

HIGHLIGHTS

March 21 & 22, 2020

- **NEW NEWS:**
To follow up on what you received today through MyBethel:
- **1.** All on campus activities and gatherings are suspended through Tuesday, March 31.
- **2.** From the comfort and safety of your home: Livestream through Facebook Live Wednesday Lenten Worship (3/25) – 6:30pm live Sunday Worship (3/22 and 3/29) – 9:00am live (We'll let you know if this changes for the rest of the services.) Livestream will take place here - <https://www.facebook.com/bethellutheranmorton/>
- **3.** Then Sermons will be posted here – <https://blcmorton.org/sermons>
- **4.** Online giving options available here - <https://blcmorton.org/giving> During this time of uncertainty and closures we ask that you consider continuing to donate to Bethel Lutheran at your current level. Following are the different ways that you can donate:
 - ☑ Mail contributions to the church office. ☑ Bring into the office Monday-Friday from 9-4.
 - ☑ Contact the church office if you would like someone to pick up your contribution.
 - ☑ Text BLCMORTON GIVE to 73256 to give to General Fund
 - ☑ Login to your MyBethel account to give electronically by credit/debit card or ACH. This can also be accessed on Bethel's website by clicking "More" at the top of the page.
 - Thank you for your continued generous support of Bethel Lutheran!
 - Email us at church@bethelmorton.org Staff will be in the church office Monday-Friday 8:30am-4:00pm (then doors lock) Call us at (309)-263-2417
- **AGAINST THE FLOW – 9th-12th GRADE**
Be on the lookout for information about a digital meeting this Wednesday following our online worship service! Contact Jonathan Guse for more information!
- **7th/8th GRADE CONFIRMATION**
We're still in a state of flux at the time of publishing. Please bear with us and we'll have information for you at the beginning of the week. There will be something for Confirmation, we just don't know quite yet what it will look like. Thank you for your patience!
- **SUNDAY CHILDREN & YOUTH EDUCATION**
Families are encouraged to make use of any resources we've put out over the last week. Some additional ideas:
 - ***PS-6th Grade*** – Use the devotion sent to you late last week that is a continuation of the original SS lesson for this week
 - ***7th-12th Grade*** – Even if you are unable to watch the teen or adult small group video, consider working through the study on your own or with a parent
 - ***Parent Cue App*** – Ideas for discussions, prayers, and blessings for your kids (Fair warning parents – it will tell you approx.. how many weeks you have until your child graduates! Tug at the heartstrings!)
 - www.cph.org – great family resources available
 - ***Make a time of worship together*** – nothing fancy – read from Scripture, find your favorite worship song and listen/sing together, and pray!
- **BETHEL SPRING CLEAN-UP WORK DAY**
We need many willing hands to help spring clean the church before our Easter Celebration. We will work from 8:00am until noonish on Saturday, March 28. Please bring your rags and buckets and join in the fun! Questions: Phil Zobrist 303-3190 / phzobrist@gmail.com; Craig Schmidgall 645-0622; Bob Wegner 309-868-2319 cbwegner@outlook.com
- **EASTER LILY & POTTED PLANTS CAN BE ORDERED THROUGH THURSDAY, MARCH 26**
Easter Lily will be \$25.00 with foil and bow and the Potted Spring Flower will be \$20.00 with foil and bow.
- **AMERICAN HERITAGE GIRLS**
Are you looking for **FAITH, SERVICE, AND FUN** for your daughter or granddaughter? Bethel sponsors an American Heritage Girl (AHG) troop that meets twice monthly on Thursday nights. AHG is a Christ-centered character and leadership development program for girls ages 5-18. We have lots of serving in our community, earning badges, having outdoor adventures, and campouts. You don't have to be a Bethel member to join. Check out americanheritagegirls.org or contact Angela Gilles at angela@gillysplace.com for more information.

- **EASTER EXTRAVAGANZA**

There will be an Extravaganza on Easter Sunday during the 10:45 service, April 12. If you are interested in singing with the praise band, playing your instrument to accompany hymns, or acting in a drama, **please contact Lynette Hoyum # (309) 613-3778 or lhoyum@gmail.com**

- **SHOES FOR AFRICA**

Janelle Crump will be returning to Kenya again this year and during the Lenten season she is asking you to help her collect tennis shoes for boys and girls that are new or hardly used for Shepherd's Little Lambs. **SIZES 4-12** There will be a tote available in the church foyer under the hall monitor. **Collection ends Wednesday, April 1.** Thank you for helping her in this ministry.

- **SAVE THE DATE**

75th CENTRAL ILLINIOS DISTRICT LWML CONVENTION

Thursday, April 30 – Saturday, May 2, 2020

Bethel Lutheran Church / Morton

We will enjoy ... Worship, Praying, Serving, Celebrating, and Fellowshiping with your Sisters in Christ in the Central Illinois District.

- **PRAYER REQUESTS**

If you want your prayer request(s) included in the corporate prayers during services, you must give your permission through the church office.

- **ALTAR FLOWERS**

Thank you to all who have been so generous in providing the beautiful altar flowers for our services. Please contact Malena Rogers @ jr_mr@frontier.com or 309-657-2156 if you have a special occasion to celebrate or an important date to remember.

- **THIS WEEK'S BUILDING USAGE**

ALL ACTIVITIES FOR THE COMING WEEK HAVE BEEN CANCELLED!!

- **STAY UPDATED BY CHECKING MYBETHEL; THE WEBSITE AND YOUR EMAIL.**

- **Bible Verses of Encouragement And Peace**

- **John 14:27** Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.

- **Philippians 4:6-7** do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

- **John 16:33** I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world.

- **Romans 8:6** For to set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace.

- **Isaiah 26:3** You will keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on You, because he trusts in You.

- **Colossians 3:15** And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful.

- **God has promised us eternal life if we believe in him: John 6:47** Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes has eternal life.

- **God is faithful to His children: Deuteronomy 7:9** Know therefore that the LORD your God is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, to a thousand generations

- **God has promised to hear our prayers: Psalms 4:3** Know that the Lord has set apart his faithful servant for himself; the Lord hears when I call to him.

- **God has promised to guide us: Psalm 32:8** I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with my loving eye on you.