



Bethel's Weekly eNews

- April 18, 2024 -



The image of the good shepherd shows us how the risen Christ brings us to life. It is the relationship between the shepherd and the sheep, one of mutual knowledge and love, that gives the shepherd authority. The shepherd's willingness to lay down his life for the sheep shows his love. First John illustrates what it means to lay down our lives for one another by the example of sharing our wealth with any sibling in need.



Preacher: Rev. Byron Meline

Scripture Readings for This Weekend's Worship:

Psalm: Psalm 23

Second Reading: 1 John 3:16-24

Gospel: John 10:11-18



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Worship with Us - In Person or Online!

Join us for worship!

SATURDAY

6 pm - Worship with Holy Communion

SUNDAY

9 am & 10:30 am - Worship
(Holy Communion on 1st & 3rd Sundays)

10:10 am - Gate of Life Worship in the Chapel
(Holy Communion every Sunday)

**Live Stream Worship Every Sunday at 9 am: Visit [our YouTube channel](#).
ASL Translation during the 9 am worship service is offered each Sunday.**

The worship services will be available for playback on [YouTube](#) immediately after the Live Stream ends. A video of the services will also be available on our website.



**Blessed are those who die in the Lord Jesus Christ,
for they know his salvation.**



Karen Anita Meisner passed away on April 8th, 2024 at Rochester Methodist Hospital.

Karen is survived by her husband Wayne Meisner of Rochester; daughter Kristin (Tim) Limberg of Rochester; son David (Caroline) Meisner of Spring Creek, Nevada; six grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

A Celebration of Life service was held on Monday, April 15th at the Rochester Seventh Day Adventist Church. Preview her obituary here:

bit.ly/karenmeisnerobituary

Spotlight

High School Seniors Recognition and Celebration!

Class of 2024 Seniors and Parents, your graduation day is approaching! Bethel church is excited to celebrate with and honor you. **We kindly ask all senior families to complete a registration form by April 28th if you plan to participate in Senior Recognition.** The registration (link below) requests your name, a photo of you, your parents' names, and your high school for a slideshow. The slideshow will be shared within our e-News, website, and social media.



Congregational Celebration

On **May 5th, from 10-10:30 am in Bethel Hall**, there will be a special treat for graduates and time for greetings from the congregation. Additionally, students will be asked to fill out a sheet on the morning of senior Sunday with their photo and their future plans, their favorite high school memory, their favorite youth group memory, and what they would like prayers for. Please arrive no later than 9:45 am to complete this task. They will then be displayed on a large bulletin Board for the month of May. Seniors will receive a gift from Bethel's CYF Ministry.

Congregational Blessing

During the **10:30 am service on May 5th**, we will offer a prayer and blessing for you and your family. You are encouraged to wear your gown if you have already received it for the service. After the service, families can take pictures in the courtyard, where pastors and CYF staff will be available. We hope you can join us. If you cannot attend, please complete the registration form to ensure your Senior is included in the slideshow presentation. Our prayers are with you during this exciting transition.

Register here: bit.ly/seniorcelebration2024

What it Means to be a Lutheran Christian?

Would you like a refresher on what it means to be a Lutheran Christian? Join the pastors as they each teach a class on a Thursday night in May.

Classes are open to lifetime Lutherans or anyone looking for a refresher to their confirmation classes taken as a teenager.

Come for one or all three sessions - you will get the most comprehensive experience



if you are able to attend all three. Classes are Thursday nights, 6-7 pm in the Chapel.

- Thursday, May 2nd | Pastor Anjanette Bandel
- Thursday, May 9th | Pastor Lisa Hawe
- Thursday, May 16th | Pastor Byron Meline

Registration for classes is encouraged but not required: bit.ly/membership201

Time to Enjoy the Spring!

It's time to get out and enjoy the Spring weather again. Activities are being scheduled with more details to follow in coming days.

Weather permitting, the walking group will meet for the first time at East Silver Lake parking lot on May 9th at 9 am. This is a great time to socialize with friends!



Our Parish nurse Jeanne Townsend will have waivers for you to complete (also be available on receptionist's desk in the church office.) You can also email Jeanne to request one (townsend@bethellutheran.com). Looking forward to seeing you!

Bethel Garden Table Opening on May 19th!



If you have early garden produce or house plants to donate, you can drop them off at the Garden Table for others to enjoy. Free will offerings will once again be accepted for Community Food Response (CFR). As you plant your gardens this spring, plant a little extra to share with others that love fresh produce!

Do you have ideas for the Garden Table? Or you would like to help maintain it? Your ideas and help would be greatly appreciated. Send an email to lynnmarie88@hotmail.com or call Lynn at 282-7975.



Puerto Rico Mission Trip - Social Missions



Please help us to raise funds in support of our mission work at Cristo Rey. A group of 21 Bethel members will travel to San Juan, Puerto Rico in June to help make repairs to both the church and the parsonage.

To help us, please use the link below to order popcorn for yourself and others. This link will be live until April 21st. The popcorn you purchase will be sent to the address you provide. Our group receives fifty percent of the purchase price. Thank you and enjoy the popcorn!

Order popcorn here: bit.ly/popusprrtrip

Sanctuary and Narthex Lighting Project

Bethel's sanctuary seating will look a little different for a couple of weeks as we begin an important lighting project. In the next weeks the sanctuary and narthex can and chandelier lights will be changed out to LED lights and wiring will be updated to help all of these lights connect to our dimming panel in the sound/light booth.



To accommodate the project's use of a lift, **many of the pews and seating areas have been temporarily removed** to accommodate the project. Therefore, when you come to worship you will notice that "your" pew/chair might be temporarily missing! Perhaps this is an opportunity to sit in a new spot for worship, introduce yourself to someone new sitting near you or (gasp!) sit closer to the front for worship services!

Many thanks to the Bethel Properties Team for coordinating this effort and your financial contributions as a congregation that help us complete projects like this one.

Blood Pressure Checks

Blood pressure checks will be available on Sunday, April 28th in the church office conference room from 8:30 to 10:45 am.

Please stop by with questions.



Bethel Member Anniversaries



46 Bethel members were recognized on April 6-7 for their membership milestone anniversary which occurred this January - March. Thank you for your faithful and active membership!

View the anniversaries here:
bit.ly/memberanniversaries20241

Ronald McDonald House - Help Serve Dinner!

Help us serve dinner at the Ronald McDonald House!

Groups (up to 10, ages 13 and above) can help prepare and serve a meal OR just serve on the 1st or 3rd Thursday of the month.

Contact Kelly Turner at kellyaturner4@gmail.com for more information!

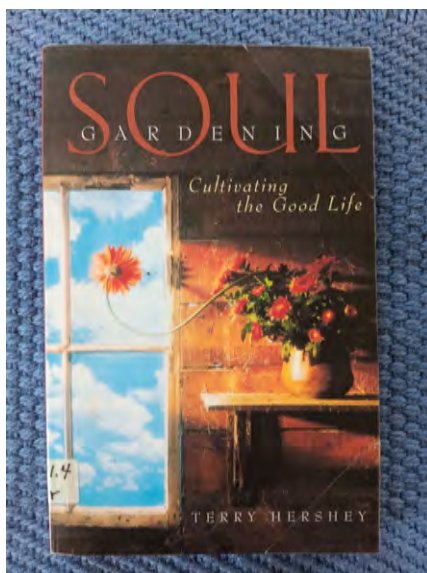


Children, Youth, and Family (CYF) Ministry Calendar/Activities

- **April 24th** – Pizza Night, 5:15-6 pm; 7th/8th Gr. Confirmation Class, 6-7 pm
- **April 28th** – Sunday School Volunteer Appreciation
- **May 5th** – Senior Recognition
- **May 8th** – Last day of Confirmation Class and Pizza Night
- **May 19th** – Last day of Sunday Morning Education
- **May 22nd-23rd** – VBS Decorations Workshop



Bethel Book Recommendations



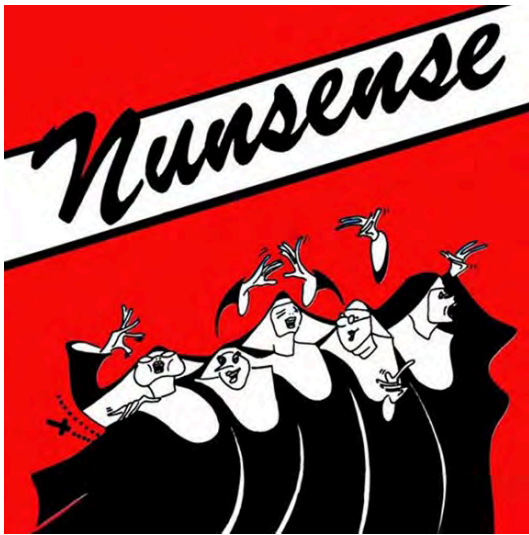
Soul Gardening: Cultivating the Good Life

Author, ordained minister, and gardener Terry Hershey believes that the way we perceive life is the way we live it. He correlates nurturing plants in a garden to cultivating a place in our lives where we are present, attentive and grounded.

The book is divided into seasons and filled with brief stories. Each chapter ends with a specific activity—a “Soul Gardening Exercise” and quote for the day.

His goal for spring is - “To embrace the value of idleness... To see ordinary gifts of grace.”

Come see Pastor Anjanette in the play, “Nunsense” at the Z-Theatre in Zumbrota!



The show date we would be attending as a group is on: **Sunday, May 19th at 2 pm.**

Payment will need to be made by Friday, April 26th. Tickets need to be purchased in April, to receive a reduced ticket price from \$20 to \$15 per ticket. Cash or Check (written to Bethel) will be the accepted form of payment. Payment should be given to Sheri Kallembach, at the Church Office.

Tickets are General Admission and doors open 30 minutes before the show. Tickets can be picked-up at the box office, the day of the show, indicating you are with “Bethel Lutheran.”

To register, please use this link: bit.ly/nunsense-bethel



April Mission of the Month



The Women's Shelter provides many support services to domestic violence victims and their families. We would like to collect paper products, eco-friendly, microwavable plates, bowls and cutlery, new bath towels, twin sheet sets, and new cookware for the Shelter. In-kind donations may be left in the Mission Center wooden bin.

Monetary donations may be left in the office or made online at onrealm.org/bethellutheran/-/give/bethel. Please designate “Mission of the Month.” Information about the Women's Shelter Support services is available at the Mission Center or at bit.ly/womensshelter-bethel. Thank you for helping with this mission.

Submit & Sign Up for Volunteer Opportunities!

Want to share your time and talent for the good of our church and community? Check our weekly **Volunteer Opportunities** printed on the back of the 'Welcome to Worship' sheet at each of our worship services. You are encouraged to **sign up online by visiting our serving ministries page: bethellutheran.com/servingministries**.



To submit volunteer opportunities, all you have to do is visit our 'Announcement Requests' webpage: bethellutheran.com/announcement-requests, select 'Submit Volunteer Opportunities' and fill out the form by 4 pm of the Tuesday of the week you want it published. Questions? Contact Rachel Hasley (hasley@bethellutheran.com).



Does your group have news that they want shared in the bulletin announcements, weekly e-News, or more? Now there's an easy way to do it! Simply go to www.bethellutheran.com/announcement-requests, click on where you want your information published, and fill out the form! Please take note of the submission deadlines which are in place to ensure we can give you the best possible results. Thank you!



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