

Bethel BEAM

MARCH 18-31, 2018

UPCOMING SCHEDULE

Fifth Sunday in Lent March 18

9:15 am Worship with Holy Communion
10:30 am Fellowship Time
10:40 am Education Hour

Lenten Service March 21

10:00 am Worship
6:30 pm Worship

Palm Sunday March 25

9:15 am Worship with Holy Communion
10:30 am Palm Sunday Brunch

Maundy Thursday March 29

10:00 am Worship
6:30 pm Worship

Good Friday March 30

6:00 pm Worship

Easter Sunday April 1

8:15 am Worship with Holy Communion
10:15 am Worship with Holy Communion

Bethel Men's Activities... Men's Breakfast - Every 1st and 3rd Thursday morning at 7:30 a.m. at McMillan's. Join in a hearty \$5.00 breakfast followed by a short devotional. Typically done by 8:05 a.m. A great way to start the day! Men's Bible Study - Every Thursday in the Bethel Library from 9:00-10:00 a.m. No set reading required outside of this hour. Simply show up and engage the biblical story that becomes very relevant to our lives through lively discussion. Some are there every week. Others once a month. You are most welcome anytime!

Join the Easter Sunday Choir! All ages welcome. Openings for all parts. Rehearsal times: immediately following worship on Sunday, March 18 and 25, and after Lenten Services on Wednesday, March 21 and 29. Sing with the choir on Easter Sunday, April 1, at both services or choose from the 8:15 or 10:15 service. Let's fill the choir loft on Easter Sunday!

Over/Under 60s will meet for a noon potluck meal and program on Thursday, March 22. The program will be *Noah Now & Then*, presented by Pastor Bob.

Palm Sunday Brunch... March 25, French Toast & Sausage will be served after worship. Free Will Offering goes to help support the youth trip to the ELCA Youth Gathering in Houston this summer. This event is for everyone so there will not be Sunday School classes this day - come enjoy the GiFT of fellowship and food!

Kitchen Overflow... Please pick up your pans and dishes from the kitchen - we are gaining a large collection and it takes up a lot of counter space.

STEWARDSHIP NUGGET

A significant part of Lenten stewardship is to see and hear and experience all that God has done and is doing for us. Some, during Lent, have created a "take for granted list" and used that as a prayer leading up to Good Friday and Easter Sunday. What would your list look like?

Financial Update

(Through February 28, 2018)

February General Fund Giving: \$45,491
YTD General Fund Giving: \$87,539
Comparison 2017 YTD Giving: \$74,513

February Noisy Coin Offering: \$306

February General Fund Exp: \$37,538
YTD General Fund Expense: \$81,264
Comparison 2017 YTD Exp: \$77,018

2018 YTD General Fund Surplus: \$6,275

Music Coordinator... Bethel is very pleased to announce that Sarah Dahl has accepted the position of Bethel Music Coordinator. Sarah will be adding to her *Notes of Praise* directing duties to recruit the musical gifts of the people within the congregation and encouraging their participation in worship through special music and other music ministry opportunities. Her overall position will be 10 hours/week and she will start in her Music Coordinator role the first week of April. Welcome, Sarah, to this position!

WORSHIP PRAYER LIST

Judy Wetterling; Joyce Strom; Gary Hern; Harris Hedin; Bonnie Grund; Pam Terres; Loretta Brandt

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Sunday - March 18

9:15 a.m. Worship - S
 10:30 a.m. Fellowship Time - LH
 10:40 a.m. Education Hour - LH
 2:00 p.m. Isaiah Meeting - LH

Monday - March 19

2:00 p.m. Knitters' Circle - Lib
 4:30 p.m. Notes of Praise - S
 6:30 p.m. 4H St. John's Roadrunners Club - HR
 6:45 p.m. AAUW - LH

Tuesday - March 20

9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting - Lib
 5:00 p.m. Yoga - HR

Wednesday - March 21

10:00 a.m. Lenten Service - Ch
 1:30 p.m. Coloring - Lib
 5:00 p.m. JuBellant Ringers - S
 5:30 p.m. Confirmation - Yth Rm
 6:30 p.m. Lenten Service - S
 7:00 p.m. Cathedral Choir - S

Thursday - March 22

9:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study - Lib
 9:00 a.m. Supportive Lifestyles - 3rd
 12:00 p.m. Over/Under 60s - LH
 4:00 p.m. Supportive Lifestyles - LH
 5:00 p.m. Yoga - HR

Friday - March 23

5:30 p.m. Bethel Game Night - LH

Saturday - March 24

8:00 a.m. Yoga - HR
 9:00 a.m. Woodworking with Swede & Keith - Swede
 Johnson's Workshop

Sunday - March 25

9:15 a.m. Worship - S
 10:30 a.m. Palm Sunday Brunch - LH

Monday - March 26

4:00 p.m. Airmaxx Trip - St. Cloud

Tuesday - March 27

9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting - Lib
 5:00 p.m. Yoga - HR

Wednesday - March 28

5:00 p.m. JuBellant Ringers - S
 5:30 p.m. Confirmation - Yth Rm
 7:00 p.m. Cathedral Choir - S

Thursday - March 29

10:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service - Ch
 6:00 p.m. Cathedral Choir - S
 6:30 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service - S

Friday - March 30

6:00 p.m. Good Friday Service - S

Saturday - March 31

8:00 a.m. Yoga - HR
 2:00 p.m. Ethan Haines Piano Recital - S

Please keep in mind that the Beam is dated the first and third Sundays of each month. The deadline for Beam items is the Wednesday prior at noon.

You are invited to:

Ethan Haines
 Senior Piano Recital
 on Saturday, March 31st
 at 2:00 pm
 at Bethel Lutheran Church
 All are welcome to attend.
 Refreshments will be served.

Bethel Pew Pads have been installed and look great! The total cost for the project was \$16,730. We received \$9,795 in donations and the rest of the cost will be coming from various Bethel funds. Thanks to all who "purchased" a pew pad in February! We will, of course, still welcome additional "purchases" that come in through the office or offering.

AirMaxx Trampoline Park... Field trip to St. Cloud on March 26 (Monday) for K-12th Grade (you can bring a friend). Bus will leave at 4:00 from Bethel and return at 8:00 p.m. We will enjoy 60 minutes of trampoline time and stop at Marnanteli's Pizza in Cold Spring for pizza and pop on the return trip. Cost is \$20.00 per person. Sign up outside Jenni's office, waiver & payment due by March 19.

Sacred Dance... Practices for Music Sunday begin April 8 after Sunday School. Kids entering kindergarten in the fall through 12th grade are invited to be a part of this group – no dance experience is necessary! Please sign up outside Jenni's office no later than April 1 so we can choreograph.

Schedule:

April 8	11:30-12:00 pm
April 15	No Practice
April 22	11:30-12:00 pm
April 29	11:30-12:00 pm
May 6	8:30-9:00 am
May 6	9:15 am Service

In an effort to keep kids more engaged, we are going to skip the snack time and keep practices shorter. Parents of 4 year olds are encouraged to stay in the Sanctuary during practice. Other parents should feel free to sit and watch practices in the Sanctuary, have a cup of coffee in Luther Hall, or leave church and come back at noon.

Save the Date... Saturday morning, May 12, 2018, 10:30 a.m., *Celebrate Women Spring Tea Party*. Watch the Beam for further details coming soon.

Thank Offering... Many thanks to all of you who contributed to the Bethel Women's Thank Offering during February. We collected \$632 which will be divided equally between Habitat for Humanity in Willmar and Bethel's Community Help Fund.

Library News... The Bethel Library has received Memorial money and gifts over the past few months and would like to extend thanks to our donors! We've purchased and processed some new materials as well as book donations from members and encourage you to stop in and "check us out!" Some of our new additions include:

Youth:

- Veggie Tales DVD's -- Rack, Shack & Benny, Puppies & Guppies, Celery Night Fever
- Paws & Tales DVD series
- "Remember to Forget" -- by 17-yr-old author Ashley Royer
- Books in the Nancy Drew series

Family:

- The Illustrated Family Bible
- "Wonder" by R.J. Palacio

Adult:

- Books by Beverly Lewis -- "The Guardian," "The Last Bride," "The Missing," "The Proving," "The Secret"
- "A Caregiver's Survival Guide"
- "Knit Two" -- a Friday Night Knitting Club Book
- Books by Fredrick Backman -- "A Man Called Ove," "Britt-Marie Was Here," "My Grandmother Asked Me to Tell You She's Sorry"
- "Golf's Sacred Journey"