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## THE BETHANY BLUEPRINT

Dear Family & Friends of Bethany Lutheran Church,

As the pages on the calendar fly by, it is hard to believe that I am once again preparing to go to Alaska to serve as a short-term missionary. In just a few months I will be on an airplane heading back to the Last Frontier. It was eight years ago when I made my first trip to the land of the midnight sun. That year, our small team of nine people welcomed 9 children to our Vacation Bible School program at the General Store in Pt. McKenzie, Alaska. Bethany also sent a team of 12 to the town of Anderson near Fairbanks where just over 20 kids came to hear the message of Jesus. Our team numbers 21 people this year and is ready to be ambassadors of the Gospel. This will be our eighth year in Pt. McKenzie and our seventh year in the town of Big Lake, both about two hours from Anchorage.

Last year our teams welcomed just over 70 children to our VBS programs! God is Good!! Many of these children do not have a church home, and some are isolated from attending church due to distance and weather. We have been blessed to be able to watch many of these kids grow up in stature and in their relationship with their Savior. We are privileged to share the love of Jesus not only with the children who come to our program but also with their families. This undertaking comes at a financial cost, but not going could have eternal costs. Traveling to Alaska is not cheap; airfare, groceries, gasoline, supplies, and most other things cost more in Alaska than they do in the lower 48. This year our team hopes to raise \$30,000 for supplies, travel costs, and other expenses. So far we have raised almost \$17,000!

Our team will leave Long Beach on June 24<sup>th</sup> and will return home on July 3<sup>rd</sup>. We will be "camping out" in sleeping bags on the floor of a

local Lutheran church, preparing our own meals, and bringing along all the supplies needed for our week of VBS. We look forward to ministering to children of all ages, teaching them about Jesus, praying with them, singing songs, and making crafts.

We can't do this mission outreach alone, and we would like to invite you to join our team in prayer for those who will minister and those who will be ministered to. Pray that hearts will be open to the Gospel of Jesus Christ and that the Lord will guide our words and actions. Pray for safe travel across the Alaska frontier and that God will supply all our needs, physically and spiritually. Pray especially that God will bring eternal fruit from the seeds we sow through His word! ***"And pray also for me, that whenever I open my mouth, words may be given so that I will fearlessly make known the mystery of the Gospel."***

—Ephesians 6:19

Your support is vital to our ministry, and we thank you for your partnership in the Gospel! You can help support Mission Alaska by purchasing SCRIP for our trip. We need Gas SCRIP and Grocery SCRIP. You can also support us by attending our cook's night out events; watch the weekly CHIMES for more information about dates and locations. Financial gifts are always appreciated and can be given to any of the team members. We would love for you to join us in Alaska sometime. If the Lord is calling you to be a short-term missionary with us drop me a line and I will make sure you get all the information for next year's trip. 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!

Serving the LORD,

*Pastor Seth Moorman*

## MAY Monthly Devotion: A Burning Heart

I am fighting to stay awake as I write these words.

Last night I did not sleep. My heart was burning. We had a late meeting at church. I had some chores to get done before I could get to bed. I ate a huge burger and onion rings between the meeting and said chores and on top of all that—I heard about a house for sale. Toured the house, made an offer, and had it accepted earlier in the day. So I am sure the contributing factors were legion, but nevertheless a burning heart was mine — all night — last night.

In life, we seldom view a burning heart as good thing. Not so in the book of Luke.

It had been a long day. *I seriously doubt they would have been able to sleep that night when they got home.* Their day had been full of long meetings too: the meeting of the Sanhedrin, then the meeting before Pilate, finally the meeting of nail & wood which caused Christ to meet His earthly death. Their hearts on fire with fear, engulfed in anguish, and

scorching from the scorn they saw their Lord suffer.

Yet, what relieved their pain was...you guessed it...**a burning heart.**

*(click on the passage to read the text or take out your home Bible.)*

### [LUKE 24:13-32](#)

In a world in which our hearts burn with things that keep us awake, the sadness, pain, isolation, frustration and fears of a world in chaos; we cannot truly rest unless God...

- ✚ Walks with us
- ✚ Speaks to us
- ✚ Makes our hearts burn with the knowledge

...that we have a God who understands, can relate to our trials, and who has defeated them already.

—Pastor Kevin Kritzer

## Bethany 101 and Bethany 201 to begin...

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

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

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

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

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

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

## Memorial Day Weekend...

A few reminders...

- ⇒ On **Sunday, May 29<sup>th</sup>** there will be NO Sunday School, Confirmation classes, HS study, or Adult classes.
- ⇒ On **Monday, May 30<sup>th</sup>** the church office will be closed and there will be NO Monday Night Vespers.

***Have a blessed holiday weekend.***

**For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.—John 3:16**

## Ministry of Discipleship News...

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### Vacation Bible School:

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

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

**VBS TRAINING DATES:** For those who have volunteered to teach or assist with a classroom at our VBS, please note the TWO training dates. Please make plans to attend ONE of these dates, either **Saturday morning, June 4 from 9-10:30AM** or **Monday evening, June 6 from 7-8:30PM**. Both meetings will take place in the Youth Room.

### GriefShare Update:

We will be starting another session of our GriefShare support group near the end of summer, beginning in the month of August and running into the month of October. Please be

reminded that GriefShare is a 10-12 week DVD/discussion based class for those who are experiencing the grief of losing a loved one, or some other major loss in one's life. Please watch the Bethany website for exact starting dates and times, and should you know of any individuals who might benefit from a support group of this nature, please pass the word to them, or let me know as I send out postcards of invitation. Thanks in advance for keeping this ministry in your prayers!

### Confirmation News:

We are pleased to be confirming 18 of our youth on **Sunday, May 1, at the 10:55AM service**. These students are making commitments to our Heavenly Father, as well as to this church and their families, that they will remain life-long students of His Word. Please pray for these young men and women, as well as their families, as they take this next step in their ongoing walk of faith.

Victoria Bartlett	Bethany Graham	Steven McNeil
Kailee Castlen	Cameron Highwart	Alyssa Migliaro
Taylor Dufour	Clayton Kritzer	Thomas Pua
Patrick Dunn	Joshua Lange	Austin Romanos
Rebecca Finley	Hannah Liedahl	Kara Stribling
Jakob Geiger	Sean McGrath	Donald Uti

Karl Fink—Minister of Discipleship

## Adult Bible Studies for MAY...

### 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**.

† **New Pastor's Class to Begin—PREDESTINATION**

Do you believe that God has a plan for your life? A destiny? Do you believe that God gives you the freedom to make choices? How can both of those things be true? That seems inconsistent. Isn't it arrogant or presumptuous to claim that God has chosen you? Does God choose some to be saved and others to go to Hell? What is this thing called predestination, and what does the Bible say?

Join Pastor Kevin and Pastor Seth for a study on predestination starting May 1<sup>st</sup> at 9:30AM in the Choir Room.

### WEDNESDAY Evening:

† **Living Way**—This mid-week study usually meets at 7PM. **Living Way will resume on Wednesday, May 11, 2011.**

### THURSDAY Morning:

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

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

## Ministry of Outreach News...

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### **Opportunities for Service and Spiritual Formation:**

**Declare and Defend Your Faith-** Have you ever struggled to share your faith with others? Would you like to know why the Bible is completely reliable? Can you with confidence tell somebody the salvation story? If you would like to learn more about how to share the hope we have in Christ with others, join us on Saturday, May 28 from 8:30AM-1:00PM for a **FREE** seminar. Guest speaker Pastor Mark Jasa will share his expertise, so you can confidently declare and defend your faith. Lunch is included in the program. All ages are welcome and childcare will be provided. Please RSVP by May 23<sup>rd</sup> to the Church Office.

**Help Build a House in 2011-** This year's Thrivent Builds with Habitat project is getting underway and we need your help. Bethany build days are coming up! You can help by coming out to the worksite in Lawndale on one of our Saturday builds or by contacting Habitat for Humanity to schedule a work day during the week. We are scheduled to bring a group on April 30, June 11, September 24 & October 29. To sign up, send Pastor Seth an email ([smoorman@bethanylutheran.org](mailto:smoorman@bethanylutheran.org)) or sign up at the connections table in Friendship Square on Sunday. You can contact Habitat for Humanity by sending an email to Chris Untiet ([cuntiet@habitatla.org](mailto:cuntiet@habitatla.org)) or by calling 310-

323-4663 ext. 129.

**Soles4Souls-** We collected over 200 pairs of shoes last month for Soles4Souls! But if you don't have shoes to give away and still want to help you can text SHOES to 20222 to donate \$5 to Soles4Souls. Collecting the shoes is one part of the process, getting the shoes to those who need it is another. Donations to help defray the cost of shipping are gladly accepted.

**Get Connected-** Want to get connected with the various ministries at Bethany? Fill out the new connections card next time you are in worship. Drop it in the offering plate or give it to an usher and you will be contacted on how you can fit in.

**Summer Camp-** The Pacific Southwest District (LCMS) Outdoor Ministry team invites you to enjoy an incredible week of adventure and service at camp YOLIJWA in Oak Glen July 11-16. The program is in need of volunteers to serve as trail guides, archery instructors, game guides, counselors, kitchen help, and more. If you are interested in volunteering for a day or the whole week you can sign up on their website ([www.outdoorministry.org](http://www.outdoorministry.org)). You can also register your child for the summer camp sessions online as well. If you have questions or need more information, send them an email ([info@outdoorministry.org](mailto:info@outdoorministry.org)).

## Music Ministry News...

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**MUSIC ACADEMY** Spring Recital will take place in the church on **Sunday afternoon, May 22 at 1:30PM and 3:00PM.** The Bethany Lutheran Church Music Academy is founded on the firm conviction that music is a gift of God used to express praise to Him, as well as an invaluable tool in sharing and spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Family, friends and neighbors are invited to attend either one or both recitals. Whether these music students have completed one or many semesters of lessons for organ, piano or voice, they are prepared to share their music with you. Please come and stay for the reception following each recital.

**MUSIC MINISTRY GRANTS:** Available to members of Bethany, 12 years or older, who are involved in a music program at Bethany. Grant money is to be used for furthering

music education, i.e., lessons, instruments, tuition.

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

**COMPOSER WEEKEND:** Coming to Bethany in June, guest composer **Robert Hobby** will return for another wonderful musical experience, spending time with our combined Senior and Celebrate! Choirs on **June 4** in preparation for worship on **June 5 at 8:00AM and 10:55AM.** Robert Hobby is a recognized organist and commissioned composer of over 100 compositions, currently serving as the Director of Music at Trinity English Lutheran Church in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

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

*—Psalm 89:1*

## Bethany Lutheran School News...

Happy May to all of you! Busy, busy, busy times around here...there's always something going on at Bethany Lutheran School!

**Enrollment**—We are getting many more calls and requests for tours than we had last year. Thank you for continuing to spread the good news about Bethany Lutheran School!

**The Garden of Eatin'**—We have PLANTS in our garden boxes! Each grade level has its own box, and they've planted both seedlings and seeds. It's fun to see how quickly some plants are growing...we already have some yummy strawberries that are ready to eat!

**Solar Grand Prix**—Once again, we're so proud of our Solar Grand Prix teams and how well they represented Bethany! Congrats to our contestants (and parent volunteers!) We even had some winners in the competition:

**Black Panther** – 2<sup>nd</sup> place for speed in the middle school division-Ellis Armendariz, Kyle Jackson, Connor Veliz and Jacob Hicks (coached by Mark Armendariz )

*Dr. Mary Fink-School Principal, ext. 17*  
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**The Rockstar**-2<sup>nd</sup> place for most use of recycled parts-Alyssa Krueger, Megan Hasty, Sean Isma and Nick Robledo (coached by Chuck Baker and Julie Krueger)

**You Be the Chemist**—Four Bethany students will be competing in this [contest](#) at the Discovery Science Center in Santa Ana next month. The winners of this contest go on to the national contest in Philadelphia in June!

**Fun Day**—Our annual school carnival is scheduled for **Saturday, May 21**. This year's carnival has a Country Fair theme...come and join us for the ever-popular basket auction, Bakewalk, fun games, good fun and great fellowship!

*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*

It's joy to serve Him with you!  
Mary Fink, Principal



## Bethany's Preschool: Tricycle Tidings

*Nola Seaman, Preschool Director, ext. 22*  
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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."

Those of us who serve our Lord and His children at Bethany Lutheran Preschool consider it an honor and a privilege. We continually strive to, not just maintain the quality of our school, but to improve it. We do this in several ways.

Each fall our teachers attend an educator's conference with many other educators who serve in the Pacific Southwest District. Each spring we attend an Early Childhood Spring Conference. This year, instead of the spring conference, we will be attending the National Children's Ministry Conference this summer. Each of these conferences offers opportunities for personal and professional growth.

Another way we have endeavored to continue improving is by seeking and receiving accreditation. Our first accreditation was earned in 2002; and we were re-accredited in 2009. The years after and between accreditation visits, we complete an annual report. In the annual report we address the recommendations that were made at the time of the accreditation visit. Basically, the annual report tells the accreditation commission that we are continuing to work to improve our school.

Each May we send home a parent survey so that our parents have a chance to give their feedback about our program. The staff of Bethany is encouraged to visit on-line parent review sites.

One such site is <http://www.greatschools.org/school/parentReviews.page?id=8649&state=CA&sortBy=dd&page=2#revPagination>.

The following review summaries were copied from the great schools web site:

- ✚ **My son will be starting his 3rd year in the preschool** and they are great. All the teachers and staff are wonderful. —Submitted by a parent
- ✚ **Both of my girls have loved Bethany Lutheran Preschool!** My oldest will be in the BLS Kindergarten this fall. These teachers love kids, communicate clearly with parents, and have gentle spirits. —Submitted by a parent
- ✚ **Bethany Lutheran pre-school is top notch. The staff is very nurturing and experienced.** They deeply care about each child. The leadership is strong and the facilities are very clean and nice. I knew my daughter was in great hands here, Looked at several pre schools and this one "just felt right." It lived up to my expectations and then some. The teachers are angels--they make each child feel special, If you are seeking a Christ centered pre-school with stability of staff--this is the place. —Submitted by a parent

When prospects come to visit, I often hear that they had heard rave reviews from former Bethany Preschool families. This has not been written to brag about the preschool; but to give you, the members of the Bethany family, a report on the "State of Bethany Lutheran Pre-school." Each member of the Bethany Preschool staff would like to thank you for allowing her to serve here!

If you have a preschool-age child, we would love to have you join our loving community also. To learn more, check out [www.bethanylutheran.org](http://www.bethanylutheran.org) and click on either the school or the preschool; or call Nola Seaman at 562-429-7335 to schedule an appointment to tour the preschool.

## 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):

#### *Spring Retreat for High School & Newly Confirmed 8th graders:*

Please keep in prayer our high school youth, newly confirmed students and adult chaperones that are headed to our spring retreat May 6-8 at Forest Home Retreat Center in Forest Falls, CA.

#### *HS Community Service Event*

HS Youth - Do you need service hours and like *In 'n Out*? Join us for lunch (our treat) after our Bethany service project. We need to plant 25 bushes outside the air conditioning units facing Arbor Rd. Bring your school forms if you want credit for the hours.

**When:** Saturday, May 21st      **Time:** 9:00AM

**What to Bring:** Your muscles, your work clothes, a shovel, and a smile. **RSVP to Diana Orr at [dorr@bethanylutheran.org](mailto:dorr@bethanylutheran.org)**

#### *Spring Book Fair is Coming in May!*

The High School Youth sponsored Scholastic Book Fair will be **Sunday, May 22 through Friday, May 27 in the Library**. The Fair will be open 9:00AM-12:30PM on Sunday. 8:00AM-5:30PM on Monday & Tuesday; then before and after school Wednesday-Friday.

High School Youth, we will need your help working the Fair. Set-up will be on Friday, May 20th at 3:00PM-5:30PM. We will need help during the week (May 22-27), so if a parent or grandparent is willing to help during the day that would be great. HS Youth can help on Sunday and then after school during the week. Take down will happen at the close on Friday, May 27th.

Look for an email from the Board of Youth asking for volunteers and a sign up sheet will come around during the Bible study hour too. This is a great way to earn some funds in your youth account for retreats, youth gatherings and the Alaska Mission trip.

#### *Bible Study Hour*

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

#### *MAY—HS Birthdays*

5/2 Lindsey Clanton	5/6 Amy McDaniel
5/6 Anna McDaniel	5/10 Kalei Mancia
5/12 Caroline Holmquist	5/22 Greta Shourt
5/25 Melissa Jordan	5/30 Colby Roberts

#### **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 May schedule is:

May 1 POWER Up	Worship w/ family @ 8AM service; 9:30AM Bible study; Rehearsals immediately follows
<b>May 8 POWER Down</b>	<b>No Rehearsals; Worship @ service of your choice; 9:30AM Bible study</b>
May 15 POWER Up	Celebrate! Sings @ 8AM; 9:30AM Bible Study;
<b>May 22 POWER Down</b>	<b>No Rehearsal; Worship @ service of your choice; 9:30AM Bible study</b>
May 29 POWER Down	No Rehearsal; Worship @ service of your choice 9:30AM Bible study

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

#### **Save the Date!**

**Friday, June 3rd** will be our end of year BASH! Look for more information in the weekly Sunday bulletin and in next month's June issue.

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

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

**LAST DANCE of the Year! Grades 6-8th come to the dance on Friday, May 13 from 7-10PM in the Gym. Cost is \$10.**

Yes, you read it right...6th graders are invited to join in on our last dance of the year. This dance is open to youth that are members of Bethany's congregation, attend our Confirmation classes or attend Bethany's day school. A signed permission form is required and are available on our website and hard copies are in the school office. Chaperones are needed, so if you are able to help, please contact Karl Fink at ext. 19 or [kfink@bethanylutheran.org](mailto:kfink@bethanylutheran.org).

**SAVE the DATE: Friday, June 3rd will be our end of the year BASH!**

## 60th National Day of Prayer...



### BETHANY'S 16TH ANNUAL NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER SERVICE Wednesday May 4, 7:00-8:00PM in the GYM

This is a Community Connection to invite others to come and pray, sing patriotic songs, and hear from a former LCMS chaplain. Don't miss this opportunity to come together to pray for our nation, community, family and our armed forces. Know anyone who is serving that we can pray for; or has served so we can honor them?

**Action: Invite them to come with you!**

Update on Craig Huey: Mr. Huey has made presentations at Bethany's Voter Forums. After many came together for prayer to help him with his decision, he has decided to run for Congress in the 36th District. There will be a special election May 17 to fill the seat vacated by Congresswoman Jane Harman.

**Action: Go to his website if you would like additional information.**

—Community Impact Committee

## Fun Day: May 21, 2011

Bethany Lutheran School will host a **Country Fair Fun Day** on the school grounds on **May 21st from 10:00AM - 3:00PM.**

Church and school families welcome!

**Come out and enjoy a day with your family!**



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."*

## MOMS Group...

**Moms Group:** Are you a stay-at-home mom or a working mom with Friday mornings off & would like to meet other Bethany moms? The Bethany Moms Group meets every other Friday morning at 10AM in the church nursery. Our kids have a play date while the moms can have some adult conversation. **This month we are meeting on May 6 & 20.** The Moms Group also meets twice a week at the local parks to walk and play. The Moms Group is also working on starting a **Moms Night Out.**

The MOMS Group is having their first **Moms Night Out** on **Tuesday, May 17.** Leave the kids at home with dad and join us at El Torito on the corner of Lakewood & Candlewood at 6:30PM. We will meet in the Cantina.

If you are interested and would like more information, please contact Sarah O'Conner at [smo17636@yahoo.com](mailto:smo17636@yahoo.com).

## Alaska Mission Team Needs Your Help...

The Alaska Mission Team is once again asking for your support through SCRIP/gift card purchases. The mission team will leave June 24th for their 8th trip to Big Lake and Point McKenzie to share the message of Jesus Christ. This year the team needs \$1,200 for grocery SCRIP and \$500 for gas SCRIP. **Starting May 1st** you can purchase Safeway SCRIP cards and Chevron SCRIP cards for the team to use in Alaska. A \$25 donation will provide a grocery or gas card, in the past our generous Bethany members provided all the SCRIP that was needed for the mission trip. If you would like to donate grocery or gas cards please stop at the SCRIP table on Sunday mornings or come in to the school office during the week.

You can also purchase SCRIP year round for your everyday shopping and designate that the profit from your purchase be given to the Mission Alaska team. If you have never purchased SCRIP before, please stop at the SCRIP table to ask any questions you have about SCRIP.



## PACIFIC SOUTHWEST DISTRICT OUTDOOR MINISTRY

**Summer Camp-** Come to mountains this summer and hear about the bold claims of Jesus. Don't be fooled by counterfeits, Jesus is the real deal. Mine the scriptures and see the true treasure of the Savior. Pan for something more precious than silver, more costly than gold while you meet new friends, make crafts, sleep in a teepee, eat some great food and enjoy time in God's beautiful creation. Stake your claim today and register for Gold Rush summer camp. The Pacific Southwest District (LCMS) Outdoor Ministry team invites you to enjoy an incredible week of adventure at camp YOLIJWA in Oak Glen July 11-16. Hurry, space is limited! Campers from 5 to 17 years old are welcome. Get more information at [www.outdoorministry.org](http://www.outdoorministry.org) or send them an email ([info@outdoorministry.org](mailto:info@outdoorministry.org)).

## BETHANY LUTHERAN SUMMER CAMP

**Register now for *Bethany Lutheran Summer Camp*.** We have a quality camp program that will run 10 weeks this summer, from **June 20-August 26**. Your child is eligible to attend summer camp if they are a current student, incoming student, or a member of Bethany Lutheran Church. If you have any questions, or would like a registration packet, please call (562) 496-0611, or e-mail us at [edc@bethanylutheran.org](mailto:edc@bethanylutheran.org). We look forward to fun in the sun with your camper!

## Our Parish Theme 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

## Additional News & Notes...

- ⇒ **Deadline for the JUNE Chimes is on Friday, May 13, 2011.** Email your articles to Aimee Coleman at [acoleman@bethanylutheran.org](mailto:acoleman@bethanylutheran.org).
- ⇒ **Thank You!** The Board of Evangelism would like to thank all of the Bethany families who helped make this year's Easter Egg Hunt a success! **We had 63 kids attend.** We couldn't have done it without those of you that volunteered your time by baking treats, helping with the event, and buying candy and eggs. To God be the glory!
- ⇒ **Pan Am Fiesta:** We have received our confirmation, and we will have a booth at the Pan American Festival at Mayfair Park in Lakewood on **Saturday and Sunday, May 7-8.** We will staff a booth with information to showcase our church and school. And we need your help! Individuals to work in the booth are needed for one hour **shifts from 11 AM – 6 PM both days.** All materials and information will be provided, but we need your smiling faces and outgoing personalities to truly reflect the benefits of attending our church and school. Email today to Kathy Tucker at [ktucker@bethanylutheran.org](mailto:ktucker@bethanylutheran.org) or call her at (562) 420-7783, ext. 54 and sign up for one hour during this week-end of outreach. Thanks so much.

## 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*

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

"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

### Sunday School Update...

## Our Sunday School needs volunteers and students to ignite its spiritual revival!



**Christ is King!** Sunday School used to be a bigger part of the ministry here. We had healthy attendance, offerings were plentiful and parents willingly volunteered to lead Sunday School classes.

Attendance and stewardship is falling. How did Sunday School get to this point? Here are some thoughts to consider:

- ❖ Many adults choose not to attend Sunday School, while some cannot find the motivation to make the commitment to lead our littlest worshippers. We all want to have this Discipleship Program we call Sunday School, but where is the commitment?
- ❖ Sunday School is losing ground. As parents, some may say that we have allowed the importance of youth sports programs to take precedence over taking advantage of an opportunity for our children to share biblical lessons with their friends, friends they may only see on Sundays, and we fail to share the Good News with newcomers to God's Love.
- ❖ With the decline in Sunday School volunteers, our children have suffered. To make it easier for the volunteers we have tried team teaching. The toughest teams to keep motivated are the Preschool teams, especially if those teaching have a very little one at home. Those little ones need to be nurtured and taught about being a good steward and disciple. Even though their attention span may not be the longest, they are sponges and they glow when re-telling the simple Bible stories.
- ❖ Has our Sunday School simply hit hard times like the cur-

rent economy? Our goal is to turn it around and revitalize our teaching staff and strive to improve our discipleship efforts. As the Superintendent, I am currently reviewing my commitment to Sunday School.

During the past eight months grades 4-5-6 made a valiant leap towards revitalization. There will be some minor adjustments within this age group, but nothing outrageous. It will take some getting used to, and after a few more months it will flourish. **Our Sunday School needs volunteers and students to ignite its spiritual revival.**

If you know a child that needs to learn about Jesus or a child wanting to know more, send him or her to Sunday School. It's for just a short period of time but the reward will last forever.

If you are a busy person, have a heart for Jesus, enjoy seeing someone smile and like to receive hugs, step it up, kick off your slippers and put on your running shoes. There is a spot for you in the Sunday School Discipleship Program at Bethany. Start out small, teach a 2-week block THIS Summer, find a friend to team up with and teach every other month.

The challenge to our children is to bring a friend each week. Who will meet this challenge? Watch for our upcoming Steward challenge.

Will it be, "Jingle for Japan" or "Coins for Quilts"? Our efforts will support programs sponsored by Lutheran World Relief. More information will be available in the Weekly Chimes!

Debbie Peurrung  
*Sunday School Superintendent*

Karl Fink  
*DCE*



# VOLUNTEER FORM - 2011

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

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

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

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### For those entering 8th Grade to Adult:

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

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

**OR, I prefer to work:**

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

PRINT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

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



# VBS Registration Form

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

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

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

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

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

**INVITE EVERYONE YOU KNOW! FRIENDS, NEIGHBORS AND RELATIVES!**

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## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL REGISTRATION

### VBS REGISTRATION FORM

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

*\*Please Print Clearly*

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_

School grade for next year \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Male Female

Parents' Names \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Baptized? Yes No Attend Sunday School? Yes No

Church Attended: \_\_\_\_\_

Member of that Church? Yes No

Emergency Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_

-Relationship to child: \_\_\_\_\_

-Emergency Contact's Phone: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Person responsible for picking up child:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Siblings attending VBS (names & age): \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

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

Medical Concerns: \_\_\_\_\_

Family Doctor: \_\_\_\_\_ Dr. Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

### VBS T-SHIRT ORDER FORM

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

PRINT NAME \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

CHILD SIZES	\$8.50 ea. Quantity	ADULT SIZES	\$10.50 ea. Quantity
XS (2-4)	_____	S	_____
S (6-8)	_____	M	_____
M (10-12)	_____	L	_____
L (14-16)	_____	X-LG	_____

(\*\$12.50 for XX-LG sizes)  
\*XX-LG \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Due** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Paid** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Balance Due** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Parent or Guardian Signature

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

Parent or Guardian Signature

#### OFFICE USE ONLY:

Reg. Date \_\_\_\_\_

Class \_\_\_\_\_

#### OFFICE USE ONLY:

Order Rec'd \_\_\_\_\_ Amt. Rec'd \_\_\_\_\_

Check # \_\_\_\_\_ Cash Amt. \_\_\_\_\_

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



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**Join us at Worship!**

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

**Important MAY**  
Dates to Note:

**DATE / EVENT / TIME**

- 5/3 All Boards, 7PM
- 5/10 Church Council, 7PM  
Community Impact, 7PM
- 5/13 Monthly Chimes Article Deadline
- 5/21 Fun Day
- 5/22 Music Academy Recitals
- 5/29 NO Adult & HS Studies, Sunday School,  
& Confirmation
- 5/30 Church Office Closed  
NO Monday Night Vespers

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



**MAY 2011**