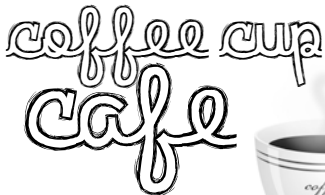


Worship Schedule!

Sunday Services
9:00 am – Traditional
10:30 am – Contemporary
6:00 pm – Contemporary



Sundays:

9:30–12:00 ❖ Room 204a

Visitors! Please join us in the Coffee Cup Cafe for cookies, coffee and conversation! We would love to meet you!



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It's June! That means it's VBS Time

A Morning in the Life of a VBS Child —

Mom and I come to church on Monday morning — I can't believe everything I see on the walls, the ceilings and floors! I think I'm in New York City! I try to see everything there is to see. Everyone is friendly and greets us. I need to remember to invite my neighbor, Emily, to come tomorrow! I know we're going to have so much fun! We enter the gym and pick up the parent packet. Hey — there's a music CD attached! I can't wait to start playing it.

We head to the big church and find the leaders that I'll be with for the week. They smile at me and ask me some questions about what I like to do in the summer. I already like them. We start with singing about Jesus and learning actions to the song. I love singing! After that we learn the Bible verse and also watch a skit that talks about what we'll learn in Bible Story time. We next go to the craft room and make a 'city scene' with the word FAITH as the buildings' windows. Faith is what we're learning about today! There are many people to help me if I need it with my craft project. Then we go to the Bible story room and hear a story from the Bible about a centurion (guard) who has faith that Jesus can heal his servant. The story seems so real as the lady tells it and acts it out. I find out that the story really did happen a long time ago. Jesus cared so much for that centurion and his servant and my leader tells me Jesus cares that much for me, too! I can trust Jesus and His promises! After story time we go outside and play games and run around. I love to run — I could run all day and not get tired (or at least that's what my mom says). Then we come inside and have a snack — a pretzel with cheese — yummy!

We head over to the missions area and learn about a church in New York City that a lot of kids go to. They don't have much money and life is hard for them, but they are learning about God's love for them when they come to this church. The money we collect this week will help out this church so they can keep telling these kids about Jesus. We next find a place to sit down with just our group. Our leader reminds us of the bible verse and talks about the story we heard. Our leader loves Jesus and wants us to know that Jesus can be our very best friend. We go into the big church and sing another song and then we're done! I wonder what we'll learn about tomorrow? "Mom, when we get home can I ask Emily if she'll come to VBS with me? Oh, and can we play the music CD on our way home please!?"



This fictional account of the first day of VBS could very well be what goes through the mind of a child. We are counting down the days (along with a lot of children!) until June 13th when our Big Apple Adventure — where faith and life connect — will begin!

What an experience it has been to be a part of the VBS leadership at Bethesda since 2004 (the year of "Lava Lava Island!"). Every year it seems like a monumental task that lies before us. And yet, every year VBS takes place with every volunteer position filled (even it's not until the first morning!) and anywhere

All Church Announcements

Celebrating the Word of God for the Bola People

Bethesda's Mission Team heads to Papua New Guinea this month!

Next month a very exciting thing is happening on the island of New Britain in Papua New Guinea. Brent and Sandi Wiebe of Wycliffe Bible Translators will be dedicating the Bola translation of the Bible that they just completed and had published. This took about 18 years! 15,000 people speak this Bola language, and they have never had a Bible in their own language. Lives will be transformed, and God will be glorified by this new translation. Brent and Sandi consider Bethesda their home church (Sandi grew up here and is the daughter of Eleanor Revne), and much of their support over the years has come from Bethesda. They had hoped that a team from Bethesda would come for the Bible dedication, and are praising God that eleven people, including some young people, are coming! Those whom God has called to go and serve include Paul and Bee Larson, Terri Ruesch, Jenny Gronseth, Roy Rico, Jared Rico, Ryan Rico, Cody Rico, Mandy Heard, Bruce Strangfeld, and Chuck Rupnow. We are leaving on June 19 and returning on July 5. Paul will be preaching at the Bible dedication ceremony the weekend of June 25th–26th, and the rest of the team will be giving testimonies, singing praise songs in English, and helping with the distribution of the Bibles. Seamstresses from our church have sewn about 2000 Bible bags which will be distributed. At some point reading glasses with cases, which have been donated, will also be distributed.

After the dedication, Paul will teach sections of a special intense Bible reading training course for Bola church leaders, called the SALT Course. The rest of the Bola Mission Team will be assisting with the SALT Course as Brent and Sandi desire during the



Brent Wiebe and his translation team celebrate the end of an eighteen-year project last summer in Papua New Guinea

day. Each evening the Team will visit one of seven Bola villages, where we will put on a puppet show for the 30–50 village children, and also play ball games/sports with the children and youth. Testimonies will be given, praise songs sung, and the Team will show the 'Jesus' film, which has been translated into Bola. Some of these people may have never seen a movie, or even a puppet show! We are excited about what God will do through these 'Jesus' film rallies! We are praying with Brent and Sandi for revival among the Bola people.

We will be staying in people's homes while we are there, and eating Bola food. We are all excited to see this part of God's world in a whole new way, and meet people whom He loves so much. Just think what Jesus has done for you! He can bless the hearts of people all over the world, and it is His plan that we help spread the Word!

Thank you for your encouragement and prayers. The expense of this trip is daunting, but the Lord is providing! Thanks to you we were able to qualify for an extra \$1600 in Thrivent's Care in Communities matching grant funds. We still welcome your donations, made out to Bethesda, not Thrivent.

We ask that you pray for our safety and effectiveness for Christ while we are there. We will be having a gathering to tell about our mission trip later this summer. Also, Brent, Sandi, and their family return to Eau Claire in July for a year-long furlough, and will be sharing about the Bola Bible translation process at our fall Mission Conference.



Class of 2011

If you have a student who is graduating from high school or college this spring, please contact the office so that we can collect the names of all students for a special time of honoring them as they move into the next stage of life! We will have a special time of honoring and praying for our graduates during our June 5th worship services.

Call the office at 715-835-5073.

All Church Announcements

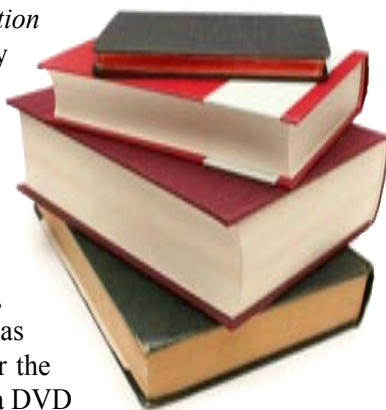
Library News!

We are so thankful that people are using all the great resources in our church library. Currently, however, we have around 200 overdue items — some of them overdue for more than two years! When you check out items, remember that the loan period for books, CDs, and videotapes is four weeks, and for DVDs it is one week.

Check it out!

Summer, whether it is soggy or sunny, is the ideal season to stroll into Bethesda's church library and survey our selection. Here are some specials:

- *99 Reasons Why No One Knows When Christ Will Return (book)* by B.J. Oropeza. Christians are called to abandon sensationalism, embrace the truth, and be prepared. (237, ORO)
- *Eric Liddell: Champion of Conviction (DVD)*. He lived for the glory of God as an Olympic athlete, a husband and father, a missionary to China, and even as a prisoner in an internment camp. (921, ERI)
- *Inside The Revolution (audiobook, 16 CDs)* by Joel C. Rosenberg. An up-close look at the winner-take-all battle for the hearts, minds, and souls of the people of the Middle East. (956.05, ROS). Also, available as a hardcover book under the same call number, and a DVD (956.05, INS).



Housing Needed

I would like to move to Eau Claire and am looking for an apartment to share with someone, or to be a roommate with an elderly lady looking for companionship or help.

I would also be interested in renting a small, one-bedroom apartment with a garage as well. If anyone can help, please call me at 715-861-3257.

Thanks,
Vicki Bignell

“What about Bob?”

Deacon's Corner

Bob couldn't make it to church today because he didn't have a ride to get here. Bob could be your friend, neighbor, or coworker. Yes, we have people interested in worshipping God and studying His Word at Bethesda but have no way to get here. Please help us help them by volunteering to give them a ride to church. If you can help, please call the church office and let them know that you could help. Then when some one needs a ride to church and they live near you and would like to go to the same service that you do, you could be called from time to time and possibly give them a lift to church if that time works out for you. You will surely be a blessing to others and you will be blessed as well. Thank you in advance for your continued willingness to help build His Kingdom in this way.

Rod Ruesch
For the Deacons at Bethesda

Stephen Ministry

Summertime Stress Slowing you Down?

We like to think of summer as being a relaxing, enjoyable time. But hurts, struggles, crises, and problems don't take a vacation. Many times our difficulties seem even worse during the summer because everyone else seems to be enjoying life while you are feeling down. If you are experiencing a difficult time — emotionally, spiritually, or relationally — you don't have to suffer alone. Our Stephen Ministers are trained caregivers, ready to listen, care for and encourage you, pray with and for you, and provide one-to-one Christian care to help you through whatever it is that you are facing. Men are matched with male Stephen Ministers and women are matched with female Stephen Ministers. It's free. It's confidential. And it will make a difference in your life!

Find out more about Stephen Ministry by talking with: Paul & JoDea Green at (715) 839-9468, Judy Draper at (715) 831-0189, or Pastor Venberg at the church office, (715) 835-5073. Our Stephen Ministers are ready to care for you!

Our Stephen Ministers will meet on June 6 & 27, for Supervision only.



Small Group Opportunities

God Sightings Small Groups

Each week (typically by Friday morning) we are posting discussion questions to our website to help groups discuss the text from the sermon. If you are leading a group that is discussing God Sightings, please contact Pastor Brian at brian@bethesdalutheran.org, so we can include you when we have additional resources, support, and encouragement.

Women's Studies

Solid Rock Café

Monday Nights, 6:30–8:00 pm
Rms. 311 & 313 (Bethesda)

In *The Ten Commandments*, author Bill Hybels guides us back to these ancient laws and helps us hold them tightly so we can live with peace in the Lord. You are welcome to join Solid Rock Café for this study on Monday nights.

Contact: Jane Loudon, 715-835-6064 or janelouden@sbcglobal.net

Solid Rock Café

Tuesday Nights, 5:15–6:45 pm
Room 313 (Bethesda)

We have begun another study in the “bad girls” series by Lizz Curtis Higgs, *Slightly Bad Girls of the Bible*. The book can be ordered from the Family Christian Store or on-line at Amazon.com.

Contact: Sue Henneman, 715-552-1378 or suehennemann@att.net; Pat Murphy, 715-839-1219 or patree@cvol.com.

The Rachel Circle

First Tuesday of the Month, 1:00 pm
Fireside Room (Bethesda)

On June 7, we will continue Max Lucado's Life Lessons of 1 & 2 Peter, Lesson 9 **Humility**. Meeting time and place (weather permitting) has been changed to 11 am at the shelter in the church play area. After studying our lesson we will share a potluck lunch and conversation. All are welcome to join us for this special time..

Contact: Joan Albricht, 715-830-0221 or Louise Koxlien, 715-552-3873

Moms Study

Wednesday Nights, 5:45 pm–8:00 pm
Bethesda Library

We will be meeting throughout the summer – more details to come. We are currently working through *Simply Your Life*, by Marcia Ramslund. We highly recommend it!

Contact: Brittney Malone, 715-878-4366 or bmalone.cm@gmail.com

Lydia Bible Study

Second Thursdays, 10:30 am
Fireside Room (Bethesda)

In June we are continuing in our study of “Finally in the Lord.”

Contact: Grace Bailey, 715-214-4344

Rise Up!

Friday Mornings, 6:30–7:45 am
Fireside Room (Bethesda)

We have begun a new study on 1 & 2 Timothy. We are using the study guide, “Letters to Timothy: Discipleship in Action Fisherman Bible Studies”. All ladies are welcome to join us.

Contact: Jackie Vold, 715-834-5775 or mjvold@gmail.com

Circle of Friends

Last Friday of Each Month

From May through August, we will meet on the last Friday of each month at 10:00 am for Bible Study. We will then assist in collating the monthly newsletters and go out to lunch together.

Contact: Mandy Heard, at 715-834-5246 or mandyheardu@gmail.com, or Chris Strasburg at 715-835-0721

Adult Studies

Empty Nesters

First and Third Mondays, 7:00–8:00 pm
Fireside Room (Bethesda)

We are studying the book of Philipians.

Contact: Brian & Janet Amundson, 835-0521

Wednesday Evenings

7:00–8:00 pm

Fireside Room (Bethesda)

On Wednesday evenings, we are studying the life and teachings of Jesus from the Gospel of Luke. This Bible Study will restart after Lent.

Contact: Pastor Venberg, 715-835-5073

Equipment

An Apologetics Bible Study
Thursdays, 5:45 pm,

Fireside Room

Answering the questions of our age with a Biblical world view. “I am sending you out like sheep among the wolves. Therefore be as shrewd as snakes and innocent as doves.” (Matt. 10:16)

Contact: Nathan Dietsche, 715-577-5534

Common Ground

Wednesdays, 6:00–8:00 pm
Room 204a

6pm potluck dinner; Bible Study at 7pm. We have many young families with children, and childcare is made available!

Contact: Jay and Andrea Anderson, 715-836-9358

Men's Studies

Monday Mornings, 6:30–7:45 am
Fireside Room (Bethesda)

We are beginning a new study in the book of Romans. This is a great time to get plugged into this early morning study to start off your week right!

Contact: Mark Miller, 715-456-8293 or mamaflac@yahoo.com

Tuesday Nights, 5:30–6:30 pm
Room 305 (Bethesda)

Step aside from your fast-paced, “too busy” world, to meet with a small group of men. Learn more from the Bible and how to apply it to a man's daily life. We study different sections of scripture with help, at times, from Max Lucado's books.

Contacts:

Stuart, 715-720-7771, snsbt@charter.net;
David, 715-828-6156, dverhaagh@hotmail.com;
Jeff, 715-563-8489, wilejeff@gmail.com

Band of Brothers

Friday Mornings, 6:30–7:30 am
Room 305 (Bethesda)

We currently doing a study of the Gospel of Mark. Dive in deep with us and enjoy God's Word.

Contact: Robert Bandolii, 715-529-0106

Bethesda World Missions

Praise and Prayer for Bethesda's Family Around the World

Venbergs:

- Pray for Dan, Rachel, and the children as they finish school at the end of this month, and return to Chad in July.
- Pray for Gabe, Sylvia and Tevi, who will attend a new American mission school in N'djamena this fall.
- Pray for housing for the family in N'djamena during the academic year, and for Dan, who will be making trips to Doh during the school year.
- Pray for Dan and Rachel's ministry with the Chadian church. They will train and encourage Chadian missionaries who currently work with Muslims, or who are preparing to do so.

Gronseths:

- Pray for continued wisdom as to whether or not to rent a large wooden ship overlooking a lake as the site for the English Forum Coffee House. Negotiations with the management company had stalled for a month, but are now beginning again. They sense a spiritual battle. They are now considering several other locations, but need clear direction from the Lord.
- Pray for God's provision of the funding needed for the Coffee House, wherever it will be located.
- Pray for Stephen Gronseth, who is participating in a faith and leadership skills training trip this month, sponsored by his international school. He hopes that the Lord will use the trip to strengthen him in areas he that sees as weak.

Contruccis:

- Praise the Lord for a safe and fruitful trip for Kent, who presented the Inside-Out Safety Seminar in Lesotho and Mozambique during the month of May.
- Pray that Kent and Nancy will have time to reconnect, after Kent being gone almost all of the month of May.

Wiles:

- Praise the Lord for answered prayer regarding John and Kathy's personal spiritual retreats last month. God met both of them in a powerful way during their time alone.
- Pray for their preparation for the Barnabas new staff training that will be held June 21st-24th. It is John and Kathy's responsibility to plant vision and give practical guidance to those who will be providing pastoral care for missionaries. Pray that John and Kathy will impart God's heart, message and methods to these staff, rather than their own techniques.

Wiebes:

- Pray for the Bola Bible Dedication on June 25th!
- Pray for a revival among the Bola people as the Bethesda mission team ministers through activities, Bible stories, and testimonies, and shows the Jesus film in Bola villages.
- Pray that God will give the Bola a hunger for His Word.
- Pray for clarity and the ministry of the Holy Spirit as Pastor Paul and others teach the Scripture Application and Leadership Training (SALT) course.
- Pray for good health, wisdom, and strength for the Wiebes as they pack up their houses in Ukarumpa and the village in preparation for furlough.
- Pray for wise decision-making about schools for the children during furlough.
- Praise the Lord for Brent's parents, who are in Papua New Guinea helping with many details.
- Pray for Peter, Elvis, Johnston, and Martha, who became believers at an evangelistic outreach near Ukarumpa that Brent and Sandi were part of on May 21st.

Volds:

- Pray for Justin and Melissa's marriage and children.



Children's Ministries

Pour out your heart like water before the presence of the Lord; Lift up your hands to Him for the life of your little ones... Lamentations 2:19b

Get Ready to Join Us for a Trip to New York City!

Grab a cab and get ready for fun around every corner in the Big Apple Adventure — where Faith and Life Connect. As kids explore the big city, they'll learn how to step out in faith and connect with Jesus — sharing the message of Christ with their world.

Pre-registering your child helps us out immensely! You can register your child by filling out a registration card at the table in the foyer, calling the church office, or accessing, completing, and returning the registration form via the church website. Registration will also take place on the first day of VBS, starting at 8:30am. Pre-registration speeds up the check-in process on Monday morning. New children who come during the week will need to register the first time they come.

Donations

If possible, please consider sponsoring a child or two who may not be able to afford the \$10 suggested donation for VBS week. Look for and take the cab fare envelopes located at the table in the foyer. Every year we are blessed by our congregation's many donations, making this a truly special week.

Decorating for VBS!

Decorating will begin the week of June 6th. Right now we need "Taxicab Yellow" paint as well as some fake potted plants and trees to create a park-like area. We would also

like a handyman to help with a special "tour bus" building project. Contact Brenda at 715-832-9095 or lydmimmom@charter.net.

Service Opportunities!

There are some open spots to help out during VBS week. We are still in need of guides, helpers and craft room helpers. Contact Dawn Rico at dawn@bethesdalutheran.org if you would like to serve. VBS training night is on Thursday, June 2 at 6:30 in the Fellowship Hall.

Save your pop cans!

We will again be collecting pop cans at the church during VBS week. They can be dropped off by the garage. All recycling money will be donated to our mission focus — instruments and technical equipment for the youth at 59th Street Lutheran Brethren Church in New York City.

Please pray for this outreach event, for the kids attending, and for the many volunteers. May God be glorified in all we do.

VBS Leadership Team for 2011

Co-Directors – Dawn Rico & Becky Hoage;

Craft Leader – Michelle Johnson;

Bible Teachers - Chris Strasburg & Steve Baird;

Music Leader - Jodie Baca;

Emcee – Todd Lenz;

Missions Leader - Louise Kooiker;

Kitchen Leader – Ellen Cedarblade;

Playground Leader - Kris Baird;

Nursery Leaders – Beth Stange and Wendy Schindler;

Publicity Coordinator – Liz Thibodeau;

Registration Coordinator – Melissa Martin

Guide and Helper Leaders – Tricia Lenz and Michelle Kooiker.

You are a blessing to all of us!

Volunteers are the ones that make VBS so amazing! Thank you all for what you can offer to share Jesus with others in the community. As Jesus said, "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations . . . and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." May the blessings of your service multiply infinitely.



Children's Ministries

Women's Ministries



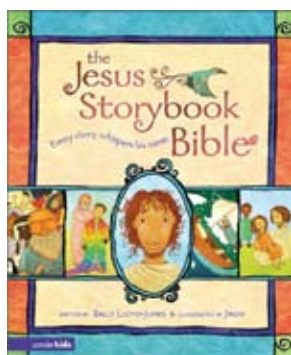
The Friendship Station!

Do you have a heart for special needs kids? Would you like to make it possible for their parents to attend church with peace of mind that their child is being lovingly cared for? Then we need you in The Friendship Station! This room is for elementary-aged children with special needs and provides a variety of activities for them. This is offered during the 10:30 worship service and we would like to continue to offer this during the summer. Please contact Dawn at dawn@bethesdalutheran.org as soon as possible if this is of interest to you.

**June 22nd,
6:30pm, Room 204a**

Ladies, come make a fun resin pendant necklace. Cost is only \$5.00. Let us know you're coming by going to the Bethesda Facebook page and RSVP or email kristin@bethesdalutheran.org

The Sunday school children have brought in enough offering money during the 2nd semester to purchase approximately 30 more Bible story books for missionary families (our mission focus for the year). This is in addition to the 34 that was purchased and already delivered by John and Kathy Wile.



What is Martha Moments? Martha Moments meets once a month. It's a fun ladies' night out and a great way to connect with others. We meet once a month and feature a different craft, talent or passion. The evening always begins with prayer, a devotional, and of course, treats! Consider joining us each month as we have some fun and spread God's love!

Women of Faith Conference 2011

October 21-22, 2011

Xcel Energy Center, St. Paul, MN

Ladies, interested in attending Women of Faith this year? We have a great opportunity to purchase this great package. Michelle Heinzen will be here hosting a table on June 19th to sign up, or contact her now if interested.

Contact: michelleheinzen@yahoo.com,
or 715-797-3834

The full cost of this 2 day event is \$169.00. This includes:

- Tickets to the conference and concert
- Hotel Accommodations (based on 2 person occupancy)
- All transportation
- Boxed lunches on Friday and Saturday
- Dinner Friday Night (Buca Italian Restaurant- Catered at Hotel)
- Continental Breakfast (Saturday)

Bible Camp

There are a few 3rd and 4th grade children attending Inspiration Point Bible Camp, June 26-30. Please remember them in prayer — that their relationship with Jesus would grow during this week and that they would be excited to share their faith with their friends.

Programs

Children's Ministry Programs will resume in the Fall.
Thanks for a great year!

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Youth Ministries

HSM (High School Ministry) News



The Sunday night High School Youth Group is getting a new name! It's now **One23**, taken from the address of the church, but also signifying we serve one God, and our theme verse is **1 Corinthians 1:23** – “**We preach Christ**”. The branding of the group accomplishes a few things: it creates a group identity, it creates curiosity, it grabs attention, and it's easier to say and write (nicer to put on web and mailings)! This name is only for our Sunday night gatherings; the overall HSM (High School Ministry) still consists of much more.



SUMMER PLANS

Speaking of One23, we will continue to meet during the summer on Sunday nights, with an occasional break for a pool party and for YC11. We'll be going through a DVD series called “Gospel Journey Maui” that's real conversations with real students on some of life's biggest questions. There will also be a Girls' Small Group with combined MS/HS girls on Tuesdays from 8–9:30pm which begins on June 21. We'll be doing a weekly “sports night” every Monday, alternating between Ultimate Frisbee and volleyball, and we've got a couple fun outings planned that involve water you won't want to miss.

YC11 Fundraiser Update!

Thanks to all who came out to enjoy the fun and fellowship of the Church Picnic! We had a great time, even though the rain chased us all inside. And the pies, mmmmm. My wife bought us a strawberry pie — I am savoring the sweetness even as I write this.

With the picnic and the pie auction combined we raised \$3,000! Thanks for all your generous support for student missions, and a special thanks to Cindy Waller and all the ladies who helped with food, to Ellen Cedarblade who organized the pies, to Jim Jeffries our auctioneer, and to all the adult leaders and the students who supplied the workforce. Maybe we'll do it again?

While the picnic was a great success, we still are in need of help raising money for students to be funded for the YC11 summer trip. If you have any work projects that you could hire students for, or if you would like to simply sponsor a student, please contact me (Chad) or Ryan Rico.



High School Calendar

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| Sunday, June 5th | — | Gospel Journey Maui:
Higher Power? |
| Sunday, June 12th | — | Senior Share |
| Sunday, June 19th | — | Gospel Journey Maui:
What's Your Purpose? |
| Sunday, June 26th | — | Waller Pool Party
(3040 Abbe Hill Dr.) |

Weekly Schedule

High School Youth Group: Sundays 7:30–9:00 pm

The Bridge: Middle School Youth Group: Wednesdays 6:45–8pm

HS/MS Girls Bible Study: Tuesdays 8:00–9:30 pm

Chad Shiffer
Director Youth Ministries
chad@bethesdalutheran.org

Ryan Rico
Middle School Youth Director
ryan@bethesdalutheran.org

Youth Ministries

Middle School News

Our end of the year party will be on June 1st, from 6:30 to 8:30 pm. The Bridge will not be meeting for the following two weeks, but will start up again on Wednesday, June 22nd. Ryan will be gone the end of June and beginning of July for the Bola scripture dedication trip, but The Bridge will continue to meet every Wednesday. Please be watching the website for upcoming events, and if you have any questions during that time, please contact Chad.

Bethesda's middle school ministry has tried different approaches when it comes to summer plans. We feel that it is important to continue to meet in a large group setting over the summer, as we do not want to give the impression that summer is a time to take a break from church, and at the same time, from one's faith. Summer should be a time for students to continue to grow in their relationship with God and with others.

Bible Camp!



Church will be providing transportation to and from Inspiration Point Bible Camp for the Jr. High week running from June 19th-24th. If you are still interested in utilizing church transportation and have not yet filled out a camp transportation sheet, please let Ryan know as soon as possible. Drop an e-mail to ryan@bethesdalutheran.org.

STUDENT SERVICE OPS

Students, are you looking for an opportunity to serve? Look no further than our church for this opportunity. Our VBS program is in need of volunteers; just refer to the VBS page for more information. Do not forget that if you are going to YC 11, you need to have helped out with Touched Twice or VBS, but are more than welcome to help with both!

Opportunities

Summer Handbell Concert at Bethesda

July 12, 7pm

There will be a handbell concert on Tuesday evening, July 12, at 7pm in Bethesda's sanctuary. The concert will feature a 12-Bell group from Bethesda, as well as a community group with Bethesda ringers and others from local churches. We will be performing an eclectic mix of music: sacred, classical and patriotic. A freewill offering will be taken to purchase the C#3 bass bell.

If anyone is interested in learning more about the bells at Bethesda, or if you'd like to learn how to ring, contact us this summer. Drop an e-mail to: heidi@equallyskilled.com.

Bethesda Church Picnic and Pool Party

Sunday, July 10th, Fairfax Pool

Mark your calendars for this summer's all-church picnic and pool party. We are once again planning to hold our event at Fairfax Pool. You may remember that last year's picnic was scheduled at the same time as a sudden down-pour. Nevertheless, everyone reported having a great time, huddled together in the shelter. We're planning to do it again — *rain or shine!* Save the date!

Furniture Needed

Brent and Sandi Wiebe will be returning for their furlough and will need the following furniture from August 2011 to July 2012:

- Living room chair/recliner
- Beds for the 3 children
- Dining or kitchen table/chairs

Please call or email Jeanne Hoilien (715-579-6300, jeannehoilien@gmail.com) or Ann Rupnow (715-379-2658, annie9@charter.net).

More Opportunities

coffee cup cafe



The Coffee Cup Café will continue to be open for the summer. Come join others while enjoying coffee and treats in room 204b on Sunday Mornings!

Look for the big Coffee Cup!

SUMMER SERVICE OPS

Here are some ways you can help serve our church family this summer!

- Weeding and watering flowers inside and outside of the church
- Sanctuary Decorating
- Ushering
- Light cleaning and dusting
- Video producer/editor (Bethesda Minute)

E-mail kristin@bethesdalutheran.org for details!

Quiet Room

During the summer, the morning services can be viewed on the big screen in room 204a. If your child is not in nursery and is not quite ready to sit in the service without being a distraction to you and others, we invite you to view the service in room 204a in a more relaxed environment!

Beth Moore Simulcast

September 10th, 2011
at Bethesda!

This fall, Bethesda will be hosting another simulcast of a Beth Moore live event. This event promises to be another exciting day of teaching and ministry! We'll have more details in the coming weeks. Mark your calendars now for September 10th, and plan to attend!

Christmas (Tea) in June

The Women's Ministries Committee is planning ahead to the Christmas Tea. This year we would like to make a collection of hand made mittens, scarves, and hats to be donated to schools this winter. In the coming months, if you are interested in making any of these items, please contact Mandy Heard at 715-834-5246. We would like to have them before the Tea, to be displayed at the Tea on December 3. Start your needles!

June 2011

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
SUNDAY SERVICES: 9:00 am - Traditional 10:30 am - Contemporary 6:00 pm - Contemporary			1 6:30 pm – “The Bridge” End of year party	2 6:00 pm – Financial Peace 6:30 pm – Made to Crave	3 6:30 am – Rise Up! Study 6:30 am – Men’s Bible Study 6:30 am – Band of Brothers Study	4
5 9:00 am – Coffee Cup Café HONORING OUR GRADUATES	6 6:30 am – Men’s Bible Study 6:30 pm – Solid Rock Café	7 11:00 am – Rachel Bible Study 5:30 pm – Youth Volunteer Party 5:30 pm – Men’s Bible Study 6:00 pm – Moms Bible Study	8	9 7:00 pm – Made to Crave	10 6:30 am – Rise Up! Study 6:30 am – Men’s Bible Study 6:30 am – Band of Brothers Study	11
12 9:00 am – Coffee Cup Café COMMUNION SUNDAY	13 6:30 am – Men’s Bible Study 6:30 pm – Solid Rock Café	14 5:30 pm – Men’s Bible Study 6:00 pm – Moms Bible Study 6:00 pm – Christian Writers	15	16 7:00 pm – Made to Crave	17 6:30 am – Rise Up! Study 6:30 am – Men’s Bible Study 6:30 am – Band of Brothers Study 6:30 pm – VBS Program	18
Big Apple Adventure: 9:00 – 12:00 each day						
19 9:00 am – Coffee Cup Café FATHER’S DAY	20 6:30 am – Men’s Bible Study 6:30 pm – Solid Rock Café	21 5:30 pm – Men’s Bible Study 6:00 pm – Moms Bible Study 8:00 pm – Girls Bible Study	22 6:45 pm – “The Bridge” 7:00 pm – H.S. Small Groups	23 7:00 pm – Made to Crave	24 6:30 am – Rise Up! Study 6:30 am – Men’s Bible Study 6:30 am – Band of Brothers Study 10:00 am – Circle of Friends	25 BOLA BIBLE DEDICATION PAPUA NEW GUINEA
Junior High Week – Inspiration Point Bible Camp						
26 9:00 am – Coffee Cup Café BOLA BIBLE DEDICATION PAPUA NEW GUINEA	27 6:30 am – Men’s Bible Study 6:30 pm – Solid Rock Café	28 5:30 pm – Men’s Bible Study 6:00 pm – Moms Bible Study 8:00 pm – Girls Bible Study	29 6:45 pm – “The Bridge” 7:00 pm – H.S. Small Groups	30 7:00 pm – Made to Crave		
3rd & 4th Grade – Inspiration Point Bible Camp						

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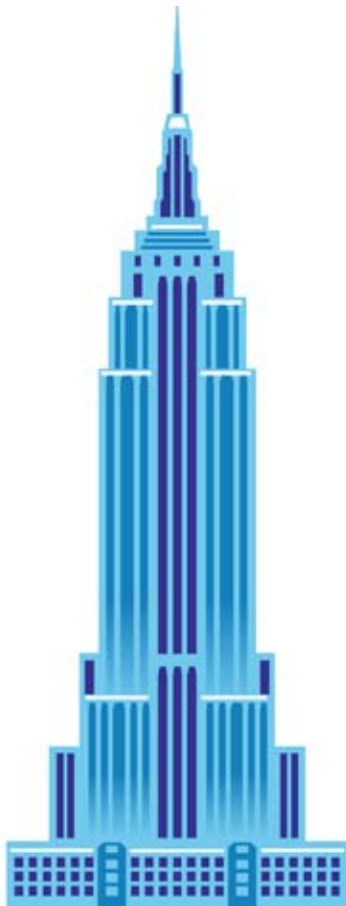
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from 200 to 300 children attending. Every year God has provided for us financially through the church budget, donations by the children's families, and congregational giving. Every year we are so blessed to hear of stories where children have trusted Jesus as their Savior. Every year we're blessed to learn of families that make Bethesda their church home because of their introduction to our church during VBS. Every year — without fail.

This is not because we put on a "perfect" VBS, have more money than other churches for our VBS or anything that involves human effort. God has continued to use and bless Bethesda's VBS because we have a church body that prays, that serves, that gives, and that invites others to know Christ.

So please join us again as you have so faithfully done in the past and remember to pray for this week — for the volunteers and the children, check-out how you can serve yet, pick up an envelope from the VBS table and give financially, and invite those children you have contact with through friends, co-workers, etc. to our VBS. Then watch as God uses you and all those involved with VBS to spread His Good News to the children and their families in our community.

Dawn Rico
Children's Ministry Director

