



# Bethel

by God, each other, family, friends and community

February 28, 2023

Bethel Lutheran Church, White Rock, SC

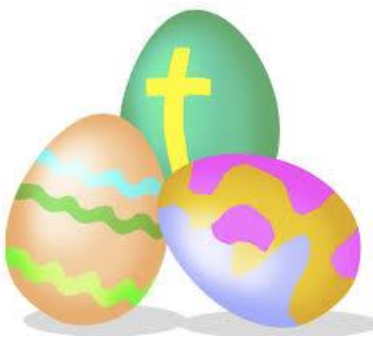


**Friday, March 3, is World Day of Prayer 2023.** WDP is an ecumenical celebration of informed prayer and prayerful action. Join in a service written by the women of Taiwan who call us to prayer with the words "I Have Heard About Your Faith." inspired by Ephesians 1:15-19. This service will be held in the Fellowship Hall at 9 am with continental breakfast. Please rsvp to church office by Feb.28th for planning.

## Upcoming Meetings:

**Property Committee** will meet following worship on Sunday, March 12.

**Worship and Music Committee** will meet on Tuesday, March 14, at 1:30 pm.



**Bethel Egg Hunt** will be held on

Sunday, March 26, from 2:00 until 4:00 pm.

Invite friends and family for this fun event.

Candy donations are requested and appreciated.

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

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

**Bible Study** will be held on Tuesday, March 14 and March 28, at 10:00 am.



**Thanks to the congregation for "Noisy Offering gifts"** to Dickerson Center. The total amount donated was \$814.00. Our next noisy offering will be April 30 for Lutheran Services Carolinas.



**Prayer List:** 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, Margie Amick, Bertha McCartha, Paul and Bonnie Bates, Bella Raniszewski, Ronnie Taylor, Sheri Southworth and Richard Chouinard.





The family of Ruby McCartha Vincent expresses thanks to all of you for your prayers, cards, visits and other acts of kindness over the years.  
A special “thank you” to Pastor Megan for her visits, communion and prayers, as well as the ministry to our family.  
Glenn, Carolyn and Pam

**Lenten Wednesdays Theme: Lutheran Faith**

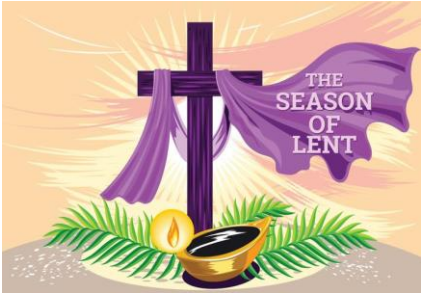
- March 1 Introduction: Why Lutheran? Why ELCA?
- March 8 The Ten Commandments
- March 15 The Apostles’ Creed
- March 22 The Lord’s Prayer
- March 29 The Sacraments of Holy Baptism & Communion

-Midday worship, Responsive Prayer in the LBW, 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 with worship, Compline in the LBW. The whole evening will be in the fellowship hall.  
**PLEASE RSVP FOR DINNER!**

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




**March Birthdays**

**March Anniversaries**

- March 3 The Rev. Dr. Jim Aull
- March 6 Linda Coles
- March 16 Cindy Stone
- March 17 Faye McCartha
- March 18 Wayne Troutman
- March 18 Hunter McCartha
- March 26 Danny Cannon
- March 28 Ron Heater
- March 29 Julie Allen
- March 29 Hunter Cannon
- March 31 Carol Farr

- March 27 Tessa and George Bitterwolf



 On February 5, our council had its annual retreat led by Deacon Sarah Bowers. The focus was based around a program Deacon Sarah and Pastor Megan have been part of this past year called *Living Forward*. During the retreat we wrote our church eulogy. That’s right, we wrote our eulogy. Not because we expect to “die” soon, but because it helped us name how we want to be known in our community, in the SC Synod, and beyond. It helped us focus on what church leadership believes to be our assets and values, and then allow those to guide our ministry and mission. Some of the values we focused on are worship and music, fellowship (with food!), Christian education, outreach, visitation and caring for our Bethel family, and outreach. As we continue looking at these values, we will be asking ourselves: How are we focusing on these things in our ministry and how can we improve? How will we be remembered in another 100 years? Join us in asking these questions and working together so spread God’s love in this world through the ministries we offer and the way we serve the community around us. YOU are welcome here and YOUR gifts are needed here!  
Peace,  
Pastor Megan