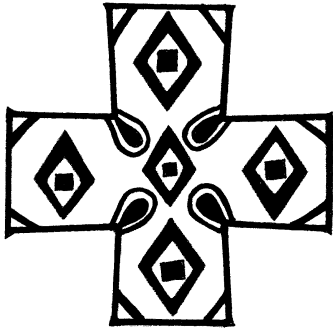




Easter Sunday

Worship with Holy Communion
March 31, 2024

Welcome to Bethel Lutheran Church



We are glad you are here, and we pray God will be real to you as you worship with us. Bethel is a Reconciling in Christ congregation; therefore, we invite all people, including those of all races, ethnicities, gender identities and expressions, sexual orientations, ages, economic levels, and abilities. God loves all creation and holds us all, so we welcome you who walk through our doors and you who are outside those doors. We honor and appreciate the rich diversity of age, sexual orientation, race, belief, emotional and physical health, gender identity and expression, marital status and station in life bring to the Bethel family and our relationships. We commit ourselves to embracing the work of anti-racism, social and economic justice, and environmental care.

Communion - We will celebrate Holy Communion together via Zoom, as well as gathered in person. Please have bread/cracker(s) and a cup of wine/grape juice ready if you and those with you would like to participate. If you do not have access to wine or grape juice, you may receive Communion without the cup—Christ is present in the bread, as Jesus said, “I am the Bread of Life.” (John 6:35)

GATHERING

Prelude

Amazing Grace
By John Newton



Restrooms are located in the basement on the east side of the building. An all gender restroom is located behind the worship space next to the church office. Please ask the Usher or Greeter for assistance. There is also a rocking chair in the rear of the Sanctuary. Please use it as you wish.

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Greeting

Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
who forgives all our sin,
whose mercy endures forever.

Amen.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
Most merciful God,

we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves.

**We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done and by what we have left undone.**

**We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.

**Forgive us, renew us, and lead us,
so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your holy name.**

Amen.

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of ☩ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

Amen.

Gathering Song of Praise

Jesus Christ is Risen Today



1 Je - sus Christ is ris'n to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!
2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
3 But the pains which he en - dured, Al - le - lu - ia!
4 Sing we to our God a - bove, Al - le - lu - ia!



our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!
un - to Christ, our heav'n - ly king, Al - le - lu - ia!
our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; Al - le - lu - ia!
praise e - ter - nal as his love; Al - le - lu - ia!



who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!
who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!
now a - bove the sky he's king, Al - le - lu - ia!
praise him, all you heav'n - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!



suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!
sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!
where the an - gels ev - er sing. Al - le - lu - ia!
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

Text: Latin carol, 14th cent., sts. 1-3; tr. J. Walsh, *Lyra Davidica*, 1708, alt.; Charles Wesley, 1707-1788, st. 4
Music: EASTER HYMN, J. Walsh, *Lyra Davidica*, 1708

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray together:

God of mercy, we no longer look for Jesus among the dead, for he is alive and has become the Lord of life. Increase in our minds and hearts the risen life we share with Christ, and help us to grow as your people toward the fullness of eternal life with you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

WORD

Scripture Reading

Acts 10:34-43

A reading from Acts.

³⁴Peter began to speak to [the people]: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. ³⁷That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; ⁴⁰but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴²He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

Word of God, Word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Scripture Reading

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

A reading from 1 Corinthians.

¹Now I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, ²through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain.

³For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, ⁴and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, ⁵and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. ⁶Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. ⁷Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. ⁸Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to

me. ⁹For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. ¹⁰But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them—though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. ¹¹Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

Gospel Acclamation



Al - le-lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

Gospel Reading

Gospel: Mark 16:1-8

The Holy Gospel according to Luke. **Glory to you, O Lord!**

¹When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint [Jesus' body]. ²And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. ³They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" ⁴When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. ⁵As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. ⁶But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. ⁷But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you." ⁸So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Children's Time

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

The Day of Resurrection!



1 The day of res - ur - rec - tion! Earth, tell it out a - broad,
2 Let hearts be purged of e - vil that we may see a - right
3 Now let the heav'ns be joy - ful, let earth its song be - gin,
4 All praise to God the Fa - ther, all praise to Christ the Son,



the pass - o - ver of glad - ness, the pass - o - ver of God.
the Lord in rays e - ter - nal of res - ur - rec - tion light,
the round world keep high tri - umph and all that is there - in.
all praise to God the Spir - it, e - ter - nal Three in One!



From death to life e - ter - nal, from sin's do - min - ion free,
and lis - t'ning to his ac - cents, may hear, so calm and plain,
Let all things, seen and un - seen, their notes of glad - ness blend;
Let all the ran - somed num - ber fall down be - fore the throne,



our Christ has brought us o - ver with hymns of vic - to - ry.
his own "All hail!" and hear - ing, may raise the glad re - frain.
for Christ the Lord has ris - en, our joy that has no end!
and hon - or, pow'r, and glo - ry as - cribe to God a - lone!

Text: John of Damascus, c. 696–c. 754; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866, alt.

Music: ELLACOMBE, German melody, 18th cent.; adapt. X. L. Hartig, *Melodien zum Mainzer Gesangbuche*, 1833

Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.*
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

*The response to each prayer is: God of Grace, **hear our prayer.***

Sharing of Peace — *Take time to share the peace on Zoom and in person*

COMMUNION MEAL

For those worshiping virtually, please gather your bread and wine to participate in Holy Communion.

Offering

You may use one of our options for giving: Venmo @BethelLutheran-Church phone # digits 6064, Paypal, see our website bethelpdx.org for link, online at: <http://bethelpdx.org/donate> Additionally you may donate by mail or, if worshiping in-person, use the offering plate in the back of the sanctuary. Thank you for supporting the many ministries of Bethel!

Offering Prayer

Let us pray.

Risen One,

you call us to believe and bear fruit.

May the gifts that we offer here

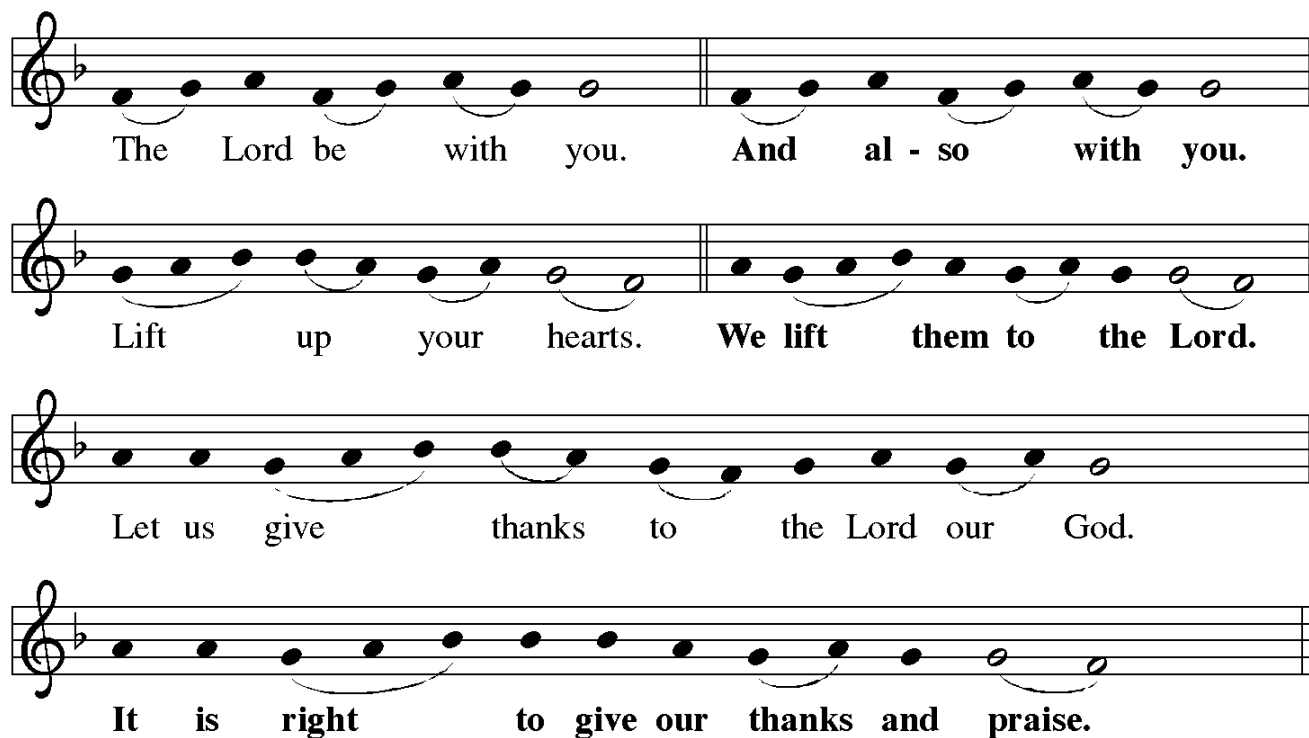
be signs of your abiding love.

Form us to be your witnesses in the world,

through Jesus Christ, our true vine.

Great Thanksgiving

The Pastor will guide you when to take the bread and cup to eat and drink.




The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The Thanksgiving continues with the preface for the season.



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,

heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -

san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

*The presiding minister continues with the Thanksgiving at the Table. At the end, all say: **Amen.***

The Lord's Prayer

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Sharing the Bread and Cup

Communion Music

How Great Thou Art
Traditional Swedish

Prayer after Communion

Let us pray.

Gracious God,

Shepherding God,

you have prepared a table before us

and nourished us with your love.

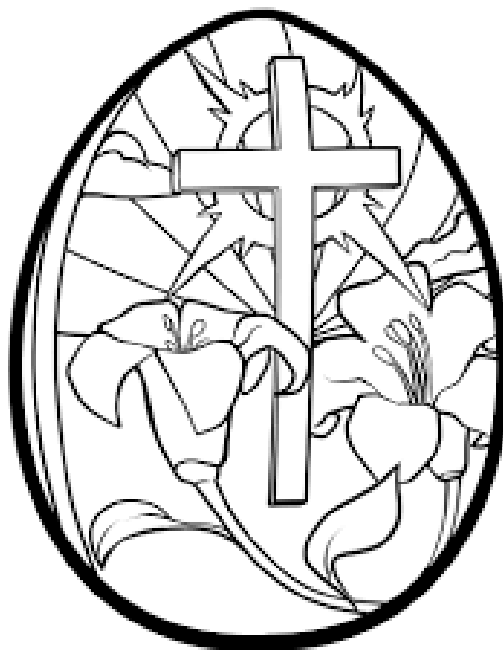
Send us forth from this banquet

to proclaim your goodness

and share the abundant mercy of Jesus,

our redeemer and friend.

Amen.



SENDING

Announcements

Blessing

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

The God of resurrection power,
the Christ of unending joy,
and the Spirit of Easter hope
✠ bless you now and always.

Amen.

Sending Song

Morning Has Broken

By Cat Stevens

The Sending.

Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!



Stewardship of Service	This week – Mar. 31, 2024	Next week – Apr. 7, 2024
Ministers	All Baptized Members of Bethel	All Baptized Members of Bethel
Pastor	Pastor Leon LaCross	Pastor Leon LaCross
Music Director/ Guest vocalist/Musician	Shlomo Farber/ Kimberly Nagorska	Jamie Vandenberg
Reader	TBA	TBA
Zoom Host	Joann Noll	Volunteer needed!

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Pray For:

Pray for the people in Israel, Palestine, and all of the Middle East as they suffer war, violence, terror, and retribution. Show the world a path to peace and justice.

Let us continue to pray for all victims of gun violence.

Pray for peace and justice in Ukraine, Holy Land, and Yemen.

Pray for peace and justice and safety among our houseless neighbors. Help us understand how we can share your love with them.

Pray for Bethel leaders, including Pastor Leon LaCross, Music Director Shlomo Farber, Admin Assistant Kerry Czuba, the 2024 Church Council members, and for all the members and friends of Bethel Lutheran Church.

Pray for the Bethel Youth Drop-In Center Board as they prepare for the Summer 2024 Day Camp. Send us excellent applicants for Staff and for our new Director, Marie Houk.

Pray for Shlomo Farber, that his family and friends in Israel may be safe.

Pray for our children, who have returned to classes and studies. Pray they are safe on wet, dark streets. Give them stamina and joy!

Pray for the teachers, school staff, parents, guardians, and grandparents who teach our children and keep them safe.

Pray for those who are ill:

- **Mark Sjostrom**, Svea's uncle, as he recovers from cancer treatments and health complications
- **Neil Marshall** (Nash's Portland family) as Neil undergoes treatment for a brain tumor.
- **Faith Moser and her daughters** (mother of Joann Noll) as Faith moves into assisted living.
- **David Gyles** for his improved lung health.
- **Leo Lawrence** for recovery from neuropathy surgery.
- **John Knight and family** as John continues in memory care.
- **Laura Day**, mother of Natalie Peterson, in her diagnosis and treatment of cancer.
- **Gary Andeen** as he receives treatments for lung cancer.
- **Amy Bishop McDonald** for her diagnosis and surgery for breast cancer.
- **Chuck Huntley**, brother of Marjorie Strieff, for his ongoing health.
- **Glenn Chase**, in thanks for his continued good health.
- **Jackie Calder**, in thanks for healing and health that allows her to travel and to accomplish loving volunteer work.
- **JulieAnn Edman** for continued strength and healing.
- **Lorraine Griffey** for health, stamina, and joy.
- **Betty Jean Iacono**, sister of Marjorie Strieff, as she heals from recent heart difficulties.
- **Rhonda Pederson**, after a liver cancer diagnosis.

- **Jerry Jacobson**, grandfather of Julia Rankin, who is currently in the hospital.
- **Cari Catlow**, for treatment and recovery from a broken leg.

Pray for all those who have passed away that they experience the loving embrace of God's love.

Continuing prayers for well-being for our loved ones Timothy, Elizabeth, Faith, Jim, Rob, Jacob, Miles, Andrew, Nash, Matthew, and Patricia--may they walk in light and peace.

Pray in thanksgiving for all the blessings received this week.

Pray we know that God is close and that we are open to receiving and sharing God's love.

Pray for Bethel Lutheran Church.

Mark Your Calendars...See what's happening at Bethel and Beyond this week:

03/31 9:00 AM Sunday Coffee Hour on Zoom
 03/31 10:00 AM Easter Sunday Worship: in person or on Zoom
 03/31 11:15 AM **Hot Cross Buns after Easter Service**
 04/03 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM Cash Oregon
 04/04 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM Cash Oregon
 04/04 Noon Crafternoon w/Pr. Leon
 04/04 4:30-5:30 PM Happy Hour on Zoom
 04/07 9:00 AM Sunday Coffee Hour on Zoom
 04/07 10:00 AM Sunday Worship: in person or on Zoom
 04/07 11:15 AM Congregational Meeting



The Bethel Community is thankful to those who donated Easter Lilies for Easter Service and flowers for outside.

Anonymous
 Karen Anderson
 Ray & Ronda Bard
 Fred & Kerry Czuba
 Holly Redfern
 Margorie Strieff

And for Nash doing the planting in the pots.

Easter words

Color all the squares with butterflies in them, and discover some Easter words.

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Share these Easter words with everyone!

Alleluia, Jesus lives!
Alleluia! Amen

This week

Talk about the Easter story. Where do you see Jesus everyday?

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gather

Welcome to worship. Today is Easter Day, the happiest day of the year for Christians like you, because Jesus is alive! Alleluia!



What do you see decorating your worship space?
What color is on the altar? What kind of music do you hear?

hear & celebrate

Jesus is risen!

John 20:1-18

Read today's gospel story by filling in the words for the pictures.

On morning was the first person at the where they had buried . She noticed that the was empty and tearfully ran to tell two of the that the body of was missing. All of them raced back to the empty , and the went inside, only to find the that had wrapped the body of lying in a pile. The didn't know what to do, so they went . stayed at the empty crying, and then she peeked inside and saw two sitting where the body of had been! As she was talking with the about where the body had been taken, she heard a man calling her name. It was ! was the first person to see alive again, and she was so excited that she ran to the and announced, "I have seen the Lord."

Draw a picture of your favorite part of this story.

Imagine that you were Mary Magdalene, the first person to see Jesus after his resurrection. What would you say to Jesus? Who would you tell?

CODE: = Mary Magdalene = Jesus = linen cloth = disciples
 = Easter = three = tomb = home = angels



Listen to the "Hallelujah Chorus" from Handel's *Messiah* at home.

FUNDrive



FUNDrive

Clean out your closets for the Bethel Youth Drop-In Center! Collect Bags & Boxes

Collect Bags & Boxes - Bring to 3rd Floor of the Church or
Save for Collection Day on **April 13th** by 10 am or
Bring to the Tigard Value Village on April 13th at 11 am!

We Are Collecting - Clothes, Small Household Goods, Books & Media

Clothes - men's, women's, & children's clothes, coats, shoes, scarves, handbags, wallets, fashion accessories, belts, backpacks, etc.

Household Textiles - bedding, comforters, blankets, sheets, towels, linen, tablecloths, curtains, pillows, etc.

Small Household Goods - kitchen items, pots/pans, dishes, silverware, glasses, serving pieces, hand-held appliances, home decor, knick-knacks, toys, games, small electronics, toys, etc.

Books & Media - paperback, hard cover - all genres, *media needs to be boxed separately, no encyclopedias or text books*

Please use kitchen trash bags for clothes, shoes, and textiles and tightly pack boxes of small household goods. Separate books from household goods and media. All items must be clean and in sellable condition.

For More Information Contact:

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503-740-4918

Bethel Youth Drop-In Center

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Best Volunteer Opportunity in town!

The Bethel Bees meet every 4th
Thursday of the month to prep
and serve a meal to the
residents of Renaissance
Commons in Kenton.

If interested, please email the
office,

bethellutheran@bethelpdx.org

Attention: Joann Noll



Bethel Youth Drop-In Center

Housed at Bethel Lutheran Church

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Email: ydic@bethelpdx.org

Web: www.bethelpdx.org/summer-program/

Phone: 503-285-4919

2024 Summer Day Camp Program @ Bethel Youth Drop-In Center

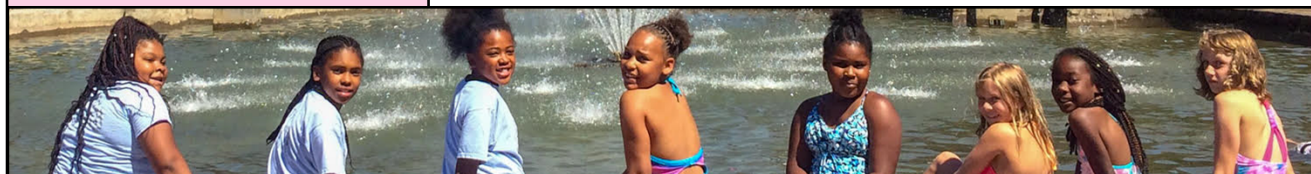
Program overview: Bethel Youth Drop-In Center celebrates 30+ years of providing a safe place for kids in the neighborhood of Bethel Lutheran Church in North Portland. The Center, a partnership between the congregation and neighborhood families, offers an opportunity for children to learn, play, make friends and explore the community. While housed at a church, the program is secular, offers no religious instruction, and welcomes children of all backgrounds.

Program dates: July 1 through August 9, MTWTF, 8:30 AM to 5:30 PM

Ages served: Children entering first through sixth grades in Fall 2024

Registration: Registration opens March 1 2024! Download a registration packet via the QR code shown. Email the Director at ydic@bethelpdx.org to submit your packet or to request more information.

Cost & content: Thanks to our Drop-In partners, this program of STEM projects, games, reading, crafts, city excursions, and two meals daily is available for only \$200 per week for the first child and is discounted for additional children. Families needing assistance may confer with the Director to enroll children on a sliding scale (\$200 to \$25).



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Jazz Concert with
Northwest Tempo

Donations accepted

April 28
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Congregational Meeting

To discuss a request for funds for a
basement rehabilitation project.

11:15 AM, Sunday, April 7, 2024

Please plan to attend online or in
person. If you join in person, feel free to
bring a snack to share.