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PRESCHOOL PRESENTS

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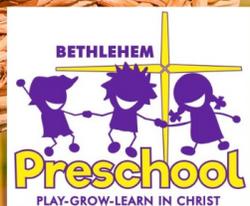
SATURDAY, APRIL 4, 2026

11:00AM-12:00PM

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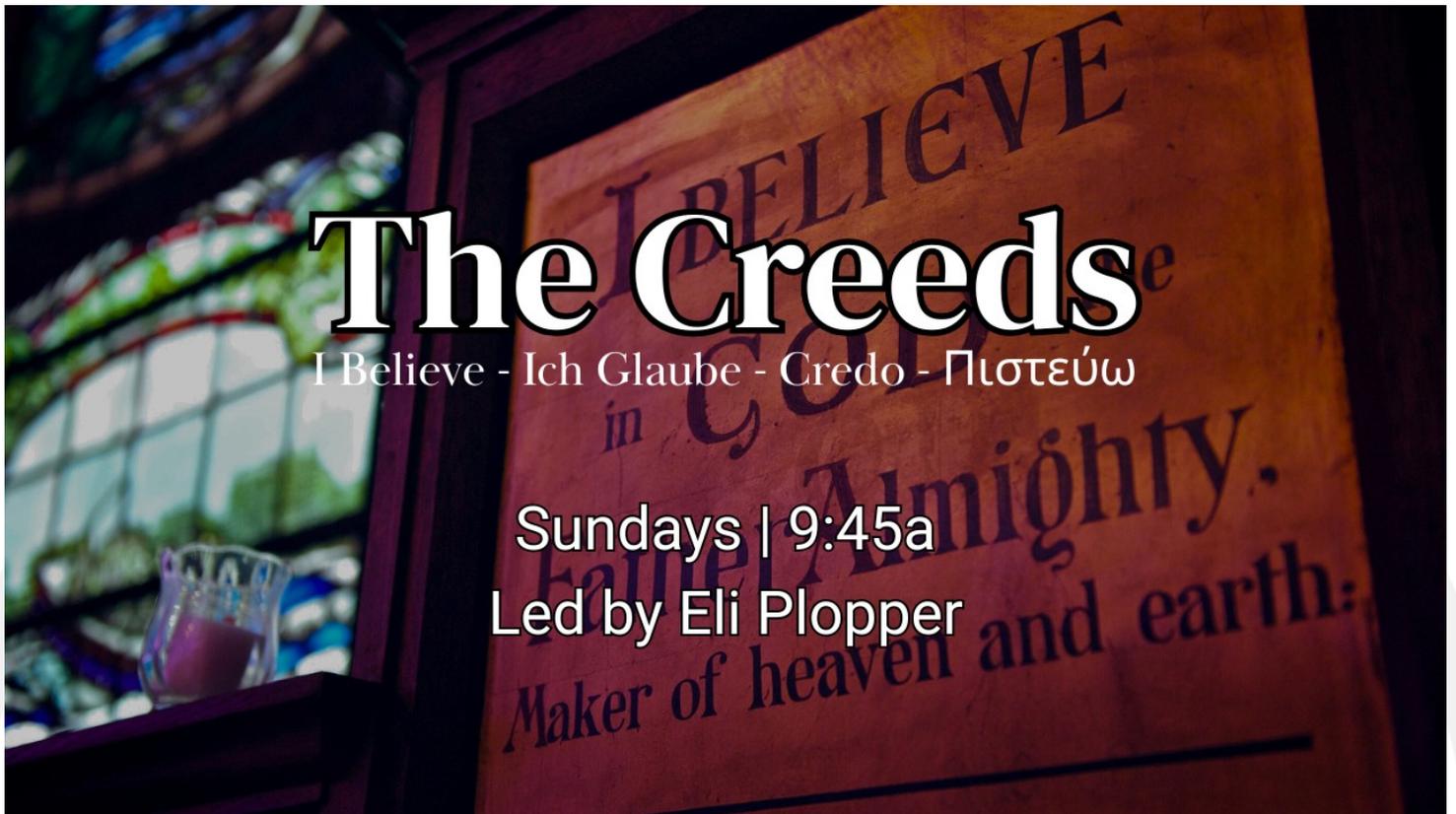


Bethlehem

Lutheran Church & Preschool

Bethlehem Mission Statement

*"Building the family of God through
relationship with Jesus Christ."*



The Creeds

I Believe - Ich Glaube - Credo - ΠΙΣΤΕΥΩ

Sundays | 9:45a
Led by Eli Plopper

Have you ever zoned out while saying the Nicene or Apostles' Creed? Me too. But we're missing out! If you'd like to give some thought to the words we say every week in church, or if you've ever wondered if it really is true that the creeds are "the story of our faith" as the famous Pastor Phil says, then this class is for you. We'll touch on the origins of the creeds and some reasons we say them. Most important, we'll spend some time thinking about how each part encourages us to know God who gives us the grace to follow him. "To state it quite briefly, the Creed teaches us to know Him fully. This is intended to help us do what we ought to do according the Ten Commandments." Luther - the Large Catechism

Prayer Pause

Mondays @ 7:30pm

Take a moment and join your Bethlehem family as we pray for our church and the call process.

Check your email Mondays at noon.



PRESCHOOL NEWS

WRITTEN BY LAIVA HOFFMAN, DIRECTOR

We are selling Spring Plants this year! The greenhouse that we used a few years ago is doing fundraisers once again. So we will be having the wonderful plants we know and love once again. Order forms will be located in the Fellowship Hall outside the church office. Orders are due Sunday, March 22nd. Plants will arrive Friday, May 1st. May Day!

The preschool is off to a good start enrolling students for next year, but we still have room. Do you know someone with a child who is 3-4 years old? Please refer them to us! We are offering a 3-year-old class on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 am to 12 pm. We are offering two options for our PreK 4-year-old classes: One will meet 9-12 pm Monday, Wednesday, and Fridays and the other PreK 4-year-old class will meet 9-12 pm Mondays through Fridays. To qualify, students need to be potty-trained and be 3 or 4 by September 1st.

The preschool is currently offering an early bird registration discount for next school year. If you know of anyone who is interested please tell them about us. Registration forms are available online as well as a video tour of our building. Our website is: blpaloha.org email: blc.preschool@frontier.com and phone is 503-649-3380.

The Preschool Board is holding its 4th Annual Easter Egg Hunt on April 4th from 11am-12pm. We would love the congregation's help with donations of supplies and time. We will be holding our Easter Event a little differently this year. We would love Easter egg donations as well as some other donations which will be announced soon. Last year we stuffed about 5,000 eggs. We will start prepping the eggs soon. This event has been a wonderful way for our congregation to connect to our Preschool families as well as our surrounding community so please mark your calendars and plan to come!



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FOREST HILLS NEWS



Forest Hills Lutheran Christian School

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Cornelius, OR 97113

WRITTEN BY ERIC OSWALD, DCE



Dear Bethlehem,

It's been a long road. Since last newsletter, we had our candidate Pastor Gruenwald turn down a call. It's the second call we've had turned down in 2 years. That's a bummer. We keep moving forward and are interviewing Pastor Dinger again tonight and will see how things proceed from there.

In the good news category- Pastor Phil is willing to be with us for all of March and through Holy Week. We have Oregon trail trivia next week. Sign up here tinyurl.com/oregontrail26 if you have not yet! Our Ash Wednesday evening service and our following week service had the same attendance! We're consistent. We have a contract to make over a thousand dollars a month by people parking their cars in our back parking lot on weekdays to help build a new fire station. We will have a first communion class during Lent. We have one service for Palm Sunday March 29th at

10:30am April 4th we will have our Easter egg hunt.

So we're still plugging away! God is still blessing us with new opportunities. I was thinking about this- we've but put into a humbling situation. Our thoughts haven't been working out. God's plans are different than ours. We place ourselves more and more into His care as this process continues. That's not necessarily a bad place to be- though I will freely admit I don't like it. 1 Peter 5:6-7 says this: Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time He may exalt you, casting all your anxieties on Him, because He cares for you.

God bless,
Eric Oswald DCE
801-518-9411

YOUTH & CHILDREN NEWS

Youth:

Youth nights for those in 6th-12th grade will be Sundays from 5:30-7:30pm. Also we're heading to Lutherhaven in July 5th-10th- talk to Eric for more details on both of those things!





LWML

Ladies gathered for a luncheon/meeting

Business:

- 1) Concordia Seminary Student-a quilt was sent for the new baby
- 2) A monetary donation will be made to BLC Youth activities
- 3) A monetary donation will be made to BLC Loving Fund.

Our next meeting will be Mar 19, 2026 at 11:30. Bring a salad or dessert and join us.

NEXT MEETING: Mar 19 @ 11:30a

Bring a salad or a dessert and join us!



**Lutheran
Women
in Mission**

LOVE INC NEWS

Our **free** Restoring Hope classes offer learning opportunities for practical skills and life-giving concepts around an array of topics, from goal setting to budgeting. (Includes free dinner and childcare available.)

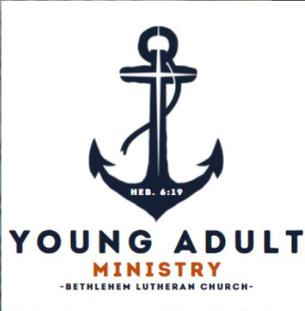
The classes are available to anyone residing within the Hillsboro School District boundaries or attending a Love INC partner church and allow Love INC families to engage with a facilitator and other class members in order to grow mentally and spiritually.

This spring, we will be offering Faith & Finances beginning March 5.

Learn more about the class or sign up for the class on our [website](#).



**Greater
Hillsboro**



Young Adult Bible Study

2nd & 4th Mondays

6:30p | Youth Room

For those in the 18-29 age range.



Men's Bible Study

1st & 3rd Mondays

6:30p | The Inn

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Led by Eli Plopper

March 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 8:30am Traditional Worship Service w/Communion 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Morning Song Worship Service 4:30pm Serene & Clean NA Group (Sonrise) 5:30pm Youth Night!	2 9:30am Quilting 3:00pm TOPS Meeting (Inn) 5:00pm AA Group (Sonrise) 6:30pm Men's Bible Study (Inn)	3 7:00pm Elder's Mtg (Inn) 7:00pm Guide Dogs (CC) 7:00pm Men's AA (Sonrise)	4 10:30am Morning Lenten Service 6:00pm MK Harp Class (Dbl Clsrm) 6:30pm Evening Lenten Service	5 6:30pm Adult Choir (Inn)	6 Trivia Night (CC) 7:00pm AA Meeting (Sonrise)	7
8 "Mite Box" Sunday 8:30am Traditional Worship Service 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Morning Song Worship Service w/Communion 4:30pm Serene & Clean NA Group (Sonrise)	9 9:30am Quilting 3:00pm TOPS Meeting (Inn) 5:00pm AA Group (Sonrise) 6:00pm Preschool Board Meeting 6:30pm Young Adult Bible Study (Yth Rm) 7:00pm Women's Bible Study (CC)	10 7:00pm Admin Council (Inn) 7:00pm Guide Dogs (CC) 7:00pm Men's AA (Sonrise)	11 10:30am Morning Lenten Service 6:00pm MK Harp Class (Dbl Clsrm) 6:30pm Evening Lenten Service	12 10:00am Aloha Garden Club (CC) 6:30pm Adult Choir (Inn)	13 7:00pm AA Meeting (Sonrise)	14 Women's Ministry Paint Event (CC)
15 8:30am Traditional Worship Service w/Communion 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Morning Song Worship Service 4:30pm Serene & Clean NA Group (Sonrise) 5:30pm Youth Night!	16 9:30am Quilting 3:00pm TOPS Meeting (Inn) 5:00pm AA Group (Sonrise) 6:30pm Men's Bible Study (Inn)	17 7:00pm Guide Dogs (CC) 7:00pm Men's AA (Sonrise) 7:00pm Trustees Meeting (Inn)	18 10:30am Morning Lenten Service 6:00pm MK Harp Class (Dbl Clsrm) 6:30pm Evening Lenten Service	19 11:30am LWML Meeting (Sonrise) 6:30pm Adult Choir (Inn)	20 10:00am Comforts of Home 7:00pm AA Meeting (Sonrise)	21
22 8:30am Traditional Worship Service 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Morning Song Worship Service w/Communion 4:30pm Serene & Clean NA Group (Sonrise) 5:30pm Youth Night!	23 9:30am Quilting 3:00pm TOPS Meeting (Inn) 5:00pm AA Group (Sonrise) 6:30pm Young Adult Bible Study (Yth Rm) 7:00pm Women's Bible Study (CC)	24 7:00pm Guide Dogs (CC) 7:00pm Men's AA (Sonrise)	25 10:30am Morning Lenten Service 6:00pm MK Harp Class (Dbl Clsrm) 6:30pm Evening Lenten Service	26 12:30pm Book Club (Inn) 6:30pm Adult Choir (Inn)	27 Private Even Set Up (CC)(Sanc) 7:00pm AA Meeting (Sonrise)	28 Private Event (CC) (Sanc)
29 PALM SUNDAY 10:30am Joint Worship Service w/ Communion 12:00pm Palm Sunday Potluck (CC) 4:30pm Serene & Clean NA Group (Sonrise) 5:30pm Youth Night!	30 9:30am Quilting 3:00pm TOPS Meeting (Inn) 5:00pm AA Group (Sonrise)	31 7:00pm Guide Dogs (CC) 7:00pm Men's AA (Sonrise)	 <h1>Bethlehem</h1> <p>Lutheran Church & Preschool</p>			



Bethlehem Lutheran Church

Service Roster for MARCH 2026



	Mar 1	Mar 8	Mar 15	Mar 22	Mar 29
Eternal Candle	Karen Wegner				
Altar Flowers	Dave & Nan Dubberke		Diane Riley	Sherryl Boitz	Palms
Elder on Duty	8:30 John Loseke 11:00 Matt Boelter	Joel Prusi Bob Baker	John Loseke Matt Boelter	Joel Prusi Mark Leinhos	Terry Beale 10:30 only
Acolytes	8:30 Spike Van Altvorst Anna Van Altvorst 11:00 Anna Hoffman Clara Plopper	Spike Van Altvorst Anna Van Altvorst Erik Agard	Clara Plopper Jillian Davis Erik Agard	Spike Van Altvorst Anna Van Altvorst Anna Hoffman Clara Plopper	10:30am only Anna Hoffman Clara Plopper
Lay Reader	8:30 Eli Plopper 11:00 Eric Oswald	Joel Prusi Mark Leinhos	Lee Kauth Jeff Hoffman	Dave Cook Becky Oswald	10:30 only Jeff Hoffman
Ushers	8:30 Darrell Hagen Hank Modro 11:00 Ken Feldhaus Lorna Zimbrick	Dave Dubberke Nan Dubberke Charles Finster Trevor Hoffman	Darrell Hagen Lee Kauth Trevor Hoffman Lorna Zimbrick	Dave Dubberke Nan Dubberke Charles Finster Ken Feldhaus	10:30 only Rick Refsland JoAnna Refsland
Communion Servers	8:30 Greg Starts 11:00	Mark Leinhos	Joel Prusi	Bob Baker	10:30 only Greg Starts Mark Leinhos
Altar Guild	Set Up Heather Cammack Clean Up Lisa Siewert	Kay Starts Sharon Werner	Nan Dubberke Lee Kauth	Kathryn Plopper Lorna Zimbrick	
Organist @ 8:30	Phyllis Murken	Dwight Siewert	Phyllis Murken	Dwight Siewert	Phyllis Murken
	2nd Sunday In Lent	3rd Sunday In Lent	4th Sunday In Lent	5th Sunday In Lent	Palm Sunday



ANNIVERSARIES

MARCH
Anniversaries

Mar 23 Bob and Vicki McLaughlin (52)

BIRTHDAYS

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|-------------------------|------------------------|
| Mar 2 Dave Dubberke | Mar 17 Bella Wegner |
| Mar 4 Victor Healy | Mar 20 Jonah Morse |
| Mar 6 Karen Summerall | Mar 22 Ian McMeekan |
| Mar 7 Nolan Godsey | Mar 23 Sherryl Boitz |
| Mar 9 Matthew Boelter | Mar 23 Gayna Flake |
| Mar 9 Sandy Fredrick | Mar 26 Heather Cammack |
| Mar 10 Sue Salzman | Mar 26 Amy Knudsen |
| Mar 12 Mary Loseke | Mar 27 Cheryl Rowley |
| Mar 12 Maddie Tew | Mar 29 Jackson Godsey |
| Mar 13 Jennifer Weaver | Mar 29 Jeff Weiblen |
| Mar 13 Joseph Williams | Mar 30 Nan Dubberke |
| Mar 14 Noah Stadler | Mar 31 Lisa Siewert |
| Mar 14 Jennifer Werries | Mar 31 Kay Starts |

BIRTHDAYS
MARCH

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We Worship

Live-Streamed & In-Person
Sundays 8:30am & 11:00am
www.BLCfamily.org/bethlehem-online



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Abide in me, and I in you.
As the branch cannot bear
fruit by itself, unless it
abides in the vine, neither
can you, unless you abide

in me.
-John 15:4-
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