

Heart Matters

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News from Pastor Jon

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.. and much more!

On Sunday, February 12th I shared the following letter information with the congregation. You will find that the narrative for the summer program and the budget are both included below. Here is a simple and concise description of what you will find. We are raising funds for a project which will be self supporting after 15 months and which will train young adults in the New Testament, Communications, and Life-Skills preparing them for leadership roles in the church, their community, school and work.



The goal is to hire Paul Lauaki as the Director of SOYL. V Finau, is currently our Communications and Marketing Manager. Together, they will be able to build a multi-faceted program which will have the potential to train students and help replant churches in the Bay Area through LINC Bay Area. SOYL is already working as a joint project of the CNH District, the CNH Mission Agency, LINC Bay Area and Bethany. We anticipate adding 5-6 circuits in the CNH district, up to 50 congregations, and churches from other districts.

Before I ask you to read this report and consider supporting SOYL, I want to share with you a little information about the new ministries which have started at Bethany in the past 12 months. Paul and V are leaders in each of these ministries along with

other staff at Bethany.

Lighthouse: Our 5:00 Sunday worship service now has an average of 25 participants. Our praise band is well rehearsed and we continue to reach new people through this ministry.

The Coffee Shop and Music Lounge: We average 45 people who come on Sundays for music. About 10 individuals and groups have come to sing and a number of Open Mic nights have been entertaining.

Forever Young: Just three weeks old, we are averaging 10 participants in our new Young Adult ministry. We have dinner, a brief time of singing, and a group presentation which leads to small group discussions.

All three of these ministries are less than 12 months old. (The praise band started about 8 months before the worship service) All three of these ministries are growing. All three of these ministries are reaching people we would not have been reaching without these ministries.

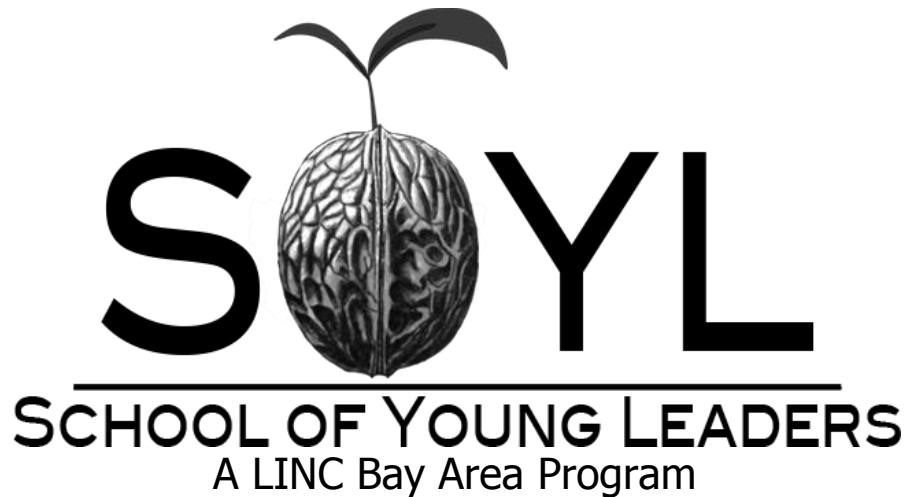
I share this so you will be able to appreciate the excitement I have as we look to launch SOYL. There are three ways you can help.

- 1) Pray for our work and for the students God will lead to participate.
- 2) Identify and/or encourage a young adult (high school seniors through college age) to spend a summer internship in SOYL.
- 3) Make a donation during 2017 to SOYL for our start up funding.

I pray you will be as excited about SOYL as I am. This is an incredible opportunity which I believe will also create other opportunities and ministries over time.

God's Peace,
Pastor Jon

(The report begins on page 3 and ends on page 7)



Dear Bethany Family,

Attached you will find a narrative and budget for a 9 week summer internship for graduating high school seniors and college students. The difference between this internship and most others, is that SOYL seeks, "To provide quality education, mission and leadership experiences for youth." Young adults who participate in this program will leave with core competencies in the New Testament, Communication, Leadership and Life-Skills. They are taking a step toward leadership in their church, or even toward a life of serving the Lord as a professional church worker.

You will also find a first year budget which shows how SOYL will immediately create funds which will allow for the SOYL Director to continue the program into the future without the need for ongoing gifts to the program.

Bethany is raising funds to pay for the director position until SOYL is self-funding after the summer of this year. Our goal is to raise \$55,000-75,000. A "challenge grant" came from a small group of families, who have committed \$25,000 if all Board members make a commitment to support SOYL and donate. The Board has met this challenge and we are well on our way to meeting our financial goal. I would like to encourage all of our members and friends to make a gift to this new and exciting program. I am willing to meet with anyone who has questions about the program.

We have all of 2017 to raise funds, and we will keep you apprised of our progress both in terms of finances and in terms of bringing in students for the first summer SOYL which will be this summer.

God's Peace,
Pastor Jon

SOYL

School of Young Leaders – A LINC Bay Area program

I. Mission Statement

“To provide quality education, mission, and leadership experiences for youth”

II. The 3 Core Competencies

In order to carry out the mission statement, we’ve set explicit objectives for the program.

1. The New Testament Overview Competency

Keeping God’s Word at the center of the curriculum is essential to an effective discipleship program. Students successfully completing the program will be able to:

- I. Navigate the New Testament with an understanding of its structure
- II. Understand and explain basic hermeneutical concepts in order to read and interpret the New Testament with appreciation for genre and context
- III. Understand and explain the structure and major themes of each of the four Gospels
- IV. Understand and explain Paul’s understanding of the purpose and relationship of Law and Gospel in the context of his mission to the Gentiles and its relevance for Christian faith today
- V. Understand and explain the missiological character of the New Testament and its implications for Christian faith today

2. Communications Competency

Effective communication skills are essential to success in any work environment, whether it be at a church or in a corporate work setting. Students who successfully complete the program will:

- I. Have an overview of small group communication processes
- II. Have the ability to apply conceptual ideas about effective group discussion techniques to practical communication situations
- III. Have communication competence in small group and team settings.
- IV. Have the ability to apply conceptual ideas about effective conflict management techniques to practical communication situations

3. Leadership and Life-Skills Competency

Jim Rohn once said, “The challenge of leadership is to be strong, but not rude; be kind, but not weak; be bold, but not bully; be thoughtful, but not lazy; be humble, but not timid; be proud, but not arrogant; have humor, but without folly.” At the end of this program, students successfully completing the program will have the skills and training to be effective leaders, not only in ministry and missions, but also in their

homes, at work, and at school. Students successfully completing the program will be able to:

- I. Identify different leadership styles
- II. Effectively lead a small group towards a goal
- III. Effectively mediate conflict within the group

III. *The Program Details*

The following is an exposition of the overall program and how it is tailored to promote The 3 Core Competencies.

Program Length

SOYL is a summer intensive discipleship program consisting of 8 weeks of study with an additional weeklong missions trip. This makes SOYL a 9-week program.

CYCLES

The 8 weeks of study are broken down into four, **2-week cycles** (hereon referred to as “cycles”). The four cycles encourage 4 different churches/circuits to each host one cycle. The goal is to immerse SOYL students in different cultural environments experiencing different needs, in order to gain new perspectives and experiences by working with the local church.

List of Classes

The following classes will be taught during the 8 weeks of study

- A. New Testament Overview Class
- B. Small Groups Communications Class
- C. Week-specific Focus Classes

New Testament Overview Class

Objective:

- *Core Competency #1: New Testament Overview Competency*

Pastors from the hosting churches/circuits will team up to teach the New Testament Overview during their respective cycle. The class will meet three times a week. Testing/Examination to be determined.

Small Groups Communications Class

Objectives:

- *Core Competency #2: Communications Competency*
- *Core Competency #3: Leadership & Life-Skills Competency*

The Small Groups Communications Class will meet thrice a week. Each student's performance will be assessed upon the following:

1. Self Evaluation Forms
2. Team Evaluation Forms
3. Presentations
4. Execution of Group Projects

Outreach Projects/Services

As part of the communication curriculum, students are expected to give service hours to the hosting church/circuit. This will be organized accordingly:

1. The hosting church/circuit will provide a preplanned outreach event to be carried out on the first weekend of their cycle. Students will be available to help in any way.
2. An addition outreach event will be planned by the students to be carried out on the 2nd weekend of each cycle. Students will have two weeks to plan this event.

Week-specific Focus Classes

Objective: To provide brief seminars taught by individuals who are prominent members of the church, business, sports, or philanthropic communities, who will be able to focus on one or more of the three core competencies.

These classes will be used to teach specific topics we want to highlight and focus on for the week. Topics can include anything from finances to relationship advice. These will be taught by guest speakers.

Chapel

Each hosting church/circuit is responsible for hosting chapel services during the week.

IV. Mission Trip

SOYL students will be expected to participate in a week long mission trip. Details of this missions trip still to come.

V. Graduation Banquet

At the end of the 9 week program, a Graduation Banquet is to take place for students successfully completing the program. Parents and other guests will be invited to the banquet. After a presentation of the nine weeks, presentation of certificates and/or awards, and a brief musical presentation, we will make a pitch for continued support of the program. Details still to come.

SOYL

School of Young Leaders Budget – A LINC Bay Area program
Proposed Budget

Nine week program begins June 19, 2017 and ends August 18 or August 20, 2017

\$4,000 per student minimum 10 students, maximum 20 students.

Gross Income \$40,000 - \$80,000

Income from students from four sources:

- 1) Each congregation with a student sponsors for \$1,000
- 2) District contributes \$1,000 per student
- 3) Separate fundraising from people and congregations interested in the program for \$1,000 per student.

- 4) Student – from parents, personal resources and fundraising.

Four two week sessions at four congregations in the Bay Area. We will be looking congregational/circuit support. Each congregation/circuit will receive two full days of mission/outreach activity from a team of 20 youth and additional adult leaders. This represents over 300 hours per two week session. Therefore we will ask congregations to support in the following ways:

- Providing housing for all students – either on campus or with families.
- Providing worship leadership for all days.
- Providing dinners for 25 participants.

Expenses

- 1) Food will be budgeted at \$20 per person per day. We will budget for 25 people to include any teachers/speakers/leaders present at a given meal. Assuming congregations provide dinners, this will drop to \$12 per person per day for 8 weeks and full price for the final week.
 - a. Cost for 8 weeks at \$12 per person per day is \$16,800.
 - b. Cost for 1 week at \$20 per person per day is \$3,500.
- 2) New Testament Curriculum would be completed by Pastor Tom Norris, or another pastor on staff with one of the LINC congregations. This would be paid for by Bethany or the other calling congregation.
- 3) New Testament course would be broken into two week sessions which would be taught by circuit pastor(s) as part of their regular work for that congregation.
- 4) Four special guest instructors per two week session would be volunteers from congregations or the community.
- 5) Communications would be handled by V as part of his work for Bethany.
- 6) Courses on interpersonal relationships, community building, and teamwork would require an honorarium or stipend depending upon the person helping. It is possible this could be done in each area by a person who would donate time to the program. (i.e. Pastor Rod Hall)
- 7) Cost of the one week mission trip needs to be determined.

Assumptions: If we have 10 participants, we would have a net income of \$40,000 - \$10,150 = \$29,850 minus the cost of the mission week and ancillary costs. (Transportation, insurance, etc.) If we have 20 participants we would have a net income of \$59,700 minus the cost of mission week and ancillary costs.

Goal: The Summer SOYL program will provide a quality education, mission, and leadership experience for youth, while creating a financial base for a large percentage of the salary and benefits for a full year SOYL Director who will also be responsible for the longer Fall program.

(End of SOYL Report)

Bible Basics by Pastor Tom Norris

Ash Wednesday

Dear friends in Christ,

"Remember you are dust, and to dust you shall return."

With those words and a smudge of ashes we begin our Lenten journey each year.

They call us to remember:
The futility of life without God
The fragility of our very existence
The fleeting nature of every thing "of this world" in which we take pleasure.

T.S. Eliot put well this aspect of Christian remembrance in his poem, "Ash Wednesday." It was the first major poem he crafted after his conversion to Anglicanism:

*Because these wings are no longer wings to fly
But merely vane to beat the air
The air which is now thoroughly small and dry
Smaller and dryer than the will
Teach us to care and not to care
Teach us to sit still.*

But the Gospel to this word of Law is that there is a greater remembering even as the smudge is made and the words of judgment are spoken.

While we, as with everything in this broken world, return to dust and ash, we have courage to remember this (and not to attempt to ignore it) because of the story toward which Lent marches and toward the promised end for all those who believe: Christ risen, and us risen in him.

Pax,
Pastor Tom

Daylight Savings Time begins on March 12

Don't forget to "Spring Forward" and set your clocks ahead
before you go to bed Saturday night!

Women's Ministries

The mission donation for March will go to New Creation Home Ministries (NCHM) in East Palo Alto.

Seeking to demonstrate God's love, NCHM's mission is to foster long term independence for at-risk young mothers through quality programs designed to encourage academic, vocational, parental, social, and spiritual growth. NCHM provides safe and loving homes to young mothers ages 13-22 and their children.

The Lighthouse is a program for up to 4 young mothers (ages 13-22) and their children. The home is focused on supporting the residents by offering: trauma informed case management focused on goal setting for our young moms to finish their primary and secondary education, learning healthy parenting techniques, life skills, and re-education on healthy relationships and community. Lighthouse residents must attend the following: Weekly case management meetings, weekly parenting class, mandatory house meetings, full time school or job training classes, and daily job duties. Lighthouse residents will live in this program for one year then transfer to our second home (The New Creation Transitional House) to begin the process of transitioning back into the community.

New Creation Transitional House is a transitional living program for families who have lived at the Lighthouse for at least one year. Housing costs are prohibitive to a young mother earning minimum wage. At the New Creation Transitional House residents are encouraged to continue their educational and vocational goals to secure a more sustainable and independent living situation for their families in the future. Residents pay a low program fee (one third of typical housing costs in the area) as they continue to learn how to budget and manage personal finances. This home requires at least a year-long residence at the Lighthouse before consideration.

Diaper Donation



In partnership with NCHM, Bethany's Women's Ministries has an on-going collection of disposable infant diapers...from newborn to toddler pull-ups. The Infant Diaper Donation Box is in the Family Center. We extend a special "Thank you!" to everyone who donates diapers to this wonderful, local Christian ministry!



Youth Group News

Happy March Everyone

I hope that you all have stayed dry during these torrential episodes. This month has definitely been a heavy rainfall. The weather did not stop us from having an adventure in San Francisco. Our high school youth played a round of mini golf at the Urban Putt. It is an indoor mini golf course that

is eclectic, very interactive, and reflective of San Francisco's landscape and charm. Definitely a place to check out.

The sun came out and we were able to walk around the Mission District and taste the diversity of the city. We enjoyed Gelato and a variety of sweet and savory steamed buns. A delicious experience!

Please mark your calendar:

1. Saturday, March 18, "Luck of the Irish" Game night. There will be a canvas painting event for all of our youth in April towards the end of the month. Details to follow soon (paint a personal gift for Mother's Day).
2. Friday, May 19 is the Stanford Baseball – Tail Gate – Fireworks Family & Youth Event. Tickets will be on sale soon!

I look forward to seeing you all soon!

Blessings,
Pilar

Angelic News - Littlest Angels Preschool

I WON'T GIVE UP! I WON'T GIVE UP!

"GREAT PEOPLE ARE ORDINARY PEOPLE WITH AN EXTRAORDINARY AMOUNT OF DETERMINATION. SUCCESSFUL PEOPLE DON'T QUIT!"

Determination is our virtue of the month at Littlest Angels Preschool. Determination could be defined like this: never giving up; working hard; and getting the job done, no matter what! Yikes! This is a tough one in a world in which we are used to having so many things instantly at the touch of our fingers. I think children of the 21st century may be becoming more unaware of the concepts of waiting, working hard, and having deep determination because of what they are exposed to in this fast-paced world they live and learn in! Even as adults we are often impatient and want most everything in an instant. Yet we know determination is a great character quality to possess.

Each day at Littlest Angels we encourage the children to be the "best that they can be," to believe in themselves, and to try and try again...just like that determined itty, bitty spider that climbed up the water spout or the Little Engine that Could! When we give children opportunities to try new things that might be a bit challenging they gain confidence and belief in themselves.

So how do we nurture determination in children and show them that hard work pays off? The real truth is we need to teach and preach to children that you can do almost anything, if you are willing to work really, really hard at it. Here are some ideas:

- Praise the child who is persevering and working hard to accomplish something that doesn't come naturally to him; a little challenge teaches them that hard work is important!
- Teach them to try, try, and try again! And teach them to take breaks and recharge before frustration begs them to just quit!
- Model, model, model! It is ok for children to see adults getting frustrated when they are trying to do something new (or old). Most importantly, let them see you succeed because you didn't give up! (I can guarantee you that your little kids will be your best cheerleaders!)
- Everyone needs a safe place where they can make mistakes without fear. That's how we all learn that we pick ourselves up, dust ourselves off and try all over again with confidence! Home is where this safe place should be!

No matter how old we are, 2 or 92, we all face roadblocks and tough hills to climb that require determination. I am so thankful that we have a God who tells us "I will give you all the strength you need, trust me, relax and know that you can do great things with my help."

Kathy Stinson, Director

LWML Zone 8 Spring Gathering



LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY LEAGUE CALIFORNIA~NEVADA~HAWAII ZONE 8 SPRING 2017 GATHERING

March 18, 2017 ~ 9:30am-2:30pm

Grace Lutheran Church

2825 Alameda de las Pulgas, San Mateo, CA

Agape Diaconia – "Christian Love and Mercy"

"As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace..."

--1 Peter 4:10

Guest Speaker:

Deaconess Elizabeth Froh
Grace Lutheran Church, Grass Valley, CA

Bible Study Leader

Pastor Jeff Schufreider
Trinity Lutheran Burlingame
and First Lutheran, SSF



Registration: \$10

**** All women are invited! ****

**** BYOB Lunch ****

**** Dessert Provided ****

**Love Gift Offering & Ingathering for
"The Hangout"
Grace Lutheran of Grass Valley**

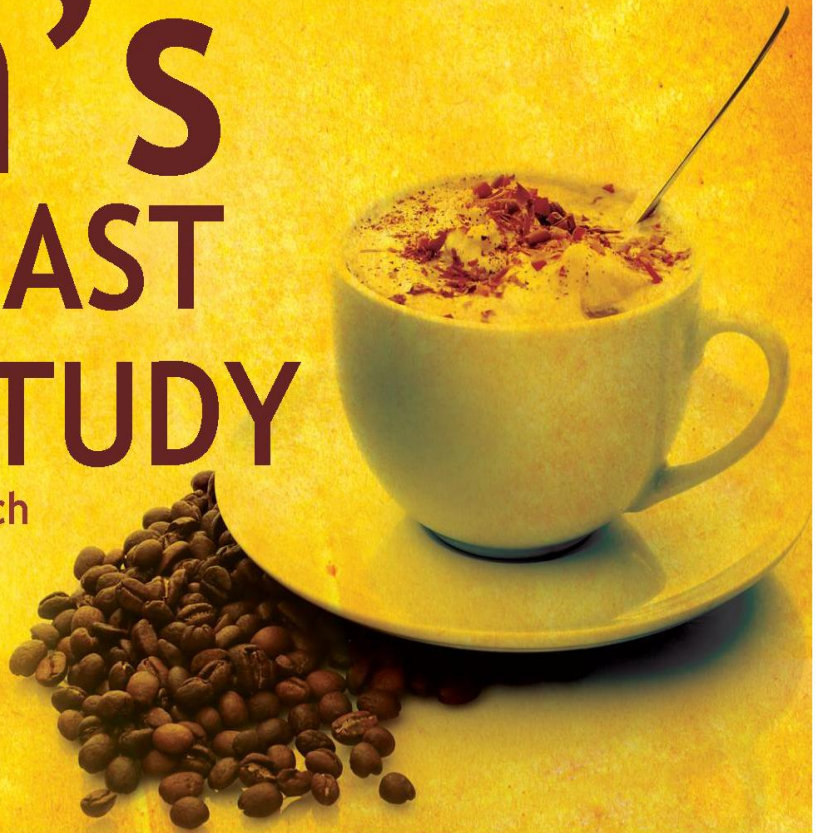
We humbly request that donations for The Hangout be in the form of Costco gift cards or kind monetary donations.
Checks made payable to LWML CNH Zone 8, memo: The Hangout.

Questions? Email Barbara G. at tisbarb@sbcglobal.net

Men's BREAKFAST BIBLE STUDY

Bethany Lutheran Church

Saturday,
March 11




Join us on the second Saturday of each month September 2016 - May 2017 from 9:00 - 10:30 AM in the family center for a delicious breakfast, an inspirational Bible study, prayer time, and a great opportunity for friendship.

Pastor Jon Coyne leads the group for a study of "My Favorite Sunday School Stories."

Each meeting we will spend time covering a favorite story from our earliest days of hearing God's Word. Participants will have the opportunity to choose the Bible story for the next month. We will begin with Noah and the flood, which happens to be Pastor Jon's favorite Bible story from his youth.

A freewill donation of \$5 is encouraged to help offset the cost of the program and to support a child sponsored through World Vision International.

Free childcare is available. Arrangements must be made in advance. Please contact Linda in the Church Office at 650-854-5897 ~ lindab@bethany-mp.org



Women's Breakfast *Bible Study*

Saturday, March 11

9:00 – 10:30 AM

“The Essentials of Effective Prayer”

Find the keys to an effective prayer life in this compelling study that explores both God's expectations of you and His promises to you when it comes to prayer. Through a detailed examination of the Lord's Prayer and other examples of prayer throughout the Bible, you'll discover a model for talking with God, the key principles of prayer, and gain a deeper understanding of how prayer can draw you closer to His heart.

Join us on the **second Saturday** of each month September 2016 – May 2017 for a delicious breakfast, an inspirational Bible study, prayer time, and a great opportunity for friendships.

Dates: 9/10, 10/8, 11/12, 12/10, 1/14, 2/4, 3/11, 4/8, 5/6.

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An illustration featuring a wooden cross, a bowl of water, a green olive branch, a golden chalice, and a plate with bread and a small jar, all set against a light background with small yellow dots.

LENTEN CALENDAR

March 2017

Wednesday, March 1	Ash Wednesday Service	12:00 noon
	Ash Wednesday Luncheon	12:30 PM
	Ash Wednesday Service	7:00 PM
Wednesday, March 8	Lenten Service	12:00 noon
	Lenten Luncheon	12:30 PM
Wednesday, March 15	Lenten Service	12:00 noon
	Lenten Luncheon	12:30 PM
Wednesday, March 22	Lenten Service	12:00 noon
	Lenten Luncheon	12:30 PM
Wednesday, March 29	Lenten Service	12:00 noon
	Lenten Luncheon	12:30 PM

April 2017

Wednesday, April 5	Lenten Service	12:00 noon
	Lenten Luncheon	12:30 PM
Thursday, April 13	Seder Dinner	6:00 PM
Friday, April 14	Good Friday Service	12:00 noon
	Good Friday Service	7:00 PM

“Luck of the Irish” Game Night at Bethany Lutheran Church Saturday, March 18 5:30 - 9:00 p.m.

The evening begins with light appetizes & beverages.

DINNER – 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner (with new potatoes and carrots), Irish Soda Bread, Spring Greens Salad, Dessert and Beverages



GAMES FOR ALL AGES

Poker, Bingo, Headbands, Yahtzee,
Uno, Dominoes, Battleship,
and other fun games!

RSVP by Sunday, March 12 at www.bethany-mp.org/luckoftheirish
or contact Linda in the Church Office
650-854-5897 ~ lindab@bethany-mp.org

Free childcare will be provided for children ages 5 and under from 5:30 – 8:30 p.m.
Childcare must be arranged in advance.

Parents' Night Out



Please Note...we've change the way to register and pay! It's all in one form online.

Go to www.bethany-mp.org/nightout to register and pay online.

Bethany Lutheran Church
Saturday, April 1, 2017 • 5:30 – 8:30 pm

Need a break from the kids?
Bethany Lutheran Church is sponsoring
Parents' Night Out!

We offer childcare for children 1 - 10 years old
so you can enjoy a few hours of adult time!

The kids love this event...and the parents do too!

★ **pizza dinner** ★ **craft** ★ **play time**
★ **entertainment: Daffy Dave Comedy Show**

Cost is only \$20 per child.
Family discount available: first child \$20 and siblings \$15 each.

Advance registration is required. Registration deadline: Friday, March 24. Space is limited and is available on a first-come, first-served basis. No refunds after Mar. 24.

www.bethany-mp.org/nightout



Now Showing in
March 2017



(for FAQ's)



MEETING GOD FACE TO FACE

A SURPRISING
ENCOUNTER FROM
THE
SHACK

Practical advice
from a man
who had it all—
and lost it

Financial Freedom

Living with life's
unanswered
questions

An Unsolved Mystery

Unlocking the

Mystery of Music

New findings on how
music heals and relieves

FREE
TO THE
PUBLIC!

Plan Ahead for Holy Week

Here is a brief overview of the events which will lead up to Holy Week, the ways in which you can help, and the times and dates when you can participate.

Volunteer Opportunities

Easter Candy Needed

We need donations of small, wrapped candy to fill the eggs for Bethany's annual Easter Egg Hunt. The annual Easter Egg Hunt is on Easter Sunday, April 16. Please bring candy donations to the Church Office by March 26.

Easter Food Baskets

Please help us continue this fine tradition of caring for our neighbors. The Easter food baskets include wholesome food items. Donations are now being accepted toward the purchase of the food. Donate at the kiosk or online at www.bethany-mp.org and select "Feed the Hungry/Food Baskets" or make your check payable to "Bethany Lutheran Church" with an annotation "Food Baskets." Your generosity will bless 25 families in East Palo Alto and East Menlo Park. Thank you for your support!

Plan now to help assemble the Easter Food Baskets

Help assemble Easter Food Baskets on Saturday, April 8 at 11 a.m. This is a very rewarding service project that only takes about 30 minutes! Plus, we are blessed to work alongside of our friends from the Tongan Christian AOG Church from East Palo Alto, who will deliver the food to 25 local families. Yes, you can help deliver the food too, if you'd like! We'll meet in the church parking lot at 11:00 a.m. Please contact Linda Bradley to let her know you will be helping (650-854-5897 ext. 210 or lindab@bethany-mp.org).

Festivities

Mark your calendar today! Join us for the Seder Dinner on Maundy Thurs., April 13

Every year Bethany has a Seder, which is a recreation of the Passover meal complete with Holy Communion. The menu includes matzoh ball soup, barbecued lamb, roasted potatoes, asparagus, carrots, dessert, and beverages. The event starts at 6:00 p.m. The suggested donation is \$10 per person. Free babysitting will be provided. RSVP deadline: Tuesday, April 4. Volunteers...if you are able to help with set-up, clean-up, or cooking, please let Linda know (854-5897, ext. 210 ~ lindab@bethany-mp.org).

MARCH 2017

Sunday			Monday			Tuesday			Wednesday			Thursday			Friday			Saturday		
26	9:30 AM Worship & Children's Worship 11:00 AM Bell Choir Rehearsal 12:00 PM The Coffee Shop Set-up 1:00 PM The Coffee Shop 4:00 PM "Avy & Cloud" Rehearsal 5:00 PM Lighthouse - A Contemporary Praise Service 6:00 PM The Coffee Shop and Music Lounge		27	9:30 AM Preschool Music		28	9:30 AM Preschool Music 9:30 AM Walking Group 3:15 PM Forte - Dynamics Class 7:00 PM Menlo Park Toastmasters Meeting		1	Ash Wednesday 12:00 PM Ash Wednesday Service 12:30 PM Ash Wednesday Luncheon 2:00 PM Lifetree Café Set-up 5:00 PM J. Buckley - Private Lesson 6:30 PM Police Brutality or Necessary Force?: Stories from both sides (Lifetree Café Menlo Park) 7:00 PM Ash Wednesday Service 7:45 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal	2	9:30 AM Walking Group 9:40 AM Preschool Chapel 11:30 AM Knitting Group 4:00 PM G. Rodondi - Private Lesson 5:00 PM Forever Young Menlo Park - Set-up 6:30 PM Forever Young Menlo Park		3	World Day of Prayer 9:40 AM Preschool Chapel		4	9:00 AM Menlo Park Academy of Dance		
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12	* Happy Mail Sunday * Daylight-Saving Time Begins Last day to sign up for "Luck of the Irish" Game Night (3/18) 9:30 AM Worship & Children's Worship 11:00 AM Bell Choir Rehearsal 12:00 PM The Coffee Shop Set-up 1:00 PM The Coffee Shop 4:00 PM "Avy & Cloud" Rehearsal 5:00 PM Lighthouse - A Contemporary Praise Service 6:00 PM The Coffee Shop and Music Lounge		13	Preschool Week of the Young Child 9:30 AM Preschool Music		14	Preschool Week of the Young Child 9:30 AM Preschool Music 9:30 AM Walking Group 3:15 PM Forte - Dynamics Class 7:00 PM Menlo Park Toastmasters Meeting		15	Preschool Week of the Young Child 12:00 PM Lenten Service 12:30 PM Lenten Luncheon 2:00 PM Lifetree Café Set-up 5:00 PM J. Buckley - Private Lesson 6:30 PM Bible Study with Pastor Tom - "Old Testament Survey" 6:30 PM Financial Freedom: Practical Advice From a Man Who Had It All—and Lost It (Lifetree Café Menlo Park) 7:45 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal	16	Preschool Week of the Young Child 9:30 AM Walking Group 9:40 AM Preschool Chapel 4:00 PM G. Rodondi - Private Lesson 5:00 PM Forever Young Menlo Park - Set-up 6:30 PM Forever Young Menlo Park 7:00 PM Board of Directors Meeting		17	Preschool Week of the Young Child St. Patrick's Day 9:40 AM Preschool Chapel 3:00 PM Luck of the Irish Set-up		18	3:30 PM Luck of the Irish Set-up 5:30 PM "Luck of the Irish" Game Night		
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