



Bethel Lutheran Church April 2024 Announcements

This Month's Events

April Noisy Offering –
Lutherdale Bible Camp in
Elkhorn

Coffee with Pastor Jaime –
Each Tuesday from 1-2 pm at
Vintage Grounds Coffee except
April 9.

April 9 – Senior Dinner,
4:30-6 pm

April 9 – Worship at 6 pm

**April 13 – Bible study: How to
Read the Bible, 10-11:30 am**

April 13 – Faith Family Fun,
Noon-2 pm. Bring a bag lunch.
Treats will be provided.

April 16 – Council, 4:30-6 pm

April 21 – Confirmation,
4-5:30 pm

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A Message from Pastor Jaime

The Bible can be an intimating book – or an intimidating collection of books. You probably have one – or maybe more than one. But many of us struggle to actually read and understand the Bible, at least more than a few verses at a time.

That's because the Bible is weird.

It was written by multiple authors, in different languages, over the course of more than 1,000 years. It represents cultures and worldviews very different from our own. And it includes different types of literature. How do you go about reading such a strange book?

On Sundays, we read sections of scripture pulled out of the context of their books: a few verses from the Old Testament, a few verses from the New Testament, a few verses from one of the gospels. Sometimes that's a helpful way to read the Bible, but sometimes it's not.

But what if you could understand and even enjoy reading the Bible?



How to read the Bible

10-1130 AM
SECOND SATURDAY
OF THE MONTH AT BETHEL
STARTING APRIL 13

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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

Affirmation of Baptism

Mark your calendars for 8:30 am on Pentecost Sunday, May 19, and celebrate with our five confirmation students who will affirm their baptism in worship.

Please keep in your prayers ...

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; Carol, Ed, and Debbie; Courtney; Dan; Dave; Dennis; Dick – friend of Dan; Doug – brother of Ken; Edna; George – friend of Dave; 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; family of Tom – friend of Teri and John. Our confirmation students: Casey, Grayson, Landon, Liam, and Ryder.

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

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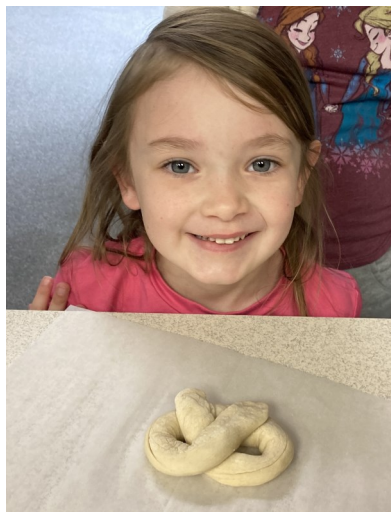
Our new Bible study assumes that's possible.

Starting on April 13, we'll gather here at Bethel once a month, from 10-11:30 am on the second Saturday, for "How to Read the Bible." Over coffee and perhaps some doughnuts, we'll talk about what the Bible is, what it's not, where it comes from – and we'll practice reading it together.

We'll notice how it is the story of God and God's people, and we'll connect the biblical story with our own lives as God's people.

You don't need to do anything to prepare for this study. You don't even need to bring a Bible. We have lots of them if you need one or want to try a different version. But consider bringing your questions and your curiosity. Questions are an important part of a life of faith, and our questions help us learn from scripture and from one another.

I hope you can join us!



March was a busy month: Holy Week and Easter worship; a special healing service; Faith Family Fun, where we made pretzels (above); and an Easter basket collection (left). We made 77 baskets: 55 were shared with Muskego Food Pantry, some were given to homebound members, and some to a food pantry in Milwaukee.