

Bethany Lutheran Church Council Report

1. Reported By: Pastor Ronald T. Glusenkamp
2. Organization: Church Council December 2010 Meeting
3. Date: December 14, 2010
4. Report Purpose and Scope:
 1. Welcome newly elected Council Members
 2. Express gratitude to Council Members who have served
 3. Team building event at LDS Cannery
5. Summary for Council:
 - a. Present draft "high level" calendar of 2011
 - b. BLESSED TO BE A BLESSING
 - c. Borderland Churches
 - d. December Calendar- Christmas Events at Bethany Lutheran Church
 - e. Family Assistance
 - f. Non-Perishable Food items- Christmas Eve
 - g. BE A STAR- January 2nd Food "breakdown" @ 9:00
 - h. www.projectsanctuary.us
 - i. EPIPHANY home blessings
6. Detailed Plans or Next Steps:

1. As per the outreach plan approved at the November 2010 Council meeting. The pastors would like to allocate \$3,000 for a matching gift for Project Sanctuary. Pastor Ruth Ann, Intern Jess, Jack Lindsey, Warren Miller and myself met with the leaders of this 501c3 organisation. We took a leap of faith and "committed" to sponsoring a family (cost \$3,000) if they would/could get another family sponsored by another church.

The following info is from the PROJECT SANCTUARY website.

When a serviceperson is deployed a family goes to war. Statistics published in December 2007 at the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs indicate that 21 military veterans per week commit suicide. RAND Corporation estimates that approximately 300,000 troops deployed are suffering from depression or post-traumatic stress from serving in Iraq and Afghanistan. Effects of deployment on children are even more staggering. Backed by funding from the U.S. Army Medical Research and Material Command, researchers harvested data from the U.S. Army Central Registry of 1,771 families worldwide with at least one instance of child neglect or abuse between September 2001 and December 2004.

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During the deployment period, maltreatment tripled, neglect quadrupled, and physical abuse nearly doubled.

Government statistics indicate that in 2004, 1.1 million children (under the age of 18) were maltreated in enlisted soldiers' families.

Project Sanctuary Is Where Families Reconnect

Our Recreational Therapy and supportive environment offer a constructive and unique way for our nation's heroes to reconnect with loved ones and readjust to life at home. We use diversion therapy techniques through recreation along with classes focused on healthy marriage, finances and parenting. A licensed counselor is available at all times during each retreat.

We Stay in Touch with Families for Two Years

Our retreats help put families on the path to healthy, happy home lives but that is just the first step in a long and difficult journey. That's why we make a commitment to every family to continually offer support, healing and guidance for at least two years.

Since 2007, We've Been Serving the Heroes Who Serve Our Country

Project Sanctuary was founded with the belief that the best way to support our men and women serving in Iraq and Afghanistan is by supporting the whole family. Our recreational therapy breaks through walls and fosters an environment of healing where great memories are born and new support systems are formed.

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A PERFECT GIFT FOR THE KING OF KINGS

Top Ten Most Wanted Pantry Items:

1. Hearty Soup (Meat or Vegetarian)
2. Canned Meat (Tuna, Chili, Chicken or Ham)
3. Canned Cooked Beans (pinto, black, refried)
4. Peanut Butter
5. Canned Mixed Vegetables
6. Canned Fruit
7. Canned Tomatoes
8. Whole grain pasta
9. Pasta Sauce
10. Diapers

Blessed to Be a Blessing

Bethany Lutheran Church 2011

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January 2011	
2	Service of Remembrance
8	Young at Heart
9	Baptism of Our Lord Anniversary of Baptism
9	Sunday School Classes Resume
14	Young at Heart
14	Confirmation Family Night
14-16	Rocky Mountain Synod Middle School Youth Gathering
22	New Member Orientation
23	Commissioning & Recognition of Elected Leaders
30	Reception of New Members

February 2011	
6	Souper Bowl of Caring
11	Young at Heart
13	I ♥ Metro CareRing
13	Lasagna Lovers Dinner & Talent Show
27	Bold Women's Day WELCA

March 2011	
6	Transfiguration Sunday
9	Ash Wednesday
10-12	Lenten Retreat
11	Young at Heart
13	Daylight Savings Time Begins
16	Labyrinth Begins
27	Journey to the Cross- Part 1 of First Communion Instruction

April 2011	
3	First Communion Instruction Part 2
8	Young at Heart
9	New Member Orientation
9	LFS Spring Gala
17	Palm/Passion Sunday (No Sunday School)
17	Pancake Breakfast
21	First Communion Maundy Thursday
22	Good Friday
23	Easter Vigil
24	Easter Sunday (No Sunday School)
29-5/1	Family Retreat

May 2011	
1	Reception of New Members
8	Mother's Day
8	High School Graduation Recognition
13	Young at Heart
12-14	Synod Assembly
15	Ice Cream Social & Carnival
15	Annual Business Meeting
22	Sunday Service Blast
30	Memorial Day

June 2011	
	Summer Worship on Wednesdays Begins
10	Young at Heart
12	Pentecost Sunday
16	Commissioning of Mission Trippers & VBS Leaders
13-17	Vacation Bible School
19	Holy Trinity Father's Day
19-25	Ecuador Mission Trip

July 2011	
1-4	Bethany Family Camping Trip
10-8/7	Intergenerational Sunday School
10-15	Sky Ranch Confirmation Camp
14-17	WELCA Triennial Gathering
16	New Member Orientation
22-24	Lutheran Men in Mission Retreat
24-29	Wyoming Mission Trip
24	Reception of New Members

August 2011	
21	Confirmation Class of 2011 Final Retreat
28	Sunday School Teacher Commissioning & Orientation
28	AAA Training

September 2011	
5	Labor Day
9	Young at Heart
10	9.10.11 for Metro CareRing
10	Back to Church Picnic
11	Rally Sunday/Teacher Brunch
18	Back to Church Sunday
18	Second Wind Walk
25	College Care Package Assembly
30	Confirmation Retreat (overnight)

October 2011	
2	Blessing of the Animals
2	Blessing of Care Packages
8	Evening of Honor Dinner/ Confirmation Rehearsal
8	Affirmation of Baptism/ Confirmation Sunday
12	Case Lecture Al Staggs as Luther
14	Young at Heart
15	New Member Orientation
16	Candlelighting for Mental Health
23	Reception of New Members
30	Reformation Sunday

November 2011	
5	Family Faith Night
6	All Saints Sunday
6	Daylight Savings Ends
11	Young at Heart
13	Consecration Sunday
13	Annual Congregational Meeting
20	Christ the King Sunday
20	Presentation of Bibles to Second Graders
23	Thanksgiving Eve Worship
27	Advent I

December 2011	
2	Chancel Choir Messiah
4	Advent II
4	Advent Fair
9	Young at Heart
11	Advent III
11	Children's Christmas Program (10:30 a.m.)
14	Children's Choirs Christmas
18	Advent IV
24	Outdoor Live Nativity
24	Christmas Eve Worship
25	Christmas Day
1/1/12	Service of Remembrance

