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Pastor Russ' Reflections...

Dear Members and Friends of Bethania Lutheran,

Many of you may have heard of the recent and generous bequest to the Bethania Endowment Fund from the Carl Christiansen estate. Carl was a long time member of Bethania and a generous benefactor to many organizations. He is most certainly missed and yet he made it so that his legacy of generosity lives on. Because of his gift, the income generated from the Endowment Fund will be able to support many new and expanded ministries for the church. Our children and grandchildren, our teens, our preschool, our community will all greatly benefit over time. Such a gift makes us very grateful for God's surprising blessings.



It is appropriate that our theme this upcoming stewardship season is "The Future of Bethania Is In Your Hands." We know that Bethania is ultimately in God's good care and keeping. And yet God generously places this precious gift back into our hands so that we, together, can know the joy of being participants in the unveiling of the realm of God.

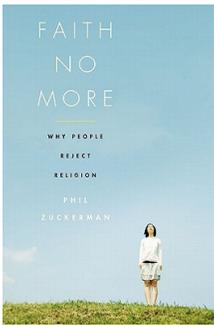
Here is the challenge: Will you and I follow the lead of Carl Christiansen and the many others who have already left a legacy to the Endowment Fund? Will we include in our Estate Planning a gift for Bethania that will ensure the church will continue its strong ministry for many, many years to come? Bethania is over 100 years old. Let's build a solid financial foundation so that we can be assured Bethania will have at least another 100 years!

A brochure will be distributed soon along with an invitation for all of us to consider this challenge. Remember, we had an original goal of reaching \$1,000,000 in promises and gifts to the Endowment Fund. Many of us thought that to be overly ambitious. But thanks to Carl, we are almost there! And we haven't even really started!

God is far from finished with Bethania Lutheran Church. You have had some very good years together. Is it possible to imagine that some of the best years of Bethania Lutheran Church are still to come? To make it so, the future of Bethania is in our hands.

In Christ,
Pastor Russ

Some people, no matter how old they get, never lose their beauty. They merely move it from their faces to their hearts.



Book Study

The book group meets on Wednesday, Oct. 22 at 2 pm in the Fireside Room and is reading and discussing Faith No More by Dr. Phil Zuckerman. We will select our next book at the October meeting. Join the group!

Church and Pastor 2014 Goals

As you read the Beacon, watch for articles that highlight progress in meeting the following goals, a joint covenant of members with our interim pastor:

Goal 1: Rebuild trust.

Goal 2: Involve children and parents.

Goal 3: Develop lay visitation program.

Goal 4: Enhance worship and music.

Goal 5: Build Endowment Fund to \$1M.

Council Highlights

Good news! Worship attendance increased and ushers ran out of bulletins the first two Sundays of September. If this happens again, ushers will immediately let Pastor Russ know and we'll be asked to share – just like we did in kindergarten. We can add to the number printed, but sharing is more fun and helps the environment.

Longevity and Great Service: Council learned that Allison Piligian has helped teach the confirmands for 15 years – certainly a local record – and continues to do so this year. Also, the Executive Committee learned that Kristyl Downey, our office manager has kept things moving for 26 years through multiple pastors and interims – also a local record. We are sure she is the person who knows the most Bethania members.

More good news! Annalisa Nearn, our Treasurer, reported that the Operating Fund was +\$2,613.74 for the year to date – and that is a summer figure. Thank you to our many faithful givers.

And still more good news! Carl Christensen, who recently died after quite a few years as a Bethania member and resident of Atterdag Village, wanted to honor our Danish heritage and brighten our future. We just received a check for \$500,000 for the Endowment Fund. This brings the Endowment and Heritage Funds total to nearly \$850,000.

Church Council approved hiring Fine Wood Interiors to refinish the sanctuary floors with Danish oil, which it estimates can be done in one week for a cost of \$4,200, including removing and reinstalling the pews. The wood is exposed in high use pews throughout the sanctuary. Payment will be made from the Schwartz bequest.

Adult Ethics and Issues Class

Every Sunday * 11:00am * Fireside Room

- Sunday, Oct. 5th** Social Ministry Break-Out Groups will once again plan for upcoming outreach events such as tying quilts and packing them for Lutheran World Relief, and the Salvation Army. Come and help us!
- Sunday, Oct. 12th** After an introduction of the proposed 2015 Mission & Ministry Budget to be voted on at the congregational meeting Sunday, Nov. 9th), we begin a 3-part series on "The Legacy of Martin Luther" using the movie "Luther". The 1st part: "The Early Years up to the Reformation".
- Sunday, Oct. 19th** Part 2: "The Legacy of Martin Luther" - In the Midst of the Reformation.
- Sunday, Oct. 26th** Part 3: "The Legacy of Martin Luther" – His Lasting Impact.

All Saints' Day

All Saints' Sunday is Nov. 2, 2014. During the worship service we will remember those saints among us who died between Nov. 1, 2013 and Oct. 31, 2014. Our list of saints includes Bob Rasmussen, Reed Farris, Joe Roark, Lorraine Anderson, Kurt Hoj, Helga Fontes, Harmon Smith, Erik Kargard, Carl Christensen, Mary Jane Arthurs, Ruth Stefanycia, and Bernice Dotz. If someone should be on this list, please contact Ruth Plambeck at 688-2136. Ruth will also be contacting a family member or friend to light a candle in memory of each saint during the service on Nov. 2.

Angel Gift Funds Received

Thanks to Vesper Guild for including the Angel Gift project in its final disbursements. We have received \$150.00 towards our 2014 Christmas Gift project.



These funds will help us to purchase "wish list" items for children in need. We will be receiving their "wish lists" sometime after Thanksgiving... stay tuned to hear how you can help. We will need shoppers, wrappers and other donations to make these children's Christmas shine with the love of Jesus!

Vesper Guild has been a long-time supporter of the Angel project, and I want to thank them for many years of support in helping us share the joy of Jesus' birth with these children.

- Linda Marzullo

Church Council approved every other week use of the Parish Hall by a Cub Scout troop and will cosponsor the Danish Sisterhood Christmas Party on December 14. No fees will be charged these two groups.

Church Council approved replacement of the rickety, tall Parish Hall Christmas tree. Maintenance Reserve funds will provide \$250 to match the generous gift of Andy and Thora Mae Andersen. Many thanks for initiating this project.

Council approved the Website Task Group's recommendation that Mike Boggess, Park Central West Web Design, be hired to do the church website redesign for \$500. Mike and his wife were married at Bethania. We'll let you know when the revived website is ready for viewing.

Please watch for a new, full color brochure which Council approved and which the Outreach Committee will offer to persons who worship with us or who simply visit the historic church during the week.

Nancy Emerson
Council Secretary

Your Church Council Needs You!

We are looking for 3 or 4 people to help out on a very short term Nominating Committee.

They would need work together to find 2 people who would be willing to be members of Church Council and 2 who would be willing to join the Endowment Committee.

These positions will be voted on at our November Congregational Meeting.

We are also looking for 2 or 3 members who would be willing to be a part of an Audit Committee. If you would be willing to join this group please let one of your Council members know or tell Kristyl in the church office. We have already had one person generously volunteer for this group so we only need 2 or 3 others.

If you are asked to help out by one of your Council members please generously consider joining one of these two groups.

Danish Days Parade

A huge thank you goes out to all those who helped and walked with us in the Danish Days parade. Kevin McConnell got the church building ready to go and it was great!

Brenda Knudsen and Pastor Russ carried our banner, and special thanks to Sarah and her 3 friends, Jorge, and Karli for joining us and passing out our cards! Hope everyone got a chance to see us as we walked by!



General Meeting of Bethania Lutheran Church Women

Men are invited also!

On Thursday Oct. 30 Dr. Mark Malangko will speak to the men and women of Bethania about his trip to Ghana to distribute solar lights to villages with the program Unite to Light. Many members of Bethania supported this project. This is a chance for Bethanians to learn about what really happens to their contributions. The meeting will begin at 2:00 PM in the Fireside room. There will be song, fellowship and refreshments. The annual Thankoffering for the Women of the ELCA will also be gathered. Plan to attend!!



For All Ages!

Halloween Party, Saturday, Oct. 25

5:30-7:30 pm in the Parish Hall

\$5.00 per person + 1 canned food donation

Pizza Dinner, Dessert, Carnival Games & Prizes, Candy & Fun

Everyone is invited to the Halloween Party to be held on Saturday, October 25. The party will have something for children of all ages – from infants to the 80's!

We will have a pizza dinner buffet from 5:30-6:30 followed by dessert. There will be games, candy, prizes and more. Children will receive a special treat bag.

This year we are also supporting the needs of People Helping People's food distribution program. PHP assists low income families and is in need of canned goods and boxes of cereal. Your donations will be delivered to PHP's food pantry.

Last year's event was attended by over 120 people. This is Bethania's biggest fall outreach event. Our goal is to connect with children and families in the area, promote Sunday School and Worship services and Bethania's work in the community.

WE NEED HELPERS! If you would like to help with the planning, setup, running games or cleanup, please contact Linda Marzullo at 688-3059 (eves), 688-5219 (days) or vikingsprint@verizon.net.

Thursday, Oct. 23rd: Muscle Power needed at 6:00 to move games and tables from storage

Friday, Oct. 24th: Decorators and game setup people needed to help, 6- approx. 7:30

Saturday, Oct. 25th: 5:00-7:45 Helpers needed to run games, assist with keeping buffet tables filled, take photos and do a brief 15 minute "straighten up" for coffee hour table.

Sunday, Oct. 26th: 10:45 – 11:30 Helpers needed to take down décor, put away games in garage, pack up items for closet/storage

We also need monetary donations to make this outreach event happen, in addition to bags of wrapped candy that children would like and prizes. Please drop donations at the church office or contact Linda Marzullo.

This is a fun and memorable event - mark your calendar and plan to bring some friends!

Interested In Making A Difference?

Come talk about Social Ministry!

First Sunday of the Month:

Oct. 5th following coffee hour

We will be meeting after coffee on Sunday, Oct. 5th to talk about upcoming goals and events for the Social Ministry Committee at Bethania. We want YOUR ideas and input!

Topics:

1. Noisy Sunday Offering
2. Halloween Party
3. Quilting Group
4. Angel Gifts/Preschool Presents
5. YOUR Ideas

The focal point of Social Ministry is to share with those in need and make positive change in society, as followers of Christ. As Christians we are called to serve others, and it is an important role of the church to support those in need and to share God's love with all.

Confirmation students and people of all ages are invited. We will watch a short video, discuss some ideas, and vote on our next supported project. Please plan to come – Social Ministry should be a concern for all of us as believers in Christ.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 688-3059 (home) or 688-5219 (work) or by email: vikingspressprint@verizon.net

Linda Marzullo

Memorials

Since April 2014, Bethania has received numerous memorials in remembrance of the following people;



Risse Wilson
Phyllis Kari Hammer
Carl Christensen
Ed Hansen
Elisabeth Jacobsen

Bob Rasmussen
Kurt Hoj
Erik Kargard
Walter Korbin
Bernice Dotz

We are sincerely grateful for the generosity expressed in giving in memory of loved ones.

- Kristyl M. Downey

New Member Class

Interested in joining Bethania? Pastor Russ will have a New Members' Class on Sunday, Oct. 5 at 11 am in the Fireside Room. Check it out!

Making Change, for the Better: Noisy Sunday October 19th

Thank you to all who participated in our August Noisy Sunday! Donations received purchased school supplies for children at Iglesia Luterana Santa Cruz and children served by People Helping People.

Our next “Noisy Sunday” offering will be October 19th. The donations will be used to support a social ministry project decided at the October 5th event (see related article).



During “Noisy Sunday”, any change you would like to get rid of from the bottom of your purse or pockets may be tossed into a bucket. This “noise” (coins) is used to “Make Change for the Better” by helping to fund upcoming Social Ministry projects. Thank you all for your support of this endeavor. We can make “change” one coin at a time!

Linda Marzullo

+Pray for God’s Good Care and Keeping to be with+

Ken Adamek	Ellie Andrews	Esther Bates	Ben Bettencourt
Joe & Pat Bode	Bent Clausen	Katy & Kay Corlee	Lois DeMeyer
Jose Diaz & Family	Dick Dorney	George Eckman	Terri Elwess
Kerstin Emerson	Kendall Foster	Dick Fowler	Debbie Fritts
Dolores Gehrs	Chris Gideon	David Hollrah	Suzanne Huier
Karena Hvingelby	Janet Johnson	Tom Johnson	Chris Kaping
Richard Lindekens	Debi Littlejohn	Alma Lock	Mary Mathiasen
Virginia McPeak	Marjorie Mee	Denise Morris	Grace Munoz
Patricia Myers	Andy Narver	Helen Nielsen	Grete Parma
Johnnie Rasmussen	Ann Reading	Cosima Rincon	Bob Rundell
Shirley Stacy	Lee Statom	Bud Tullis	Cora Vandecar
Tina Walen	Ann Wallace	Betty Wilkes	Gerda Willis
Robert Workman	Alisha & Emma Marie Wilson		Marc & Laurie Owens

Preschool No-Show Auction Continues

Hurray! The spring fundraising campaign for Bethania Preschool & After School has received three additional donations since the September Beacon. We give much appreciation to: Mindi Christian, Rich & Michell Glaus, and John & Robin Moon. Our updated total is now \$7,645. Thank you for your generosity to benefit our school.

Preschool Wants Your (Empty) Cans and Bottles

Please bring your aluminum cans and glass or plastic beverage bottles and deposit them in the containers outside the Parish Hall back kitchen door anytime. (Do not put in the recycling bins by the Fireside Room's



back door.) Proceeds go to the Preschool & After School's Hallum Emergency Tuition Fund. This fund provides short-term tuition assistance to families who experience a job or health crisis. In 2013-2014, this fund distributed over \$1,200 in emergency tuition assistance. Thanks to Tom Dimmette and Betty Petersen for redeeming your donations at the Recycling Center. And, there are now separate, marked barrels for different types of glass bottles—by color, plastic and aluminum cans. Please sort accordingly.

Produce Table

Congratulations and Thank You! Due to your generosity, we have met our goal of over \$1800 for the ELCA World Hunger Appeal! Thanks to our donors—who grow produce and to those who have taken home produce.

Produce Table Supports Our local Salvation Army, starting Sept. 28. Keep those gifts of produce and dollars coming. What does the SYV Extension do? It sends underprivileged children to Salvation Army Summer Camp in Malibu; supports families based on their needs; and provides emergency assistance to those in need at any time of the year. By continuing to support the Produce Table, we will partner with the SYV extension of the Salvation Army, which assists residents of the Santa Ynez Valley, Los Alamos and Lompoc.

Rally Day



Photo by Alice Laufer

Thanks to our Aebleskiver crew—Glenda Madrid, Marie Jaeger, Betty Petersen & Mindi Christian for making our delicious Rally Day Aebleskiver. And to everyone who participated. We had a great time.



Photo by Alice Laufer

Service of Remembering Planning Guide

Several people commented on how nice the Remembering Service for Bernice Dotz was. Pastor Russ had met with Bernice to talk about this service. Bernice had picked out several hymns and the scripture readings. Planning in advance can be comforting to the individual, to the family and help the pastor create an especially meaningful service. You can pick up a “Guide for Planning a Remembering Service” in the church office or by email. bethania.lutheran@verizon.net

Thrivent Ice Cream Social and Voting Event

Come join us for an afternoon of Doc Burnstein’s ice cream and fellowship. We will have two events to accommodate the large area of our chapter. We’ll vote for next year’s Central Coast Thrivent Board at these events. Members from Bethania can attend the event on Saturday, Oct. 18 from 2—4 pm at Gloria Dei, 4380 Orcutt Rd, Santa Maria. RSVP by Oct. 7 to Bill Letvinchuck at letvinchuck@verizon.net or (805) 938-7477.

Thrivent Choice Dollars

As of Sept. 6, the church received \$3,400 and our Preschool and After School program received \$4,811. Your commitment to directing Thrivent Choice Dollars to the church and Preschool is appreciated. To direct your Choice Dollars, call Thrivent at 1-800-236-3736 and ask for Choice Dollars. You will need the last 4 digits of your Social Security number or your Thrivent member number as identification when you call. Locally you can direct \$s to Bethania Lutheran Church, Bethania Preschool or Solvang Lutheran Home. You can go online at www.thrivent.com to direct \$s, too. Please call me at 693-1386 if you have questions or problems.

Nancy Emerson, Bethania Thrivent Congregational Advocate

Thumbnail Portrait— Family Artists Andy Andersen & Emma Andersen



Photo by Emily Abello

When Andy retired after 35 years at the lumberyard, his daughter, Donna, was concerned that he wouldn't find anything to fill his time. She gave him golf lessons at Zaca Golf Course in Buellton, dance lessons with Miss Maggie in Los Olivos, and then art classes with Gene Ward in Solvang.

Thirteen years of classes with this talented artist helped Andy find his retirement interest in watercolor and acrylic painting. Even when Gene moved south and he no longer was enrolled in class, Andy continues to paint regularly, often sharing the kitchen table space with his grand-daughter, Emma.

Hanging on the walls of his art room are many paintings of Solvang and Danish scenes. Intricate architectural details, soft landscapes, flowers, familiar people and pets adorn the walls with color and pleasing composition.

He has given away many of his paintings, but Thora Mae has also sold over 80 pieces at her store, Home Connections, in Solvang. He finds inspiration in local people and places, travel scenes, and still life. Currently, Andy is working on a grape/wine bottle still life in colorful acrylics, a popular theme for this area. Who knew that upon retirement, a new career would be launched?

Emma has always been interested in art through elementary school and at Dunn Middle School but it wasn't until she was in high school at Dunn that she became serious about her art.

In her freshman and sophomore years, her teacher, Miss Yaki, introduced her to paper-cutting, painting, drawing, collage, and print making. Another teacher, Mr. Semple, taught ceramics in her senior year, which became one of her favorite artistic pursuits. Several of her ceramic pieces grace Andy and Thora Mae's kitchen. A paper-cutting hangs on their living room wall.

This summer Emma started her own business: "Personalized Pooches," sketching and painting whimsical dogs for their proud owners. She is beginning to explore watercolors, perhaps inspired from her grandpa's many paintings

After a search for just the right college, Emma is continuing the family tradition of her parents by enrolling at Cal Poly in San Luis Obispo. Her stated major is business administration with a minor in industrial engineering. She will continue taking art classes in college, but with an eye to having it become a hobby rather than a full-time career.



Photo by Emily Abello

Quilts Ingathering

Look for the blessing of quilts for Lutheran World Relief on Sunday, Oct. 5. The quilts will be delivered to Mt. Cross Lutheran Church in Camarillo and then shipped to Lutheran World Relief. We can track our quilts around the world.

Gather Bible Study Resumes

This month's lesson, entitled "We Are Called", is found on pages 30 - 35 of Gather magazine. It describes Isaiah's experience of God's presence and Isaiah's response (Isaiah 6:1-13). It tells of how Jesus called his disciples. (Luke 15:1-11) Paul's experience on the road to Damascus leads to his travels as a missionary and his letters. (Acts 9 and Galatians 1:11-24). You are invited to join the group on Oct. 16 at 10 am in the Atterdag Lounge, Bldg 4 of Atterdag Village of Solvang. Bring your Bible and Gather magazine. Call Anabelle for information. 688-4687

Vesper Guild Finale



Vesper Guild members are reminded to mark their calendars for the group's farewell luncheon at 12:30 pm Oct. 20 in the Fireside Room. This event will celebrate the group's many contributions to Bethania and the community as well as the fellowship and friendships among members. October 20 will mark the 60th anniversary of the very first meeting of Vesper as well as being its final gathering. It is open only to current and former members because the luncheon is being catered and attendance is limited.

At the time of our 35th Anniversary, Marie Hald who was one of the founding "lights" of Vesper Guild and a retired Solvang Elementary School teacher wrote the following message, dated October 8, 1989:

"Your kindness assures me that your thirty-five years have been faithfully spent in church-work by all of you. This is rewarding to know...May our Lord richly bless each one of you. It is indeed a pleasure to know that VESPER GUILD remains an active circle in our Lord's vineyard. May He be praised!" And she closes with a scripture notation from Paul's letter to the Philippians 1:21: "For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. If it is to be life in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me."

The philosophy of Vesper Guild is aptly displayed in the final gifts to close out our funds:

\$100 to Bethania Lutheran Church Women (bringing our 2014 total gifts to \$300)

\$150 to S.Y.V. Recovery Residence to be utilized by Patti Lackie for the benefit of residents

\$150 for the Christmas Angel Project (Iglesia Luterana)

\$240 to Youth Fund (\$40 for Confirmation Camp expenses, \$200 for support of various activities including the Halloween Party)

\$432 to Christian Education (\$264 for 9 Confirmand Bibles, \$129 for 15 SPLASH! CDs, \$40 for three Bibles for 3 year olds)

\$350 set aside to cover costs of catered Farewell Luncheon

Vesper Guild's 60 years of service has indeed been a "fruitful labor" for Christ at Bethania.

Web Page Update Progressing

Look for a new web page soon. Pastor Russ, Kristyl Downey, Marilyn Larsen, Patrick Meyer and Nancy Emerson have been meeting for the past few months to envision the web page. We hope to launch it soon.

Wonders of God's World

Are you interested in joining Pastors Russ Gordon, Carl Nielsen (Bethel, Santa Maria) and Greg Kitzi (Gloria Dei, Santa Maria) and their members on an 8-day **The Journeys of Paul in Greece** tour **April 18-25, 2015?** Tour Athens, Corinth, Meteora and Delphi, Philippi and more. The all-inclusive (Tour, RT airfare, taxes, all fees, daily breakfast & dinner, deluxe motorcoaches, first class hotels, and much more) price of \$3246 departs from LAX. Many will be adding on a 5-day extension to the lovely Greek Isles of Mykonos, Crete, Santorini with a stop in Ephesus and Patmos for only \$898. Brochures are available soon. See Pastor Russ if you are interested.

Join Pastor Russ and Jeanie Gordon on a 9-day **Paris to Normandy River Boat Cruise** departing **October 21, 2015**. Tour the beautiful "City of Lights", visit Giverney where Monet painted many of his masterpieces, be charmed by the French harbor town of Hanfleur, stroll through Rouen, and walk the beaches of Normandy recalling the D-Day landings during WWII. Prices start at \$2598. Add on an additional 3-day Paris post-tour for just \$600.

Pastor Russ will hold an information session on these trips, on Sunday, Oct. 12 at noon in the Fireside Room.

Brochures will be available soon. Let Pastor Russ know if you are interested. In the meantime, visit the website at www.eo.travelwithus.com/tours/rc15-paris-normandy

Worship & Music

Danish Days Organ Concert



It was a very entertaining event. People really enjoyed the variety of James's selections and his friendly manner introducing each segment. I especially liked the "Hooray for Hollywood" medley and "Ashokan Farewell". We were all very impressed with his son's talent. Nicholas played a Rachmaninoff piece on the piano that brought everyone to their feet! He also played the famous Widor Toccata on the organ that wowed everyone. Father & son concluded the concert with a rousing duet of "Stars & Stripes Forever" on the organ. I was up in the loft at that point and took a few pics of them playing together. They both

looked so serious! James told me that Bethania is his favorite church to play a concert in -- because the audience is so warm and accepting. Considering all the famous cathedrals and international venues he's been too, this was quite a compliment. He told us that he will be playing at Notre Dame in Paris next June for the D-Day anniversary, and invited everyone to come.



Lisa Blanton



Picture by Leemer Cernohlavek

Paul Severtson brought his talent, violin and fiddle to share at Bethania.. He brought vibrancy to the worship service on Sept. 21 for Danish Days, along with Lisa Blanton, the choir and the fine selection of Danish hymns. Of course, the service was rounded out by Erling Grumstrup's beautiful voice singing in Danish.



Picture by Leemer Cernohlavek

Paul then continued to show his expertise to the group gathered at coffee hour. Everyone learned about the Hardanger fiddle and hear it played as well.

Upcoming Sundays at Bethania

- Oct. 5th** Traditional Worship with Pastor Russ' message: "He Has Made Me His Own" based on Philippians 3:4b-14. Stay for the Social Action Break-Out Planning Groups.
- Oct. 12th** Our Bethania Preschool Children are here to sing and Loretta blesses us on the organ! The message: "Giving Thanks No Matter What" from Philippians 4:1-9.
- Oct. 19th** It's "Noisy Sunday" so bring your spare change which will support a social ministry cause (to be determined Oct. 5). We also honor the Vesper's Guild as they conclude their ministry at Bethania. "Of Tithes and Taxes" is the message from Matthew 22:15-22.
- Oct. 26th** Reformation Sunday and the celebration of our Lutheran Heritage with great hymns and a special sermon on Martin and Katie Luther. Remember to wear red!

Thank you to the Bethania Choir who lead us in worship nearly every Sunday! They rehearse most every Wednesday at 7pm and newcomers are most welcome!

And thank you to selected members who are sharing some personal thoughts this month at worship on "What Bethania Lutheran Church Means to Me."

Youth

Confirmation Classes for our 7th and 8th grade youth continue a review of the Old Testament. In October, we meet on Sundays, Oct. 5th and 19th from 11am – 1pm in the Pastor's Office. Newcomers are welcome to join us! We just got started!

Middle School and High School Youth go to **Boomers!** on **Sunday, Oct. 12th**. Meet at the church at **12:30 pm**. Bring \$ and a friend. Allison will be driving. Any other drivers out there?

Joy thrives best in the soil of thankfulness.



October 2014

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesd'y	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
CH = Church OFC = Office Conference Room FR = Fireside Room PH = Parish Hall AV = Atterdag Village RR = Recovery Residence			1 11:30 am & 3:30 pm Chapel: CH 7 pm Choir Practice: FR	2	3	4
5 9:30 am Worship: CH Blessing of Quilts 9:30 am Sunday School: FR 11:00 am-1:00 pm Confirmation Class: FR & OFC 11:00 am New Members Class: PH Social Ministry Break-Outs	6 7 pm Worship & Music Cmt. Mtg: OFC 8 pm AA : FR	7	8 11:30 am & 3:30 pm Chapel: CH 12:45 pm Sewing/Quilting: PH 7 pm Choir Practice: FR	9 9 am Conf. Clergy :Pastor Russ's home 2 pm Preschool Board Mtg: PH	10	11
12 9:30 am Worship: CH Preschool Kids in Worship 9:30 am Sunday School: FR 10:45 am Coffee Hour: PH 11:00 am Budget Review: PH 11:30 am Adult Class: FR 12:30 pm MS & HS Youth to Boomers	13 7 pm Finance Mtg: OFC 8 pm AA: FR	14 7 pm Christian Education Mtg: OFC	15 11:30 am & 3:30 pm Chapel: CH 7 pm Choir Practice: FR	16 10 am "Gather" Bible Study: AV 10:30 am Communion Service: AV 7 pm Council Mtg: OFC	17	18
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Sunday Schedule

9:30 am Worship

9:30 am Sunday School

11:00 am After Worship Education



Halloween Party
Saturday, Oct. 25
5:30-7:30 pm
Bethania Parish Hall

