

Help is Needed:

The Bemidji Community Meals is in desperate need of people willing to be on the organizational committee. The Thanksgiving and Christmas Community Meals will not be held unless we find a few willing volunteers to help with the planning that takes place prior to the meals. This group meets approximately 3 times before each meal and does not require a large time commitment. If interested please call Karen Propeck at 218-333-1390.

**Summer Worship Schedule
Starts on Sunday, May 29th
at 9:00 a.m.**

The Ladies' Organization will be having an organizational meeting on Thursday, May 19 at 7:00 p.m. All women of Bethel Lutheran are invited to attend.

Team Clara

"Great Strides Walk" for CF

will take place on
May 21, 2011 @ Lincoln Elementary School!
Registration is @ 9:00 a.m.
Walk will start at 10:00 a.m.

Camp Oak Hills Spring Work Day

Saturday, May 21st, 8 AM - 4 PM (come when you are able) We will be getting the camp ready for summer by raking leaves, cleaning buildings, painting, and other misc projects. This is will be a great time of fun and fellowship. A potluck lunch will be shared.

Please RSVP to Scott Buchan at (218) 444-4085 or info@campoakhills.org.

Gardens @ Bethel

Spring is coming! Help is needed to take care of the flower gardens around the church. Please contact Loren Hoyum @ 333-1363 or Jon & Jaci Crisman @ 759-9339 for more details!

On behalf of the Bemidji Community Food Shelf, I want to thank Bethel Lutheran Church for your contribution of \$721.10 to our organization. As you are aware, we live in a very economically depressed area. Many of our friends and neighbors are experiencing financial difficulties and need the help of the food shelf to fee their families. Because of donations like yours we are able to meet the needs of these friends and neighbors. Sincerely, Randy McKain, Coordinator

Habitat for Humanity Bike Ride

If you have not been able to pledge to my 500 mile

bike ride to raise funds towards Habitat for Humanity yet, please take a google to our 2011 Habitat 500 web site. If you help me, then together we can enable untold numbers of families to see themselves out of poverty housing.

Mike Fiske

COMMUNITY EVENTS

- **Heart Beat** ~ a group for adults that have lost loved ones to suicide will be meeting on Tuesday, May 10, 2011 from 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. at North Country Regional Hospital in Bemidji in the Education Room. For questions call Stephanie @ 751-4332.
- **Alzheimer's Memory Loss Support Group** will meet on Tuesday, May 10 from 1:00-2:30 p.m. at the Neilson Center. Also meeting from 6:30-8:00 p.m. on the same day.
- **Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota Adoption Information Meeting:** Thursday, May 12, 2011 @ 6:30 p.m. at the Clay county Service Center, 715 North 11th Street, Moorhead, MN. To register call Lynne Haggar at 1-888-205-3769. More info in the May BEACON.
- **North country Regional Hospital Diabetes Resource Center**~ will be holding its monthly meeting for its Diabetes Support Group on Thursday, May 12 at 5:00 p.m. If you are someone living with diabetes, join us. For more information contact Sue Davis, RN at the DRC 333-5976.
- **Books & Baubles**~Saturday, May 14th, 2011. ONE DAY ONLY! 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Almost anything NEW OR USED for children, daycare providers & teachers! Books, toys, clothes, games, puzzles, musical instruments, furniture, sporting goods, formal wear, baby items, maternity clothing, and much more! Everyone is welcome. Children, parents, grandparents, aunts & uncles, church and school groups, teachers & daycare providers. *Beltrami County Fairgrounds, 4`H Building, 7223 Fairgrounds Rd NW.* See poster on bulletin board in the narthex.
- **St. Bartholomre's Church~Rummage & Bake Sale.** There will be Sloppy Joes & Hot Dogs too. Come and join us Saturday, May 14 from 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
- **Bemidji Lodge # 500 of the Sons of Norway** is celebrating Syttende Mai with a dinner at Skogfjorden at the Concordia Language Camp on May 17th at 6:00 p.m.. The dinner is a traditional Norwegian banquet. After dinner and music, Art Lee will speak to the assembled diners. Tickets are \$16.00 and are available at First National Bank, Main Bank. Everyone is welcome.
- The Bemidji Women's Connection is having their monthly meeting on Monday, May 16, 2011. This month's theme is **Shoes for Every Occasion** with "Herington's Shoe Store" Soloist: Mary Ann Lewis; Speaker: Wilda Nybeck; Sharing: The Joy's of Being a Child. Meeting is at the Peppercorn; cost \$10.00. Please call for reservations. Card is posted on the narthex bulletin board.
- **Family Council Roll Sale** ~ Tuesday, May 17, 2011 from 8:30 - 10:30 a.m. "Homemade Roll" and Coffee for \$2.00. Neilson Place Social Hall, 1000 Anne Street NW, Bemidji. Visit a resident, bring a friend! Proceeds will go to the Family council Projects on behalf of residents and families.

- **New Life, New Love** ~ Spring and the promise of Easter fill us with hope and new possibilities. Your marriage will experience the same renewal when you attend a Lutheran Marriage Encounter Weekend. Engaging presentations by both lay and clergy leaders give you tools and information. Exercises and conversations with your spouse in the privacy of your hotel room deepen your understanding, communication and compassion. The next Lutheran Marriage Encounter Weekends in Minnesota are October 14-16 in Duluth and November 18-20 in Brooklyn Center. Please register several weeks in advance. For more information, contact Dick & Judy Dehnel at 952-432-3105, Pete & Phyllis McMahon at 763-561-1575 or visit www.godlovesmarriage.org