

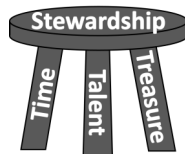


BETHEL'S BOARD OF COMMUNITY SERVICE

Stewardship of Our Lives

Did you know?

Our faith leads us to help others who are in need. As the Bible says, "We are God's people, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do" (Ephesians 2:10). **The Board of Community Service** works to serve our community by taking care of members in need, supporting local ministries, and helping members become involved. We regularly support several local ministries. We also serve our community in other ways as needs and opportunities arise. Come Serve With Us! Contact us at communityservice@blcbcs.org.



Military Ministry

We support our servicemen and women through prayer, cards, and care packages. **How to serve: Donate** - Give monetarily by specifying an offering for "military ministry" or donate items for care packages. Contact us for what is needed.

Congregational Care

We provide meals to our members in times of need, such as hospitalization, illness, death in the family, or a new baby.

How to serve:

Provide meals - Let us know if you are interested in helping provide meals.



Family Promise (979-268-4309) is an area-wide, volunteer-based, non-profit organization that

supports families by providing shelter, meals and support services to homeless families. They provide a safe environment in which families can stay together and become self-sufficient. The mission of Family Promise is to help homeless children and their families achieve sustainable independence. Bethel supports quarterly with \$500. **How to serve:** Some of the ways you can help include donating time, money, or specific items. For more information about what you can do, see <http://www.familypromisebcs.org/help>.



Seeking to put God's love into action, **Habitat for Humanity** brings people together to build homes, communities and hope. Bethel supports quarterly with \$500.

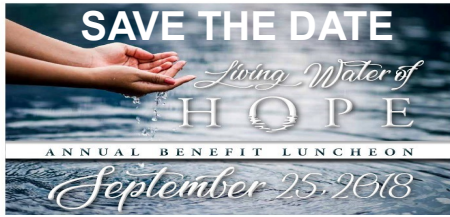
How to serve:

Volunteer - In addition to construction, volunteers are needed for Habitat ReStore (a retail outlet where new and used building materials, appliances, furniture, and home d'cor items are sold), providing lunches, office work, and translating. See <http://www.habitatbcs.org/volunteer> or call 979-823-7200 for more information.

Donate - You can donate building materials, appliances, furniture, and home d'cor to Habitat ReStore. Go to <http://www.restorebcs.org/donate> or call 979-704-6245 for more information. You can also give financially and in other ways. Go to <http://www.restorebcs.org/donate>

From the Board of Community Service

www.habitatbcs.org/donate for more information on how to support Habitat in Bryan/College Station.



The mission of Hope Pregnancy Centers is to bring honor God while meeting the needs of those facing crisis pregnancies. 2 Corinthians 4:15 Bethel supports quarterly with \$500. **How to serve:**
Pray - Pray that God would move in the lives of Hope clients and their families. Sign up to receive weekly emails with specific requests for the center.
Volunteer - There are many types of volunteer opportunities at Hope. Go to <http://www.partnerwithhope.org/getinvolved> or call 979-695-9193 for more information.
Give - Hope's budget is based solely on charitable donations from the community, so they are very grateful for financial support. Go to <http://www.partnerwithhope.org/supporthope> to learn more or donate online.
Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/hopepregnancycenter/>

SCOTTY'S HOUSE

Brazos Valley Child Advocacy Center



Scotty's House (979-703-8813) is the Child Advocacy Center of the Brazos Valley. Its mission is to provide safety, healing and justice for children victimized by abuse through professional assessment, counseling and education in a compassionate and collaborative approach. Bethel supports quarterly with \$500. **How to serve:**
Donate - Go to <https://www.scottyshouse.org/Donate.aspx> to give a monetary donation or go to <https://www.scottyshouse.org/WishList.aspx> to see specific items that are needed.
Volunteer - Scotty's House has a variety of opportunities for volunteers. Go to <https://www.scottyshouse.org/Volunteers.aspx> to find out more.



Still Creek Ranch's mission is to rescue at-risk children and raise them to be anchored in hope, restored through Christ, and equipped for life. It seeks to have a multi-generational impact by breaking the cycle of crisis and empowering them to

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Anchoring, Restoring, Equipping

make Biblical decisions, have healthy relationships, and reach their full God-given potential. Bethel supports quarterly with \$500.

How to serve:

Pray - Go to <http://www.stillcreekranch.org/prayer-team.html> to join Still Creek's prayer team.

Volunteer - Still Creek needs volunteers for a variety of types of work. Go to <http://www.stillcreekranch.org/volunteer1.html> for more information. (979-589-3206)

Donate - Donate items or money by going to <http://www.stillcreekranch.org/donate.html>.

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.



How to serve:

Donate - Donate money or goods. To find out how, see <http://www.twincitymission.org/how-to-donate>. To see items needed by the Bridge, go to <http://www.twincitymission.org/homeless-services>. For Phoebe's Home needs, see <http://www.twincitymission.org/domestic-violence-services>.

Volunteer - Go to <http://www.twincitymission.org/volunteer> to find out more about volunteering with Twin City Mission. (979-822-7511)

Shop - Shopping at Twin City Mission's resale stores supports the mission. See <http://www.twincitymission.org/donation-resale-services> for locations and more information.

The Brazos Church Pantry is a local non-profit organization that shares the love of Christ by providing food to those who need it in the Brazos Valley. Bethel supports quarterly with \$500.



How to serve:

Volunteer - The pantry is run solely on volunteer power, so volunteering is a very important way you can help. To volunteer, you may call the pantry at 979-822-2660 or fill out the online volunteer form at www.brazoschurchpantry.org.

Donate - You can donate in two ways: 1) bring food to the pantry directly or to the church, to the right of the Fellowship Hall doors and 2) give financially by using the envelopes provided quarterly in the bulletin insert or directly to the pantry (see www.brazoschurchpantry.org for instructions).

LEMS Stewardship Ministry

September 2018 Newsletter Article

It's September, and everything is in full swing again: back to school and back to church attendance after vacations and weekends away. And since everything is back into full swing, it's a perfect time to get back to basics, back to the foundation.

At the end of the first of his chapters on the virtue of faith in *Mere Christianity*, C.S. Lewis provides a helpful reminder, by way of analogy, for the foundation of stewardship. He wrote:

Every faculty you have, your power of thinking or of moving your limbs from moment to moment, is given you by God. If you devoted every moment of your whole life exclusively to His service you could not give Him anything that was not in a sense His own already. So then, when we talk of a man doing anything for God or giving anything to God, I will tell you what it is really like. It is like a small child going to its father and saying, "Daddy, give me six pence to buy you a birthday present." Of course, the father does, and he is pleased with the child's present. It is all very nice and proper, but only an idiot would think that the father is six-pence to the good on the transaction. When a man has made these two discoveries God can really get to work. It is after this that real life begins. (128-129).

This is the first thing we are given to confess about stewardship, and it has to do with ownership. God owns everything, and we are simply managers — stewards — acting on His behalf. This is true not only of all that we have in this life (Deuteronomy 8:17-18), but also all that we are in this life (1 Corinthians 6:20).

The rest flows from here. Since we are stewards, or managers, of what belongs to God, entrusted to make use of it according to His will, there is an expectation of responsibility and accountability. For the Lord said, "Everyone to whom much was given, of him much will be required, and from him to whom they entrusted much, they will demand the more" (Luke 12:48b).

And from this comes blessing and reward: "Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master" (Matthew 25:21). We have everything we need to support this body and life from our God's fatherly divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in us. We have everything we need for our spiritual life also from His merciful hands.

On account of the sacrifice of His Son, our Lord Jesus, through the preaching of the gospel and the administration of the sacraments, we have the forgiveness of sins, eternal life, and everlasting salvation delivered to us with absolute certainty that it is ours — not as stewards but as sons (Galatians 4:1-7).

Let us then, as His own sons, press all that He gives to us into the service of His church and to His glory.

Bethel Financial At-a-Glance

Income & Expense	Year to date (July 31, 2018)		
	2017 Actual	2018	
		Budget	Actual
Envelope/Plate Offering	\$ 465,645	\$ 539,334	\$ 449,066
Other Income	210,618	246,947	236,463
Expenses	(711,180)	(786,280)	(777,299)
Net Surplus (Shortage)	\$ (34,916)	\$ -	\$ (91,770)

Loan Balance (3% interest)	\$ 861,596
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FUN FAMILY WEDNESDAY

Our Fun Family Wednesday program has resumed! Please remember that child care is available all evening. Our schedule is as follows:

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

Sept. 12– Lasagna, Caesar Salad, Bread, Fruit

Sept 19– Hot Dogs, Chili Dogs, Beans, Cole Slaw, Chips

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 - 12. Devo/topic, some games, free time

FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY starts Sept. 12 in Room 240. Cost is \$95 if you don't have the materials – if you have them just sign up and join in.

Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University will be offered during FFW starting September 12. Please contact DCE Randy at dcerandy@blcbcs.org if you'd like to sign up. If you don't know anything about Financial Peace University, it is a study designed to help you control your assets rather than the other way around. The stated goal is for you to "Never Worry About Money Again." Sounds pretty good, right? You can get more information by going to www.daveramsey.com/ FPU. This one will meet in Room 240 starting September 12 at 5:45. If you have the materials already and just want a refresher, please sign up and join us. If you don't have the materials, the cost will be \$95.

SMALL GROUP STUDIES

No, we haven't forgotten about small group studies! We're hoping that the South College Station study and the North and East Bryan Studies will kick off soon. **Wednesday during FFW** has not gotten off to a start --- yet. I've had trouble finding someone to lead it (or for someone to lead Youth Night so I can lead the Small Group study). If you would be interested in leading a small group on Wednesdays (and honestly, there's very little prep needed – mostly handle a discussion based on the outline I'll give you) please get in touch with me. Thanks. DCE Randy



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.



These Make Great Christmas Gifts! **BETHEL CHRISTMAS ORNAMENTS ON SALE**



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. Thank you for your support!

ACT NOW! THEY ARE ONLY SELLING THROUGH SEPTEMBER!



BREAKFAST TACOS

We continue to effort to offer breakfast tacos on 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

Next year as 35 years of service as Bethel's DCE (and overall in the DCE role for 46 years) I'm retiring next year late summer or early fall. According to Bethel's Constitution, the Board of Parish Education serves as the Call Committee to begin the process of Calling Bethel's next DCE. We are 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 do this online a link is on the left side of Bethel's home page on the web site (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 Bethel. 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. (DCE Randy Moerbe)

BIBLE SALE

ANNUAL CONCORDIA PUBLISHING HOUSE BIBLE SALE The annual CPH Bible sale is here until the end of September. Simply sign up for your choice at the display in the Narthex and when the order comes in you'll be notified. This is not a fundraiser for any church organization but simply provided to you here for your convenience. For more information on what is available, please go to www.cph.org, go to the "Sales and Seasonal" drop down tab and scroll down to Bible Sale link. Please note that not all that are listed online are on the sales list at the church. To order those please bring the online Item # with you. If you have any questions, please contact DCE Randy.



BETHEL OWLS (Older, Wiser, Lutheran Souls)

Will meet on September 20th, 2018 in the Parish Hall for our 12:00 noon potluck lunch. Mr. Henry Mayo (our Historian) will present the program about "How the Town of Bryan was Set Up". Were the railroads a problem? Please bring a dish to share, a friend and come join us for fun fellowship.



Looking for FAITH, SERVICE, & FUN for your Daughter?

American Heritage Girls(AHG) enables your daughter to grow in her FAITH, cultivate a heart for SERVICE, and have more FUN than she can imagine! AHG TX-7356 invites YOU to attend an Open House to learn more about AHG and specifically about our troop. Friday, September 7th from 6-7:30 pm at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 1200 Foxfire Dr, College Station, RSVP by Sept 6 at heritagegirlsbscs@gmail.com so we have plenty of information packets!



Bethel's Preschool News



We are off to a great school year with 68 children (and 64 families!) enrolled in our preschool! It is so good to see and hear so many children in our classrooms. It is a bit noisy (*and that is a good thing!*) in our hallway now as the children are busy learning, playing and growing!

We give thanks to God for our staff this year: Julie Mack, Corinne Kornegay and Laura Winkler (teachers for our 2 year old classes); Melisa Thane and Debbie Owens (teachers for our 3 year old classes); LaRee Rodriguez and Sarah Rogers (teachers for our 4 year old classes). Also for our teachers' aides and Extended Care staff: Katja Mathis, Catie Bard, Emily Bard, Melissa Benitez, Abbie Carson, Mary Grace deKeratry, Martha Delovio, Natalie Gazda, Hannah Hildebrandt, Carolyn Janac, Sara Love, Mackenzie Rakowitz, Olivia Reynolds, Kristen Royder, Erica Shugart, Maddie Shugart, Julianna White, Madeline White and our music teacher, Tammy Lang. Our thanks to Sally Kaminiski for being our Volunteer Art Teacher. We also so appreciate Katie Bentley's help as Assistant to the Preschool Director. You may read more information about our staff on our church website (go to the Preschool web page).

Can you help us out? We are looking for a volunteer to help with maintenance on the playground by spraying for weeds. This needs to be done every couple of weeks. If you have a little time and enjoy being outdoors, please talk to me for more information and *thanks so much!*

The children are looking forward to *starting chapel next week with Pastor* as that is one of their favorite things to do. What a great opportunity we have to show them God's love each and every day!

We ask for your prayers for the preschool staff, the children and their families. Please pray for safety for all the children and that this will be a great year of learning and fun. We have several children with health challenges so we pray for God's protection especially for them. We pray that we can show all the children and their families Jesus every day through the things we say and do.

Praise be to God as He continues to bless this ministry!

Join Bethel's Women & Men in Bible Study and Fellowship

Advent By Candlelight

Nov. 17, 2018



Yes it is a number of months away. However, have you noticed how fast the time goes? Our Planning Committee will meet, **Tuesday, Sept. 18 at 5:30pm in the Library.** If you can't make the

meeting, but are interested in being on the committee, call Lois Erickson 979-774-7904.

LWML Bible Study September 10 ~ 7:00pm in the Parish Hall. All ladies of Bethel and their guests are welcome to attend. If childcare is needed, please contact Shawna Meyer. Join us for our monthly Bible Study and fellowship.

Ladies Lunch Bunch - meets the 1st & 3rd Wednesdays of each month (Sept. 19, Oct. 3 & 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 is provided.

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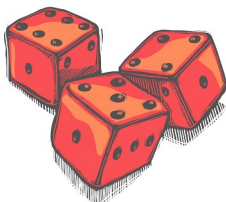
Hey Ladies! We meet on **Tuesday and Thursday mornings (8:15)** upstairs in room 240. Our workout consists of a warm up routine of walking, and then toning exercises which focus on upper or lower body or sometimes Pilates. We wrap up the time together with a devotion. *Child Care is provided*

GIRLFRIENDS!

OK! Let's Do This Thing!

Back by popular request..... BUNCO night is planned for **Thursday, September 20th at 6:30 in the Parish Hall.** No skills required and fun is guaranteed. You won't want to miss this one! Childcare is available with sign up in the Information Center. Please bring a snack to share.

BUNCO
NIGHT



Men's Monday Evening Bible Study & Fellowship Group meets at 7:00 PM in Room 232. They are studying LHM's Men's Network study titled: *Out of Nothing: The Word, Creation and Faith* by Rev. Steve Misch.

In this study, Pastor Steve Misch examines Scripture, considers the geologic record, and evaluates prevailing theories of evolution--from Darwin's earliest schema to contemporary scientific statements on the matter--to show how God's creation and justification through faith in Jesus Christ are intimately connected.

In five sessions, Misch lays out his argument that Scripture is valid when it assigns the origins of all created matter to God. While there will always be opinion contrary to this faith statement, Misch maintains the Word of God still stands, is true for all time, and is worthy to be believed.

Friday Morning Men's Bible Study/ Breakfast Group each Friday morning at 6:30 AM in the Parish Hall. Christianity and the Competition. A DVD series with **Dr. Paul Maier.** So many competing religions and philosophies...which is right? A look at world religions, what they teach and how they compare to Christianity. Sessions include:

Intro: The Credentials of Christianity, The Far East Religions (Buddhism, Sikhs, Confucianism, Taoism, Shintoism), The Middle East Religions (Judaism, Mithraism, Montanism, Manicheism, Bahai), Islam (Part 1), Islam (Part 2), Western Religions 1 (Mormons, Jehovah Witnesses), Western Religions 2 (The Cults, Scientology), Conclusion: A Christian Response.

LWML Helping Hands will meet again, Tuesday, September 10th at 8:30am in the Parish Hall. All are welcome to come anytime between 8:30am—2pm to help tie quilts. The quilts are shipped to Lutheran World Relief. <http://lwr.org>.



Happy Birthday!!

Our Bethel Family

September

Julie Smith	1	Ty Theiss	8	Treva Robertson	15	Joshua Theiss	23
Melanie Wigley	1	Kymber Hammond	9	Caroline Clark	16	Brian Schoenfeld	23
Paula Schehin	2	Rhett Hartmangruber	10	Brandi Luckey	16	Justin Birdwell	25
Emma Stroud	2	Andrew Schmid	11	Elmo Newsom	16	Malcolm Delovio	25
Kathy Burgess	3	Austin Sims	11	Greg Herwald	17	Wesley Schroeder	25
Ruth Creason	3	Evelyn Siegel	11	Sandra Mynar	17	Marcy Ullmann	25
Matt Hannes	3	Trenton Spence	11	Jenni Rogers	17	Megan Hausenfluck	26
Cole Hoffman	3	Pat Kasper	12	Cheryl Wendler	17	Janie Lueckemeyer	26
Jerrell Lueckemeyer	3	Kristen Royder	12	Roger Burns	18	Christi Ouellette	26
Cash Samford	3	Jason Nored	13	Sally Coble	19	Jimmy Dunn	28
Carson Klose	4	Kayce Wallace	13	Jacob Hoffman	19	Dolleen Hausenfluck	28
Betty Schroeder	4	Ken Denmark	15	Justin Perkins	19	Sasha Janac	28
Joan Wuthrich	4	Cathy Holste	15	Harold Schroeder	19	Barbara Smith	28
Cameron Beiseigel	6	Theodore Kuhlmann	15	Norma Brunette	21	Chuck Burgess	29
Matt Montgomery	6	Trent Murphy	15	Matthew Everett	21	Gary Shockey	29
Lynn Stroud	6	Earl Ouellette	15	Lance Lindsey	21	Caralynda Theiss	29
Adam Janac	8	Noah Ouellette	15	Pete Schmid	21	Kristern Koeplin	30
				Pearl Symmank	21	Jimmie Pottberg	30
				Cort Murphy	22	Jan Robbins	30
				Justin Yung	22		
				Desiree Ingram	23		

The Lutheran Hour is on KAGC, 1510 AM on Sundays at 12:30 p.m. sponsored by Bethel. If you would like to sponsor a week's broadcast for \$25 or for a month for \$100. Thank you to all who have given to this ministry.

We are in need of a sponsor for the month of September.

We still have plenty of open Sundays available for Sponsors! Sign Up Today!

The Flower Chart is up for Altar flowers. They cost \$30 per sponsorship and we will accept 3 sponsors each Sunday. The Sign Up Chart is in the Information Center by the elevator.



New Members Class

“**Life with God @ Bethel**” new member series **began on September 2nd**. If you are interested in learning more about our congregation or if you are considering becoming a member, Pastor Bard leads us for 8 weeks immediately following the late service (12:30 pm in Room 232). We always finish by 1:30 pm and snacks are provided. If you are interested in membership, there is an attendance requirement which Pastor will talk about. We would love to have you come and find out more about Bethel. If you or your family are planning on attending, please contact Treva Robertson at trobertson@gmail.com or 409-782-5693. Childcare is provided upon request.

Living with Grief

Learn how to cope with Grief
Sundays at 4:00 PM, Room 232



We will be hosting a biblical study for those who have suffered the loss of a loved one following a nationally recognized curriculum sponsored by GriefShare. This program is designed to encourage us to look at our loss and its impact on our lives from God's perspective. We will learn that grief is a natural response to the loss of a loved one and that there is relief, purpose, and joy in the future.

There are 13-weekly sessions based on video, bible study, and discussion in which we learn to accept and manage our feelings, emotions, and change in our lives. You are invited to attend as many sessions as you like and are under no obligation to attend all sessions. Please join us for an upbeat and refreshing understanding of what God has done for us and his plan for our lives.

Register online www.BLCbcs.org Click on the left panel “Help for those dealing with grief”.

Refreshments will be served and each participant will receive a participant guide. Other resource materials are available. Registration is requested to ensure that enough materials are available for each participant.



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Mrs. Debbie Sadler, Dir., Bethel Lutheran Preschool

Mrs. Kathy Herwald, Dir. Finance/Assimilation

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Mrs. Connie Bard, Children's Ministry Coordinator

Mr. Nic Duncan, Facilities Support

Mrs. Katie Bentley, Office Assistant

Mr. Jeremy Shilling, *His Praise* Band Leader

September 6—20, 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.