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## **April 2018 Monthly Vision Newsletter**

He is not here, for he is  
**RISEN**



**ALLELUIA!**

# APRIL, YOU'RE INVITED!

## To join in on...

### 1st Sunday - Easter Sunday

8:30 am Worship with Pastor Kelli

### 3rd Tuesday

9-3:00 pm Office Hours

### 4th Wednesday

9-3:00 pm Office Hours

6:00 pm Bible Study

7:00 pm Evening Worship

### 7th Saturday

7:30 am 11th step Prayer & Meditation

7:30 pm Alcoholics Anonymous

### 8th Sunday

8:30 am Worship with Pastor Kelli  
Noisy Can - Lutherdale Bible Camp

9:15 am Sr. League at Atonement

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

### 9th Monday

6-9:00 pm Girl Scouts

### 10th Tuesday

9-3:00 pm Office Hours

4:30 pm St. Vincent de Paul Meal

### 11th Wednesday - Cousins Subs Fundraiser Day

9-3:00 pm Office Hours

6:00 pm Bible Study

7:00 pm Evening Worship

### 14th Saturday

7:30 am 11th step Prayer & Meditation

Noon-2 pm Faith, Family & Fun

7:30 pm Alcoholics Anonymous

### 15th Sunday

8:30 am Worship with Pastor Kelli

9:15 am Sr. League at Atonement

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

### 17th Tuesday

9-3:00 pm Office Hours

7:00 pm Council Meeting

### 18th Wednesday

9-3:00 pm Office Hours

6:00 pm Bible Study

7:00 pm Evening Worship

### 19th Thursday

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

### 21st Saturday

7:30 am 11th step Prayer & Meditation

7:30 pm Alcoholics Anonymous

### 22nd Sunday

8:30 am Worship with Pastor Kelli

9:15 am Sr. League at Atonement

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

### 24th Tuesday

9-3:00 pm Office Hours

### 25th Wednesday

9-3:00 pm Office Hours

6:00 pm Bible Study

7:00 pm Evening Worship

### 28th Saturday

7:30 am 11th step Prayer & Meditation

7:30 pm Alcoholics Anonymous

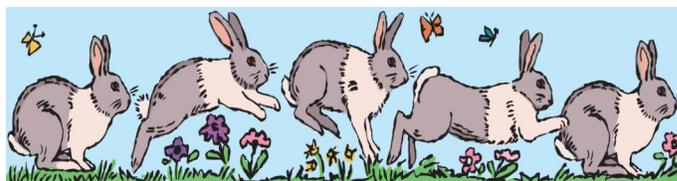
### 29th Sunday

8:30 am Worship with Pastor Kelli

9:15 am Sr. League at Atonement

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

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I love that the Easter season is a time of celebrating new life, and I love that it coincides with spring, (usually/ hopefully) a time when we see the world coming back to life.

I get extra motivated this time of year; I want to get outside more, I want to eat healthier, I want to live with more gratitude, etc. There's something about this time of year that makes me feel a little more alive too.

I've been at Bethel now for over a year, and I've spent a lot of that time learning and getting to know you all better. There is something alive here at Bethel. To see a congregation that likes being together, that takes initiative, that's open and willing to try some things and at the same time enjoys and values the things that have been done for years and years, AND has a good humor- that's all so hopeful. You all are living like Easter people.

I wanted to think of a phrase to help direct me this year as your pastor and I picked "just a little more." How can we stretch ourselves just a little more, how can we give just a little more, how can we take just a little more of a risk, how can we add a little more to the traditions of our past, or get out there a little more and invite people to join us, etc.? It seems to me that we've already been doing a good job of doing a little bit more, and I hope we keep that spirit alive.

Ultimately, it's about faith (it's always about faith). It's about trusting in the One who gave us life and continues to breathe new life in us. It's about opening ourselves up to hear the whispering of God, who encourages us to step out into an unknown future, and who is ready to catch us if we fail and ready to encourage us to keep trying a little more again.

Peace, Pastor Kelli Weiss



### **Blessing of the Bikes & Bike Ride**

On Sunday, May 6, we'll be having a bike blessing and bike ride right after morning worship. Bring your motorcycle or your bicycle (or your tricycle!), and we'll ask for God's blessing for safety and for enjoyment for the season. Anyone who brings a bicycle is invited to go on a short ride around the neighborhood.

We were able to get Thrivent Action Team dollars to purchase helmets for all of the kids, and for other supplies for the event.

It should be a fun day! All are welcome!



### Wednesday Evenings:

The Bible Study takes a look at the Scriptures used in worship the following Sunday.

We'll meet at 6:00-7:00 pm starting back up on April 4th. Please join us.

### WEDNESDAY EVENING SERVICES:

Starting back up on April 4th at 7:00 pm. Please join us.

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## Volunteer Opportunities



## APRIL SCHEDULE FOR SUNDAYS

**Altar:** 1<sup>st</sup> Ginny, 8<sup>th</sup> Barb, 15<sup>th</sup> Yvonne, 22<sup>nd</sup> Ginny, 29<sup>th</sup> Barb

**Media:** 1<sup>st</sup> Jean Paape, 8<sup>th</sup> Jeanne Kolkoski, 15<sup>th</sup> Schalk's, 22<sup>nd</sup> Jochims, 29<sup>th</sup> Ken Packer

**Ushers:** 1<sup>st</sup> Debbie Zortman, 8<sup>th</sup> Conner's, 15<sup>th</sup> Schmidt's/D. Baseler 22<sup>nd</sup> Jochims, 29<sup>th</sup> Open

**Worship Asst.:** 1<sup>st</sup> Julie Frahmman, 8<sup>th</sup> Yvonne, 15<sup>th</sup> Open, 22<sup>nd</sup> Open, 29<sup>th</sup>

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29<sup>th</sup> Heidi Lindhorst

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## MAY SCHEDULE FOR SUNDAYS

**Altar:** 6<sup>th</sup> Yvonne, 13<sup>th</sup> Ginny, 20<sup>th</sup> Barb, 27<sup>th</sup> Yvonne

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

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**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 April 14, 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.

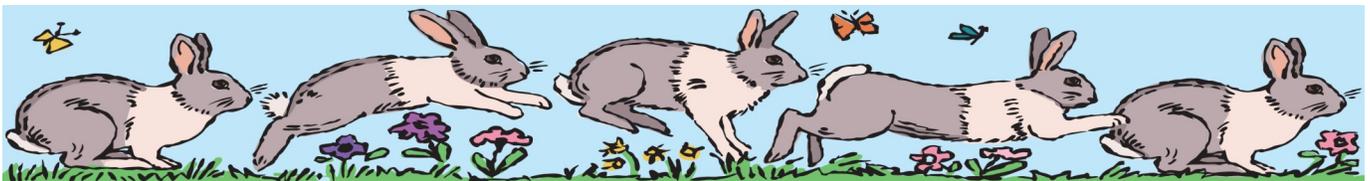
- **Senior League classes are held for students in Grades 9-12 at 9:15-10:30 am at Atonement.**

- **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 this week:

**Pray for healing:** Adeline, Christian D., Dale, Edna, 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:** all those that have lost friends/ family members thru illness or injury or thru acts of violence or nature.

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## CHRISTIAN SYMBOL

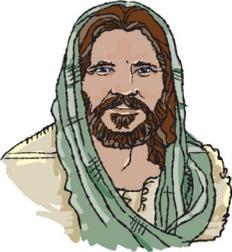
**PHOENIX** - According to ancient legend, the phoenix lived for 500 to 1,400 years (depending on the version of the myth), at which time it would set its nest ablaze and be consumed in the flames. After three days the bird would be reborn and was said to repeat this cycle, “rising from the ashes” again and again. Early Christians saw in the phoenix a symbol of Jesus’ resurrection and of eternal life.



**Bible Quiz**

In John 10, what metaphor does Jesus use to describe himself?

- A. “I am the gate...”
- B. “I am the good shepherd...”
- C. Both A and B
- D. Neither A nor B



Answer: C (See John 10:9, 11.)

## Bethel's Faith, Family & Fun

Invites you to an open house



Join us Sunday, June 3, 2018 from 1-4 pm at Lutherdale Ministries in Elkhorn, Wisconsin to enjoy a special preview

Meet the summer staff and take a tour of the camp, enjoy the waterfront and slip 'n slide, play Ga Ga Ball, climb the Rock Wall, and see the farm animals. There is no charge and you can bring as many people as you like.

“As people, we are born into a broken world. God’s desire for wholeness and life for us and the rest of creation was made known to us in the life and death of Jesus. This action by God though Christ literally changes everything - the world, us and how we live in community with one another. Campers will learn how God’s grace changes these things and how we can work with others to show that grace to the world.”

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### DINNERS AT THE LAKE

Meals served 4:30 – 7:00 pm the last Friday of each month April – August. Each week has a new theme and a new menu! Adults \$16 Children 10 and under \$8

#### **April 27<sup>th</sup> 2018 SPRING FEAST**

Honey & Brown Sugar Glazed Pork Loin, Potato Leek Soup, Baked Fish w/ White Wine Reduction, Spring Vegetable Medley, Roasted Potatoes, Strawberry Lemon Muffins

#### **May 25<sup>th</sup> 2018 NORWEGIAN BAR**

Baked White Fish w/ Fresh Dill, Authentic Meatballs, Sautéed Carrots, Mashed Potatoes, Potato Soup, Fresh Bread, Dessert

#### **June 29<sup>th</sup> 2018 ITALIAN RINFRESCO**

Shrimp & Sun-dried Tomato Alfredo, House-made Marinara, Grilled Italian Sausage, Assorted Pastas, Seasonal Vegetable Medley, Fresh Bread Sticks, House Made Soup, Dessert

#### **July 27<sup>th</sup> 2018 SUMMER BBQ**

Slow Roasted Pork w/ Sweet Cherry Sauce, BBQ Chicken, Pork Belly Baked Beans, Corn on the Cob, Warm Apple Sauce, Fresh Cole Slaw, Potato Salad, Fresh Sliced Watermelon & Dessert

#### **August 10<sup>th</sup> & August 31<sup>st</sup> 2018 FISH FRY**

Ale Battered and Baked Cod, House Made Clam Chowder, Potato Pancakes, Seasonal Vegetable Medley, Warm Apple Sauce, Fresh Cole Slaw, Warm Bread & Dessert

All Meals Include Salad Bar and Beverages and Feature Generous Portions, Guests are encouraged to try some of Everything! Reservations Requested for Parties of 8 or more.

**Lutherdale Family Ministries**  
**N7891 US Highway 12 - Elkhorn, Wisconsin 53121**  
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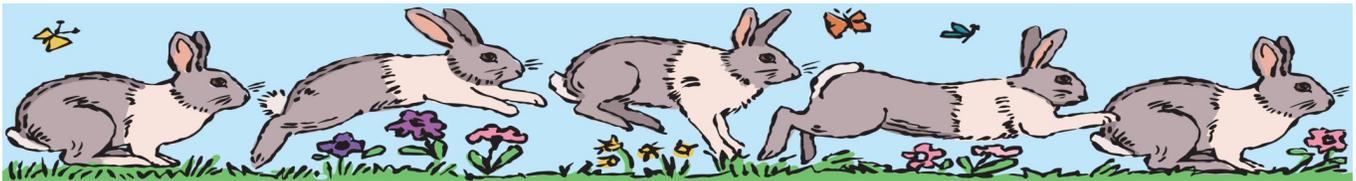
# Make some noise!

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
March - Hope Center, Waukesha	September - Muskego Senior Taxi
<b><u>April - Lutherdale Bible Camp</u></b>	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 April goes to Lutherdale Bible Camp. Lutherdale Ministries provide a ministry of hospitality twelve months of the year. Their unique location and facilities provide camping programs and retreats for youth, adults, and congregations. Your gifts are an important life line for their ministry. Donate, Experience, Be surrounded by the natural glories of God.



## 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, April 19th, at 7:00 pm at Donna Meitner's home. Bring a friend! Thank you for your support.



# CHURCH STAFF

**Pastor** - Kelli Weiss, 805-405-9930, pastorkelliweiss@gmail.com

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**Office Hours:** Tuesday & Wednesday 9:00-3:00 pm

## CHURCH COUNCIL

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Ken Packer 262-650-9606

### Council Update & Message

Many blessings to all,

*"Thank God for this gift too wonderful for words." 2 Corinthians 9:15*

We were able to fill 63 Easter baskets for the Muskego Food Pantry. This is a project we've done year after year and it never ceases to amaze me how much camaraderie and fun the process is! Thank you all for bringing in candy, baskets, and gifts for the baskets. Thank you all for taking the time to fill those baskets. And let us send our blessings to the children of Muskego who received those baskets.

Take a moment to read *2 Corinthians 9:7-15*. We are Blessed!

### TAKE A BIKE RIDE WITH US!

Bethel's Motorcycle and Bicycle Blessing will be May 6, following worship. We've added a bike ride to Muskego County Park after the blessing. Join us, young and old, for the group ride. We will offer bicycle helmets to start your ride; water and refreshments to sustain your ride; and the Bethel family to uplift your ride! A sign up will be posted in the narthex in the days to come.

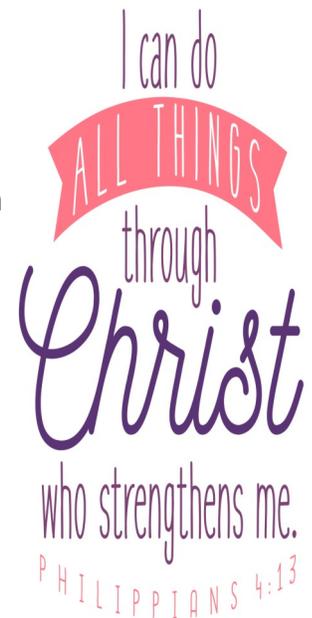
~Coming Soon~

Bethel will offer a First Communion Class for children in second grade and up. Council decided to offer this class and opportunity at a younger age than we have previously had, because we believe there is a deep understanding in youth to share God's saving gifts with us and one another. Pastor Kelli will lead this class. Parents if this is something you are interested in for your child please see Pastor Kelli.

*Encourage one another and build each other up, just as you are already doing.*

*1 Thessalonians 5:11*

Peace, Debbie Zortman, Council President



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