



Bethel

by God, each other, family, friends and community

February 29, 2024

Bethel Lutheran Church, White Rock, SC

*From the
Pastor*



This year our council is participating in a training alongside several other congregations within our synod. Mike Ward, author of *Abundance* and manager of GSB Fundraising, is coaching us in further developing our mission statement, focusing on our vision as a congregation, and discovering our core values. Some of you have done similar work in the past. We are not undoing what you have done. Instead, we are looking at where we have been and where we are so that we can know ourselves better and set some realistic goals for our ministry and mission. You will hear more as council comes up with a clearer focus. Currently the mission we are working with (based on what you all have developed over the years) is Doing God's Will. Our vision is that Everyone will feel, experience, and know God's love. We are still working on our core values. We have discussed values and faith in our most recent meeting. I'm curious what you members consider Bethel's core values in 2024. What are the goals you would like to see Bethel focus on? Seriously, consider these and feel free to share your thoughts with me or our council president, Ron Heater. We will continue to discuss and share what we come up with so we can all work together towards better the kingdom of God in the world and our little community of White Rock.

Peace,
Pastor Megan

LENT WORSHIP AND MEALS



Lent Worship is offered in two unique ways. Midday services are held at Bethel at **11:30 am** in the sanctuary with lunch to follow. Please sign up so we can plan for meals each week. The theme of midday worship is **Open My Life, Lord**.

For evening, we will join the Dutch Fork Cluster congregations at 6 pm for dinner and 7 pm worship. The host congregation provides the meal. Please attend these services as we reconnect with our Lutheran neighbors. We had five (including Pastor Megan) from Bethel the first two weeks. Pastor Megan hopes that number grows in the coming weeks especially as time changes. The host congregation provides the meal. The theme of our cluster Lent services is **Created for Community**.

March 6- St. Thomas, Chapin (Pastor Megan preaches)

March 13- St. John, Irmo

March 20- Bethel, White Rock

Looking ahead:

Passion/Palm Sunday worship will begin in the area outside of the choir room. We will read the Palm Sunday Gospel and then process in waving our palms. You are welcome to join us in that space or, if you are more comfortable, to be seated in the sanctuary.

Worship on Maundy Thursday (3/28) and Good Friday (3/29) will be held at 5 pm. Easter worship will be at 7 am and 10 am with continental breakfast after the first service.



Youth and families are invited to come for dinner and fellowship on Sunday, March 3, at 5:15 pm. We plan to enjoy this time together, play games, and look ahead to some other event. Please RSVP to Diane or Pastor Megan so we can count you in.

Lutheran Men will meet on Sunday, March 3, at 8:00 am.

Lutheran Men Bible Study will meet on Sunday, March 17 at 8:00 am.

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Congregational Life will meet on Sunday, March 17, following worship.



Music and Worship will meet on Wednesday, March 6, at 1:00 pm.



PUB THEOLOGY will meet on Tuesday, March 19, at 7 pm at Tonella's.



Outreach Committee will meet on Sunday, March 17, following worship.



CORRECTION:
Daylight Savings Time begins on Sunday, March 10

Evangelism Committee will meet following worship on Sunday, March 24.



TULIPS: You may help decorate the church on Easter Sunday by placing a tulip(s) **in memory of** or **in honor of** a loved one. A bulletin listing of these will be inserted in the bulletin on Easter Sunday. The cost is \$13.00 per plant. Order forms are available at the entrances of the church.



The Spring Celebration and Egg Hunt will be held on Sunday, March 24, at 2:00 pm.



We truly are fortunate to have ready access to clean, safe water. Hard to believe, but that is not the case in many parts of the world! This is why the Outreach and Missions team has decided to raise money for a well. If we can raise \$2,500 this year, we can provide a well that will supply up to 500 families with clean, safe water. Please join us in this yearlong project. Clearly mark your contribution for the ELCA Good Gifts Well Project.



**7 am: Worship
with breakfast to
follow
10 am: Worship**



**Noisy Offering
Sunday**
is March 31.
Proceeds will be
donated to WeCare.

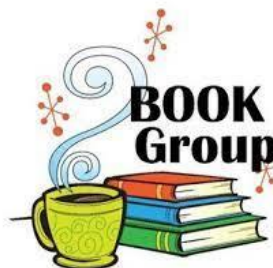


The church office
will be closed
Monday, April 1 –
Thursday, April 4



March Birthdays
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 Anniversaries
March 27
Tessa and George Bitterwolf



Bethel Book Group will
meet on **Sunday, April
14 at 1:00 pm** to discuss
Tobacco Wives by Adele
Myers and **Sunday, July
21** to discuss *Grace Will
Lead Us Home* by Jennifer
Hawes.



Prayer List: Sue Elliott, Luther Kibler, Marilyn Bull, Paula Miller (Russell Miller's daughter-in-law), Patsy McCartha, Julie Allen, Harvey Stone, Grady Slice, Phil Wunder, Vannie Toy, Delores Derrick, Claude Leviner, Irene Leviner, Bertha McCartha, Bella Raniszewski, Sheri Southworth, Paul and Bonnie Bates, Richard Torres, Sheri Johnson (friend of Ron and Patrick), Betty Rhodes (Donna Torres' sister), Nicole Ganz (friend of Patrick George), Daniel George (Patrick's brother), Wayne Prescott (friend of Bob and Sue Elliott), and Richard Chouinard.

Currently deployed: Drake Upchurch (Aleena Stone's husband) and Jordan Turok (Faye McCartha's grandson).