

# BETHEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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## FEBRUARY EVENTS

- 5<sup>th</sup> Lector Training, 11:00am
- 11<sup>th</sup> Winemaker Dinner, 6:30pm
- 14<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting, 6:00pm
- 17<sup>th</sup> Newsletter Deadline
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Ash Wednesday  
Services 12:30pm & 7:00pm
- 26<sup>th</sup> Spring Assembly, Lompoc, 3:00pm
- 28<sup>th</sup> Lenten Soup Supper, 5:30pm  
Holden Evening Prayer following

## OFFICE HOURS

Pastor Amy is in Templeton:  
Wed. 9:00am-1:00pm, Thurs. 9:00am-4:00pm,  
Fri. 9:00am-2:00pm  
Available by appointment Tuesday & Sunday  
afternoons

You can contact her by email at:  
[templetonpastor@yahoo.com](mailto:templetonpastor@yahoo.com)

Office Hours: Tuesday - Friday, 9:00am-2:00pm  
Office email: [office@blctempleton.org](mailto:office@blctempleton.org)  
The office is closed on Mondays.

See calendar for additional events

### Mission Statement

We, the family of Bethel, through God's grace in Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit, are joyfully called and committed to share with and serve others.

**Pastor:** Amy Beveridge, Office 434-1329  
**Council President:** Roy McKee  
**Council Vice-president:**  
**Council Treasurer:** John Anderson  
**Council Secretary:** Kristin Spears  
**Worship/Music:** DJ Andersen  
**Stewardship:** Joyce Dawson  
**Property:** Matt Heil  
**Council Members:** Brent Keast, Mike Kosin,  
Nancy Schonfeldt, Gigi Ashlock  
**Office Administrator:** Lisa Davis  
**Financial Secretary:** Kathy Pry  
**Prayer Chain:** Doreen Wynne



Ash  
Wednesday

February 22<sup>nd</sup>

Services at 12:30pm & 7:00pm



9<sup>th</sup> Annual Fundraising  
Winemakers Dinner

Saturday, February 11<sup>th</sup> 6:30-9:00pm  
\$70 per person

Contact John Anderson for tickets



A few weeks ago, I told a story about Steve Jobs in my sermon. It was related to his adoption, a story I had heard an NPR interview with his biographer, Walter Isaacson (Fresh Air with Terri Gross on Oct. 25, 2011). In my sermon, I reiterated the story about the conversation Jobs had with his parents on the meaning of being chosen. My sermon was on baptism, on God's choice for us. But I left something unsaid...on purpose because it seemed like a tangent, but a tangent I've been considering since I first heard the interview. As an adopted child, Isaacson reports that Jobs dealt with fundamental questions about his existence: where did he come from? Why was he here? He observed that Jobs always had this underlying sense of being haunted by another world, this even in spite of his devotion to his adopted parents. My mother, who was adopted, has spoken of similar feelings: she has wondered about her origins in a profound way -- of this world, and yet not of this world. In her preteen years, she started reading the Bible, the Bhagavad Gita, and other foundational religious works always with this driving question: where did I come from? These are biblical questions. I always think of God approaching Hagar in the wilderness: where did you come from? And where are you going?

While acute for people like Jobs or my mother, I think the experience of faith is like that: this quiet yet persistent sense that there is another place for us, or at least another place that might reveal something of ourselves. We are of this world, but always at the same time, a little exiled from it. We came from somewhere, we turn and return. In the meantime, how do we live?

We are in a liturgical season after Epiphany; we are in days of appearances, when fleeting encounters with stars and voices and miracles entice us to follow this beloved Son named Jesus. How do we live? What does this life look like? All of the scriptural readings in these weeks bring us back to these questions of identity. Who is this Jesus who has called us to follow? What does his world look like?

May scripture prove fruitful in showing us the Kingdom. May our lives be that Kingdom. May we know Christ in our days and Way.

In peace,

Pastor Amy





The flower chart for 2012 is posted at the back of the Sanctuary. Please choose a Sunday to donate flowers in honor of someone, in memory of someone or just to the glory of God.

*Please make a notation as to how you would like this to be listed in the Sunday bulletin or contact Lisa in the office by the Wednesday before your flower donation.*

### ELCA Disaster Response Alabama Tornado 2012

A tornado touched down on Jan. 23, 2012, in central Alabama devastating many communities. The area hardest hit was in Jefferson County where five cities (Oak Grove, Center Point, Graysville, Clay and Trussville) declared local emergencies and two individuals were killed. As a result of this storm, over 200 homes were destroyed, loss of power has been experienced and roads are blocked due to power lines being down and trees uprooted. **ELCA Disaster Response** has been in communication with people in affected communities in central Alabama. ELCA congregations and members are already gearing up to respond to those in need. Discussions and evaluations have been made around the ability to respond, shortfalls of resources and emerging needs that are present. According to Bishop Julian Gordy, bishop of the Southeastern Synod of the ELCA, which includes Alabama, "This area was hard hit in Spring 2011 so this storm's havoc is quite discouraging for the community. [In 2011] the churches and the community deeply appreciated members of the ELCA who lent their hands and supported the response with gifts. We anticipate generous Lutherans will continue to share their love and compassion for those who have sustained destruction and injury so early in the new year".

*Excerpt from the ELCA website*

**Gifts to ELCA Disaster Response** help us to provide immediate and effective support to communities in need. Please note on your check "Disaster Response"

#### Give by Mail

ELCA Disaster Response  
39330 Treasury Center  
Chicago, IL 60694-9300

**Give by Phone 800-638-3522**



Deborah Hernandez	1
Greg Capaci	9
Bob Koch	11
Kasey Urman	13
Carl Wynne	18
Terrie Wyatt	22
Kristin Spears Cyndi Ebelherr	25
Greg Wyatt	27
Alice Henson	28

If we do not have your birthday or anniversary listed please let Lisa know.



Pending Shirley's recovery, Dick Blomquist will be starting a new book with his Sunday morning adult study class. They will begin *Fearfully and Wonderfully Made* by Philip Yancey and Dr. Paul Brand. It is for anyone who wonders how the language of faith and science, particularly medicine, can speak to one another, even deepen our understanding disciples and scientists.



**Newsletter Deadline is  
Friday, Feb. 17<sup>th</sup>**

You can e-mail articles to Lisa at:  
**office@blctempleton.org**  
Or bring them into the office

**Spring Conference Gathering  
Sunday, February 26 at 3:00pm  
Peace Lutheran, Lompoc**

To explore missional planning in congregations  
Council members should attend the event in their  
conference.

Contact Pastor Amy for more information



Women's Bible Study meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of  
each month at Dalene Eimon's, 805 Snead St., Paso  
Robles. Contact Dalene for more information.



## **Loaves & Fishes**

*"I expect to pass through this world but  
once; any good thing therefore that I can do,  
or any kindness that I can show to any fellow  
creature, let me do it now; let me not defer or  
neglect it, for I shall not pass this way  
again."*

Stephen Grellet, Quaker Missionary

Help fill the donation box at the back of the  
church by bringing in your canned food  
donations. **Cash or checks are also accepted!**

**Loaves & Fishes, Atascadero** needs help  
Tues. mornings to restock/repackage and  
someone to pick up bread from Von's Tues. &  
Thurs. mornings once a month. Call 461-1504  
for more information.

## ***The Gospel in Prison***

Concludes with A  
Tour of the California Men's Colony  
San Luis Obispo  
Saturday, March 24<sup>th</sup>, 9:00am  
Contact Warren Alderson at 466-3331  
for more information

## **Martha Circle**

Calling all women!  
Martha Circle meets at  
Noon, February 21  
in the Fellowship Hall  
Guest Speaker is a former nun who  
served as a missionary  
in Central America.  
Bring a sack lunch  
Dessert & Coffee provided



**Congratulations to new council  
members elected at the Annual  
Congregation meeting on Jan. 8th**

**Gigi Ashlock  
Brent Keast  
Mike Kosin  
Nancy Schonfeldt**

## 2nd Annual Fundraising Hike for Habitat!!

**Saturday April 21<sup>st</sup>**  
**9:00am - 1:00pm**  
**Bob Jones Trail, Avila Beach**

Easy, scenic walk!  
Activities for the whole family!  
For more information  
Call 782-0687 or email [info@hfhsloco.org](mailto:info@hfhsloco.org)



## Scandinavian Festival

**April 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>**  
**Cal Lutheran University**  
**Thousand Oaks**

**Saturday:** 10:00am – 5:00pm  
Old Time Scandinavian Dance: 5:00-6:00pm  
**Sunday:** 10:00am – 4:00pm  
Admission \$7.00 (free for children under 12)

For more information about the Scandinavian Festival, please e-mail:  
[scanfestival@callutheran.edu](mailto:scanfestival@callutheran.edu)



## Southwest Spring Gathering 2012

**Compassion and Strength to Heal**  
**Saturday, March 10**  
**9:00am - 2:00pm**  
**Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church**  
**9300 South Crenshaw, Inglewood**

All women & girls over age 11 are invited to this spirit-filled mini retreat.

Registration fee \$5 for women and \$8 for girls 11-18

For more information email:  
[lawson5323@sbcglobal.net](mailto:lawson5323@sbcglobal.net)

## CONCORDIA COLLEGE

**The Concordia Choir**  
**of Concordia College (ELCA) Moorhead,**  
**Minnesota in Concert**  
**Wednesday, March 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm**

Hear one of the nation's finest college choirs perform in Harman Hall at the Performing Arts Center, San Luis Obispo

Tickets: Adults \$20-25; \$10 less for students  
Available online at [www.pacslo.org](http://www.pacslo.org)  
or by calling 756-2787 or 1-888-233-ARTS

René Clausen conducts the 72-voice a cappella choir in several spirituals and hymns. Visit [www.TheConcordiaChoir.org](http://www.TheConcordiaChoir.org) today for complete concert information!



**Remember in your prayers:** Shirley Blomquist, Those without food, housing or work; People of Turkey, Somalia, Ethiopia and Kenya; Jim Hernandez, Sandy Viborg, Gunther Junck, Brian Schonfeldt

**Family:** Joann Crowe's son, Clint; Ralph's daughter, Kim; Rose's daughter, Marion; Lynn Caton's family; Marian's daughter, Debra; Eileen's cousin, David Haire; Gigi's grandson, Shane

**Friends:** Myra Barchaky, Gordon Mutter, Judy Newberry, Leo Ebola, The Hobart Family, Joanne & Richard Flores, Kara Mae, Maria Olga Gomez, Guy Maxwell, Terry Keller, Dan, Jesse, John, Johnny, Madeline, Sheila Erb, Tom

**Our homebound:** Audrey Griswold



## Loaves & Fishes 4th Annual Mardi Gras Dinner & Silent Auction

**Tuesday, Feb. 7<sup>th</sup>, 4:30-8:30pm**

**Trinity Lutheran Church  
940 Creston Rd., Paso Robles**

Enjoy Cajun prime rib, seafood and andouille sausage gumbo, crawfish and alligator etoufee, chicken and tasso ham jambalaya, gilled pacific snapper, red beans and rice. All meals include a soup or salad and bread.

**Proceeds to benefit Loaves and Fishes  
Please call 238-4742 for reservations**

### DONATIONS

A reminder to the congregation  
per our Donation Policy

Please be aware that if you have a donation to the church whether it is an item or a sizable monetary gift, it must be taken to the council for approval. Check with a council member if you have questions.

*Bethel Council*

### Refocus for Lent

- Give up complaining — focus on gratitude.
- Give up harsh judgments — think kind thoughts.
- Give up worry — trust God to provide.
- Give up discouragement — be full of hope.
- Give up bitterness — turn to forgiveness.
- Give up hatred — return good for evil.
- Give up anger — be more patient.
- Give up pettiness — become mature.
- Give up jealousy — pray for trust.
- Give up gossiping — control your tongue.
- Give up sin — turn to virtue.
- Give up giving up — persevere.

—Author unknown



**Tuesday Evenings at 5:30pm  
Fellowship Hall**

**Beginning on Tuesday  
February 28th**

Watch for signup sheet in the Fellowship Hall  
for soup, bread, set-up and clean-up

Historically, the Lenten season (from Ash Wednesday to Easter) is a time of preparation for the Christian believer. Traditionally, Lent offers catechesis to those getting ready for baptism. As such, at Bethel we will be observing these weeks this year and in years to come exploring our roots. This means our creeds, our sacraments, and the practices of our faith like prayer, fasting, and giving. For Lent this year, Pr. Amy will be leading a study of a **40-Day Journey with Martin Luther**. This series of quotes and meditations is thought provoking and yet accessible. Along with soup and Holden Evening Prayer, midweek Lenten services will provide an opportunity to study and share reflections.

**Please contact the office or Pastor Amy to sign up and order a copy of this book by Feb. 5.** The cost is \$15.

**Please note** that midweek services will be held on Tuesday nights at 5:30pm.



I would like to thank my dear Bethel Lutheran friends for your thoughts, prayers and cards in the recent loss of my mother. Mom lived a long and blessed life. Her example of faith will always be with me. Your kindness and support meant so much to me during this time.

*Sincerely, Pastor Russ*

**Bethel Lutheran Church  
PO Box 337  
295 Old County Road  
Templeton, CA 93465**

**Sunday Worship Service 9:30am**

**Communion Every Sunday**

**8:30am Bible Book Study**

**3<sup>rd</sup> & Crocker, Templeton**

**[www.blctempleton.org](http://www.blctempleton.org)**

**Pastor Amy Beveridge**




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# FEBRUARY 2012



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 1:00pm Worship Committee Mtg  3:00-5:00pm Girl Scouts (Hall)	3	4
5 8:30am Adult St. 9:30am Worship 11:00am Sunday School <b>11:00am Lector Training</b>	6   6:30pm Boy Scouts (Hall)	7	8  11:30am Bible Study	9  3:00-5:00pm Girl Scouts (Hall)	10	11   <b>Winemaker Dinner 6:30-9:00pm</b>
12 8:30am Adult St. 9:30am Worship 11:00am Sunday School	13  6:30pm Boy Scouts (Hall) 7:00pm Women's Bible Study	14  <b>Valentine's Day</b> 5:00pm Mutual Ministry Meeting <b>6:00pm, Council Meeting</b>	15  11:30am Bible Study	16  3:00-5:00pm Girl Scouts (Hall)	17  <b>Newsletter Deadline</b>	18  10:00am-2:00pm Almond Country Quilters (Hall)
19 8:30am Adult St. 9:30am Worship 11:00am Sunday School <b>Transfiguration Sunday</b>	20  6:30pm Boy Scouts (Hall)	21  12:00pm Martha Circle	22 <b>Ash Wednesday Services 12:30pm &amp; 7:00pm</b>  11:00am-4:00pm Quilters (Hall)	23  3:00-5:00pm Girl Scouts (Hall)	24	25
26 8:30am Adult St. 9:30am Worship 11:00am Sunday School <b>3:00pm Central Coast Spring Assembly Lompoc</b>	27  6:30pm Boy Scouts (Hall) 7:00pm Women's Bible Study	28  <b>Lenten Suppers</b> <b>5:30pm Soup Supper 6:30pm Service</b>	29  11:30am Bible Study			