



Bethel
Lutheran Church WELS

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Galesville-Arcadia, Wisconsin

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Lenten Worship Opportunities

The Church Season of Lent begins this year on February 14; that is Ash Wednesday. As has been our very healthy custom, we will have an opportunity to meet together in God's house for worship that day and for five Wednesdays after that. During those six weeks of Lent, the Wednesday services give us a unique time to consider how the Word of God reveals the way that Jesus Christ endured all his suffering in order to lovingly rescue us from the punishment of our sin. While Sunday services review a variety of subjects, Wednesdays in Lent focus on the Passion of Christ.

This year, the theme for our Wednesday services reflects the fact that Jesus Christ demonstrated an intense desire to save the world of people whom God loved. This Passion of Christ can be viewed and understood from the various events and personal interactions written about in the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John. So from week to week, we will travel from place to place following the activity of Jesus and learning to know this Passion, this intense desire to save.

Please plan ahead to attend services each Wednesday of Lent, for your own faith, and for the encouragement of others in the Bethel family. Please also consider whom you could invite to join us. Perhaps there is someone you know who does not know Jesus or his love for sinners. This would be a good time to invite them to come and see what God has done for them.

Know Christ's Passion in this Place

Six Wednesdays beginning on February 14th

Jerusalem	A Passion for the Lost	Matthew 23: 37-39
Bethany	A Passion Honored	Matthew 26: 6-13
The Temple	A Passion Betrayed	Matthew 26: 14-16
The Upper Room	A Passion to Serve	John 13: 1-5
Gethsemane	A Passionate Prayer	John 17: 1-5
Before Pilate	An Unwavering Passion	John 19: 1-11

Progressive Dinner

Bethel is having a Progressive Dinner Friday, Feb. 16th

We will begin with hors d'oeuvres at the Arcadia church at 5:30 p.m. Then we will proceed to Keith and Sandy Witte's for dinner and finish the night at Chuck and Karla Johnson's for dessert.

If you are interested in helping with either the meal or dessert please contact the hosts.

Keith and Sandy Witte	608-323-3811	skwitte1@gmail.com
Chuck and Karla Johnson	608-863-2530	johnsontroutrun@gmail.com

Otherwise, please bring some sort of hors d'oeuvres and a drink that you would like to the church.

We are asking that you make a reservation so that enough food can be prepared. Please contact Keith & Sandy Witte to reserve your place.

Galesville Ladies Group Notes

- We talked about the Care Cards that we send to the college students of the congregation. A suggestion was made to send something along with the gift card to the students to let them know that we are thinking of them. Some suggestions were a Christian CD, a devotion book, etc. Please bring ideas to the next meeting.
- The Lenten Season begins with Ash Wednesday on Feb. 14th. Since all Lenten services will be held at 6:00 p.m., we will have a soup and sandwich supper on the 14th. This will allow the Confirmation students to have supper before attending the service. Please sign up for supper and plan to attend.
- The WOW Ladies asked if we wanted to do the shadow boxes for our Confirmation students this year. We decided that this a great gift for the students to help them remember the occasion. Julie will talk with Rosa Mooney and ask that she purchase the supplies for our students as well. This way they will all look the same. Deb Smieja volunteered to work with Rosa to make the shadow boxes.
- Doris Fruechte reported that our treasury is getting low on funds. The ladies talked about doing some fundraising. Some ideas were shared but no decision made yet. Julie aske the ladies to think about some ways to raise some money and bring ideas back next month.
- Judy Howell said that she has received some emails from LWMS regarding how we have been supporting our "Be-friend a Missionary". She also told us that the LWMS National Convention will take place in June and be in Green Bay. More details will be available at a later date.

Arcadia's WOW Group Minutes

- Sandy Witte reported that our account is in good shape.
- We have three students being confirmed and two students graduating from high school this year. The Galesville ladies said that they would make blankets for their three graduates. Rosa Mooney will get the frames for the shadow boxes for the Confirmation students. Deb Smieja from Galesville said she would help Rosa make the shadow boxes for Galesville.
- We talked about the Spring Garage Sale. The dates will be April 27 & 28. Hours for the sale will be 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM on Friday and 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM on Saturday. Set-up on Wednesday, April 25th will be done in the sanctuary beginning at 6:00 PM. When the Food Pantry is finished at 5:00 PM on Thursday, we will transfer things into the Fellowship area.
- Rosa will have a cooking baking day for the youth on Feb. 10th at 10:00 AM in Arcadia.
- We talked about the Progressive Dinner on Feb. 16th. Everyone will meet at the Arcadia church at 5:30 PM.
- Some pictures of different displays for the confirmation pictures were shared. Rosa made a motion to start looking into different display options for the pictures. Janice seconded the motion. We set a \$200 limit for the display.
- Pastor requested the fellowship area be decorated for Lent & Easter, similar to the Christmas decorating. Deb Koch & Rosa Mooney will start gathering ideas. Everyone is welcome to help with ideas and decorating.
- We talked about having a Mission Sunday in April. The pastors are developing a plan.
- The next meeting will be on February 7th at 6:00 PM.

Bethel Services on TCCTV

Bethel Church services can be seen on cable access TCCTV channel 18. Tune in on the following dates to watch.

Monday	Feb. 19th	2:30pm	Thursday	Feb. 22nd	8:00am
Saturday	Feb. 24th	6:00pm	Sunday	Feb. 25th	9:00am

Help us spread The Word. Tell your neighbors and friends.

Arcadia Fellowship Treat Schedule

We will have fellowship treats each Sunday from 9:30 – 10:00 AM. Listed below is a schedule of ladies to bring treats each Sunday. If you are unable to serve treats on your designated day, please switch with someone else. Please provide a beverage for the children and coffee can be made with the church supplies. Thank you!

February 4 – Karla Johnson & Wendy Pyka
February 11 – Chelsea Golden & Abby Rotering
February 18 – Amy Thorn & JoAnne Gillette
February 25 – Julie Munson & Anita Kiral

Little Lamb Preschool Book Fair

Dear Members of Bethel,

I am hoping to build the classroom library for Bethel Little Lamb Preschool. If you are interested in helping out please check out the heart display in the Galesville narthex. You can help by either buying a book that is listed, by leaving money in the box and I will order the book, or by going online, using the code on the slip and ordering it yourself. It would be a real blessing to have some of these books in our library. Thank you for all your support and prayers for your preschool.

In Christ,
Amy Bohme

(If you have any questions, please contact LaVonne Wier, Pastor Cox or Julie Haessig. If they don't know the answers, they will find out and let you know.)

WOW Spring Garage Sale

A Spring Garage sale will be held the last weekend in April at the Arcadia location. Please consider donating gently used items big or small. Please, no outdated electronics, baby car seats, or baby bath tubs. We will begin sorting on Wed. Apr. 25th. Setup of the sale will begin after the food pantry on Thu. Apr. 26th. The sale will run Friday Apr. 27th 8am-5pm and Saturday Apr. 28th 8am-Noon. Volunteers to work the sale are needed. Thanks, in advance, for your donations!

Camp Croix 2018

Camp Croix will be Wednesday, June 6th – Monday, June 11th at 11:00 a.m. **We must be out by 11 a.m. on Monday due to a leadership camp that will be starting that Monday afternoon.** I was contacted by one of the Camp Board of Directors to see if we could change our dates to accommodate the camp, so thus the change in dates. A limited number of cabins are available so I need to know who is coming and how many cabins you need. Cost is \$30 per cabin per night and bring your own food. We don't have the lodge bedrooms but can use the kitchen and lower lodge areas. Hopefully next year we will be back on our usual schedule. If you haven't given Camp Croix a try, you don't know what you are missing. Once you come, you will be hooked.

Financial Peace University Class Continuing in February

Bethel is hosting a Financial Peace University class. Classes will continue to be held on Wednesday evenings. Classes begin at 6:30 PM at the Galesville campus. You can still join the classes.

Contact Tim Smieja (507) 450-5347
if you have any questions



BIRTHDAYS IN FEBRUARY

- Feb 1 – Mason McNamer
- Feb 3 – Laurie Krause
- Feb 7 – Calvin Davis
- Feb 8 – Justin Yahnke
- Feb 10 – Dan Thorn
- Feb 11 – Wayne Rothering
- Feb 11 – Debra Scholl
- Feb 13 – Jeremy Conradt
- Feb 16 – David Thorn
- Feb 17 – Esther Peterson
- Feb 19 – Spencer Davis
- Feb 19 – Robert Mooney
- Feb 21 – John Logging
- Feb 21 – Sue Stallman
- Feb 21 – Darlene Johnson
- Feb 22 – Ryley Yahnke
- Feb 23 – Dan Campbell
- Feb 27 – Mike Rudy

ANNIVERSARIES IN FEBRUARY

We don't have any anniversaries in our records. If we missed someone, please let us know so it can get on the calendar.



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We will have fellowship treats each Sunday from 10:00 – 10:30. Listed below is a schedule of ladies to bring treats each Sunday. If you are unable to serve treats on your designated day, please switch your day with someone else. The treats should be ready to serve by 10:00 AM, but you are welcome to bring them before Bible Class at 9:00 AM. Because some people in the congregation have nut allergies, please consider this when planning your treats. If you have any questions, please contact Julie Haessig at 507-450-3214 or email at jahaessig@yahoo.com. Thank you very much!!

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| Feb. 4 Tracy Weber | March 4 Tina Evenson |
| Feb. 11 Tami Yehle | March 11 Mary Gilbert |
| Feb. 18 Laurie Krause | March 18 Donna Wilber |
| Feb. 25 Doreen Cox | March 25 Kathryn Mann |

Galesville Church Cleaning Schedule for February

- February 3 – Judy Howell
- February 10 – John & Edith Logging
- February 17 – Anita Lemke & Carol Sacia
- February 24 – Craig & Tami Yehle

**Ushers, Greeters & Acolytes
for the Month of February**

	<u>Arcadia</u>	<u>Ushers</u>	<u>Greeters</u>	<u>Acolyte</u>
Feb 4		Keith Witte Chuck Johnson	Brian Steinlicht Gina Steinlight	Kaci Kahler
Feb 11		Bruce Arnoldy Jeremy Conradt	Greg Golden Ruth Golden	Breah Golden
Feb 18		Todd Eckart Ian Eckart	Kathy Fonstad	Jonathan Thorn
Feb 25		Howard Munson Dave Kiral	Paul Koch Deb Koch	George Munson

Galesville

- Ushers: Leland Wier and Russell Johnson
- Greeters: LaVonne Wier and Darlene Johnson
- Acolyte: Emily Yehle

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4 Worship with Communion SS/BC	5 A - Elders' Mtg. 6 PM	6 G – Midweek Bible Class 1:15 PM G – Choir 6:30PM	7 G – Confirmation 4PM A – Confirmation 6PM A – WOW meeting 6PM G – Financial Peace Univ 6:30 PM	8 G – Midweek Worship 6:00 PM	9	10
11 Worship SS/BC G – Ladies meeting 11:45 AM	12	13 G – Midweek Bible Class 1:15 PM G – Choir 6:30PM	14 ASH WEDNESDAY G/A – Confirmation 4PM G/A – Lenten Supper 5:15 PM G/A – Worship 6PM G – Fin. Peace Univ 6:45 PM	15 NO Midweek worship during Lent	16	17
18 Worship with Communion SS/BC	19	20 G – Midweek Bible Class 1:15 PM G – Choir 6:30PM	21 G – Preschool meeting 12:00 PM G/A – Confirmation 4PM G/A – Lenten Supper 5:15 PM G/A – Worship 6PM G – Fin. Peace Univ 6:45 PM	22 NO Midweek worship during Lent	23	24
25 Worship SS/BC	26	27 G – Midweek Bible Class 1:15 PM G – Choir 6:30PM	28 G/A – Confirmation 4PM G/A – Lenten Supper 5:15 PM G/A – Worship 6PM G – Fin. Peace Univ 6:45 PM	Sunday School/ Bible Study G – 9:00 AM A – 10:00 AM	Sunday Worship A – 8:30 AM G – 10:30 AM	A = Arcadia G = Galesville

