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***Greetings Bethany Lutheran!***

Welcome to the season of Lent! I'm so excited that Lent is here and that spring has **FINALLY** arrived! While Lent seems to be a particularly busy time for us all, it is a wonderful time to remember what God has given us. I also feel like we lived through a full season of winter within the month of February and I couldn't be more excited that spring is here. With the coming of Lent and the season of spring, comes more activities for our Youth & Families.

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

**Confirmation in Lent:** REMINDER: During Lent we will NOT meet in the Parlor for a formal class at 7, but instead, students attend worship with their Confirmation classes and complete a worship note. Afterward, they meet with their small groups from 7:30-8:15 PM to discuss the worship service and work on Spring Memory work. Students should turn in their worship notes before they leave. **We will NOT meet on March 28 due to Holy Week.**

**BYG Events this Month:** March 7 is dress rehearsal for Youth Sunday starting right after our midweek worship. All students who signed up to help should be here that night! March 14 is Service project night. We'll work on a project to spread kindness. March 21 is Bible Study night. We'll talk about how to show love. **We will not meet on March 28 due to Holy Week.** BYG starts at 7:45 PM. Snacks are provided and friends are always welcome.



**Urban Plunge Meeting:** An "Urban Plunge" planning meeting will take place sometime this month. Keep your eyes and ears open to when via the Bulletin, Website, & Facebook group.

**First Communion Milestone:** Fifth Grade First Communion classes continue on Wednesdays this month. Those dates are March 7, 14, 21 & 28. Normal class time is 4:30-5:30pm, with the exception of the March 28, as class will meet from 4:30-6 PM on this night. Students will celebrate a milestone and take their First Communion at our Maundy Thursday worship on March 29 at

7pm. If you have any questions about this, please contact me. ☺

**Grades 5-8 Family Feud:** On March 18 students in grades 5-8 are invited for a very special Sunday school hour. We'll be playing Family Feud, Bible Edition! Students will test their knowledge on what the top answers are for our Bible questions. All of our answers will be based on popular answers as gathered in surveys of our congregation. We'll be looking for people to help us with answers to our questions, so keep an eye out during coffee hour for the questions to answer. Students, you won't want to miss this fun Sunday school hour!

**Youth Midweek Lenten Meal:** Our Youth Committee will sponsor the Lenten meal on March 21 with a Taco Bar. Anyone interested in donating, keep an eye on your email. We'll be sending out an email with what's needed at the beginning of this month! Food items will need to be here by 5 PM, with serving starting at 6 PM. Suggested free will donation is \$5 and will go towards our Youth activities.

**Youth Sunday:** Yes, we will be leading a service again this year!! See information on page 1 of this newsletter!!

**Junior High Sky Zone Snow Date:** Just a reminder that our Sky Zone snow date is March 19. We'll leave Bethany at 10 AM and be back by 5 PM. All those interested in attending, please sign up by March 15 on the youth bulletin board or by texting me.

**Palm Sunday Brunch:** This year we'll have a Palm Sunday brunch hosted by our Youth! We'll be serving a ham & egg bake meal on March 25<sup>th</sup> following worship service at 11 AM. We'll have Ham, egg bake, fruit, muffins, coffee, & juice. Suggested free will donation is \$5 and will go towards our Youth activities.



The season of Lent is in full swing here at Bethany. My prayers for us this month are that we will remember to put Christ first, in all things we are doing, but especially in how we work with each other. It can be difficult to see the positive in this season, as we approach the crucifixion of Christ, but without the Cross, we wouldn't have the Celebration of Jesus being alive.

May the peace of Christ be with you always!

In His Grip,  
*Katie*