

The background is a deep red color with a decorative pattern. It features several large, glossy, 3D-style red hearts. Interspersed among the hearts are thin, swirling red lines and numerous small, glowing bokeh lights in shades of red and yellow. Some of these lights have a starburst or spark effect.

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February 2018 Monthly Vision Newsletter

# YOU'RE INVITED!

To join in on...

## 2nd Friday-Groundhog Day. (6 more weeks of winter!)

### 3rd Saturday

7:30 am 11th step Prayer & Meditation

7:30 pm Alcoholics Anonymous

### 4th Sunday

8:30 am Worship with a guest pastor  
Pastor Kelly Taylor-Schaus

8:30 am Sunday school at Bethel

9:15 am Sr. League at Atonement

10:45 am Sunday school & Jr. League at  
Atonement  
"Souper Bowl" deadline

### 5th Monday

6-9:00 pm Girl Scouts

### 6th Tuesday

9-3:00 pm Office Hours

4:30 pm Marketing Team Meeting

5:30 pm Education Meeting

### 7th Wednesday

9-3:00 pm Office Hours

6:00 pm Bible Study

7:00 pm Evening Worship

### 10th Saturday

7:30 am 11th step Prayer & Meditation

Noon-2 pm Faith, Family & Fun

7:30 pm Alcoholics Anonymous

### 11th Sunday

8:30 am Worship with Pastor Kelli  
Noisy Can - St Vincent de Paul

9:15 am Sr. League at Atonement

10:45 am Sunday School & Jr. League at  
Atonement

### 13th Tuesday

9-3:00 pm Office Hours

4:30 pm St. Vincent de Paul Meal

### 14th Wednesday-Cousins Subs Fundraiser Day

9-3:00 pm Office Hours

6:00 pm Bible Study

7:00 pm Ash Wednesday Evening Worship  
Valentine's Day

### 15th Thursday

7:00 pm Ginny's Gems at Donna Meitner's home

### 17th Saturday

7:30 am 11th step Prayer & Meditation

7:30 pm Alcoholics Anonymous

### 18th Sunday

8:30 am Worship with Pastor Kelli

9:15 am Sr. League at Atonement

10:45 am Sunday school & Jr. League at  
Atonement

### 19th Monday-Presidents' Day

### 20th Tuesday

9-3:00 pm Office Hours

7:00 pm Council Meeting

### 21st Wednesday

9-3:00 pm Office Hours

6:00 pm Bible Study

7:00 pm Lenten Evening Worship

### 24th Saturday

7:30 am 11th step Prayer & Meditation

7:30 pm Alcoholics Anonymous

### 25th Sunday

8:30 am Worship with Pastor Kelli

9:15 am Sr. League at Atonement

10:45 am Sunday school & Jr. League at  
Atonement

### 27th Tuesday

9-3:00 pm Office Hours

### 28th Wednesday

9-3:00 pm Office Hours

6:00 pm Bible Study

7:00 pm Lenten Evening Worship

Sunday Worship 8:30 am

Wednesday Bible Study 6:00 pm

Wednesday Worship 7:00 pm



## A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR KELLI

Ash Wednesday is coming up next Wednesday. It's on Valentine's Day. That's kind of a strange juxtaposition, don't you think? Valentine's Day is all of the mushy and celebrating kind of love. We give each other cards, candy, and we might even go on a date. Ash Wednesday is kind of the opposite. It's a bit somber and quiet. It's a day when we put ashes on our foreheads and remind each other that "we are dust, and to dust we shall return," essentially a reminder of our fragility and brokenness, and that none of us are so powerful that we can't die. I know it's not quite as obvious as Valentine's Day, but Ash Wednesday is also about love.

It's about love because it's honest. It's a day when we don't pretend all is good and happy in life, it's a day when we don't pretend that we are invincible, it's a day when we don't pretend to be perfect or sinless. It's a day when we are honest with our brokenness and our humanness. And, it's about love because in all of that mess that we are honest about, we're met with a promise of new life, a new life that will conquer death. We're met with a promise of forgiveness and hope. We're met with a promise of God's love for us, that is for us, even when we're honest about everything that leaves us feeling lonely and unlovable.

Next week I invite you to join us on Ash Wednesday at 7:00 pm and remember God's love for you, a love that is stronger than even death.

Peace,

Pastor Kelli

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Outreach for Hope 2018 Lenten Devotions are now available, following the theme of Hope For Our Times. In keeping with the Outreach for Hope vision (that strong, vibrant ministries will be centers of hope in the midst of every community challenged by poverty within the Greater Milwaukee Synod,) these 40 thought-provoking devotions both acknowledge some of our current challenges, while recognizing where we can see hope. Our intention is to offer hope by reflecting on the good we can, and are accomplish(ing) through God's grace. The handout is on the table in the Narthex.

Lent midweek services will be on Wednesdays at 7:00 pm. We will be using Holden Evening Prayer, and weekly dramas on different perspectives from the cross. This service will be different than Sunday.

# Make some noise!

Below are Bethel's 2018 recipients of the Noisy Can Offerings. The Noisy Can Offering is collected on the second Sunday of each month.

January - Pastor's Discretion

**February - St. Vincent de Paul meal-site**

March - Hope Center, Waukesha

April - Lutherdale Bible Camp

May - Flowers for Bethel

June - Safe Babies, Healthy Families

July - The Guest House of

Milwaukee, Shelter

August - Lutheran Campus Corner

September - Muskego Senior Taxi

October - Outreach for Hope, Inc.

November - Gifts for Friends of Jesus

December - Salvation Army,

Red Kettle Donation



•The noisy can for February goes to St. Vincent de Paul meal-site.

Members of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul (or "Vincentians" ) are men and women who strive to grow spiritually by offering person-to-person service to individuals in need. We are young and old. Our members come in every shade of skin color. Some of us are wealthy, some are financially poor, but all of us are blessed with an awareness that our blessings (time, talent or treasure) are to be shared with our brothers and sisters in need.

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul offers tangible assistance to those in need on a person-to-person basis. It is this personalized involvement that makes the work of the Society unique. This aid may take the form of intervention, consultation, or often through direct dollar or in-kind service. An essential precept of the Society's work is to provide help while conscientiously maintaining the confidentiality and dignity of those who are served. The Society recognizes that it must assume, also, a role of advocacy for those who are defenseless or voiceless. Some 12 million persons are helped annually by Vincentians in the United States.

The list of services of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul in the United States is endless. No work of charity is foreign to the Society. To quote our patron, St. Vincent de Paul: "Charity is infinitely inventive."

**Prayer Shawls Ministry** Ginny's Gems woman's group meets the third Thursday of each month. The group meets for devotion and fellowship; they crochet and sew prayer shawls and lap blankets. Prayer shawls and blankets are then donated to local hospitals, nursing homes and rehab centers. If you would like to join this group or contribute to this ministry, please contact Julie Frahmman at 262-679-2038. The next meeting will be on Thursday, February 15th, at 7:00 pm at Donna Meitner's home. Bring a friend! Thank you for your support.





**Faith, Family & Fun** is an intergenerational program that brings families and kids together once a month on Saturday. Participants share lunch, learn Bible stories, make crafts (from birdhouses to homemade ice cream), share music and play games. Older kids make it fun by joining in to help everyone – even adults. The program is held on the second Saturday of each month from Noon to 2 pm. The next meeting is on February 10, 2018. RSVP by contacting Debbie Zortman, Heidi Lindhorst, or Julie Frahmman.

### **Bethel/Atonement - Sunday Morning Education for Children and Teens at:**

- **Bethel's Sunday School program**

We have Sunday school once per month on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month during worship. The program is open for Pre-school age to 6th grade. Anyone wishing to teach or be a teen helper, please contact Pastor Kelli, Debbie Zortman, Heidi Lindhorst or Julie Frahmman.

- **Senior League classes are held for students in Grades 9-12 at 9:15-10:30 am at Atonement.**

- **Sunday School classes are held at Atonement for children age 3 through Grade 5 and Junior League classes for students in Grades 6-8 at 10:45 am-Noon.**

Invite friends to join us. Bethel partners in children and youth ministry with Atonement Lutheran Church. Atonement is located at S70 W16244 Martin Drive in Muskego - just two miles from Bethel.

## **CONFIRMATION CLASSES**

Confirmation is a two-year program to help students ask questions of faith and learn about the Bible and our Lutheran witness, and practice living out the Christian life. Currently students and parents are meeting once a month on Wednesdays, with some at home work with families. Students 7th grade and up are welcome to join us.





# PRAYERS

When in Church, Prayer requests can be made by filling in a prayer card (found near your seat or on the piano) and putting it in the offering plate or handing it to Pastor. Requests can be submitted confidentially at the church website, [www.bethelmuskegoelc.org](http://www.bethelmuskegoelc.org)

**Please keep these people and situations in your prayers:**

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**Pray for healing:** Christian D., Dale, Kathy Fischer, Jean, Russ Jones, Matt, Michelle, Pat Paprocki, Lela-Vern Pickart, Linda Radmer, Stevie, Taylor & Tony.

**Pray for wisdom, strength, various personal issues:** Jeanine, Kate, Michael F., & for those searching for work or better finances & our Political Leaders.

**Pray for Protection:** Service Men & Women, our Country and its Leaders, Christians around the world, our Church & our Youth.

**Pray for,** Food and Shelter for the homeless.

**Pray for peace & comfort for:** Pray for Georgia & family on the death of her husband, Garrie. Pray for the Henry Herrian family, Pray for family & friends of Beverly who passed away. Beverly is the mother to friends of Jeanne's daughter and son-in-law, Angie & Aaron & pray for all those lost through acts of nature or violence.



## Volunteer Opportunities



## February Schedule for Sundays

	4th	11th	18th	25th
Altar Care	Betty	Barb	Ginny	Yvonne
Media	Jean Paape	Jeanne Kolkoski	Jochims	Schalk
Usher	Debbie Zortman	Ken Packer	Jochims	Connors
Worship Asst.		Yvonne Hafferman		
Lector	Kathy Duran	Lauren Gehrt	Kate/Sara Jochims	Ben/Jake Schalk

“PLEASE VOLUNTEER FOR ONE SUNDAY A MONTH, BETHEL NEEDS YOUR TIME AND TALENTS”

ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP  
WEDNESDAY,  
FEBRUARY 14, 2018  
AT 7:00 PM

## SAVE THE DATE!

Looking ahead to LENT - 2018  
On WEDNESDAYS  
during lent  
at 7:00 pm, the service  
we will be using is, Marty Haugan's  
Holden Evening Prayer Liturgy.

### HOLY WEEK SERVICES

- Palm Sunday - Sunday, March 25th, 8:30 am
- Maundy Thursday - Thursday, March 29, 5:00 pm
- Good Friday - Friday, March 30, 5:00 pm

## CHURCH STAFF

**Pastor** - Kelli Weiss, 805-405-9930, [pastorkelliweiss@gmail.com](mailto:pastorkelliweiss@gmail.com)  
**Secretary** - Dawn Vretenar, 262-835-1042, [bethelmuskegoelc@gmail.com](mailto:bethelmuskegoelc@gmail.com)  
**Musician** - Heidi Surprenant, 414-425-6817, [msurprenant@wi.rr.com](mailto:msurprenant@wi.rr.com)  
**Office Hours:** Tuesday & Wednesday 9:00-3:00 pm

## CHURCH COUNCIL

**President** - To be announced following the first meeting.

Dan Conner	262-679-2768	Jim Lindhorst	262-679-1544
Julie Frahmman	262-679-2038	Teri Orlando	262-679-0456
Yvonne Hafferman	262-710-4457	Ken Packer	262-650-9606
Dave Henkel	262-679-9544	Debbie Zortman	262-662-0535

New Council Member: Barb Osberg

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• ALL DAY  
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