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# New This Fall .....

In the days of my youth, at this time of the year, TV commercials would flash across the TV screens the words, “New This Fall”! Upon seeing and hearing those words, for me, my eyes and ears would instantly perk up. For those commercial tags brought to my attention the fall viewing lineup of new TV shows and new viewing possibilities. Now, I don’t consider myself to be a TV junkie, but I am a person that will take time to arrange my evenings around the network’s schedules, often coordinating my activities around those TV shows that I enjoy. For I often make sure to set aside time so that my homework and household chores are done which will allow me to watch the programs without interruption. And I believe that many of you are like me, as you also rearrange your life schedules to make room for those things that are, “New This Fall”.

With that in mind, I thought that I would introduce the Bethany Lutheran schedule, so that you can arrange your life around a few of the fun and/or important activities that will be held at Bethany this Fall.

So this is the Bethany Lutheran Fall Lineup ....

## “New This Fall—The Bethany Line Up”

- **Rally Sunday:**       **September 15<sup>th</sup>** A special 9:00 am worship – followed by a time of fellowship (along with pancakes) in the Fellowship Hall. The start of Sunday School will also take place on September 15<sup>th</sup>. Sunday School will meet on the first and third Sundays of each month. Please consider inviting a friend to join us for this special Rally Sunday.
- **Confirmation:**       **September 22<sup>nd</sup>**: for all youth, grades 5 to 7. The confirmation class will meet right after worship on the second and fourth Sundays of each month. At 10:00 a.m. the class will consider the life of Martin Luther and his Small Catechism. The Confirmation yearly schedule can be picked up at the Bethany Lutheran Office.
- **Bible Study:**       Starting this Fall, Bethany Lutheran will offer a Bible study that will focus on the books of Jeremiah and Lamentations. In a weekly study, the class will look at the prophetic and poetic materials that came about because of two crises facing God’s people. First, Babylonia was threatening to invade at the beginning of the 6<sup>th</sup> century B.C. and second, the Babylonian conquest of Judah and the destruction of Jerusalem in 586 B.C. In the study we will encounter numerous voices that will share words of excruciating torment, but also of godly love and grace, with a major objective considering how the prophet’s words can speak to us in our daily situations. Dates and times are still being considered.
- **Steps Back in Time**    On November 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. Faith Lutheran is planning to take the members back to 16<sup>th</sup> century Germany, to a time when an Augustinian monk by the name of Martin Luther was sharing a few radical ideas. In an intergenerational event, those who will consider being a part of the evening’s happenings will spend time in Eisenach, Germany and discover a little more about Luther and his effect on his world. The event is open to all and we hope that many will take part in this learning exercise.

- **Adult Teen Challenge** The Brainerd Adult Teen Challenge will be worshipping with Bethany Lutheran on October 13<sup>th</sup>. The members of the organization will be sharing their stories and music with us and then will join us in a meal. It is always a special time for all involved.

**These are just a few of the events that will take place in the Bethany Lutheran Fall Lineup. Please consider setting aside time for the events that are “New This Fall”!**

**Thank You!**

**It is with a heart of gratitude that I write to you my thanks for the special gift that I received from Bethany Lutheran for my 25 years of pastoral service. I have greatly enjoyed being a part of Bethany Lutheran and love the congregation. Your gift was greatly appreciated. With your gift Carol and I are planning a trip out east. I am a lover of American history so we hope to spend time in Washington D.C., Yorktown, Jamestown, and Gettysburg. Again, thank you for your gift.**

**Pastor Carl**

# September 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>1</p> <p>9:00 AM Worship Svc w/Holy Communion</p> <p>10:00 AM Fellowship</p> <p>Pastor Chris</p>	2	<p>3</p> <p>9:00 AM – 12:00 PM Quilting and Prayer Shawls</p>	4	5	6	7
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<p>15</p> <p>9:00 AM Worship</p> <p>10:00 AM Pancake Breakfast//Sunday School</p> <p>Rally Sunday</p> <p>Pastor Chris</p>	16	<p>17</p> <p>9:00 AM – 12:00 PM Quilting and Prayer Shawls</p> <p>6:00 PM Church Council Meeting</p>	18	19	20	21
<p>22</p> <p>9:00 AM Worship</p> <p>10:00 AM Fellowship/ Confirmation Class</p> <p>Pastor Carl</p>	23	<p>24</p> <p>9:00 AM – 12:00 PM Quilting and Prayer Shawls</p>	25	26	27	<p>28</p> <p>4:30 – 7:30 PM Fall Dinner</p>
<p>29</p> <p>9:00 AM Worship Svc w/Holy Communion</p> <p>10:00 AM Fellowship</p> <p>Food Shelf Sunday</p> <p>Pastor Chris</p>	30					

## September 2024

**Team Hendrickson:** Tania & Lucas Hendrickson, Darren & Lynn Bushinger, Mark & Mary Schlangen, Darline Molde, Bruce Ford

## October 2024

**Team Petersen:** Maggie & David Petersen, Mike LuConic, Chuck & Char Stockman, Randy & Janet Beinhorn, Steve Ahlrich & Barb Anderson. Dorothy Radke, Synde Dehmer, Wendy Richmond



Sep 5<sup>th</sup> Glen & Thersa Welters  
Sep 6<sup>th</sup> John & Phyllis Nelson  
Sep 8<sup>th</sup> Lucas & Tania Hendrickson  
Sep 29<sup>th</sup> Jerry & LaRaine Blomker

Sep 2<sup>nd</sup> Jackie Wiherski  
Sep 7<sup>th</sup> Ethan Petersen  
Sep 10<sup>th</sup> Amanda Bramstedt  
Sep 12<sup>th</sup> Hunter Richmond  
Sep 12<sup>th</sup> Carol Larson  
Sep 18<sup>th</sup> Elliott Oberton  
Sep 23<sup>rd</sup> Wendy Richmond

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**2024 Quilt Raffle:** The quilt is on display in the fellowship hall. Tickets are being sold for \$1.00. See one of the Women of Bethany if you would like to sell tickets to friends and family. Also included in the raffle will be two handmade rugs, donated to Bethany at the Garage Sale. They are also on display in the fellowship room.

**Fall Dinner:** Bethany is having a Fall Dinner on Saturday, September 28, 2024 from 4:30 – 7:30 PM. The menu will be ham, roast beef sandwiches, au gratin potatoes, vegetable, salad and dessert. We are hoping to purchase the food with Thrivent Grants and are asking the congregation to provide dessert items. We are also looking for people to help with the set-up, serving and clean-up. There is a sign-up sheet on the back table in the fellowship hall.

**Scam Calls/Text Messages:** Some people from church have received fake text messages from people claiming to be our pastor and telling them they need to purchase apple gift cards for them. The pastors will never ask congregation members for gift cards or money, so never agree to this.