



Bethany Free Lutheran Church
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Being a Difference Maker

I remember growing up how impactful various people were in my life. Few people impacted me more than my Boy Scout leader Ed Haunn. Mr. Haunn was a giant of a man in many ways. Myself and some other Boy Scouts used to joke around about his "Popeye" forearms, they were immense. I remember watching him pick up a dead tree and carry it to our campsite by himself on his shoulder. When I tried to lift it to move it I could barely move it with the help of another boy, let alone carry it. He was also immense in his soft spoken personality. I and other boy leaders would sometimes meet at his house to plan camping trips, talk about life, and just spend time with him. Whenever we in leadership went to our summer camp early to help set up he would always take us to a special diner that served hamburgers the size of small children, and homemade pies that rivaled some of the ladies in our congregation. I remember when I became an Eagle Scout he had tears of joy in his eyes. He was a man that cared about me, and that was obvious.

As our culture becomes increasingly more hostile to Christian young people, now more than ever we need positive Christian role models like Ed Haunn who care enough about the youth to get involved in their lives. Our congregation has men and women in it that have a rich faith in God, and much experience in life. What would happen if only a quarter of the adults in our congregation got serious in wanting to be a difference maker in at least one youth's life? What would happen to children and young adults if monthly or even weekly a young person would be invited over for a

piece of pie and some conversation?

One result would be less of a divide between the age groups. Training and equipping of the next generation would take place, real discipleship! I think it is next to impossible to disciple or train up a person in the faith, when there isn't any personal connection. Authentic discipleship doesn't take place in a vacuum. There would also be a passing on of valuable experience in matters of faith, life, and personal living. I am a firm believer in learning from other's experiences, both mistakes and successes.

So I ask you. What is keeping you from spending time with a youth or two from the church or your neighborhood? I have asked youth multiple times in the past if they would like to spend meaningful time with another adult, I have never had a youth say no, they didn't want that. Now more than ever we need adults helping youth navigate their lives. Are you willing to invest some of your time and energy? Perhaps you are willing to be a difference maker? Will you be an Ed Haunn to a youth? If you are interested or want to find out how to help please contact me, and I will help you get started. The next generation is depending on us!

Pastor Rich Carr



Worship With Us

8:45 A.M. Glad Tidings Radio 1370 A.M.

9:30 A.M. Sunday School

11:00 A.M. Worship Services

New Live Stream

We live stream our 11:00 A.M. Sunday worship services on Subsplash. You can download the Subsplash app.. Not only does it give you just the current service but you can find the full library of past services that have been live streamed and search a particular service based on the topic of the sermon. The app also has a weekly Bible reading amongst other things. This is a great app for a cellphone which allows you to quickly connect but you are also able to chat and message in it. If you still prefer Facebook we are still there. Sunday sermons are also posted on the same day on our YouTube channel. You can find links to all of these on our website at www.bethanyfree.com



Men's Prayer Breakfast

Will be March 2, 8:00 A.M. Cooking starts around 7:15 A.M. if you would like to help. We would love to have more men join us.

Deacons & Trustees Meeting

March 5th at 5:30 P.M

Bethany Sewing Ministry

March 7,21 & 28 at 10:00 A.M. All sewing skills are welcome. A lunch is provided. We work on quilts that are mostly sent to the AFLC Alaska Missions in Naknek, AK



Brown Bag Ministry

Every Tuesday, 1:30 P.M. Weekly our Brown Bag Ministry prepares brown bag lunches that are distributed in the community, we are always grateful for any volunteers.

Prayer & Praise Band

Prayer & Praise Service will be held on a different Sunday evening for March. This month Pastor Nate Jore will be here to share stories from the mission field during the service. The service will be Sunday evening March 10, at 5pm

Spring Cleaning

We will be sprucing up Bethany with a cleaning day. March 16th at 10am. A job is available for all!



WMF Meeting

Women's Missionary Federation will be meeting March 14, at 11 A.M. All Ladies Welcome! Bring your sack lunch. a dessert is provided.



Women's Bible Study

Brenda Carr is hosting a women's Bible study and fellowship time on the 4th Tuesday of every month. It will be March 26th at 7pm at the Carr's home. All women are welcome.

Lenten Services

Wednesday evening bread & soup at 6pm and service to follow at 7pm. March 6,13 & 20th.

Easter Season

- Palm Sunday March 24th
- Maundy Thursday March 28th will be a potluck at 6pm with a informal communion service at the tables after the meal
- Good Friday March 29th service at 7pm
- Easter Sunday March 31st with breakfast at 9am,
- Easter craft at 9:30am,
- Easter Worship Service at 11am

Alaska Tote

We will be filling a tote to go to The Net, again this year in May. The Net is an internet coffee house in Naknek, AK. The coffee house is a place where people can come and have free coffee, treats and hear about the free gift of salvation. More information about The Net can be found on the AFLC Home Missions site.

<https://aflchomemissions.org/alaska/the-net-cafe/>

A registry on Amazon for ideas on things they need can be found here also. Examples –cookies mixes, premade frosting, canisters of hot chocolate & coffee, paper cups, paper supplies, cleaning supplies, shelf stable milk, powdered creamer.

WMF Spring Rally

The Pacific Northwest District rally will be Saturday, April 13th at Triumph Lutheran Church in Ferndale, Washington. If you are interested in going check the bulletin board at church for more information.

Young Life

Will be having a dinner and bake sale Sunday, March 17th at 5:30 P.M. here at Bethany. All proceeds will be used to help send kids to camp to learn about Jesus. Come and help support the good work of the Young Life organization.

