



Bethel

by God, each other, family, friends and community

January 31, 2023

Bethel Lutheran Church, White Rock, SC

Will and I have been working with Lutheran Services of the Carolinas over the past few months to be approved for their fostering program for unaccompanied minors. Our paperwork is with DSS and could be approved any day now. The children we will foster are waiting to be connected with their families after traveling to the US. This program provides education and health services for the children. We will provide safe housing, clothing as needed, food, and transportation. Placements last up to 90 days but are typically shorter. We have discerned the call to foster for a long time. I share this so you know where we are in life, and because the exciting part of this call is you may meet them when we do have a child placed in our home. If you want to learn more, the SC Synod has posted an informative video about the same program in their newsletter this week. [Click here to view the video.](#) If you have questions or want to learn more about Lutheran Services of the Carolinas, let's talk. We are looking forward to this small way we can make a difference.

Peace,

Pastor Megan

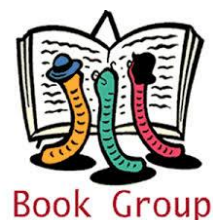
15 MINUTE PRAYER GROUP!!! Starting February 5, on the 1st Sunday of each month we will meet immediately after worship for a brief prayer check in. The goal is to 1) bring prayer concerns for ourselves or others, 2) update on those we know need prayer (honoring confidentiality), 3) make plans to reach out/follow up with those who are missing from worship/activities lately who might need a prayer/call/card, 4) close in prayer.

COUNCIL RETREAT will be held on Sunday, February 5, from 12:00 noon until 3:00 pm. Deacon Sarah Bowers will facilitate our time together as we dream and plan for Bethel's future.



PUB THEOLOGY will meet on Monday, February 13, at J Peters at 7:00 pm. We gather for fellowship, discussion, and food/drink (if you want it).

BETHEL BOOK GROUP will meet on February 19 to discuss *NO CURE FOR BEING HUMAN (And Other Truths I Need to Hear)* by Kate Bowler. Buy your copy and start reading now. This will be a great discussion! If you need help getting a copy, let Pastor Megan know.



YOUTH PIZZA & GAME NIGHT

FEBRUARY 26

6:00 PM

Outreach Ministry will meet on Sunday, February 19, following worship.

Bible Study will be held on Tuesday, February 14, at 9:30 am (note the time change) and February 28, at 10:00 am.



Choir Rehearsals are held following
Worship Service each Sunday at 11:00 am.

**Welcome to our new
members:**
Bob and Sue Elliott
George and Tessa Bitterwolf

Prayer List: Lindsey Smith, Jason Derrick, Jim Aull, Sue Elliott, Vannie Toy, Russell Miller, Cindy Stone, Danny Cannon, Becky Smoak, Greg McCullah, Claude Leviner, Margie Amick, Harvey Stone, Bertha McCartha, Ronnie Taylor, Paul and Bonnie Bates, Bella Raniszewski, the family of Ruby Vincent, Sheri Southworth and Richard Chouinard.



Your continued support and generosity of We Care is much appreciated. In November, 23 pounds of food were donated.

February Items Needed: corn muffin mix, syrup, jam/jelly, rice, pasta sauce, beef stew, chili beans, oatmeal, cereal and mashed potatoes. Always needed: toiletries, paper produce and cleaning supplies.



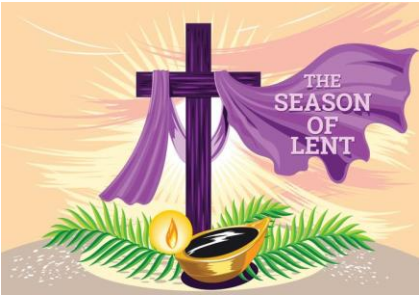
February Birthdays

Feb. 3 – Phil Wunder	Feb. 3 – Debi Randall
Feb. 8 – Jason (B) Derrick	Feb. 16 – Sandy Olson
Feb. 19 – Donna Derrick	Feb. 20 – Irmgard Wetmore
Feb. 22 – Frances Derrick	

Planning ahead for Lent - Save the dates!

Tuesday, February 21 -6 pm: Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper
Please RSVP to the church office.
Burning of the Palms will follow the meal

Wednesday, February 22 - Ash Wednesday Services with Holy Communion and Imposition of Ashes at 12:00 pm and 7:00 pm



Lenten Wednesdays Theme: Lutheran Faith

March 1	The Ten Commandments
March 8	The Apostles' Creed
March 15	The Lord's Prayer
March 22	The Sacrament of Holy Baptism
March 29	The Sacrament of Holy Communion

-Midday worship will be at 12:00 pm in the sanctuary. We invite you to bring your lunch and eat together/fellowship together after worship each week.

-Evening gathering will begin with a meal at 6:00 pm and “Table Talk” assignments around the theme each week. Discussion/Lesson will begin at 6:30 and we will conclude worship ALL IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL.

Lent Meal assignments:

March 1- Worship and Music
March 8- Congregational Life
March 15- Lutheran Men in Mission
March 22- Christian Education and Youth
March 29- Council

You're invited!

**Big fun.
New friends.**

ALL GIRLS IN GRADES K4, K5, AND FIRST GRADE ARE INVITED TO JOIN US FOR A UNICORN PARTY!

Saturday, February 4
10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. & 1:00-3:00 p.m.

Cathy Novinger Girl Scout Leadership Center
1107 Williams Street, Columbia, SC 29201

Parents and caregivers, you're invited too!
Get more information and RSVP at: <https://bit.ly/3CqIBe0>,
by calling Maria Mathis at 803-461-3725, or by scanning the QR code below: