



Bethel Lutheran Church June-July 2026 Announcements

Events Calendar

June Noisy Offering – Hebron Housing Service, helping those struggling with homelessness in Waukesha County

Coffee with Pastor Jaime – First and third Tuesdays from 1-2 pm at Vintage Grounds, except July 7

June 4 – Pastor Jaime will be out of the office.

June 9 – Senior Dinner at 4:30 pm

June 9 – Evening worship with Holy Communion at 6 pm

June 10 – Discovery Days day camp begins.

June 13 – Bible study at 10 am. We'll begin our study of essential faith practices with a discussion of worship and prayer.

June 14 – Last day to drop off donations for Muskego Food Pantry food drive

June 16 – Council at 4:30 pm

Pastor out of town – Pastor Jaime will be on vacation July 6-12. If you have an emergency and need a pastor, please contact Debbie Zortman, who will connect you with our on-call pastor.

July Noisy Offering – Guest House, serving those struggling with homelessness in Milwaukee

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A Message from Pastor Jaime

Every now and then someone asks how I write a sermon. And as part of my continuing education this year, I've participated in some conversations about giving congregations something like a "behind the scenes" look at sermon preparation.

I'm going to give that a try in the coming months.

One important – and hopefully obvious – thing I do is read the scriptures assigned for each week multiple times. Often many, many times.

I read them prayerfully, waiting to hear from the Holy Spirit what God might have to say to our congregation in particular each week (and to Gloria Dei, too). I try to read with curiosity, open to hearing and learning new things. And I study what others have learned about our readings: about the language in which they were written, about the lives of the people who first heard and read these stories, and about the different ways these passages have been interpreted over the years.

There are always countless possibilities for a sermon, but often something specific will catch my attention: a word, a phrase, or a verse. Or a passage will connect with a story from my life, from our life as a congregation, or from something that has been in the news.

That's the part of my sermon preparation that I want to invite you into in the coming months. Here's how it will look, at least to start:

Each week, I'll add something in the weekly email about the gospel (or maybe one of the other readings) for the coming Sunday, and the questions I've been asking myself as I read and study. I encourage you to take a few minutes each week to read the passage, think about my questions, and maybe ask some questions of your own.

Then I hope you might let me know what you're thinking about, what caught your attention, or the questions you are asking.

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July 14 – Senior dinner at 4:30 pm

July 14 – Evening worship with Holy Communion at 6 pm

July 18 – Bible study at 10 am.
Note the change to the third Saturday this month!

July 21 – Council at 4:30 pm

Sunday Worship

Worship with Holy Communion
8:30 am Sundays

Please pray for ...

Family and friends of Tim – friend of Gerry and Goeff; Ron – neighbor of Gerry and Geoff; Sue – friend of Diane; Ginny; Fred – Jeanne’s dad; Gil and Sally – friends of Bonnie and Ron; Ken and his family; Dan; Lance – friend of Ken; James and Jeanne; Janet – a colleague of Neva’s daughter; Carol; Sheila – friend of Ginny; Barb; Sandy and Steve – family of Eileen and Jim; Glenn; Terry and Julie; Jeff – friend of Jim and Eileen; Wayne – brother of Jim B.; Charlie – brother-in-law of Barb; Vera – Heidi L.’s aunt; Jiggs – cousin of Jim; Gary – friend of Barb; Kathy and Dennis; Ann and Kris – friends of Bethel; Cheryl; George – friend of Dave H.; George – Heidi’s brother; Rick and Sue – friends of Bethel

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You might do that on Sunday morning after worship, or on Tuesdays at Vintage Grounds Coffee. If that doesn’t work for you, give me a call or send me an email – or we can set up another time for coffee.

God speaks to and through each of us. Let’s practice talking about that!

Donate school kit supplies

Starting in late June, we will again be collecting school supplies for Lutheran World Relief school kits.

Each kit contains:

FOUR 70-sheet notebooks of wide- or college-ruled paper, approximately 8” x 10 ½”; no loose leaf paper

ONE 30-centimeter ruler, or a ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other

ONE pencil sharpener

ONE pair of **BLUNT** scissors (safety scissors with embedded steel blades work well)

FIVE UNSHARPENED #2 pencils with erasers; secure together with a rubber band (we have plenty of rubber bands at church!)

FIVE black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink); secure together with a rubber band

ONE box of 16 or 24 crayons

ONE 2 ½” eraser

Our collection will run through Saturday, August 8, when we’ll gather at 11:30 am to eat lunch, and assemble the items and pack backpacks. We’ll bless those school kits in worship before sending them off to bless students around the world.

