

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 . 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, 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.



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

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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 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!*

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 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

Two more needed September 2!

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 or Larry Otteman larryaotteman@gmail.com if you are interested but can't attend.



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

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 or 233-2720 for details.

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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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Monday–Thursday
9:00 am–4:00 pm

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