



Life at Bethany

BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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**We Encourage You
To
Invite Your Family, Neighbors, and Friends
To
Join Us For Worship at Our Patriotic Services
Next Weekend
July 3 and 4**

Included in each of our services will be stirring music, prayers for our nation and for those who serve our nation at this particular time, quotations of patriots during previous times, prayers to God for His blessing upon this land that we love, and a call for repentance and a return to the roots of our national life.

Services At Our Overland Park Mission

Worship on Saturday Evening at 5:30 p.m.

Worship on Sunday Morning at 8:00 and 9:30 a.m.
(No service at 11:00 a.m.)

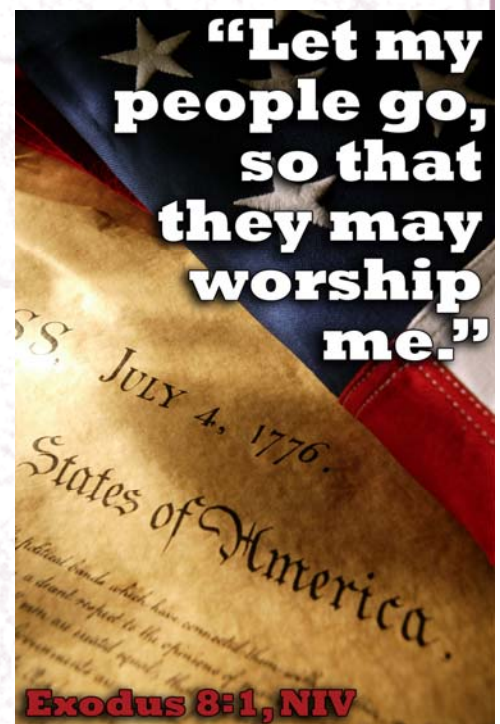
Service at Stilwell followed by a
Picnic and Parade

Worship on Sunday Morning at 9:00 a.m.

Family Picnic at 4:30 p.m.
(At the parade starting area)

Parade begins at 6:00 p.m.
(You are invited to walk in the Parade)

Fireworks to follow at 9:00 p.m.
(Held at KCPL – 199th and 69 Highway)



I am
the
resurrection

and

the

Life

John 11:25

Prayers

BIRTH: We thank God for the gift of life. Charlotte Isabelle, daughter of Nick and Carissa Wegner, was born on June 20. Paternal grandparents are Richard and Kay Wegner.

DEATH: Elsie Schulz, mother of Pastor Mark, died in Christ on June 17.

HOSPITALIZED: Ralph Engelbrecht, Bickford; Ruth Gradert, Mid America Rehab; Don Monter, Rose Estates; Iona Patrick, Delmar Gardens; Dennis Cornell, uncle of Kenna Knight, MO; Emma Roberts, mother of Sonja Robles, Shawnee Mission; Tom Whalen, father of Patty Ponath, San Francisco, CA. Debbie Dillon will undergo surgery on June 29 at Menorah.

CONVALESCING: Alleen Andrick, Dale Andrick, Ashton Brunmeier, Roger Corder, Don Dickow, Sandy Dinham, Maryanne Duffield, Paula Fowler, Dan Gagelin, Henry Guebert, Bill Haberman, Louise Haberman, Harold Hackney, Claude Hallam, Kay Hallam, Joyce Hauser, Don Hubbell, Tim Keith, Rev. Elmer Kroening, Isaac Maurer, Jim Mayes, Jean McNeil, Maxine McNeil, Ida Miller, Les Minturn, Vern Naber, Peg Newcomer, Jan Obergonner, Ted Odell, Gladys Otte, Vivian Paegelow, Delpha Rigg, Sharon Riley, Michele Senzig, Kobi Shelton, Luke Thornton, Orville Von Fange, Carl Wulf, Virginia Wulf, Sandy Bolar, Marilyn Brockman, Arthur Drebes, Barbara Drebes, Lee Duffy, Bob Foree, Edie Foree, Mike Fries, Dr. Fred Hartwig, Eila Holmberg, Diane Kroska, Megan McDuffie, Betty Mulvaney, Tresa Newman, Lois Rath, Shirley Reeves, Terry Sanner, Alysson Sass, Tom Scheier, Marcia Sims, Julie Sorrick, Brenae Tapp, Rita Tapp, Peter Thompson, Laurie Walkinshaw, Carmen Walsh-King, Karen Watts, Rev. Mark Wessling, Ginny Young.

ACTIVE MILITARY SERVICE: Johnathan Allen, *Mark Anderson*, Gary Banks, *Justin Bellner*, *Caleb Binford*, Casey Blair, Delmar Bradley, Jim Brenneman, *Jeff Chessani*, Patrick Cone, *James Craig*, *Ryan Dautenhahn*, Shane Davis, Aaron Eckerberg, Lindsey Finne, Jonathan Fischer, Eric Fong, Joel Fortin, *Benjamin Fowler*, Anthony Gibson, Travis Gould, *Josh Grassl*, Nathaniel Hahn, Nicholas Hahn, William Harper, Andrew Herbst, Jonathan Hines, *George Howard*, Nathan Hudson, Drew Johannes, *Charles Johnson*, Levi Klingonsmith, *Adam Lehenbauer*, *Brian Lindenmayer*, *Chris Lucas*, John Manning, *David Marone*, Michael Marshall, Justin McClain, Clint McWhorter, *Robb Meert*, *Grant Moody*, John Newman, Amber Panter, Stephen Panter, Josh Piela, Peter Preisinger, Drew Robertson, Michael Schoettlin, *Brandon Seutter*, Donald Shepherd, Tim Small, Connor Spake, Glenn Starnes, *Jonathan Stimach*, *Brett Swanson*, Jon Swanson, Dave Thomas, *Daniel Travis*, Ron Tucker, Jason Weaver, Hans Weber, *Chris Wehunt*, John Wolf, Jeff Woodrow, Matthew Ziulkowski.



Our Overland Park Mission flowers are placed in the chancel to the glory of God by George and Sara Baldwin in celebration of their 37th anniversary, and by Bob and Martha Hamann.

Our Stilwell Mission flowers are placed in the chancel to the glory of God by Bob and Martha Hamann.

We still have some flower openings in July, August, and September. If you are interesting in donating, please contact Donna Maxey in the church office.

Staff

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WEB: www.bethanylutheran-op.org



**ONLINE REGISTRATION and more info at
www.bethanykidz.org**

**Stilwell
Evening VBS
20200 Mission Road
Sunday-Thursday
July 18-22, 2010
5:30 - 7:30 p.m.**

**Overland Park
Daytime VBS
9101 Lamar
Monday-Friday
July 26-30, 2010
9:00 a.m. - Noon**



SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL 2010 Theme:

“Even the Wind and Waves Obey Him”

Summer Sunday School is amazing! The Youth leads Grades 1-5 in the FLC this Sunday, July 11 & 25, August 8 & 22—and they are awesome! Great crafts and awesome science experiments makes for a fabulous summer of learning about God in His Word as we explore the natural and powerful elements God created - clouds, fire, water, earthquakes, whirlwinds, and more.

Beginner, Preschool, Pre-K, and Kindergarten will continue to meet in their regular classrooms. Preschool is joining the Pre-K and Kindergarten for opening at 9:35!

There will be no Sunday School on July 4!

Thank You, Diane Fischer! Welcome, Lynn Rasmussen!

Bethany's ministry to children and their families has been blessed over the last four years by the leadership of Diane Fischer as chair of the Board. She, Michele Stutz, and Rachel Hoyer have formed the board that provided visionary direction. After the resignation of Pam Gieseke in fall of 2006, Diane led the board to examine the direction of the ministry. Using the results of an online survey in 2007, the board established goals in the area of parents, children, and infrastructure especially addressing safety initiatives, website development, and program directions that have guided the board during Diane's term of service. Diane's fine leadership has greatly benefitted the children and families of Bethany. Thank you, Diane, Michele, and Rachel for your service over the last four years!

Lynn Rasmussen has been elected to the office of board chair. Lynn brings a servant heart and a history of effective service in Child Ministry. We welcome her as the new board chair. Join us in pledging Lynn our support as we seek to grow kids as disciples of Jesus through Bethany's ministry!

Praying While We Wait

The following families are expecting children to join their families soon. As God's family, we wait eagerly for the arrival of these children and ask God to surround the children and their parents with His love, protection, and care:

Chris & Emily O'Connell (June 24)
Kris & Christa Lander (July 1)
Richard & Allison Beerman (July 11)
David & Amanda Ford (August 8)
Charles & Sara Stuckey (August 20)
Blake & Hannah Randel (August 31)
Jason & Beth MacLeod (December 5)

To be included in our prayers, contact Pam Nummela at pnummela@bethanyschool.net or 913-648-2228, ext. 105 with your information.

LOOKING AHEAD . . .

July 4 - No Sunday School

July 13 - VBS Training - 6:30 p.m. at Stilwell

July 15 - VBS Training - 9:30 a.m. & 6:30 p.m. at OP

What's Happening at Bethany

God's People Study the Word

Sunday - Overland Park Mission ~ 9:30 a.m.

Hot Potato Bible Class – Room 201

Rebuild Your Broken World – Room 203

Children Age 2-Grade 5 – Family Life Center

Boys Grade 6-8 – Room 113

Girls Grades 6-8 – Room 112

Youth Grades 9-12 – Youth Room

11:00 a.m.

Hot Potato Bible Class – Room 201

Sunday - Stilwell Mission ~ 10:15 a.m.

Nursery – Room 301

Children Age 3-Grade 5 – Rooms 305, 306

Weekday Class

Prayer Ministry – Wed, 9:30 a.m. - Room 209

New Member Classes

New member classes will be held at our Overland Park Mission in Room 201 at 11:00 a.m. on the following Sundays, July 18 and 25, August 1 and 8. At our Stilwell Mission, the New Member Class will meet at 10:15 a.m. in Room 304 on Sundays, July 18, 25, and August 1. Please contact Pastor Mark at 913-648-5352, ext. 128, or Karla Dautenhahn at 913-681-6188 to register. The reception for both classes will be Sunday, August 15.

Special Offering

In July, elected delegates and visitors will meet in Houston as brothers and sisters in Christ, united as One People—Forgiven (the convention theme), at the 64th Regular Convention of The LCMS. At this convention, a special National Offering will be gathered to support where needed most the mission of local congregations and international ministries. Each delegate will present their congregation's gift.

This weekend, June 26-27, a special offering envelope is included in the bulletin marked "Special National Fund." *Checks should be made out to "Bethany Lutheran Church" with a memo note "Special National Offering."* To receive credit, write your offering envelope number on the envelope, especially if you contribute cash.

Large Print Portals of Prayer

...are available this weekend at the ushers' stand in the narthex near the east entrance. Regular print devotionals will be distributed at the sanctuary entrances at the Overland Park Mission. Both large and small print devotionals will be available at the Stilwell Mission on the Information Table.

Did You Know?

A rough hewn cross stands outside both the Stilwell Mission and the Overland Park Mission. Do you know why these great symbols are placed so that we can see them from the inside and others can see them from the outside? The answer will be found in the 50th Anniversary History to be published later this year.

How to Rebuild Your Broken World

Lives today are filled with pain. Either through stress, pressure, unfortunate circumstances, or bad decisions, many of us find ourselves living in a world that has fallen apart. This series, based on James 1, is designed to help you begin where you're at and rebuild your broken world. Class meets at our OP Mission in Room 203 at 9:30 a.m. Liz Cook is the facilitator.

Hot Potato Bible Class this Summer

Pastor Bryan and our Deacons at our Overland Park Mission, and the Pastoral Staff at our Stilwell Mission, are tackling some hot potato topics. Class meets in Room 201 at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. at our OP Mission and 10:15 a.m. at our Stilwell Mission.

Faith Basics

Those interested in joining Bethany this quarter are invited to learn more about what Lutheran Christians believe by attending a special one-day event on Saturday, July 17, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in Room 202 at our OP Mission. Lunch will be provided. Faith Basics is necessary for those who want to join Bethany from a non-Lutheran background. If you are planning to attend, please RSVP to Pastor Mark at 913-648-5352, ext. 128.

June Care Drive

The Board of Christian Care is collecting protein foods for the LUMA food pantry. As school ends, some kids lose healthy meals. Help these kids and their families this summer by providing protein foods like peanut butter and canned meats. A can a week is all we seek! Please place your donations in the blue barrel at the south entrance at the OP Mission and in the box provided at the Stilwell Mission.

Mission of the Month

Children's Christian Concern Society (CCCS) is a Lutheran Mission sharing the love of Jesus with children around the world through Christian education. Currently, over 10,000 children are being served, but many are waiting for scholarships. Please prayerfully consider supporting children's Christian education. For more information visit their website www.cccs-lm.us.

What's Happening at Bethany



Men and women of Bethany, Stephen Ministry needs you! Are you a member of Bethany Lutheran Church with a desire to care for others but feel ill-equipped to do so? God supplies the motivation and the Stephen Minister leaders and pastors will supply the training. Three information sessions will be held: on July 11 at two locations, Overland Park Mission, in Dennis Underwood's office, 9:30 a.m. and also at the Stilwell Mission in Room 304 at 10:15 a.m. A third session will be on July 18 at the Overland Park Mission only, 11:00 a.m., in Dennis Underwood's office. Stephen Minister leaders will be in attendance to present an overview of the purpose, goals, course material used and commitment required. Bring your questions and join us for one of these sessions. Prayerfully consider these questions: How will my desire to serve be put to use as a Stephen Minister? Is God calling me to serve?

Applications will be available at the information sessions and also can be found at the Welcome Center in the Gathering Space.

SWANS

The SWANS seniors' group will be meeting on *Tuesday, July 13*, at noon at Cinzetti's Italian Feast for food and fellowship.

Ice Cream Social—Bethany will host Steven Mosley's presentation of the Chosen Garment on *Sunday, August 29, at 4:00 p.m.* You will have the opportunity to watch as the Bible comes alive in this dramatic presentation which takes you on a whirlwind tour of the Bible that many have described as humorous and deeply moving. Scripture becomes an epic, as the stories of the Bible are told and highlighted by the *garments* of patriarch, prophet and king.

Singles Lunch This Sunday

...June 27, at the Olive Garden. Meet at the Guest Information Table after the 11:00 a.m. service or just proceed to the Olive Garden at 6750 W. 95th Street.

Bethany Blanket Workshop

We welcome any lady to join us even though you do not sew. We will meet on Thursday, July 8, but thereafter we meet the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month. Bring a sack lunch and enjoy a cup of coffee with us. If you have any questions, please call Dorsey Parrish at 913-390-7825.

A Vacation Time Reminder

For your convenience, you can keep your offerings up-to-date while you are on vacation or unable to attend service rather than making up the difference later. Just access the on-line deduction system on Bethany's web site (www.bethanylutheran-op.org). The system gives you the opportunity to have your offering deducted automatically from your checking or savings account.



Hawaiian Cruise Vacation March 12-19, 2011

Pastor Bryan and Cheryl Drebes will be leading a 7-night cruise and tropical adventure around the Hawaiian Islands. You have heard about the exciting islands we will visit; now you get to learn of the exciting ways this cruise will benefit Bethany. A portion of each registration (\$150 per person) will assist with the establishment of a new endowment with our Bethany Foundation --- the Bethany Adult Discipleship Endowment Fund, which will be utilized to host special guest speakers, one-day seminars, multi-day workshops, or other training events related to biblical study and/or practical Christian living (i.e. parenting, marriage, stewardship/finance, evangelism, etc.). Space is limited.

To learn more please visit www.MyChurchCruise.com -- enter the Group ID: DREBES0311 and follow the step-by-step instructions. There will be an orientation meeting on Tuesday, July 13, in Room 202 at 7:30 p.m. An information sheet is located on the Guest Information Table. Bon Voyage!

Youth Ministry



**Engaging, Encouraging, & Equipping
Christ-Powered Youth**

Acts 2:42-47 Hebrews 10:24-25

Sundays: Bible Study & Fellowship

9:30 a.m. Overland Park Mission

10:00a.m. Stilwell Mission - 1st Sunday of each month

Wednesdays: Sr. High "CrossTraining" 6-7:30pm OP

June 30 - CrossTraining

June 30 - Middle School Fun & Fellowship Event

July 5-9 - Sr. High LVR Summer Camp Week

July 7,14,28 - Sr. High CrossTraining

July 9 - All Youth Ministry Swim Party

July 13-22 - LCMS National Youth Gathering

July 18-22 - Stilwell Middle School VBS

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July 21 - No Sr. High CrossTraining



**Middle School Youth
Fun & Fellowship Night
Wednesday, June 30 6:00-7:30 p.m.
Overland Park Mission**

All middle schoolers including incoming 6th graders are invited to a night of kickball and snacks!

We will play no matter what the weather is and we look forward to everyone joining us for some friendly competition.

Don't want to play - come join the cheering squad and yell for your favorite player. Friends are always welcome and parents are welcome to join in also.



Sr. High Summer Camp @ LVR July 5-9

Please keep our Sr. High School Youth in your prayers as they spend the week at Lutheran Valley Retreat having fun and growing in their understanding of themselves, God and the relationship God has with them!

Camp Attendees: Kristen Shedor, Danielle Mader, Rebecca Ludwig, Ryan Trueblood, Jackson Knappen, Josiah Hadle, Christian Huesers, Joshua Kjergaard, Will Barnes. Amanda Kuehn will be serving as a cabin leader and Char Ludwig will be serving as camp nurse.

CrossTraining

Wednesday Nights 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. in the Family Life Center—This is a time for Sr. High students to reconnect with their Christian friends, with their Savior, and to introduce Christ to their non-Christian friends.



**All Youth Swim Party
July 9 ~ 7:00-10:00 p.m.
Prairie Village Pool**

Come enjoy 3 slides, 2 diving boards and fun in the main pool. Families and friends are more than welcome. More details and cost in the next LAB. (estimate is \$4 per person unless you have a pool membership).

Questions? Ideas? Or maybe you would like to get involved. Please contact:

Jean Dennis, Youth Ministry Board Chairperson, at 913-851-7754 or at jjj.dennis@yahoo.com

Bill Prann, Director of Youth Ministry at 913-648-5352, ext. 124 or wprann@bethanylutheran-op.org

Calendar

Sunday, June 27

4:00 p.m. James/Lucas wedding

Monday, June 28

7:00 p.m. Stephen Ministry

Tuesday, June 29

6:30 p.m. New Song Rehearsal

Wednesday, June 30

9:30 a.m. Prayer Ministry

6:00 p.m. Sr. High Cross Training

Thursday, July 1

6:00 p.m. Adult Ministry Board

7:15 p.m. Chancel Choir

Saturday, July 3

5:30 p.m. Patriotic Worship/OP

Sunday, July 4 ~ Independence Day

Overland Park: 9101 Lamar Ave

8:00 & 9:00 a.m. Patriotic Worship

9:30 a.m. Patriotic Worship

Stilwell Mission: 20200 Mission Road

9:00 a.m. Patriotic Worship

10:00 a.m. Family Fellowship

6:00 p.m. Stilwell Independence Day Parade

Monday, July 5 - Church Office CLOSED

Saints Alive After 55

“Me and My House” is the theme for the 22nd annual Saints Alive After 55 seminar to be held in Wichita July 25-27, 2010. Dr. Mary Manz Simon will be the guest presenter for this outstanding workshop for seniors. For more information or to register, contact Pastor Mark at 913-648-5352, ext. 128. The registration deadline is July 9.

Our next Life at Bethany will be available the weekend of July 11. Articles for that issue are due by 5:00 p.m. Monday, July 5. Please submit them to Nancy Bradley at nbradlevn@comcast.net.

**Please remember the
Bethany Foundation in your will.**

A Record of Our Response

At Worship Last Saturday.....	(86)
At Worship Last Sunday OP.....	151, 293, 103
At Worship Last Sunday Stilwell (99).....	732
Children's Sunday School.....	76
Youth Bible Class.....	29
Adult Bible Classes.....	67
Needed Weekly to Meet Budget 2010.....	\$34,385
Received 6/20/2010 Work Program.....	\$31,598
Received 6/20/2010 Debt Reduction.....	\$320
Mission of the Month – June.....	\$770

Thank You

We would like to thank the members of our Bethany family for all of the prayers and expressions of sympathy upon the recent death of my mother. Your support and love are a great encouragement to us at this time of sorrow. May God bless you.

Pastor Mark, Nancy and family

Made in God's Image: What Does that Mean?

The Rev. Dr. James Lamb, Executive Director of Lutherans for Life, explores what this means for us as Christians, and will address what it means for people with disabilities. Join us on Sunday, October 17, from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. at King of Kings Lutheran Church, 1701 NE 96th Street, Kansas City, MO.

Sponsored by Northland Lutherans For Life. For more information call Kimberly Murphy, 816-628-6815, or email northlandfl@gmail.com.

Bizarre Bazaar

A benefit for the LUMA Christmas Store will be held Saturday, July 24, from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. at the Ascension Lutheran Family Life Center, 4900 Blue Ridge Blvd, KCMO. Proceeds will buy new gifts and food for the needy. To volunteer, donate, or ask questions, contact Doris Foley at designbydoris@hotmail.com or 816-356-3116 or Pat Enomoto at patenomoto@sbcglobal.net.

The Iron Sharpens Iron Conference

...is coming to Kansas City on Saturday, September 25, 2010. This one-day men's conference is for men of all ages and is geared to equip men for godly living and spiritual leadership in today's secular world. Go to www.ironsharpensiron.net or pick up an information sheet at the Welcome Center. If you register before July 4, you can be part of the early bird registration. For questions, please contact Dr. Dan Erickson at 816-877-3663 or email him at derickson@peoplematterministries.com.

New Principal to Begin Soon

Back in March, Bethany Lutheran Church and School extended a Divine Call to Mr. Greg Hasseldahl to serve as Principal of our Day School. Mr. Hasseldahl accepted that Call and soon he and his wife, Cindy, will be joining us here at Bethany. Greg and his wife are currently wrapping up ministry at Good Shepherd Lutheran School in Columbia, Missouri. Good Shepherd is a community outreach ministry of two Columbia Lutheran congregations: Campus Lutheran Church and Trinity Lutheran Church. This association school is roughly the same size as the K-8 ministry of Bethany Lutheran School with approximately 100 students enrolled in K-8. Greg is a 1981 graduate of Concordia University in Seward, Nebraska. He and his wife have two grown sons and one grandchild.

As we move forward, please keep the following dates in mind:

July 12	Mr. Hasseldahl's First Week at Bethany
August 8	Overland Park Mission Installation of Mr. Hasseldahl Recommitment of our Faculty
August 15	Stilwell Mission Recognition of Installation Recommitment of our Faculty
August 16	First Day of School

Again, our School Board would like to encourage the entire congregation to keep the Hasseldahl's and the faculty, staff, and students of both Good Shepherd and Bethany in your prayers. Our God is strong and gracious and just as He has provided for our needs so too will He provide for the needs of Good Shepherd as they move forward.

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