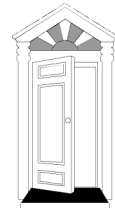


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RAIN OR SHINE, NOTHING STOPS THE EASTER BUNNY'S EGG HUNT

A little rainstorm cannot stop the Easter Bunny from his annual Easter Egg Hunt at Bethel Wildwood Church. The skies were cloudy, but the youngsters still had the fun of hunting throughout the church for Easter eggs filled with candy, on Saturday, April 4.

They were also treated to creative crafts and bakery goodies. One of the favorite activities was ordering unusual balloon creations from Steve Queen, the magician and master balloon artist. Katie, Bethel's official Easter Dog, also made a visit, thanks to Barb Jacobs. Carla DeSalme recited the Easter story for the kids, just before they headed up the stairs for the egg hunt.

So, the rainclouds didn't spoil the fun for another successful Easter Egg Hunt at Bethel.



Chloe and Bella Froh happily open their Easter egg treasures.



Diane Smith brought her family with two of her great-grandkids Audrey and Graham Olivarri, who are children of Diane's grandson Kyle Olivarri. Also attending was her daughter Joanne McCarthy, visiting from Florida.

RAIN OR SHINE... (continued)



Sawyer DeSalme with his little sister Noelle and mom inspect their Easter baskets.

Carla DeSalme guides the children through the Easter Story, helping them to understand the true meaning of Easter.



Katie, Bethel's Easter Dog, made her way among the crowd. She is always a favorite.

Noelle DeSalme gives her a loving pat, while Jan and Greg Allerdissen greet her at the table. Thanks, again, to Barb Jacobs for bringing Katie to the party.



Steve Queen, balloon artist extraordinaire, could create whatever the kids wanted.

Emmeline DeSalme asks the Balloon Magician to "Make me a rainbow, please!"

Here he made a flower for Maia Cross, while creating a sword for the boys.



BUILDING OUR COMMUNITY

Bethel Wildwood Church welcomed a happy group of new members on Sunday, April 12. We learned that several of these folks have been joining our congregation for quite some time, and decided to become full members. All are welcome, as seen by the enthusiastic fellowship given them from the congregation.

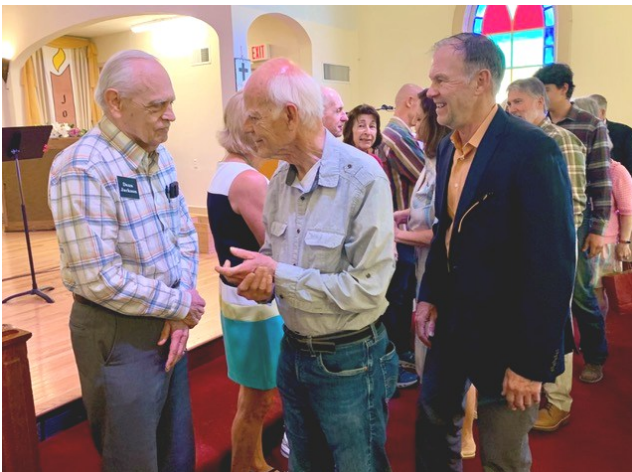
From left to right new members are: Cheryl McQuerry (with Artemis), Dean Jackson, Kathleen Reed, Dennis & Sharon Coogan, Matt Walsh, Lia Bass, Patti Bader, Amy Smith and Kathleen Beardsell.



Welcome!



New Bethel
Members



BEAUTY FOR YOUR BACKYARD AT BETHEL'S ANNUAL PLANT SALE

If you like patio-ready flowers blooming in beautiful containers, hanging baskets and flowing ferns, that's just the beginning of the garden décor available at Bethel's Annual Plant Sale. Mark Saturday, May 9th, on your calendar for this fun event. Doors will open at 9 a.m.



There will be homegrown vegetable plants for sale, including tomatoes, peppers and more, as well as herbs. You can choose from the variety of bedding plants to fill your own flower beds, including marigolds, petunias and more. You can also find decorative native flowering shrubs for your yard, like ninebark and witch-hazel.

You can be sure there will be plants to attract pollinators. Barb Jacobs, chairman of the plant sale, is known for her love of butterflies. She always encourages folks to invite them to their backyards.



Bethel's Plant Sale is a chance to find the perfect gifts for Mother's Day. There will be unique succulents for indoor and large containers for outside. Plan now to come and join the fun of finding just the right flowers for gifts, or for your own backyard. The sale is open from 9 a.m. until noon.

AMERICAN BALD EAGLE TO ATTEND EAGLE SCOUT CEREMONY AT BETHEL

Bethel's Boy Scout Troop 456 will honor three young men awarding them the rank of Eagle Scout, the highest advancement rank in the Scouts BSA program. The service will be held Sunday, May 24, at 2 p.m. at our church and a very special guest will attend. An American Bald Eagle will come to the ceremony, thanks to the World Bird Sanctuary of St. Louis. Bethel members are invited to attend.

The new Eagle Scout candidates are Xavier Attea, Connor Flinn and Trevor Niewoehner. Xavier completed a project at the World Bird Sanctuary for his Eagle Scout project. He built a perimeter around the Owl Aviary to protect the owls from curious visitors. The barrier is 3½ feet tall and more than 75 feet in length. Connor constructed a bench for inside the courthouse for the Wildwood Police Department for his Eagle project. To complete his Eagle project, Trevor built benches for the Humane Society for people coming to see dogs available for adoption.

After graduation, Xavier plans to attend Missouri University of Science and Technology in Rolla. Conner has been accepted at West Point Military Academy where he plans to study mechanical engineering.

The World Bird Sanctuary is located in Valley Park at 125 Bald Eagle Ridge Road. It is a 305 acre wildlife refuge that promotes education, conservation and rehabilitation of wild birds. They often help birds of prey that have been injured and the staff works to nurse them back to health to return to the wild. They also offer programs where they introduce some of their birds at public events. On Saturday, May 2, they are celebrating World Eagle Day, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at their facility. They will put on shows at 11 a.m., 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. where you can see eagles in action and be able to see them up close. Entrance fee to the WBS is \$5.

Photo courtesy of the World Bird Sanctuary. Bethel will have the chance to see an American Bald Eagle on May 24 when our Boy Scout Troop 456 presents three new Eagle Scouts at a special ceremony. Everyone is welcome to attend.



REV KEV'S PEARLS OF WISDOM

Rev Kev has been leading us through the Gospel of Luke, delving deep into the story of Jesus, His birth, His ministry, His resurrection. It is most interesting to note that Luke, who was a Greek and a physician, a well-educated man, was not one of the disciples of Jesus.

In fact, historians do not believe that Luke even met Jesus in person. He became an evangelist, and a companion to Paul the Apostle and was with Paul during his missionary journeys and even imprisonment. He sought to write a detailed history of the life of Jesus and His ministry. He relied on eye-witness accounts to tell the story. He even traced the genealogy of Jesus all the way back to Adam, and the direct line from King David. This is even more detailed than the genealogy written in the Gospel of Matthew.

Luke also is credited with writing the Acts of the Apostles. In the Gospel of Luke, the story of Jesus is told in chronological order. It goes back to the Old Testament which foretold that a messenger would precede the Messiah (John the Baptist), that the Messiah must come from the tribe of Judah, and that He would be a descendant of David.

In Luke, Chapter 4, Jesus proclaims that He is the Messiah. Luke describes the confrontation that Jesus had with Satan. Following his baptism, Jesus went into the wilderness to fast for 40 days. It was there that the devil himself, tried to tempt Jesus. But because He was filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus resisted every temptation. Rev Kev reminds us that "We have that same Holy Spirit within us and it is that Spirit that empowers us to overcome temptation."

Other important points told in Chapter 4 are that Jesus performed miracles to prove Himself (Luke 4:31-44). He was able to cast out demons, which showed that He had power over the physical world, through the power of His words.

GIVING

In an effort to make you aware of our ongoing income and expenses Greg, our treasurer, has calculated our monthly expenses and we have provided a total of our offerings for the given month as follows:

Total estimated monthly expenses:	\$14,000
Total offerings received as of 4/26/26:	\$10,726

MISSION SUNDAY

Circle of Concern's Summer Bags is Bethel's Mission project for May. We would like to collect kid-friendly snacks/meals, fresh fruit and vegetables for the summer months for kids while they are on summer break from school. The donation deadline is May 31. If you would like to make a monetary donation, please note your contribution with: **Circle of Concern**

**Thanks again for the donations to our April Mission for Pink Ribbon Good (PRG),
in which we collected a total of \$260.**

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ANNUALS
PERENNIALS
VEGETABLES
HERBS
POLLINATOR FAVORITES
GIFTS FOR MOM

COME AND SEE!



MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Bonnie S 5/4
Ginger D 5/5
Ally F 5/14
Pam Q 5/30



MARCH ANNIVERSARYS

Gary/Nina H 5/24

If your anniversary or birthday is missing from this listing and you would like it included in the future, please email the information to secretary@bethelwildwood.org. Thanks!



Bethel,

I always enjoy reading about Bethel Wildwood Church. Blessed Easter to All.—**Carol Dillard**

Bethel,

Thank you for opening your “home” to the Precept Bible Study. May we be as much of a blessing to you as you have been to us. Much Love in Christ—**Kathy Scott**

Bethel,

We are beyond grateful for the generosity of Bethel Wildwood Church, who donated pillows and bedding to SHP! This is what community looks like.—**Sleep In Heavenly Peace**

Dear Bethel Church family,

I want to thank you all for being here for me, with me, these past three months. Your love and support have carried me, lifted me up at times, through a really intense time and experience. The care of you for me has felt so close and present to me. Thank you for your love.—**Diana**

On The Calendar @ Bethel

Bethel Fitness—Mondays & Thursdays @ 9am
Music Ministry Practice—Tuesdays @ 3pm
Crafters & Prayer Shawl Warriors—Thursdays @ 9:30am

Communion—Sunday, May 3 @ 10am
Board Meeting—Tuesday, May 5 @ 7pm
Women’s Bible Study—Thursday, May 7 @ 10:30am
Plant Sale—Saturday, May 9 @ 9am-noon
Juliets’ Luncheon—Tuesday, May 12 @ 11:30am
Roberts’ Bible Study—Wednesday, May 13 @ 7pm
BSA Eagle Scout Ceremony—Sunday, May 24 @ 2pm
May mission deadline—Sunday, May 31

Fellowship Time

Join us for coffee in fellowship hall after worship every Sunday. All are welcome.

Nursery

Childcare provided during Sunday service.

We are blessed to have a good number of gifted lay leaders willing to help make our Zoom service a success.

Our schedule for May is as follows...

Date	Devotion	Music	Lead	Prayer	ZOOM	PPT
5/3	PKevn	PKevn	Katie	PKevn	TBD	TBD
5/10	PKevn	PKevn	Jo	PKevn	TBD	TBD
5/17	PKevn	PKevn	Patti B	PKevn	TBD	TBD
5/24	PKevn	PKevn	Suzi	PKevn	TBD	TBD
5/31	PKevn	PKevn	Diana	PKevn	TBD	TBD

The ZOOM & PPT Teams arrange their own schedules.

Contribution Recordkeeping Schedule

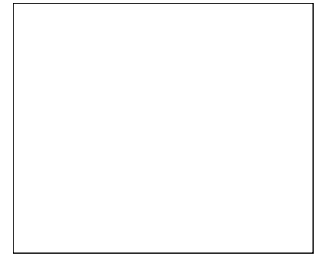
	Sheila	Greg	Greg	Greg	Greg
May	3	10	17	24	31

Counters Schedule

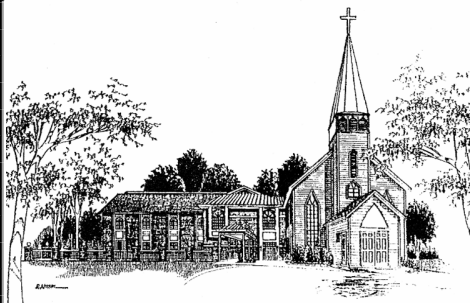
	Dale/Sheila	RuthAnne/Greg	RuthAnne/Jan	Greg/Suzi	Greg
May	3	10	17	24	31



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Please Join Us Sunday For Service

Service will be **LIVE** in the sanctuary @ **10 a.m.**
or you can use one of the following:

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Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/BethelWildwoodChurch/> "Like Us" on Facebook

YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/@BethelWildwoodChurch>

Zoom: Please contact the church office at 636-458-2255 to receive the link.