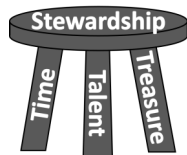




## *Stewardship of Our Lives Did you know?*



2 Corinthians 4:15

*The Board of Stewardship works to promote stewardship within the congregation.*

*We attempt to achieve this goal by:*

- *The Stewardship Encouragement found in your e-memos and bulletins.*
- *Time & Talent Surveys sent out yearly.*
- *The Stewardship of our Lives/Did you know series*
- *Ministry Minute presentations*
- *The Stewardship of our Lives narthex displays*
- *Ordering & distributing offering envelopes*
- *Offering an E-giving option*
- *Name Badges*

*The Board of Stewardship has other areas as well, that fall under our board's responsibility.*

*They are:*

- *Welcome reception for the new members class*
- *Bethel Memorial Fund*
- *Bethel Baristas*
- *Pictorial Directories*
- *Fellowship ( Girlfriends, Men of Bethel, & Congregational activities)*

*The month of October, the Board of Stewardship is the spotlighted Bethel board. Please read each week the details on each of these important responsibilities.*



*The Stewardship Encouragement found in the E-memo and bulletins each week provide messages that direct our thoughts away from the world and ourselves and back to the cross.*

*The yearly Time & Talent Surveys offer opportunities for each of us to get involved at Bethel and be able to joyfully give back. This helps us remember WHO it is that we serve when we volunteer our time & talents and give of our treasure.*

*A Welcome Reception for the newest members is held once they have become members. Our board supplies the name badges and offers a muffin reception on the morning the new members are taken in to join Bethel. Our Assimilation budget is \$600.00*

*The Bethel Memorial Fund is for when there is a death among our church and financial gifts in that loved ones name are given. These monetary gifts go into the Bethel Memorial Fund. The overseeing of the funds falls under the duties of the Stewardship Board.*

*Check Out the Display in the Information Center! More to come in the next E-Memo and Bulletins!*

## From the Board of Stewardship



**Are you ready for some Aggie Football  
and Bethel Fellowship?**

**Then make plans to join us for our  
Bethel Maroon Out Tailgate day.**

**When: Saturday, October 13th**

**Time: one hour prior to kick-off**

**Where: Morris & Karen Guyton's home  
2595 Peach Creek Road, College Station**

**The Board of Stewardship will provide burgers & all the trimmings.**

**You bring an appetizer, side dish or dessert to share.**

**Also, bring your own beverages and lawn chairs.**

**Sign up at the bulletin board. Childcare at the church, available upon request, starting 1&1/2 hours prior to start of the game.**

**If requesting childcare, must know by Sunday, October 7th.**

**Come join us for a great day with your Bethel family watching the Aggies beat  
South Carolina....WHOOO!!!!**



**499 500 501**

*Celebrating the Lutheran Reformation*

**Dear Bethel Brothers  
and Sisters,**

Once again, Bethel is recognizing the birthday of our Lutheran Reformation with the final installment of our 499 / 500 / 501 Capital

Campaign designated toward reducing our \$850,000 remaining debt. When we started the current campaign in 2016, our building debt was approximately \$1.6 million. Through the first 2 years of the current campaign, Bethel has gathered \$650,000. With these extra gifts, along with regular debt payments, we have almost cut the debt in half!

We encourage you toward a successful completion of this Celebration Campaign, and ask you to prayerfully consider your offering.

**What does a Capital Campaign offering look like?**

- *Prayerful*
- *Over and above your regular giving*
- *Significant*
- *Sacrificial*
- *Joyful*

**How will this offering work?**

- Reformation Sunday is a special day to receive these gifts, but you may certainly bring your gift anytime. If you are making weekly or monthly capital campaign gifts, or if you wish to offer this type of gift at the end of the year, please continue your routine.
- Please use one of the "Building Program" envelopes already in your offering envelope boxes and/or a Campaign card to designate your 499/500/501 offering. Extra cards and envelopes will be available in the pews for the next few months.

Together we Praise God for our Lutheran Reformation history and its impact still today. As we celebrate the 501<sup>st</sup> anniversary, let us look to the future and consider our role in His Kingdom, both as individuals and as a congregation. With the help of the Holy Spirit, we pray that we may hold firm to and spread the true Gospel message that Jesus Christ was crucified and resurrected to earn for everyone who would believe the free gift of forgiveness and salvation.

Thank you for considering this special offering.  
Christ's Blessings to you,  
Steven & Jennifer Klose, Co-Chairs 499/500/501  
Pastor Randy Bard  
Preston Kissman, Congregational President

## From the Board of Community Service

### CROP Hunger Walk



You can help make a difference in local AND global hunger by walking in our community's

CROP Hunger Walk this year. 25% of funds raised will go to Brazos Church Pantry with the remainder going to

Church World Service or a donor-specified organization (*including Lutheran World Relief*). The walk is **Sunday, October 14th, at 3:00 p.m. in Veterans Park**. It is a three-mile

walk on the American Mile, dogs on leashes are welcome, bottled water provided, and ice cream treats at the end of the walk. What a great way to spend the afternoon while helping those in need! *Even if you can't participate in the walk, you can still donate to the cause!* To register or donate, go to [www.crophungerwalk.org/bryantx/bethel](http://www.crophungerwalk.org/bryantx/bethel). To designate your donation for Lutheran World Relief, put "LWR" in the alternate agency box under payment method. When you register, be sure to put "Bethel Lutheran Church" as your team.

### HURRICANE HARVEY REBUILD

Except for a small skeleton staff, *Eight Days of Hope* is an all-volunteer, faith-based organization committed to helping homeowners rebuild after a natural disaster. This year, they will be serving in Houston, Texas, from October 13th – October 20th to help in the rebuilding after the historic damage caused by Hurricane Harvey. We would like to take a group to serve a minimum of 3 days to volunteer. *Eight Days of Hope* does not charge the volunteers to participate and they provide food and lodging to all. We can also serve through prayer and/or donations towards their efforts. For more information please visit <https://eightdaysofhope.com/>

We would like to all go as a group. The dates that we will be serving will depend on availability of those of us volunteering, so we need to know as soon as possible who is interested and what your availability would be, no later than October 1st. Email Wren Sisco [wrenshs@gmail.com](mailto:wrenshs@gmail.com) with your name and availability (minimum of 3 days) to volunteer. Or call 979-218-2894. Once a date is set for us to go, you will need to go to the website and register individually.

**Twin City Mission** provides support - shelter, meals, clothing, household items, or other services - for those in need. Twin City Mission includes Phoebe's Home, a shelter for battered women and their children, and the Bridge, a shelter that provides emergency housing and works to transition homeless into permanent housing. Bethel supports quarterly with \$500.



### Twin City Mission Coat & Blanket Drive Box

Is in the Information Center. New and used coats, hats, scarves, gloves, blankets etc. are needed in the Brazos Valley. Please donate any of these items to your neighbors in need.

**If You Don't Wear It, Share It!**



### Faith in Action Pumpkin Patch

Faith in Action Pumpkin Patch is located next to Hillier Funeral Home at 2301 E 29th St. **The pumpkin patch is open October 1 thru 31.** The Faith in Action hosts a festival every fall at the pumpkin patch with games and activities for the whole family. ***This year's carnival will be on October 20.*** Make sure to attend!

### Pumpkin Patch Hours

Sunday – Friday 12 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Saturday 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

### Volunteer

If you would like to volunteer at the pumpkin patch, please go online to sign up for shifts as a leader or a volunteer. **THANK YOU!**

Call Madeline Zwicke (979)777-1574 OR For Shift Leader go to <https://signup.com/client/invitation2/secure/1960880/false#/invitation> For Shift Volunteer go to <https://signup.com/client/invitation2/secure/1987968/false#/invitation>

**Coat & Blanket Give-away**  
Coat & Blanket Donations Needed.

**Where: 412 N. Bryan St.**

**When: November 16th**

**Time: 9:00 am to 4:00 pm**

# Young Couples

Our Bethel *Young Couples*\* will have their next activity on Friday, October 19 from 6 to 8:30 PM. It will have fellowship, devotional time, games and food. The theme is a “Spooky” potluck – so bring some Halloween themed food to share. Also bring some type of board game or other such game to share. You can sign up at the table in the Narthex or online at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0a4dafad2baafc1-october>. Please remember that when you sign up to please list what you are bringing plus any childcare needs you might have. \**Young Couples* merely means that if you think young you can come – not a real age limit.

## FUN FAMILY WEDNESDAY

Our Fun Family Wednesday continues this fall through November 14 (although we will be taking off October 31<sup>st</sup>). Please remember that child care is available all evening.

**MEAL** served from 5:15 to 6:30 PM at a cost of \$4/person with a max of \$12/person. Menus:

- October 10th Breakfast, Pancakes, Quiche, Fruit, Sausage, Canadian Bacon
- October 17th Fajitas, Fixin’s, Beans, Chips and Cheese
- October 24th Soup and Salad Bar

**At 6:30 PM we have:**

**KIDS BIBLE CLUB** in Room 237 for Kindergarten through 4th grade. Games, Devo, Crafts.

**JUNIOR CONFIRMATION** in Room 232 for those starting in 5th Grade.

**YOUTH NIGHT** in Room 239 for those Grades 7 to 12. Devo/topic, some games, free time

**FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY** meets in Room 240.

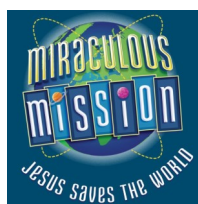
**SMALL GROUP STUDY** on Wednesday meets from 6:30 to 7:45 in the Library. We’re going over the Gospel of Mark.

**AND Not to leave out our choirs.....**

*at 6 PM there is also the Hand-bells Practice in Room 210 with the Sanctuary Choir meeting at 7 PM in the Choir Room (Room 207).*

## Vacation Bible School Next Year

VBS next year is scheduled to happen June 23-27, 2019. Once again we’ll have our VBS in the evening starting with a meal and then classes and activities for all ages. Make your plans to join us.

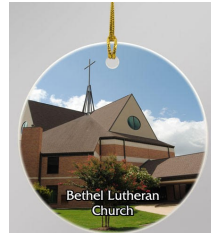


## LCMS NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING

—The time has come to get signed up! Registration forms have been sent out (and more are available in the Narthex). We need the forms filled out and turned in no later than Sunday, October 14. Please contact DCE Randy if you have any questions. Youth must be at least 14 by the date of the Gathering (July 11 -15, 2019) but not yet 21 by that date OR going into the 9th grade the fall of 2019. Please note that we must have the forms in to us by October 21.

## CHRISTMAS ORNAMENTS ON SALE THROUGH OCTOBER 14TH! PRE-ORDERS ONLY!!

The Bethel Youth are selling ceramic Christmas ornaments to raise money for the National Youth Gathering in Minneapolis, MN next summer. The ornaments are 3" in diameter and made of ceramic. Cost is \$15. Look for our display in the narthex! You can order at the church or go to [blcbcs.org/ornaments.php](http://blcbcs.org/ornaments.php). Thank you for your support! Act Now! *We have extended the time you can order to Sunday, October 14. Please remember that these are for pre-sale only – so order yours today!* **ACT NOW! SALE ENDS OCT. 14TH!!!**



## BREAKFAST TACOS

We continue to effort to offer breakfast tacos on most non-Communion Sundays between early service and Sunday School We’ve now offering a choice of breakfast tacos with bacon or sausage! Proceeds from the sales go toward costs of our going to the 2019 National Lutheran Youth Gathering in Minneapolis.

## DIRECTOR OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CALL

We are currently taking names of DCE candidates from the congregation and will add these to names that we will get from our Texas District office. If you want to submit a name you can get a written position description in the Narthex or go online to the link on the left side of Bethel’s home page on the web site ([www.blcbcs.org](http://www.blcbcs.org)) Candidates must be on the LCMS roster as a Commissioned worker to be considered (with DCE certification preferred). Once we have the names gathered, the Board will narrow down the selections and most likely will bring in a limited number of DCE Candidates for an interview at Beth-

el. From these interviews (which will involve various segments of Bethel) a recommendation for a Call to be extended will be made to the Voter's Assembly for approval. (In the end it is the Voters who actually extend the Call). We solicit your prayers as we move ahead in this process. Please note that we need to have any suggested

candidates from the congregation by Sunday October 21. (DCE Randy Moerbe)

**SUNDAY SCHOOL SINGERS** 1st through 4th graders meet in room 234 at the start of Sunday School, 9:45-10:00 a.m. They learn to praise the Lord through music. Contact Trish Nipps or Rebekah Zehnder for more information.

## BETHEL OWLS (Older, Wiser, Lutheran Souls)

The OWLS opened the fall meeting season with a potluck luncheon on Thursday, September 20. Eighteen persons attended and the opening prayer was led by DCE Randy Moerbe.

The speaker was local historian, Mr. Henry Mayo. His topic was "The Town of Bryan in the 1860s", years before the city was chartered by the State of Texas in 1871. He pointed out that "Bryan City" was started as a railroad town in 1860 by Abraham



Groesbeck and William R. Baker, officers of the Houston & Texas Central Railroad, on land purchased from Mr. William J. Bryan. Mr. Mayo went on to trace the town's growth and development during the 1860s based on information from period documents including letters, newspapers, maps, and photographs.

**Please join the OWLS next month for the next potluck luncheon on October 18.** Our speaker will be Dr. Boehne, speaking on the importance of a tourniquet. Bring a dish to share and a friend and We'll see you Then!

## Bethel's Preschool News



**The Butter Braid Fund Raiser for the Preschool is starting!** This is our big fund raiser for the year. With the holidays right around the corner, the Butter Braids make a wonderful dessert, breakfast food or even gifts!

**We will have a display and take orders for two weekends (Saturday & Sunday, Oct. 13 & 14 and Oct. 20 & 21). Butter Braid orders are due by Sunday, Oct. 21.** They will be delivered to the preschool Nov. 5 and will be available for pick up during the week and on Saturday/Sunday, Nov. 10 & 11 and Nov. 17 and 18. The flavors this year are: Apple, Blueberry & Cream Cheese, Cherry, Cinnamon, Cream Cheese, Strawberry & Cream Cheese, Double Chocolate and the **Four**

**Cheese & Herb Bread with Marinara Sauce.** The price is \$14.50 per braid (the chocolate braids and the four cheese breads are \$15 each). *We are very grateful for the terrific support from the church in the past for the Butter Braid Fund Raisers!*



God has blessed us with a terrific staff again this year. *We are very thankful to have such a great team!*

**We have a wonderful opportunity to teach the children each and every day! Christ-centered schools are eternally significant in the lives of these little ones and their families. Please continue to pray for our staff, the children and their families.**

## FLOWER DELIVERY TEAM MEMBERS NEEDED

Do you have a few minutes to deliver flowers to our Beloved members (shut-ins) on Sunday afternoon, during the week or after work? Our Beloved members love to meet the members of our congregation, so we are seeking additional members for the Flower Delivery Team. If you are interested in delivering flowers and bringing a smile to our Beloved members, please contact Rosie Schoenfeld at 979-820-0126 or [r-schoenfeld@tamu.edu](mailto:r-schoenfeld@tamu.edu). With enough members, the rotation could be once every three to four months unless you wish to deliver more often.



## Join Bethel's Women in Bible Study and Fellowship

### **October 6 & 7 is LWML Weekend**

We recognize the services and Mission work of Lutheran Women everywhere. On that weekend we will collect Mites from our Mite Boxes during each worship service. We will view a video and see a presentation.

**LWML Quarterly Mites - The Widow's Mite (Mark 12:41-43)** is the inspiration for the LWML Mite Box. Over the years, Mite Boxes have changed, but what has never changed is the dedication of LWML members freely giving offerings for the purpose of reaching out to others with the Good News of Jesus Christ. Districts retain 75% of mite offerings for the work of the LWML at that level. National mites fund over \$1 million in mission grants. Go to [www.lwmltxdist.org](http://www.lwmltxdist.org) to see what mission work is being benefitted by your giving. Thank you.

**Also on that weekend, our new LWML officers will be installed.** They are:  
President-Rosie Schoenfeld  
Vice President-Joyce Sutherland  
Secretary-Karen Sanders  
Treasurer-Terry Frazier  
Member Development-Shay Simpson  
Christian Growth-Beverly Catalina

**AND** the **LWML Fall Rally** will be hosted here at Bethel. See the invite below.

All ladies at Bethel are welcome to attend. Please contact Rosie Schoenfeld at 979-820-0126 if childcare is needed.

**LWML Helping Hands will meet again, Tuesday, October 8th at 8:30am in the Parish Hall.** All are welcome to come anytime between 8:30am—2pm to help tie quilts. Their goal this year is to make 100 quilts. The quilts are shipped to Lutheran World Relief. <http://lwr.org>.

**Ladies Lunch Bunch - meets the 1st & 3rd Wednesdays** of each month (**Oct. 17**) at Blue Baker on University Dr. at 11:30 or whenever you can get there. We'll gather for our devotion and have great conversation and food. We hope you can join us for a spiritual respite from your hectic day.

**Ladies Tuesday Morning Bible Study meets 10:00-11:15AM** in room 232, led by Pastor Bard. Child care provided upon request.

### **Advent By Candlelight**

**Nov. 17, 2018**

Our Advent By Candlelight Evening is coming up quickly. Our Planning Committee will meet, **Oct. 9th and Oct. 23 at 6:00pm in the Library**. If you can't make these meetings, but are interested in being on the committee, call Lois Erickson 979-774-7904.



## **Lutheran Women in Mission (LWML) Bluebonnet Zone Fall Rally**

**Sunday, October 7, 2018**

**Bethel Lutheran Church**

**4221 Boonville Road, Bryan, Texas 77802**

**Salad lunch at 12:45 pm / Registration at 1:30 pm**

**Rally and Business Meeting at 2:00 pm**

**Cost: \$8.00 per person**

**Speaker: Jan Brunette, Heart to Heart Sisters District Leader**

**RSVP to Rosie Schoenfeld at 979-820-0126 or [r-schoenfeld@tamu.edu](mailto:r-schoenfeld@tamu.edu)**







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**Mr. Nic Duncan**, Facilities Manager

**Mrs. Katie Bentley**, Office Assistant

**Mr. Jeremy Shilling**, *His Praise* Band Leader

## **October 4th—18th, 2018**



### **Church Office Hours**

Mondays—Thursdays 9am - 5pm  
Fridays 9am - 3pm

### **Join us for .....**

**Saturday Night**

**Worship at 5PM**

**Bible Class at 6PM**

**Sunday Mornings**

8:30 AM Divine Service (Traditional)

9:30 AM Fellowship Time

10:00 AM Bible Class/SS

11:15 AM Divine Service (Contemporary)

Holy Communion is served on the 1st, 3rd, & 5th weekends of the month.