

The Evangel

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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

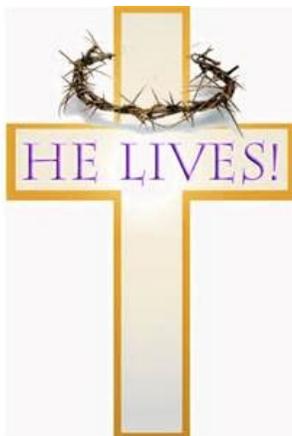
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*From the
Pastor's
Desk*

*The last enemy to be destroyed is death.
1 Corinthians 15:26 (ESV)*

The Last Enemy

It's been said that death is the great equalizer. No matter who we are, what we have accomplished, or what wealth we have accumulated in life, we are all the same in death. One dead person is just as dead as the next. You will never see a hearse pulling a U-Haul trailer.

Scripture calls death "the last enemy." No matter how much our "culture of death" tries to glorify it, death is not our friend. It is our enemy because it brings to naught our fondest dreams and our greatest hopes. And it is God's enemy because it negates His gift of life. Death is not and never has been a part of God's creation; it is an intrusion on God's creation. The Creator never intended that we should live a certain number of years and then die; from the very beginning His intention was that we live forever in perfect harmony with Him and with one another in the perfect world that He created for us and gave to us.

Death is a fact of life because only because we have made sin a fact of life. "Sin came into the world through one man," Paul writes to the Romans, "and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned" (*Romans 5:12*). What God created for good we abused for evil, resulting in the destruction of His perfect gifts—especially His perfect gift of life.

But God's redeeming love for us is infinitely greater than our sin. By becoming human in Christ, living the perfect life, suffering the innocent death, and rising to life again, He has restored to us what we have ruined. This Easter season is a celebration of our slain and risen Savior's victory over everything that we fear in life—a victory that He shares with us. A blessed Easter season to all!

In His love and service,

Arthur E. Litke

PRAYER THOUGHT

“There is some supporting evidence outside the four Easter Gospels. The psychological change of the disciples is certainly striking. What transformed Peter, the man who could become unhinged by questions from a servant girl, into so bold a spokesman for the faith that even the entire Sanhedrin could not silence him? Had the disciples deceitfully tried to spawn a new faith on the world, would they have gone on to give their very lives for it? Clearly, they were themselves convinced that Jesus rose, for myths do not make martyrs.”

--Paul L. Meier in *First Easter*



CHECK YOUR EMAIL

The monthly Evangel and calendar will now be sent to your email for you to read at your leisure. If you haven't received it, you may have to update your email address by writing it down and giving it to Pastor or Donna Heintz. You can also view the Evangel on the church's website: www.bethelglenshaw.Org. There will be some paper copies located in the narthex for those who still like to hold the pages and read prior to the service. (hopefully not during the sermon!).



FINANCIAL NEWS

	<u>BUDGETED</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)</u>
February Income	\$ 8,162.07	\$ 7,854.99	(\$ 307.08)
February Expenses	\$ 9,951.10	\$ 9,268.68	(\$ 682.42)
Income Expense	(\$ 1,789.03)	(\$ 1,413.69)	\$ 375.34
Y-T-D Income	\$17,135.34	\$17,650.79	\$ 515.45
Y-T-D Expenses	\$23,831.52	\$21,937.68	\$1,893.84
Y-T-D Income less Expenses	(\$6,696.18)	(\$4,286.89)	\$2,409.29

DATES TO REMEMBER



BIRTHDAYS

- 02—Luke Swanson
- 04—Thaddaeus Swanson
- 07—Dave Augustine
- 19—Joe Robertson
- 20—Cheryl Phillips
- 22—Tommy Archer
- 23—Rev. Art Litke
- 25—Dayna Dorsey
- 29—Robert Schomer

ANNIVERSARIES

- 04—Kristen and Paul Hoffman
- 05—Charlotte and Tim Hoffman

USHER SCHEDULE

TEAM 1

- Deacon.....A. Todd III
- Communion Assistant.....J. Rehder
- Ushers..... D. Archer
D. Augustine
R. Betts
P. Hoffman
T. Hornish
J. Robertson

COUNTING COMMITTEE

- 3 – Fred Heintz
- 10—Meier
- 17—Marilyn Heintz
- 24—Hetz



ALTAR GUILD

- Lynn Betts
- Marie Litke

WJAS-AM 1320
SUNDAYS 7:00 A.M.

April 2016

April 3

"Blessed Are Believers"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Gregory Seltz
By faith in Jesus, you are blessed-even as your struggles continue.
(John 20:19-31)

April 10

"Breakfast with Jesus"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Gregory Seltz
Jesus shows up and shows us that God is close and God cares.
(John 21:1-14)

April 17

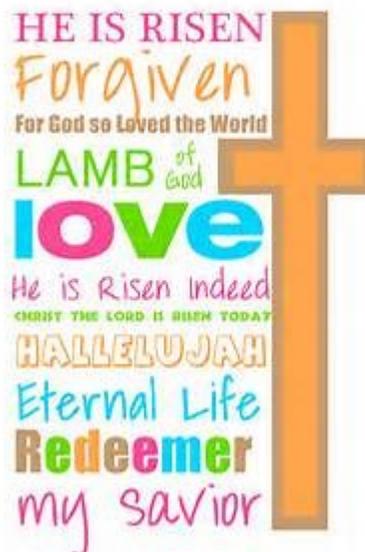
"Confidence for Life"

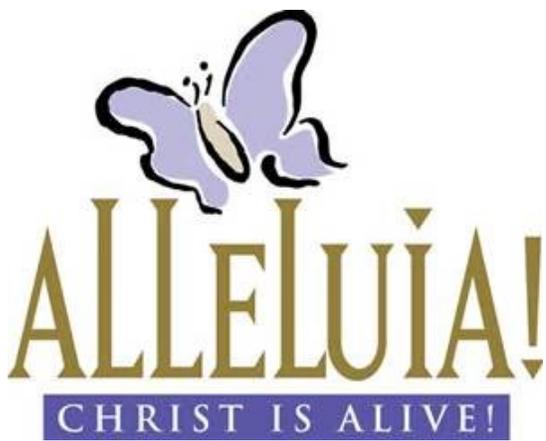
Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Gregory Seltz
Jesus' miracles were signs of God breaking into a sinful world, but the religious leaders saw it as a threat to their kingdoms.
(John 10:22-30)

April 24

"One-upmanship"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Gregory Seltz
Heaven will be more beautiful than we can imagine; it will rectify our problems and satisfy our most pro-





STATIONS OF THE RESURRECTION

Bethel's annual *Stations of the Resurrection* will take place on SUNDAY, APRIL 10 at 2:30 p.m. at Concordia Lutheran Ministries of Rebecca Residence in Allison Park. You can come and join the residents as we celebrate our risen Savior.

DONATIONS ARE NEEDED

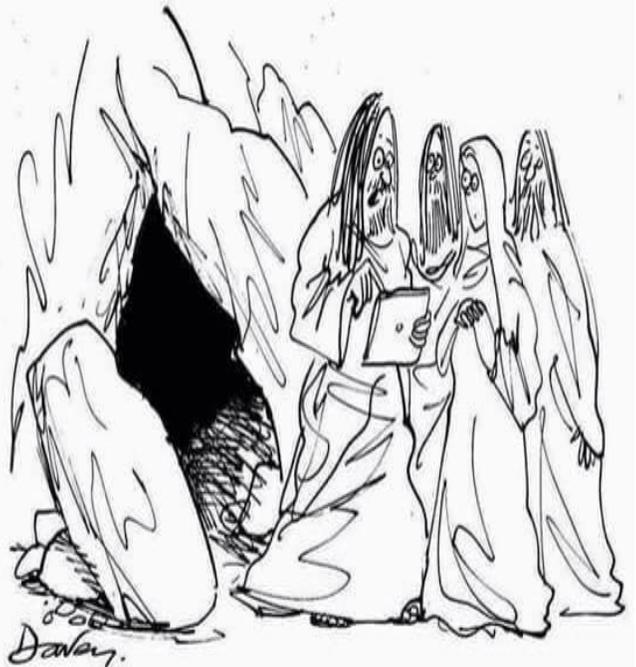
Bethel will be collecting toiletries for Frist Trinity Homeless Ministry and Unity Community Lutheran Church. Items desired are:

- New Socks for Men, children & babies
- New Men's/Women's underwear
- Shampoo
- Body wash
- Deodorant/antiperspirants
- Toothpaste
- New Toothbrushes
- Baby wipes
- Dove or Irish Spring Bar Soap
- Lotion
- Disposable baby diapers of all sizes
- Disposable razors
- Shaving cream

Please place them on the designated table in the basement social hall.

GLEANINGS FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTOR MEETING

- Twenty seven people attended the Seder
- Topics for VBS are being reviewed
- Front concrete repaired, thanks to Dave Augustine.
- Confirmation classes should be completed by end of May.



"He's not in there! Oh, wait - he's changed his status to 'risen' "

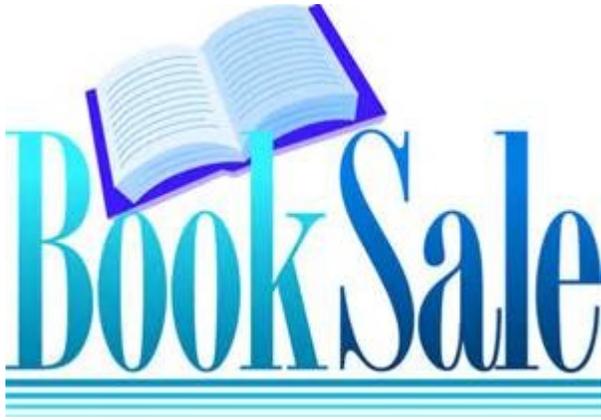
SURVEY FROM SYNOD

The Eastern District has a task force called Futures2 and is conducting a survey of those in Bethel who are 35 years old and younger.

Please go to <http://survey.constantcontact.com/survey/a07ecbyma7ril84mlqx/start>. There is no obligations and no solicitations tied with this survey in any way.

BOOK SALE

Shaler North Hills Library on Mt. Royal will be holding a book sale on APRIL 23 AND 24. tons of books, music CD's, DVDs, books on tape/CD and puzzles will be on sale. There will be a Bake Sale on the 23rd and a Bag Sale on the 24th 10:00 to 4:30. they will provide the bad for \$5.



ALTAR FLOWERS

Beautify the altar by placing fresh flowers in memory of a loved one or for a special occasion. Fill out a flower form which can be found on the narthex table and put it in F. Heintz mailbox.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Bethel will be going to the blind Ministry at Frist Trinity Lutheran Church in Oakland on SATURDAY, APRIL 30 to help serve dinner. If you can lend a hand for this event please see Gary Swanson.

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