

## A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR

o you remember the way we used to celebrate Valentine's Day in grade school? Every student would decorate a shoe box to receive valentines and bring it to school. On Valentine's Day, each student would bring valentines for all the other students and put them in their boxes. Then we would open them to see what we received. The good ones had candy attached to them and the scary ones had words like 'love' on them. If a girl gave you a valentine with the word 'love' on it, you made sure not to make any eye contact with her for the next year. For a grade school boy the word love was interpreted as run for your life! got over this fear of love from a girl and am happily married to the woman I love. This reminds me of the great love God has for us and the invitation he has sent us to receive his love. We have nothing to fear about this love God has for us and everything to gain. This kind of love is not the kind we run from but the kind that we should run to. God's love draws us to himself and as we come to him we experience his great blessings. My hope is that you have heard this wonderful declaration from God that you are loved. Receive it, enjoy it, live it, and share it. "How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are!" (I John 3:1)

Straight Ahead!

Pastor Doug

## **Church Events**

- Feb. 3 Lunch Bunch
- Feb. 6 Family Ski Night
- Feb. 8 Membership Class
- Feb. 14 Church Elections; House of Prayer
- Feb. 15 Presidents' DayOffice Closed
- Feb. 16 50-UP
- Feb. 17 Board Meeting
- Feb. 23 New Ladies' Bible Study Starts again
- Feb. 28 Missions Council Meeting

# Look what's happening...

<u>Single Again Lunch Bunch</u> We will meet in the Fellowship Hall on <u>Feb. 3rd at</u> 1:30pm. Bring a sack lunch. Call Bertie @ 208-800-7541 if you have any questions.

**50-UP Feb. 16th @ 5:45pm -** Entertainment this month will be provided by Dave and Pam Mangum. The meal will be provided by the council this month! Please sign-up at the Welcome Desk so that we can plan to have enough food.

#### Next Ladies Bible Study - Tuesday, Feb. 23rd @ 9:30am

"Finding I Am" by Lisa Terkeurst. Books will be available for \$15. Please sign-up at the Welcome Desk if you would like a book and if you need childcare. This study is led by Tammy Wightman.

Nadine Ferring will also continue a study in Ephesians. Please bring your Bible and a pencil; worksheets will be provided.

\*\*Save the Date! - The next Ladies' Fellowship Night will be March 1st @ 7pm.\*\*

Membership Class - Monday, Feb. 8th @ 7pm - Are you interested in joining the membership of Bethel or learning more about the Church of the Nazarene? Please let Pastor Doug know that you would like to attend the class.

Bethel Family Ski Night - Saturday, Feb. 6th @ 3pm - Join us up at Bogus Basin for a fun day of skiing! All costs and equipment needs are your responsibility. Purchase your lift tickets at www.BogusBasin.org. Quantities are limited so they must be purchased by 2/3. Contact Markus Holloway @ 208-250-2421 if you have questions and to find the meeting location.

House of Prayer

Sunday

Feb. 14 @ 6pm

Join us as we pray for
our church, our
community, our nation
and our world.

"I will answer them
before they even call to
me. While they are still
talking about their
needs, I will go ahead
and answer their
prayers!"
Jsaiah 65:24

## **Church Elections**

#### Sunday morning, February 14th

Plan now to help us elect our church leaders for the next church year. All members age 15 and older are encouraged to vote. If you are unsure if you are a member of Bethel, feel free to call the church office. A sample ballot will be available Sunday, February 7th.

### Alternative Election Procedure

If you are unable to be <u>IN</u> church Sunday morning, you may request that a ballot be mailed to you the week before elections. You <u>must</u> return the ballot Sunday morning, <u>February 14</u>, between 12:30pm-1:30pm.

Pastor Josh will be collecting these ballots at the front doors. This will provide a voting method with minimal contact. You <u>must</u> request your mailed ballot from the office by Feb. 7 in order to vote this way. Call the office if you have any questions (208-466-6344).

