

# Save the Date Events Mark Your Calendar

**April 27**  
Last Wednesday of Church School at Bethany

**May 5**  
9:30am Ascension Day Brunch at Hope Lutheran

**May 6**  
11:00am-1:00pm Relay for Life  
Fundraiser - Forever Jen Team at B.E.

**May 12**  
1:30pm WELCA at Bethany, B.E. guests

**May 17**  
7:30pm Bethany Council

**May 26**  
9:00am Women's Bible Study at Luella Madsen's

**May 15**  
Graduate Sunday at Bethany

**June 5th**  
10:30am Service at Diamond Lake for ALL

**June 17th-18th**  
SWMN Synod WELCA @ Wilmar

**June 19th**  
Only Service for Grace will be at  
Opera House 8:30am

**June 25th**  
Shetek Quilt Auction

**July 23rd**  
First Communion Training

**July 24th**  
2-5pm FAREWELL SERVICE FOR PASTOR STEVE  
at Bethany-Elim


**July 27th**  
7pm RYAN'S FAREWELL at Diamond Lake Worship

**July 31st**  
Ice Cream Social at St. Paul

**August 14th**  
No Church Service at Bethany-Elim will be held  
with Bethany in Arco

**September 11th**  
Rally Day in all Churches

**October 30th**  
5:30pm Chili Supper at St. Paul

May 2016	Bethany Lutheran	Bethany-Elm Lutheran	Grace Lutheran	Peace Lutheran	St. Paul Lutheran
	Sunday Worship 8:30am	Sunday Worship 10:30am	Sunday Worship 8:30am	Sunday Worship 10:30am	Sunday Worship 8:30am
Sunday, May 1	10:30am Confirmation Service at Bethany-Elm for Kim Bloch, Kody Gifford, Molly Krog				
Monday, May 2					
Tuesday, May 3					
Wednesday, May 4	9am Bible Study at DPHC 10am Chapel at DPHC 1:30pm GLCW 5pm TFA at Hope 7pm TFA Bethany				
Thursday, May 5	Ascension Day Brunch @ Hope in Minneota				
Friday, May 6	7am Bible Study Bethany				
Saturday, May 7	6pm New Member Welcome at Bethany				
Sunday, May 8	MOTHERS DAY Bethany-Elm honors our Graduate River Lawson				
Monday, May 9	5pm Council meeting Bethany-Elm				
Tuesday, May 10	7pm Personnel Committee Meeting at Bethany-Elm				
Wednesday, May 11	9am Bible Study DPHC 7pm TFA at Bethany				
Thursday, May 12	10am Sunrise Devotions and Communion Tyler 1:30 WELCA for Bethany & Bethany-Elm at Bethany				
Friday, May 13	7am Bible Study at Bethany				
Saturday, May 14					
Sunday, May 15	9:45am Grace Council meeting 2:30pm Worship Service at Sunrise Manor Tyler				
Monday, May 16					
Tuesday, May 17	1:30 Rebecca Circle/ Bethany-Elm 7:30pm Bethany Council Meeting				
Wednesday, May 18	9am Bible Study at DPHC 10am Chapel at DPHC 7pm TFA at Bethany - Last for the year				
Thursday, May 19	2:30pm Minneota Manor Worship				
Friday, May 20	7am Bible Study at Bethany				
Saturday, May 21	2pm Graduation Ceremony at Minneota and RTR				
Sunday, May 22					
Monday, May 23					
Tuesday, May 24					
Wednesday, May 25	9am DPHC Bible Study 6pm Home Communion Training Bethany				
Thursday, May 26					
Friday, May 27	7am Bethany Bible Study				
Saturday, May 28					
Sunday, May 29					
Monday, May 30	Memorial Day				
Tuesday, May 31					
Wednesday, June 1	9am Bible Study at DPHC 10am Chapel at DPHC 1:30 GLCW				
Thursday, June 2					
Friday, June 3	7am Bethany Bible Study				
Saturday, June 4	1pm New Member Welcome				
Sunday, June 5	10:30 Parish Picnic at Diamond Lake ONLY SERVICE FOR THE DAY 5:30 VBS at Grace				

## VBS DATES

**June 5 - 9**  
Grace in Lake Benton

**June 6 - 9**  
Hope in Minneota

**June 13 - 16**  
Wilno for Bethany & Bethany-Elm



## Service Retreat

Service Retreat for Kids entering 8th grade in the fall to those who graduate this spring.

When: June 26 - 29

Where: Minneapolis

Call WOTP Office 507-694-1238 to reserve your spot!

## Diamond Lake Services

All Wednesday night Diamond Lake Services start at 7pm  
Bring lawn chairs, blankets, bug spray and sunscreen.

Enjoy a light lunch afterwards provided to you.

This summer's study will be on  
The Days of Creation and New Creation

June 22nd      July 13th      August 3rd  
June 29th      July 20th  
July 6th      July 27th

## First Communion Training to be held in July

**SAVE THE DATE!!!!** - July 23 - Any parent of a student going into the 5th grade and older is invited join their child to attend a day retreat at Bethany in Arco to prepare youth for joining their families at the Table of the Lord for the Sacrament of the Altar. We will learn about baking unleavened bread, the sacrifices of the ancient Israelites that precede our Lord's Supper, the festival of the Passover and the institution of the Sacrament on Maundy Thursday. Traveling to an area vineyard and sheep ranch, we will learn about the raising of grapes and the care and feeding of sheep. Learning will be FUN!



## WOTP Council Update

- We are currently working to put in place an interim Pastor (Not permanent, but meant to fill the void for Pastor Julie) these are typically 6 month assignments.
- We have also put in place supply Pastors. (To do Pulpit fills when needed) Pastor Gene did pulpit fills for us in the past. He now has an interim Pastor position.

This is how we are assuring full Pastoral support throughout the year and until we have a new full time Lead Pastor.

- Pastor Steve is also putting together training for lay people from each congregation to assure Home Visits and communion for those in need. This is a priority for us and assures no one is without support.

Jerid Johnson WOTP Council President

## Parish Worship & Picnic - June 5th



Winds of the prairie congregations will not be holding worship on June 5th at their congregations. Instead, we will be gathering at the Diamond Lake Chapel for a parish worship and picnic. Worship will begin at 10:30 am outside the chapel (inside in case of inclement weather). A pot-luck dinner will follow worship, after which there will be games for all ages!

We also will be recognizing our Home Communion Assistants and our VBS leaders during the worship. June 5th kicks off our Vacation Bible school season, with the Lake Benton/Ruthton VBS beginning in the evening and Minneota's beginning the next morning. Ivanhoe/Arco VBS will be held the following week at the St. John Cantius Catholic Church in Wilno. Families are encouraged to attend the worship and picnic as the leaders of VBS are recognized in prayer.