

Bethesda Lutheran Church

GATHER...GROW...GO



Sunday, June 13, 2021 . . . 9:30am

Welcome

We invite you to join our community, which is committed to inclusion, racial equity and anti-racism. We share in God's abundant grace knowing that we cannot be separated from the love of God by our age, race, ethnicity, gender identity, gender expression, sexual orientation, marital status, political beliefs, socioeconomic status, physical or mental abilities or faith background. 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

GATHER all people into a living relationship with Jesus Christ
GROW as disciples by worship, prayer and study of God's Word
GO into the world to share the gospel in word and deed

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

9:30 am Sundays . . . Livestream & Limited In-person (please sign-up)

How To:

View our livestream worship service at www.bethesdaames.org,
and click on the banner that says "Livestream - Click here Sunday at 9:30 am".

Our Facebook page also hosts the Livestreams—facebook.com/BethesdaAmes/ .

Just "Like" our Facebook page and you will receive notification that the stream is starting.

Each week, sign-up here bethesdaames.org/upcoming-events to reserve a seat in the pew on Sunday.



GATHERING

PRELUDE: “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

L. Shackley

TEMPLE TALK

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

Amen.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Gracious God,

have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By your grace you have been saved. In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

Amen.

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, you are the tree of life, offering shelter to all the world. Graft us into yourself and nurture our growth, that we may bear your truth and love to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WORD

FIRST READING: 2 Corinthians 5:6-10, 14-17

⁶So we are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord—⁷for we walk by faith, not by sight. ⁸Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. ⁹So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. ¹⁰For all of us must appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil.

¹⁴For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died.

¹⁵And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them.

¹⁶From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. ¹⁷So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL: Mark 4:26-34

The holy gospel according to Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁶[Jesus] said, "The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground,²⁷ and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. ²⁸The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. ²⁹But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come."

³⁰He also said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? ³¹It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; ³²yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade."

³³With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; ³⁴he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDRENS' MESSAGE

SERMON

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 "The Church of Christ, in Every Age"

OFFERING PRAYER

Jesus, Bread of life, you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world.

Amen.

MEAL

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven,
 hallowed be thy name,
 thy kingdom come,
 thy will be done,
 on earth as it is in heaven.
 Give us this day our daily bread;
 and forgive us our trespasses,
 as we forgive those
 who trespass against us;
 and lead us not into temptation,
 but deliver us from evil.
 For thine is the kingdom,
 and the power, and the glory,
 forever and ever. 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

Jesus, Bread of life, we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life. In your name we pray.
Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING

The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us, ✠ be upon you now and forever.
Amen.

SENDING HYMN *The Church of Christ in Every Age* (Red #729) vv. 1 & 3

1 The church of Christ, in ev - 'ry age be - set by
 3 Then let the ser - vant church a - rise, a car - ing

change, but Spir - it - led, must claim and test its
 church that longs to be a part - ner in Christ's

her - i - tage and keep on ris - ing from the dead.
 sac - ri - fice, and clothed in Christ's hu - man - i - ty.

Text: Fred Pratt Green, 1903–2000

Music: WAREHAM, William Knapp, 1698–1768

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DISMISSAL

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE: "Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ" J. Carter

June 2021 Youth Events



4-Hers in Training (Grades K-3)

June 9 | 8:00 AM–3:00 PM

June 23 | 8:00 AM–3:00 PM

Join us for one or both days and create projects, explore activities, and learn about animals all related to the Fair!



Monarchs on the Move: (Grades 4-8)

June 10 | 8:00 AM– 3:00 PM

Explore monarchs, their life cycle, what they eat, and ways to support a healthy environment.



ASTRO CAMP® (Grades 4-8)

June 14 | 8:00 AM– 3:00 PM |

Explore NASA and space activities related to the sun, going to the moon, and more!



Ricochet Leadership: (Grades 5-8)

June 17 | 9:00 AM–5:00 PM

June 18 | 8:00 AM–3:00 PM

Through activities explore his two-day leadership workshop and implement skills with a community service project!

\$45 per participant; \$15 each additional sibling

Mosquitoes and Me:

June 24 | 8:00 AM– 3:00 PM | Grades 3-6

Share your mosquito story! Then explore the story of the mosquito including the life cycle, habitat, and more!

All in-person programs are held at the Story County Extension Office. Cost per program is \$25 per participant; \$15 per additional sibling unless noted differently. Scholarships available based on financial need. Per CDC Guidelines for COVID-19, masks not required, but will be available as well as hand sanitizer.



Register Today!

Call 515-337-1601 or
email mwilkins@iastate.edu

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Bethesda Opportunities

Get to Know AMOS This Sunday

Courtney Dufford from A Mid-Iowa Organizing Strategy (AMOS) will be our guest preacher on Sunday, June 13. She will also present a VOYAGERS Adult Forum in Centennial Hall at 10:30 am.



No sign-ups are needed for the in-person forum. Bethesda is a supporting member organization of AMOS.

WE NEED YOU!



Please sign-up to volunteer!

We are almost ready with host homes (thank you!), but **we need lots of volunteers to work with the children during the VBS sessions, Monday-Thursday from 9:00 am to Noon. Most of our activity will be outdoors!**

We are also in need of mason jars (or similar sized clean glass jars) for crafting prayer jars. Please bring any you are able to share to the office.

Thank you! Sign-up today!
tinyurl.com/z4mbsf

Today's Stewardship Temple Talk is presented by Shelly Sheehan-Pearson! Shelly is a member of the Visitation Ministry Team. They bring holy communion, prayer and comfort to those of ours who are shut-ins, recovering, or hospitalized.



SIGN UP is OPEN!
tinyurl.com/czazxcz9



ATTENTION: High School Seniors!

We will be celebrating you in June! Please send your **senior photos, high school activities, and future plans** to the church office at contact@bethesdaames.org.

PRAYER AT BETHESDA

GRIEVING: Marta Burkgren & Ron Morgan and family on the death of Marta's mother Marjorie Burkgren, May 30

HEALING: Bob Ahlstrom; Lucille Andersen; Florence Bunker; Cindy Deppe; Pat Frette; Nora (Brakke) Lehti; Julie Pike; Rod Place; Cooper Schmidt; Nancene Wengert (MGMC); Darlene Wolters (DSM Mercy)

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

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Ministers	Pastor Ryan Arnold, Courtney Dufford
Lay Assisting Minister	Larry Otteman
Lector	Ardie Roehr
Greeters	Don & Ardie Roehr
Musician	Mark Kretsinger-Harries
Sound Tech	Randy Slocum, Jim Stewart
A/V	Rod Fischer, Allan Schmidt, Kathy Slocum

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GROW IN GOD'S WORD

June 20 . . . Mark 4:35-41

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A congregation of the
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

We are a proud member of Reconciling in Christ.
Learn more about our inclusivity at: www.reconcilingworks.org/RIC/



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9:00 am–4:00 pm

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**Worship
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