

Bethel Lutheran Church

February-March 2026

Announcements

Events Calendar

February Noisy Offering –
Repairers of the Breach, a
shelter and resource center in
Milwaukee

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

Soup Collection – Our Souper
Bowl of Caring soup and cake
mix collection for the Muskego
Food Pantry will take place
through Sunday, February 8.
Drop off donations in the box at
the church entry.

February 10 – Senior Dinner at
4:30 pm

February 10 – Evening worship
with Holy Communion at 6 pm

February 14 – Bible study at 10
am. Sometimes we say, “God
helps those who help
themselves.” But the Bible
doesn’t say that. We’ll look at
what the Bible actually says.

February 14 – Palm burning at
11:30 am. We’ll burn palms from
last year’s Palm Sunday worship
to create the ashes used for our
Ash Wednesday worship.

February 15 – Annual meeting
immediately after worship

February 17 – Council at 4:30
pm

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A Message from Pastor Jaime

We are about to spend a lot of time eavesdropping on Jesus’ conversations.

This year, the season of Lent is filled with conversations – sometimes long conversations:

- A conversation between Jesus and the devil.
- A conversation between Jesus and a Pharisee named Nicodemus.
- A conversation between Jesus and a Samaritan woman at a well.
- Conversations that include Jesus, a man who was born blind, his family, his neighbors, and the religious leaders.
- Conversations Jesus has with Mary and Martha, who are grieving the death of Lazarus, their brother.

In each of those conversations, we will hear about people who feel bound and are longing for freedom and wholeness. And through those conversations, Jesus will invite us to consider the ways we and our neighbors might feel bound – and the ways we all long for freedom and wholeness.

The season of Lent begins on Wednesday, February 18, with Ash Wednesday. We’ll have a traditional Ash Wednesday worship service with Holy Communion and imposition of ashes at 6 pm.

If you’d like to help prepare for the season of Lent, come on over to Bethel at 11:30 am on Saturday, February 14. We’ll participate in the tradition of burning palms from last year’s Palm Sunday worship to create ashes for this year’s Ash Wednesday service. Those palms that we waved in joy last year on Palm Sunday return to dust, creating a sign of that reminder we hear each year on Ash Wednesday: Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return. But that sign appears in the shape of a cross, reminding us of our baptisms, reminding us that we are also beloved.

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February 18 – Ash Wednesday worship with Holy Communion and imposition of ashes at 6 pm

March Noisy Offering – The Hope Center, serving the basic needs of financial assistance, food, and clothing in Waukesha County

March 10 – Senior dinner at 4:30 pm

March 10 – Evening worship with Holy Communion at 6 pm

March 14 – Bible study at 10 am. We'll look at what scripture has to say about the claim that "God won't give you more than you can handle."

March 17 – Council at 4:30 pm

Sunday Worship

Worship with Holy Communion
8:30 am Sundays

Holy Week Worship

March 29 – Palm Sunday worship at 8:30 am

April 2 – Maundy Thursday worship at 5 pm

April 3 – Good Friday worship at 5 pm

April 5 – Easter worship at 8:30 am

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During Holy Week, we'll worship at 5 pm on Maundy Thursday, April 2, and Good Friday, April 3. We'll hear conversations with disciples and religious leaders – and come to know even more deeply the freedom and wholeness we find in the one who lives and dies for us – and is raised for us.

We'll celebrate the resurrection on Easter Sunday, April 5, with worship at 8:30 am – when we'll hear a conversation between Jesus and Mary Magdalene, who will announce to the other disciples: "I have seen the Lord!"

Each of these Lenten conversations will help us see the Lord – and ourselves – in new ways. I hope they will inspire more conversations, with Jesus and within our Bethel family.

Direct your Thrivent Choice Dollars

If you are a Thrivent financial services client, you may be able to help Bethel or another charitable organization.

Through Choice Dollars, eligible Thrivent clients choose where Thrivent donates a portion of its charitable funding each year. The deadline to direct Choice Dollars to Bethel or another organization is March 31.

If you're a Thrivent client, call your representative or go to www.thrivent.com/about-us/membership/thrivent-choice to find out more.

Last year, Bethel received almost \$500 in donations through the Choice Dollars program!

Please pray for ...

Dan; Lance – friend of Ken; family of Tony – Heidi L.'s uncle; Ron – neighbor of the Hoefgen family; family of Alan – Bonnie's cousin; family and friends of Jeffrey – Glenn's nephew; Linda R.; James and Jeanne; Janet – a colleague of Neva's daughter; Carol; Sheila – friend of Ginny; Barb; Sandy – cousin of Eileen; Glenn; Terry and Julie; Teri; Laurel – friend of Dan and Diane; Jeff – friend of Jim and Eileen; Wayne – brother of Jim B.; Charlie – brother-in-law of Barb; Doug – Ken's brother; 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

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