

**Bethany Lutheran Church**  
Johnson County, Kansas

*Adult Ministry*  
*Making Better Disciples*



## Our Mission

*To make better disciples by growing adults in their love and knowledge of God and in love and fellowship with one another through Bible study, mutual support, and prayer.*

Dear Friends In Christ,

The leaders and staff of Bethany Lutheran Church are devoted to each member of our faith family growing in Christ. With our OutReach efforts, our goal is to make *MORE DISCIPLES*. With our InReach efforts our goal is to make *BETTER DISCIPLES*. We believe this is in keeping with our Lord's mission mandate in Matthew 28. Jesus said to his disciples, "*All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age*" (Matthew 28:18-20).

Enclosed you will find many opportunities to be in the word and to fellowship with believers. Please take advantage of the opportunities that exist and may your life in the Lord be enriched.

### **To sign up for classes and fellowship groups, you may:**

- 1.) Contact the church office at (913) 648-2228 and speak to Pastor Drebes.
- 2.) Fill out the form at the bottom of this page and drop it off in the church office or mail it to the attention of Pastor Drebes.
- 3.) Contact via the church directory those who are listed as facilitators or group leaders.

I pray that this catalog of opportunities may prove to be a rich blessing to you as you seek to know and grow in our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. If you have any questions, please call Pastor Drebes, at 913-648-2228 ext.119 or the contact person for the class or group you are considering.

God's Richest Blessings,

Bryan E. Drebes  
Associate Pastor / Administrator of Parish Education  
Bethany Lutheran Church of Johnson County, Kansas  
[www.bethanylutheran-op.org](http://www.bethanylutheran-op.org)

-----Sign Me Up-----

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Classes \_\_\_\_\_

## **BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES**

### *Foundation Series*

**Guest Information Coffee** – Have you been visiting for a while? Do you want to learn a little more about Bethany? Then this class is for you. Held on the first Sunday of each month, the Guest Information Coffee will help give you a big picture of Bethany and answer questions you may have about our ministry. Class meets at 9:30 AM in Overland Park and 10:15 AM in Stilwell.

**Faith Basics** – A one-day seminar meant to provide you with the basics of what we as Lutheran Christians believe, teach and confess. The class will focus on basic Christian teachings derived from the Bible. It will also utilize Dr. Martin Luther's Small Catechism to get at the heart of scriptural teaching. This class is designed for prospective members of other faith backgrounds and for new believers but makes a great refresher for life-long Lutherans as well. Overland Park Mission only! Contact: Pastor Mark Schulz

Saturday, July 17, 2010 (Room 202)

**New Member Class** – What does it mean to be a member of Bethany Lutheran Church? What are the opportunities for involvement within the life of Bethany Congregation? Ask your questions and be introduced to ministries and leaders. Get connected to the body of Christ. The series of classes will meet at 11:00am at the Overland Park Mission and 10:15am at the Stilwell Mission. Contact: Pastor Mark Schulz

Spring Classes Begin Sunday, Sunday, July 18, 2010  
Overland Park (Room 201)  
Stilwell (Room 304)

### **SUNDAY CLASSES AT OUR OVERLAND PARK AND STILWELL MISSIONS**

*Please see the links on the Adult Ministry page*

### **WEEKDAY AT OUR STILWELL MISSION**

**Tuesday** – *Life Light Bible Study* – an in-depth study of the Word! Look for this class to resume in the fall.

9:30am

Pastor Mark Schulz

**Wednesday** – ACTS & CONFIRMATION. Will resume in the fall.

4:30pm – Various Rooms

Pastor Mark Schulz

### **WEEKDAY AT OUR OVERLAND PARK MISSION**

**Monday** – Men's Bible Study. Study the lessons read in the services the previous week. Will resume in the fall.

6:30am – Room 201

**Wednesday** – ACTS & CONFIRMATION. Will resume in the fall.  
6:00pm – Various Rooms

**Wednesday** – Parent Connect. Will resume in the fall.  
6:00pm – Room 209

**Thursday** – Career Ministry. This group meets the second Thursday of each month for networking and support.  
7:00pm – Library

**Friday** – Women’s Study.  
6:45am– Room 209

### WEEKDAY OFFSITE & HOME BIBLE STUDY GROUPS

**Sunday**  
Evenings – Couples Study. Meets about every three weeks. Pastor Bryan & Cheryl Drebes

**Monday**  
One Monday a month. John & Kathy Ochsner

**Tuesday**  
2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>. Dennis & Betty Underwood

**Tuesday Men of Integrity** – Meets at Courtyard Marriott. Metcalf and 112<sup>th</sup>.  
6:45am Steve Welch

### PERSONAL DAILY BIBLE STUDY

**E-DiBS** -- Do you struggle with personal devotions? When, where and what? If so, E-DiBS is for you. We are sending out a daily (Monday thru Friday) e-mail devotion to anyone interested. The e-mail is delivered to any e-mail address at about 12:15 a.m., so when you wake up, or go to work, it’s in your Inbox first thing! There is a short (8 minute) devotion based on a verse-by-verse study of the Bible. You can watch the video, or print and read the transcripts... or both! To sign up simply leave your name and e-mail address with Pastor Bryan in the church office or sign up directly from our website [www.bethanylutheran-op.org](http://www.bethanylutheran-op.org)

**Sabo Library** – Your library is ready to serve you with resources for your Bible studies and inspiration for Christian living. The library is open on Sunday: 7:45 – 12:30pm; Monday, Tuesday, Thursday: 11:00 – 4:30pm; Wednesday 1:30 – 4:30pm.

## FELLOWSHIP AND SERVICE GROUPS

**Family Builders** – is a ministry for married couples with small children, with a primary focus on study, small group sharing, and fellowship to build strong and loving families.

Mark & Donna Petersen

**Singles Ministry** – A ministry that meets for fellowship and recreational activities.

Pastor Bryan Drebes

**SOLOS** – is a ministry for single adults 55+ to get together for fellowship. The group meets at Bethany on the second Sunday of every month to enjoy a potluck lunch.

**SWANS** – (*Seniors With A New Spirit*) is a ministry for those 50+ to enjoy Bible Study, fellowship and special events.

Pastor Mark Schulz

**LWML** – (*Lutheran Women's Missionary League*) is a ministry dedicated to helping women grow in their faith with our living Lord. All eight of Bethany's circles support projects such as kits for Lutheran Word Relief, Adopt-a-Family, funeral meals, and Lenten and Advent dinners. In addition, the circles also have special projects for various missions.

Donna Petersen

**Men's Ministry** – is dedicated to helping men grow in their faith with Christ. An annual retreat is held each year in January.

Pastor Bryan Drebes

**Men's Coffee Clutch** – is a group of Bethany men who meet at Hy-Vee (91<sup>st</sup> & Glenwood) every morning Monday through Friday at 10:00am.

Ivan Grimm

**Pre-Marriage Workshop** – an annual workshop to help couples prepare for their marriage and life together. Usually held in late January or early February.

Pastor Ed Trost

**Stephen Ministry** – a care ministry intended to offer encouragement and help to people in crisis or difficult times. Fifty hours of training is provided.

Bunnie Purcell

**Altar Guild** – Cares for the communion ware, clergy vestments, and altar area.

Verna Linderman/Linda Lewis

## PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES

**Wednesday Morning Prayer Partners** – Our prayer partners meet each Wednesday morning from 9:30 – 10:30am in Room 209. All are welcome to join this group as they pray for our needs.

Sylvia Hartwig

**Sunday Evening Prayer** – A prayer service is held on the first Sunday of every month at 5:30pm in the Overland Park sanctuary.

Sylvia Hartwig

