



# Herald

BETHEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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## PASTOR'S Ponderings

### DEAR FRIENDS OF JESUS,

Thank you. Thank you for all you have done to love our neighbors lately. I am writing on February 19 this time. ICE and other federal agencies are allegedly leaving our state. This seems far from the truth because of what continues to happen around us. Just two days ago reports indicate that these agents have simply left some of the concentrated areas of the Twin Cities and gone to Inver Grove Heights and Rochester, and are traveling in smaller convoys in and around the Twin Cities. They are still here. They are still conducting themselves outside the limits of the law. Our neighbors are still scared. Our fellow members of society are not leaving their homes. Our friends are still needing and asking for more groceries. Our organizers are still standing watch, checking plates, whistling, vigiling, protesting, observing, singing, and following suspicious vehicles. We continue to do our best to love our neighbors. All of our neighbors.

Lately I have been struck by two of the Singing Resistance songs that continue to include the federal agents as our neighbors. That is, these two songs address the federal agents as fellow human beings, who know in their heart of hearts, that love always wins in struggles like this. The songs recognize the misunderstanding and our brokenness as a whole community, and then invite federal agents to lay down weapons and/or change their minds, and join the singing. Here are the words to each song.

*It's OK to change your mind.  
Show us your courage – leave this behind.  
It's OK to change your mind.  
And you can join us – join us here anytime.*

*We walk the same ground.  
But we've been torn apart.  
Put down your weapons. (hatred, anger, armor)  
Come sing your part.*

These songs inspire me because they also include the federal agents as our neighbors. Neighbors to love. On Sundays we collectively pray for these neighbors to soften their hearts and learn to de-escalate situations. We also pray that all leadership leads with love. In these ways, we recognize the humanity of all people, without exception. We follow in the footsteps of Jesus, who sometimes had to call people to task, but always with an invitation to return to God. Return to loving God and loving neighbors, all neighbors.

Friends, as we continue to see Jesus in the other, and be Jesus for another, please know that we are making a difference. We are changing our society in positive ways. Please keep singing, keep praying, and keep loving all our neighbors.

Here is a video with these two songs. They are earworm worthy. They inspire me everyday. <https://youtube.com/shorts/kB23uq4GJMg?si=LR4qGcGWPLjFmpqZ>



With you, for Jesus,

*Pastor Brenda*

# BUILDING UPDATES

## A REMINDER OF THE GOODNESS OF OTHERS

In January we posted an Amazon wishlist to our website, to ask for food and supplies for the Little Free Pantry to support our community. In the first five days over 200 packages arrived at our doorstep. After a few weeks we were receiving around 100 packages per delivery truck. Over time we spilled into other rooms to accommodate all of the food and boxes. We are in awe of the generosity coming from so many people from all over the country. Thank you!



*Kristian Ask*

*Building Facilitator*



## LITTLE FREE PANTRY STORAGE AND SPRING CLEANING

As we continue to feed our neighbors in these unprecedented times, we still do not have access to a few rooms we are used to having access to. In particular, the Youth Room and the Nursery. While we are working on remedying this, we also thank you for your patience and understanding. At the same time, you should know that the Bancroft Neighborhood Association (BNA) has moved out, and CANMN has taken over their old office. (BNA will still meet here and manage the community gardens. They will simply not have an office here anymore.) We also have a new Latinx congregation which is called Iglesia Evangelica Luz Alas Naciones. This congregation meets on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Saturdays. Please welcome them!

As we continue to share our building, we also need to do another spring cleaning. It is more economical to do this together, and not depend on our custodians to do this alone. So, please watch for the announcement of dates that we will ask everyone to show up and clean the whole building. We need your help!

Thank you!

*Pr Brenda*

# BERNIE'S MUSIC UPDATE

The Bethel Choir and the Handbell Choir have a literally wonderful history, and it is my joy to teach and lead them in leading worship at Bethel. As with all groups, people's voices, abilities, and lives change, and we find ourselves needing new people to sing and play handbells.

Do you play an instrument or sing, but never joined a music group? Have you considered joining, but don't feel confident? What types of people join choirs? Kaitlin asked to join one of my previous choirs shortly after joining the congregation. With little or no choir experience, she took a chance on us and soon found a place for her voice and personality in the choir. She listened, learned, made mistakes with the rest of us, and thoroughly enjoyed adding her voice to our song. We thoroughly enjoyed her becoming part of the ensemble. You may have a similar story to Kaitlin's, or a completely different one. Someone you know may have a voice or instrumental talent you would like to hear at Bethel. Please prayerfully consider

giving us a try or asking your musical dear one to do the same.

Please contact me at [music2023@bethel-mpls.org](mailto:music2023@bethel-mpls.org) with questions. Handbell Choir rehearses Mondays, and Bethel Choir rehearses Wednesdays, both at 7 pm. We welcome you to join us regularly or occasionally.

Finally, Bethel's 2025-2026 2nd Saturday Concert season ends this month with the "Bethel All-Stars." Current and former Bethel musicians Anne Phillips, Elena Dant, Phil Radtke, Janelle Bussert, and I will perform a wide variety of music on organ, piano, voice, and other instruments. Please join us at 3:00 pm on March 14th for the concert, with treats and fellowship to follow.



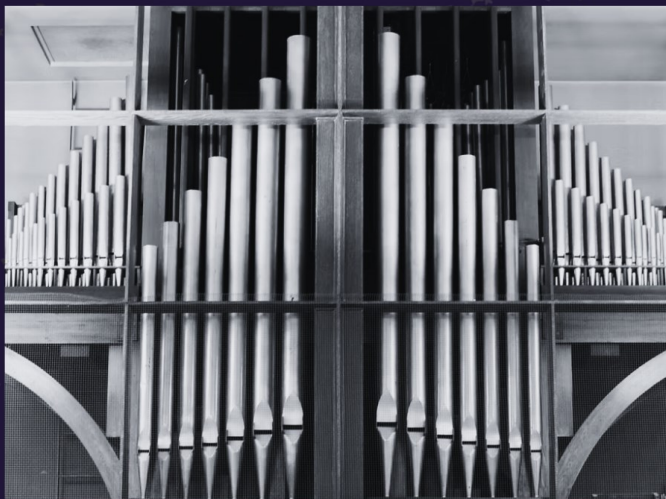
Peace and Grace,

*Bernie Asher*

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BETHEL LUTHERAN CHURCH'S  
2ND SATURDAY

# CONCERT SERIES



BETHEL ALL-STARS  
MARCH 14, 2026, 3PM

*Suggested \$10 Donation.*

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**ALL ARE WELCOME**  
*without exception!*



# ELLIE'S GRANTS UPDATE

## HAPPY MARCH!

I hope by the time this *Herald* edition is published, it's starting to feel like spring out there. Regardless, Lent is in full swing, and I hope you are able to take time to reflect on the seasons of life. This has always been a very liminal time of year to me, but Easter is right around the corner!

And on the topic of Lent, did you know that this year's Lenten meals have been partially sponsored by a Thrivent Action Team grant? These grants go a long way towards ministry and programming of all kinds at Bethel, so I hope that you will consider reaching out if you would like to get started with a project. Our Easter breakfast also has contributions from Action Team Grants, and there are many more events and projects to come this year that are still in need of sponsorship.

I would also like to introduce an even easier way to support Bethel -- by grocery shopping! We now have a receipt box at Kowalski's on Chicago Ave and 56th Street. The way these boxes work is that every quarter, Kowalski's will make a donation to each organization that has a box -- but the catch is that the more receipts are in the box, the larger the donation will be. Bethel will have a box at this Kowalski's location from February through July 2026. Next

time you shop at Kowalski's, you can place your receipt into Bethel's box to contribute to the amount of funds we receive. I know that for many of us, Kowalski's may be more of a special occasion shop, but I encourage you to treat yourself at some point in the next six months, and quite literally "vote with your dollar"! If you'd like to learn more about this program, check out [kowalskis.com/articles/groceries-for-good-causes](https://www.kowalskis.com/articles/groceries-for-good-causes).

If Kowalski's isn't quite your taste, you can also bring your Menards receipts and rebates to the office, as we can use those towards shopping for building supplies. The Menards rebates we've been able to use so far have gone a long way towards buying supplies, so if you'd like to donate them I encourage you to drop off Menards receipts and/or rebates you've already received in the mail from them -- especially if they would ordinarily just join the layer of trash at the bottom of your purse (I'm guilty of this more than anyone, I'm sure).

Happy shopping; happy spring cleaning; see you in April!



Warmly,  
*Ellie Erb*

Bethel Grant Manager  
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# FEASIBILITY UPDATE

Your Feasibility Study Team is working on two potential steps toward progress in determining Bethel's future.

1. We are hiring a title company to look into the easements and restrictions on our property that Crown Castle holds through its ownership of the monopole and our lease with them. Thank you, Andy Hestness, for connecting us with a title company he is familiar with. Once we learn more about the Crown Castle lease we will know what decisions we can make that include our parking lot space. The Board of Administrators has approved this expenditure.

2. Pastor Brenda has met with the partners from Assembly Consulting and Brokerage, who have toured our property and are offering us a contract to help us connect with possible buyers and developers. Before we decide if we will move forward with this

connection, we have some questions to be answered. This is a local company with local connections, so it may be just what we need to find the right future use for our building. There is a financial commitment involved, so the Board of Administrators will also be involved in this decision.

As always, get in touch with one of us if you have questions or ideas.

Thank you,  
*Laurie Hauge, Ann Allison, Gene Rodi,  
Don Olson, Pastor Brenda, and Jim  
Lair, Chair*

[feasibility@bethel-mpls.org](mailto:feasibility@bethel-mpls.org)

# BOARD OF ADMINISTRATORS

## GREETINGS FROM YOUR BOARD OF ADMINISTRATORS!

The Bethel Board of Administrators includes Laurie Hauge (vice president), Stephanie Johnson (secretary), Doug Psick (treasurer), and Jayson Spence (at-large). We have had one member-at-large seat vacant this year, which we aim to fill before the new term begins in June. The Board meets monthly to approve financial reports and recommendations, to learn about the work of other committees and groups throughout the church, and to make decisions about operational and leadership questions.

From this perspective with our view of the full operations of Bethel, the Board has sincere appreciation for all of the people who make Bethel work – our elected leaders and staff, as well as committed members who take on one, two, or twelve regular volunteer roles each week – and those from our broader community who contribute to making events like Trunk or Treat, egg hunts, and the Raise the Roof fundraiser happen. We see you and we thank you for sharing your gifts of time and talent.

In 2025 and beyond, Bethel has been a place of welcome for neighbors – the building has never been busier! Our

staff, members, and friends have worked hard to make sure our space is used well. The church is people, “not a building,” as the well-known song goes, but this building is nevertheless a place for people to gather as neighbors and as the body of Christ.

As important as Bethel’s role of gathering place was in 2025, it has been even more important in the first months of 2026, as we and our ministry partners have gathered and distributed unprecedented quantities of food and personal care goods to help keep neighbors safe and fed during federal occupation, and have provided spaces for neighbors to gather in mourning, in prayer, and in service to each other.

Amidst the darkness in our world, this is how we bring light. This is the way we follow Jesus and live out our mission to amplify God’s grace, nourish creation, reach out, and build community.

Together, as a Bethel community, we share and receive God’s gifts with and from one another, and from and with our neighbors.

Thanks to all of you.  
In peace and service,

*Sarah Berke*

*President  
On behalf of the Board of Administrators*

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# Lent

## WITH BETHEL

*Joint services with St. Peder’s and BOLD*

### ASH WEDNESDAY

*Wednesday, February 18 at 7pm  
At Bethel*

### PALM SUNDAY

*Sunday, March 29 at 10am at Bethel*

### MAUNDY THURSDAY

*Thursday, April 2 at 7:00pm  
We will worship at St. Peder’s  
4600 E 42<sup>nd</sup> Street, Minneapolis.*

### SOUP AND WORSHIP WEDNESDAYS

*February 25 and March 4, 11, 18, 25  
5:30pm Soup | 6:15pm Worship  
At Bethel*

### GOOD FRIDAY

*Friday, April 3 at 7:00pm  
We will have a Service of Darkness at Bethel.*

# MINISTRY CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
<p>1</p> <p>9:00am Mutokai Seminar  <b>10:00am Bethel Worship</b>  <b>10:15am Sunday School</b>  <b>11:00 Bethel's Annual Meeting</b>  <b>11:00am Fellowship Time</b>            1:00pm Pentecostal Casa Worship            5:30pm Minneapolis Jo            7:00pm El Nuevo Despertar AA</p>	<p>2</p> <p><b>Bethel Office Closed</b>            10:00am CANMN Intake            12:00pm Watercolor Group  <b>7:00pm Bell Choir</b>            7:00pm Bridge to Shore AA            7:00pm El Nuevo Despertar AA</p>	<p>3</p> <p>7:00am AA Meditation            7:00am NHS Counseling            9:30am NHS Coffee Time and Cribbage            9:30am OA HOW Meeting            9:30am The Curiosity Crew School            10:00am NHS Exercise  <b>10:00am Staff Meeting</b>            5:30pm Minneapolis Jo            6:00pm Luz Alas Naciones            6:30pm Scout Troop 38            7:00pm El Nuevo Despertar AA            7:00pm Pentecostal Casa Music</p>	<p>4</p> <p>9:30am Ensemble Music            10:00am NHS Women's Art Group            10:00am NHS Yoga  <b>12:00pm Hybrid Bible Study</b>  <b>5:30pm Lent Supper and Worship</b>            6:00pm Luz Alas Naciones            6:30pm Continuous Action AA            6:30pm Nokomis Quilters            7:00pm El Nuevo Despertar AA  <b>7:15pm Bethel Choir</b></p>
<p>8</p> <p><b>Bethel Choir Sings</b>  <b>10:00am Bethel Worship</b>  <b>10:15am Sunday School</b>  <b>11:00am Fellowship Time</b>            11:00am Girl Scout Cookie Sale            1:00pm Casa De Oracion Fellowship            1:00pm Pentecostal Casa Worship            5:30pm Minneapolis Jo            7:00pm El Nuevo Despertar AA  <b>7:00pm Holy Experiment at Atonement</b></p>	<p>9</p> <p><b>Bethel Office Closed</b>            12:00pm Watercolor Group            6:00pm Girl Scout Troop 18896  <b>7:00pm Bell Choir</b>            7:00pm Bridge to Shore AA            7:00pm El Nuevo Despertar AA            7:00pm Troop 38 Committee Meeting            8:00pm Bridge to Shore AA - Meeting</p>	<p>10</p> <p>7:00am AA Meditation            9:30am NHS Coffee Time and Cribbage            9:30am OA HOW Meeting  <b>9:30am Operation Love Quilters</b>            9:30am The Curiosity Crew School            10:00am NHS Exercise  <b>10:00am Staff Meeting</b>            1:00pm NHS Grief Support Group            3:50pm NHS Board Meeting            5:30pm Minneapolis Jo            6:00pm Luz Alas Naciones            6:30pm Scout Troop 38            7:00pm El Nuevo Despertar AA            7:00pm Pentecostal Casa Music</p>	<p>11</p> <p>9:30am Ensemble Music            10:00am NHS Women's Art Group            10:00am NHS Yoga  <b>12:00pm Hybrid Bible Study</b>  <b>5:30pm Lent Supper and Worship</b>            6:00pm Luz Alas Naciones            6:30pm Continuous Action AA            7:00pm El Nuevo Despertar AA            7:00pm Rehearsal for Holy Angels  <b>7:15pm Bethel Choir</b></p>
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# BIBLE STUDY WITH PR BRENDA

Wednesdays at 12pm

Online meeting room:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81542792093>



And in-person in the Fireside Room.

3/4	John 5:5-42
3/11	John 9:1-41
3/18	John 11:1-45
3/25	Philippians 2:5-11 Matthew 21:1-11

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## SUNDAY SERVERS

Date	Assisting Minister	Lector	Cantor	Sacristy	Ushers	Streaming	Hospitality	Altar Guild
3/1	Susan Johnson	Libby Krogh	Dean Anderson	Stephanie Johnson	Norris and Jay	Gene and Ted	Clarice Lovstuen	Sharon and Grace
3/8	Sharon Rodi	Norma Lanning	Bernie Asher	Marilyn Newborg	Jayson & Grayson	Gene and Ted	Romell White	Sharon and Grace
3/15	Kristin Cleary	Jerry Johnson	Janet Anderson	Clarice Lovstuen	Susan and Jerry	Gene and Ted	Janet Anderson	Sharon and Grace
3/22	Ann Allison	Sharon Rodi	Sarah Berke	Marilyn Newborg	Marshall and Mary	Gene and Ted	Ann Allison	Sharon and Grace
3/29	Anna Olsen	Anna Wohnoutka	Kristin Cleary	Marilyn Newborg	Don and Darlene	Gene and Ted	Wohnoutkas	Sharon and Grace



# MARCH

## BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

### Birthdays

Larissa Hoover	1
Libby Krogh	1
Laurie Hauge	2
Jon Allie	3
Becky Brendel	8
Paige Woolems	8
Katie Phillips	9
Crystal Vaughn	9
Mona Falk	12
Brookston Sunde	12
Mike Thomforde	15
Chris Hoover	19
Jodi Alberts	22

Silja Nordine	23
Joan Hurtovenko	26
Tony Lovstuen	28
David Dorumsgaard Ayers	30

### Anniversaries

Rick and Kay Herceg	15
James and LaVonne Nesheim	16

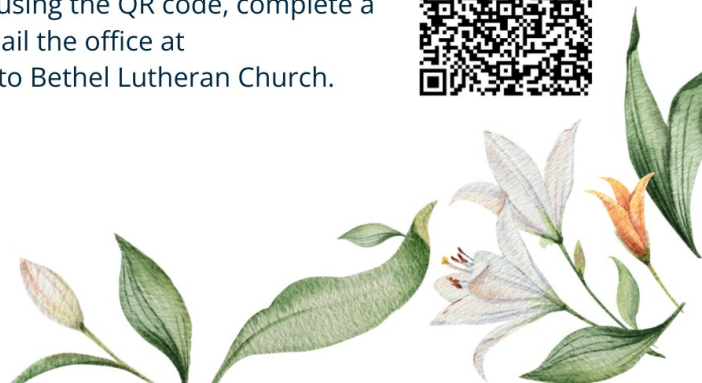
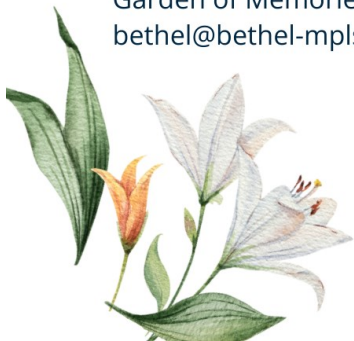
*If your birthday or anniversary is missing or incorrect, please let the office know so we can update*

# Garden of Memories



**LILIES AND HYDRANGEAS WILL BE ORDERED TO REMEMBER OUR LOVED ONES THIS EASTER.**

To add your loved ones to our list, please complete the form using the QR code, complete a Garden of Memories envelope before or after worship, or email the office at [bethel@bethel-mpls.org](mailto:bethel@bethel-mpls.org). Checks for memorials can be made to Bethel Lutheran Church.



# PRAYER list...

## PRAY FOR BETHEL MEMBERS

Barb Saunders	Karen McBride
Alice Evenson	Laurel Jorgensen
Dave and Libby Krogh	Gloria Condon
Hoover Family	Hundt Family
Leonard Phillips	Puckett Family
David and Sue	Darrell Dahl
Dorumsgaard Ayers	Walker Family
Joyce Hughes	Cannon Family
Jerry Johnson	Warwick Family
Gert Carlson	Pikkarainen Family

## MORE PEOPLE OF GOD

- People struggling with mental illness and their loved ones
- Renee Nicole Good and Alex Pretti's families, friends, and community members
- Victims of natural and human disasters
- People of Ukraine, Israeli Citizens, Iranian Citizens, and Palestinians in Gaza
- All of us regarding COVID, RSV, Flu, Mpox
- Black, Brown, Indigenous, and Asian Lives
- People without homes
- Refugees, Migrants and Asylum Seekers
- People affected by gun violence

## MEMBERS, RELATIVES AND FRIENDS IN THE SERVICE

Katrel Bishop (Pr B's nephew)  
Adam Froisland (Pr B's nephew)  
Evan Harrison (Pr B's great nephew)

## BETHEL'S MISSION PARTNERS

- ❖ Bancroft Neighborhood Association
- ❖ Bread of Life Deaf Lutheran Church (BOLD)
- ❖ ReconcilingWorks
- ❖ Casa de Oracion - Pentecostal
- ❖ Mpls Area Synod
- ❖ Nokomis Healthy Seniors
- ❖ CANMN

## PRAY FOR OUR RELATIVES AND FRIENDS

Vince and Carrie (Kelly Chilvers' friends)  
Andrea and Sage (Candy Hickenbotham's family)  
Ethylmae Ross (Gloria Condon's aunt)  
Ian (Pr B's friend)  
Eric (Pr B's and Mary's family friend)  
Julian (Jan Walker's friend)  
Kevin Johnson and family (Les' brother)  
Beth (Dan Hauge's sister)  
Kristian (Pr B's friend)  
Steve (Pr B's brother)  
Michael (Marilyn Newborg's brother)  
Donovan (Angel Cannon's father)  
Rita (Sharon Phillips' friend)  
Calvin (Angel Cannon's godfather)  
Wayne (Karen Warwick's dad)  
Trent and Michelle (Norma's family)  
Darlene (Jeff Alberts' mom)  
Susan (Mike Condon's sister)  
John (Kathy Hundt's brother-in-law)  
Andrea (Mona Falk's daughter)

Our condolences to Leonard Phillips at the death of his wife Sharon.

Our condolences to Lisa Chovan-Spence at the death of her sister Laura.

You can now submit a Prayer Request on our website.  
Please visit [bethel-mpls.org](http://bethel-mpls.org) and scroll towards the bottom  
of our main page to locate the form.

For additions or revisions to the Prayer List, please contact  
Pastor Brenda: [pastor@bethel-mpls.org](mailto:pastor@bethel-mpls.org)  
or the Office: [office@bethel-mpls.org](mailto:office@bethel-mpls.org)  
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# MISSION COUNCIL REPORT

HI EVERYONE,

It's been a tough winter, but spring is coming, Woo-hoo! Warmer and hopefully kinder and more peaceful days are ahead of us!

Mental Health Connect has two programs available to Bethel members this month. On Tuesday, March 10, 2026 from 7:00-8:30 PM is "Responding to an Overdose with naloxone/Narcan" in-person at Bethlehem Lutheran or via Zoom. In-person participants will receive a free naloxone/Narcan kit. If you plan on attending in person, please email [hstjeltveit@yahoo.com](mailto:hstjeltveit@yahoo.com) by Tuesday, March 3, to let them know so that they can have enough kits available. On Tuesday, March 24, 2026, 6:00-8:00 PM at St. Joan of Arc Catholic Community is "Understanding Our Body's Reaction to Trauma." A reminder that the Mental Health Connect navigator line is 612-642-1220 or email [navigator@mhconnect.org](mailto:navigator@mhconnect.org).

The May 14th Community Fun Night promises to be a lot of fun. Early plans are for painting and assembling a

spring planter, along with celebrating National Chicken Dance Day with a meal of chicken and biscuits. Also in the planning stages, Bethel is working on holding a blood drive, along with a healthy meal and possible health fair this spring. Stay tuned for more information on this event. The Free Little Pantry continues to be well-used, and we are currently operating as a hub for food distribution. A big thank you to the many, many donors and volunteers who are dedicated to supporting our neighborhood and our neighbors.

Peace to you all,

*Susan Johnson*

*On behalf of the Mission Council*

*Join us for our free*  
**COMMUNITY  
FUN NIGHT**

**POTTED PLANT  
POLKA PARTY**

**Thursday, May 14, 5:30pm-7:30pm**



Free Meal at 5:30-6:15pm: Chicken and Biscuits  
Activity: Make a potted plant and dance the polka!



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# Herald

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In gratitude, Bethel Lutheran Church amplifies God's grace, nourishes all creation, reaches out, and builds community.

- We are a Reconciling in Christ Congregation.
- Why a Public Church? To impact and enhance the community so that everyone feels a sense of love and belonging.



# Easter

**AT BETHEL**

## **EASTER BREAKFAST**

*Sunday, April 5 at 9am*

**Please RSVP to reserve your spot:**

*[bethel@bethel-mpls.org](mailto:bethel@bethel-mpls.org)*

*(612) 724-3693*

*or complete*

*the form here:*



## **EASTER SERVICE**

*Sunday, April 5 at 10am*

## **EASTER EGG HUNT**

*Saturday, April 4 at 10am*

*Join us at Bethel for an Easter Egg Hunt!  
Kids up to 5th grade are welcome to join.*