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Greetings Bethany Lutheran!

January brought us very interesting weather in Spencer, but rarely slowed us down at Bethany. While we look at what we've done in January, we look forward to February and all of the wonderful activities we have going on at Bethany! Thank you to everyone who helped with Milestones in January, as well as students who helped with the Annual meeting. I am so thankful for all of our support for our youth & families!

Here are a few dates you'll want to add to the calendar:

BYG Events this Month: We'll start the month on February 7th with a Game/ Lesson night. Our lesson will talk about our words and how we use them to help build each other up. February 14th is Ash Wednesday. We'll have Bible study this evening about the history of Valentine's Day and how we love God. February 21st is movie night. This month is student choice! Students are welcome to bring a movie, as long as they bring a few questions to ask with it. On the 28th we'll meet for a special service project night. As we start the season of Lent, we may be a few minutes later starting with Youth Group. Students and parents are invited



to join us for worship at 7! BYG starts at 7:45 in the youth room. Just a reminder that students are always welcome to bring a friend and snacks are always provided.

Special Confirmation Night: Ever wonder why Lent is called Lent? Or why is the color purple used during the season of Lent? We all have had questions at some point in time on different seasons in the church calendar. On February 7th, Confirmation students will have a chance to ask those Lenten questions they have! Join us at 7 PM in the Parlor for a special Confirmation class time for our students to ask their questions about Lent.

Confirmation Classes During Lent: Just a reminder to all 7th & 8th grade families that students will **NEED** to attend Wednesday night services in Lent. After worship at 7 PM, students will meet briefly with their small groups to go over worship notes and memory work.

Camp Sunday: Special welcome to Lutheran Lakeside Camp, who will be joining us on February 11th for both worship services. Don't forget to say "hi" to Amanda and Melissa! They will answer any questions you may have about camp and share a few games with our Sunday school students!

Attention 6th-8th Grade Students: It's that time of year again: let's take a trip to Sky Zone! This year we'll go on Monday, February 19th when students have no school. Plan to meet at the church at 10:30 AM; we'll be back by 5 PM. Cost to go is \$20 (don't forget your orange socks if you need them!). Please RSVP by February 15th.

Upcoming Milestones: Fifth grade families of Bethany, you should have received a letter home about our First Communion classes. If you haven't, please contact me! Also, second grade families: you should have received information home about our Second Grade Milestone. Please RSVP by February 23rd if you are NOT able to be here on the 25th! ☺



Lenten Dinner Sign Up: We are still waiting for an official Wednesday evening date for our turn to host a Lenten supper. Please keep your eyes open to emails, Facebook, the church website, and Herald for more information about when we will serve!

Youth Sunday: We met on January 17th to start planning our Youth Sunday worship service (Sunday, March 11)! All who are interested in helping out, but missed the meeting, please contact myself or Stephen Baker.

I've said it before, and I'll say it again; February is a wonderful month here at Bethany. There is much to do while we journey together once again in the season of Lent. My hope is that we learn more about the sacrifice God gave us through his Son, Jesus Christ. May the peace of Christ be with you always!

In His Grip,
Katie