



Monthly Announcements

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A Message from Pastor Jaime

Confirmation is back! I hope you'll agree that this statement is worthy of an exclamation point.

Faith formation is a lifelong journey, and after just two months, I am excited to see what unfolds as we continue to grow in faith together. Our class has five boys, who attend with a grown-up. Thank you to the family members who are accompanying our students - and fulfilling a baptismal promise to support and nurture them as they grow in faith.

The diversity in ages has made our conversation so rich, as each person speaks about faith and scripture from their own location in life. Our class time has been divided into two parts: learning about some aspect of what it means to be a Lutheran Christian and reading the Bible together to learn key stories. So far, we have read together Genesis 1 through 3. I enjoy the engagement of all ages as we discuss scripture, but I especially appreciate the participation of the young people in our discussions. Different words and images stand out to them, and their imagination around these familiar stories is different from my own. We are all growing in faith as we challenge one another to think about faith and scripture from new perspectives.

I think Martin Luther would be proud of the way we are asking, "What does this mean?" and many other good questions.

Please know that the invitation remains open for you to experience this time as well. If you'd like to join us for a confirmation class, the next one is at 4 pm on Sunday, May 15.

When these boys were baptized, we promised as a congregation "to support and pray for them in their new life in Christ." Please continue to support our students by praying for them regularly: Landon, Casey, Liam, Ryder, and Grayson. You can also support our class by donating snacks such as individually wrapped bags of cookies and crackers, fruit snacks, granola bars, and juice pouches.

Mark your Calendar – (Flip page for details.)

5-5 National Day of Prayer
5-7 Faith, Family, Fun
5-8 Mother's Day
5-8 Noisy Can
5-15 Confirmation
5-17 Council Meeting
5-20 & 21 Synod Assembly
5-22 Gloria Dei, Spring Tea
5-30 Memorial Day

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Worship Schedule

8:30 am Sundays
Communion is every Sunday

*Please keep in your
prayers ...*

† Betty, Judy – Kathy's sister,
Lauren, Steve – Jeanne's friend.

Weekly & Monthly Deadlines -

- Weekly Bulletin deadline -
to get information into the
weekly Bulletin - deadline,
Mondays at 12:00 noon.
- Monthly Announcements
deadline -
to get information into the
announcements, deadline,
3rd Monday of the month at
12:00 noon.

**“Celebrating God's grace, and
reaching out with Christ's love”**

A Message continued...

And here's another opportunity to support and encourage young people of the Bethel community: **Visit Lutherdale with Bethel families**

On Saturday, June 11, Lutherdale camping ministry is having an open house. We are hoping to reserve the 11 am -1 pm time slot for our Faith, Family, Fun group - and friends - to learn more about and experience some of the opportunities Lutherdale offers. We are waiting to see if their cafeteria is open or if Bethel needs to provide a lunch. We have to reserve our spot, so please let Julie Frahmman know if you are able to come. For those of you who have never been, there is archery, Gaga Ball, climbing tower, zip line, waterfront activities and more.

- Pastor Jaime

Please join us...

May 7 – Faith, Family and Fun, Saturday 12-2 pm.

May 8 – Mother's Day

May 8 – Noisy Can for this month goes to Flowers for Bethel. We will plant pots of flowers to adorn the front of the building.

May 15 – Confirmation, Sunday 4-6 pm.

May 17 – Bethel Council, Tuesday 6 pm.

May 20 and 21 – Synod Assembly, held at the Italian Community Center

May 22 - Gloria Dei Spring Tea, Sunday 1 pm. RSVP to Pastor Jaime

Gloria Dei - invites everyone (not just women!) to the Gloria Dei WELCA Spring Tea on Sunday, May 22, at 1 p.m. Beevangelist CharBee Koenen will help us uncover the wonders of bees and their impact on the world around us. Following a Beesentation, you'll be able to purchase honey and other bee products. The meal will be potluck salads and desserts, with sandwiches provided. Please let Pastor Jaime know if you will be attending.

Memorial Day

Memorial Day is on the last Monday of the month and honors Americans who gave their lives for their country in wars. “Gracious Lord, we give thanks for the many freedoms that we enjoy. We pray for the families of those who have died in service of our country, and we ask that you grant to them your Spirit of Comfort and Peace. Watch over them and bless them. Amen.”