



# Bethany Education & Youth NEWS



“Don’t let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in life, in faith and in purity.” 1 Timothy 4:12

June 2017

## Thank You!

We would like to offer a huge THANK YOU to all of our Sunday school teachers, Here We Stand Guides and Club 9 mentors. Thank you for your commitment, encouragement, investment and involvement and for your dedication to our youth. We greatly appreciate the time and energy you have invested this year in our youth. Thank you for all your hard work, time commitment and planning that you have put into this Sunday School, Here We Stand and Club 9 year.

### Sunday School

**Toddler Class:** Ruth Aaseng

**Preschool:** Jessie Weimert, Amber Redlich, Jackie Molden, Katie Crotteau, Carley Schnacky

**Kindergarten & 1st Grade:** Shanna Haughian, Vanessa Petersen, Jennie Diercks, Heather Rindsig, Catherine Carr

**2nd & 3rd Grade:** Pam Anderson, Jan Wilking

**4th & 5th Grade:** Tara Stinson, Melissa Tomesh, April Habas, Andrea Pearson

**6th - 8th Grade:** Diana Halvorson

### Here We Stand Guides

Tami Alberg, Lisa Fenske, Tara Stinson, Jan Wilking, Annie Antonson, Kara Lundequam, Diana Halvorson, Jennifer Nelson, Sylvia Eby, Greta Lotton, Marcia Pacovsky, Jodi Babineau, Nicole Kohel, Lori Bowman

### Club 9 Mentors

Chad Brueggeman, Cheri Jenkins, Joan Gerland, April Sventek, Katie Pierre, Julie Schaaf, Dawn Schmitz, Lisa Schnoor, Annie Antonson, Renee Larson, Darrel Bliese, Sarah Tomesh, Cindy Jasicki, Missy Hay

Thank you also to Amy Pelle for her commitment and dedication in leading this group!



### High School Youth Selling Kwik Trip Cards

The Bethany youth are still selling Kwik Trip cards. This has been an awesome fundraiser for us! If you are not familiar with the program here is how it works. We purchase the Kwik Trip Gift Cards at 5% off the value of the card. We sell the gift card for the full value and keep the 5% profit. The gift cards are good for gas and all products in the convenience store. We also earn an additional 10% back on all purchases excluding tobacco and alcohol. All profit goes into the High School Convention Fund which is used towards the ELCA Youth Gatherings and summer mission trips. It’s a win-win! You can purchase Kwik Trip cards any time, just contact Angie Buchli or stop in the church office.

## Middle & High School Service Opportunities

**VBS** - Sign-up to be a student guide for VBS on June 12 - 16 from 1:00 - 4:30 p.m.

**French Fry Booth** - Sign-up to work a shift at Bethany's French Fry Booth at the Barron County Fair. Shifts are three hours. This is our largest fund raiser for youth activities. If you are thinking of going to next summer's Youth Gathering, this is a great way to start fund raising. Middle school students earn service points.



## Vacation Bible School

June 12-16, 2017  
1:00 - 4:30 p.m.

Register online at:  
<https://vbspro.events/p/events/bethanyricelakevbs2017>



Through God's blessings and the generosity of donors, Bethany Lutheran Church continues to be able to offer Vacation Bible School free of charge to all participants - both Bethany members and those in the community. Every child in the community should have the opportunity to discover they can conquer challenges with God's mighty power. Maker Fun Factory VBS gives us this opportunity through amazing experiments, games, lip-smacking snacks, surprising Bible adventures, incredible music and making new friends.

However, there is an expense for us to do this. There is an estimated cost of \$25 per participant for Maker Fun Factory VBS. In addition to the materials, supplies and food, this year's cost also includes a t-shirt for all participants. Kids love wearing the t-shirts every day!

How can you help us continue to make this vital children's ministry available to everyone in the community?

- Sponsor one or more children at \$25 each.

- Make a monetary donation in any amount towards Maker Fun Factory VBS.
- Donate food for the Snack Factory (sign up on Volunteer Registration Page at <https://vbspro.events/p/events/bethanyricelakevbs2017>).

Monetary donations can be made online through the donation link or dropped off in the church office any time. Just be sure to let them know it is for VBS.

Check out our Volunteer Information Page for more information on how you can help make Maker Fun Factory VBS a success at Bethany.

Contact Angie Buchli, our Maker Fun Factory VBS Director, if you have any other ideas or questions on how you can help. She can be reached at 715-234-9028 or [abuchli@chibardun.net](mailto:abuchli@chibardun.net).

Thank you for your support!

# Help Wanted!



Bethany's French Fry Booth at the Barron County Fair, July 19-23, can use your help in several ways this year! We are looking for some special people to help oversee the booth:

## Daily Adult Supervisors:

We are looking for adults to be in charge for the day. You would be responsible for opening the booth in the morning, closing it down at night and being the contact person for the day if supplies are needed or a problem arises. We will train you prior to the fair. **Sign up sheet is in the Narthex.**

## Workers:

Workers are needed to staff the booth. We are asking youth in grades 6-12 and adults to please consider signing up to work a 3-hour shift. You can sign up individually or as a family. **At least one person per shift needs to be an adult. Sign up sheets are in the Narthex.**

## Clean-up Crews:

We are looking for a group of 3-5 people (youth and adults) to come in and clean the booth the week before the fair. We also need a group to clean-up and winterize the booth the week after the fair. These are not difficult tasks and should only take a couple of hours. **Sign up sheets are in the Narthex.**

## **THE SHIFTS ARE:**

**10 a.m. - 1 p.m.**

**1 p.m. - 4 p.m.**

**4 p.m. - 7 p.m.**

**7 p.m. - 10 p.m.**

**They need four people per shift and at least one needs to be an adult.**

*This is a great way to give something back to Bethany and help out our youth. The French Fry Booth is the biggest fund raiser for youth activities at Bethany, taking in over \$4,000 each summer. Please consider becoming a part of this ministry.*

# Introducing Flat Jesus!

Summer is almost here! Summer is a time for lots of fun and exciting adventures: camping, travel, vacation, going to the beach, spending time with family and more. This summer at Bethany, we want to introduce everyone to "Flat Jesus." The description of "flat" only extends to the physical cutout of Jesus - he is anything but flat in our lives of faith! We want everyone to stay connected with their faith, church family and to remember that Jesus is with you wherever you go!

Flat Jesus is based on the children's book Flat Stanley, written by Jeff Brown. Flat Stanley is a boy who accidentally gets flattened when a bulletin board falls on him. He discovers that being flat has some great advantages - he can travel to places very easily as he doesn't take up much space! You may have heard of the "Flat Stanley Project" which involved giving children a paper cutout of Flat Stanley and asking them to write about their adventures together or to mail him off to friends and family in other parts of the world...to have them take pictures and write about the adventures of Stanley.



On Sunday, May 21, we handed out Summer Packs to all of our Sunday school families. They are also available in the Narthex for the congregation. The summer pack includes a "Flat Jesus." Because Jesus is always present with you wherever you go, we want you to take him with you this summer - everywhere you go. Take pictures of Flat Jesus on all of your adventures this summer and send us pictures and stories back to Bethany so that everyone can

stay connected and enjoy hearing about one another's adventures.

We hope to receive lots of photos of Flat Jesus from locations near and far. Perhaps you plan to visit the Milk Pail for ice cream or farther away such as Washington DC - take a photo with Flat Jesus, include your name and a comment about where you are and send it to [abuchli@chibardun.net](mailto:abuchli@chibardun.net) or share with us on Facebook. Maybe your summer will include time in the Black Hills of South Dakota or the Grand Canyon - take a photo and send it to us! Take a picture of him doing lots of different things: going out to dinner, having fun at the beach or the mountains, hanging out with friends or cousins or whatever you are doing! It will be an amazing adventure!

You can keep up with all the places Flat Jesus has traveled and all of the things he did this summer on our Bethany Facebook page or on the map in the Narthex.

This visible expression of faith reminds us that Jesus is with us wherever we go! Jesus does not stay in the church between Sundays, but is also with us every day, everywhere we go as we partner with God to do God's work in the world.

If you find yourself without the Flat Jesus cutout, click [here](#) to download another one or you can make one of your own.

It will be so exciting to see where our church family members go this summer! And remember, Jesus is with you ALWAYS! May the peace of Christ be with you everywhere you go this summer!



# Class of 2017



*Martin Adams*



*Tyler August*



*Sydney Babineau*



*Kiera Bever*



*Addison Bowman*



*Zach Buchli*



*Mark Carlsen*



*Ella Ellenson*



*Autumn Fenske*

# Class of 2017



*Daniel Gerland*



*Johanna Hrdlicka*



*Benjamin Jacobson*



*Cody Johnson*



*Megan Marschall*



*Adam Nielsen*



*Molly Panasuk*



*Ryan Pelle*



*Nathan Pulju*

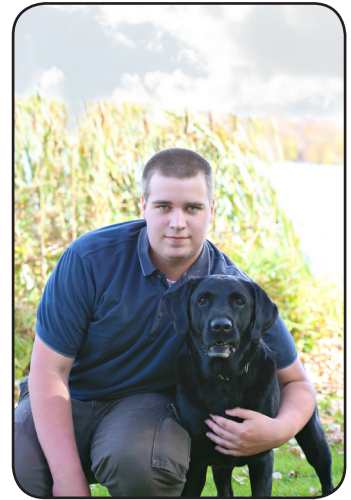
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*Emily Richter*



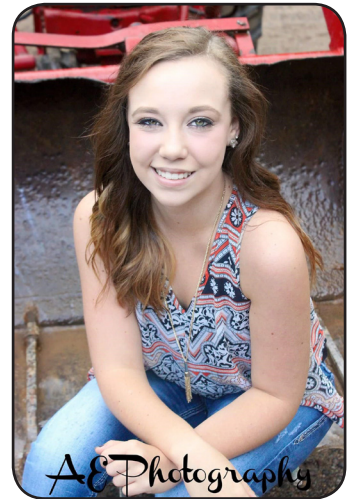
*Steven Sheurer II*



*Bryce Schimming*



*Amanda Stone*



*Emily Wold*