



Bethel

by God, each other, family, friends and community

March 31, 2023

Bethel Lutheran Church, White Rock, SC

Holy Week Worship: Maundy Thursday with Holy Communion at 12 pm and 7 pm. A drive thru communion will be held from 3:00 - 4:00 pm.
Good Friday at 7 pm.

Easter Worship with Holy Communion will be held at 7 am and 10 am in the sanctuary. You are invited to attend the **Easter breakfast** at 8:30 am (please RSVP TODAY) and bring flowers to decorate the cross.



PUB THEOLOGY will not meet this month.

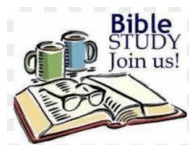
Bethel Egg Hunt will be held on Saturday, April 8, from 2:00 until 4:00 pm. Invite friends and family for this fun event. Candy donations and volunteers are requested and appreciated.



CAMP MINISTRIES!
Pastor Megan stated a need for sponsoring youth going to Campfirmation and Lutheroad this summer (both through Novus Way Ministries). Council gave their Lent meal donations to the cause and asks that you join us in donating to support our youth and children. We need monetary donations and a couple of volunteers. Let Pastor Megan know if you can help!



Bible Study will be held on Tuesday, April 25, at 10:00 am. We will not meet on April 11.



Upcoming Meetings:

Lutheran Men will meet on Sunday, April 2, at 8:00 am.



Noisy Offering will be held on Sunday, April 30. Donations will be given to Lutheran Services Carolinas.

YOUTH OUTING

Sunday, April 23, after worship our children and youth will go to lunch and bowling. Let Pastor Megan or Diane McCartha know if you are going! Bring lunch \$\$ for Groucho's. We will pay for bowling!





Choir Rehearsals are held following worship service each Sunday at 11:00 am.

Mark your calendars for our next book group on Sunday, May 7 at 1:00 pm. We will discuss *The Red Tent* by Anita Diamant.



Confirmation will meet on Sunday, April 30, at 4:30 pm.



Prayer List: Margie Amick, Pebble Briggs, Lindsey Smith, Barb Gross, Casey Derrick, Ann Cameron, Jason Derrick, Vannie Toy, Sue Elliott, Russell Miller, Cindy Stone, Danny Cannon, Becky Smoak, Greg McCullah, Claude Leviner, Bertha McCartha, Paul and Bonnie Bates, Bella Raniszewski, Ronnie Taylor, Sheri Southworth, Davis Samples and Mac (Eugenia Matthew’s relatives), Teresa Abshire (Donna Torres’ cousin) and Richard Chouinard.

April Birthdays

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| April 13 | Amanda Raniszewski |
| April 19 | Susan Crowder |
| April 23 | Jimmy Bull IV |
| April 26 | Aleena Stone |
| April 28 | Emily Rose Stone |
| April 29 | Allan Derrick |
| April 29 | Donna Crouch |
| April 29 | Nat McCartha |
| April 29 | Margaret Sites |

April Anniversaries

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| April 12 | Bonnie and Carl Derrick |
| April 12 | Joyce and Wayne Troutman |
| April 19 | Hang and Joe Morris |



Grace and peace to you all as we journey toward the cross alongside Jesus and hear the passion narrative once more. Grace and peace to you all as we soon proclaim the good news of Easter, the foundation of Christianity: The tomb is empty! Christ is risen! We have had an enriching Lent, gathering on Wednesdays to dig deeper into Luther’s Small Catechism. The midday and evening worshippers participated in discussions that enticed us to ask big questions and grow in faith together. A common theme each week is that we are called to empty ourselves and lean fully onto God who loves us and redeems us. As we enter Holy Week and head toward Easter, we hear the story of Jesus on the cross. Jesus, our Savior, first fully emptied himself and died; all so that we would have life. We have two invitations before us: 1) attend Holy Week services beginning with Palm Sunday then Maundy Thursday, where we learn a new commandment, and finally Good Friday, where we journey with Jesus to his final hour. 2) Consider how we are called as individuals and as a congregation to empty ourselves so that we have the life God has created for us. What needs to “die” so that new life might arise?

I look forward to the coming days as we journey together, alongside Jesus, to the cross. May the story enrich us all in new ways and fill us with life as we remember the sacrifice Christ made and celebrate that sin and death have lost the battle.

Peace,
Pastor Megan