

**Saturday**  
**August 21, 2021**

13TH WEEKEND  
AFTER PENTECOST

**Sunday**  
**August 22, 2021**

Community in Christ

No Longer Strangers

**A Sermon Series: Letter to the Ephesians**

**Bethesda Lutheran Church**  
GATHER...GROW...GO



A congregation of the Southeastern Iowa Synod,  
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA)



A Reconciling in Christ (RIC) congregation  
for inclusivity and respect

# Welcome

Welcome to Bethesda Lutheran Church where all people are respected and valued. 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. Learn more about our inclusivity at [www.reconcilingworks.com/ric](http://www.reconcilingworks.com/ric) . 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

Modern . . . 5:30 pm on Saturdays . . . In-person  
 Traditional . . . 9:30 am on Sundays . . . Livestream & In-person

Children are welcome! Age-appropriate activities during worship are available in "Busy Bags" at the main entrance to the Sanctuary.

Holy Communion is available weekly to all believers. Bread, wine (red), and grape juice (white) served. Gluten-free wafers are available.

## GROW IN GOD'S WORD

August 28/29 . . . James 1:17-27

## LIVESTREAM ACCESS

View our livestream worship service at [www.bethesdaames.org](http://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/](https://facebook.com/BethesdaAmes/) . Just "Like" our Facebook page and you will receive notification that the stream is starting.



# Bethesda Opportunities

"God's work. Our hands."

## Service in place of worship



Sept.  
11/12

## Sign-up for a service opportunity!

Bethesda will be joining many congregations in the ELCA by performing service activities in place of worship services on Saturday and Sunday, **September 11 and 12**. Sign-ups are available at the Welcome Center! Thanks to Christian Service, Mission, & Outreach for helping to put these opportunities in place. Those first to sign up will get one of the T-shirts we've got on order!

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

- Saving Suds (Squeaky Clean Laundromat) gifting quarters & detergent
- Helping produce plastic-bag mats for the homeless (Commons)
- Landscaping bed care (East side)

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

- Helping produce plastic-bag mats for the homeless (Commons)
- Lutheran World Relief School Kit assembly (Crossroads)
- Landscaping bed care (West side)



Sign-up  
at the  
Welcome  
Center!

# Saturday, August 21

## GATHERING

Gathering Music

Temple Talk: *Larry Otteman shares about the AMMPARO Welcoming Congregation Initiative*

Welcome

Call to Worship

Prayer of the Day

## WORD

Reading: Ephesians 6:10-20

Children's Message

Sermon

Affirmation of Faith

Prayers

Peace

## MEAL

Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

Invitation to Communion *All are welcome at the Lord's table. Red is wine; white is grape juice.*

Table Blessing

Prayer

## SENDING

Announcements

Blessing

Sending Song: *Open up the Heavens*

Dismissal

Sending Music

# Sunday, August 22

## GATHERING

Prelude: “Nun lob, mein Seel, den Herren” (M. Praetorius)

Temple Talk: *Larry Otteman shares about the AMMPARO Welcoming Congregation Initiative*

Confession & Forgiveness (Red p. 116)

Greeting

Prayer of the Day

Welcome & Announcements

## WORD

Reading: Ephesians 6:10-20

Children’s Message

Sermon

Apostles’ Creed (Red p. 127)

Prayers

Peace

## MEAL

Offertory: “Nun lob, mein Seel, den Herren” (D. Buxtehude)

Offering Prayer

Words of Institution

Lord’s Prayer (Red p. 134)

Invitation to Communion *All are welcome at the Lord’s table. Red is wine; white is grape juice.*

Table Blessing

Prayer

## SENDING

Blessing

Sending Hymn: *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God* (Red #504)

Dismissal

Postlude: “A Mighty Fortress” (J. Leavitt)

### Call for Clothing Closet Volunteers!

We have **openings for all four shifts** the three days of the week that we open for shopping. Please consider joining our team—volunteer **1.5–2 hours per month** to help our neighbors in need. The Clothing Closet is now located next to the Food Pantry on the first floor. Contact Kathy Harris at [kmh1951@msn.com](mailto:kmh1951@msn.com) or 515-233-3612.



### MOPS in August

Please RSVP to Stephanie at 515-577-7518  
**Aug. 23** Playdate with Kiddos . . . . . 6:30 pm  
Daley Park



### LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF Stock Up for LWR School Kits

Kids in need of school supplies live in Tanzania, Haiti, Ethiopia, and all across the world. LWR will take care of distribution! Ames school kids have the benefit of local churches and United Way . . . let's go beyond! **NOTE: We especially need rulers, crayons and tablets (no more erasers).** *Thank you!*

BETHESDA SENIORS  
Young @ Heart  
**FELLOWSHIP**  
**Thursday, September 16**  
**2:00–3:30 pm**  
**Bethesda Commons**  
Come gather for some fabulously “mature” fellowship, light food fare, and fun!  
**Please SIGN UP at the Welcome Center**

*Saving Suds*  
1st Thursday each month Choose one of two shifts: **3:45-5:15 OR 5:15-7:00 pm**  
@ Squeaky Clean Laundromat  
Give out quarters and soap pods  
**SIGN-UP TO VOLUNTEER!**  
[tinyurl.com/24cv7xxw](http://tinyurl.com/24cv7xxw)  
SCAN ME

**Two more needed September 2!**

### PRAYER AT BETHESDA

**HEALING:** Bob Ahlstrom; Lucille Andersen; Cindy Deppe; Ramona Esbeck; Denny Frette; Pat Frette; Nora Lehti; Rod Place; Jan Thompson; Cooper Schmidt

**SERVING OUR NATION:** Colonel Mark Kappelmann, (Senior Army Advisor to Iowa National Guard, Camp Dodge, IA), son of Glenn & Mary Kappelmann

# Bethesda Opportunities



Become part of a group to discern if this is the time for Bethesda to join the **ELCA/ AAMPARO Welcoming Network** to help people seeking refuge and asylum. We will meet in the **Crossroads at 6:00 pm on Wednesday August 25** to explain more of what we hope to accomplish. Contact Diane Pierce [dcf.pierce@gmail.com](mailto:dcf.pierce@gmail.com) or Larry Otteman [larryaotteman@gmail.com](mailto:larryaotteman@gmail.com) if you are interested but can't attend.

**Cafe Bethesda 2.0**  
Please sign-up to help **September 4!**

**Charcuterie & Fellowship**  
**5:00 pm** before Saturday worship

<https://tinyurl.com/27sttyw5>

**Backpack Blessing**  
**August 28/29**  
Bring your backpacks for a blessing and a gift!

**RALLY WEEKEND**

## Tuesday Mens' Bible Study

Bethesda has a men's Bible study group that meets on **Tuesday, 7:00 am in the Conference Room**. There will be a new book of the Bible starting September 14. During the summer study and discussion of articles from *The Lutheran* magazine and *Christian Century* magazine will occur. All men of Bethesda are welcome to join the group. Contact Henry Gray at [janheng@aol.com](mailto:janheng@aol.com) or 233-2720 for details.

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# WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Ministers . . . . . Pastor Bryan Simmons, Pastor Ryan Arnold  
Saturday Hosts . . . . . Bill & Jean Giddings, Don & Diane Pierce  
Saturday Musicians. . . . . Ed Kaizer, Saturday Praise Band  
Saturday Worship Production. . . . . Julia Lundstrum, Allan Schmidt  
Sunday Musician. . . . . Mark Kretsinger-Harries  
Sunday Worship Production . . . . . Rod Fischer, Julia Lundstrum  
Sunday Greeter . . . . . Levi Frazier, Ellen Janke, Norma Sisson



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**Office Hours**  
Monday–Thursday  
9:00 am–4:00 pm

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