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THE BETHANY BLUEPRINT

"Now that changes everything!"

Ever said those words? Ever experienced a situation in which an event has done just that, changed everything? It can happen with the most joyful news: "We are getting married!" or "I'm pregnant!" or "I got the job!" It can happen with the most painful news: "You're fired." or "We're through." or "It's cancer."

There are no shortages of situations and events that result with the response, "Now that changes everything." There are few situations and events that can produce such a response in everyone at the same time. Think about it. Getting married changes a couple's reality. Having a baby changes a family's lives. Landing that job can change the course of a household, a company and even its customer-base. But the world rolls on. Losing a career can devastate the worker and those who are depending on that paycheck. A divorce can have consequences well beyond the couple who suffer through such. Illness afflicts more than just the afflicted. While all of humanity knows such sufferings, not all of humanity suffers in each single event.

There is one single event, however, that has changed everything for everyone. The resurrec-

tion of Jesus changes everything for everyone! Please read in your Bible these two scripture passages (or you may click on the link to read it electronically).

[I Corinthians 15:20-22](#)

and

[II Corinthians 5:15](#)

As Samuel Medley wrote in his masterpiece
I Know That My Redeemer Lives:

"He lives to silence all my fears;
He lives to wipe away my tears;
He lives to calm my troubled heart;
He lives all blessings to impart.

He lives and grants me daily breath;
He lives, and I shall conquer death;
He lives my mansion to prepare;
He lives to bring me safely there."

Click here to listen/view this Youtube clip of this hymn:

[I Know That My Redeemer Lives](#)

If you are unable to open, copy/paste this address into your browser:

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-fU_QVnovmU

Worshipping Faithfully: Hebrews 10:25

Invite family and friends to join us for Lenten & Easter worship!

Wednesday Evening Lent Services at 7:00PM* - April 6 & 13

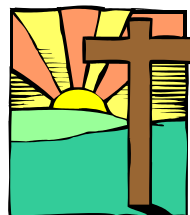
*Soup Supper begins at 5:30PM in the gym prior to worship.

Palm Sunday - April 17 at 8:00, 9:30, & 10:55AM

Maundy Thursday - April 21 at 7:00PM

Good Friday - April 22 at 1:00 & 7:00PM

Easter Festival Worship on Sunday - April 24 at 8:00, 9:30, & 10:55AM



APRIL Monthly Devotion: A Heart Like His - A Bleeding Heart

In today's day and age, when one is discussing a "bleeding heart," (unless you are referring to the *Dicentra spectabilis*—a garden plant with pink drooping heart-shaped flowers) he/she is generally using the term as a disparaging or derogatory remark...meaning that someone is "extravagantly sympathetic" or "overly tender-hearted." (e.g., "Her heart bleeds for every charity she hears about.")

In the broader political arena, one might hear the phrase, "He or She is a **bleeding heart liberal**." This statement is generally used to describe a candidate or person holding office as one who thinks tax dollars should be used to keep people from starving to death; in other words, his/her "heart bleeds" at the suffering of those who are unable to care for themselves.

In the spiritual growth realm, we are naturally led to associate the term "bleeding heart" with the sufferings of Christ crucified. We think of Him sweating drops of blood in the Garden, we think of the crown of thorns that caused His brow to be stained with blood, and we remember with tears the nails which pierced His hands and His feet.

For the purpose of our own discipleship, however, I wonder if we might be able to look to Jesus and expand our thoughts of Him more clearly with a little twist from those first two meanings, in addition to the very obvious last meaning.

Without a hint of disparagement on our part, might we all agree that Jesus is "extravagantly sympathetic" to our plight as humans and to our personal situations as well? We need only to go the story of Peter who tried to walk on water (Matthew 14), or to the story of the woman at the well (John 4), or to the graveside of Lazarus (John 11), to find a God who picks us up, knows all about us, and loves us extravagantly enough to weep with us.

(Question to ponder: **Who might God be calling you to care for with extravagant sympathy, grace and love?**)

With a true missionary agenda (aside from all the politics) might we all agree that Jesus' "heart bleeds" for those who suffer and are unable to care for themselves? We need only to go to the story of the woman who had been bleeding for 12 years (Luke 8), or to the story of the blind man, or lame or crippled one to find a God whose heart bled (Lk 7, Lk 18) with compassion enough to grant physical and spiritual healing.

(Questions to ponder: **Who is suffering and unable to care for themselves in your realm of influence? Is there someone you know who is struggling with poverty in body, mind or spirit?**)

While we will never know the anguish of the Garden, the pain of a crown of thorns, or the sting of nail-pierced hands and feet, we can look to Jesus who did. We can learn of Him by reviewing those Scriptural accounts of extravagant grace and love, noted above, and we can pray that He would give us a "bleeding heart" to care for a world of people in desperate need of a Savior.

In closing, I draw your attention to one of the great Lenten hymns in our hymnal: "**Christ the Life of All the Living**" LSB 420. Every one of its 7 stanzas is worthy of repeating, but today I only have room for stanza seven. (I'll let you hunt up the others on your own.)

*Then for all that wrought my pardon,
For Thy sorrows deep and sore,
For Thine anguish in the Garden,
I will thank Thee evermore,
Thank Thee for Thy groaning, sighing,
For Thy bleeding and Thy dying,
For that last triumphant cry,
And shall praise Thee, Lord on high.*

-Carol McDaniel

Bethany 101 and Bethany 201 to begin...

Bethany 101 is a four-week course that explores the key truths of the Christian faith from a Lutheran perspective. Attendance at this course is required for those joining Bethany Lutheran Church who are not transferring their membership from another Lutheran congregation. Those transferring from another Lutheran congregation are welcome to attend even as are any members of Bethany wanting to 'refresh' their catechism instruction.

Bethany 201 is a one-session event that welcomes confirmed Lutherans transferring to Bethany from another Lutheran congregation as well as those who have completed Bethany 101. This session therefore joins together all those entering Bethany together in one gathering in which new members have a chance to meet one another at the same time they are

learning about Bethany. This learning focuses on the history, practice and values of Bethany Lutheran Church and our BLUE-PRINT for mission and ministry as the body of Christ in this corner of His Kingdom.

The next Bethany 101 sessions will begin at **10:55AM on Sunday May 15th**. The last Bethany 101 session will be held on Sunday June 12th at 10:55AM as we will not meet on the Sunday of the Memorial Day holiday.

Bethany 201 will be on **Sunday June 19th at 10:55AM**. Child-care is provided for each session with RSVP.

Please RSVP your attendance with our church office (562) 421-4711 or by emailing our Office Administrator, Cindy Morrison at cmorrison@bethanylutheran.org.

Ministry of Discipleship News...

Karl Fink—Minister of Discipleship, ext. 19
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Vacation Bible School:

It's a jungle in here at Big Jungle Adventure! Our children will take a faith journey with Jesus as they learn how God protects and guides them throughout their lives. The theme verse comes from 2 Timothy 4:18, "**The Lord will rescue me from every evil deed and bring me safely into His heavenly kingdom. To Him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.**"

This year's VBS is **June 20-24, 2011 from 9AM-Noon** for those **children ages 3 through 7th grade**. You will find in this month's Chimes **VBS volunteer forms and VBS student registration forms**. Please fill them out and return to the Church office or to Karl Fink. This proves to be, once again, a week full of adventure and surprises!

6th Grade Sunday School News:

If your family has a 6th grade student who has either taken the Communion preparation class or will be attending our Confirmation classes in the future, please be aware of The Lord's Prayer class which has just begun in their Sunday School classes! This portion of Luther's Small Catechism just started

on **Sunday March 27, from 9:30-10:30AM** upstairs in **Room 201**. I sent out a note to families who I know should be taking the class, so if you did not receive one, please forgive me, and make plans to send your students. This class will run the remainder of the Sunday School year, which ends on June 12. If you have any questions, please contact Karl Fink via phone or email!

Confirmation Update:

The students in both classes have been busy with service projects, sermon notes, and attending classes! I continue to be grateful for all the wonderful parent volunteers in our program, the special guest speakers, and the weekly teachers. You are all a blessing to me! Year II is gearing up for their Confirmation day on **Sunday, May 1, at the 10:55AM service**. Please watch the weekly Chimes for continuing updates, and see the May monthly Chimes with the listing of their names! To God be all glory!

Karl Fink—Minister of Discipleship

Adult Bible Studies for APRIL...

SUNDAY Morning:

† **Lessons of the Day**—Focus on Scripture readings for the appointed Sundays of the church year; please join John Schinnerer at **9:30AM in the Library**.

† **Pastor's Class:**

The End Times—Join Pastor Moorman and Pastor Kritzer this Lenten season on the biblical understanding of what will happen when Jesus returns. Many Christians seem to be preoccupied with the events surrounding the end of the world. What is all the fuss about? Walk with us through scripture this Lenten season and see the promises of Jesus and the hope of those who are called His children. This study begins **Sunday, March 13 through April 17 (Palm Sunday) at 9:30AM in the Choir Room**.

WEDNESDAY Evening:

† **Living Way**—This mid-week study usually meets at 7PM.
Living Way is taking a Lenten break and will begin

again after Easter. Watch for our start date in next month's Chimes.

THURSDAY Morning:

† **Men's Bible Study** meets from **6-7AM in the Parish Lounge**. We are studying the book of James. *If you need to leave earlier for work, no problems! We're always looking for new men to join us, so as your schedule allows consider meeting us as we study God's Good Word, fellowship, & pray together.

† **Women's Bible Study**—All women are invited to attend this Thursday Morning Study now meeting in the **Parish Lounge from 9:15-11:00AM each Thursday morning**. We have begun the study of Angels using Billy Graham's book. This is such a great way to grow deeper in faith and get to know so many wonderful women from our church. Childcare is provided. If you have any questions, please call Meg Velez (562) 426-4262.

"Don't be alarmed," he said. "You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified.

He has risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid him.

He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the good news to all creation." Mark 16:6 & 15

Ministry of Outreach News...

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As I sit to write this, it has been three days since the massive earthquake and tsunami that rocked Japan. For the past three days, my thoughts have drifted to the people of Japan and what this all means. Today, I read a devotion from Pastor Ken Klaus of Lutheran Hour Ministries (www.lhm.org) that gave me hope and I share it with you today:

"Refuge and Strength"

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way, though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble at its swelling. Psalm 46:1-3

Last Friday, off the coast of Honshu, Japan, the earth gave a shrug of its shoulders. Just as if he had been there, the Psalmist reports what happened next: the earth gave way, the mountains were moved, the waters roared and foamed. In a few seconds over 10,000 were dead... the safest and most secure nuclear reactors went off line... people were made homeless... others were evacuated... tens of thousands had no water, food, or power. As the aftershocks continued, the shocked people of Japan, along with the rest of the world, began to ask questions. Maybe you've heard those questions. Maybe you've asked them. Questions like "How could such a thing happen" and "Where was the God of love in this catastrophe?"

The first question, the one about "how" is being answered in a number of ways by a number of groups. Scientists answer the question when they explain the moving, rubbing, bumping, and scraping of the plates on the earth's crust. The Japanese government answers the question when it shares: "For decades we have planned for earthquakes. Because of those plans the destruction and death count was not worse. Even

so, no government can fully prepare for an earthquake of this magnitude."

The second question, the one concerning the presence of God, that is one He answers Himself. He says, "I am waiting patiently for the people of the world to realize I am here, ready, eager to provide comfort, help, peace, hope, and salvation to all who will be turned to Me. In a world which is regularly shaken by the results of sin, I am constant, committed to being your Refuge and Strength. "

Indeed, 2,000 years ago, when God's Son substituted Himself and sacrificed His life on the cross so we might have eternal life, the earth was shaken. (Matthew 27:51) The earth was rocked once again when, three days later, the Savior conquered sin, Satan, and death with His rising from the grave. (Matthew 28:2)

Through Jesus' death and resurrection, the great Triune God has given evidence that nothing... nothing in all creation... can separate believers from His love. That is what the 'earthquaked' people of Japan need to know. That is what people whose personal worlds are being rocked need to remember.

Indeed, we all need to know, believe, and trust: God is our Refuge and Strength, a very present Help in time of trouble.

THE PRAYER: *Dear Lord, when the forces of sin, Satan, and death shake my world, may I realize that You are my Refuge and Strength. Because of Jesus' sacrifice I have been and will continue to be delivered and be given Your peace which passes human understanding. Today I offer my thanks for these gifts in the name of Him Who is my Help both now and forevermore. In Jesus' Name. Amen.*

Music Ministry News...

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Music Ministry Grants

Available to members of Bethany, 12 years or older, who are involved in a music program at Bethany. Grant money is to be used for furthering music education, i.e., lessons, instruments, tuition.

Up to \$500.00 will be awarded. **Applications are available in the Church office and are DUE on or before June 1.**



*"I will sing of the LORD's great love forever; with my mouth I will make your faithfulness known through all generations."
 -Psalm 89:1*

Bethany Lutheran School News...

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Mission India

Our students collected \$1422.32 in loose change to send to this [important mission](#), where \$1 will send a child to Bible school for an entire year!!! We are honored to partner with the rest of our fellow PSWD Lutheran schools in this important project. **If you're unable to open above links, copy/paste this address into your browser: www.missionindia.org.*

Travels

Our 6th graders are headed to [camp](#) this month to learn about the wonders of God's creation and to worship Him in a beautiful outdoor setting. Our 4th Graders will be headed to Sacramento on April 15 to see our beautiful state capitol. We pray for safe travels and good weather for both groups. **If you're unable to open above links, copy/paste this address into your browser: www.theoakscamp.org.*

Finally, our 8th graders will be on their way to Washington DC in May. THANK YOU for all your financial support for this trip: buying cookies, wreaths, and joining us at restaurant fundraisers. Please pray for their safe travels, too, and wide-open eyes

to see the wonders of our nation's capital!

Easter Break

Our hard-working students and teachers will take a break on Good Friday and the week of April 25-29, then return for the SHORT race to the finish line of the school year!

Enrollment

Please continue to spread the good word about Bethany Lutheran School to your friends and neighbors who may be interested in private Christian education for their children. Your word-of-mouth is our best advertising! If families are concerned about cost, please let them know that Bethany Lutheran School does not refuse enrollment solely due to matters of money if there is room available. If families are struggling to meet tuition payments, they are encouraged to apply for need-based financial aid.

It is a blessing to serve Him with you!
 Dr. Mary Fink, Principal



Bethany's Preschool: Tricycle Tidings

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MISSION STATEMENT: Bethany Lutheran Preschool exists, "To provide quality Christian early childhood education in a safe, loving and caring atmosphere; daily teaching God's forgiveness and love through our Savior, Jesus Christ."

A Facebook friend in the US Navy is currently stationed in Japan. He posted a six minute video of the devastation in Sendai, a city in the north-eastern part of the country. It was both amazing and horrific to watch as cars, trucks and buildings were swept away like a sand toy at the sea shore or a leaf being hosed off of the driveway. The power in the water was simply incredible. And yet, we know that God's power is so much greater than that of the water. When Jesus commanded the rough seas of Galilee to calm...they did. WOW. Our God truly is an awesome and powerful God!

As I watched the video, I found myself becoming emotional, and I wasn't even sure why. The video showed the devastation of "things." Then I began thinking about the people of Japan. The news reports state that the death toll is expected to surpass 10,000! Only about 2% of the people of Japan are Christians. If 2% of the earthquake/tsunami victims were Christians, only 230 of the 10,000 knew Jesus as their Lord and Savior. That is something to cry about!

It has been said that Bethany Lutheran Church exists to make a difference in the lives of those going to heaven and a dent in the number of those going to hell. At Bethany

Lutheran Preschool we take those words to heart. Our preschool chapel offerings this year support Missions Alaska and India, and Lutheran Social Services of Southern California. Our offerings will help to fund the outreach efforts of these groups. During the first half of the school year, we collected close to \$600 to be divided between the groups. In February, we supported the Hearts for Jesus mission project of our district. This year the project was Mission India (a different group than our local Bethany one). The \$600 we collected for that project will enable 600 Indian children to attend Bible Club for a year. In Bible Club the children learn about Jesus; and they also learn to read and write. The chapel monies collected between now and the end of school will be divided between our three local mission groups.

We believe that everyone at Bethany is a missionary, spreading the Gospel to those in the Lakewood/Long Beach area where we are located. In the last five years at least a dozen of our preschool students and/or alumni have been baptized, and a number of their families have joined our congregation. Many of you are missionaries at your places of employment. We have many students who came to us at your suggestion. We thank God for you and we praise Him for giving us the opportunity to tell our children and their families about Him.

If you know of someone who has young children who need preschool, please send them to www.bethanylutheran.org and click on either the school or the preschool; or call Nola Seaman at 562-429-7335 to schedule an appointment to tour the pre-school.

BLC Youth Ministry News...

ALL YOUTH...check out Bethany's website, www.bethanylutheran.org. We will be posting event details, pictures, and if you need a permission/medical release form for an event...this is the place to find it! Go to "Ministries," then to "Youth" and click on the group you are interested in!

High School (grades 9-12):

Good Friday Fellowship Friday, April 22nd

We will meet at Bethany at 5:00PM and walk to Fuddrucker's for dinner. We will attend the 7:00PM church service and then watch *The Passion of Christ* in the youth room afterwards. Bring your own money for dinner. Bethany will provide the snacks for the movie. We should be done around 11:00PM for pick-up.

Questions? Contact Diana Orr at dorr@bethanylutheran.org

Spring Retreat for High School & Newly Confirmed 8th graders— SAVE the DATE:



Save the date for a special retreat being planned for the weekend of **May 6-8**. This retreat will be for our High School Youth as well as to this year's newly confirmed 8th graders. More details to come on price, location, etc. Questions? Contact Diana Orr at dorr@bethanylutheran.org.

Information will be mailed out by the end of March. Extra copies of the information will be available in the church office.

Bible Study Hour

The HS Study meets every Sunday morning from 9:30-10:30AM. It's a time to reconnect in Word & fellowship.

APRIL—HS Birthdays

4/2 Zach D'Amico	4/10 Kris Briggs
4/5 Briana Betz	4/10 Tyler Carlson
4/8 Katelyn True	4/18 Austin Ruiz
	4/21 Noble Landry

Happy Birthday to YOU!

High School Music Ministry

HS Handbells and the HS Celebrate! Choir is underway...It is not too late to join one or both groups. The March schedule is:

April 3 POWER Up	Rehearsals @ 8AM service; 9:30AM Bible study; Celebrate! sing @ 10:55AM service
April 10 POWER Up	Celebrate! sing @ 8AM service; 9:30AM Bible study; Rehearsals immediately follow
April 17 POWER Up	Worship with family @ 8AM; 9:30AM Bible Study; Rehearsals immediately follow
April 21 POWER Up	Maundy Thursday - Celebrate! & HS Bells, sing & ring @ 7PM
April 24 POWER Up	Easter Sunday - Celebrate! Sing @ 9:30AM & 10:55AM service; NO High School Study today

-Questions regarding Power Sundays please contact Dr. Carol McDaniel and/or Sara Cerulle.

"3to5" for (grades 3-5)

**Sunday, April 10 from 2:30 - 5:00PM
Meet in the Parish Lounge**

For the details for this event, please see the Stepping Stone article on p. 8 of this month's Chimes.

Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven."

-Matthew 19:14

"MSG" for (grades 6-8)

**Saturday, April 9
11:00AM - 1:00PM in the Youth Center**



MSG, it is time for us to give some service to Bethany and have fellowship with our friends. Join us on **Saturday, April 9 from 11:00AM to 1:00PM** as we stuff goodie bags for the Easter Egg Hunt. After we are finished, we will enjoy lunch together and play some games. Please bring \$5 to cover the cost of food. Parents, we will need a chaperone or two for this event, if you are able to help please contact Sarah O'Conner at smo17636@yahoo.com.

Seeking Job Applicants...

Qualifications: Must have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. No special educational or physical requirements. Previous experience is unnecessary and Bethany Leaders will mentor and train you.

Job Descriptions: A variety of board positions all key to operating the administrative and lay responsibilities of Bethany Lutheran Church. Complete job descriptions and information available upon request.

Salary and Fringe Benefits: Although we can guarantee no material salary from this job, the fringe benefit package is unmatched by any other employer.

- Close working relationship with Kingdom partners
- Meaningful projects that will have eternal impact
- You will have the Boss's ear as you seek His assistance with His tasks, opportunities and challenges that lie before you. Working for a company with over 60 years of serving God and building His Kingdom

Interested? We have unlimited openings so if you can answer YES to the following questions, you're on your way to an exciting, challenging and eternally-rewarding assignment.

- Want to be included in Bethany's Kingdom work?
- Want closer relationships with other Bethany servants?
- Want to be part of the bigger picture and you have very limited time to serve?
- For years you've sat in the pews and felt maybe this is the year I should get more involved and you have heard the Holy Spirit talking to you?
- You have been a longtime member of Bethany and feel like you may have missed opportunities or perhaps feel as though you have nothing to contribute and you are thinking it is too late, but the truth is you really would like to help out?
- You are new to Bethany and you're not sure what you could do and you have a desire to become involved? Because you haven't been involved, you feel incapable and too unqualified to do anything but you really would feel better about yourself and truly would like to become more of the servant, God is calling you to be?

Other Considerations: **God** is not so much seeking those with the ability to do **everything**, as **He** is those with the willingness to do **anything**. The Kingdom of Heaven is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

How to apply and/or get more information: Call Don Baldwin, 562-596-0489 or e-mail donwbaldwin@gmail.com. **Hurry, time is running out!**

60th National Day of Prayer...

Wednesday, May 4, 2011 from 7:00-8:00PM in the Bethany Gym

"I will say of the Lord, 'He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust.'" Psalm 91:2



THE IMPORTANCE OF PRAYER is written throughout scripture. The early church joined together **constantly** in prayer (also fasting) at homes, at temple, in prison, before making decisions, by river, by lake, and more.

On the **NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER** we will join together in Bethany's gym to pray for our national and local government leaders, educators, families, military, and the media.

Joining us to pray and speak will be **Pr. John Herrmann, retired LCMS Chaplain** (presently serving as interim pastor at Mammoth Lakes Lutheran Church). He will share PowerPoint pictures of his ministry in Iraq and at the Army Hospital in Landstuhl, Germany speaking about "**Chaplain Care--In and Beyond the Battle Zone.**"

We will have a color guard, patriotic songs, and military medley, thanking God for our own Bethany heroes. We urge **all veterans and those presently serving in the military** to join us. Wear your uniform if it still fits!

Community Impact Committee,
Randa Pearson

Stepping Stones:

*Laying a foundation for fruitful
and faithful discipleship*

Leading the way toward confirmation

Bethany Lutheran Church has a series of **Stepping Stone** experiences in which the spiritual formation of our young children is both enhanced and encouraged; and in which we lay the foundation for the biblical instruction that will take place in Confirmation.

Your child is ready for one of these **Stepping Stone** experiences that we call **C-cubed**. In this **Stepping Stone** we will talk about three big C's in the Christian Faith.

God's Creation Christ's Compassion The Spirit's Calling

THIRD, FOURTH, and FIFTH graders are invited to join us for this experience **Sunday, April 10th from 2:30PM till 5:00PM in the Parish Lounge.**

*This will also be the '3to5' youth event for the month; we will play some games, eat some snacks, and talk about how God has made us, saved us and plans to use us in His service.

Stepping Stones is intended to assist you in your parental role of helping your children grow in their faith to lay a foundation that confirmation will build upon and to provide essential concepts that will prepare your children for a more meaningful confirmation process and a more fruitful and faithful life of discipleship.

Please **RSVP by April 7th** to the church office, 562-421-4711 or email cmorrison@bethanylutheran.org

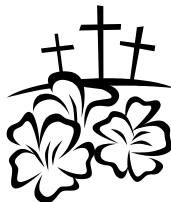
Peace,
Pastors Kevin & Seth and DCE Karl Fink

We are Grateful for Memorials...

Given in memory of:

+ Pastor Nathan O. Loesch +
Norman & Norma Courvoisier

+ Mary Darlene Cox Baldwin +
Norman & Norma Courvoisier



Bethany's 3rd Annual Easter Egg Hunt...



Saturday, April 16, 2011!

The festivities will begin at **10:00AM** with crafts, a short message, three age appropriate hunts, snacks, and prizes! We will be in need of prizes for the parents, individually wrapped candy (no bags of loose jelly beans please), bakers, helpers to stuff goodie bags, and loving souls to work the day of the event! If you are interested and willing to help, please see any member of the Board of Evangelism or talk to Sarah O'Conner 562-920-8247 or smo17636@yahoo.com. We hope to see you there, and don't forget to invite a friend!

Fun Day: May 21, 2011



Save the date! **Country Fair Fun Day** will be held on the school grounds on **May 21st from 10:00AM - 3:00PM.**

To fit in with this year's theme, we are considering holding a Craft Fair as part of the event as well.

Church and school families welcome!

If you think you would be interested in selling/showcasing your handiwork as part of this Craft Fair, please contact **Mary Kriebel at 420-6160** so we can gauge interest.

MOMS Group...

Moms Group: Are you a stay-at-home mom or a working mom with Friday mornings off & would like to meet other Bethany moms? The Bethany Moms Group meets every other Friday morning at 10AM in the church nursery. Our kids have a play date while the moms can have some adult conversation. **This month we are meeting on April 1 & 15.** The Moms Group also meets twice a week at the local parks to walk and play. The Moms Group is also working on starting a **Moms Night Out**. More information will be found in the weekly Chimes in the next few weeks. If you are interested and would like more information, please contact Sarah O'Conner at smo17636@yahoo.com.

Additional News & Notes...

- ⇒ **Deadline for the MAY Chimes is on Friday, April 15, 2011.** Email your articles to Aimee Coleman at acoleman@bethanylutheran.org.
- ⇒ **Register now for Bethany Lutheran Summer Camp.** We have a quality camp program that will run 10 weeks this summer, from **June 20-August 26**. Your child is eligible to attend summer camp if they are a current student, incoming student, or a member of Bethany Lutheran Church. If you have any questions, or would like a registration packet, please call (562) 496-0611, or e-mail us at edc@bethanylutheran.org. We look forward to fun in the sun with your camper!
- ⇒ **Kindergarten Information Night!** Do you have or know of a family with a child ready to enter Kindergarten? Invite them to our Kindergarten Information Night on **April 12, 2011 at 6:30 PM**. Better yet – come with them and see our school! We will welcome families with information about our full day Kindergarten program, as well as other benefits of attending Bethany Lutheran School. We offer a fully accredited program with credentialed and professional teachers. The small class setting allows us to devote attention and care to every student and to educate the whole

child. Our Kindergarteners benefit from a strong academic program as well as instruction in music, art, technology, PE and participate in field trips too! Extended day care and a really fun summer camp program are also available. Interested parties may contact the school office for additional information and/or to schedule a personalized tour of our campus. Contact Kathy Tucker at (562) 420-7783 ext. 54, or email at ktucker@bethanylutheran.org. Visit our website at www.bethanylutheran.org

- ⇒ **Pan Am Fiesta:** We have received our confirmation, and we will have a booth at the Pan American Festival at Mayfair Park in Lakewood on **Saturday and Sunday, May 7-8**. We will staff a booth with information to showcase our church and school. And we need your help! Individuals to work in the booth are needed for one hour **shifts from 11 AM – 6 PM both days**. All materials and information will be provided, but we need your smiling faces and outgoing personalities to truly reflect the benefits of attending our church and school. Email today to Kathy Tucker at ktucker@bethanylutheran.org or call her at (562) 420-7783, ext. 54 and sign up for one hour during this week-end of outreach. Thanks so much.

Latest LCMS efforts in responding for Japan

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

As the situation in Japan becomes more grave, we want to make sure that you are aware of the latest LCMS efforts in responding to this catastrophe.

In a video message released, President Harrison announced that the LCMS has designated \$200,000 to assist two Japanese Lutheran church bodies. He encourages everyone to respond with prayer and financial support for our brothers and sisters suffering from the effects of the earthquake and tsunami in Japan.

You may view the video here: www.lcms.org/?18463

For all the latest updates on our LCMS response to the earthquake and tsunami, please visit here: www.lcms.org/help.

In His service,

Vicki Biggs
Director, Public Affairs & Media Relations
The Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod

April Voters' Meeting

A voters meeting will be convened **Sunday, April 17th at 12:15PM in the Choir Room.**

The current agenda topics include:

- ✓ Bethany Facility Usage Fees
- ✓ Building Funds
- ✓ SCRIP Committee Charter
- ✓ 2011-12 Council and Board Elections

Romans 5:1

Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ...



VOLUNTEER FORM - 2011

Vacation Bible School
June 20-24, 2011
 Ages 3 through Grade 7
9AM-Noon

It's a jungle in here at Big Jungle Adventure! Our children will take a faith journey with Jesus as they learn how God protects and guides them throughout their lives.

The theme verse comes from 2 Timothy 4:18, *"The Lord will rescue me from every evil deed and bring me safely into His heavenly kingdom. To Him be the glory forever and ever. Amen."*

For those entering 8th Grade to Adult:

Yes, I will serve Christ and my church in our 2011 Vacation Bible School:

- | | | |
|--|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Classroom Teacher | <input type="checkbox"/> Master Teacher | <input type="checkbox"/> Outdoor Activities Leader |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Teacher's Assistant | <input type="checkbox"/> Craft Leader | <input type="checkbox"/> Craft Assistant |

OR, I prefer to work:

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Enrolling Children | <input type="checkbox"/> Assisting in the VBS Office |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Helping in the kitchen with daily snacks | <input type="checkbox"/> Assisting in the nursery (childcare) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> VBS Photographer | <input type="checkbox"/> Assist with VBS Set-up |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Help with Set Decorations for our skits | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Providing refreshments of juice, fruit, veggies, or cookies | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Providing transportation for children who could not otherwise attend (carpool) | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Praying daily for workers and children | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Making a donation of \$_____ for VBS expenses | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Making follow-up home visits/calls to the unchurched families | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Helping with music, daily chapel, closing program | |

PRINT NAME: _____ PHONE: _____

(Please complete this form and return to the church office in care of Karl Fink....Our VBS recruiter will call you to confirm the above information.)



VBS Registration Form

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2011
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Join us for music, crafts, Bible lessons, snacks, and games daily!

Pre-register and order a T-shirt by completing the forms below and returning them to the Church Office. Please make checks payable to *Bethany Lutheran Church*.

Please Note: A separate registration form must be completed for each child attending VBS. It is important that all information be completed. Additional forms may be photocopied or obtained from the church office.

INVITE EVERYONE YOU KNOW! FRIENDS, NEIGHBORS AND RELATIVES!

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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL REGISTRATION

VBS REGISTRATION FORM

Important: One form per child. Copies may be made of this form if needed.

*Please Print Clearly

Child's Name _____

School grade for next year _____ Age _____ Male _____ Female _____

Parents' Names _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

Telephone (_____) _____

E-Mail Address _____

Baptized? Yes _____ No _____ Attend Sunday School? Yes _____ No _____

Church Attended: _____

Member of that Church? Yes _____ No _____

Emergency Contact Person: _____

-Relationship to child: _____

-Emergency Contact's Phone: (_____) _____

Person responsible for picking up child:
 Name: _____ Phone: (_____) _____

Siblings attending VBS (names & age): _____

Any additional information that we need to know about your child: Food Allergy: _____

Medical Concerns: _____

Family Doctor: _____ Dr. Phone #: _____

Parent or Guardian Signature _____

VBS leaders have permission to photograph/film the minor designated above in any manner or form for any lawful purpose associated with this VBS program.

OFFICE USE ONLY:
 Reg. Date _____
 Class _____

VBS T-SHIRT ORDER FORM

Order your VBS T-shirts early! Kids, leaders, and parents may order T-shirts at pre-registration Sundays June 5 & 12. After June 12, limited sizes will be available, so don't delay!!

PRINT NAME _____

TELEPHONE (_____) _____

CHILD SIZES	\$8.50 ea.	ADULT SIZES	\$10.50 ea.
	Quantity		Quantity
XS (2-4)	_____	S	_____
S (6-8)	_____	M	_____
M (10-12)	_____	L	_____
L (14-16)	_____	X-LG	_____
(*\$12.50 for XX-LG sizes)			
*XX-LG _____			
Total Due		\$	_____
Total Paid		\$	_____
Balance Due		\$	_____

Parent or Guardian Signature _____

*Checks made payable to **Bethany Lutheran Church**. Please note in your memo section "VBS T-shirts" & your child's name if last name is different than name on check.

OFFICE USE ONLY:

Order Rec'd _____ Amt. Rec'd _____

Check # _____ Cash Amt. _____



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Your Address Line 2

pPhone: 555-555-5555

Fax: 555-555-5555

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Mailing Address Line 3
Mailing Address Line 4
Mailing Address Line 5

We are on the WEB!
www.bethanylutheran.org

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Important APRIL
Dates to Note:

DATE / EVENT / TIME

- 4/5 All Boards, 7PM
- 4/12 Church Council, 7PM
Community Impact, 7PM
- 4/15 Monthly Chimes Article Deadline
- 4/16 Easter Egg Hunt, 10AM
- 4/17 Voters’ Meeting, 12:15PM
- 4/21 Maundy Thursday, 7PM
- 4/22 Good Friday, 1PM & 7PM
- 4/24 Easter, 8AM, 9:30AM & 10:55AM
- 4/30 Year 2 Confirmation:
Picture/Practice, 9AM
Witness Service & Reception, 4PM

Join us at Worship!

Sunday: 8AM, 9:30AM, & 10:55AM
Monday: 7PM



***An updated weekly calendar is printed in each Sunday bulletin!**

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