



BETHANY COMMUNITY MOMENTS

January 9th & 10th

“Seeking to live by faith, to be known by love,
and to be a voice of hope”



Women's Ministry Friendship Circle News

Sister to Sister Wednesday Morning Women's Bible Study

will meet on Wednesday, January 13th at 9:15a.m with Lesson 11 of the Women of Faith Bible study - "Embracing your Strengths" - Who Am I in God's Eyes (And What Am I Supposed To Do About It)? Questions, call Judie Meise @458-4429.

Common Threads: will meet on Thursday, January 14th at 9am in the Lenter's room at Bethany for our annual Breakfast Meeting. Everyone is welcome to join us whether you are interested in crafts, knitting, crocheting, wanting to learn, or have been a part of our group in the past and want to return. Please bring a dish to pass for the group and join in the fellowship. For more information contact Arlene at 550-2167.

MOM's Group – will meet Tuesday January 12th in the Lenter's Room. Any age mom who is busy raising a family is invited to join the group. We will be discussing Chapter 3 of "Life on Planet Mom". No sign up necessary. For more information contact Amy Zumdahl at 458-5867.

DETAILED INFORMATION ON ALL FRIENDSHIP CIRCLES, AS WELL AS SIGN-UP SHEETS (IF NECESSARY) CAN BE FOUND IN THE WOMEN'S MINISTRY BINDER AT THE WELCOME CENTER.

LADIES: JANUARY IS A CHIX MIX MONTH!

Our January Chix Mix gatherings will take place in the home of one of our hostesses. They are informal small groups where women share a meal and their love for the Lord. Chix Mix will take place 4 times per year (January, April, July and October).

Join us in January for some winter fun!

Chix Mix groups will be scheduled for either a weeknight from 6-8 or a Saturday morning from 9-11. Each woman attending is asked to bring one item to share for the meal.

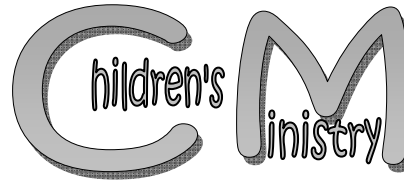
The sign up sheets for our January gatherings are in the Women's Ministry Binder at the Welcome Center. There will be five different Chix Mix groups to choose from in January – one sign up sheet for each location. Find the sheet that has a date that works for your schedule and sign up.

Uncomplicated, enjoyable, and easy –
wouldn't it be nice if everything could be like this!

Take some time to "MIX IT UP"!

If you have any questions, please call Amy Zumdahl at 458-5867 or Wendy Haas at 287-7307.

Bethany Women's Ministry - "Serving women to better serve others"



Contact: Lori Kramer
452-0051, ext 19 or
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DATES TO REMEMBER

- Ask your child about their memory work requirements
- Praise B's coming January 24 – watch your mailbox for details

PLEASE HELP YOUR CHILDREN REMEMBER TO BRING THEIR BIBLES TO SUNDAY SCHOOL AND CHURCH.

HAITI MISSION GROUP NEWS

On Friday, January 8th, a group of nine from Bethany will leave for a mission trip to Haiti. They will join a group of 30 from Mission E4 located in Massachusetts. You may recall missionaries Scott and Tanya Long of Mission E4 visiting Bethany this past June inviting others to serve in Haiti. The team will again stay just outside of Port-Au-Prince and will travel to three different villages daily.

Projects in Haiti will include working at an orphanage, finishing the interior of the medical clinic that the team constructed last year, registering 70 more children for Mission E4 schools, performing medical exams on school children, completing a new building on the orphanage property, village ministry, and children's programs.

Some members of Bethany recently began sponsoring children through Mission E4. While on this trip, gifts from those sponsors will personally be delivered by team members to each sponsored child and photos taken.

The group asks for your prayers as they travel to and from Haiti and for daily travel protection while there. Also, please pray for the group to remain healthy in order to perform the physical labor needed, that they may shine as examples of God's love and grace, and for Haitians to turn from voodoo and accept Jesus (Jezi, in their Haitian Creole language) as their one and only Savior.

The group from our area includes the following: Diane Henschel, Jane Renzelmann, Terry Renzelmann, Deb Runge, Wendy Seidlitz, June Spoerl, Mike Voskuil, Jeremy Herzog (First Reformed), and Lindsay Pruis (Peace Reformed in Eagan, MN).

HELP WANTED: Our Home Christian Ministries has an opening for a live-in resident manager at our creek side apartment. Our Home-Creekside provides apartment style living, care and support to adults with disabilities. This is the perfect opportunity for a loving Christian to grow in the Lord while caring for our residents. This salaried position includes a private two bedroom apartment and all utilities. Benefits would also include two weekends and two evenings per month off and vacation days available upon hire. If you feel the Lord might be leading you into this type of ministry, or for more information, please contact our office at 920-564-6933 or ourhomecm@wi.rr.com.

SCCHS - Don't miss our annual pie sale! This year we are offering Door County Cherry pies and Michigan Blueberry pies in the usual 10" size, and the special 6" Sweetheart pie. The smaller size is perfect for singles or a couple. These pies are ready to freeze or bake, so order enough to last all year! The 10" pies are \$12.00 each and the 6" sweetheart pies are \$7.00 each. Order your pies by calling Lynn (564-3981), Stacy (467-3642) or Chery (452-6091) or e-mailing fiveormore@msn.com. (Order sheets are available at the school website: www.scchs.com. Pick up your pies at SCCHS at 929 Greenfield Avenue, on Saturday, February 7 from 9:30AM – 3:00PM or Monday, February 9 from 10:00AM – 6:00PM. Orders are due January 26!



RAINBOW KIDS RAINBOW KIDS PROGRAM SCHEDULE

Rainbow Kids will be offering peer support to children aged four through high school age and to adults who are grieving a loss due to a death, divorce, separation, or abandonment. Two 14-week sessions will be offered this winter/spring:

St. Mark Lutheran - Sheboygan
Tuesdays, February 2, 2009 - May 4, 2010
6:15 – 7:15p.m.

St. Clement Catholic – Sheboygan
Thursdays, February 4, 2009 - May 13, 2010
6:15 – 7:15p.m.

There is no fee. Please register for one of the sites by calling the Rainbow Kids office at 920-452-2838. Additional information will be sent to registrants. Thank you for your assistance in helping families to heal from their hurts and find hope for their future.

SUPPORT OUR TROOP MINISTRY

Invitation to Our Military Families and Friends

Our main ministry goals are to continue in prayers for our troops and support by sending them letters and cards. You are invited to forward to us the name of your family member or friend who is serving in our American Armed Forces. They do not need to be a member of Bethany Reformed Church. We will send each one of them birthday and holiday cards; and we will continue to pray for them and their families. If you want to add a military person to our list, or have any questions, please contact:

Jean Daye 457-4639 or Carol Jerving 457-0701

We Salute and Support Our Military Troops

Bethany's Comic Corner

A man in Topeka , Kansas decided to write a book about churches around the country. He started by flying to San Francisco and started working east from there. Going to a very large church, he began taking photographs and making notes.

He spotted a golden telephone on the vestibule wall and was intrigued with a sign, which read "Calls: \$10,000 a minute."

Seeking out the pastor he asked about the phone and the sign. The pastor answered that this golden phone is, in fact, a direct line to heaven and if he pays the price he can talk directly to GOD.

The man thanked the pastor and continued on his way. As he continued to visit churches in Seattle , Phoenix , Salt Lake City , Denver , Oklahoma City, and around the United States , he found more phones, with the same sign, and the same answer from each pastor. Finally, he arrived in Wisconsin. Upon entering a church in Milwaukee, Wisconsin and behold - he saw the usual golden telephone. But THIS time, the sign read "Calls: 35 cents." Fascinated, he asked to talk to the pastor. "Reverend, I have been in cities all across the country and in each church I have found this golden telephone and have been told it is a direct line to Heaven and that I could talk to GOD, but in the other churches the cost was \$10,000 a minute. Your sign reads only 35 cents a call. Why?"

The pastor, smiling benignly, replied, "Son, you're in Wisconsin now.....You're in God's Country. It's a local call....."