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### *Greetings Bethany Lutheran!*

What an exciting month of March we had here at Bethany! I wanted to say a very big thank you to everyone who has helped with youth events in March, especially those adults who helped with our Lock-ins. We had a lot of fun and it was a great opportunity for students to get to know some of our adults in the congregation.

Thank you to our Bethany congregation for their support with our West Virginia Silent Auction! It was very successful and I know how much our mission trip families appreciate your support. Keep an eye out for more ways to support our students going to West Virginia!

### Here are the Dates to Remember for April:

**Attention 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation Families:** We will continue to meet for Confirmation classes this month. On April 3<sup>rd</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup>, we'll meet after worship to work on "Cry of the Whole Congregation." 17<sup>th</sup> is our Memory work night. We'll be meeting from 7-8 PM for memory work review, and our Memory Work Night is April 24<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM. Our End of the Year Party is May 1<sup>st</sup>. Eighth grade students will receive a certificate for completing all of their memory work and an invitation to join BYG in the fall.

**Upcoming BYG Events:** Bethany Youth Group (BYG) will be meeting Wednesday nights during April at 7:45 PM. Here's what we'll be doing this month for BYG: April 3<sup>rd</sup> will be a movie night. I'll announce our movie as we get closer, so keep an eye out. We finish up a little later, but hopefully we'll dismiss no later than 9:30. April 10<sup>th</sup> will be our BYG activity night with a lesson on Sin. Students should bring a something white & something dark with them. REMINDER: On April 17<sup>th</sup> there will be **NO BYG due to Holy Week**. April 24<sup>th</sup> will be our Bible study night, with a lesson on the Trinity. Just a reminder that students are always welcome to bring a friend and I'll have snacks for them here.

**Palm Sunday Brunch:** Come and join our Bethany students as we serve a meal at 11 AM on Palm Sunday! Students will be serving Egg bakes, Muffins, Fruit, Coffee, & Milk. Watch for sign-up sheets for items needed. Our suggested donation for our meal is \$5. Plan to stay for a yummy meal with fellowship time *and* to help support our Bethany Youth!

**Next Mission Trip Meeting:** Come to the parlor April 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6 PM for our next Mission Trip meeting. We'll talk about our Rummage sale Fundraiser & I'll have paperwork for our families. We'll be done in time for worship at 7pm.

**April Milestones** will be celebrated on April 28<sup>th</sup> during the 8:30 Service! Our Kindergarten & First Grade students will receive a gift from our Milestone Ministry Team about the Lord's Prayer and the Ten Commandments. Look for a postcards with details in the first week of April. Please call the church office to let me know if you can join us.

**It's that time of year: we need items for our Rummage sale!** With our Annual Youth Rummage sale coming in May, we are in need of gently used items to sell. We welcome all donations (EXCEPT TV'S) for our May 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Rummage sale. Please bring donations to the storage room across the hallway from the Youth Room downstairs by May 2<sup>nd</sup>. If that room is a little full, leave items by the door and we'll put them away. Questions?? Please contact me.



**There's time to sign up for Confirmation Camp at Lutheran Lakeside!** Our 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade students are invited to attend Confirmation camp at Lutheran Lakeside Camp June 17-22 or July 28-August 2. If you haven't signed up, but would like to, please give me a call at the church office.

**Concession Stand:** Starting on May 16, we need volunteers to help with the Baseball & Softball Concession stand at Pederson Park. Our night is Thursdays, May 16 through June 27! Please sign up on the Bulletin board to help out. Money earned by helping in the concession stand will go toward Youth activities here at Bethany.

Our Lenten season has been very busy, but our Bethany families aren't slowing down. I'm very proud of our students for all that they've done in March. I've seen how hard they've worked and how well they worked together to serve one another. May we always remember the blessing in serving one another! Here's to a wonderful month of April, as we venture closer to the cross of Christ. ☺ May the peace of Christ be with us always!!

In His Grip,

*Katie*

