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THE BETHANY BLUEPRINT

It is that time again to set New Year's Resolutions if you are so inclined. A recent study from the University of Bristol determined that 78% of resolutions fail almost immediately. However, it also revealed that people are 10 to 20 times more likely to succeed if they make their resolutions public and gain support from friends.

Scripture records the accounts of three individuals who made resolutions. An Old Testament Prophet and a New Testament Apostle are among those who made these resolutions.

- ✠ "Daniel **resolved** not to defile himself with the royal food and wine, and he asked the chief official for permission." (Dan. 1:8)
- ✠ St. Paul for his part, "**resolved** to know nothing while he was with the Corinthians except Jesus Christ and him crucified." (1 Cor. 2:2)

While Daniel was able to keep his resolution and thus himself from becoming ceremonially unclean by partaking in the Babylonian meal plan, he never-the-less could not maintain himself in perfect holiness; and while Paul was able to trust ("know") salvation as a gift only via Jesus' life, death and resurrection, he never-the-less also knew the guilt of his own sin. The entire human race could resolve to be perfect, holy, and solely

devoted to God and yet in the long run 100% would fail, most almost immediately. So our third individual made a resolution of his own;

- ✠ "As the time approached for him to be taken up to heaven, Jesus **resolutely** set out for Jerusalem." (Luke 9:51)

By this time Jesus had been given opportunity already to avoid the cross, (remember the offerings of the adversary in the wilderness). Just prior to this account the adoring crowds sought to force him to take the throne and faithful friend told him that suffering and death were not what ought befall him. At that point Luke records the words, "Jesus **resolutely** set out for Jerusalem."

Jesus, for his part; Jesus, for our sake; kept this resolution! He kept his resolution not because it was made in public but because it was made for the public. He kept this resolution not because he got support from his friends but because only through it could he support his friends.

The result of Jesus resolution is this:

100% of those who know Him and Him crucified as Savior and Lord, will feast on royal food and wine in the kingdom yet to come. (see [Isaiah 25](#))

Talking About Life Issues

"Talking about life issues in our churches is more than just speaking **against** something going on in our culture. It is speaking **for those** who face these issues and are being tempted to choose death. What a message we have to share with one another. We belong to God. We can choose life. We can choose life and defend the life of the vulnerable. We can choose life and care for those who are weary and burdened. We can choose life and share the forgiveness of Christ when mistakes are made." Written by Rev. Dr. James Lamb, Executive Director of Lutherans for Life.

- ✠ Rev. Dr. Lamb will speak and preach to us on **Sanctity of Human Life Sunday**
- ✠ **January 22, 2012** from 9:30-10:30AM in the GYM

January Monthly Devotion...

The Story...His Story. Our Parish Theme this school year is based upon a new Bible edition called The Story. If you've not yet joined us in this adventure through the Story of our God and His people it isn't too late. If you're planning on making a New Year's Resolution to be in the Word more, this is one way to successfully accomplish that resolution. The Story is the Scripture's narrative stories written in 31 chapters.

As you know by now, once a month we've been focusing on some particular story. Our January focus is called Lead Story.

As I write this the lead story in our news as of late has been a sport's story. It began with the news that Magic Johnson was organizing a group to purchase the Dodgers. That story was soon replaced with the lead story of the Angels signing Albert Pujols. That story soon became page two and the lead story was what was going on with the Lakers and then the Clippers.

The Lead Story is always the latest and most interesting news of the day.

In the days following the first Christmas that news was that wise men from far off countries had entered Israel in search of the "Newborn King" in order to pay Him homage due. The entire account is recorded in Matthew Chapter 2 and the story was such big news that it shook Herod and the entire populace of Jerusalem alike.

Of course, at the center of this lead story is the information of how it was that the Magi were led to Jerusalem to begin with. *"The star they had seen in the east led them until it stopped over the place where the child was."* (Matthew 2:9b)

That is big news for sure, lead story worthy if ever there was such. However, the real reason this story still resonates with those who populate the planet thousands of years later is that the Newborn King has come for us as well and we, too, must make our way to Him.



"As with gladness men of old did the guiding star behold; as with joy they hailed its light, leading onward, beaming bright; so, most gracious Lord, may we evermore be led by thee."

-As with Gladness (LSB 397)

Pastor Kevin Kritzer

More School News from BLS...

One of our greatest pleasures at Bethany Lutheran School is hearing about the successes of our alumni. We take great pride in those who have gone to school at Bethany Lutheran and we are always delighted to hear from these former students and their families, and to share in their lives. If you are an alumni of Bethany Lutheran, please let us hear from you. Email information to Dr. Mary Fink, Principal (mfink@bethanyluthrean.org) or to Kathy Tucker (ktucker@bethanylutheran.org). Please let us know if we may share your information with others too. We continue to pray and hold in our hearts all of our current and former students and we'd be honored to add specific petitions to support your journey.

We hope you will have, (or if you are reading this after January 2nd had) the opportunity to see one of our alumni, **Jennifer Reilly** carrying a banner designating a trophy winner in the Rose Parade. Jennifer is an Ambassador Girl Scout (highest level in Girl Scouts) and was chosen to be in the Rose Parade. Congratulations to Jennifer on her accomplishments in Girl Scouts and for being selected to be in the Rose Parade. Our special thanks to Jennifer's very proud parents, Brendon and Linda Reilly for sharing this special news with us!

Did you know?

Bethany Lutheran School is known for:

Excellent Academics – our graduates go on to excel in high school, college and beyond. We routinely see our graduates

recognized as valedictorians or salutatorians of their high school class.

Enriching Environment – our teachers are experienced, credentialed and caring professionals. We are fully accredited and respectfully operated. We maintain small class sizes, offer enrichment programs and work with families to ensure the success of every student.

Leadership and Character Development – our students learn 21st Century skills that will assist them throughout their lives. Our inclusive curriculum also helps them develop good character, and learn to make good choices.

2012 will bring many opportunities for our Bethany family to learn even more about our school. On February 15th, the school will host our Science Fair and Open House. All classrooms will be open and students will display their science projects that they have been working on since before Christmas! Come join us from 6-7:30 PM to support our school and see what our future scientists and leaders are doing in their classrooms. Bring your friends too! For more information, please contact the school office, 562/420-7783.

Kathy Tucker
Admissions Director
Bethany Lutheran School

Ministry of Discipleship News...

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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 for those moving from acolyte to crucifer), two training dates will be offered. **Please plan to come to either the one on Saturday, January 28 or the one on Saturday, February 4, 9-10AM in the Church.** Please RSVP to Mr. Fink to let him know which one you will be attending. Thanks!

Studies Resume in 2012: NO classes on January 1st. Our Sunday School, Adult, and Confirmation Classes will resume in the New Year on **January 8, 2012.**

New Member Welcome and Potluck: The Board for Discipleship would like to welcome all of our new members from 2011 at a Potluck lunch on **Sunday, January 15, starting at Noon in the Parish Lounge.** Any board members from the various boards are also welcome and encouraged to attend and introduce yourselves. Staff is also invited to join us as we welcome these new members to our Bethany family!

Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University is coming back to Bethany! Financial Peace University empowers churches to train their congregations to handle God's money according to biblical principles. Dave Ramsey, a Christian personal money management expert, devotes himself full-time to helping people understand the forces behind their financial distress and how to set things right—financially, emotionally, and spiritually. If you want more information on Dave Ramsey, please check out his website at www.daveramsey.com. It is our hope and prayer that many of our families will take an interest in this opportunity. The class will be starting **January 8 on Sunday afternoons at 1:00PM in the Choir Room**, so please watch your weekly Chimes for more details!

Golf Update: The Brianna Esswein Memorial Golf Tourney is set for **Friday, March 16, 2012**, 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. Look for fliers to be out and available at the end of the month! - Karl Fink, DCE

Adult Bible Studies for JANUARY...

**NO classes on Sunday, January 1, 2012.*

SUNDAY Morning:

- † **Lessons of the Day**—Every Sunday morning with John Schinnerr at **9:30AM in the School Library.** This study highlights the readings/lesson of the day.
- † **Pastor's Class**—The pastors continue with the Parish Theme Bible study "**The Story...His Story**" and will meet throughout the year, **Choir Room, 9:30-10:30AM.**

WEDNESDAY Evening:

- † **Living Way**—meets at 7PM in the Parish Lounge. **This class resumes on January 11, 2012.** We all know what the term "Christmas & Easter Christian" refers to. While we certainly do not desire that term to be the definition of our worship life; we at Bethany desire to worship faithfully. However, it's faith in the reality of those two events, Christmas & Easter, that makes one a Christian. Hence, we are all Christmas & Easter Christians. Perhaps this is nowhere more clearly revealed than in Paul's letter to the Colossians. "Jesus is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross...This is the Good News that you heard and that has been proclaimed to everyone under heaven." (Col. 1:15, 19-20, 23b) Living Way continues until Lent. Paul's letter to the Colossians will be our text. The format of Living Way incl. homework in the text of Scripture as you read portions of Colossians, reflect on its meaning, answer question, then when we gather on Wednesdays, we break into small groups, discuss our reflections, and then finally wrap up our time with conversation/lecture led by a member of Bethany's ministry staff. Pr. Kevin is the regular facilitator/teacher for Living Way.

- † **The Heart of the Story**—Join Pr. Seth Moorman in the Multi-purpose Room 215 at 7:00PM on **January 11 & 18** this month.

THURSDAY Morning:

- † **Men's Bible Study** meets from **6-7AM in the Parish Lounge.** *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 with us as we study God's Good Word, fellowship, & pray together. ***We resume January 5, 2012.**
- † **Women's Bible Study** The Women's Thursday Morning Bible Study **will resume on January 5 at 9:15AM in the Parish Lounge.** We are studying Joseph and his coat of many colors and God's sovereignty. All women are invited to attend. This is such a great way to grow in the knowledge of God with many wonderful women. Childcare is provided.

Other Study Opportunity:

- † Make a New Year's resolution this year that can change your life. **Challenge yourself to read the entire Bible in 2012.** 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? Please contact Pastor Seth (smoorman@bethanylutheran.org).

Ministry of Outreach News...

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New Year's Resolutions

As the calendar page flips to a new year, many embark on that age old tradition of making resolutions. Perhaps you have participated in the past and predicted to lose weight, quit smoking, eat more vegetables, spend more time with family, or get organized. But what is at the root of these resolutions?

Could it be that as we look inwardly at ourselves, we see something we don't like? We look at the scale, the mirror, the checkbook, the office, and we don't like the view. The same could be said for our spiritual lives. *"Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect."* (Matthew 5:48)

We know what the Bible says, we hear the words of Jesus but when we compare ourselves to the standard, we don't measure up. We can relate to the apostle Paul who wrote, *"For what I do is not the good I want to do; no, the evil I do not want to do—this I keep on doing."* (Romans 7:19) Thanks be to God for sending Jesus, who took our failures and shortcomings and makes us new. Paul brings us great comfort, *"Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus."* (Romans 8:1)

Living in the light of Christ frees us to do good things for others. Here is where spiritual resolutions come. They are not done to earn a spot in heaven or to make God like us. We respond to what he has done for us by offering our lives to God. Paul says it best, *"Therefore, I urge you, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God."* (Romans 12:1) How can you do this? How about making a spiritual resolution this year!

By using the **Bethany Blueprint** as your guide why not expand your spiritual life to include something new? Let me give you some suggestions:

Worshiping Faithfully:

- ◆ If you are not worshipping every week, make a point to come to God's house regularly.
- ◆ Perhaps your Sundays are good, perhaps you can make Wednesday worship during Lent a habit.

Forming Spiritually:

- ◆ Are you currently attending a corporate Bible Study? If not, there are many at Bethany to choose from.

- ◆ Have you ever considered reading the Bible in a Year? Each week a study is posted on the Bethany Blog to help you achieve this goal.
- ◆ Do you do family devotions? I would love to give you some suggestions on how to start this with your family.

Serving Passionately:

- ◆ Are you serving in an area of ministry at Bethany?
- ◆ Have you ever considered joining the choir or wanted to help set up for communion?
- ◆ Would you consider serving on a board or as an elected official?
- ◆ Would you like to supervise lunch duty at the school?

Giving Proportionately:

- ◆ Are you currently giving a 10% tithe to the ministry at Bethany?
- ◆ How about increasing your giving by just 1%?
- ◆ Have you remembered your church in your will or living trust?
- ◆ Do you have any resources or professional services that you could offer to Bethany as a gift in kind?

Sharing Intentionally:

- ◆ Have you ever considered going to India or Alaska with our mission teams?
- ◆ Would you like to teach Sunday school, or Vacation Bible School, or another Bible class?
- ◆ Can you take time every day to pray for our missionaries?
- ◆ What about praying for your neighbors and friends who don't know Jesus?

It would be a tremendous blessing to Bethany and the entire body of Christ if everyone took the time to make a spiritual resolution this year and increased their connection to the Blueprint. If you have any questions on how you can get started or connected to any of the ministries here at Bethany, please do not hesitate to contact me. May this year bring you the peace of Christ who makes all things new! (Revelation 21:5)

-Pastor Seth Moorman

Bethany's MOMS Group...

Are you a mom of young children and would like to meet other Bethany moms? Join the Moms' Group on the first/third Fridays of each month for a playdate. This month it's **January 6, & 20**. We meet in the church nursery around **10:00AM** and the kids play and the moms talk for a few hours. More information is to follow in the weekly chimes. Questions or for more information please contact Sarah O'Conner at smo17636@yahoo.com.

Annual Campout Retreat...

Bethany's Annual Family Campout Retreat is **February 18-20, 2012** at Mobiland RV Park in Ocotillo Wells. Bring your special dish for Saturday's pot luck 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 at (562) 925-3542.

Bethany Lutheran School News...

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Happy 2012!

I'm writing this article in December. I just returned from the 2nd Grade classroom where the students were happily working on penmanship while belting out Christmas carols....there's no place like an elementary school during Christmas!

Did you know?



We have had an after-school drawing class here for several years, but this month we will offer an after-school *sculpting* class! The students will be using Super Sculpey clay, the same clay used by animation studios and professional doll makers.

We're looking forward to a partnership with the Long Beach Opera, who will come and enlighten our 5th-8th Grade students on the art of opera, then give a one-woman opera performance based on the novel "*The Diary of Anne Frank*". We know this will be a great experience for our students.

Plan Ahead

Our Science Fair/Open House is scheduled for **February 15**. We're looking forward to seeing some FABULOUS science experiments from our stellar students. We'd love to have you join us!

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.

It is a joy to serve with you! Thank you for your partnership in the Gospel.

Dr. Mary Fink
Principal



Bethany's Preschool: Tricycle Tidings

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Every year in the "Big School" (aka. Day or Elementary School) the children in seventh and eighth grades partner up with the kindergarten and first grade children. The partners are named Bear Buddies, and they attend chapel together each week. Depending on the schedules of the upper-graders, the partners get together at other times also. Sometimes the upper graders read to the younger students, sometimes they might lead/help with an art project or just hang out together and bond. It is a great activity for both partners; and both reap the benefits of the relationship.

This year during the month of December a new pairing was added to the mix. This year's sixth graders came down to Mrs. Lofton's and Teacher Karen's classes and partnered up with the Pre-Kindergarten students. I'm not sure who was more excited, the almost-seventh graders or the almost-kindergartners. So far, the sixth graders have met their partners. Some read to their partner, and others played with them in the preschool classrooms. They also attended the day school Christmas chapel together. They are making plans for other get-togethers during the remainder of this school year; then next year, those who attend Bethany's Kindergarten and Grade seven will already have an "old friend."

I came across the following the other day and thought some of you might enjoy it also.

HOW TO REALLY LOVE A CHILD

Be there. Say YES as often as you can. Let them bang on pots and pans. If they're crabby, put them in water. Read books out loud with joy. Go find elephants and kiss them. Encourage silly. Giggle a lot. Remember how really small they are. Search out the positive. Keep the gleam in your eye. Go see a movie in your pajamas. Teach feelings. Realize how important it is to be a child. Plan to build a rocket ship. Stop yelling. Invent pleasures together. Surprise them. Express your love. A lot. Children are Miraculous! - *Written by SARk*

We still have a few spaces in our 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, to call the school at (562)429-7335 or they can email me (nseaman@bethanylutheran.org).

God bless,
Nola Seaman
Preschool Director

In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.
-Philippians 1:4-6

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):

Pizza, Planning, and Toilet Brush Hockey!

Use your voice and vote to help plan the calendar of events for the remainder of the school year. Do you like kayaking, biking, lock-ins? Bring a friend and join us in the Bethany youth room on **Saturday, January 28th at 6:00PM**. Questions? Contact Diana Orr at dorr@bethanylutheran.org

January - HS Birthdays

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|---------------------|--------------------|
| 1/9 Anthony Fuller | 1/11 John Crawford |
| 1/13 Garrett Lundin | 1/14 Laura Coleman |
| 1/20 Donald Uti | 1/28 Haley DeBoom |
| 1/29 Coral Green | 1/20 Alyson Young |

High School Music Ministry

HS Handbells and the HS Celebrate! Choir will continue to have a modified POWER Sunday model. The schedule for our next two months looks like this—contact Dr. Carol McDaniel and/or Sara Cerulle.

January Schedule:

***Please note changes to January's schedule.**

Jan. 1 - **Power DOWN**

Jan. 8 - **POWER Sunday**

8AM worship w/ family, 9:30AM HS Study, 10:45AM Handbell rehearsal, 11:30AM Celebrate rehearsal

Jan. 15 - **Power DOWN**

Jan. 22 - **POWER Sunday**

Sing at 8AM, 9:30AM HS Study, 10:45AM Handbell rehearsal, 11:30AM Celebrate rehearsal

Jan. 29 - **POWER Sunday**

8AM Handbell rehearsal, 8:30AM Celebrate rehearsal, 9:30AM HS Study, Sing at 10:55AM

February Schedule:

Feb. 5 - **POWER Sunday**

8AM Handbell rehearsal, 8:30AM Celebrate rehearsal, 9:30AM HS Study, 10:55AM worship w/ family

Feb. 12 - **POWER Sunday**

8AM worship w/ family, 9:30AM HS Study, 10:45AM Handbell rehearsal, 11:30AM Celebrate rehearsal

Feb. 19 - **Power DOWN**

Feb. 26 - **POWER Sunday**

8AM Handbell rehearsal, 8:30AM Celebrate rehearsal, 9:30AM HS Study, Sing at 10:55AM

"3to5" for (grades 3-5)

"MSG" for (grades 6-8)

ICE SKATING IN JANUARY!



Jesus could walk on it when in its liquid form! Question is...can you glide across it when in its solid state? That's right '3to5' and 'MSG' it is Ice Skating time once again. Join us for ice skating on **Sunday, January 8th at Glacial Gardens**.

- ◆ Drop off is at Glacial Gardens between 1:30-1:40PM.
- ◆ We will ice skate from 1:45-3:45PM.
- ◆ Plan to pick up from Glacial Gardens between 3:30-4:00PM.
- ◆ The cost is \$9.00 which includes entrance and skate rental, but you may want to bring some extra money with you if you wish to purchase any snacks/drinks.
- ◆ The rink is Glacial Gardens at 3975 Pixie Avenue, Lakewood, Ca. Cross streets are Carson and Paramount.

You must RSVP to attend, so please RSVP by Thursday, January 5th. Contact the church office at 562-421-4711 if you are planning to attend. If you don't already have a permission form on file, then please bring a completed form with you; these are available on our website.

This is always a fun winter time event! We look forward to seeing you there. –Pastor Kritzer

Grades 7 & 8 - Dance on Friday, January 20, 2012

The dance is in the gym from 7-10PM and the cost is \$10. This dance is open to any youth in grades 7 & 8 that attend our Day School, are in our Confirmation program, or are members of our congregation. A signed dance permission slip needs to be completed and is available in the school office and on our website. Chaperones are needed for this, so if you are able to help please contact Karl Fink at ext. 19 or kfink@bethanylutheran.org.

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."

Music Academy News...

MUSIC ACADEMY

Open invitation to the congregation to attend the Winter Recital on **Sunday afternoon, January 29, at 1:30PM and 3:00 PM**. Piano, organ and voice students will be performing, bringing honor to God with His gift of music. Please join us for a brief afternoon of music. Refreshments will be served afterward.

SECOND SEMESTER OF THE 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 students are welcome and encouraged to enroll at this time. Openings are limited and fill up quickly. **Please return completed forms to the school or church office no later than Monday, January 30.** Lessons begin in February, Friday students on February 3rd.

Contact Maureen Kurkowski with any questions: 562-421-4711 or mkurkowski@bethanylutheran.org.

CUNE Chamber Choir to Tour West Coast...

West Coast Tour February 2012

The Concordia University, Nebraska, Chamber Choir is scheduled for a tour along the West Coast in 2012. One of their stops will include Bethany Lutheran Church, Long Beach.

Join us for:

**An Evening Concert on Saturday, February 11, 2012
at 7:00PM**

AND

**Participation in all three morning worship services on
Sunday, February 12, 2012**

The sixteen-voice select choir is chosen from the University A Cappella Choir and conducted by Kurt E. von Kampen. **Admission to the concert is free; an offering will be taken at the evening concert.** Performance at worship services is not complete concerts. Please contact Carol McDaniel (cmcdaniel@bethanylutheran.org) or Maureen Kurkowski (mkurkowski@bethanylutheran.org) in the church office (562-421-4711) if you are interested in serving as a host family.



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Moms in Touch...

Start the New Year praying for your child(ren), their teachers, and the schools. To learn how, or to see if there is a group meeting to cover your school in prayer, go to www.MomsInTouch.org and click on "group locator." To see a prayer group in action, scroll over "about us" and then click on "4 steps video."

Additional News & Notes...

- ⇒ **Deadline for the FEBRUARY Chimes is on Tuesday, January 17, 2012.** Email articles to Aimee Coleman (acoleman@bethanylutheran.org).
- ⇒ **Worship: January 1** at 8:00AM & 10:00AM **ONLY.**
- ⇒ **Church Office Closed:** We are closed **January 2** for New Year's Day and **January 16** for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.
- ⇒ **NO Monday Night Vespers on January 2.**

"If anyone speaks,
he should do it as one speaking
the very words of God.
If anyone serves, he should do
it with the strength God
provides,
so that in all things God may be
praised through Jesus Christ.
To him be the glory and the
power forever and ever. Amen"
- 1 Peter 4:11

When in sorrow — John 14
When people fail you — Psalm 27
When you have sinned — Psalm 51
When you worry — Matthew 6:25-34
Before the church service — Psalm 84
When you are in danger — Psalm 91
For the blues — Psalm 34
When God seems distant — Psalm 139
When discouraged — Isaiah 40
If you want to be fruitful — John 15
When doubts come — John 7:17
When lonely or fearful — Psalm 23
When you forget your blessings — Psalm 103
For Jesus' idea of a Christian — Matthew 5
For the Bible's idea of religion — James 1:19-27
If faith needs stirring — Hebrews 11
When you feel down and out — Romans 8:31-39
When the world seems bigger than God — Psalm 90



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Join us at Worship!

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

***Special NOTE: January 1, 2012 worship is at 8:00AM & 10:00AM ONLY**
***NO Monday Night Vespers on January 2, 2012.**

Important JANUARY
Dates to Note:

| DATE / EVENT / TIME | |
|----------------------------|--|
| 1/1 | Worship, 8AM & 10AM |
| 1/2 | Church Office Closed NO Vespers |
| 1/3 | All Boards, 7PM |
| 1/10 | Church Council, 7PM Community Impact, 7PM |
| 1/16 | Church Office Closed |
| 1/17 | Monthly Chimes Deadline |
| 1/22 | Life Sunday |



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

JANUARY 2012