



Bethel Lutheran Church July 2024 Announcements

This Month's Events

July Noisy Offering – Guest House Milwaukee shelter

Coffee with Pastor Jaime – Tuesdays from 1-2 pm at Vintage Grounds Coffee, except July 16 and 30.

July 9 – Senior Dinner, 4:30-6 pm

July 9 – Evening worship at 6 pm

July 16 – Council, 4:30-6 pm

July 20 – How to Read the Bible, 10-11:30 am. Our topic is: Where did the Bible come from? Please note: We're meeting on the third Saturday this month!

July 21 – Pasta dinner fundraiser meal pickup, 4-5:30 pm (flip page for details)

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A Message from Pastor Jaime

Starting at the end of this month, we are going to be hearing a lot about bread.

Five weeks of bread, to be exact.

Maybe you remember this same thing happening three years ago. (But there was a pandemic going on then, so maybe not.)

Every three years – on those years when we are mostly reading from the gospel of Mark – we also spend five weeks in the sixth chapter of John. If you're thinking that's a long time in one chapter, you are not alone!

This is the chapter in which Jesus feeds more than 5,000 people with five barley loaves and two fish, and then he teaches the crowds that he is the bread of life. For some, it was a hard teaching – this eating Jesus' flesh and drinking his blood – and they found they could no longer follow Jesus.



And it can be a hard teaching for us for all kinds of reasons, too:

- What exactly does it mean that Jesus is the bread of life?
- What exactly are we eating when we receive communion?
- What am I supposed to believe about that?
- What if I'm a person who can't or doesn't eat bread?
- What if I have struggled with an eating disorder and all this food talk does nothing to help me know Jesus?

My question is this: What if this time around, we tried less hard to understand how exactly Jesus is the bread of life? What if this time around, we spent our time in the "Bread of Life"

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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. This month, we'll hear a little bit of Jacob's story and think about what it means to wrestle with God – and why we would want to do that anyway!

Please keep in your prayers ...

Todd – Glenn's son; Ed, Carol, and Debbie; Peggy and Bob; Glenn, and the family and friends of Erich F.; family and friends of Dave H.; Kathy and Dennis; Albert and Donna – parents of Jeff and Gerald; Ann and Kris – friends of Bethel; Ashley – granddaughter of Ginny; Barb; Betty; Bri – friend of Dave H.; Cheryl; Courtney; Dan; Danielle – friend of Dave H.; Doug – brother of Ken; Edna; 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.

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

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chapter experiencing the sustenance and life that Jesus offers us – and not by bread alone!

To be sure, there will be plenty of talk about bread – but we'll also think about hunger, and what we really hunger for, and what it feels like to gather as a community of God's people around the meal of Holy Communion – or any ordinary meal.

I hope you can join us for worship and experience the many gifts God provides – not just food for our bodies, but food for our souls, and words of eternal life.

Pasta dinner fundraiser

Bethel members will be offering a take-out pasta dinner. Enjoy a pasta and meatball dinner from That's Amore on Sunday, July 21, available for pickup between 4 and 5:30 pm at Bethel.

The dinners are \$15 each and include salad and bread. Pre-order now by seeing a Bethel member or by calling the church at 262-679-1616 (if no one answers, please leave a message, and someone will get back to you). Payment is due when you place your order. Bethel members, order forms are available at the church or can be downloaded at <https://tinyurl.com/BethelFundraiser>. Order forms and payments are due to Debbie Zortman by Monday, July 15. Thank you for supporting Bethel; it is greatly appreciated!



Possible summer bonfire worship

We are tentatively planning a bonfire worship service for either Thursday, July 18, or Thursday, July 25. Watch the bulletin announcements for more details and opportunities to help provide our meal or s'mores.

