

**2017 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

“The Water of Life” was the theme for Vacation Bible School hosted by Bethany-Elim Lutheran Church in Ivanhoe. Children entering grades Kindergarten through 6th grade were invited from the following congregations: Bethany in Arco, Bethany-Elim in Ivanhoe, St. Dionysius in Tyler, St. Genevieve in Lake Benton, St. John Cantius in Wilno, and Sts. Peter and Paul in Ivanhoe. Sixty-seven campers attended VBS June 12 - 15 from 2:00 - 6:00 p.m. each day. VBS covers many bases. Worship is a time of celebration and praise centered on God’s good news. The message within worship tends to focus on daily Bible time themes. Youth participate during worship by singing, performing skits, hearing Bible stories and praying. Bible Time is an interactive and hands-on time in which youth hear and learn various Bible stories. This time is spent as a small group in a Sunday School room or outside under the shade of a tree. Snack time is an important time of the day when the kids learn a fun table grace and enjoy snacks and down time. The weather cooperated during VBS week so the kids enjoyed lots of outdoor games. During Arts and Crafts, the imaginations of the campers are put to work as they create projects to take home and share with their family. The children went on an outing to Divine Providence Nursing Home on Wednesday afternoon and shared their favorite VBS songs with the residents. Those campers in 5th grade and up, plus the Student Volunteers, plus Shetek Staff, enjoyed two extra evenings of fun. Tuesday night the kids played kickball in the Lincoln Elementary gym. Wednesday night the kids ate supper and enjoyed a splash party at the Ivanhoe Swimming Pool. A Celebration Program was held on Thursday, June 15 at 6pm at Bethany-Elim. The church was packed, the campers sang out loud, the guitar was jamming, hands were busy with actions, and smiles filled the crowd as the VBS crew shared their favorite songs and Bible verses they had learned throughout the week. After the program, a free hot dog supper was provided to all who attended.



# Dates to Remember...

- July 3 & 4**  
Office will be closed
- July 13, 14, & 15**  
Triennial Gathering in Minneapolis
- July 27, 28, & 29**  
Lincoln County Fair (Fairgrounds in Tyler)
- July 30**  
St. Paul’s Ice Cream Social
- August 13**  
No services at Bethany-Elim (we will join with Bethany at 8 am services in Arco)
- September 6**  
6:30 pm start of Wednesday night worship at Bethany Arco. All are welcome to attend.
- September 17**  
Bethany Arco Chicken Dinner
- September 24**  
Bethany-Elim Ivanhoe Service Auction
- October 4**  
Bethany-Elim WELCA Soup & Sandwich Luncheon and Bake Sale
- October 29**  
St. Paul’s Chili Supper
- October 29**  
Confirmation at all Churches

| <b>July 2017</b>               | <b>Bethany Arco</b><br>**8:00am**               | <b>Bethany-Elim Ivanhoe</b><br>**9:30am** | <b>Grace Lake Benton</b><br>**10:30am** | <b>Peace Ruthton</b><br>**8:30am** | <b>St. Paul Minneota</b><br>**11:00am** |
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| Saturday, July 1 <sup>st</sup> |   |   |   |                                    |   |
| Sunday, July 2 <sup>nd</sup>   | 9:30am Community Worship in Ruthton at the Park |   |   |                                    |   |
| Monday, July 3 <sup>rd</sup>   |   |   |   |                                    |   |
| Tuesday, July 4 <sup>th</sup>  | Office Closed                                   |   |   |                                    |   |

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| Wednesday, July 5 <sup>th</sup>   | 10am DPHC Worship<br>7pm Diamond Lake Services lunch to follow                                   |
| Thursday, July 6 <sup>th</sup>    |  |
| Friday, July 7 <sup>th</sup>      | 7am Bethany Bible Study  |
| Saturday, July 8 <sup>th</sup>    |  |
| Sunday, July 9 <sup>th</sup>      |  |
| Monday, July 10 <sup>th</sup>     |  |
| Tuesday, July 11 <sup>th</sup>    |  |
| Wednesday, July 12 <sup>th</sup>  | 10am DPHC Bible Study<br>7pm Diamond Lake Services lunch to follow                               |
| Thursday, July 13 <sup>th</sup>   | 10:30 Service at Sunrise Manor in Tyler  |
| Friday, July 14 <sup>th</sup>     | 7am Bethany Bible Study  |
| Saturday, July 15 <sup>th</sup>   |  |
| Sunday, July 16 <sup>th</sup>     |  |
| Monday, July 17 <sup>th</sup>     | 7pm Bethany Council Meeting  |
| Tuesday, July 18 <sup>th</sup>    |  |
| Wednesday, July 19 <sup>th</sup>  | 10am DPHC Worship<br>7pm Diamond Lake Services lunch to follow                                   |
| Thursday, July 20 <sup>th</sup>   | 2:30 Worship at Minneota Manor   |
| Friday, July 21 <sup>st</sup>     | 7am Bethany Bible Study  |
| Saturday, July 22 <sup>nd</sup>   |  |
| Sunday, July 23 <sup>rd</sup>     |  |
| Monday, July 24 <sup>th</sup>     |  |
| Tuesday, July 25 <sup>th</sup>    |  |
| Wednesday, July 26 <sup>th</sup>  | 10am DPHC Bible Study<br>7pm Diamond Lake Services lunch to follow                               |
| Thursday, July 27 <sup>th</sup>   | 2pm Worship at Hendricks Nursing Home  |
| Friday, July 28 <sup>th</sup>     | 7am Bethany Bible Study  |
| Saturday, July 29 <sup>th</sup>   |  |
| Sunday, July 30 <sup>th</sup>     | St. Paul's Ice Cream Social  |
| Monday, July 31 <sup>st</sup>     |  |
| Tuesday, August 1 <sup>st</sup>   |  |
| Wednesday, August 2 <sup>nd</sup> | 10am DPHC Worship<br>** Last service for the summer ** 7pm Diamond Lake Services lunch to follow |
| Thursday, August 3 <sup>rd</sup>  |  |
| Friday, August 4 <sup>th</sup>    | 7am Bethany Bible Study  |
| Saturday, August 5 <sup>th</sup>  |  |
| Sunday, August 6 <sup>th</sup>    | 2:30 Worship at Sunrise Manor in Tyler   |