

Bethel Lutheran Church

February 2024 Announcements

This Month's Events

February Noisy Offering –
Waukesha Men's Overflow
Shelter

Coffee with Pastor Jaime –
Each Tuesday from 1-2 pm at
Vintage Grounds Coffee

February 1 – Reports for our
annual report due to Debbie
Zortman

February 10 – Faith Family
Fun, Noon-2 pm. Please bring
a bag lunch. Treats will be
provided. We will be burning
last year's Palm Sunday palms
and making ashes for our "Ash
Tuesday" service.

February 11 – Remember to
bring in soup for our Souper
Bowl collection. Note:
Vegetable soup (not vegetable
beef) is in demand!

February 11 – Annual meeting
immediately after worship

February 13 – Senior Dinner,
4:30-6 pm

February 13 – "Ash Tuesday"
worship with Holy Communion
and imposition of ashes, 6 pm

February 18 – Confirmation,
4-5:30 pm

February 20 – Council,
6-7:30 pm

A Message from Pastor Jaime

This year, we are starting Lent a day early, so mark your calendar for "Ash Tuesday" worship on Tuesday, February 13.

Because of scheduling complications, Heidi, our musician, and I can't be here at the same time on Ash Wednesday, February 14. But Tuesday the 13th is also our Senior Dinner, which is already followed by a worship service each month. Because we already have a service scheduled – and Heidi is able to join us – we decided to make that night's service an "Ash Tuesday" service.

You might remember that last year, we canceled our Ash Wednesday service because of bad weather, and our imposition of ashes happened on Sunday morning. So changing the day isn't something entirely new. The important thing is that we have this opportunity to begin the season of Lent with intention.

We receive ashes on our foreheads as a sign of our need to repent, to confess our sins, and turn back to God.

Lent is a season of reflection and spiritual discipline (or practice). During this season, you might give up something that draws you away from God, or you might take up a practice that brings you closer.

For some people, midweek worship is one of those practices. While we won't be having midweek services at Bethel until Holy Week, you are invited to join Gloria Dei for midweek worship. Services will begin at 11:15 am Wednesdays during Lent and will be followed by a light lunch. Recordings of the services will also be available on Bethel's website and Facebook page if you'd like to join online.

The theme for those services is "Altered by the Spirit." We will be invited into the spiritual practice of paying attention to the Holy Spirit at work among us by reflecting on how the Spirit is at work in the book of Acts. As we explore these stories, we'll see how God works through the spirit to transform us – to alter

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Worship Schedule

Worship with Holy Communion

8:30 am Sundays

Evening Worship with Holy Communion

6 pm on the second Tuesday, following Senior Dinner

Please keep in your prayers ...

Albert and Donna – parents of Jeff and Gerald; Barb; Betty; Cheryl; Carol, Ed, and Debbie; Courtney; friends and family of Danny – friend of Teri and John; Dan; Dennis; Dick – friend of Dan; family of Dennis, Debbie's brother-in-law; Doris; Edna; family of Erv and Jean, Jean P.'s parents; George – Heidi's brother; Ginny; Harper; Jiggs – cousin of Jim; family of Jim – son of Ginny; Joan – mother of Eileen; Ken; Landon; Lauren; Madaline – daughter of a friend of Teri; Mitch; Paige – granddaughter of Ginny; family of Richard – Dave's father; Ron; Sharron R.; Teri; Terry; Todd – brother of Teri; family of Tom – friend of Teri and John. Our confirmation students: Casey, Grayson, Landon, Liam, and Ryder.

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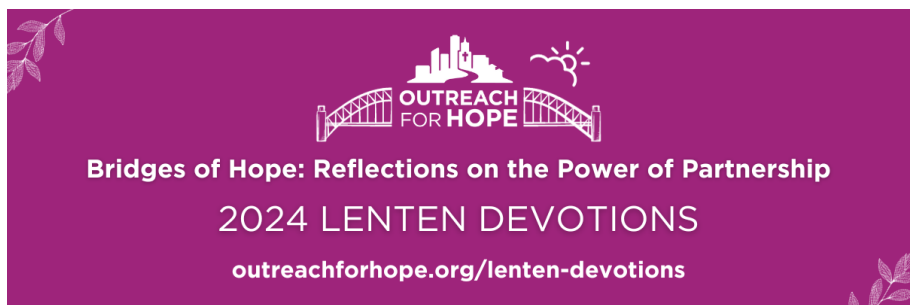
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us and God's world. The Spirit alters our perceptions and our understandings: of what God is doing, of what it means to belong, of our enemies, even our understanding of what it means to be victorious.



We'll experience that theme on Sunday mornings, too. As we journey with Jesus to the cross, we will consider the ways God alters our expectations, alters our definition of glory – and even alters heaven and earth.

Holy Week worship will take place here at Bethel. We'll worship at 5 pm on Maundy Thursday, March 28, and again at 5 pm on Good Friday, March 29. And we will gather to celebrate the Resurrection at 8:30 am on Easter Sunday, March 31.



Join Outreach for Hope this Lent for devotion videos by our Ministry Partners, supporters, and staff on this year's theme: "Bridges of Hope: Reflections on the Power of Partnership."

New devotion videos will be released Monday through Friday, from Ash Wednesday through Holy Week. On Saturday, we'll email our entire email list with a digest of the past week's devotions, and a PDF of transcripts for the following week.

To receive devotions, sign up for the devotion email list at: <https://outreachforhope.kindful.com/register/lenten-devotions>.

Winter weather reminder

If we ever decide to cancel Sunday morning worship, it will be announced through WISN/Channel 12, on our website (<https://bethelmuskegoelc.org/>), and on our Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/BethelMuskego>). So if you question whether we are gathering, those are the places to look. And if we are gathering, please make the decision that is right for you about whether it is safe to attend.