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## THE BETHANY BLUEPRINT

The separation of Church and State is a doctrine to many, a principle to others and a notion to some. If you want to learn more about Church and State issues click [here](#).

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<http://www.lcms.org/results.asp?q=church+and+state>)

One thing we certainly do not want to be separated from, however, is the state of the Church. Another year has passed and it is a good time to review the state of our church here at Bethany. Here are some statistical measures of the state of our church:

- ◆ At the end of fiscal year 2008 we received 1,080,000 in offerings. At the end of fiscal year 2010 we received 1,188,000 in offerings.
- ◆ In 2006 we averaged 655/week in Sunday worship. In 2010 we averaged 683/week in Sunday worship.
- ◆ In 2004 we baptized 9 adults & confirmed 24. In 2010 we baptized 12 adults & confirmed 16.
- ◆ Last year we sent the most missionaries we've ever sent to Alaska.
- ◆ We had our first ever local hammer & nail missionaries building a Habitat house in Long Beach.
- ◆ We have more Bible study opportunities and prayer teams than ever, you can even 'attend' some of those studies here on our website, such as our [Holy Spirit Study](#).

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<http://bethanylutheran.org/620136.ihml>)

**What does this mean?** It would be fair to interpret these few stats as an indication that the state of Bethany is stable, healthy, and sound. It would be equally fair to see these numbers and say, we best not respond with the words of the farmer in Jesus' parable recorded in [Luke 12:20](#) (click link for text or refer to your Bible.) While we rejoice in what the Lord has done and is doing; has given and is giving; we, at the same time, need to remember that **"...from those who are given much, much more is required."** (Luke 12:48b,c) One way to do that is to manage our hearts and guard them from things like:

- ✓ **Apathy**—"Everyone I know already knows Jesus...no need to share the Good News." Yet, there is much to be done to reach the lost, for

there are too many in our community who never come into the presence of the One True God.

- ✓ **Complacency**—"Bethany's debt free, I don't need to give so much anymore." Yet, our gifts of talents and hours and dollars are needed as much as ever to equip and bless this ministry.
- ✓ **Familiarity**—"I've been confirmed, that's enough; no need to worship faithfully and study regularly." Yet, worship and study of God's word will change our hearts and minds and lives, our days and weeks and eternities.
- ✓ For more on managing our hearts, see the [Bethany Bulletin from 1/11/11](#) (click on link).

At our congregational dinner on Sunday January 9th, we took a huge step toward enabling our stability, health, and soundness by burning our mortgage.



(Pictured: Burning of Bethany's Mortgage-1/9/11.)

Now we can help propel Bethany in furthering Mission and Outreach, and Bethany's members in personal, spiritual, and ministerial

growth by eliminating our remaining debt. At our dinner you were asked to prayerfully consider continuing your Building Fund giving for 24 months under the new title of 'Debt Reduction'; our 2011 offering envelopes have replaced the Building Fund designation with this new designation of 'Debt Reduction.' This current debt is one owed to ourselves. We've borrowed from our own funds to fund ministry over the years and now it is time to further reduce, hopefully eliminate, this debt. Currently we budget about \$4,000/month to this debt reduction. However, if we continue to give the same amount to Debt Reduction that we gave towards the Building Fund, we will pay this debt off in HALF the time with dollars not from the general fund, thus reducing both our debt and the number of dollars that go each month from our general offerings toward debt instead of toward mission, ministry and outreach.

## February Monthly Devotion: A Broken Heart

Ah, the month of February! Valentine's Day, Presidents' holiday, birthdays, etc. This is the month of the "heart" as far as I am concerned. We give chocolates to stimulate the heart, flowers to soothe the heart, cards to make the heart grow fonder, and sometimes words to even break the heart. **Take a moment to ponder that last sentence of mine and recall a time when you have done each of those things...**

I gave up celebrating my birthday long ago when my mother passed away. I always felt that it was much more her day than mine; after all, she went through all of the pain on my behalf to get me into the world. Why celebrate me? I really did nothing (except to break her heart), so when she went to her Heavenly Home in 1978, I really have had no cause to celebrate my birthday. I have really wanted to keep it simple and very low-key (for the most part). **So there, I have opened up my heart a little bit to you...now take a moment and do the same with someone in your household after reading this. Please, go ahead...it really is ok!**

Let us now continue with this open heart surgery. After all, the theme this month is a broken heart. What does that actually mean? I think there can be many definitions, both scripturally and secularly. For example, it might mean that we examine our hearts relative to the honesty of it. Try these questions: Am I being completely honest with my spouse and children? Are my relationships marked with candor? What about my work or school environment? Am I honest in my dealings? Am I a trustworthy student? An honest taxpayer? A reliable

witness at work? Do I always tell the truth? These very honest, heart wrenching questions might lead one to a broken heart, a type of heart that King David talked about in Psalm 51. **Please take a moment and read that chapter now...**

I think you now can see that after reading that chapter of Scripture, one might be led to the next meaning of a broken heart. This breaking knocks us to our knees before our Heavenly Father, as we realize the very depth of our despair: We cannot fix this on our own! Our very heart and spirit is broken and laid bare before our King. If we are really honest with ourselves, we know how deeply we have not only sinned against our neighbor (my breaking of my mother's heart and now trying to make it right by not celebrating my own birthday), but against our Creator, the very One who gave us life. So, wretched people that we are, what can we do? Nothing. Absolutely nothing. **However, here is the final broken heart which makes all things new...**

Our Heavenly Father broke His own heart when He sent His very Son, Jesus, to the cross on our behalf. How hard was it for Him to listen to His own dear Son say from the cross, "My God, My God, why have you forsaken me?" THAT WAS ALL ACCOMPLISHED FOR YOU AND FOR ME! Amazing grace, how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me. I once was lost, but now am found; was blind, but now I see. Thanks be to God for breaking His heart, so that ours might be made whole again, and so that we might be able to move on, forgetting the past brokenness, and moving towards a future wholeness!

—Karl Fink

### Beutel Scholarship Grant Application...

Beutel Scholarship Grant Applications are now being accepted for academic year 2011-2012 and are available in the Church Office. These applications are for students attending a college or university of our Lutheran Church Missouri Synod in preparation for a full-time career as a pastor, teacher, deaconess, youth director, social worker, lay missionary worker, medical missionary, or parish worker. The purpose of the grant is to encourage our young people to pursue a career in church work and to give them assistance in reaching this goal. All scholarships are awarded on an annual basis. If a student needs scholarship help for the school term beginning in the fall of 2011, they must apply between February 1 and March 1, of this year. Applications are available in the Church Office for completion in a folder marked BEUTEL SCHOLARSHIPS. In order for students to be eligible, they MUST RETURN APPLICATIONS to the Church Office (Elder's Box) **ON OR BEFORE TUESDAY MARCH 1, 2011**. Questions, please contact Jim Swick at (562) 714-3196.



### Lent Worship Services begin next month...

**Invite family and friends to join us for worship!**

Ash Wednesday - March 9 at 4:00 & 7:00PM

Wednesday Evening Lent Services at 7:00PM\*

March 16, 23, 30 and 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 Sunday - April 24 at 8:00, 9:30, & 10:55AM

## Ministry of Discipleship News...

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### SUNDAY SCHOOL & CONFIRMATION:

Many of the confirmation students will be attending LoveFest 9 at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Arcadia on **Saturday, February 12**. This event has been going on for almost 10 years now, and is aimed at educating our Junior High and High School students in what God's plan for sex is. We will be attending with over 500 youth in the Southern California area. Please pray that this event is both well attended and that the information received will be taken to heart!

**NO classes for Confirmation and Sunday School on Sunday, February 20 due to the Presidents' Day Holiday Weekend.**

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### GOD IS GOOD...ALL THE TIME!

This past month I have been privileged to attend two Memorial services for two individuals born in 1918! Both people lived very long lives...92 years old to be exact. Both people served

their Lord faithfully for a majority of those 92 years, as well. I was reminded, as I attended both services, of the outreach efforts that these individuals made to their various churches and their community.

However, all of the things that they "did" still would not hold water unless they first believed in what "He" first did for them. Both Palmer and Inez knew their Lord and Savior Jesus Christ very well, and were never ashamed of the Gospel. Both of them knew Jesus as their very best friend, the One who won for them Eternal Life. They were both shining examples to me, as I continue my walk at this time.

My prayer for all of you this month is that you find an individual who is walking the walk and have a talk with them to see how the Lord is working mightily in their life. We can learn so much from those who have been walking a bit longer than ourselves!

God's Peace,

Karl Fink  
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## Adult Bible Studies for FEBRUARY...

**\*NO Confirmation or Sunday School or Adult Studies on Sunday, February 20th due to Presidents' weekend.**

HOWEVER...Plan now to join us for a **Prayer Breakfast**, sponsored jointly by Board of Discipleship and the Community Impact Committee, **Sun., Feb. 20, 9:30-10:30AM in the Parish Lounge**. There is no regular Sunday School or Adult studies that day, so that we might focus some set-aside time for prayer, food, and fellowship. All are welcome. We look forward to seeing you here!

### 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—Foundational Doctrines of the Faith**  
 + "Are you filled with the Holy Spirit?"  
 + "Sure...well, aren't all Christians filled with the Holy Spirit?"

As Lutherans interact with other Christians, they often find themselves struggling to explain their beliefs and practices. Although many Lutherans have learned the "what" of the doctrines of the church, they do not always have a solid scriptural foundation to share the "why." Because of this, some Lutherans avoid sharing what they have learned. In the New Year our Sunday morning Pastor's class will begin a series looking at some of the foundational doctrines of the church and dig into the Lutheran

difference. We will begin with a study of the Holy Spirit. We hope these studies will prepare you to share your faith and help you to explain what you believe. ***This is an ongoing study that meets at 9:30AM in the Choir Room.***

### WEDNESDAY Evening:

† **Living Way**—This mid-week study usually meets at 7PM. We are studying the Book of Acts. It is never too late to begin this study, new participants are always welcome.

### 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. In February, we will begin 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.

## Ministry of Outreach News...

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As the calendar turns to February, children all through the country begin to think about the next special holiday on the calendar. Now, Valentine's day is not special enough to warrant a day without school, but it is a special day none-the-less, and I think that this day reminds us what it means to share the love of Jesus with others. I share a story from Lutheran Hour Ministries with you to help you understand:

*Dean was a third grader. Dean didn't catch on to his school lessons quite as quickly as most of his classmates; he could master the material, but he often took twice as long as everybody else. In sports, he found it challenging to keep up. As a result, he was always picked last in any team selection. In short, Dean was the kind of child that had a very special spot in his mother's heart. Her heart was saddened when one day Dean came home and announced that his school was going to have a Valentine's Day party. Most seriously, Dean said he was going to make a special Valentine's card for every one of his classmates.*

*Mother agonized. She wished Dean wouldn't get so excited about his projects. She wanted to protect him from getting hurt. She had watched how her boy was treated by these friends for whom he now wanted to prepare a special card. She had seen how he was never in the group when they got off the school bus. She had seen him sitting on the sidelines during recess. The children weren't cruel, they just didn't know that her boy was there. That's what her mother's heart said on the inside. On the outside her mother's voice commended Dean for his most excellent idea. That's why the very next day she went out and picked up the needed art supplies. Every evening for the next two weeks she set aside time in the evening to help her boy with the paper, the glue, the crayons, the glitter, the ribbons and the candy for the special Valentine's Day cards. When Valentine's Day finally came, Dean was beside himself with excitement. Before breakfast he counted the valentines. He stacked the*

*valentines; he sorted the valentines; he carried the valentines around. He left for the bus and then came back, just to make sure he hadn't left any of his valentines behind.*

*Fearing the worst, that afternoon Dean's mom made him a special snack. She whipped up a batch of chocolate-chip-peanut butter cookies for her boy. She wanted to do something, anything, for the obvious disappointment that she knew was going to come. Her heart ached to think that maybe Dean wouldn't, after all his work for others, get many valentines from his fellow students. She wanted to cry when she thought, "maybe he will get none at all." Everything was ready when Dean finally burst through the door. She looked closely. There was a big smile on his face, but that, she knew, was nothing more than a brave front he was putting on for her benefit.*

*She took his book bag, escorted him into the kitchen and announced, "I've got your favorite cookies ready. Sit down and tell me how the Valentine's party went." Sitting at the table, he gave a big sigh. So did her heart. The first words he said were, "Not one. Not a single one." She cleared her throat to say some motherly thing like, "Honey, you're my valentine. I love you." She knew it wouldn't be enough, but it was all she could do. Then Dean continued, "I didn't forget one of my classmates. I didn't forget a single one." It was hard to believe. Her boy wasn't worried about the valentines people did or did not give to him. He was happy because he had shown his love to every one of his friends.*

Jesus also shared his love to his friends. He shared it when he went to the cross, died, and rose again. Jesus once said, "**Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends.**" (John 15:13) Jesus laid down his life for us, that is love. Jesus has not forgotten about you or any of his children. What can you do this month to share that message of love with others? Let me know if I can help.

## Music Ministry News...

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Look for information on this year's Music Ministry Grant in next month's March Chimes. Details will also be posted in the weekly Sunday Chimes and on Bethany's website.

—Marlene Mooney, Publicity

*"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 Ministry Fair in February

**Interested in finding a new opportunity to serve God with your Time, Talents, or Treasures?**

Be sure to come by the Ministry Fair in the newly refurbished gym on **Sunday, February 13<sup>th</sup> between 7:30AM-12:30PM** and learn more about the ministries and organizations here at Bethany and in our community. Food and drinks will be provided after the late service.

Do you have a ministry or non-profit organization that you would like to promote? Are you looking for a way to find willing volunteers to join or support you in your mission? We've contacted many, but perhaps not all, of the groups around Bethany. If we've missed you, please contact Ben Koehlinger, Karl Fink, or Charlene Mitchell to reserve your table at the Fair.

- Board of Discipleship

## Bethany Lutheran School News...

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Do you remember February in school? It's the time for candy hearts and LOTS of red construction paper, of course, but here at Bethany, it's also about the best Valentine of all: **"God showed His love for us in this: that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us."** —Romans 5:8

### The Garden of Eatin'

Now that our beautiful gym floor has been installed, we can turn our attention to our garden! Hopefully by the time you read this, the soil will be in place and classes will have chosen their first round of plantings. We are blessed to have three growing seasons here in California, so our students will have lots of opportunities to experiment with different types of plants in their boxes.

### Recruitment/Enrollment

You'll see lots of information about this elsewhere in the Chimes from our Admission Director, Kathy Tucker. Just a reminder to continue to spread the good word about our school ministries, Preschool-Grade 8, and let us know if there are any interested families we should contact. Thanks!

### National Lutheran Schools Week

We will celebrate **National Lutheran Schools Week March 6-11** alongside our sister Lutheran schools. Bethany Lutheran School is one of 2485 schools operated by congregations of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, educating over 274,000 students. Our school is served by the School Ministries of the Pacific Southwest District. This month, I want to share their vision statement with you, because I think it a great statement of what Lutheran schools are all about:

**The Vision:** School Ministries of the PSD will effectively resource healthy, accountable 21<sup>st</sup> Century Lutheran schools that are:

- ♥ motivated by the Gospel,
  - ♥ expectantly yearning for God's direction,
  - ♥ true to the Lutheran tradition of educational excellence, and led by pastoral and school leaders who model
  - ♥ passionate commitment to school ministry,
  - ♥ trusting relationships,
  - ♥ peaceful partnerships,
- and give support and encouragement to teachers, staff, and students to be dynamic disciples of Jesus Christ and life-long learners.

It is joy to serve 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."

Oh My Goodness! It is already time to register for the 2011-2012 school year! Current Bethany Lutheran students, their siblings (both preschool and elementary), and children of Bethany members are encouraged to register during the month of February. **On March 1, 2011 registration opens to the general public.** We are expecting classes to fill up quickly, so get your registrations in early.

On **Tuesday, February 8**, many of our Mommies will join us for "Morning With Mommy." The morning will begin at 9:00AM when the Mommies arrive. At 9:15AM, everyone will proceed to the sanctuary where Pastor Seth and Mr. Frank will lead Preschool Chapel for us. After chapel, we meet at the lunch tables (graciously shared by the day school on our special days) for a special snack. After we have enjoyed our snack together, we return to the preschool to make various art and play activities. 11:00AM is usually a sad time because that is the time for the Mommies to leave. It is sometimes difficult for

the children to have this change in their routine. They get to share their fun day with their mommy, and they love that part; but then she has to leave without them to go back to work.

- ♥ **Friday, February 18** will be a half day for all students, because we will be having Parent/Teacher Conferences in the afternoon.
- ♥ **Monday, February 21** is Presidents' Day. School will be closed.
- ♥ In the evening of **Tuesday, February 22**, the PTL will sponsor a Family Fun Night. More information will come soon.

Please continue to remember our Pre-K teacher, Jean Barton in your prayers. Mrs. Barton is in a rehabilitation center; and is experiencing a slow recovery. Karen Cox, a qualified Pre-school teacher, has taken over Jean's class during her recovery. We thank God for Karen. We know that God is holding Jean in His loving care, and we trust that she will be back with us soon.

We still have space in our Pre-K program this year. If you know of a family with young children, tell them about Bethany. Invite them to visit our web site at [www.bethanylutheran.org](http://www.bethanylutheran.org) or to call the school at (562) 429-7335.

## BLC Youth Ministry News...

ALL YOUTH...check out Bethany's website, [www.bethanylutheran.org](http://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):

#### *Lucky Strikes!*

Hey, high schoolers, you don't need a Valentine, you need to go bowling instead! Join us on **Saturday, February 12** at the Lucky Strike bowling alley at the mall on the Block in Orange. Details to follow in the Sunday Chimes, the Bethany Youth Facebook page, and my fun-filled texts.—Diana Orr

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

Save the date for a special retreat being planned for the week-end 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](mailto:dorr@bethanylutheran.org).

#### *Bible Study Hour*

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

#### *FEBRUARY—HS Birthdays*

2/13 Shannon O'Neil      2/16 Andrew Quesada  
2/17 Brandon Baker      2/24 Ryan Fink  
2/17 Moriah Ivins

**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 February schedule is:

Feb. 6      No Rehearsals; Worship @ service of your choice; Bible study @ 9:30AM  
POWER Down

**Feb. 13**      **Worship w/ family @ 8AM service; 9:30AM**  
**POWER Up**      **Bible study; Rehearsals immediately follow**

Feb. 20      No Rehearsals; Worship @ service of your choice; Prayer Breakfast @ 9:30AM (No regular HS study today)  
POWER Down

**Feb. 27**      **Rehearse @ 8AM; 9:30AM Bible study; Sing @**  
**POWER Up**      **10:55AM worship service**

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

Oh give thanks to the LORD,  
for he is good; for his steadfast love  
endures forever!  
1 Chronicles 16:34

### "MSG" for (grades 6-8)

#### **It's a Mystery Dinner for MSG!**

Not sure what that is, well come and find out. We will meet on **February 5 from 5:00-7:00PM in the Parish Lounge. Cost is \$5 to cover the cost of food.**

Please RSVP to Sarah O'Conner at [smo17636@yahoo.com](mailto:smo17636@yahoo.com), so we have enough food. Parents, we will need a few of you to pull off this event.

### "3to5" for (grades 3-5)

**3to5 will take a break in February.** Watch the weekly Sunday Chimes and the Bethany website as new events are posted.—Pastor K at [kkritzer@bethanylutheran.org](mailto:kkritzer@bethanylutheran.org)

## Couples Event in March...

**Chili Cook-off  
and Duffy Boat Extravaganza  
Saturday, March 19, 2011 @ 3:00PM**



Come join us for a time of fellowship and fun. We'll start our afternoon with a good ol' fashion Chili Cook-off in the Parish Lounge with a taste of the Southwest (Long Beach, that is). And from there we'll depart for Newport Beach where we will cruise Newport Harbor in Duffy Electric Boats from 4:00 to 6:00PM. (A light snack tray will be provided by the Board of Discipleship.) You are also welcome to bring your own beverages.

Each boat can carry 10 people. The cost for the event will be \$36/couple.

Please RSVP for the Duffy Boats by signing up in Friendship Square on Sunday mornings **starting February 27<sup>th</sup>**.

Please contact Geoff Delahanty @ 562-981-1358 if you are interested in participating in the Chili Cook-off.

## Golf Tournament News...



We are getting closer to our annual Bethany tourney for 2011! Fliers will be available in Friendship Square on Sundays starting January 30, in both the church & school offices as well. Cost remains the same at \$100-**Friday, March 18, The Montebello Country Club**. We'll have a shot-gun start at 8AM with plenty of food/beverage, as well as some outstanding raffle prizes. Make sure to sign up your 4-somes, 2-somes, and singles! If you have any questions, contact Karl Fink.

## Clothing Swap Meet...

During this tough economic time, the Board of Evangelism thought that we could help Bethany families as well as families in our local community by sponsoring a Clothing Swap Meet on **March 26, 2011 from 9:00-11:00am. This will be for kids clothing sizes 0 to 5.** Please bring your clothes the day of the event to **swap** with other Bethany families. At the end of the day, the leftover clothes will be taken to one of our local Christian charities to be given out to needy families. If you are interested in participating, please contact Sarah O'Conner at [smo17636@yahoo.com](mailto:smo17636@yahoo.com) or 562-920-8247. Please specify clothing gender and sizes you plan to bring, so we have enough tables set up.

## Additional News & Notes...

- ⇒ **Deadline for the MARCH Chimes** is on **MONDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2011**. Email your articles to Aimee Coleman at [acoleman@bethanylutheran.org](mailto:acoleman@bethanylutheran.org). **Chimers** will meet on **Thursday, February 24** at 8:00AM in the Parish Lounge.
- ⇒ **Church Office Closed:** The church office will be closed on **Monday, February 21** for Presidents' Day.
- ⇒ **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 Fri. 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 February 4 and 18.** The Moms Group also meets twice a week at the local parks to walk and play. If you're interested please contact Sarah O'Conner at [smo17636@yahoo.com](mailto:smo17636@yahoo.com).
- ⇒ **Give a one of a kind Valentine's gift to a person in need.** Donate blood! The American Red Cross Blood Drive will be here at Bethany on **Sun., Feb. 13th. 8AM - 2PM**. The Blood mobile will be in the church parking lot by the preschool. Signups for the drive will be in Friendship Square - Sun. Jan. 30th and Feb. 6th between services. Any questions, please call Cindy Stock 494-6808.

- ⇒ **Save the Date: April 16, 2011** is Bethany's **3rd Annual Easter Egg Hunt!** The festivities will begin at **10AM** 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](mailto:smo17636@yahoo.com). We hope to see you there, and don't forget to invite a friend!
- ⇒ **Bethany Cookbooks are HERE!** You may pick up a recipe book in the following locations: Bethany's School Office, Bethany Book Store, or call Louana Dean (562) 425-0897. The cookbooks cost \$10 and all proceeds benefit Habitat for Humanity.
- ⇒ **Engagement Announcements:**  
Debbie Greenlee & Kurt Baker would like to announce the engagement of their daughter **Marci Baker to Bret Trump**. An October 2011 wedding is planned.  
Jeff & Jill Marsh would like to announce the engagement of their daughter **Courtney Marsh to Luke Wetmore**. No date has been set.

## We are Grateful for Memorials...

### Given in memory of:

#### + Pastor Nathan O. Loesch +

Gary & Betty Smith	Eugene & Patricia Melvin
Alice B. Rolfing	Cheryl Stejskal
Helen M. Brehmer	Jim & Maureen Kurkowski
Wayne & Shirley Taylor	Ann Paull & Roxanne Talley
Tom, Joann & Megan Kelly	Michael & Phyllis Locke
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*"Anyone who believes in Me even though he dies shall live again." -John 11:25*

## Resurrection Workshop begins in March...

### Warning: Only read the following if you know one day you'll die. (Ecclesiastes 3:2)

Short of being alive on the day of Christ's return, none of us will escape death. Death is something we all must go through, "for the wages of sin is death." (Rms 3:23a) Now, it is just as true that "the gift of God is eternal life in Jesus Christ." (Rms 3:23b) Therefore, for us, through faith, death is but the way to eternal life. Death is not something to fear. That doesn't mean however that it is something to ignore!

Through faith in Christ, the most important preparation for death in your life has already been made. That isn't the full extent however, of godly preparation. Have you left instructions about your burial? Have you made decisions about your funeral service? Have you provided a means for a final witness to your hope in the resurrection and your certainty of Life forever in Jesus Christ in your will and trust? Have you secured a final act of stewardship upon your death or even set up a lasting

legacy for the furthering of the kingdom once you've inherited it fully? Have you assured that your family will be taken care of at your death and that your children will be cared for?

Bethany's **Resurrection Workshop** takes place on Sunday afternoon **March 6<sup>th</sup> from 12:30-1:30PM in the Choir Room**. We will provide you with information on the theology of death and dying, worksheets to help you plan for and leave instructions regarding your memorial/funeral service, and ideas on how to leave a lasting legacy and prepare for your final act of stewardship while you're still alive, and recommendations regarding care for your family at your death.

Please RSVP by calling the church office, so we can have enough materials and snacks on hand.

Not only can you not take it with you, you can't even tell them what to do with it once you're gone!

## Scrip News:

### VONS/PAVILIONS SHOPPERS...We need your receipts!

The 10% Goes Back to Schools program is now in the receipt redemption phase. The shopping phase **ended January 25**, now we need one receipt per card holder to claim the money we earned.



- ⇒ **Beginning Jan. 29** your receipts will have a redemption code. The same code will print on your receipts **through Feb.22**, we can only redeem a code once. However, collect as many receipts as you can from family & friends, we can earn thousands of dollars if we redeem enough receipts. We only need the bottom portion of the receipt where the redemption code is located.
- ⇒ Turn in the receipts at the SCRIP table on Sunday mornings, or the church or school office during the week.
- ⇒ eScrip members: your 10% contribution will automatically be donated to Bethany and your receipt will indicate that. **Please stop at the SCRIP table to have any questions you have about eScrip answered.**