



# *Bethel Lutheran Church* *April/May 2025 Announcements*

## *Events Calendar*

**April Noisy Offering –**  
Lutherdale Bible Camp

**Coffee with Pastor Jaime –** First  
and third Tuesdays from  
1-2 pm at Vintage Grounds

**April 6 –** We'll assemble Easter  
baskets for the Muskego Food  
Pantry after worship. Please drop  
off donations of baskets and  
candy by this date.

**April 8 –** Senior dinner at 4:30  
pm

**April 8 –** Evening worship at 6  
pm

**April 12 –** Bible study from 10-  
11:30 am

**April 15 –** Council at 4:30 pm

**April 17 –** Maundy Thursday  
worship at 5 pm

**April 18 –** Good Friday worship  
at 5 pm

**April 20 –** Easter worship at 8:30  
am

**May Noisy Offering –** Flowers  
for Bethel

**May 10 –** Bible study from 10-  
11:30 am

**May 13 –** Senior dinner at 4:30  
pm

**May 20 –** Council at 4:30 pm

**Pastor out of town –** Pastor  
Jaime will be out of town for

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## *A Message from Pastor Jaime*

As I write this, we are still in the midst of Lent. Jesus is on his way to Jerusalem, where he will die on the cross.

And also.

And also as I write this, we have almost made it to spring. I can hear birds chirping from my office. Other signs of new life will start appearing soon.

Spring is the season of new life.

On Easter, we will celebrate the Resurrection. We will celebrate Jesus' new life – and the new life he shares with us.

*Have you forgotten that when we were joined with Christ Jesus in baptism, we joined him in his death? For we died and were buried with Christ by baptism. And just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glorious power of the Father, now we also may live new lives. – Romans 6:3-4*

As we prepare for Easter, and in the season of Easter, I encourage you to look for signs of new life: on trees, in flower gardens, and everywhere you go – maybe in some places you don't expect.

Recently, God showed me a sign of new life when I visited someone in memory care. I brought my ukulele, as I sometimes do, and the person I was visiting made sure the door was open so others could hear us sing. Then she went out into the hallway to invite others to sing along with us.

Two people came in: a resident and their caregiver. A family member, I think. Maybe their spouse, but I'm not sure.

The resident was not very engaged – until we sang "You Are My Sunshine." His face lit up, and he greeted me with a single word and smile when the song finished.

We all had smiles on our faces. The room was filled with joy.

I believe that when we see these signs of new life – even briefly – God is giving us flashes of the new life and new creation to come,

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continuing education May 11-17. Debbie Zortman will have emergency contact information.

## ***Worship Schedule***

**Worship with Holy Communion**  
8:30 am Sundays

**Evening Worship with Holy Communion**

6 pm on the second Tuesday, after Senior Dinner, except in May

## ***Please keep in your prayers***

Wayne – brother of Jim B.; Phil, Lizzy, Evy, and MJ; Vanessa – granddaughter of a friend of Ken; family and friends of Donna M.; family of Ludwig, father-in-law of Debby; family of Elke – friend of Courtney; family of Jerry – friend of Dan and Diane; family of Mary Ellen – aunt of Jeanne; Carol; Charlie – brother-in-law of Barb; Jeff H.; Doug – Ken’s brother; Jim – friend of Dan; Renee – friend of Bonnie; Julie and Terry; Vera – Heidi L.’s aunt; Jiggs – cousin of Jim; Gary – friend of Barb; Gavin – great-nephew of Sue H.; Kathy and Dennis; Ann and Kris – friends of Bethel; Cheryl; George – friend of Dave H.; George – Heidi’s brother; Lauren; Lori; Rick and Sue – friends of Bethel; Todd – brother of Teri

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the new life we are promised in Jesus, who overcame death and the grave for us.

Join us in worship as we remember Jesus’ death on the cross and celebrate his Resurrection on Easter Sunday:

**Palm Sunday, April 13, at 8:30 am:** We’ll wave palms as Jesus rides into Jerusalem on a donkey, then hear the story of his arrest, execution, and burial.

**Maundy Thursday, April 17, at 5 pm:** We hear the story of the Last Supper, we share Holy Communion, and we strip the altar, symbolizing the abandonment of Jesus by his disciples and the stripping of Jesus by the soldiers before his crucifixion.

**Good Friday, April 18, at 5 pm:** We hear the story of Jesus before the authorities and on the cross. Candles are put out one by one and the space dims before we leave in silence.

**Easter Sunday, April 20, at 8:30 am:** We gather with an “Alleluia,” hear the Resurrection story, and proclaim the good news through the words of favorite hymns.



**Our First Communion students baked bread for our worship service on March 9. Welcome to God’s table! (And thank you to Bonnie for leading us and teaching us!)**

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