



Sunday, January 17, 2021 . . . 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

January 24 . . . Mark 1:14-20



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: “Come, Now is the Time to Worship” (L. Shackley)

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Our souls magnify the Lord,

And our spirits rejoice in God our Savior,

For he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servants,

Surely, from now on all generations will call us blessed;

For the Mighty One has done great things for us,

And holy is his name.

SONG: *All Who Hunger*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ, most merciful redeemer, for the countless blessings and benefits you give. May we know you more clearly, love you more dearly, and follow you more nearly, day by day praising you, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHILDRENS' MESSAGE

WORD

FIRST READING: 1 Samuel 3:1-10

¹Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the LORD under Eli. The word of the LORD was rare in those days; visions were not widespread.

²At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; ³the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was. ⁴Then the LORD called, “Samuel! Samuel!” and he said, “Here I am!” ⁵and ran to Eli, and said, “Here I am, for you called me.” But he said, “I did not call; lie down again.” So he went and lay down. ⁶The LORD called again, “Samuel!” Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, “Here I am, for you called me.” But he said, “I did not call, my son; lie down again.” ⁷Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, and the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him. ⁸The LORD called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, “Here I am, for you called me.” Then Eli perceived that the LORD was calling the boy. ⁹Therefore Eli said to Samuel, “Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, ‘Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening.’” So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

¹⁰Now the LORD came and stood there, calling as before, “Samuel! Samuel!” And Samuel said, “Speak, for your servant is listening.”

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL: John 1:43-51

The holy gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

⁴³The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." ⁴⁴Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. ⁴⁵Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth." ⁴⁶Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." ⁴⁷When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, "Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!" ⁴⁸Nathanael asked him, "Where did you get to know me?" Jesus answered, "I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you." ⁴⁹Nathanael replied, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" ⁵⁰Jesus answered, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these." ⁵¹And he said to him, "Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN: *All Who Gather (reprise)*

PRAYERS

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: "Here I Am, Lord" (J. Schrader)

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

O God, receive these gifts as you receive us: like a mother receives her child, with arms open wide. Nourish us anew in your tender care, and empower us in faithful service to tend to others with this same love, through Jesus Christ, our saving grace.

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

Christ Jesus, at this table we have feasted on your very life and are strengthened for our journey. Send us forth from this banquet nourished in body and in spirit to proclaim your good news and serve others in your name. Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING

God the creator strengthen you; Jesus the beloved fill you; and the Holy Spirit the comforter ✠ keep you in peace.

Amen.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Be the light of Christ

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Bethesda Opportunities



For details and to Sign-up, visit <https://tinyurl.com/y534tf93>

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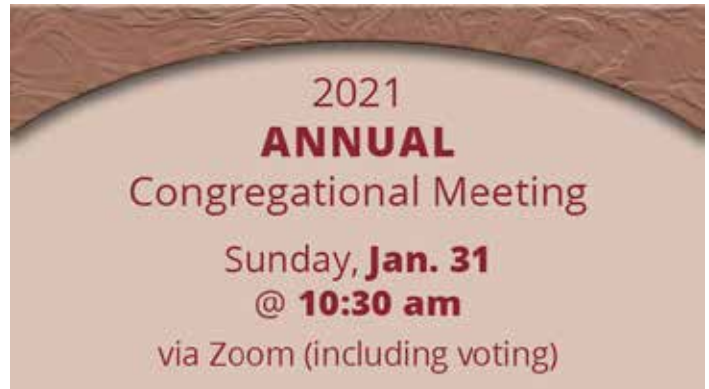


MLK Day of Service

“Make it a day on, not a day off”

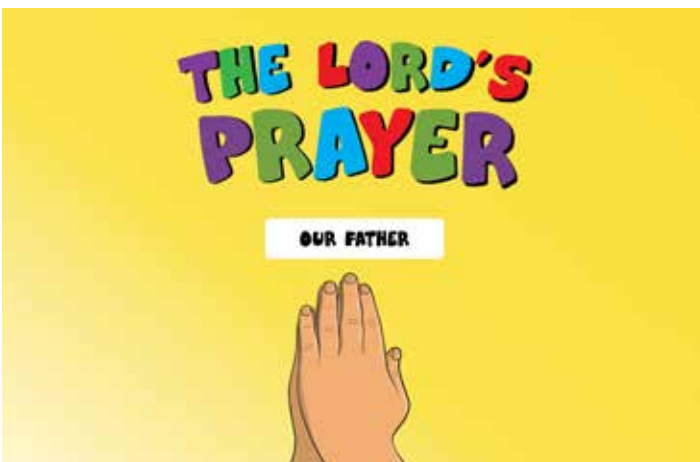
Uniting in service (virtually and in-person) for a celebration to honor the life and legacy of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Visit www.vcstory.org/mlk-day to see the different opportunities and sign-up options for Monday, Jan. 18. You can sign-up individually or as a group.



AMOS Leaders Retreat via Zoom

Join A Mid-Iowa Organizing Strategy (AMOS) Saturday, **January 23 from 9:00-3:00** on Zoom! This is an opportunity to reflect on what we’ve learned as public people during this year of pandemic organizing, build and deepen relationships across the organization, and strategize about the direction of AMOS in 2021. All AMOS leaders and anyone interested in community leadership training are invited to attend! Visit <https://tinyurl.com/y3z8ef73> for more details and to register.



Splash Sunday School continues our study of the Lord’s Prayer! Find the Zoom link in Friday’s *Living Current* Enewsletter

PRAYER AT BETHESDA

GRIEVING: Roger Roland and Martha Widen & family on the death of their aunt, Irene Sears, on January 6

HEALING: Dolores Byriel; Gloria Egertson; April Lawson; Bill Marion; 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

Bethesda Lutheran Church

Annual Congregational Meeting Agenda

Sunday, January 31, 2021

10:30 am

via Zoom

- I. Call to Order Joyce O'Donnell, President
- II. Opening Devotions and Prayer Ryan Arnold, Associate Pastor
- III. Approval of Agenda
- IV. Approval of Minutes
 - a. Semiannual Meeting, June 24, 2020
- V. Presentation of Ballot—Open Positions Ron Morgan, Past President
 - a. President-elect (Term 2/1/21 – 1/31/24)
 - b. Council Member-at-Large (Term 2/1/21 – 1/31/24)
 - c. Music, Worship and Arts Board Chair (Term 2/1/21 – 1/31/24)
 - d. Financial Oversight Ministry Team (Term 2/1/21 – 1/31/24)
- VI. Election
- VII. Old Business
 - a. Reports
 - President Joyce O'Donnell, Council President
 - Pastoral and Youth Ministry Bryan Simmons, Ryan Arnold, Miriam Chadima
 - Treasurer Andra Reason, Treasurer
 - Board chairs (optional)
- VIII. New Business
 - a. Presentation and Approval of 2021 Budget Andra Reason, Treasurer
 - b. Welcome Statement Larry Otteman, Reconciling in Christ Task Force
- IX. Announcements
 - a. Reopening Pastor Ryan Arnold
 - b. Sanctuary improvement and Capital Campaign Pastor Bryan Simmons
- X. Adjournment
- XI. Closing Prayer Tony Woodcock, President-elect

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Ministers Pastor Bryan Simmons, Pastor Ryan Arnold
 Announcements Miriam Chadima
 Lector Ardie Roehr
 Musician Trace Houge Brakke, Mark-Kretsinger-Harries, Mary Nelson
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