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THE BETHANY BLUEPRINT

“The star they had seen in the east went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold and of incense and of myrrh.” **Matthew 2:9b-11**

Upon that, these unnamed individuals, recognized by their vocations or avocations, whichever the case may be, depart, never to be heard of again within the Scripture's records. Historical biblical interpretation accords us their number based upon the number of presents present: three. Church tradition accords these men the names: Melchior, Caspar, and Balthazar. But Matthew, under the guidance of the Spirit, tells us almost nothing about *them*.

In fact, there is more left untold than we'd care to admit. Why does the star only lead them to Jerusalem, and thus Herod, at first? It is only after that fateful meeting that the same star guides them the rest of the way to Bethlehem. Where did it go in the meantime, why didn't it bypass the ruthless king to begin with, or was the star resting over Bethlehem the whole time and this is merely a courtesy call made by traveling dignitaries who are obviously unaware that their greeting to this king will put the child born to be King in grave danger? (Mt. 2:1-2 & 9) Unlike Jacob, in the Old Testament, or Joseph, in these same chapters of this same Gospel, we aren't told who speaks to them in their dream warning them to go home without seeing Herod a second time. Here is what we know:

- ✚ They welcomed this newborn king,
- ✚ They worshipped him,
- ✚ They offered him their gifts (gold, incense and myrrh) and
- ✚ They heeded his voice! (Mt. 2: 9-12)

Need we know anymore? And, if in the end of our story all that others know about us is that we are among those who have welcomed the newborn king, worshipped him, offered him our gifts and heeded his voice isn't that all that is really needed?



In celebration of the gift of the newborn and the gifts to the newborn we will hold our traditional Thanksgiving dinner, postponed due to the new gym floor, on **January 9th at 5:00PM** just a few short days after The Epiphany. Some among us have begun to playfully refer to this event as “**Thanksgiphany**” a highbred between those two great celebrations.

Whatever the name, we will have much to be thankful for: a new gym floor for starters, the Bethany family gathered together upon that floor for a shared meal, the Bethany family expanded by new members from this past year, recognition for workers with ministry milestones and humble servants among us, and the burning of our mortgage. And like the Magi before us, we will even be afforded the opportunity to welcome the King, worship Him, offer Him our gifts and heed His voice.

Giving Thanks in January-Dinner...



Our annual Thanksgiving Dinner has been rescheduled due to the replacing of our gym floor. The date will be **Sun., January 9, 2011 at 5:00PM**. We will be celebrating and praising God with thankful hearts for His blessings to His children at Bethany.

We will give thanks to God as we burn our mortgage and introduce and welcome our 2010 new members. We will also recognize staff members for their length of service and present the Basin and Towel Awards. The Board of Elders along with the Board of Discipleship are working together on plans for this event. **Sign-up sheets will be available beginning Sunday, December 12th in Friendship Square.** While the date is different for our Thanksgiving dinner this year, the reason for this celebration is fellowship with our fellow brothers and sisters at Bethany, but most importantly to show our love and thankfulness to our Lord. **Remember the date...January 9, 2011 at 5:00PM for our giving thanks in January - Dinner!**

Questions? Call Marlene Mooney or Gayle Schultz, thank you.

January Monthly Devotion: A Pure Heart

One day, I was at a meeting of fellow pastors and as we were discussing ministry partnerships and possibilities, one in attendance asked the group,

“What is on your heart, brothers?”

A quick witted brother replied, “Sin and cholesterol.” That was not my reply; though I must confess I would have loved to have been the one to come up with it. What a wonderful and simple diagnosis of the human condition.

In the 15th chapter of his Gospel, Matthew records a conversation among the brethren.

Please read the first 20 verses of Matthew 15.

(Next month you'll be able to do so with a simple click – remember next month Chimes will be an on-line newsletter.)

Those in attendance at the aforementioned meeting ridiculed Jesus and His disciples as impure because of failure to comply with external ritual observance. Jesus didn't merely quip about

the heart's condition, he taught about its dyer corruption.

Much like those in attendance at this gathering with our Lord, we might like to focus on big visible sins that are easy to identify and diagnose. However, Jesus clearly states that the little things like ***“Gossip, name calling, thinking ill of another too often, or thinking too much about someone you shouldn't be thinking about at all, i.e. hate and lust,”*** reveal what is on the heart: SIN.

Cholesterol, for the vast majority of cases, has an antidote; there is something you can do to get it “off your heart” or at least lower it. Sin on the other hand...how does one get that “off the heart,” so to speak?

There has only been ONE pure hearted individual who ever lived and He has come to heal those who have no hope of doing so on their own.

Please read the next 8 verses of Matthew 15, verses 21-28 for confirmation.

Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.—Psalm 51:10

Special Thank You...

Dear Bethany Lutheran Church & School Friends,

Thank you so much for your prayers, concern, and support for our family at the loss of our beloved father, grandfather, and husband, Pastor Nate Loesch. We have cherished your love and kindness over the years, as we do so now at this difficult time of loss. While we miss “Papa” tremendously, we also rejoice that he is with our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, whose birth we will celebrate again this Christmas season.

May that Babe of Bethlehem, our Advent King, continue to bless each of you as you celebrate His love and grace in your lives!

The Loesch and Klitzing families

May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and by his grace gave us eternal encouragement and good hope, encourage your hearts and strengthen you in every good deed and word.

—2 Thess. 2:16-17

Music Ministry News...

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MUSIC ACADEMY Winter Recital will take place in the church on **Sunday afternoon, January 30 at 1:30PM and 3:00PM.** Please come and encourage these young people as they bring honor to God with His gift of music.

SPRING 2011 SEMESTER - MUSIC ACADEMY: Enrollment forms and brochures are available in the school office. Enrollment forms are also available online at the school's website. All students planning to continue from the first semester must submit a new enrollment form. New and returning students are welcome and encouraged to enroll at this time. **Please return completed forms to the school or church office no later than Monday, Jan. 31, 2011.** Lessons begin in February, Friday students on Feb. 4th. Continuing students will be placed first, followed by returning and new students. Openings are limited and fill up quickly. Contact Maureen Kurkowski with any questions: 562-421-4711 or mkurkowski@bethanylutheran.org.

Ministry of Discipleship News...

*Karl Fink-Minister of Discipleship, ext. 19
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Acolyte/Crucifer Update: We are currently working on the schedule which you should be receiving by mail near the middle of the month. For those of you new to this ministry (or those going from acolyte to crucifer), two training dates will be offered. Please plan to come to either the one on **Saturday, January 15 or the 22nd, 9-10AM in the Church.** Please RSVP to Mr. Fink to let him know which one you will be attending. Thanks!

Sunday School, Adult, and Confirmation classes will resume in the New Year on **January 9, 2011.**

Golf Update: The Brianna Esswein Memorial Golf Tourney is set for **Friday, March 18, 2011,** at the Montebello Country Club. The shot-gun start will be at 8AM, so make plans to get there early on that day. Cost will remain at \$100 per golfer. Start now recruiting your teams, spreading the word

about this great opportunity for fun and fellowship. Look for fliers to be out and available at the end of the month!

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2010 has really been a year of ups and downs for my part of the ministry here. There have been really excellent times spent in doing the Lord's work; there have been some really frustrating times in doing the Lord's work. I have continually been drawn back to this verse in Joshua: "...I will never leave you nor forsake you." God's promise to Joshua so many years ago is just as relevant for all of us today, no matter the circumstance. Continue to hold on to that promise of the One who never frustrates in His work! Have a happy and blessed new year in 2011...

Karl Fink
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Adult Bible Studies for JANUARY...

*NO Confirmation, Sunday School or Adult Studies on Sunday, JANUARY 2 due to New Year's weekend.

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. **Plan to join us starting January 9 at 9:30AM in the Choir Room.**

WEDNESDAY Afternoon & Evening:

† **Living Way**—This mid-week study usually meets at 7PM. We are studying the Book of Acts; however we are taking a break from this study for the Christmas season. We will

resume on January 5, 2011. 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**—This study continues to meet **9:15 -11:00AM** in the **Conference Room.** We're studying, "Anxious for Nothing" by John MacArthur. Bring your Bible and join us! Childcare is provided. Questions? Call Meg Velez (562)426-4262.

Other Study Opportunity:

† Make a New Year's resolution this year that can change your life. **Challenge yourself to read the entire Bible in 2011.** It will take hard work and discipline, but the benefits are eternal. Just purchase **The One Year Bible** in a version that is easy for you to read. These books arrange the text of the Bible into 365 daily readings. Each day in **The One Year Bible** you will find a selection from the Old Testament, one from the New Testament, a portion from the Psalms, and a selection from the book of Proverbs. Each week there will be a study posted on the Bethany blog (www.bethanylutheran.blogspot.com) to help you stay on track and to communicate insights or ask questions. Need more information? Contact Pastor Seth (smoorman@bethanylutheran.org).

Ministry of Outreach News...

*Pr. Seth Moorman-Minister of Outreach, ext. 13
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It is hard to believe that 7 years ago we were planning our first mission trip to Alaska. This past week I was looking over the pictures from that first trip and thinking about how much God has done through us in Alaska. I have fond memories of our first visit to the last frontier. After a long day of travel it was so weird to see the sun high in the sky at 11PM. That first night in Alaska, stopped along the side of the road to catch a glimpse of Mt. McKinley. Little did we know we were fortunate to see the mountain from so far away. As I gazed at the images on my computer screen, my mind wandered back to the general store in Point McKenzie and to a VBS lesson outside at the picnic tables. A small group from Bethany and a smaller group of kids learned a lot about Jesus that week. We learned that God is the builder of everything (Hebrews 3:4) and that when He is in charge, amazing things can happen. As I look back at what God has built in Alaska, I am humbled.

In 7 trips to Alaska we have ministered to 4 different communities in Alaska and quite a few people from Bethany are proud alumni of Mission Alaska. The connections we have made in the communities have become strong. Because of technology, we are more connected to our friends in Alaska than ever before. Alaska is a special place filled with the

beauty and grandeur of the Creator yet lacking the workers needed in the mission field. As we prepare to make our 8th trip to Alaska I am reminded of Jesus' words to His followers as He sent them out on their own mission trip, "*The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field*" (Luke 10:2). The harvest is indeed plentiful in Alaska and we have asked the Lord of the harvest to send workers.

Is He sending you? We have committed to send VBS teams to three communities this summer and we are in need of workers to join together to share the wonderful message of Jesus Christ. I am confident that God is building a special team that will do amazing things this summer. Interested? Come to an informational meeting on **Sunday January 16th at noon in the Parish Lounge at Bethany**. Tentative dates for Mission Alaska 2011 are June 24th to July 3rd.

Got questions?

Send me an email (smoorman@bethanylutheran.org). I will end this article the same way we have ended our Mission Alaska letters for the past 7 years—***We go in the name of the LORD to the land of the midnight sun. We go as ambassadors of Christ to the ends of the earth!***

Sanctity of Life Sunday...

Sunday, January 23, 2011 at 9:30AM in Bethany's Gym

How can God use an **ordinary** man to get through **extraordinary** circumstances?? You won't want to miss hearing **Dr. Micah Parker** at Bethany on Life Sunday as he shares how Christians of all ages can glorify God despite the challenges in their lives. He's from Trustguy Ministries (trustguyministries.com) and is known for his humor and practical biblical truth.

Some of you may have heard Micah at the National Youth Gathering last summer or the LCMS/Pacific Southwest District Teachers' Conference a year ago. His audiences have ranged from small groups to over 28,000 and he is coming to us!! Les Steckel, President and CEO of Fellowship of Christian Athletes calls Micah "An entertaining and inspirational speaker with a meaningful message people will always remember."

Bethany has set aside **Sunday January 23, 2011** to focus on the sanctity of human life and we invite adults, high school Bible class, confirmands, their parents and mentors to hear Dr. Parker during the Sunday school hour at 9:30AM in the Bethany gym.

"Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits...He redeems my life from the pit and crowns me with love and compassion. He satisfies my desires with good things, so that my youth is renewed like the eagle's."—Psalm 103: 2, 4, 5

BLS Open House & Art Fair...

**PICASSO?
REMBRANDT?
GEORGIA O'KEEFE?**

Your child may be a budding artist AND **Bethany Lutheran School's Open House and Art Fair on January 25, 2011** will be the perfect time to see his/her work on display!!!!

Our annual School Open House will be held from **6:00–7:30PM on campus**. All classrooms will be open and our featured subject will be ART. Many public schools have had to eliminate art programs due to budget cuts, but Bethany is fortunate to be able to continue to incorporate art into our regular curriculum, as well as music, PE, technology, field trips and other developmental programs.

We hope you'll join us on this special evening to see the many types of art work that our students produce. You may even meet a future artist, cartoonist, designer, children's book illustrator or...

Please join us to celebrate the many talents of our students!

Bethany Lutheran School News...

*Dr. Mary Fink-School Principal, ext. 17
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Happy 2011! I'm writing this article in December amidst the rush of Christmas program practices, concerts, decorating, shopping, baking, etc. It's hard to think ahead to January, but I know teachers and students will return rested and ready to teach and learn.

The Gym Floor By the time you read this, our floor will already be in use. It is BEAUTIFUL, but I have to say the most beautiful part of the whole experience was watching the Bethany community come together to make it happen. From pulling up boards at DeMille, to demolishing our old floor, to cleaning, to donating....it was truly a Bethany Blueprint event, where folks served passionately! All of our Bethany Bears say "THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!"

The Garden of Eatin' We are awaiting a few more donations from local companies, then we'll be filling our garden boxes with soil and planting our seeds! We had a very generous donation from the Kellogg Company recently...we are so blessed.

Did you know? Bethany Lutheran School participates in the "Picturing America" project from the National Endowment for the Humanities. The project has provided us with high-quality reproductions/posters of famous American paintings, portraits and photographs. These posters are hanging in your children's classrooms (maybe you've seen them?) and our teachers have discussion outlines that help students look critically and make connections with American history. We rotate the posters every two weeks, sort of like a traveling art show! If you'd like to take a look at the full collection online, you can find it at www.picturingamerica.neh.gov.

Enrollment Now begins the time when families start considering their child's schooling for the next year. Your positive "word-of-mouth" is our best advertising! If you know of any families we should contact with information about our school, give us a call or stop by to pick up a brochure.

Dr. Mary Fink - Principal

Matthew 19:14 - Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven."



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."

If it is January we will be making snowmen in preschool.

"Excuse me, you live in Southern California. How do you intend to make snowmen in preschool? Will you travel to the mountains to see the snow?"

No, but we do suggest and encourage a family field trip to the mountains so that our children can experience real snow. Here at school, however, we will be pretending. We will paint scenes of white, with tempera and with shaving cream. We might cut out snowflakes (ours might not have the normal six sides; that can happen later). We will read stories about polar bears and penguins. We will talk about God's winter wonders. We might even have snowball fights...with marshmallows or wadded up paper. We might even cut or tear white paper into small shapes and then throw it into the air and watch it snow. We will wear our snow clothes, and hope it isn't 80 degrees that day. We will use our imaginations.

Some of our classes will travel into outer space and study the stars. Others will learn about community helpers and types of transportation.

We won't use our imaginations as we continue to tell the children about our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. We will review the Christmas story and begin telling some of Jesus' miracles and other stories.

Whatever themes our teachers chose, they will immerse our children in a loving and nurturing environment where Jesus' love comes shining through.

We ask at this time that you continue to remember our Pre-K teacher, Jean Barton in your prayers. Mrs. Barton suffered a stroke right after Thanksgiving and has been hospitalized since then. We know that God is holding her in His loving care, and we trust that she will be back with us soon.

We still have space in our Pre-K program. If you know of a family with young children, tell them about Bethany. Invite them to visit our web site at 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. 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):

HELP...Coffee & Donut Volunteers:

The new scheduling period for C&D volunteers is fast approaching. HS youth, this is a great way to serve the congregation as well as earn some money in your youth accounts for youth gatherings, retreats, and the Alaska mission trip. The new scheduling period will be from **February-July 2011**. The current schedule is posted online. The instructions of what you're responsible for is too, check it out!

If you are willing and able to help, please email Aimee Coleman by January 10th, at acoleman@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.

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 January and February schedules are:

Jan. 2 & 9 No Rehearsals; Worship @ service of your choice;
POWER Down Bible study @ 9:30AM

Jan. 16 **Worship w/ family @ 8AM service; 9:30AM Bible
POWER Up study; Rehearsals immediately follow**

Jan. 23 Worship w/ family @ 8AM service; 9:30AM Bible
POWER Up study; Rehearsals immediately follow

Jan. 30
POWER Up

Sing @ 8AM; 9:30AM Bible study; Rehearsals immediately follow

Feb. 6
POWER Down

No Rehearsals; Worship @ service of your choice; Bible study @ 9:30AM

Feb. 13
POWER Up

Worship w/ family @ 8AM service; 9:30AM Bible study; Rehearsals immediately follow

Feb. 20
POWER Down

No Rehearsals; Worship @ service of your choice; Bible study @ 9:30AM

Feb. 27
POWER Up

Rehearse @ 8AM; 9:30AM Bible study; Sing @ 10:55AM worship service

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

JANUARY—HS Birthdays

1/1 Andrew Andersen
1/7 Casey Briggs
1/8 Tori Gianformaggio
1/9 Anthony Fuller
1/11 John Crawford
1/13 Garrett Lundin

1/14 Laura Coleman
1/17 Matt Hinrichs
1/28 Haley DeBoom
1/29 Coral Green
1/30 Alyson Young



Happy Birthday to YOU!



"MSG" for (grades 6-8)

"3to5" for (grades 3-5)

**Ice Skating in January
Both groups head to the Rink!**



It's that time again for our annual **ICE SKATING** event! We will meet on **Sunday, January 23 at 2:30PM** at Bethany and carpool to Glacial Gardens Skating Arena in Lakewood.

- ❄ We will return to Bethany at 5:15PM.
- ❄ The cost is \$6.75, which includes skate rental.
- ❄ We will need parent chaperones and drivers.

Please RSVP by January 21 to:

Sarah O'Conner at smo17636@yahoo.com
or Pastor K at kkritzer@bethanylutheran.org

Noah's Place News...



Get into the Aloha Spirit!

You may have already seen the new "Aloha Spirit" Christian-themed Hawaiian shirts around Bethany, where they were introduced. They are now available for sale at Noah's Place and would make a nice gift for Birthdays, Valentine's Day, Easter, Father's Day, or just to celebrate the coming warm days of spring. Guys, you may just want to pick one up for yourself. Also, check out the cute kids sizes, for a coordinated Father-Son look.

This Hawaiian shirt project was put together by members Bob and Lawdra Colley. They were assisted in the development process by two fellow Christians: Professor Rachel Soo of Concordia University who worked on creating the Graphics design and Luis Mejia of PDS Designs in Los Angeles who helped with crafting the "look" of the shirt and also in its manufacture, which was totally made in the USA, mostly in L.A.

Stop in at Noah's Place for a look at this quality garment, and feel free to try one on for size. Additional Christian-themed patterns and sundresses for the ladies are on the way. A tithe will be returned to Bethany for each **Aloha Spirit** shirt purchased here.

February Chimes Reminder...

As you know by now, in an attempt to be good stewards of both our resources and our Lord's creation, the monthly CHIMES is going electronic for the sake of clear communication and good stewardship. The January Chimes will be the last mailed edition. There will be hardcopies on hand on campus that can be picked up at the beginning of each month. The monthly Chimes for February will be posted online at Bethany's website starting **January 25, 2011** at www.bethanylutheran.org. Look for the CHIMES link on our home page on the left side menu.

If you would like a monthly reminder all you need to do is become a recipient of the Bethany Bullet. If you'd like to receive the Bethany Bullet:

1. Go to our website (www.bethanylutheran.org),
2. Click on the "INFORMATION" link
3. Click on "BETHANY BULLET"
4. Type the email address you would like to receive this to in the white box
5. Click "submit" to subscribe to the Bullet. You will receive an email confirmation that you are now subscribed.

Again, the monthly Chimes will also be available on campus in the church office and narthex in its traditional printed form each month for those who prefer not to download it electronically.

Additional News & Notes...

- ⇒ **Deadline for the FEBRUARY Chimes is on FRIDAY, January 14, 2010.** Email your articles to Aimee Coleman at acoleman@bethanylutheran.org.
- ⇒ **Chimers** will meet on **Thursday, January 27** at 8:00AM in the Parish Lounge.
- ⇒ **February Chimes available ONLINE January 25, 2011** at www.bethanylutheran.org.
- ⇒ **Church Office Closed:** The church office will be closed on **Monday, January 17** for Martin Luther King day.
- ⇒ **NO Class Reminder:** Please take note that our Sunday education classes (Adult, Sunday School children, Youth, and Confirmation) will be taking a break on **Sunday, January 2nd**.
- ⇒ **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 Jan. 7 and 21.** The Moms Group also meets twice a week at the local parks to walk and play. If you're interested and would like more information, please contact Sarah O'Conner at smo17636@yahoo.com.

Annual Campout Retreat...

Bethany's Annual Family Campout Retreat is **February 18-21, 2011** at Mobiland RV Park in Ocotillo Wells.



Bring your special dish for Saturday's potluck supper, something for Sunday morning brunch, Sunday evening hors d'oeuvres and some fire wood for the campfire.

A worship service will be held Sunday morning at 10:00AM.

Maps are available in the church office.
For questions or reservation please call:

Philip Lopez,
Wagonmaster
(562) 925-3542

Matthew 18:20 -

For where two or three come together in my name, there am I with them.

We are Grateful for Memorials...

Given in memory of:

+ Pastor Nathan O. Loesch +

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| Ted & Janice Martin | Darla Drummond |
| Maxine Baker | Marilyn Burdett |
| Gertrude & Kathy Doering | Roger Crabb |
| Dallas & Shirley Stejskal | Gary & Carol McDaniel |
| Brian & Christie Betz | Steven & Linda Clagett |
| Craig & Louanna Dean | Dorothy Stratman |
| Melba Joe & Alfred Ulrich | Leroy & Nancy Miller |
| Sherill & Guillermo Bandieri | Jeannie Borg-Breen |
| Lloyd & Gayle Schultz | Junior & Shirley Kennedy |
| Lawrence & Joyce Yocam | Kip Holasek |
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"In him was life, and that life was the light of men." -John 1:4

Our Parish Theme this year is...

"A Heart Like His." Through exploring the biblical texts we will discover God's tender heart, His open heart, His happy and pure heart. We will see Jesus' hungry, broken, bleeding and burning heart; and be asked ourselves what it means to have, **A Heart Like His**. So that He might better give you **A Heart Like His**, the following texts are ones that we will explore:

October - "A Tender Heart" - Matthew 8:1-4

November - "An Open Heart" - Zephaniah 3:1-17ff

December - "A Happy Heart" - Luke 15

January - "A Pure Heart" - Matthew 15:1-20

February - "A Broken Heart" - Psalm 52

March - "A Hungry Heart" - Matthew 17:1-5

April - "A Bleeding Heart" - John 13:1-5

May - "A Burning Heart" - Luke 24

June - "A Heart Like His" - 1 John 3:2

Our Bethany Blueprint:

HAVING BEEN CALLED TO FAITH IN CHRIST, MOVED BY THE LOVE OF GOD THE FATHER AND EMPOWERED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT, THE MEMBERS OF BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH ARE COMMITTED TO:

Worshiping Faithfully

Regularly Gathering Around Word and Sacrament

Acts 2:42 & 46, Hebrews 10:25

Forming Spiritually

Continually Developing in Discipleship

Colossians 1:10-14, 2 Peter 3:18

Serving Passionately

Using God-given Gifts in Church & Community

Ephesians 2:10, Romans 12:1 & 6-8

Giving Proportionately

Returning a First Fruit Portion of Material Wealth

Luke 21:1-4, Genesis 14:18-21

Sharing Intentionally

Letting Others Know Their Story and the LORD's

Matthew 28:19-20, 1 Peter 3:15

Bethany Scrip News...



Your receipts make our holidays (& every day) extra happy.

FRESH & EASY DEADLINE

It's time to gather all the Fresh & Easy \$20+ receipts you've collected from **September 15 – December 31** and bring them to church. **THE DEADLINE IS JANUARY 15.** The collection box will be in Friendship Square on Sundays or the school office during the week. All proceeds are used to make improvements for our church and school.

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Important JANUARY
Dates to Note:

DATE / EVENT / TIME

- 1/4 All Boards, 7PM
- 1/5 Living Way Resumes, 7PM
- 1/10 Evangelism, 6:15PM
- 1/11 Church Council, 7PM
Community Impact, 7PM
- 1/14 Monthly Chimes Deadline
- 1/23 Sanctity of Life, 9:30AM
- 1/25 Feb. Chimes available online

Join us at Worship!

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



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

JANUARY 2011