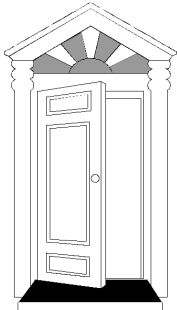


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Do You Observe Lent?

For many years Lent was observed only by what some would call the “*high church*.” More church traditions are beginning to see a Lenten observance as valuable. Yet others, like non-denominational churches, tend to leave it alone. There are some days in Lent that are attractive to some people. Mardi Gras is one such time. Actually it is French for Fat Tuesday and refers to the time Christians remove all the fat from their homes in preparation of Lent and the self-denial and sacrifice associated with it.

Many churches pick up on the days in Holy Week like Holy Thursday, also known as Maundy Thursday. This is the day we celebrate Jesus instituting the Lord’s Supper. There is some discussion over the name, “Maundy.” Some feel it comes from a French word for love. Since we attribute the time when Jesus washed his disciples’ feet, and the Bible says it was to show the extent of his love, that sort of makes sense. Others say, “Not so much.” Some feel it comes from Latin and has to do with helping the poor. Our United Methodist Book of Worship refers to the day as Holy Thursday but other United Methodist sources use the term Maundy. At Bethel Church we look forward to our tradition of a chancel drama.

Good Friday is observed by many Christians as the day Jesus was crucified. When I was a boy people got one half of the day off so they could go to church during the day. We don’t see that so much anymore. I remember being conflicted with the name. Somehow it didn’t quite seem right to think about Jesus dying and calling it good! But we know that it is good to know that on Good Friday our sins—every one of them—was paid for in full.

A major Lenten observance has been the self-denial practice. Again, as a boy, I remember the Sunday school would always give us a folder that we could put coins in for each day of Lent. For a while they took dimes and then they moved to quarters. I haven’t seen one of those folders for some time now. However, they did emphasize the sacrifice one can make for Jesus.

The words *I surrender all* make for a great hymn but the more I learn to surrender, especially during Lent, the more I realize the blessing that comes to me through God’s love. Rev. Kurt Schuermann recently shared with a group of pastors that the 40 days of Lent can be a tithe—10%—of our time. Lent is a great time to focus on what God sent us because of his love.

I’m looking forward to celebrating the resurrection with you!

Pastor Len

THROUGH THE SANCTUARY DOORS . . .

April 3

4th Sunday in Lent

Theme: Seeing the vision Jesus gives us

Scripture: John 9:1-41

Message: "I've Always Needed Glasses"

WORSHIP

SERVICE:	9 AM	10:30 AM
LITURGIST:	—	Helen Krudop
GREETERS:	Don & Judy Plank	Willeyne & Bob Berger
USHERS:	Bob Morice	Rusty & Dot Pendleton
AV TECHNICIAN:	Steve Pautz	Carla DeSalme

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Nursery & Preschool	Ginger Doherty
K-3:	Diana Camden
4-8:	Carol Fothergill
Adult Bible Study	G. Gaehle, Leader
Contemporary Issues	Various Leaders

TRANSPORTATION & FELLOWSHIP

Bus Driver	Karen Fincher
Minivan	—
Breakfast	Dave Strickland & Larry Blair
1st Fellowship	
2nd Fellowship	

April 10

5th Sunday in Lent

Theme: Questions about death and the afterlife

Scripture: John 11:1-45

Message: "Why Did Jesus Disturb the Dead?"

WORSHIP

SERVICE:	9 AM	10:30 AM
LITURGIST:	—	
GREETERS:	Brenda Krueger	Willeyne & Bob Berger
USHERS:	Bob Morice	
AV TECHNICIAN:	Gary Hayes	Keith Coleman

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Nursery & Preschool	Ginger Doherty
K-3:	Carla DeSalme
4-8:	Connie Pautz
Adult Bible Study	G. Gaehle, Leader
Contemporary Issues	Various Leaders

TRANSPORTATION & FELLOWSHIP

Bus Driver	Rich Love
Minivan	—
Breakfast	Alison Verbeck & Carla DeSalme
1st Fellowship	
2nd Fellowship	

THROUGH THE SANCTUARY DOORS . . .

April 17

Palm Sunday

Theme: God's love on display as he sacrificed his Son

Scripture: Matthew 27:11-54

Message: "Is This Any Way to Treat a King?"

WORSHIP

SERVICE:	9 AM	10:30 AM
LITURGIST:	—	
GREETERS:	Jan & Greg Allerdissen	Willeyne & Bob Berger
USHERS:	Bob Morice	Carol & Bill Brown
AV TECHNICIAN:	Shaan Muthukumar	

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Nursery & Preschool	Ginger Doherty
K-3:	Connie Pautz
4-8:	Alison Verbeck
Adult Bible Study	G. Gaehle, Leader
Contemporary Issues	Various Leaders

TRANSPORTATION & FELLOWSHIP

Bus Driver	Gary Hayes
Minivan	—
Breakfast	Nina Lantz
1st Fellowship	
2nd Fellowship	

April 21

Chancel Drama (Holy Thursday)

Theme: Jesus, surrounded by friends, was alone

Message: Drama "In the Garden"

WORSHIP

SERVICE:	7 pm
LITURGIST:	—
GREETERS:	
USHERS:	
AV TECHNICIAN:	—



TRANSPORTATION & FELLOWSHIP

Bus Driver	
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THROUGH THE SANCTUARY DOORS . . .

April 22

Good Friday

Theme: A Service of Tenebrae

Scripture: John 18:1-19, 42

Message: "The Passion of Christ Readings"

WORSHIP

SERVICE:	7 pm
LITURGIST:	
GREETERS:	
USHERS:	
AV TECHNICIAN:	

TRANSPORTATION & FELLOWSHIP

Bus Driver	
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Please call the office
 if you can help during
 any of this month's
 services!

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April 24

Easter Sunday

Theme: Signs of the Resurrection

Scripture: John 20:1-18

Message: "Is There Proof?"

WORSHIP

SERVICE:	9 AM	10:30 AM
LITURGIST:	—	Dot Pendleton
GREETERS:	Diana & Don Walsh	Carla DeSalme
USHERS:	Bob Morice	
AV TECHNICIAN:	Carla DeSalme	Gary Hayes

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Nursery & Preschool	Ginger Doherty
K-3:	
4-8:	
Adult Bible Study	G. Gaehle, Leader
Contemporary Issues	Various Leaders

TRANSPORTATION & FELLOWSHIP

Bus Driver	Nick Love
Minivan	—
Breakfast	CARRY-IN BREAKFAST
1st Fellowship	
2nd Fellowship	

Bethel Welcomes New Talent to Enhance Worship!



Goggie Sween has accepted the position of Praise Team Leader for the 9:00 am worship service at Bethel. Goggie's beautiful singing voice and heart for the worship of her Savior Jesus Christ is woven into her DNA! She believes worship is a moment-by-moment experience in life. "Whether in traffic, at home, in private, public, or as an assembly, we each must come to a point where we choose worship," says Goggie. She views leading the congregation in worship not as a task or a performance, but as pure joy.

Goggie and her husband, Stan, are both incredibly talented and willing to serve wherever they can at Bethel. Stan jumped right into making improvements to the audio-visual aspects for worship. In addition he is a drummer and guitarist and is willing to fill in as needed. This June, the Sween's anticipate celebrating their 25th wedding anniversary. Their family has been involved in Worship and Worship Arts since 1998. Stan & Goggie founded a ministry named SALT, which taught youth from ages 8-18 to participate in ministry, with a worship emphasis. Goggie also led worship in Pennsylvania through that period. Their daughter Kallie 23, who married March 5th, graduates this semester from Harding University in Searcy, AR. Kameron 21 attended Biola University, LaMirada, CA until this semester, and he will be completing his transfer to Wash U by next semester. Stan works at MiTek Industries headquartered in Chesterfield as a Software Architect.



Zack Johnson, a 17-year-old from Eureka, joined the Bethel Praise Team as drummer about four months ago. What a blessing he has been as well! Zack has four years of previous drumming experience with bands. As an added bonus, he is a talented pianist with a gentle touch on the ivories. Zack loves to play worshipful classical music as background for prayer or offering time in the service.

Bethel continues to be blessed with the exceptional talents of Pete Plank (lead guitar), John Krudop (bass guitar), and Helen Krudop (keyboard). The worship music is enhanced occasionally by Jessica DiMariano (violin) and Josh Ocuaman (trumpet). Vocalists assisting with the worship music are Nina Hayes, Chylene Daub, Judy Curry, Raina Muthukumar, Mike Lantz, Gordon Gilliatt, and Pastor Len Krudop.





Judy Ballard	4-21	Jordan Lester	4/6
Larry Blair	4-14	Colt Love	4/17
Judy Bradley	4-27	Margie Muthukumar	4/11
Ray Daub	4-25	Sheila Olive	4/30
Frederick DeSalme	4-16	Ken Rudd	4/29
Lee Allen Flesher	4-26	Karen Smith	4/23
Jeff Fothergill	4-10	John Snider	4/11
Laura Gaehle	4-22	Braden Starck	4/11
Brett Hayes	4-29	Megan Verbeck	4/28
Bill Kesselring (Julie)	4-23	Ryan Verbeck	4/2
Nina Lantz	4-14	Debra Warren	4/15
Pat LeCroy	4-22	Craig Winters	4/19
Bruce Lenox	4/23		



Happy Anniversary!

Keith & Debbie Coleman	4/21
Herb & Dee Wiegand	4/28

Connection Opportunities at Bethel Church

Bethel has a position that is our **Spiritual Formation Director**. This position oversees all Sunday school and Bible Classes and Vacation Bible School. The position would recruit and support people to work as leaders in Sunday school and VBS. Choosing curriculum is also a responsibility. These educational areas are critical to fulfilling our vision of connecting families with God.

Bethel has an exciting group of young people. A recent survey revealed that 10 per cent of our worshipping community is our teenagers. Several people have stepped up to help lead them on Friday nights when they meet. The position of **Youth Director**, a person that will take responsibility for an overall program concerning all youth is needed. Few activities are as rewarding as watching our young people grow in their faith practices and being with them as they grow. The current president of the youth group is Raina Muthukumar. She would love to have your help!



The **Connecting Team** at Bethel works to find ways to connect people at Bethel, especially new people, with the opportunities at our church. This team is chaired by Nina Hayes. We all enjoy seeing new people coming to our church family. This is how we help to engage them in the activities. We have room for more on this committee.

The **Worship Team** works to plan worship events like services or dramas. Connecting families with God through worship is what our vision is all about. This committee, chaired by Margie Muthukumar, would welcome your participation.

Bethel needs your help in these areas. Let Pastor Len or Gordon Gilliatt know the position or team where you will serve.

From Chaplain Howard Gleason at Bethesda Meadow:

A few good volunteers are needed at Bethesda Meadow, a not-for-profit skilled nursing community at 322 Old State Road in Ellisville, to help residents to and from the nondenominational worship service held on Saturdays at 10:30 am. This takes about two hours. If you are interested or would like to talk about it, please call 636-527-4585. This is a meaningful way to give of oneself.





Gateway Central District Positions Available

The nominating Committee for the Gateway Central District is seeking individuals to serve in the Class of 2014 on several committees. One such committee is the **Nominating Committee**. The **Building and Church Location Committee** oversees the locations of church buildings and advises feasibility for new building projects—Dr. Gordon Gilliatt is in the Class of 2012. The **District Trustees** serve to maintain and advise on the district property. At present our real property is the parsonage for the District Superintendent—currently no one from Bethel serves on the Trustees. The **District Superintendency Committee** functions much like a local church PSR committee only their support is for the District Superintendent and staff—Bert Foster in the class of 2011 and Pastor Len is in the class of 2013. The **Congregational Development Committee** reviews grant requests from district congregations and forwards the most promising of the requests to the Conference Committee—Donna Wacker is in the class of 2012. Please let Pastor Len know on which committee you desire to serve the connection.

Bethel is very active in the district. The **District Director of Lay Speaking** is Jeff Fothergill and Pastor Len serves on the **district Committee on Ordained Ministry** where he chairs the Proclamation Committee.



BETHEL LENTEN FISH FRY

Saturday, April 9, 2011

Our Menu - Fish, pasta, green beans, coleslaw, French fries, corn bread and fantastic desserts

Children - \$6.00

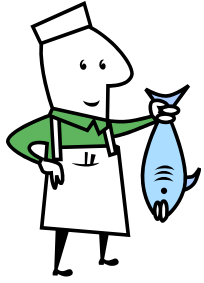
Single Serving - \$9.00

Serving with one plate of seconds- \$11.00

Invite your friends and neighbors!

Mark your Calendars!!

April 9th we need your help with the Fish Fry!



We can use your assistance in the following areas:

Kitchen Staff
Ticket Sales
Clean Up

Fish Fryers
Drink Table

Dining Room Staff
Steam Table

We also need donations of corn bread muffins and dessert. Please join us in a time of work, fun, and fellowship! Sign-up sheets are in Fellowship Hall or give Carla DeSalme a call at 314-397-1446.



April 9, 2011

It is time for the semi-annual cleanup of our section of Highway 100 between Taylor Road on the East and Pond Road on the West. The date will be Saturday, April 9. (Rain date is Saturday, April 16.) We will meet at Bethel at 8:30 AM for some coffee, donuts, and basic training before hitting the road about 9:00. We should be finished by 10:30.

You will need work gloves and some work shoes or boots. Trash bags and orange vests are provided. There is a minimum age of 12 years if accompanied by your parent or guardian. Please mark your calendars and let Karl Schoenefeld (636-458-2181) know if you will be able to help - or just show up!



BETHEL BUS
SCHEDULER NEEDED!

Can you serve Bethel by preparing the driving schedule for our bus? If you are interested, please give Don Plank a call at 636-549-3425.



Bethel's Annual Easter Egg Hunt *April 23rd @ 10 am*

Bethel's Annual Easter Egg Hunt is Saturday, April 23, and will be hosted by Bethels' Youth. Please bring your kids, grandkids, and neighbors and join us in the celebration of our risen Christ!! The Easter Egg Hunt will begin at 10:00 am for ages 1 year through 12 years.

As in past years, we are requesting help from our congregation. Please donate "wrapped" candy for us to stuff the eggs. Please have the candy at church by Friday, April 22 (drop off in Fellowship Hall or the church office); the youth will stuff the eggs during their overnight lock-in.

As always, thank you for your support! If you have any questions, please call Carla DeSalme at 314/397-1446.



CRAFTER NEWS !

The Bethel Crafters are gearing up for a new year. They'll be starting the new season with

SPECIALTY ITEMS FOR MOTHER'S DAY, YOUR GARDEN & PATIOS

AT THE

3RD ANNUAL BETHEL PLANT SALE

ON SATURDAY, APRIL 30, 2011

FROM 9AM TIL 1PM

They will have **EASTER GRAVE MEMORIAL CONES** available in Fellowship Hall on **SUNDAY, APRIL 10TH**

If you are looking for a way to meet new friends in Christian Fellowship, learn basic crafting techniques and discover your hidden talents, then just bring your lunch and join us at the Bethel Activity Center on Thursdays, anytime from 9am to 3pm

Starting June 9, 2011

HOPE TO SEE YOU THEN



Circle of Concern

A Sending
Ministry



Pantry Needs:

Spaghetti Sauce

Breakfast Cereal

Muffin Mix,

Hamburger Helper

Rice A Roni

Paper Towels

Bath Soap

Collection barrels are located outside of Fellowship Hall.

Circle of Concern is always so grateful for the nonperishable food items that churches such as ours bring to them. Those savings translate into donated dollars being directed to, among other things, perishable food items.

We all know that food prices are soaring and Circle is impacted as well. They must purchase perishable items for the pantry out of donated dollars. According to their newsletter, most weeks they buy 260 gallons of milk; generally, every 3 weeks they buy one ton of ground beef.

Yearly, for those two perishable items they provide, they must spend:



$\$3.12 / \text{gal.} * 260 * 52 \text{ weeks} = \$42,182$ for milk

$\$2.45 / \text{lb.} * 2000 * 17 = \$83,300$ for ground beef

That's just for two of the perishable items they provide! In addition to their food pantry, they provide financial assistance for rent, gasoline, utilities, etc.

February Services

Food Pantry

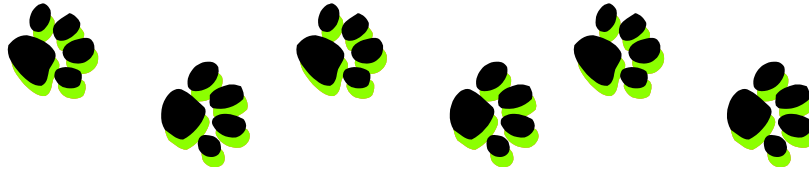
1,780 people fed with 2,938 bags of food

\$69,880.33 worth of donated food was shared

Financial Services

\$9,407 aid to 72 families

"Feed the hungry, and help those in trouble. Then your light will shine out from the darkness, and the darkness around you will be as bright as noon. Isaiah 58:10"



SAVE THE DATE

All animals are God's creations. Pets are an extension of families, each loved for their individuality and the love they return to us. Let us bless our faithful companions at the

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS & FUN PET SHOW

Saturday, MAY 14, 2011

11:00 – 3:00

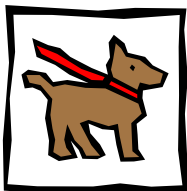
Invite your friends and neighbors!

All types of pets are welcome.

Free photos with your pets.

Adoptable pets this year!

Randy Grim & his miracle dog "Quentin", Gateway Sled Dogs, face painting, plus more exhibitors, food & drinks. Details to come... Please start collecting items for shelter donations: gently used blankets/towels, Purina One dry dog food & pop-top canned dog food, 60-gal. garbage bags, cleaning supplies for cages.










Bethel Ambassadors needed for the event!

APRIL

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
SUNDAY ACTIVITIES: 8:30 a.m. Breakfast 9 a.m. Praise & Gospel Worship, Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Traditional Worship Fellowship following both Worship services Quality Childcare and Preschool Education all morning! Regularly Scheduled Opportunities: Monday & Thursday: 9-10 am—Slimnastics Tuesday: 10 am—Quilters Wednesday: 6 pm—Praise Team Practice, 7 pm—Choir Practice						
3 6:30 PM Boy Scout Leaders Meeting	4	5 10:00 AM Bible Study: 24 Hours 2:30 PM Price Memorial Worship 7:00 PM Bible Study: 24 Hours	6	7 2:30 PM Marymount Manor Worship	8 7:00 PM Dartball Playoffs @ Bethel	9  8:30 AM Highway Cleanup 3:00 PM Lenten Fish Fry
10 12:00 PM Sending Ministries Meeting 12:00 PM Inviting Ministries Meeting	11	12 10:00 AM Bible Study: 24 Hours 7:00 PM Bible Study: 24 Hours	13	14	15	16 Dartball Banquet 8:30 AM Highway Cleanup (Raindate)
17  12:00 PM Connecting Ministries Meeting	18	19 10:00 AM Bible Study: 24 Hours 7:00 PM Bible Study: 24 Hours	20	21  7:00 PM "In the Garden" Chancel Drama	22  7:00 PM Holy Friday Service 8:00 PM Youth Lock-In	23  10:00 AM Easter Egg Hunt
24  6:45 AM Sunrise Service 9:00 AM Easter Praise Service 10:30 AM Easter Traditional Service	25 6:00 PM Men's Club	26 10:00 AM Bible Study: 24 Hours 6:30 PM GambriLL LIFE Group 7:00 PM Bible Study: 24 Hours	27	28	29 Plant Sale Setup	30  9:00 AM Plant Sale



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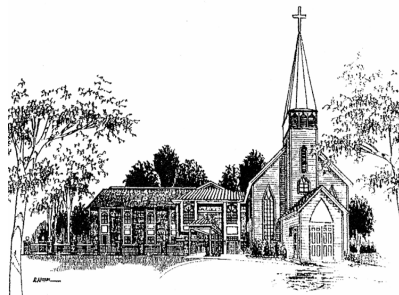
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9:00 a.m. - Praise & Gospel Service
9:00 a.m. - Sunday School & Bible Class
10:00 a.m. - Fellowship
10:30 a.m. - Traditional Service
11:30 a.m. - Fellowship
Quality Nursery Care all morning

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