



# Bethel

by God, each other, family, friends and community

April 28, 2023

Bethel Lutheran Church, White Rock, SC

Grace and peace to you all,

One of my favorite TV shows is Ted Lasso, a show about a midwestern American college football coach who made a drastic life move to be a soccer (European football) coach in England. The main character, Ted, is infamous for his one liners and quick wit. During the first season he makes a serious point about the way we make assumptions about and judge others, especially those who are not just like us or part of our crowd. He quotes Walt Whitman saying, "Be curious, not judgmental." When I am at my best this becomes my mantra. I urge you to pray over those words and consider how your life reflects this concept. Be curious, not judgmental. This goes for life in the church just as much as it does in sports or day to day living. When someone leads or does something different than you might (on council, in worship, on a committee) - ask questions. Why did you do it that way? How can I help? What can we do to involve the whole community of Bethel? Judgment shifts our focus inward. It cuts us off from loving relationship with one another. Curiosity is key to growth. Judgment is damaging to community. We must ask ourselves if we are living in love by asking questions and supporting one another...or do we lean to gossip and judgment? We are called to constant growth. We are called to ask questions and support one another. We are called to love God and love one another. May it be so.

Peace,  
Pastor Megan



**Lutheran Men** will have a fish fry on Saturday, May 6, at 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Please purchase your tickets by Sunday, April 30, from a member of the Lutheran Men or through the church office. Tickets are \$10 each for adults and children ages 12 and up. Children under 12 are free.

## Youth Movie Day Sunday, May 21

Join us! Youth and families welcome you to join us for an afternoon movie and popcorn!



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

## Graduate Recognition will be held during worship on Sunday, May 21

We will celebrate Emily Stone and Ember Salazar as they get ready to walk across the stage and start a new chapter in their lives. We also celebrate their families for supporting this through this milestone!



**PUB THEOLOGY** will meet on Monday, May 8, at 7:00 pm, at J. Peters.

We hope to find a different place for future events. Please share your input with Pastor Megan or Ron Heater.



**Bible Study** will be held on Tuesday, May 9 and May 23 at 10:00 am.

**Book Group** will meet on Sunday, May 7 at 1:00 pm. We will discuss *The Red Tent* by Anita Diamant. Join us even if you read it years ago!



**Calling all “flower people:”** The Music and Worship Committee invites you who have red flowering potted plants to bring one to the church on Pentecost Sunday, May 28. Place it in the chancel for our Pentecost festival day worship. After worship, take your plant home. The committee appreciates your willingness to share your red plants which serve as symbols of the fire of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost Sunday, May 28. Thank you, wonderful Bethel “flower people.”



May 1	Libby Wheelis	May 7	Bella Raniszewski
May 8	Mike Moore	May 9	Douglas Toy
May 11	Brandon Derrick, Jr.	May 12	Brigitte Monjo
May 13	Kenneth McCartha	May 14	James Onley
May 17	Pastor Megan	May 17	Joe Morris
May 22	Mandy Harling	May 22	Madison Johnson
May 25	Dick Lowman	May 26	Bonnie Derrick
May 27	Sue Elliott	May 28	Eugenia Matthews

#### MAY ANNIVERSARIES

May 10	Cindy and Barry Stone	May 27	Sue and Bob Elliott
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**Save the date:**  
**Homecoming and Golden Age Sunday** will be on Sunday, October 8. Bishop Aibescher will join us. Mark your calendars!

**Prayer List:** Dot Park, Phil Wunder, Pebble Briggs, Barb Gross, Vannie Toy, Sue Elliott, Russell Miller, Greg McCullah, Claude Leviner, Irene Leviner, Bertha McCartha, Paul and Bonnie Bates, Bella Raniszewski, Ronnie Taylor, Sheri Southworth, Davis Samples and Mac (Eugenia Mathews’ relatives), Teresa Abshire (Bertha McCartha’s niece), Tracey Sikora (Richard Torres’ sister), and Richard Chouinard.

