

Bethesda Lutheran Church

**703 Pine St.
Moorhead, IA 51558**

Bethesda's Reason for Being...

Bethesda Lutheran Church exists to...

- **Provide** a worship center in which to experience God's presence
- **Equip** people with a faith that works in real life
- **Send** people into the world in Jesus' name

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Bethesda News

February 2012

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Confirmation: 6:30-8:00 PM Wednesdays*

February is the month of love! Look around right now, the stores are full of Valentine's Day hearts, teddy bears, flowers, and love poems. Warm fuzzy love is everywhere! Yet true love is never just about hearts and flowers and warm fuzzy feelings. True love is about sticking with each other through thick and thin. At it's roots, this is the idea behind Valentine's day.

Valentinus was a catholic priest in the early Christian church, serving during the time period when Christians were persecuted and martyred by Rome for their faith. Valentinus was arrested after being caught performing marriages for Christians. When the Romans demanded that he renounce his faith in God, he stayed true and devoted to Christ, and so he was placed in prison. While in prison he made friends with his guards and jailers. As a result he was treated well there. However, things went badly for him when he tried to convert Emperor Claudius to Christianity. Instead of opening his heart to Christ, the Emperor ordered Valentinus' death. Yet Valentinus continued to love the Lord and the people that God placed in his life. Legend has it that as Valentinus was sent off to die, he sent a note to one of his jailer's daughters. The little girl was blind, but when she received the note from her friend "Valentine" her eyes were miraculously healed and she could see again. Valentinus died serving the Lord and loving even those who persecuted him. To this day we remember the love of St. Valentine, as we celebrate "Valentine's Day" together. Love can be warm and fuzzy, but true love preserves through the trials of life.

Christ is the center of true love. Out of love, God became human and lived with us. Out of love, God stretched out his arms and healed us. Out of love, God provides all that we need. Out of love, Jesus died for our

sins on the cross. Out of love, God raised Christ from the dead. Out of love Christ Jesus promised that death can not have the final word, because Christ lives we shall live also. Nothing shall separated us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Happy Valentine's Day dear friends! May your days be filled with the love of Christ, and may Christ strengthen your love and commitment to God, to your family and to those that God has called you to love and care for.

With Love in Christ,
Pastor Carla

Pastor Carla's Favorite Valentine Verses From Scripture:

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.
Romans 8:37-39

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.
1 John 4:7-12

Prayers of the Church

Lord Jesus, we come before You sprinkled with ashes of sorrow, robed in sackcloth of repentance, and humbled by our fault, by our most grievous fault.

We slept when You urged us to watch. We sought comfort when You urged us to pray. We followed afar off when You wanted us near You. We betrayed You when You were bearing witness to the truth in our behalf. We fled when You assured us that our only safety is in You.

Lord, we are deeply involved in Your Passion. We need only look at Your disciples to see ourselves. But the important thing is that we see You. Through bloody sweat You prayed to do the will of the Father. You drained the cup which we filled for You, and now there is not a drop left for us to drink. For this we humbly and heartily thank You, Lord, and pray that we may live continually in this gratitude.

Help us so to watch with You in Your Passion, that we remain awake to the infinite power of Your love. Amen.

An excerpt from Lutheran Book of Prayer, Concordia Publishing 1970 page 62.

Console those who are sick, grieving, anxious, in pain, or in any need. Especially we pray for:

✠ Craig Eskelsen

✠ Darlene Thoreson
 ✠ Joe Lee
 ✠ Sheri Yarborough
 ✠ Aiyana Bowman
 ✠ Harold Remmenga
 ✠ Shelby Horner
 ✠ Ethel Mae Kratz
 ✠ Cathy Stephens
 ✠ Ben Bowman
 ✠ Butch Bowman
 ✠ Mary Cumming
 ✠ Florine Holverson
 ✠ Ronnie Shol
 ✠ Andy Nolan
 ✠ Jessie Hans
 ✠ Michael Hunt
 ✠ Joe Knudsen
 ✠ Kristi Neumann
 ✠ Earl Hinrichsen
 ✠ Dennis Smith
 ✠ Kristine Jepson
 ✠ Dwight Swenson
 ✠ Wayne Joyner
 ✠ Danny Smith
 ✠ Mighty God, give strength to your people, that all the baptized show forth Your loving presence in the world. Live in

our hearts and flow through our lives so that all people may know the hope of eternal life and the gift of living each day in your love. Especially we pray for Steven Christo and all who are beginning this baptismal journey as a child of God.

✠ Bless the nations with the power of your peace, that all who are wounded in body and mind by the trauma of war may see your light shining in the darkness.

✠ We pray for the ministry of Lutheran Lakeside Camp. Watch over them as they prepare for the coming ministry of the summer and as they call staff to lead & serve.

✠ We pray for Nigeria as it struggles with war and upheaval and we pray for Father Felix as he travels home to Dunlap from Nigeria.

✠ God, you call all people to turn to you and believe the good news. We give thanks for the Stanislav family who joined our mission. Be with us and guide us to follow where you lead as we look to the year head of us.

✠ Be with those serving in the military. Especially we pray for Pastor's cousin, Paul, and Twila Lindsey as she is called into active duty.

✠ Holy God, we lift our prayers to you in hope, entrusting all for whom we pray. Amen.

Lent 2012—“Cries of Faith”

Lent begins with Ash Wednesday, February 22nd and is a 40 day journey of repentance as we prepare our hearts to receive the gifts of Holy Week and Easter where we celebrate the gift of Jesus who died for our sins and rose to bring us life! As we journey through Lent we spend extra time in devotion, prayer and worship. This year as we worship we will hear stories of faith from the people of scripture and from members of Bethesda and St. John. God touches our lives all the time. Come and hear the stories of ways his love has touched and changed our lives!

Ash Wednesday—Feb. 22, 7:30 PM—

We begin our Lenten journey by confessing our sin and remembering that our sin leads to death. The Palm branches from Palm Sunday last year are dried up and turned to dust. We place the dust on our foreheads and acknowledge the truth of our sin and the reality of death. Then we remember that God once stooped down and breathed into dust and ashes and created life. We gather at the communion table and hear the promise of forgiveness from Christ. We trust that God will not hold our sins against us forever,

but will wash them away and fill us with new life!

Lenten Services: Wednesdays at 7:30 PM, Feb. 29-March 28th—

Join us for an evening of worship with the music of Holden evening prayer, scripture readings and reflections together. After worship plan to stay for a light fellowship lunch served by Bethesda youth and their families. A free will offering will be received. The offering will be used to support youth activities like Bible Camp and other retreats. Bible camp cost approximately \$365/week. Your support of our youth is greatly appreciated.

Palm Sunday—April 1st—10:30 AM Worship—

Hear the story of Christ who is welcomed as a king and yet crucified like a criminal, all out of love for us.

Maundy Thursday—April 5th, 7:30 PM—“This Is My Commandment that you love one another.” - Jesus

shows us what love is as he washes our feet, welcomes us to the communion table, and faces the cross for us.

Good Friday—April 6th, 7:30 PM—It is finished. Jesus has defeated sin and death for us. Yet that forgiveness costs deeply. This year the Good Friday Community Service will be hosted by Bethesda.

Easter Sunday—April 8th, 6:30 AM - Christ is Risen! He is Risen Indeed come hear the good news and lift your voice with us in celebration, holy communion and song! Then continue the celebration with Easter Breakfast served by our youth!

Did You See It In The Lutheran? The Western Iowa Synod's Centerfold section of the Lutheran Magazine this month contains the story of the haylift project that our congregation helped lead. Check it out. Copies of the Lutheran are available by the blue basket in the back of the church.

BLCW NEWS

BLCW Bible Study Meetings are held the first Thursday of each month. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend. If you need a ride, please call Pastor Carla and let her know. We'll help you get there! (712-310-3581).

Feb 2 - 2PM

Lesson: Colleen Shol
Hostess: Pastor Carla

Mar 1 - 1PM

Clean Altar Wear
Lesson: Marlys Hutzell
Hostess: Mary Hieber

Mar 16 - 9:00 - 3:00

Do Day

Thank You!

Dear Friends,

Today the staff of the Western Iowa Synod remembered your congregation in prayer. We thank God for our partnership in the gospel of Christ. The grace of Christ be with you always.

Bishop Michael Last
Western Iowa Synod ELCA

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Bethesda,

Thank you so much for the Christmas gift. It was greatly appreciated!
Friends in Christ,
Conni Anderson

Church Leader Training: Academy for Administration, Feb. 11th, 9:30- 4PM, Storm Lake

Mark your calendars now and plan to join Pastor Carla for a day of learning and growing as church leaders. This is a great event for church council members, and BLCW leaders to attend. It will be filled with a great information, an opportunity to meet and work with other Lutheran leaders in the synod, and of course worship and devotion time. Let Pastor Carla know if you can attend so that she can register you for the event. Hope you can come.

Church Council Installation— Feb. 5

Please keep those who have been newly elected and those who are continuing to serve as Bethesda's Church Council Members in your prayers as they lead our congregation throughout the coming year. Council Members will be officially installed as leaders of the congregation during worship on Sunday, February 5th. This years church council members are:

President—Roger Hanson
Vice President—Donnie Koch
Secretary—Julie Kuhlman
Treasurer—Jolene McDonald
Financial Secretary—Sharon Lee
Trustees—Dennis Smith
Lisa Johnson
Sam Johnson

Thank you Church Council members for the gift of service that you provide to our congregation.

St. John Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner, Feb. 21st

St. John Lutheran will host their annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner on **Tuesday, Feb. 21st from 5-7PM**. The cost of the meal is \$4.50. Please come to join us for warm pancake treats and warm fellowship, friendship and conversation.

Shrove Tuesday is the day before Ash Wednesday and the Lenten fast. Eggs and Butter were not allowed during the fast and would not keep until Easter...hence pancakes became a Shrove Tuesday tradition as they filled us up while using up lots of eggs and butter. Today we continue the tradition simply because it tastes wonderful. Still we use the night to begin preparing for Ash Wednesday and Lent. Pastor Carla will be preparing the ashes for Ash Wednesday worship at 6:30 PM in the church parking lot. The ashes will be made by burning the palm branches from last years Palm Sunday Worship Service. The branches that once shouted "Hosanna," are now dried up like our lives become in sin. They will now become the ashes of repentance for our Ash Wednesday service. Everyone interested is welcome to come and help prepare the ashes!



Feb/Mar Schedules and Altar Care

February Ushers:

*Mark Johnson
Jim Rains
Carroll Johnson
Dakota Bowman
Evan Mann

March Ushers:

*Keith Hieber
Kevin Johnson
Donnie Koch
Alan Johnson

Russell Stanislav

Feb/Mar Scripture Readers:

Feb 5 - Sheila Lindsey
Feb 12 - Jolene McDonald
Feb 19 - Jim Rains
Feb 26 - Maggie Rains
Mar 4 - Harold Remmenga
Mar 11 - Janice Smith
Mar 18 - Jessie Stanislav
Mar 25 - Russell Stanislav
Feb - Susan Johnson

Mar - Colleen Shol

Sharon Holverson

Colors: Feb 5 & Feb 12 - Green
Feb 19 - White
Feb 22 - Mar 25 - Purple

Communion Dates:

Feb 5 - 1st Sunday
Mar 4 - 1st Sunday

Attendance & Offering

Jan 1 - 31—\$1042.00
World Hunger—\$1.00
Jan 8 - 70—\$763.00
World Hunger—\$78.00
Jan 15 - 45—\$504.00
Jan 22 - 44—\$900.00
Jan 29 - 31—\$293.00
Malaria Relief—\$60.58

**Needed each week to meet budget = \$1356.40

January Council Minutes

Bethesda Lutheran Church Council Meeting January 12, 2012

Attending: Pastor Carla Johnsen, Roger Hansen, Sharon Lee, Mark Johnson, Donnie Koch, Dennis Smith and Julie Kuhlman. Absent: Lisa Johnson

Lorri Cowger from Lutheran Trust (A Commercial Broker for Guide One) attended the council meeting. She discussed a proposal for updated insurance on the church; as well as compared it to the recent proposal we received from Church Mutual. Discussion was held and it was decided we would discuss further as a council and get back with her on our final decision.

President Mark Johnson called the meeting to order at 7:58 p.m.

Pastor gave devotions and prayers.

The secretary's report stood approved as read.

The December treasurer's report had a beginning balance of \$15,654.25; disbursements of \$8,443.50; income of \$7,670.28 for an ending balance of \$14,881.03. Roger made a motion, second by Donnie to accept the treasurer's report as presented and to pay new bills in the amount of \$2,058.13. Motion carried.

Education: Sunday school is back in session after the holiday break. Lutheran Lakeside representatives will be at Bethesda on January 15th. Confirmation students are currently studying the Lord's Prayer.

Youth: Youth plan to do a roller skating activity in February. They will again be serving refreshments following Wednesday Lent services.

Property: It was noted the basement issue will be addressed in the spring. We will indicate this at the annual meeting. It was indicated there may be a problem with the toilet in the Ladies' bathroom. Roger will look at the pew candle holders for felt replacement and to see if we can't solve the dripping wax issue we have every time they are used.

Pastor's report: There were 3 baptisms in December. Thanks to everyone that participated in January 1st services while Pastor was on vacation. Stanislav family will be joining Bethesda on January 22. There will be another Academy for Parish Leadership on February 11th in Storm Lake. Please let Pastor know if you would be interested in attending.

Old Business: The church insurance proposal from Lutheran Trust was discussed. After making a few adjustments to what was proposed, Roger made a motion, seconded by Sharon to accept the proposal from Lutheran Trust and adjust the 2012 proposed budget to reflect the change in cost. Motion carried. It was noted that since January has a 5th Sunday, we will be doing the noisy offering.

New Business: The annual meeting agenda was discussed. Elections will be held for new officers. Jolene McDonald has agreed to take over Treasurer's position from Shawn Gosch. Sam Johnson will be replacing Mark Johnson as Trustee and Sharon Lee and Julie Kuhlman will run for their final terms as Financial Secretary and Secretary.

President Mark Johnson set the next council meeting for Tuesday, February 7, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. and adjourned the meeting at 9:05 p.m. Council closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Lutheran Services in Iowa—Feb. 2012

The importance of positive parenting

Parents: role models, healers, supporters, teachers and leaders. February has been named National Parent Leadership Month. It is an opportunity to publicly recognize and honor parents for their leadership roles in their homes and communities.

LSI recognizes the critical importance of parent leadership. Through LSI's early childhood and family services we help strengthen families, prevent child abuse and neglect, and build strong communities. Your support of LSI allows us to continue to support families across Iowa, and is key to bringing a source of hope and creating wholeness for families in your community.

For more information on LSI, visit www.LSIowa.org. Join us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/LSI.iowa.

"Be the best parent you can for your kids"

As three-year-old Kristina chatters away in the living room, her mom Raechel can see the similarities.

"She definitely is feisty," Raechel said laughing. "I see the determination in her that I've pushed myself through already."

Now 17, Raechel was only 14 when she gave birth to Kristina. Although teen pregnancy is a leading reason why girls drop out of high school, Raechel never saw herself as a statistic.

"I just want to say to teen moms that just because the unexpected happened you should still try to make the best of it and be the best parent you can for your kids," she said.

Raechel should know. She finished high school while working part-time and earned her acceptance into college where she is now beginning her freshman year. She also knows how valuable support was in helping her achieve those goals.

Raechel enrolled in LSI's HOPES, an in-home visitation program that helps parents by providing information, education, links to community resources and support. Linda, an LSI family support worker, says she understands what moms experience because she's been there.

"I understand what it feels like to be scared and nervous – not knowing if you're doing something right or what the best thing to do is," she said. "I love seeing families succeed – when they accomplish things and are proud of themselves."

As families pursue their goals, HOPES is there to help and to cheer them on.

Sunday School News



Sunday School is going well. We took a little break this month due to illness and church time changes but we will be back in full strength in February. We are looking forward to growing in Christ, making bird feeders, and something special for Valentine's day! All are welcome to learn and grow with us!

Youth Serve Lenten Lunches and Easter Breakfast:

In order to raise money for Bible Camp and other youth events, Bethesda Youth usually serve lunch for Coffee and Fellowship Time on Wednesday's during Lent (Feb. 29-March 28). On Easter Sunday (April 8) youth usually serve Breakfast following the Sunrise service. Please mark your calendars and plan to come worship and help. Pastor Carla will be calling to plan this soon.

It's Time For Camp!—Sunday School and Confirmation Students Check Out These Dates:

On Sunday, January 15th, our friends from Lutheran Lakeside Bible Camp came to Bethesda to join us for worship and Sunday School. They told the stories of the many exciting opportunities that we have to participate in at Lutheran Lakeside...fun for all ages! The Lutheran Lakeside Bible Camp Website contains information about all of the camps programs, opportunities and events as well as the forms that are needed to sign-up to attend. Check it out at: www.lutheranlakeside.com.

It might be fun to plan a week for Bethesda and St. John Sunday School students to attend together. Pastor Carla would like to suggest Sunday, July 8th-Tuesday, July 10th for 1st-3rd grade students and Sunday, July 8th-Friday, July 13th for 3rd-5th grade students.

Confirmation Class Notes:

Bethesda, St. John, and Soldier Confirmation students began the month of January by talking about the theology of the cross and the importance of confession and forgiveness. In February the students will continue to their study the Small Catechism by studying the Lord's Prayer and its meanings together. Lent will be here soon (Feb. 22-April 8). During that time students will be worshipping and meeting with mentors. Throughout lent, students and mentors will be learning about a large variety of prayers while reading from the prayer book of scripture, the Psalms. Students received a covenant form to use in selecting their mentors. 2nd year confirmation students should continue, if possible, with the same mentor as they had last year. Students should return these signed forms to Pastor Carla by **Wed. Feb. 8**. Confirmation Mentors will be asked to meet with their students for an hour to discuss the weeks lesson and pray together. They are also expected to pray for their student and attend worship with their student each Wednesday and Sunday during lent. If a Confirmation student asks you to serve in this way, please prayerfully consider making time to share your lives and faith with this young person.

Pastor Carla will attend camp with you if most of the Sunday School can attend together this week. Please let her know if you plan to attend! Please see the camp website for more information and for registration forms.

Confirmation students from Bethesda, St. John and Soldier are planning to attend camp together Sunday July 22nd-Friday July 27th. Pastor Carla has handed out registration materials at class if you need another copy, talk to her.

Bethesda Youth usually do fundraisers to cover all but the initial down payment for camp. There is an early bird discount of \$30.00 for everyone who registers before February 15th (discount

Youth Group News: Roller Skating, February 12th at the Skate Palace in Ida Grove

Bethesda and St. John Youth will enjoy a fun day of roller skating together at the Ida Grove Skate Palace on Sunday, February 12th. Open Skating starts at 1 PM. The group will plan to leave from Bethesda after worship and fellowship time (around 12 PM). We will stop at Soldier Lutheran at 12:15 PM to pick up confirmation class friends. We will stop at the Charter Oak Mini Mart to pick up a pizza lunch to eat on the way, and then we will arrive in Ida Grove by 1 PM for an afternoon of Roller Skating fun. Youth should bring between \$10-\$15 with them to cover the cost of skating and pizza. We should be back to Bethesda by no later than 5:30 PM. Let's roll! Hope you can join us for a fun day of skating!



does not apply to the "first timers" 1/2 week of camp, grades 1-3). So check your calendars now and plan to turn in registration forms to Pastor Carla by Sunday, February 12th. The Randy Olson Memorial Scholarship is also available to Bethesda students who are attending church events and college. The Olson family often provides funds to help cover part of the down payment needed. Pastor Carla has applications for this scholarship. Talk to her to receive an application form and to apply. See you at camp!

Ingham Okoboji Lutheran Bible Camps

Marriage Celebration Retreat February 10 - 12, 2012

Speakers: Linda & Terry Outka

Linda and Troy have shared the stage as speakers for nearly 20 years, speaking on a wide range of topics related to marriage, relational skills, business, finances, leadership, and of course, knowing Jesus Christ. It is one of their favorite things to do together because they believe strongly that God has called them to a life of impact. Over the past 25 years, Troy has also spoken for many middle, high school, and college retreats, events, and camps. Troy and Linda have three children, ages 15, 13 and 3.

Other highlights of the weekend:

- ✚ An evening banquet
- ✚ Free time activities
- ✚ Breakfast in bed
- ✚ Winter activities like Snowshoeing and Cross country skiing

You can count on a weekend full of faith, fellowship and fun!! Come gather to enjoy times of worship, fellowship with other couples, an elegant evening, and sessions that will enhance your marriage relationship.

Registration starts on Friday, Feb 10th at 7:30PM and Concludes on Sunday the 12th at 1PM. See Pastor for registration form or go to registrar@okoboji.org or 1-800-OKOBOJI

Cost is \$159
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Synod Assembly—April 27-28, 2012

The Western Iowa Synod Assembly is the annual meeting of our Synod and it is our voice to the larger Lutheran Church. Each year this meeting is a chance for us to learn about the work of the Western Iowa Synod, the congregations around us, and the ELCA as a whole. In addition this meeting allows us to help make the decision of the larger church. Bethesda has the opportunity to send two adult voting delegates and one youth voting delegate in addition to Pastor Carla each year. This year's meeting will be held in at the Clay County Fair Grounds in Spencer, Iowa. Would you be interested in attending as a voting member of Bethesda? Please let Pastor Carla know if you are interested.

MEN'S RETREAT Every Man's Ministry March 2 - 4, 2012

Join us as we set out on a spiritual adventure to discover more about what it means to be a man of God in the world around us. Through music and message, fun winter activities, and GREAT FOO, we will experience God in a powerful new way at this year's Men's Retreat at Okoboji Lutheran Bible Camps! We will feature **River**, a musical group who met in college and went on to form the band. River has performed over 1500 concerts across the globe and has several top ten Radio Hits.

Cost is \$79
registrar@okoboji.org or 800-
OKOBOJI
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Blooming Ideas Stamping & Scrapbooking Retreat March 23—25, 2012

Spring means the long dreary days of Winter are over and the snow is gone leaving new growth popping up out of the ground. Each day brings anticipation of what will be blooming today! Come to camp and discover what ideas are blooming in your head for your next project. Bring your ideas and get some new ones! Also, a massage therapist and pedicures will be available just for fun! Devotional times will be scheduled throughout the weekend to replenish your spirit. Sign up today!

Cost is \$99
www.okoboji.org or 800-OKOBOJI

Powerful Tools For Caregivers

Monona County Extension Office
119 Iowa Avenue

Thursday Afternoons from 2:00 - 3:30 PM
February 9 - March 15

This is a series of six 90-minute classes designed especially for family caregivers. The free classes will be taught by Cheri Hardison from the Monona County Extension and Sherry Johnston-McDowell from the Burgess Health Center. Call to register 423-2175

Wear Red Heart Health Event

Valentine's Day
February 14th at 11 AM
Onawa Community Center

Drs. Allison Stangle and Brandon Kovar, of Burgess Health Center and Family Medicine Clinic, will deliver the presentation focused on embracing a comprehensive approach to heart health and overall wellness. Registration cost is \$10 if paid on or before Feb 7, and \$12 after that date. Active Burgess volunteers get \$2 off the cost of registration. Register online at www.burgesshc.org or call 712-423-9374.

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Strengthening Families

ISU Extension & Outreach is pleased to offer a fun and effective program for you and your child to attend together (ages 10-14: a time of transitions).

Join us for three Sunday afternoons.

February 12, March 4 and April 1
2:00 - 6:00 PM

Maple Valley School

Snacks, child care, youth and family prizes.
FREE!!

This program will help parents to:

- ✚ Be kind but firm, using love & limits
- ✚ Improve communication
- ✚ Deal with anger more effectively
- ✚ Be consistent with rules and expectation

And will help youths with:

- ✚ Handling peer pressure
- ✚ Showing respect for others
- ✚ Understanding and appreciating family
- ✚ Dealing better with stress

For more information contact Cheri Hardison at 423-2175 or Bethany Mallory at 881-1319.

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February Birthdays and Anniversaries

Bethesda Members extend their love and prayers to everyone with Birthdays and Anniversaries this month! May God continue to bless you this year and always!

Feb 1 - Katelyn Miller

Feb 2 - Mike & Colleen Vaughn Anniversary

Feb 3 - Darla Hinkel

Feb 4 - Mark & Kris 28th Anniversary

Feb 7 - Marlene McCall
Sharon Lee

Feb 8 - Monty Mohn

Feb 10 - Clint Bothwell

Feb 11 - Brent Hinkel

Feb 12 - Sharon Holverson
Ron & Sharon Lee 41st Anniversary

Feb 13 - Marlys Hein
Devin Smith
Ashley Gosch

Feb 14 - Loyle Kratz

Feb 15 - Leo Hull
Kevin & Rhonda Johnson 16th Anniversary

Feb 16 - Nora McGowen

Feb 17 - Harvey & Peggy Swenson 38th Anniversary

Feb 19 - Holly Munsen
Stacy Brandon
Brittany Gosch

Feb 21 - Morris Mohn

Feb 22 - Carly Snider

Feb 23 - Carol Mohn

Feb 26 - Marcia Thoreson
Bethesda's 117th Birthday

Feb 28 - Candice Spaan

***If you know of any additions or corrections to our list, please leave a note in the newsletter tray on the table by the balcony steps.

Check Out Bethesda's Website

Thank you to David McWilliams for designing Bethesda's Website. David has it up and running now. Check it out at www.bethesda-lutheran.org. You will find Newsletter and Bulletin information posted there. Do you have other ideas for things to include on our website? Share your ideas with David he will appreciate your feedback!

Join Bethesda On Facebook...

The church has two sites...one regular page for church photos, and a group page for church events, and possibly discussions and more. To join the page search for "Bethesda Lutheran Church" and "Friends of Bethesda" Then simply ask to join the group...if you have already joined, please invite other Bethesda friends in your facebook friends list.