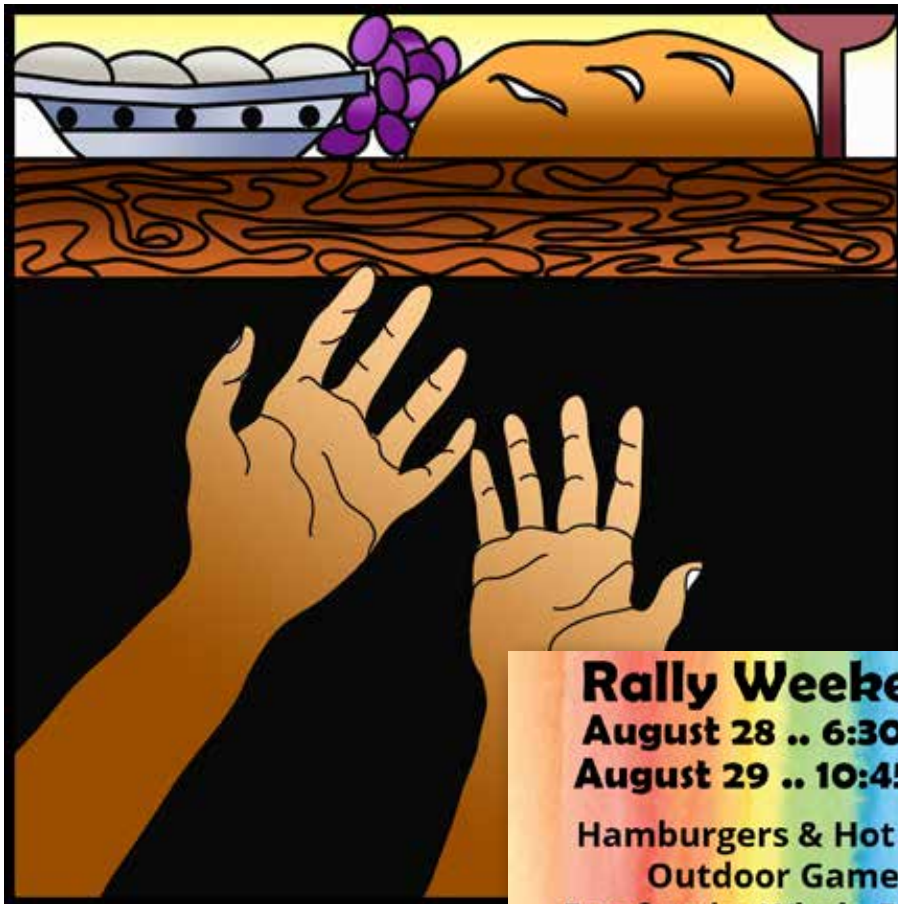


**Saturday**  
**August 28, 2021**

14TH WEEKEND  
AFTER PENTECOST

**Sunday**  
**August 29, 2021**



**Rally Weekend**  
**August 28 .. 6:30 pm**  
**August 29 .. 10:45 am**  
**Hamburgers & Hot Dogs**  
**Outdoor Games**  
**Fun for the Whole Family!**

**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

Sept 4/5 . . . Mark 7:24-30

## 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 . . . 5:30pm** *(unless otherwise noted)*

- Saving Suds ... one-hour shifts ... 5:30-8:30p ... 6 volunteers—2 per hour
- Plastic "Plarn" weaving—mats for the homeless (Commons)
- Landscaping (East side)

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12 . . . 9:30am**

- Plastic bag mat making (Commons)
- Lutheran World Relief School Kit assembly (Crossroads)
- Story County recycling conversation (Conference Room)
- Bethesda-Beloit Garden project (SW off parking lot)



**Sign-up  
at the  
Welcome  
Center!**

# *Saturday, August 28*

## **GATHERING**

Gathering Music  
Welcome  
Call to Worship  
Gathering Song: *Oceans*  
Prayer of the Day

## **WORD**

Reading: Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23  
Blessing of Backpacks  
Sermon  
Song of the Day: *Amazing Grace (Broken Vessels)*  
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.*  
Communion Song: *Lord, I Need You*  
Communion Blessing & Prayer

## **SENDING**

Announcements  
Blessing  
Sending Song: *And All the People Said Amen*  
Dismissal  
Sending Music

# Sunday, August 29

## GATHERING

Prelude: “Evening and Morning” (K. Hildebrand)

Gathering Hymn: ***We Praise You, O God*** (Red #870)

Confession & Forgiveness (Red p. 116)

Greeting / Kyrie (Red p. 120)

Canticle of Praise (Red p. 121)

Prayer of the Day

Welcome & Announcements

## WORD

First Reading: James 1:17-27

Gospel Reading: Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Blessing of Backpacks

Sermon

Hymn of the Day: ***Draw Us In the Spirit's Tether*** (Red #470)

Apostles' Creed (Red p. 127)

Prayers

Peace

## MEAL

Offertory: “Our Father, by Whose Name” (K. Kolander)

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.*

Lamb of God (Red p. 135)

Table Blessing

Post-Communion Canticle (p. 135)

Prayer

## SENDING

Blessing

Sending Hymn: ***To Be Your Presence*** (Red #546)

Dismissal

Postlude: “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God” (J. Blerch)



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



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

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



**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](https://tinyurl.com/24cv7xxw)

SCAN ME

**One more needed September 2!**

## Please Help With Donations !

**Saving Suds** . . . . . Financial gifts

**Mat making** . . . . Plastic grocery bags

**Food Pantry** . . . . . Non-perishable food for kids' lunchboxes



**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**

## 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.

## PRAYER AT BETHESDA

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

**HOUSE FIRE:** Jeff & Amie Rockow-Nelson family—contact Lisa Severseike at 515-231-4119 to help provide meal(s)

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





## Tickets Go on Sale Next Weekend

The capstone of the 2021 Bethesda Stewardship Campaign will be when we host what we simply call **“The Stewardship EVENT!”** Held on Wednesday, September 29, we will gather at the Ames Golf and Country Club (5752 GWC

Ave.) from 6–7:30pm for a “picnic style” buffet dinner. Attendees will be treated to local keynote speaker, Jeff Johnson, ISU Alumni Association President, who will talk about his personal journey with “giving back.” Bring each other to this special Stewardship EVENT!



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# WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Ministers .....	Pastor Bryan Simmons, Pastor Ryan Arnold
Saturday Hosts .....	Kirk Anderson, Gage Kelly
Saturday Musicians.....	Ed Kaizer, Saturday Praise Band
Saturday Worship Production.....	Chris Brakke, Evan Bay Brakke, Julia Lundstrum
Sunday Greeters .....	Amanda Furland, Jim McKillop, Lise Rollins
Sunday Lector .....	LuAnn Armstrong
Communion Assistants.....	Kathy Newlon, Darlene Schmidt
Sunday Musician.....	Mark Kretsinger-Harries
Sunday Worship Production .....	Julia Lundstrum, Allan Schmidt, Logan Simmons
Sunday Coffee .....	Lynn Anderson



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Monday–Thursday  
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