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March 2018 Monthly Vision Newsletter

YOU'RE INVITED!

To join in on...

2nd Friday

5:30-9:30 pm Girl Scouts, Fellowship Hall

3rd Saturday

7:30 am 11th step Prayer & Meditation

7:30 pm Alcoholics Anonymous

4th Sunday

8:30 am Worship with Pastor Kelli

8:30 am Sunday school at Bethel

9:15 am Sr. League at Atonement

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

5th Monday

6-9:00 pm Girl Scouts

6th Tuesday

9-3:00 pm Office Hours

7th Wednesday

9-3:00 pm Office Hours

6:00 pm Bible Study

7:00 pm Lenten Evening Worship

9th Friday

6:30 pm Craft & Movie Night at Bethel

6:00-9:00 pm Girl Scouts, Narthex

7:30 pm-Sun. 11th, Noon: Women's Retreat at Camp Timber-Lee

10th Saturday

7:30 am 11th step Prayer & Meditation

Noon-2 pm Faith, Family & Fun

7:30 pm Alcoholics Anonymous

* Set clocks ahead 1 hr before you go to bed

11th Sunday - *Daylight Saving Time Begins

8:30 am Worship with Pastor Kelli
Noisy Can - Hope Center, Waukesha
Assemble Easter Baskets after worship

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

4:30 pm Marketing Team Meeting

5:30 pm Education Meeting

14th Wednesday - Cousins Subs Fundraiser Day

9-3:00 pm Office Hours

6:00 pm Bible Study

7:00 pm Lenten Evening Worship

15th Thursday

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

17th Saturday - St. Patrick's Day

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

20th Tuesday - Spring begins

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

9:00 am-Noon Church Spring Clean-up Day

7:30 pm Alcoholics Anonymous

25th Sunday - Palm 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

29th Thursday - Maundy Thursday

5:00 pm Worship/Dinner Service
(dinner part of the service)

30th Friday - Good Friday

5:00 pm Worship Service



DAYLIGHT SAVINGS

Remember to turn your clocks **ahead 1 hour** before going to bed on Saturday, March 10th. Daylight Savings Time starts back up at 2:00 am on Sunday Morning.



Are we there yet?

When I was little (ahem, younger), our family used to take a lot of road trips. Me and my sisters would cram in the back of the Ford Tempo with just about every toy we could fit in our little backpacks, all smooshed in, and we'd drive and drive and drive. Like every kid, we bickered half of the way: "Mom, she touched my leg!" "Dad, she's bugging me!," etc. And, like every kid, we asked the question that has been asked of every parent in the history of the world: "Are we there yet?"

Every day, we had a sense of where we were going. What city we had motel reservations at, parks we could stop at, museums, etc. (8-year old me was mostly concerned about one thing on vacation: the motel pool. When were we going to get there so we could play in the pool?). Knowing the fun things that we'd be doing, probably made us ask it even more. Are we there yet?

I think most of us are aware of the shifts we've seen in the life of the Church in the United States. Technology is developing at exponential rates, the culture is changing, needs are changing, etc. We're aware that we're in between places, from how church used to be and from what church will look like in the years to come.

There are days when we might just be tempted to just turn around and go back, even though we know that we can't really do that. And there are days when we want to ask over and over and over again, "are we there yet?"

Before we ask that though, I think there's another question we need to ask ourselves: do we know where we're going?

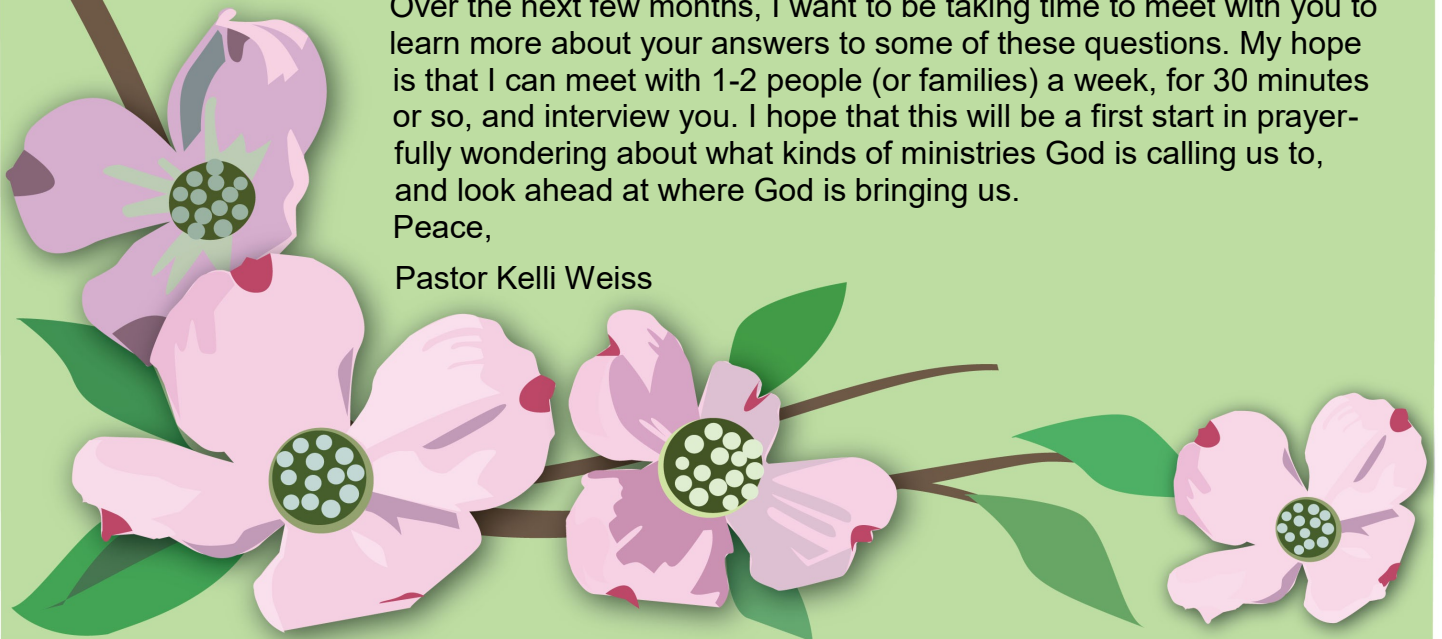
In a life of faith, in some ways the answer will always be "no." That a life of trusting God means taking steps out into an unknown future, trusting that God's going to be here. But, in the midst of that, we're called to be discerning together. We are invited to share wisdom, share passion, ideas, hopes, and our imaginations for our community of faith.

Now that I've been your pastor for over a year, it's time to start wondering where Bethel is headed next. What hopes do we have? What are we passionate about in this congregation? What gifts do we have? What do we always wish we could do together, but have been too nervous to try?

Over the next few months, I want to be taking time to meet with you to learn more about your answers to some of these questions. My hope is that I can meet with 1-2 people (or families) a week, for 30 minutes or so, and interview you. I hope that this will be a first start in prayerfully wondering about what kinds of ministries God is calling us to, and look ahead at where God is bringing us.

Peace,

Pastor Kelli Weiss



LENT - 2018

On WEDNESDAYS

during lent

at 7:00 pm, the service

**we are using is,
Marty Haugan's**

Holden Evening Prayer Liturgy.

**Please join us, and bring a family
member or a friend.**

SAVE THE DATE!

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

CHRISTIAN SYMBOL -

Torch - The torch primarily represents the Passion of Christ, perhaps because he was arrested and tried during the night, when the Temple guard would have used torches for light.

The torch also can symbolize spiritual enlightenment, or martyrdom for the sake of the gospel.



Women's Retreat – Friday, March 9, 7:30 pm through Sunday, March 11, noon at Camp Timber-Lee. Deacon Marcia Marquardt will lead the retreat.

Cost - \$120 for 2 nights in dormitory style rooms with bunk beds, 3 meals on Saturday, 1 meal on Sunday, and program.

Can't stay overnight? Come for Saturday! Program and lunch is \$20. Program, lunch and supper is \$35. Forms are on the table in the Narthex.



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 March 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 1st 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

Please keep these people and situations in your prayers this week:

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: 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 Rev. Billy Graham's family, Pray for the Henry Herrian family & Pray for all those lost through acts of nature or violence.

Daylight Savings time begins, Sunday, March 11th at 2 am.

&

Happy St. Patrick's Day, Saturday, March 17th

&

Happy First Day of Spring, Tuesday, March 20th

Volunteer Opportunities



March Schedule for Sundays

Altar: 4th Yvonne, 11th Ginny, 18th Barb, 25th Yvonne

Media: 4th Jean Paape, 11th Schalks, 18th Jochims, 25th Jeanne Kolkoski

Ushers: 4th Debbie Zortman, 11th Ken Packer, 18th Jochims, 25th Conners

Worship Asst.: 4th Julie Frahmman, 11th Yvonne, 18th Open, 25th Open

Lector: 4th Kathy Duran, 11th Ben/Jake Schalk, 18th Kate/Sara Jochims 25th Open

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



Plan ahead, Holy Week Worship Services

Here is the Holy Week schedule so you can mark your calendars. Please invite friends and family to join with us in worship.

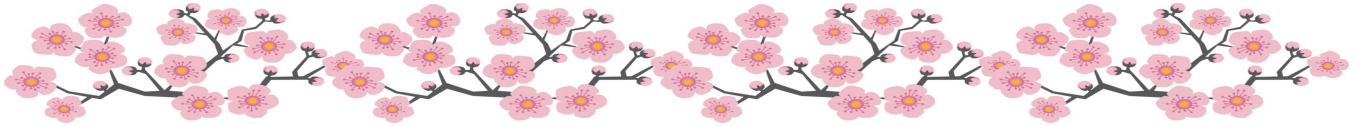
There are four different services this week, all with different and important parts of Jesus' story (and our story) - leading us to the celebration of Easter. Please consider attending all of the services, as each reveal the depth of the promise that God gives to us in Jesus' resurrection from the dead.

Palm/ Passion Sunday - Service time on Sunday, March 25th at 8:30 am.

Maundy Thursday - Worship/Dinner Service (dinner part of the service) on Thursday, March 29th at 5:00 pm.

Good Friday - Service time on Friday, March 30th at 5:00 pm.

Easter Sunday - Celebrate together our God's triumph over sin and death, Jesus' resurrection from the dead! God has taken on death and created life for all. *Easter Festival Celebration is on Sunday, April 1st, at 8:30 am.*



Souper Bowl - Big Win- 271 vs 260. Bethel took on the Souper Bowl challenge and collected 271 cans of soup beating last year's total of 257. The soup has been given to the Muskego Food Pantry. Thank you Dan Connor for delivering the soup. With every one's generous donations, the soup will be given to people in the community who are in need of food. Thank you again for donating soup and supporting this ministry. Many Blessings! Jean Paape.

**A tisket a tasket...
let's fill some Easter baskets.**

Bethel Members will once again fill Easter baskets for the Muskego Food Pantry. Please bring small toys or books, individually-wrapped candy, new or gently-used baskets or money donations to purchase added supplies, to church. All are invited to stay after worship on March 11th to help assemble the baskets.



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 Discretion	July - The Guest House of Milwaukee, Shelter
February - St Vincent de Paul meal-site	August - Lutheran Campus Corner
<u>March - Hope Center, Waukesha</u>	September - Muskego Senior Taxi
April - Lutherdale Bible Camp	October - Outreach for Hope, Inc.
May - Flowers for Bethel	November - Gifts for Friends of Jesus
June - Safe Babies, Healthy Families	December - Salvation Army, Red Kettle Donation



•The Noisy Can donation for March goes to the Hope Center, Waukesha. Hope Center's Mission - Reducing the risks of poverty by helping people in Waukesha County meet basic needs such as food, shelter and clothing through services, partnerships and community collaboration.

- SNOWSTORMS - (yes, we can still have them!)

If you are wondering if our service is cancelled due to inclement weather, watch Weather Watch 12 WISN.



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, March 15th, at 7:00 pm at Donna Meitner's home. Bring a friend! Thank you for your support.



CHURCH STAFF

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Council Update & Message

Many blessings to all,

We are in the midst of the Lenten season. Have you added a special challenge to your routine to prepare for Easter, the greatest sacrifice Christ made for us?

Have you noticed the jar on the table in the gathering space? The Faith Family and Fun kids are focusing on collecting coins for ELCA World Hunger, specifically in the agricultural area. Everyone made their own small jar to take home and add coins to. Their money will go to purchase fruit and vegetable seedlings, and farming tools for people as far away as Nicaragua. Join with our children this Lenten season in the hope of providing increased harvests and promoting healthy families all around the world.

Lenten challenge: Attend Wednesday night worship service; listen to our teens share the word. Read the Lenten Devotions from 'Outreach for Hope'. I browsed ahead; check out 'Hope Echoes' for Holy Saturday. We are a people of HOPE.

I will always put my hope in you; I will praise you more and more. Psalm 71:14

Coming up in the beginning of March we will again have a movie night. I have added an extra component! So, come early if you can and make a quick "monster" craft and enjoy the movie complete with popcorn! Friday, March 9th, movie starts at 6:30pm.

We currently have over \$2000 in the stew pot fund. This is the second year we are able to add an extra \$500 to the February Noisy can for the Madison Street site St Vincent DePaul meal program. They are in need of new food trays and we are looking to make this happen. Thank you all for your generosity!

Lenten Challenge: Help serve Tuesday, March 13th at the meal site. Carpooling leaves at 4:30pm.

The council minutes are posted in the hall on the bulletin board for your review. Let any council member know if you have any input, issues, or ideas for our church. Your concerns are our concerns.

Peace, Debbie Zortman, Council President

This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it. Psalm 118:24

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• ALL DAY

Wednesday March 14th

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