

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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SPRING FUNDRAISER WALK IN SALE

May 1 - June 15th at Dean's Greenhouse in Westlake

It's time to start thinking spring! Dean's Greenhouse, 3984 Porter Road, Westlake, will be offering a Walk-in Fundraiser this summer. Shop at Dean's for all your spring and summer gardening supplies; flowers, vegetables, pots, mulch, soil, decorative items. Just mention Bethesda on the Bay Lutheran Church at check out, and 30% of your order total will come back to support the Youth Ministries of Bethesda. Shop any time between May 1st and June 15th!

PROJECT ISAIAH 43 Bethesda hosting our synod friends!

SUNDAY, MAY 5, 2:00 PM

Project Isaiah 43 events are occurring throughout the Northeastern Ohio Synod and include a brief presentation time but will be heavily focused on conversations as we think together about the future of Lutheran Christianity. Each congregation is invited to send at least four people who may or may not include a rostered staff person - in fact, we are especially desiring the insights of congregation members! Bethesda is hosting an event on Sunday, May 5 at 2pm. If you can attend on behalf of Bethesda or if you can help with hospitality needs for that day, please contact Pastor.

LORAIN COOPERATIVE MINISTRY FUNDRAISER

Explore your community. Love your neighbor. Lorain Cooperative Ministry is holding a Spring Destination Raffle on May 5th at Christ Lutheran Church. Check out our great prize packages. Tickets are 1 for \$5 or 5 for \$20. All money raised will support our programs. Tickets are available online on the website loraincoopministry.com, or after worship April 21 and 28. Contact Michele Gillum at michelegillum@gmail.com or 440-864-4156 with questions. You do not need to be present to win.

WOMEN'S MISSION GROUP

The Women's Mission Group would like to invite the women of the congregation to our next meeting scheduled for Monday, May 13 at 7pm. We will gather in the lounge for fellowship and project planning. This is a wonderful opportunity to gather and learn more about your fellow sisters in Christ at Bethesda.

PEANUT BUTTER COLLECTION

Redeemer Crisis Center is in immediate need of jars of peanut butter. This is a weekly staple for families in need and the prices at the food bank have become very high. A collection bin will be in the narthex through May 12th. Thank you in advance for donating.

GRADUATE RECOGNITION

This year we would like to continue the Bethesda tradition of recognizing all graduates in the display near the welcome desk outside the sanctuary. If you have a high school or college graduate, or a graduate of a vocational or certification program and would like to be featured in the showcase, please email the following information to Deacon Marla at deaconessmarla@gmail.com:

- Name
- Where graduating from
- Degree, if applicable
- Future plans
- Any special honors they would like highlighted
- A current photo. 5x7 is preferred but we will use whatever they provide. Photo

does not have to be a professional photo and it can be mailed or dropped at church, or emailed. Please note emailed photos will be printed from church copy machine so will not be photo grade.

The display will begin in late May or early June, so please submit graduate information as soon as possible. Thank you! We hold in prayer all who are in these last days of Spring classes and finals!

BEATITUDES EXPLORATION

Join a small group to explore the Beatitudes, or Jesus's Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5-7), which Luther once said creates an impossible standard though he later found good things to say. The program consists of six sessions which will take place May 12, May 19, June 2, June 9, June 16, and June 23 from 11:15 am to 12:15 pm. No session on May 26.

Each session lasts one hour and consists of viewing a video segment and discussing it. No homework, no quizzes and no attendance taken! The program gathers together scholars, activists and theologians, several of whom have written books about the Beatitudes. The content should provoke thought and discussion. Mark & Mary Beth Larsen will facilitate.

FIRST MUSIC CONCERT

At First Lutheran Church, Lorain, on April 28 at 3 pm

Acclaimed pianist Peter Takacs performs the eight Impromptus by Schubert. Admission is free.

LUTHERAN WIND ENSEMBLE CONCERT

At Jochum Center at Lutheran West High School, Rocky River, April 28 at 2 pm

Lutheran Wind Ensemble presents "Marching to the Stars." Tickets are \$10 and proceeds benefit instrumental music in Lutheran schools. For more information, email lutheranwinds@gmail.com.

WESTSHORE CHORALE & ORCHESTRA CONCERT

Avon Lake High School Performing Arts Center, 175 Avon Belden Road, May 5th at 7:30 pm
Two revered Classical Masterpieces: Hayden's Theresa Mass and Vivaldi's Gloria, will be performed. Tickets are available online at www.westshorechorale.org or at the door. Cost is \$20 for adults. Students are free. Handicap accessible.