



# The Evangel

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## Pastor's Message

### Mission Statement

*In our commitment to mission, Bethel Evangelical Lutheran Church will proclaim and witness to God's salvation in our community and the world by preaching God's Word and administering the Sacraments in all their truth and purity."*

*Adopted by the congregation on April 23, 1989*

### Staff

- Preacher.....Rev. Daniel Hahn
- Vicar.....Donn Woolweber
- Secretary . . . . . Ruthie Latkovic
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- Financial Secretary . . . . . Fred Heintz
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- Sunday School.....
- Sewing Group.....Donna Heintz
- Sign Manager.....Gary Swanson
- Children Sermons.....Gary Swanson

### THE LONG LENT

Our first drive-in service was held on Easter Sunday 2020. It was great to be together as God's church, but it was far from the kind of Easter we would have preferred. The pandemic had settled into our lives sometime in the middle of Lent last year and, to me, it has felt like Lent ever since.

Among the liturgical adjustments we make during Lent is the suppression of alleluias. The ancient Hebrew acclamation which means, "Praise ye the Lord!" is set aside for a season of penitential reflection. Omitting our alleluias draws our attention to the solemnity of the season and it stokes our appetite to shout and sing our praises with renewed zeal on Easter Sunday. He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Easter came last year right on schedule, as did Christmas and we sang and said our alleluias, and yet... And yet there has remained a Lent-like pall over our life together as this pandemic continues to roll on. We've been keeping our distance and hiding our faces behind masks – as love for our neighbors suggest we should do – but these things have made us isolated. So many of the activities that have defined our life together have been cancelled or modified, including the divine service.

These things weary us and sometimes anger us. In this, our long Lent, we can't wait to get back to those alleluias – back to normal. We can't wait to be fully united again as one family of God in one place. God grant it soon to happen. And God grant us patience and faith to endure in the meanwhile.

But if this pandemic – this winter of our discontent – is to be likened to the season of Lent, let us pray that God will use this time to do in us what Lent is made to do. May God use this difficult season (no matter how long it persists) to turn our thoughts and affections more

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fully to Jesus Christ and Him crucified. May He break our sinful reliance on self, and lead us to seek only Him. May He break down our defenses and that would refuse His reign in every aspect of our lives. May He lead us to see Jesus, bleeding and dying on the cross as our only Savior, our only life, our only joy.

And when the Lord has led us through every Lent that is yet to come, may He bring us at last, by His grace, to the endless Easter of our Savior's eternal kingdom.

Yours in Christ,

Pr Hahn

**Happy February Birthday!!!**



*February 4—Christine Betts*

*February 14—Jacob Swanson*

*February 19—Mark Hammer*

*February 23—Al Todd, III*

**Happy February Anniversary!!!**

*February 14—David and Carole Archer*



**Tri-Parish Lent Services**

Our midweek Lenten services, as in recent years, will be joint services of the Tri-Parish.

Ash Wednesday services with Holy Communion and the Imposition of Ashes will be held on February 17, 2021 — 12noon at Bethel and 7pm at St. John's.

Wednesday Midweek Services will be at 7pm.

Our theme is: **Crucified Under Pontius Pilate**

<b>Feb. 24</b>	<i>A Perilous Petition</i>	ZION
<b>March 3</b>	<i>A Prisoner Pardoned</i>	BETHEL
<b>March 10</b>	<i>A Painful Presentation</i>	ST JOHNS
<b>March 17</b>	<i>The Prerogatives of Power</i>	ZION
<b>March 24</b>	<i>The Pronouncement of Punishment</i>	BETHEL

## Tri-Parish Choir

Calling all singers!!! If you love to sing and would like to be part of the Tri-Parish Choir, please join us! We will be rehearsing for the Easter Services. Practices will start on Wednesday, February 24th and held each Wednesday after Lent Service at the church where that service is being held. If you have any questions about the Tri-Parish Choir, contact Ruth Miller at 412-486-6738.

## Tri-Parish Handbell Choir



The "Joyful Noise" Handbell Choir has resumed and has just begun practicing music for the Easter services. We welcome anyone who is interested in playing the handbells. We work hard to make beautiful music but we also have a lot of fun! Rehearsal is every Monday at 7pm at Bethel. If you have any questions about the Handbell Choir, contact Vicar Woolweber at 747-232-4911.

## God With Us

Pastor Hahn took over the broadcasting duties from Pastor Keurulainen for the radio show God With Us. The radio show is broadcast every Sunday at 10:30am on 101.5 WORD-FM. After the weekly broadcast the episodes are available on our website and most platforms where podcasts are available. You can subscribe to the podcast to receive notifications when they are available each week. Go to the church website at <https://stjohnsmillvale.org/god-with-us.html> to find links to the podcast platforms and the episodes themselves.

### In His Service

Deacon	Paul Hoffman
Communion Assistant	Tim Hornish
Offering Usher	Eddie Stabile
Altar Guild	Charlotte Hornish Dorothy Carlisle

#### Counting Committee:

Feb. 7	Fred Heintz
Feb. 14	Paul Hoffman Jonathan Meier
Feb. 21	Marilyn Heintz
Feb. 28	Cindy & Curt Hetz

### L-E-N-T

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## LWML Update



St. John's LWML is collecting used and new clothing/supplies for the Trinity Lutheran Church's Homeless Mission. Starting February 7th, the LWML will be collecting spring and summer clothing until March 28th so that they can be delivered in time for their April distribution/drive. Besides adult clothing, children and baby clothes and diapers are also needed. If anyone is willing to donate new items, they welcome personal items such as: toothpaste, shampoo, conditioner, body wash, shaving gel, soap, etc. Also, new men's or women's underwear, men's white T-shirts, men's cotton socks, etc. Please label the bags with sizes, male/female/kids, and the season (winter/summer) so that they can be easily sorted. These bags can be taken to St. John's and put on the table downstairs that is used for Military Mailing. Alyssa Falarski will collect them from St. John's and distribute them.

LWML is still holding a soup sale this year, but with a twist. They are going to offer 4 different types of soup (Chicken Noodle, Potato, Wedding, and Stuffed Pepper). Anyone interested in purchasing soup can email Alyssa at [alysafalarski@gmail.com](mailto:alysafalarski@gmail.com) or call 412-496-7887 with their order. Orders must be placed by February 21st. Arrangements can be made to pick up the soup or have it delivered.

St. John's Easter Military Mailing will be March 7th. The next meeting will be on April 22nd at the home of Alyssa Falarski (116 Arden Drive). LWML will decide on a virtual option if need be closer to the meeting date. **If you have any questions, please email Alyssa at [alysafalarski@gmail.com](mailto:alysafalarski@gmail.com) or call her at 412-496-7887.**

## Bethel Library

If you haven't had a chance, please feel free to check out the library. Donna has added several excellent Christian books to the library. Take a book—bring a book. It is a great place for quiet reflection, reading, small discussions, etc.

## Tri-Parish Constitution Committee Meeting

The Tri-Parish Constitution Committee will be meeting on the following dates: February 3, 2021 at 7pm at St. John's and February 10, 2021 at 7pm at Bethel.

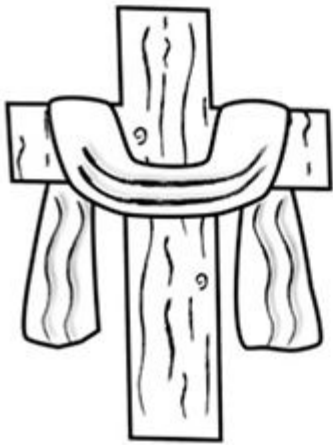
# Secretary's Desk



Right in the middle of a dreary, winter month is a day to celebrate love — Valentine’s Day. We celebrate our love by giving our spouse or loved one chocolates, flowers, jewelry, etc. Taking time to appreciate someone special in your life is very important.

This past year has been very difficult and appreciating one another is a gift of love and very needed right now. Let us open our hearts to “love one another as Christ has loved us”.

The greatest love story of all is the love that God has for you in sending Jesus to die on the cross for you, forgiving your sins and giving you new life in Christ Jesus. This Valentine’s Day and every day remember that God’s love for us is the greatest love of all.



Find all ten words:

- Jesus
- Lent
- Ash
- Wednesday
- Dust
- Prayer
- Alms
- Fasting
- Sacrifice
- Purple

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Unscramble these Lenten Words

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One thing I can do during Lent to bring me closer to God...

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