



Bethel Lutheran Church *May 2024 Announcements*

This Month's Events

May Noisy Offering – Flowers for Bethel

Coffee with Pastor Jaime – Each Tuesday from 1-2 pm at Vintage Grounds Coffee except May 14.

May 11 – Bible study: How to Read the Bible, 10-11:30 am

May 11 – Faith Family Fun, Noon-2 pm. Bring a bag lunch. Treats will be provided.

May 14 – Senior Dinner, 4:30-6 pm

May 14 – Worship at 6 pm

May 19 – Affirmation of Baptism (Confirmation) at 8:30 am worship

May 21 – Council, 4:30-6 pm

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A Message from Pastor Jaime

Sometimes we call the Day of Pentecost the “birthday of the church.” It’s the day we read from the book of Acts about the Holy Spirit whooshing through the building where the disciples were staying, resting upon each disciple like a tongue of fire.

The Spirit empowered the disciples to speak in different languages, so that they could share the good news of Jesus with all the diverse people who had gathered in Jerusalem for the festival of Pentecost.

This year on the Day of Pentecost, we will also be celebrating with our confirmation students who will affirm their baptism: Casey, Grayson, Landon, Liam, and Ryder.

For two years now, these students – and some of their grownups – have been reading and wrestling with scripture, asking questions, serving together, and learning about what it means to be Lutheran and what it means to follow Jesus.

Now they will affirm for themselves the promises that their parents, sponsors, and the people of Bethel made for them at their baptism: to live among God’s faithful people, to hear the word of God and share in the Lord’s Supper, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth.

As a class, we have talked about each of those promises. We have learned that the Holy Spirit empowers each of us to live into those promises in different ways, according to our unique gifts and talents, for the sake of this world that God loves.

We have reminded one another that this confirmation worship service is not an end but a beginning – the beginning of a new chapter in our lifelong faith journey.

All of us continue on that journey together. I hope you can join us for worship on May 19 to celebrate with our confirmation students; to remember that the Holy Spirit empowers, you, too;

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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

Affirmation of Baptism

8:30 am on Pentecost Sunday, May 19

Please keep in your prayers ...

Family and friends of Dave; Steven and Jazel; Kathy; Mike and Dena – neighbors of Bethel; Albert and Donna – parents of Jeff and Gerald; Ann and Kris – friends of Bethel; Ashley – granddaughter of Ginny; Barb; Betty; Bri – friend of Dave; Cheryl; Carol, Ed, and Debbie; Courtney; Dan; Danielle – friend of Dave; Dennis; Dick – friend of Dan; Doug – brother of Ken; Edna; George – friend of Dave; George – Heidi's brother; Ginny; Jiggs – cousin of Jim; Joan – mother of Eileen; Karen; Landon; Lauren; Lori; Madaline – daughter of a friend of Teri; MJ; Rick and Sue – friends of Bethel; Ron; Sharron R.; Teri; Terry; Todd – brother of Teri. Our confirmation students: Casey, Grayson, Landon, Liam, and Ryder.

***We celebrate God's grace,
and we reach out
with Christ's love.***

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and to be inspired to live into those same promises made at your baptism, and as you affirmed your baptism. Together we will be reminded of those words of promise God makes to each of us in baptism: You are beloved – sealed by the Holy Spirit, marked by the cross of Christ forever, held in God's love and mercy for eternity, never alone on this journey of faith.

Thanks be to God!

Current events from three faith perspectives

Our siblings in Christ at Mount Olive Lutheran Church in Mukwonago invite us to a rare opportunity to listen, learn, and reflect: A Conversation on Justice in Palestine From Three Faith Perspectives.

Listen in as Mr. Othman Atta, a director of the Islamic Society of Milwaukee; Rabbi Michal Woll of Congregation Shir Hadash of the Reconstructionist Tradition; and the Rev. Dr. Lisa Bates-Froiland of Redeemer Lutheran Church engage in conversation around the current situation in Israel, Gaza, and the West Bank.

This conversation takes place at 4 pm on Sunday, May 5, at Mount Olive, 211 Main Street in Mukwonago. After their conversation, there will be a moderated time for lifting up questions and insights. Refreshments will follow so we can linger longer to meet and greet each other. Please contact the Mount Olive office with any questions: 262-363-8251.

How to read the Bible

10-11:30 AM
SECOND SATURDAY
OF THE MONTH AT BETHEL

