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THE BETHANY BLUEPRINT

The Story...His Story Parish Theme 2011-2012

- ❖ If you think *Genesis* is just a band from the '80's...
- ❖ If you think it was Dr. Doolittle who took two of each animal into a big boat...
- ❖ If you think an epistle is a woman married to an apostle...
- ❖ ...you may need to know more of **The Story**.

You may be a bit intimidated by the Bible. You're not alone; many people are. And no wonder, its pages mention odd names like Jehoshaphat and Nebuchadnezzar. It contains accounts from places you probably never heard of, like Sinai and Samaria. And it seems to be made up of a lot of different, seemingly unrelated stories. But it really is one big, exciting story.

You can see it easily if you open your Bible to the beginning and then flip all the way to the end.

The first words found in *Genesis* 1:1 read: "In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth." Then, if you turn all the way to the back of the book, *Revelation* 21:1, you find, "Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away..."

In the beginning, God is creating the heavens and the earth. At the end He is creating a

new heaven and a new earth. So the big question is this: "**What on earth happened between the beginning and the end of the Bible?**" If you can answer that question you will have uncovered the one seamless story of God.

This school year, the family of believers at Bethany will all experience the wonder that is **The Story**. As we preach about **The Story** in worship, you will come to understand the salvation plan of a God who loves us and come to find out that it is really **His Story**.

It is our hope that you would join us on the journey and read **The Story** with us. You will have opportunity to engage in this life changing journey in many ways. Not only can you get engaged in worship, but our Bible studies this year will dig into the story in a variety of ways. From a reading group to Pastor's class, from Sunday school to weekday events, old and young alike will read the same stories each week. Using a resource called *The Story*, the narrative of the Bible has been broken down into 31 easily digestible chapters. Imagine the discussions you can have with your family each week as you all study the same story and learn about His Story, the message of Jesus Christ and His plan of salvation. Copies of **The Story** will be on sale soon.

Get involved in **The Story...His Story**. It will forever transform your life and your family's life. **The journey begins Sunday, September 18th.**

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

COME TOGETHER.... RIGHT NOW!

On **Sunday, October 16**, our community here at Bethany will have the opportunity to worship together at the same time! **This one service will happen on our grass field underneath a big tent.**

Afterwards, box lunches will be made available for purchase (or hopefully you have ordered ahead of time) so that we might continue with some fellowship time. This event is co-sponsored by our Elders, Senior Staff, and Board for Discipleship.

Please watch your Sunday Chimes for more information. Be sure to make plans now to attend!

September Monthly Devotion...

Have you ever noticed that some times when people say, “**true story**,” they are exaggerating the truth, at best, or lying through their teeth, at worst? Satan was. That old snake exaggerated the truth when he offered, “So, you can’t eat from ANY of the trees?” Then his forked tongue lied through his teeth when he said that God didn’t want them to eat because in so doing they would become gods themselves. In so doing, the devil’s first temptation involved calling into question the veracity of God’s word. Click on the link and you can read the entire account in **Genesis Chapter 2**.

Satan’s first question seemed innocent enough, “Did God really say?” i.e. “Are you sure you heard Him right?”

When Eve had responded that God had told them to not eat from the tree in the middle of the garden lest they die, the

serpent turned the truth into a lie and in turn offered a lie as Gospel, true story!

(*Click on links to read the Bible verses that are noted; if you are unable to open the links then please pull out your own Bibles.)

The Scripture tells us stories that are true even when they are about the father of lies (**II Timothy 3:16**).

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The Story...His Story, our parish theme this year is based upon a new Bible edition called **The Story**. It is the Scriptures narrative stories written in 31 chapters.

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In **His Story** we learn **the story** of truth; truth is a principal, (see **Psalm 15:2** & **Psalm 25:5**), an acquittal, (see **John 8:32**) and an individual (see **John 14:1-7**).

HOLY BAPTISM - Welcome to God's Family

“Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.” - Matthew 28:19

March 13 **+Domenic Arthur Westfall+**
Parents: Joshua & Danielle Westfall (Danowsky)

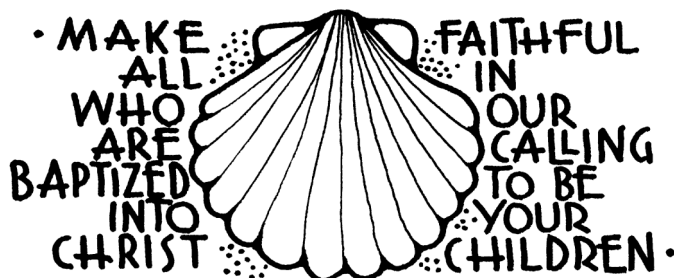
March 20 **+Camryn Emily Delliquadri+**
Parents: Preston & Erin Delliquadri (Samuelson)

April 3 **+Glen Ronald Alley+**
Parents: Wayne & Lillian Alley (Porter)

April 26 **+Nadia Lynn-Marie Uffmann+**
Parents: Andrew & Sheeryn Uffmann (Jimenez)

May 29 **+Gavin Bradley Falkner+**
+Jackson Hamilton Falkner+
+Maddie Elizabeth Falkner+
Parents: Frank & Greta Falkner (Harvey)

June 2 **+Jonathan Brian Weber+**
(Adult)
+Marin Paige Weber+
+Dylan James Weber+
Parents: Jonathan & Christy Weber (Decker)



SUNDAY SCHOOL STEWARDSHIP & FELLOWSHIP FOR OUR YOUTH

Sunday School is an outstanding opportunity to partner together with our church in the faith formation of our children. What does it mean to be a good steward? One definition of a steward is “...the careful and responsible management of something entrusted to one’s care...” God has entrusted the children of Bethany Lutheran Church to all of its members. During a child’s Baptism, we as a congregation promise to bring the child to hear the Word of God. What better place for our children to be disciples of the Word than at Sunday School? It’s the perfect place to come share the Good News with others. Sunday School is a fun, safe place for our young people to share the Word with their friends & strengthen their faith in Christ.

Some may say “...my child already attends Bethany’s School, why does he/she need to go to Sunday School too?...” It is only ONE hour and kids can talk about Jesus, share their faith and encourage other believers...it’s the perfect place to put what is being taught at our school into action.

During the new church year, the children attending Sunday School will follow **THE STORY**, along with the entire congregation. New lesson materials and new songs as we travel through the Bible in only 31 weeks...WOW!

How can our members help the children attending Sunday School on this new journey? Parents, Aunts, Uncles, grandparents & others can share their stewardship efforts by volunteering to teach Sunday School. It’s only one hour of class time; an hour of preparation each week...Lesson plans, crafts, & other classroom ideas are provided to you. You pick & choose how much prep time you need. While the lesson plans have numerous activities for each lesson, you don’t need to do everything...some weeks may be full of activities while other weeks you may want to concentrate solely on the Biblical passage for the lesson. You decide.

The most effective ministry of a Sunday School teacher is accomplished on his or her knees before God. Apart from God we can do nothing (John 15:5). **A Sunday School Teacher’s meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 1 from 6:30-8:00PM**, please RSVP to Debbie Peurrung at (562) 480-3360 or dpeurrung@gmail.com or to Karl Fink (562) 421-4711, ext. 19 or kfink@bethanylutheran.org.

Ministry of Discipleship News...

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Confirmation News for 2011-12:

We are starting the new year of Confirmation on **Sunday, September 18 from 9:15-10:30AM** in the Multi-Purpose Room and the Science Room of the school.

- ⇒ Our Year II students continue with Baptism, Confession and Absolution, world-view topics, and going over the 100 or so questions in preparation for their Witness service in April.
- ⇒ Year I students study the Ten Commandments, the Apostles' Creed, and some Old and New Testament books with Dr. Mary Fink as their leader.
- ⇒ We plan to confirm 28 students on April 15, 2012 at this time. Hopefully, our Year I program will have between 20-25 students. The materials continue to be challenging, and I pray always that these students (and parents) continue in faithful worship attendance. I ask that you also pray for these young men and women and their families as well!

Sunday, September 11 ~ Study Opportunity:

Please make plans to join us in the GYM on **Sunday morning, September 11, 9:30-10:30AM** for a special presentation from

our 2011 Alaska mission team! This will be for ages 3rd grade Sunday School through adult. The younger Sunday School children will meet in the Choir Room for some singing, a lesson, & a craft. Regular classes for all ages will begin around the Parish Theme "**The Story...His Story**" the following **Sunday, September 18**, at various locations around the campus. Please be sure to watch the Sunday Chimes for locations! I look forward to the exciting theme we have planned for this year, as we all dig deeper into God's Word!

Special Thanks:

I just wanted to take this opportunity to thank Bob Lange for his leadership in our adult study this summer in the book of Proverbs. Also, special thanks to Debbie Peurrung for her leadership in our Summer Sunday School program for our children. We are truly blessed here at Bethany with willing lay leaders who commit even their summer time to the sharing of God's Word. Finally, to all of the teachers of our children this summer, a big THANK YOU for your time. I look forward to the exciting theme we have planned for this year, as we all dig deeper into God's Word!

Karl Fink
Minister of Discipleship

Adult Bible Studies for SEPTEMBER...

SUNDAY Morning:

- † **Labor Day Weekend (September 4) Special Prayer Breakfast:** The Board of Discipleship invites adults & children for a light breakfast in the **Parish Lounge**, followed by a time of prayer—**Prayers for Education**. Prayers for our children, youth, and teachers will be our focus for this hour together. **3 John 4** says, "*I have no greater joy than to hear that my children are walking in the truth.*" As our educators and children return to the classrooms, we will send them off in prayer. Please join us for this time together!
- † **Pastor's Class**—The pastors will begin the Parish Theme study "**The Story...His Story**" on **September 18**. This class will meet throughout the year in the **Choir Room**, 9:30-10:30AM. Please be sure to get your books, which have been made available since August. Please plan to join us anyways even if you do not have a book. Please be sure to bring a Bible!

WEDNESDAY Evening:

- † **Living Way**—This mid-week study will meet on **September 14 at 7PM**. We will continue in our study of the Book of Acts.
- † **Griefshare Group**—Continues to meet on Wednesday evenings at 7PM in the Multi-purpose room. **NOTE:** We will be offering a 2PM class in the Conference Room starting in September on Mondays if that fits your schedule better. **The Monday group starts September 12**. Questions contact Karl Fink.

THURSDAY Morning:

- † **Men's Bible Study** meets from **6-7AM in the Parish Lounge**. We'll be studying **The Story...His Story**. *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.
- † **Women's Bible Study**—This Thursday Morning Study meets in the **Parish Lounge from 9:15-11:00AM each Thursday, starting Sept. 8**. Questions, please call Meg Velez (562) 426-4262.

*"For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them." -
Matthew 18:20*

Ministry of Outreach News...

This fall our congregation will begin a journey called **The Story...His Story**. We will be using a resource called **The Story** to engage us in the narrative of Scripture. Our goal would be to have everyone in the Bethany community read **The Story** this school year.

I know what some of you might be thinking, "Too boring, too irrelevant, too long!" **The Story** is different. It offers an exciting alternative to a traditional Bible. It allows you to follow the story of the Bible in its own words. Condensed into 31 accessible chapters, **The Story** sweeps you into the unfolding progression of Bible characters and events arranged chronologically from Genesis to Revelation—allowing the stories, poems, and teachings of the Bible to read like a novel. And what a story! The Bible is filled with stories of love, war, birth, death and miracles. There's poetry, culture, history and theology. It's a suspense novel, a book of sociology, a history lesson—all woven around a love story.

In **The Story**, you will encounter not only the story of humankind but also the story of who God is and what He has done for us—in Christ. This story makes the insistent claim that a loving God has sought you and provided a way of redemption in Jesus.

The Story is the actual, God-breathed words of the Bible. Each chapter was thoughtfully and carefully excerpted and then placed in chronological order. Transitions were writ-

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ten to smooth over the places of omitted text. The texts were chosen to retain the overall flow of the narrative, so when you read this story, you will get a sense of the "big picture" of the Bible.

The Story is no ordinary story. It is a story that has the power to change you. Boring and irrelevant? Not a chance! So sit back and enjoy the truest, greatest story ever written. **The journey begins on September 18th.**

Watch the weekly Chimes for information on how to get your own copy of The Story to use this year.

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OUTREACH OPPORTUNITY:

Thrivent Builds with Habitat for Humanity - Join us on **Saturday September 24th** for a work day in the city of Lawndale to help build a home for a deserving family. The work day begins at **8:00AM and is done by 3:30PM**. Volunteers must be at least 16 years of age. Send me an email to sign up. We have 15 spots available. - Pr. Seth Moorman

We are Grateful for Memorials...

Given in memory of:

+ Nathan O. Loesch +

Harvey & Norma Morris Donald & Karma Roberts

+ Richard Wise +

Dorothy Stratman Noreen Berkhof
 Louise Lassen Mark & Gwen Saxlund
 Norman & Norma Courvoisier Walter Bache

+ Ruth Schabacker +

Joe & Brownyn Estephan

*"Anyone who believes in
 Me even though he dies
 shall live again."
 ~John 11:25*



You're Invited to Join in PRAYER...

Moms in Touch International (www.MomsInTouch.org) is:

- ♥ Two or more moms who meet each week to pray for their children, the school, teachers, and administrators.
- ♥ Praying for our children preschool through college.
- ♥ Confidential!
- ♥ An opportunity for spiritual growth.
- ♥ Moms who believe that prayer makes a difference.

Join us Wednesday mornings beginning **September 7, 2011 from 8:45-9:45AM in the Conference Room.**

We use a simple 4-step prayer format and scripture verses to guide our prayer. The leader provides everything you need, making it easy to follow, even if you've never been part of a prayer group. It teaches women how to pray corporately by using four biblical prayer principles - praise, confession, thanksgiving, and intercession. For more information contact Connie Kritzer by email at busybeachmom@msn.com or call (562)400-1349.

Bethany Lutheran School News...

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Time for school! We are excited to begin our 65th year of excellent Christian education at Bethany Lutheran School! God is so good, and we are so blessed.

WHAT'S NEW? We have moved to a "middle school" model for Grades 6-8, and our 6th graders will now change classes in the morning as our junior high students did in the past. Our goals are to equip our middle school students with the skills and training necessary to become purposeful followers of Jesus, as well as successful high school students and young adults. Please pray for the implementation of our new middle school program!

As part of our middle school program, we have added Spanish instruction to the school day. Senora Alicia Wickwire will be teaching our Spanish classes. Sra. Wickwire was born and raised in Oviedo, a city in Northern Spain, where she received her BA and MA in English Language and Literature at the University of Oviedo. She lives in Huntington Beach with her husband and three daughters.

We have adopted a new religion curriculum for Grades 1-5 from Concordia Publishing House entitled "*One in Christ*". This curriculum promotes Bible literacy and discipleship using a comprehensive Bible survey and life-application stories. Grades 6-8 will adopt the curriculum next year and Kindergarten the year following.

OUR TEACHING STAFF:

Kindergarten-Jeanette Dahlin	5 th Grade-Karen Werner
1 st Grade-Leigh Sandlin	6 th Homeroom-Phyllis Choate
2 nd Grade-Diana Orr	7 th Homeroom-Pat Gagan
3 rd Grade-Chris Boerrigter	8 th Homeroom-Lori Lange & Natasha Schuldeisz
4 th Grade-Kim Imes	
Middle School: Science-Bonnie Neally; Spanish-Alicia Wickwire	
Technology/American History-Cheryl Stejskal	
Teacher Assistant-Mary DelliQuadri	Music Teacher-Ellen Pratt
School Secretary-Lynne Charette	Scrip Coordinator-Carol Grudt
Admissions Director-Kathy Tucker	Ex. Daycare Dir.-Carlota Brown
Parish Financial Admin.-Barbara Rex	
Athletic Director/Min. of Discipleship-Karl Fink	
Min. of Outreach-Pr. Seth Moorman	
Min. of Music-Dr. Carol McDaniel	Senior Pastor-Pr. Kevin Kritzer

YOUR PARTNERSHIP IS A BLESSING! In I Thess., Paul writes, "*Therefore encourage one another and build each other up...*" It's our task, as the body of Christ, to support each other in our work for the Kingdom. Once again, I am asking you to encourage our teaching staff in their mission this school year. You can do this by sending them a note or e-mail (addresses on website), & by holding them up in prayer.

Serving the Savior with you,
Dr. Mary Fink ~ Principal



Bethany's Preschool: Tricycle Tidings

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

At Bethany Lutheran Preschool we are very excited about this year's Parish Theme, "**The Story...His Story.**" As I read through the list of songs written for the DVD, I saw that the stories sung about are those that we teach in preschool. Each teacher on the preschool staff is here because she loves to tell *His Story* to the children who come to us.

The first days of school, which begins **September 6**, are quite busy and hectic. We have returning students who have been with us all summer, either because Mommy and Daddy both work and need the child care or because the child just loves to come to preschool and learn through play with the other children. We have returning students who took the summer off with their parent who is a teacher and out on summer break. We have new children who joined us in the summer and have already come to love it here. And finally, we have brand new children who are still in the adjustment process.

Children are so fun and each so different. Some walk in for the first time like they have been here for years. They barely tell their parents good-bye before they are engrossed in play. Others cling to their parents and have a hard time letting go. Still others do fine at first, and then several days or weeks later decide that "OK, that was fun. Now I'm ready to stay home with Mommy, Daddy or Grandma again."

Our specialty at Bethany Lutheran Preschool is...loving each child, demonstrating the love of Jesus while keeping each one safe.

We keep them safe physically, spiritually and emotionally, thus creating a wonderful learning environment where they can discover their world at their developmental pace.

Introducing the 2011-2012 Bethany Lutheran Preschool staff:

- ✚ **Bobbette Lofton** joins the preschool staff as one of our Pre-K teachers after serving God and His people in Bethany's day school since 1999.
- ✚ **Karen Sutherlin** our other Pre-K teacher also serves as the Preschool Assistant Director. She has taught at Bethany Lutheran Preschool since 1976.
- ✚ **Belinda Padias**, teacher of the older three year olds, came to Bethany in 1991.
- ✚ New to us this year is **Dawn Raya** who will be teaching the young three year old children.
- ✚ **Alicia (Cox) Lagana** grew up at Bethany, and has been on staff since 1989. She currently serves as teacher of our youngest children.
- ✚ **Cookie Krueger** has been at Bethany since 1978 and serves as a Teacher's Assistant in three of our classes.
- ✚ **Donna Forney** has been a Teacher's Assistant since 2001 in the other two classes.
- ✚ **Nola Seaman** joined the Bethany staff in 2003 as the director.

We are almost full, but we still have room for a few more children this fall. 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 send me an email at nseaman@bethanylutheran.org or to call me at 562) 429-7335 to set up a tour.

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!

SAVE THE DATE - September 18 Youth Ministry Kick-off Meeting!

Families for **Grades 3 through High School** will first meet in the GYM for lunch. Parents will then meet in the Youth Room for a meeting with Pastor Seth while your children do activities with our college-aged students. Attending this meeting will allow you to:

1. Sign & complete permission slips as well as driver forms for the year.
 2. Receive an overview of the calendar and activities planned.
 3. Review our policies & procedures for on and off campus events.
- RSVP to Diana Orr at dorr@bethanylutheran.org, so we have enough food for this event. Looking forward to seeing you there!

High School (grades 9-12):

Save the Date - Beach Day - **Sunday, September 18th** for High School Youth after the Youth Ministry Kick-off Day. Meet at Bethany @ 2PM to carpool, we'll return to Bethany @ 8PM, NO Cost. More information will follow in the weekly Chimes & posted on website.

SEPTEMBER—HS Birthdays

9/2 Jennifer Reilly	9/7 Scott Esswein
9/5 Steven McNeil	9/7 Cody Graham
9/25 Austin Sheridan	Happy Birthday!

High School Music Ministry

HS Handbells and the HS Celebrate! Choir will begin again in

September with a modified POWER Sunday model. The schedule for our first two months looks like this—contact Dr. Carol McDaniel and/or Sara Cerulle.

September Schedule:

Sept. 18 - **Power Sunday**

8AM worship, 9:30AM study hour, 10:45AM Bells rehearsal, and 11:30AM Celebrate rehearsal.

Sept. 25 - **Power Sunday**

8AM Bells rehearsal, 8:40AM Celebrate rehearsal, and 10:55AM sing at worship.

October Schedule:

Oct. 2 - **Power Down**

Oct. 9 - **Power Sunday**

8AM worship, 9:30AM study hour, 10:45AM Bells rehearsal, 11:30AM Celebrate rehearsal.

Oct. 16 - **Power Down**

Oct. 23 - **Power Sunday**

8AM Bells rehearsal, 8:40AM Celebrate rehearsal, and 10:55AM sing at worship.

Oct. 30 - **Power Sunday**

8AM worship, 9:30AM study hour, 10:45AM Bells rehearsal, 11:30AM Celebrate rehearsal.

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"3to5" for (grades 3-5)

"MSG" for (grades 6-8)

***See the Youth Ministry Kickoff Article!**

Save the date - Mayfair Park Pool Party on **Sunday, September 25th**. Look for more information in the weekly Chimes and posted on our website.

Additional Bethany Day School News...

Prayer Breakfast for Education: Join us on **Sunday, September 4 @ 9:30AM** in the Parish Lounge as we pray for all schools, students and teachers as a new school year begins. We will offer special prayers for our Bethany families that have students heading off to college and for our own Bethany Lutheran School, our students and our teachers and faculty. If you are not able to join us for a light meal and prayers on this morning, we ask that you offer your own prayers in support of education for all students. Thanks so much!

School Bells Are Ringing! Bethany Lutheran School welcomes back students to the campus on **Tues., September 6!** Students will be greeted with a full range of fun and educational activities. To celebrate the first day of classes, **Jamba Juice** will be on campus at 11:30AM selling \$2 or \$4 juice delights in 3 different flavors. New parents will be welcomed to a special Orientation meeting on **Tues., September 13 @ 7PM in the Choir Room**. We will hold our Fresh N Easy Nite on **Wed., September 21 from 4-8PM!** Our school & church will participate in the Good Neighbor Festival on **Sat., September 24 @ 10AM**. Our 7th graders will head to Catalina the week of **September 26**. Our teaching staff has done an excellent job in preparing their classrooms and teaching curriculum to ensure that all of our students have the most positive and rewarding educational experience. Check our school website often to learn of upcoming events & activities. Welcome Home Bethany Bears!

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."

SCRIP News...

Raising money for Bethany Lutheran is easy! Every time you shop for groceries at Ralphs, Vons, Pavilions or Fresh & Easy, a percentage of what you spend will be donated to Bethany if you take just a few minutes to register your club card (for Ralphs and Vons/Pavilions), or save your receipts from Fresh & Easy. **Starting September 4** stop by the SCRIP table for the current club card sign up information for Ralphs and Vons/Pavilions. **September 15th** is the first day to start saving Fresh & Easy receipts. Bethany can earn \$1 for every \$20 spent at Fresh & Easy **between September 15 and December 31, 2011.**



We are having our own Bethany Lutheran Fresh & Easy Shopping Night. Bethany will receive 5% of the total sales from **4PM to 8PM on September 21** at the Spring and Palo Verde Fresh & Easy location. Our teachers and students will be at the check out scanners to assist shoppers and bag groceries. Come out and support us, it is always a fun event! For the rest of the receipt collection period receipts from ANY Fresh & Easy earn money for us, so ask all your friends and relatives for their receipts. We will have Fresh & Easy collection boxes at the SCRIP table and in the church and school offices.

The most generous donation we receive from a grocery store is from Stater Brothers. If you are a Stater Brothers shopper please consider using Stater Brothers gift cards as your form of payment. They give us a 6% discount on our gift card purchases, that means for every \$100 you spend at Stater Bros. Bethany receives \$6!

DID YOU KNOW...



Bethany Lutheran Church can earn 10% of what you spend on thousands of participating products at Vons and Pavilions.

From now until September 13 look for the yellow school bus tag, those products earn Bethany 10% of the purchase price when you use your Vons/Pavilions club card.

After September 19 a redemption code will print on receipts. Ask everyone you know that shops at Vons or Pavilions for a receipt and put them in the boxes we will have in all Bethany offices and the SCRIP table.

Additional News & Notes...

- ⇒ **Deadline for the OCTOBER Chimes** is on **THURSDAY, September 15, 2011.** Email your articles to Aimee Coleman at acoleman@bethanylutheran.org.
- ⇒ **Church Office Closes: Monday, September 5, 2011** for the Labor Day holiday. Also...there will be NO Monday Night Vespers on Sept. 5th.
- ⇒ **Happy Anniversary!** Lawrence (Larry) and Joyce Yocam are thankful to God for His blessings during 50 years of marriage on **August 26, 2011.**
- ⇒ **Music Ministry Grants:** We are proud to announce the recipients of the Music Ministry Grants for 2011: Caroline Veliz and Jared Jetter. Each received \$250 to be used to further their musical goals and plans. Congratulations to Caroline and Jared, may God continue to bless each of you.—*Music Ministry Grants Program Committee*
- ⇒ **TRAVEL CLUB CRUISE** on Carnival Victory **May 6-13, 2012.** We're sailing off again on a *Seven Night Southern Caribbean Cruise* - Join us as we fly to San Juan, Puerto Rico. We'll fly on May 5, so we can enjoy San Juan for a full day, before we board our ship. Our ports 'o call: St. Thomas, Barbados, St Lucia, St Kitts & St. Maarten! Flyers will be in Friendship Square after first service.—**Alice Kroll 714-995-6973 or aliceandclint@yahoo.com.**
- ⇒ **Golf Tourney Dates Set:** 2012 Brianna Esswein Memorial Golf tourney is **Friday, March 16, 2012 @ Montebello Country Club.** Watch for more info to follow! We're blessed to give \$11,000 from our past tourney to aid the Bethany School scholarship fund, a couple of Bethany families, and Brianna's Mission endowment fund. Thanks to all of you who participated in the past, and we look forward to 2012!

Bethany's MOMS Group...

Are you a mom of young children and would like to meet other Bethany moms?

Plan to join the Moms' Group this fall on the first and third Fridays of each month for a playdate.

This month it will be **September 2 & 16.** We meet in the church nursery around **10:00AM** and the kids play and the moms talk for a few hours. We also meet once a month for a **Moms' Night Out**, which will happen on **Tuesday, September 20.**

More information is to follow in the weekly chimes. If you have any questions or want more information please contact Sarah O'Conner at smo17636@yahoo.com.



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Join us at Worship!

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

Important SEPTEMBER
Dates to Note:

DATE / EVENT / TIME	
9/4	Prayer Breakfast, 9:30AM
9/5	Church Office Closed No Monday Night Vespers
9/6	All Boards, 7PM
9/10	Board of Discipleship, 8AM
9/11	Fall Session Begins: Confirmation/Sunday School Mission Alaska Presentation, 9:30AM
9/12	Monday GriefShare Begins, 2PM
9/13	Church Council, 7PM Community Impact, 7PM
9/14	Living Way begins, 7PM
9/18	New Pastor's Class Begins, 9:30AM



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

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