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Greetings Bethany Lutheran!

Christ is Risen, He is Risen indeed! How great is it to know that Christ has risen? It seems like every year I have part of Matt Maher's song, "Because He Lives (Amen)" come to mind. It talks about the hope we have in Christ because He lives. It's a truly great song with a powerful message. I hope everyone had a great Easter celebration with their families. We've had a busy Lenten season here at Bethany Lutheran, especially for our students.

Thank you to all youth & adults who helped with Youth Sunday Worship, Midweek Meal, and Palm Sunday Breakfast. It was so wonderful to see our students involved with all the areas that are a part of who we are at Bethany Lutheran!

Here are the Dates to Remember for April:

CONFIRMATION will meet for regular classes during April – in the parlor at 7pm. Our first night back will be our service project/fun night. A few adults are needed to help drive. Please email or text me if you're able to help! The last day of Confirmation class is April 25. Memory work night for all students is May 6. We will celebrate our 8th grade students who will be completing their memory work.

BETHANY YOUTH GROUP (BYG) will meet Wednesdays in April at 7:45 PM as follows: April 4 is game night, with a brand new game to learn. **We will not meet on April 11.** April 18 is movie night. It's my choice this month, so stay tuned; I'll share that as we get closer. April 25 is Bible study night. We'll talk about what the Bible says about History. Friends are always welcome and I'll have snacks for them here. HS BYG Students: Don't forget to join me for lunch on April 25 at 1 PM! We'll meet at American Classic for lunch. Please RSVP by April 22 if you are planning to come!

URBAN PLUNGE Come April 18 at 6 PM to hear more about our Urban Plunge trip to Sioux Falls. All students in grades 8-12 are welcome for the plunge! If interested in more information, but unable to come to the meeting, please let me know.

APRIL MILESTONES will be celebrated on April 29 at the 8:30 service with Kindergarten & First Grade students receiving a gift from Parish Ed for their work learning the Lord's Prayer and Ten Commandments. Look for a postcard in your mail the first week of April. Please call the church office and tell me if you are able to join us that weekend.

ANNUAL YOUTH RUMMAGE SALE Coming up Friday and Saturday, May 4-5! Once again we are in need of gently used items to sell and welcome all donations (EXCEPT TV'S). Please bring them to the Youth Room downstairs by May 3. If you have any questions, please contact me.

CHECK OUT THE BULLETIN BOARD Every now and then I receive information for events here in Spencer and in the Lakes area. When they come in I post them on the bulletin board. Check it out for various happenings...



CONFIRMATION CAMP There's still time to sign up!! Students in grades 6-8 are invited to attend this camp at Lutheran Lakeside, June 17-22. If you haven't signed up, but would like to, please give me a call at the church office.

SUNDAY SCHOOL The Last Sunday of Sunday school will be April 29th. Stay tuned for more information to come about the fun activities planned for that day!

CONCESSION STAND Looking ahead to May, we will need volunteers to help with the Baseball & Softball Concession stand at Pederson Park. We have been assigned to help on Thursday nights, with a tentative start date of May 17. We'll volunteer each Thursday through June 28. Please sign up on the Bulletin board to help out! Money earned by helping in the concession stand goes towards Youth activities here at Bethany.

Our Lenten season was very busy, but I wanted to say how proud I am of our youth. Once again they've shown me that they have servant hearts; that looked like the heart of Jesus. May we always remember the blessing in serving one another! Here's to a wonderful month of April, hopefully filled with nice weather. ☺

May the peace of Christ be with you always!

In His Grip,
Katie