel office. Call and arrange to come and pick yours up.





Katie Aguilar	04/02
Ricki Rose	04/03
Richard Wolf	04/07
Addison Veitenheimer	04/08
Sandra Knudtson	04/09
Jennifer Huffstutler	04/10
Erika Stauffer	04/10
Garry Presthus	04/17
Tania Webb	04/17
Riley Sprecher	04/18
Ken Coats	04/19
Marion Hume	04/24
Denneva Coats	04/27
Brooke Schroeder	04/30

Warren & Linda Bieker	04/03/1976
John & Carolyn Bomar	04/07/1962
Dennis & Merrill Sprecher	04/08/1977
Richard & Patricia Hauser	04/09/1994
Joe & Mickey Shields	04/23/1976

If you had a birthday or anniversary and are not listed, OR if dates are incorrect or incomplete,



**Keep our Servicemen and women in your prayers..**

**SPC Alec Rohrer**, US Army, grandson of Jack & Cindi Graves, serving at Fort Carson, Co.

**Johnathan Cook, USAF** , grandson of Kay Nock, stationed in Florida

**Zackery Scott Noorlun, USAF, TSgt** , great-grandson of Clarice Noorlun, serving as an avionics technician at Royal Air Force Lakenheath in the UK.

**Ingrid Flores, E-4** US Combat Medic, who returned safely in July 2020 from a year of service in Jordan. Great niece of Craig and Candi Ehrich, who continues to serve with the Army National Guard.

**Nick Otos, USAF**, nephew of Kari Otos, stationed at Okinawa, Japan

**Luke Terry - US Air Force**, stationed in Germany.

**Lonnie Terry - US Air Force**, stationed in New Mexico.

**Derrick Wolf, USN**, grandson of Dick & Charlene Wolf. Derrick is on recruiting duty in Virginia.

**Chandler Heppe, USAF**, Capt, nephew of Eric & Lynne Ogren, stationed in Utah.

**Regan Heppe, USAF**, Lt. niece of Eric and Lynne Ogren, stationed in Bahrain.

**A soldier said: "When I die do not play taps over my grave. Instead play reveille, the morning call, the summons to arise."**

**If you have an update for this list, please let the office know.. Thanks!**

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## *Christ Welcomes All*

### **Stay Informed....**

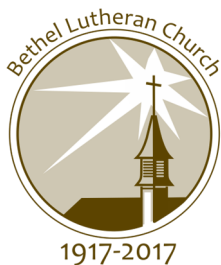
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**If you're unable to join us in-person please  
won't you join us virtually??**

**Sunday Service Hours**

**In-person 10:00am**

**Streaming Service - YouTube**

**Phone patch - 360-729-0011**

**Watch the Bethel Bell and the Mid-Week (on line)  
for Coming Events!**