



Bethel Lutheran Church October-November 2026 Announcements

Events Calendar

October Noisy Offering –
Friends of Jesus toy drive

Coffee with Pastor Jaime – First
and third Tuesdays from
1-2 pm at Vintage Grounds,
except October 20

October 10 – Bible study at 10
am

October 13 – Senior Dinner at
4:30 pm

October 13 – Evening worship
with Holy Communion at 6 pm

October 17 – Pumpkin Pizzazz,
noon-2 pm. Potluck lunch, Bible
story, and pumpkin carving for all
ages. Look for a signup sheet
soon.

October 18 – Blessing of the
animals and celebration of
creation at 8:30 am worship. Bring
pets – or photos of pets.

October 20 – Pastor Jaime will be
out of the office at a synod retreat.

October 27 – Council at 4:30 pm

November Noisy Offering –
Salvation Army Red Kettle
campaign

November 5 – Pastor Jaime will
be out of the office at a synod
training event.

November 10 – Senior dinner at
4:30 pm

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A Message from Pastor Jaime

Reading the Bible – or listening to the Bible – is an essential Christian practice. One session of our latest Bible study included the encouragement to commit to reading five verses (or more!) each day.

But where to start? And what do you do with those five verses anyway?

First: Where to start?

Here are some ideas:

- Pick up the Christ in Our Home daily devotionals available at church. There is a suggested scripture reading, a short devotion, and a prayer for each day.
- Find a daily Bible reading each day on the ELCA website: <https://www.elca.org/resources/daily-bible-reading>.
- Download a daily Bible reading or devotional app for your phone. One of my favorites is called d365.
- Pick a book of the Bible, and read a bit each day. Some good places to start are the gospel of Mark, which is the shortest – and the one we'll be spending a lot of time in next year. You could also try reading a psalm, or a few verses of a psalm each day, or begin with a short book like Philippians.
- Talk to me about different Bible reading plans.

Second: What to do with those five (or more) verses?

I recently came across these suggestions from Discipleship Ministries, a ministry of the United Methodist Church. Maybe start with “simmer” and “savor,” and then try adding others.

Simmer: Create a quiet place internally, to “simmer” in awareness of the Holy Spirit. Pray any prayer of centering, opening your heart and mind to reading God's Word. Maybe pray using a famous Bible verse, 1 Samuel 3:10: “Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.”

Speak: Before people had personal Bibles, Scripture was shared aloud. Consider engaging a different part of your brain by reading

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November 10 – Evening worship with Holy Communion at 6 pm

November 12 – Craft and wine night, 6-8 pm

November 14 – Bible study at 10 am

November 17 – Council at 4:30 pm

November 21 – Craft Fair and Bake Sale, 9 am-3 pm

Sunday Worship

Worship with Holy Communion
8:30 am Sundays

Please pray for ...

Sandy – friend of the Frahmans;
Renee – friend of Bonnie; Jean and Bryon; Erv, Jean's brother; family of George – Heidi's brother; David – brother of Kathy B.; Ron – friend of the Frahmman family; Sue – friend of Diane; Ginny; Fred – Jeanne's dad; Gil and Sally – friends of Bonnie and Ron; Ken and his family; 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; 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; Cheryl; George – friend of Dave H.; Rick and Sue, and Ann and Kris – friends of Bethel

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scripture aloud or listening to it from a Bible app.

Study: Slow down and make observations about what you see in the passage. Note any themes, recurrences, or surprising turns, and what you may already know about this author, this book of the Bible, or the context. Ask questions that arise from what you see in the scripture or what you know from your experience. Get curious about the text, especially as it relates to your own life.

Scribe: Write a word, phrase, or verse that has been a focus of your study today. Consider “doodling” it as a way of meditating on the passage or writing out the passage to reflect more deeply on the words of the text.

Savor: After reading the passage, take a moment to reflect over all your pondering. What might God be saying to you for the day/ week/season ahead? Write a word or phrase you want to “savor,” continue to process, or enjoy. It could be a challenge, a call to action, an encouragement, or something you want to study more.

Of course, it's always helpful to savor time in scripture with a group. Consider joining our Bible study, which typically meets the second Saturday of each month at 10 am.

Craft Fair and Bake Sale on November 21

Bethel's annual craft fair and bake sale will return on Saturday, November 21, from 9 am-3 pm. Perhaps you are already crafting and planning for the items you'll bake. Thank you! If you'd like to craft with a group, join us for Craft and Wine Night, from 6-8 pm on Thursday, November 12. We'll gather for crafting, wine, and snacks. Feel free to bring something to share. Craft supplies will be provided.



With help from all of you – and a Thrivent grant – we packed 66 backpacks for Lutheran World Relief!