

Bethel Lutheran Church

June/July 2025 Announcements

Events Calendar

June Noisy Offering – Hebron Housing Services, serving men, women, and children in Waukesha County

Coffee with Pastor Jaime – First and third Tuesdays from 1-2 pm at Vintage Grounds, except July 15

June 5 – Community blood drive from 2-6 pm at Atonement Lutheran Church. If you are eligible to donate blood, please consider signing up at https://donateblood.versiti.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/11609425.

June 8 – Last day to drop off donations for food drive in collaboration with Muskego Woman's Club

June 10 – Senior dinner at 4:30 pm

June 10 – Evening worship at 6 pm

June 14 – Bible study from 10-11:30 am

June 16 – Discovery Days students arrive

June 17 – Council at 4:30 pm

July Noisy Offering – Guest House, providing shelter, housing, education, and other services in Milwaukee

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A Message from Pastor Jaime

If you're reading this in early June (or even late May!), school isn't even out yet. But it won't be long before stores set up those annual back-to-school displays, selling notebooks, pencils, crayons, and blunt scissors at discount prices.

Even if you're not ready to start thinking about that, I hope you'll pay attention. Because in August, we are going to be filling backpacks with school supplies for Lutheran World Relief. These school kits provide essential supplies that allow kids – and sometimes adults – to get an education that will make a difference for themselves, their families, and their communities.

“Education is one of the strongest tools a community has for breaking the cycle of poverty,” Lutheran World Relief says.



Here's a story shared on the Lutheran World Relief website:

In northern Iraq, many families were unable to buy school supplies for their children when returning to their homes after years of ISIS conflict. The students couldn't complete their schoolwork; some skipped school entirely because they lacked basic supplies.

Thanks to a shipment of more than 13,000 LWR School Kits, students of all ages received what they needed to continue their education and return to the normalcy of a regular school routine. As school absences decrease and schoolwork is completed, students are beginning to heal from the trauma of witnessing violence and conflict.

School kits are distributed around the world, and this year, Bethel will be a part of that work. Thanks to a grant from Thrivent, we have 50 backpacks ready to be filled. Each kit includes very

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July 8 – Senior dinner at 4:30 pm

July 19 – Bible study from 10-11:30 am

July 20 – Pasta dinner fundraiser. More information coming soon!

July 24 – Outdoor worship at 6 pm. Hot dogs and s'mores followed by a casual worship service.

Pastor on vacation – Pastor Jaime will be out of town July 7-15. Debbie Zortman will have emergency contact information.

Sunday Worship

Worship with Holy Communion
8:30 am Sundays

Please pray for ...

Family and friends of Jim – friend of Dan; Maverick and family – relatives of Diane and Dan; Cindy – friend of Jeff and Jerry; Terry and Julie; Teri; Laurel – friend of Dan and Diane; Jeff – friend of Jim and Eileen; Wayne – brother of Jim B.; Vanessa – granddaughter of a friend of Ken; Carol; 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; Lauren; Lori; Rick and Sue – friends of Bethel

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specific supplies, so please take a look at the list below or pick up a list at church. Each Lutheran World Relief school 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

We'll begin collecting supplies in mid- to late-June, and our collection will continue through Saturday, August 9, when we'll gather at noon to assemble the items and pack backpacks. We'll bless those school kits in worship before sending them off to bless students around the world.



Bethel members and our neighbors filled 107 Easter baskets. Eighty went to the Muskego Food Pantry, and others were shared with the Scott Christian Youth and Family Center Food Pantry in Milwaukee.