



Sunday, November 15, 2020 . . . 9:30am

Welcome

A special welcome to those new to worshipping with us—we're glad the spirit has called you here! **Bethesda Lutheran Church is live streaming church services on Facebook during this time of the COVID-19 Pandemic.** If you don't already have a church home and would like to join ours, please call the office at 515-232-6256 and we'll connect you to one of the Pastors, and make it easy.

OUR MISSION IN SUCH A TIME AS THIS

GATHER in due time
GROW in the meantime
GO with God ALL the time

GROW IN GOD'S WORD

November 22 . . . Matthew 25:31-46



LIVESTREAMING WORSHIP SCHEDULE

You can now view our livestream worship service right on our website homepage! Just go to www.bethesdaames.org, and click on the banner that says "Livestream - Click here Sunday at 9:30 am". Our Facebook page will also host the Livestreams—facebook.com/BethesdaAmes/—just "Like" our Facebook page and you will receive notification that the stream is starting. *And* the video will be hosted on our YouTube channel after the livestream— tinyurl.com/y22d7om2.

We're still in touch. Call our church office with any needs, prayer requests, or to talk to a familiar voice. We're still sending out our Friday *Living Current* email blast; let us know if you'd like to be added to the list! You can keep up with us on our website and Facebook page too.

Finally, and most importantly, for today and all days, God is still with us. Do not be frightened. Or dismayed. Be strong. Be courageous. For the Lord your God is with you, wherever you go.

GATHERING

PRELUDE: “Holy Manna” (J. Leavitt)

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Sing to the Lord a new song,

Sing to the Lord, all the earth.

Sing to the Lord and bless the Lord’s name;

Proclaim the good news of salvation from day to day,

Declare the Lord’s glory among the nations

And the Lord’s wonders among all people.

SONG: *All Who Hunger*

MORNING PRAYER

We give thanks to you, heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ your dear Son, that you have protected us through the night from all harm and danger. We ask that you would also protect us today from sin and all evil, so that our life and actions may please you. Into your hands we commend ourselves: our bodies, our souls, and all that is ours. Let your holy angels be with us, so that the wicked foe may have no power over us. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHILDRENS’ MESSAGE

WORD

FIRST READING: Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18

⁷Be silent before the Lord GOD!

For the day of the LORD is at hand;
the LORD has prepared a sacrifice,
he has consecrated his guests.

¹²At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps,
and I will punish the people
who rest complacently on their dregs,
those who say in their hearts,
“The LORD will not do good,
nor will he do harm.”

¹³Their wealth shall be plundered,
and their houses laid waste.

Though they build houses,
they shall not inhabit them;
though they plant vineyards,
they shall not drink wine from them.

¹⁴The great day of the LORD is near,
near and hastening fast;
the sound of the day of the LORD is bitter,
the warrior cries aloud there.

¹⁵That day will be a day of wrath,
a day of distress and anguish,
a day of ruin and devastation,
a day of darkness and gloom,

a day of clouds and thick darkness,
¹⁶a day of trumpet blast and battle cry
 against the fortified cities
 and against the lofty battlements.
¹⁷I will bring such distress upon people
 that they shall walk like the blind;
 because they have sinned against the LORD,
 their blood shall be poured out like dust,
 and their flesh like dung.
¹⁸Neither their silver nor their gold
 will be able to save them
 on the day of the LORD's wrath;
 in the fire of his passion
 the whole earth shall be consumed;
 for a full, a terrible end
 he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL: Matthew 25:14-30

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹⁴“For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; ¹⁵to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. ¹⁶The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. ¹⁷In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. ¹⁸But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. ¹⁹After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. ²⁰Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.’ ²¹His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’ ²²And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.’ ²³His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’ ²⁴Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, ‘Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; ²⁵so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.’ ²⁶But his master replied, ‘You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? ²⁷Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. ²⁸So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. ²⁹For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. ³⁰As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ ”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

PRAYERS

SONG: *All Who Gather (reprise)*

4 **PEACE & OFFERING:** *Text three of your friends or family!*

Please visit <https://tinyurl.com/t4x6vz6>
or scan the QR code at right, with your smart phone or other device,
to go directly to Bethesda's secure giving page.

OFFERTORY: "“Holy Manna” (R. Powell)

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

God of all goodness, generations have turned to you, gathered around your table, and shared your abundant blessings. Number us among them that, as we gather these gifts from your abundance, and give thanks for your rich blessings, we may feast upon your very self and care for all that you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and Servant.

Amen.



MEAL

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins**

**as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come to the banquet, for all is now ready.
Thanks be to God.

BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace.
Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Lord Jesus, in this simple meal you have set a banquet. Sustain us on the journey, strengthen us to care for the least of your beloved children, and give us glad and generous hearts as we meet you on the way. Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING

May the God of all creation, in whose image we are made, who claims us and calls us beloved, who strengthens us for service, give you reason to rejoice and be glad!

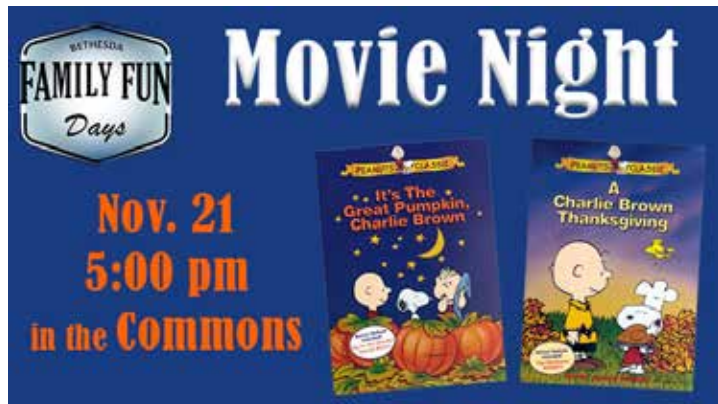
The blessing of God, Sovereign, † Savior, and Spirit, be with you today and always.
Amen.

DISMISSAL

Beloved of God, go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Bethesda Opportunities

Join us in the Commons (limited seating—12 families at 12 tables) for a double-feature of Peanuts films! “It’s the Great Pumpkin Charlie Brown” and “A Charlie Brown Thanksgiving.” We will provide bottled water and individually packaged “Snoopy Feasts” for all attendees!



Sign up today!

<https://tinyurl.com/yyjunsq9>

Reconciling in Christ Task Force

Your input needed!



The Reconciling in Christ task force recently drafted an expanded Welcoming statement, which was then reviewed, and approved, by our Church Council. We now ask you to consider if the time is right for Bethesda to adopt the statement, possibly during our January semi-annual meeting. If you would, please take this brief (1 minute!) survey to review a draft of our new Welcoming Statement, which can be accessed at www.surveymonkey.com/r/DCK6JKJ, or by scanning this QR code with your smart device. You may also wish to view the Temple Talk given by Task Force Chair, Larry Otteman:



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SpiritWear Retail Deadline Extended

We need eight more 1/4-Zip shirts to reach our minimum order. *What a PERFECT Christmas gift!!* So, we’re keeping the ordering open for a bit longer. **PLACE YOUR ORDERS NOW**—the order form is on page 7 in this bulletin.

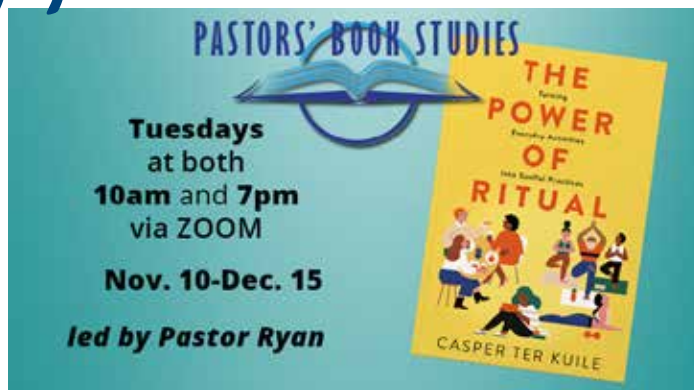


PRAYER AT BETHESDA

GRIEVING: The family of Janice “Jan” Walter, who died at Green Hills Memory Care Center on November 5

HEALING: Gloria Egertson; April Lawson; Bill Marion; Jerry Mortensen; Sabine Troster Pierick

SERVING OUR NATION: Colonel Mark Kappelmann, (D.C.), son of Glenn & Mary Kappelmann
Kristin Murray, Diplomat (US Embassy, Rabat, Morocco), daughter of Russ & Jan Melby



There is still time to sign up!

<https://tinyurl.com/y33wpv4m>

Bethesda Leadership Needs You

Bethesda is looking for candidates to serve as Council Officers and Board Chairs. **Currently, we have openings for President-elect, and Council Members.** If you are interested in making a difference, and sharing our mission and His Word . . . please consider serving. Contact Ron Morgan at ronald.morgan.dvm@gmail.com.

Bethesda’s Bountiful Pie Exchange

In lieu of gathering for our annual Pie Social, we’ve got an alternately perfect pie plan! **Drop-off/Pick-up Day is Monday, Nov. 23.** Drive-up to the circle between 8-10:00 am and DROP OFF your home baked pie(s). Please use a disposable pie pan, and include your recipe (or at least a list of any allergen ingredients). We’ll give you a numbered ticket. Then, between 4-6:00 pm drive-up with your ticket, and we’ll present you with another Bethesda-baked pie!



Sign up today!

<https://tinyurl.com/y5rz9l3l>



Mens - 4980



Ladies - SL04



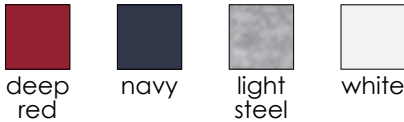
Mens - K584



Ladies - LK584

- Hanes® - Nano-T® Cotton T-Shirt
- 100% ring spun cotton

Adult Sizes: **S-XL** \$17.00 **2X** \$22.00



- Port Authority® Silk Touch™ Performance 1/4-Zip
- 100% polyester double knit with PosiCharge technology

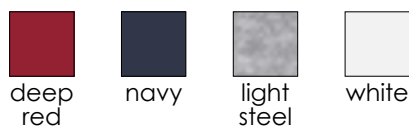
Adult Sizes: **XS-XL** \$38.00 **2X-4X** \$43.00



Youth - 5450

- Hanes® - Youth Tagless® 100% Cotton T-Shirt

Youth Sizes: **XS-XL** \$11.00



Deadline extended! We need at least 8 more 1/4-zip shirts to meet the minimum order. See next page for all the ways to order!

Great Christmas Gift Idea!



Sticker

- Window Clings/Stickers
- 4" Diameter

\$5.50 each

Bethesda Lutheran

Order Form

ORDER ONLINE T O D A Y!

https://heuss.presencehost.net/customer_portal/

Username: Bethesda

Password: Bethesda1



Apparel Order Form for _____

Item Number	Color	Size	Quantity	Price	Total Cost
				Total	

Credit Card Info

Card Holder Name: _____

Card # _____ Exp Date _____ CVC _____

Billing Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

AVENUE OF FLAGS



SHOW YOUR PRIDE! SUBSCRIBE TO HAVE A U.S. FLAG DISPLAYED AT YOUR HOME OR GIVE AS A GIFT TO A FRIEND.

The flags are set by Ames Optimist Club members at dawn and taken down at dusk on these five holidays: **MEMORIAL DAY, FLAG DAY, INDEPENDENCE DAY, LABOR DAY & VETERANS DAY.**

Subject to change and weather permitting. Lightning or snow cover may cause delay or cancellation of delivery.

The 3X5 nylon flag is flown from a 10' pole and placed in a permanent grommet set in your yard. The grommet is set low and will not interfere with mowing or other activity. Poles and flags are club property and are stored and maintained by the club.

Sign up with neighbors & show your pride throughout your neighborhood. You can also purchase a subscription as a gift for family or friends. A one year subscription is only \$40.

*Proceeds help the Ames Optimist Club support Ames' Youth & Families.
AND the Bethesda Community Food Pantry!*

Kelli Excell 515-451-6876

Mark Feilmann 641-485-1040



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Name: _____

Home Address: _____

Phone: _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

E-Mail: _____

Is this a gift subscription? Gift recipient name: _____

Gift recipient home address: _____

Mail this Subscription/Renewal form and payment to:

Ames Optimist Club - Avenue of Flags
312 Westbrook Lane
Ames, Iowa 50014

Please make check payable to "Ames Optimist Club"

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**Livestream
 Worship Schedule**
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