

**October 2011**

## Worship Schedule!

### Sunday Service Schedule

- 9:00 am – Traditional
- 10:30 am – Contemporary
- 10:45 am – Contemporary  
(In Walker Hall)
- 6:00 pm – Contemporary



### Sundays:

10:00–12:00 ❖ Fellowship Hall

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

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## Join us for Mission: Minot Oct. 14–16th

In late June of this year, the Souris River, already at a record-setting flood level, poured over makeshift dikes and into Minot, North Dakota. The dike system that was built to handle 5,000 cubic feet of water per second could not withstand the 27,000 cubic feet per second that washed down from the north.

The population of Minot is just over 40,000 people. 11,000 people — more than a quarter of the population — lost their homes in the flood. Only 1 in 10 homes had flood insurance. The effect of this flood has been devastating, not just on the homes, but on the lives of the people living there.

Though the waters have receded, there is still a long journey ahead for the families affected by this flood. Rebuilding is expected to take 18 months to two years. There is a long-term need for help in Minot: work crews, financial support, and trained counselors.

On the weekend of October 14–16, Bethesda will be sending as many people as we can to Minot to help out however we can. If you are interested in going, there will be an information table and sign-up sheets in the lobby on Oct. 2nd and 9th. You can also contact Pastor Brandon directly to let him know you are going. ([brandon@bethesdalutheran.org](mailto:brandon@bethesdalutheran.org))

You may either find your own transportation to Minot, or join us on a charter bus. The cost for the bus will be \$75.00 per person. The bus will be leaving on Friday afternoon (Oct. 14) around 4pm, and will be returning early on the following Monday morning. You will need to bring clothes, towel, toiletries, a sleeping bag or air mattress, pillow, blanket, and a hammer or pry bar if you have them. We will be coordinating with Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church in Minot, splitting into work teams, and sent wherever we are needed most. You may be doing demolition, rebuilding, or even just yard work. Though you are welcome to get a hotel room, they are difficult to find due to people still living in hotels after the flooding. However, Our Redeemer's will provide a roof over our heads — we will be sleeping at the church; they have two gyms and plenty of room.

You will need money and food for the trip over and back, but otherwise, Our Redeemer's will be taking care of food needs.

This is an excellent opportunity to take part in a short close-to-home mission project, and a way to show the love of Jesus to a community whose lives have been turned upside down.

For more information, call the church office at 715-835-5073, or contact Pastor Brandon at [brandon@bethesdalutheran.org](mailto:brandon@bethesdalutheran.org).



*We hope you can join us!*

# All Church Announcements



## Operation Christmas Child

Operation Christmas Child shares the Good News of God's love with needy children around the world — using shoe box gifts.

Operation Christmas Child is an annual project of Samaritan's Purse,

which will add a language-specific children's Bible to each box and will distribute the boxes through worldwide Christian ministry evangelistic programs.

You are invited to take part in this unique missions project by filling a shoe box with school supplies, small toys and hygiene items (no liquids or gels), and labeling the box for "Boy" or "Girl" and age category, 2–4 years, 5–9 years, or 10–14 years.

Pray for the child who will receive the box. You may also include a note or picture from your family. A donation check of \$7 to Samaritan's Purse helps cover shipping and other project costs, and should be submitted in your shoe box. Tie or rubber band the box. You may also wrap the box (Wrapping is not required, though if you choose to wrap your box, please wrap the lid and box separately).

This year at Bethesda, we will collect filled boxes on November 6 and 13 at tables in the Foyer and by the Resource Room.

Thank you for considering this ministry to touch a child's heart this Christmas. Brochures and empty shoe boxes will be available at the tables for your use. If your group would like a supply of boxes, please contact Kathy Mentink at "kmentink4him@charter.net".

More information available at [www.samaritanspurse.org](http://www.samaritanspurse.org).

## With Gratitude . . .



Please join me in thanking Kristin Verhaagh for her excellent and passionate service as our Connections Ministries Coordinator. Although Kristin and her family remain a valuable part of our congregation, she has resigned from her staff position. For many, Kristin was the first personal connection they had at Bethesda, and we have all benefitted greatly

from her tireless effort and nearly endless enthusiasm. We trust that God will continue to use her gifts in amazing ways as He leads her into new opportunities for ministry.

Sincerely,  
Brian Quade  
Pastor of Ministry Development

## Annual Mission Conference

**Sunday, October 23, 2011**

Brent and Sandi Wiebe will speak at the 9:00, 10:30 and 10:45 A.M. services. Several Bola Mission Team members will also be interviewed by Sandi at each service. Bola Team members will interview the Wiebe children and share about their experiences at the two Sunday School Hour openings.

At 12:30 P.M. there will be an International Potluck in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring a foreign dish to pass, with a label telling the name of the food, and from what country it comes. The Mission Committee will provide drinks, rolls, and dessert. There will also be samples of Papua New Guinea culinary treats! Brent and Sandi will answer questions, and video from the Bola Bible dedication will be shown.

## Thank You!

Thank you, Bethesda women, for the wonderful welcome basket you contributed to. What a surprise to come home from church and receive a laundry basket full of assorted goods, such as canned goods and cleaning supplies. It was a big help in filling our pantry and getting settled in for our home assignment this year! Our year is off to a good start and we are enjoying worshipping our Lord together with old and new friends alike at Bethesda!

*Brent & Sandi Wiebe,  
Justin, Daniel, & Karissa*

## To our Bethesda Family

Thank you so much for your many thoughts, prayers, and expressions of love to our family throughout this past year of Duane's life. Thank you, too, for helping to make Duane's funeral service so meaningful and memorable. A special thank you to Pastor Venberg, Matt Hoage, the tech team, and wonderful kitchen servants who provided the delicious lunch. We have been blessed by the Lord through you!

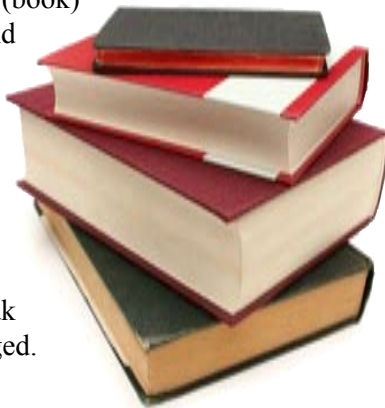
*Love in Jesus,  
Agnes Iverson  
Don & Janelle Henning & Family*

# All Church Announcements

## Check it Out!

Look for Bethesda's new library location in Room 309 at the west end of the building. It is spacious and comfortable with new shelving and chairs. It even has a pleasant "new library" scent. Come in and inhale some wisdom.

- *It was the Lord! Stories From the Heart of Bolivia* (book) by Marge Erickson. Henrick & Marge were pioneer missionaries with the World Mission Prayer League in Bolivia. These stories portray the deep impact their loving spirit had on the Aymaras. (266, ERI)
- *Heaven Is For Real* (4 CD audio book) by Todd Burpo with Lynn Vincent. A young boy's astounding story of his trip to heaven and back. (133.9, BUR)
- *Off My Case for Kids* (book) by Lee Strobel and Robert Elmer. For kids who are sure of their faith but not sure how to defend it. This 89 page book provides twelve real-life scenarios that empower kids to speak up when challenged. (Y239, STR)



### Stephen Ministry

## They Are Among Us

No, we're not talking about angels or aliens. We're talking about individuals who care about others. The Scriptures describe their service well: "Remember those in prison as if you were their fellow prisoners, and those who are mistreated as if you yourselves were suffering" (Hebrews 13:3). If you or someone you know wants to do more as a Christian caregiver, consider Stephen Ministry. This is our congregation's one-to-one caregiving ministry.

A training class is starting this January. Please contact Paul & JoDea Green at (715) 839-9468, Judy Draper at (715) 831-0189, or Pastor Venberg at the church office, (715) 835-5073 if you are interested. You can also download applications and find out more information about Stephen Ministry at the Bethesda web site: [www.bethesdalutheran.org](http://www.bethesdalutheran.org) under our ministries

Our Stephen Ministers will be meeting on October 10th and 24th for continuing education and supervision.



### "John 6: 9"

#### October Food Drive

*"Here is a boy with five small barley loaves and two small fish, but how far will they go among so many?"*

Indeed, how far could one young boy's lunch go?

Jesus did a miracle by using one boy's lunch to feed over 5000 people. I wonder how many people we could feed by just donating our lunch money for a day, a week, or maybe a full month. I like math. If a daily lunch cost about \$3 and each person were to give one month's worth of lunch money and we have 700 people who attend Bethesda each week.  $\$3 \times 30 \times 700 = \$63000$ . Wow! Then multiply that by 1.5 in matching gifts that may be available and that's \$94500. Then multiply that by 7 pounds of food per dollar from area food resources and that's 661,500 pounds, or over 300 tons of food. So a small donation can be multiplied to make a big difference.

OFD envelopes will be placed in each church mailbox and on the donation table in the foyer. Please make checks payable to the "Bethesda Food Drive" and put them in the special October Food Drive envelopes or the Deacon Fund envelopes. The envelopes can be put in the offering plates or in the donation box. Tables will be placed outside the sanctuary and the resource room for nonperishable food donations. A list of items will be on the table. These funds and food donations will be used to restock our local food pantries of the Salvation Army and Choose Aftercare. These are resources our community and church uses to feed the hungry. Please help, start a miracle, and show God's love and care for people by making a check or donation to "Bethesda Food Drive."

Thanks in advance for your service to the King in this way.

*Rod Ruesch  
For the Deacons at Bethesda*

### From the Wiebes

We would like to borrow a trumpet and flute in good working condition for this school year. Call 715-559-5530 if you have one we could pick up.

*Blessings,  
Brent & Sandi Wiebe  
Justin, Daniel, & Karissa*

# 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](mailto: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)

*"A Heart like His: Seeking the Heart of God Through a Study of David"* — We are currently doing this in-depth journey into the Scriptures to discover why King David was called "a man after God's own heart".

**Contact:** Jane Loudon, 715-835-6064 or [janelouden@sbcglobal.net](mailto:janelouden@sbcglobal.net)

### Solid Rock Café

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

We are currently working through "Decisions — Seeking God's Guidance," a nine-week study on how to make decisions wisely, confidently, and in harmony with God's will. E-mail or call if you would like to join us and to order a study guide. Price of the study guide is \$8.00.

**Contact:** Sue Henneman, 715-552-1378 or [suehennemann@att.net](mailto:suehennemann@att.net); Pat Murphy, 715-839-1219 or [patree@cvol.com](mailto:patree@cvol.com).

### The Rachel Circle

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

Tuesday, October 4th, we will continue with Lesson #11 from Max Lucado's *Life Lessons* series which covers 2 Peter 2:1–22 — "False Teachers." Please join us!

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

### Moms Study

Wednesday Nights, 6:45 pm–8:00 pm  
Bethesda Library

Beginning October 5th we will meet at the same time as Wednesday evening activities, while most of our children are busy with programs.

**Contact:** Brittney Malone, 715-878-4366

Lydia Bible Study  
Second Thursdays, 1:00 pm  
Fireside Room (Bethesda)

This month we are meeting on October 13, continuing with our study of "Finally Into the Land."

**Contact:** Grace Bailey, 715-214-4344

### Rise Up!

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

We are currently doing a Bible study on the book of Luke, using the Life Change Bible study guide. All women are welcome to join us.

**Contact:** Jackie Vold, 715-834-5775 or [mjvold@gmail.com](mailto:mjvold@gmail.com)

### Circle of Friends

Friday Mornings, 9:15 am

We will be studying women of the Old Testament. Our study guide will be *Life Principles from the Women of the Bible, Book 1* by Wayne Barber. Child Care will be provided.

**Contact:** Mandy Heard, at 715-834-5246 or [mandyheardu@gmail.com](mailto: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 will be continuing our study in the Book of Philippians. This month we are meeting on October 3rd and 17th.

**Contact:** Brian & Janet Amundson, 835-0521

### Common Ground

Wednesdays, 6:00–8:00 pm  
Room 204a

We are using the weekly "God Sightings" readings as our basis for discussion. Join us anytime!

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

### "The Foundations"

6:45–8:00 pm  
Room 313

This 12-part video series by Ken Ham examines topics such as the relevance of Genesis, evangelism, the basics of apologetics, etc.

**Contact:** Nathan Dietsche, 715-835-5073

Wednesday Evenings  
7:00–8:00 pm

Fireside Room (Bethesda)

We are meeting every Wednesday evening in the Fireside room at 7:00 pm and are continuing our study of the Gospel of Luke. We would love to have you join us as we continue our study of this book.

**Contact:** Pastor Venberg, 715-835-5073

## Men's Studies

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

We are currently studying 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](mailto: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](mailto:snsbt@charter.net);  
David, 715-828-6156, [dverhaagh@hotmail.com](mailto:dverhaagh@hotmail.com);  
Jeff, 715-563-8489, [wilejeff@gmail.com](mailto:wilejeff@gmail.com)

### Band of Brothers

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

We are currently doing a study of the Book of Philippians. Join us as we discover the secret of Paul's joy and experience his triumphant confidence in Christ. Coffee and pastries provided!

**Contact:** John Lutz, 715-831-0895, [johnlutz@ameritech.net](mailto:johnlutz@ameritech.net)



# Adult Bible Fellowships



Adult Bible Fellowships (ABFs) are groups that meet in order to help us grow in our relationships to God and with each other. ABFs are committed to deepening our relationships, as well as growing new relationships. Bethesda has a number of ABFs available. Although ABF goals are similar, each group has its own identity.

## Sundays • 9:00 AM

### Branches

Room 204c (Fellowship Hall)

Variety of ages.

Join us as we explore how contemporary life and faith intersect. Coffee and treats guaranteed, lively discussion likely. In September we will focus on faith and grace.

**Contact:** Deb Hubbell at 715-839-0594 or dahshop@yahoo.com

### iLess

Fireside Room, Room 102

Ministry for 18+.

iLess is an ABF designed to meet the needs and help in the spiritual growth of young adults in our Bethesda community.

**Contact:** Pastor Brandon at 715-835-5073 or brandon@bethesdalutheran.org

### Sojourners

Room 305

Variety of ages.

Please come and join us as we look into God's word as the apostle Paul refutes the Colossian heresy as we study the book of Colossians.

**Contact:** Allen or Jeanne Sternke at 715-597-3526 or jeannesternke@yahoo.com

## Sundays • 10:30 AM

### Kingfolk

Room 204c (Fellowship Hall)

Retired, or nearing retirement.

Oct. 2nd — Carl and Anita Brunkow will guide us through a selection from the Bible.

Oct. 9th — *Everything to Lose, Nothing to Gain* is the title of the Focus of the Family video, guided by Ray Van der Laan, an excellent Bible teacher.

Oct. 16th — Karen Mueller, a lawyer, will discuss the relatedness of the Law and the Bible.

Oct. 23rd — Dr. Gregg Kishaba, an elder at Bethesda, will direct our study this day.

Oct. 30th — Sharon Hahn and Neil Dittner will guide us through worship in song as it relates to everyday experienced faced by Christians.

**Contact:** Augie Wirkus, 715-831-0460

### A.C.T.S.

Room 305

Variety of ages

This fall semester we are taking a look at what the Bible says it means to be honest, moral, and a person of conscience, in our personal lives as well as where we work. This will be a Bible study based on the book *Honesty, Morality and Conscience* by Jerry White. One of the central concepts of Christian fellowship is to support and encourage each other. We will hear from business owners, teachers, employees, and managers whose stories of victory and failure can light the path before us. Separate from this study, we will hear testimonies, play trivia, and devote time to praying.

**Contact:** Steve or Jodi Flaten, 715-832-8312, or Steve Loudon, 715-835-6064 / b4ubuy1217@sbcglobal.net.

### Seekers of God

Fireside Room, Room 102

Variety of ages

As a sequel to last spring's study of the life and times of Elijah, we will study the prophet Elisha. This mixed-age group meets at 10:30 am, Sundays in the Fireside Room.

**Contact:** Beth Smith, 715-875-4553, or Dennis and Diane Peterson, 715-839-8648.

# Bethesda World Missions

## Praise and Prayer for Bethesda's Family Around the World



### Venbergs:

- Praise the Lord that Gabe, Sylvia, and Tevi are enjoying the mission school that they are attending in N'djamena.
- Pray for the Welcome Center, where the Venbergs and Fludes are living. A straight-line wind blew through the property on September 19th and tore off all of the solar panels on the roof, and half of the roof on one of the buildings. Praise the Lord that no one was injured. Pray that they will find the means to repair the solar system and the roof.
- Pray for the family to have fruitful time in the village of Doh in early October.
- Pray for Dan as he continues to organize an October 17th conference for Chadian missionaries that will bring together the Chadian Lutheran Brethren Church (EFLT) and Lutheran Brethren International Missions (LBIM) staff. The conference topic is partnering to mobilize for mission among the unreached peoples of Chad.

### Gronseths:

- Praise the Lord that the renovation of the English Forum Coffee House is going well! The Lord has provided a Christian contractor to do the work.
- Praise the Lord that the majority of the funds needed for the renovation have been provided.
- Praise the Lord for Craig and Kristi Thomas, who are working with John and Betsy during this critical time. John and Craig are overseeing the renovation, handling the business end of things, and planning the English training programs. Kristi and Betsy are preparing a library for the coffee house, planning the menu items and testing recipes, planning the decorating, and shopping for dishes, furniture, books, etc.
- Pray for wisdom as they daily make many decisions, and for the ability to bridge/balance Chinese and Western culture in the planning for the Coffee House.
- Pray for the family of a JAARS pilot, Paul Westland, who was a good friend of John and Betsy's in West Papua, Indonesia. He and two Indonesian men, one an evangelist, were killed in a plane crash in a remote mountainous area

on September 22nd. Paul has a wife, Lavonne, a daughter, Joy, and a son, Mark. Pray also for the families of the Indonesian men.

### Contruccis:

- Pray for Kent as he presents the Inside-Out Safety Program Seminar to new and current staff at MAF headquarters in Nampa, Idaho on October 20th and 21st.
- Pray for Kent as he prepares to travel to Sumatra, Indonesia on November 7th. He will present the Inside-Out Safety Program Seminar to the MAF base in the city of Aceh.

### Wiebes:

- God's grace as we settle into life here for the year.
- Peace for the kids as they adjust to new schools and make new friends.
- Healing for Justin as he recovers from his 2nd case of malaria since coming home.
- Clarity of speech and passion as we share what God is doing in Papua New Guinea and our lives.
- God's daily renewal of our vision to bring His good news to the ends of the earth!

### Wiles:

- Pray for John and Kathy as they are ministering to missionaries in Asia until November 17th. They will be leading retreats, worship services, workshops, pastoral family meetings, and pastoral counseling sessions.
- Pray that the Word they share in public meetings and private conversations will enrich faith, bring repentance, and deepen people's joy in their walk with God.
- Pray that they will have the energy and focus to be 100% 'present' with each person they meet.
- Pray that the Holy Spirit will give them discernment as to the core issues in people's hearts, and wisdom to share Christ's Words for them.
- Pray that the extreme air pollution will not impede their ministry by causing health problems.

# Children's Ministries



## Wednesday Children's Programs Beginning October 5th!

Wednesday night activities for children start on October 5th for 4-year-olds through 5th graders!

We'd love to have your child included in these fun and interactive evenings where they learn from God's Word. The connection is made each week between what God's Word says and how it applies to their lives right now. The curriculum on Wednesdays is different from that on Sundays. Many children attend both Sundays and Wednesdays.

Relationships with friends are made and deepened and each child is loved and cared for by adult leaders who have a passion for Jesus and your children.

Wednesday nights are a great evening for your children to reach out to their friends and neighbors and invite them along. Please encourage your children to think about who they could invite.

**The Children's Choir** meets from 6–6:45 p.m. in the choir room for children in 1st–5th grades. This year we welcome Hannah Olson as our new Children's Choir director! Hannah is a UWEC student majoring in music for K–12.

**Kids of the Kingdom** for 4-year-olds through 3rd grade meets from 6:45–8:00 p.m. They will start and end the hour in rooms 201, 205 and 207. They come together for large group time during part of the evening.

**Bible Explorers** for 4th and 5th graders meet from 6:45–8:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. They will also have a few minutes of "gym time" each week.

If you have not registered your children for Wednesday nights you can do so when you bring them the first time. We do require parents to pick-up their children using our nametag system for safety and security reasons.

## Earn Credit Toward Bible Camp

Each year children who are currently in 2nd–5th grades can earn up to \$100 towards the cost of attending Inspiration Point Bible Camp by learning and reciting Bible verses. These verses are provided to the children who attend our Wednesday evenings, but even if your child does not attend on Wednesdays they can still participate. Just contact Dawn for a copy of the verses or go to the church website and check out the Wednesday night page of Children's Ministries. The reciting and recording of the verses is done at home and turned in to us by mid-March. Your kids get a chance to go to camp by making it more affordable plus it's always great to memorize God's Word!

We also provide transportation to and from camp with the help of willing parent drivers. If you aren't familiar with Inspiration Point, please check out their website at [www.ipoint.org](http://www.ipoint.org). It's an extremely high-quality camp where Christ is the focus of all they do. Kids come home with a new, renewed or increased faith!

## Programs

**Sunday School** Sunday School programs are held during Sunday morning and Sunday evening services.

**On Oct. 16th**, there will be no Sunday School during the 9:00 am hour; students will be dismissed during the 10:30 am service for large group time in the Choir Room

### Wednesday Night Activities

**Children's Choir:** 6:00–6:45pm

**Kids of the Kingdom:** (K–3rd Grade) 6:45–8pm

**Bible Explorers:** (4th–5th Grade) 6:45–8pm

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# Children's Ministries

# Youth Ministries

## Help Fill our Snack Bin!



Children's Ministries could use your help in making sure the Sunday school children receive a snack each week in class. We would appreciate it if you picked up a box or two of crackers, fruit snacks, granola bars, animal crackers, vanilla wafers, etc. the next time you were at the grocery store and dropped them

off in our blue bin by the resource room. Thank you in advance for thinking of the kids in this way!

## October Food Drive

Bethesda's annual food drive to help stock local food pantries will take place during October. We'll be sending home bags with the children on Sunday, October 2nd, which they can fill up with food and return anytime during the month. Thank you for helping your children learn how they can serve others through this simple act.



## This Year's Mission Focus

We are featuring the Wiebe family as our mission focus this year in Sunday school and we ask you to encourage your children to bring in offering money each week which will help the Wiebes as they continue to serve God on the mission field next year. The kids will be able to hear from the Wiebe children on Sunday, Oct. 23rd, as they share with them in Sunday school about life as a missionary kid in Papua New Guinea.

## Middle School Mania



Three words: Gigantic. Leaf. Pile. Does it get any better than that? You bet it does! When that gigantic leaf pile is at the Point, and you're jumping in it with all of your closest friends! Sixth, Seventh, and Eighth graders are invited to join us each fall for Middle School Mania. A chance to get away for a weekend and reflect on what God is doing in the midst of adjusting back to school. It's the perfect way to kick off the fall!

Middle School Mania is on October 7-9, 2011. Register online at [www.ipoint.org](http://www.ipoint.org). Cost is \$85 plus \$20 for gas. Contact Ryan ([ryan@bethesdalutheran.org](mailto:ryan@bethesdalutheran.org)) to sign up for transportation.

## Middle School Leaders

Who are the leaders who help out with your students? On Wednesday night we have: Sarah Lyngby, Lydia Lochner, Rosie Fischer, John Flaten, Jon Pehler, Glenn Wilson, Sevy Fischer, and Ryan Rico.

The 10:30 Sunday school teachers are Mike and Dana Higgins. If you see them in halls at church, make sure to thank them for their service!

### Sunday School October 16th

There will be no Sunday school on October 16th due to Mission:Minot. We want to encourage you and your students to serve. Classes will resume the following week.

# Youth Ministries

## See You at the Pole



Students gather for prayer at the flag pole, September 28th at Memorial High School in Eau Claire.

This was the 21st anniversary for See You at the Pole, a student-initiated and student-led movement. Since 1991, See You at the Pole has grown to God-sized proportions. More than 3 million students from around the world participated this year in See You at the Pole. In places like Canada, Korea, Japan, Turkey, and the Ivory Coast, students are responding to God and taking seriously the challenge to pray. And what an encouragement it was for me to see so many students, especially those from Bethesda, standing together and praying on Sept. 28th! SYATP brings students to their school flagpoles to intercede for their leaders, schools, and families, asking God to bring moral and spiritual awakening to their campuses and countries. Change is only going to happen by us first humbling ourselves and asking God to do his work, and so to see our students stand out and stand up to pray at their school is an awesome thing!

### High School Calendar

- Saturday, Oct. 1 — Remedy Drive Concert, Wilson, Wis. 4pm–11pm. FREE!
- Sunday, Oct. 2 — One23: “This Changes Everything”
- Sunday, Oct. 9 — One23: “Watch Your Mouth”
- Thurs, Oct. 13 — Jared Anderson Concert, 7pm
- October 14–16 — Mission:Minot
- Sunday, Oct. 16 — Rake & Run: 4:00 pm
- Sunday, Oct. 23 — One23: “It’s Not About the Money”
- October 28–29 — Man Camp!
- Sunday, Oct. 30 — One23: Food Drive

## High School Ministry Small Groups

Small Groups are a huge part of the High School Ministries here at Bethesda. Many students consider this the best part of their week, and as the Director of Youth Ministries here, I believe Small Groups serve a critical function in students spiritual development and growth. Small Groups allow for a closer community bond, more chances for questions and discussion, and students get to dig into the Bible and topics that are relevant to their age and gender.

The following High School Small Groups meet on Wednesday nights at these locations:

- Freshman Girls:** Liz Redman (at church/her house following Confirmation)
- Freshman Guys:** Jonny Peterson/Mark Miller (at church following Confirmation)
- Sophomore Girls:** Mary Graaskamp (Graaskamp home – 3903 Ponderosa Dr. E)
- Sophomore Guys:** Chad Shiffer (Shiffer home – 320 W. Fillmore Ave)
- Junior Girls:** Thea Gutsch (Tewalt home)
- Junior Guys:** Matt Waller and Dave Pederson (Waller home – 3040 Abbe Hill Dr.)
- Senior Girls:** Mindy Pederson (Pederson home – S14700 Cty Rd I, Eleva)
- Senior Guys:** Jo Peikert and Jason Richards (Floren home – 3712 Timber Trails Ct)

### Weekly Schedule

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

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

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# Women's Ministries



**Open House, October 11th,  
6:00 pm – 10:00 pm, Walker Hall**

Ladies mark your calendar now! We will be making cozy fleece blankets for our October Martha Moments and then sending them down to the Minot, ND flood victims. Ladies, if you haven't checked out Martha Moments yet, this is a great one to attend. Meet others while helping out others in need. Bring a friend! These blankets are super easy to make but we need lots of help cutting and tying blankets.

**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! For more information, contact Kristin at 715-828-2737.



**Attend the Women of  
Faith Conference  
. . . and support APPLE**

**October 21–22**

**Xcel Energy Center, St. Paul, MN**

Ladies, interested in attending Women of Faith this year? Get your tickets through APPLE Pregnancy Care Center, by calling 715-834-5254. The cost is only \$89.00 for the two-day event, including lunch on both days. A portion of the proceeds will go to APPLE.



**Tuesday, October 25th, 7pm  
Fellowship Hall**

The theme for the Fall Ladies' Night Out will be "Changes." As we see the seasons change, we make the necessary adjustments. And as changes arise in our relationships and circumstances, we have to adjust as well.

Come and hear our two speakers who have had radical changes in their lives; Holly Hermann and Sandi Wiebe, and learn how God has been faithful throughout the transitions. Holly's daughter Keri will be the soloist. Come and share delightful refreshments and company. Please mark your calendar and invite a friend. This is for all women and their friends from ages 9 to 90!

**Eau Claire, Wisconsin Women's Connection  
invites you to our October Luncheon.**



*Autumn  
Leaves*

**Tuesday, Oct. 25th, 1:00 pm  
Eau Claire Country Club  
828 Clubview Lane, Altoona**

**A Season of Song**

Special Feature by Vocalist Linda Wallenfeldt

**The Hospital of Life**

Inspirational Speaker Helen Ratledge from Wiconia, MN.

Tour through the many rooms of a hospital with former nurse-anesthetist as she guides you to a healthy life.

The cost for this event is \$14.00. Reservations necessary by October 20th. Contact Darla at 715-835-5288 or Ann at 715-832-2052. Sponsored by Stonecroft Ministries.

# APPLE

## Volunteer Training

The APPLE Pregnancy Care Center will be training new volunteers beginning Monday, October 10th, and continuing for seven weeks. The hours of training will be from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm. Training will be held at the APPLE office at 2600 Stein Blvd., Eau Claire.

APPLE stands for "Aiding Problem Pregnancies with Love and Encouragement". Your help is needed! If you have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ, are a compassionate advocate for life, love people and enjoy listening to others, and have a desire to touch lives, God can use you and we would love to have you serve Him with us in pregnancy care ministry. By participating in the training you will be equipped to meet with our clients in the office or help with the Walk-Ins on Thursday evenings. Cost for the materials is \$20.00. For more information, or to register, call APPLE at 715-834-5254 or Pam at 715-832-9629.



# Salsa

(Salt and Light Single Adults)



Connect and Fellowship with other Single Adults (30s–50s)

This small group is designed to provide supportive Christian fellowship and the opportunity to experience community with other Bethesda single adults. (This is not a singles dating group!)

We had a great first meeting in September. We will be having another event in October yet to be determined. Please watch the e-mail newsletter and church announcements for details. Any questions or to be added to the SALSA email group please contact Carin at [carin-rae@hotmail.com](mailto:carin-rae@hotmail.com) or Mary at [mary.robinson@ahss.org](mailto:mary.robinson@ahss.org)

## For Hire!

Justin & Daniel Wiebe are two missionary teens who would love to help you with any jobs you have outside or inside your house! They're especially eager to do jobs they don't get to do in Papua New Guinea, such as raking leaves and shoveling snow. They would be happy to mow lawns if a mower is available. Karissa Wiebe (10) would also love to walk/care for your pet if you live in the Putnam Heights area. They can be reached at: 715-559-5530.

## "Lose it for Life"

by Stephen Arterburn

Thursdays 6–8pm, Starting October 20th

Ladies, due to popular demand we are offering another Bible-based study on weight loss/healthy eating. Come be a part of a warm and encouraging group of ladies who share the same struggles as you! Materials can be purchased at Amazon, or let me know so I can place a group order. Contact Kristin at [dverhaagh@hotmail.com](mailto:dverhaagh@hotmail.com) or 715-828-2737.

# HomeStars

**A Homeschool Support Ministry of  
Bethesda Lutheran Church**

With our membership reaching over 60 families so far this year, we are looking forward to our monthly Tuesday activities on October 11th at Bethesda. Our family activity will start off the day at 10:30–11:45 with guest speaker Larry Guthrie from Harvest Home Farm. After a quick lunch, we will jump into the classes (for all ages) at 12:30.

The first class in September went well with lots of excited kids. The Parent Support Meeting, running concurrently with the classes, will focus on building confidence with our monthly devotional being on confidence and a presentation from Larry Guthrie called "Confidence in Relationships".

Our planned field trip for the month will be a trip to Pleasant Valley Tree Farm on October 21. Middle school activities are planned for October 14 at Bethesda (details will be at our website).

If you are homeschooling, join HomeStars and take part in all the activities and encouraging fellowship. If you have any questions, contact Linda Swenson at 715-834-0713, or check out our website at [www.homestars.me](http://www.homestars.me).



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## ***Desire an even better marriage?***



FamilyLife “Weekend to Remember” marriage getaway weekends will be held this fall in Milwaukee (Oct. 21–23) and Madison (Nov. 18–20). These weekends are for all married couples who wish to reconnect with one another and rejuvenate and strengthen their marriage. Many Bethesda couples have attended these weekends and highly recommend them.

Please check out the following for more information:

- FamilyLife.com
- 1-800-FL-TODAY (1-800-358-6329)

## **Help Still Needed in Children’s Ministries!**



On Sundays we still need a **part-time helper** with our Kindergarten class at 10:30 and an extra helper with the 2nd and 3rd grade class at 10:30.

We need a **record keeper** for each hour of Sunday school to perform administrative tasks that should take no more than 20 minutes.

On Wednesdays we need one or two **small group leaders** with our Bible Explorer (4th/5th grade) group.

Please contact Dawn as soon as possible if you can help in any of these areas! ([dawn@bethesdalutheran.org](mailto:dawn@bethesdalutheran.org))