

15TH WEEKEND
AFTER PENTECOST

Saturday
September 4, 2021

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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.

SERVICE WEEKEND

Sept 11/12 . . . God's Work. Our Hands.

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 . . . 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)
- Many Hands wheelchair/walker bags (Commons)
- Blanket Sew-ers crafting blankets (Commons)



Sign-up
at the
Welcome
Center!

For more details visit
tinyurl.com/nb7e7jb8

Saturday, September 4

GATHERING

Gathering Music
Welcome
Call to Worship
Prayer of the Day

WORD

Reading: James 2:1-10
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: *And All the People Said Amen*
Dismissal
Sending Music

Sunday, September 5

GATHERING

Prelude: "Beautiful Savior" (C. W. Ore)

Confession & Forgiveness (Red p. 116)

Greeting

Prayer of the Day

Welcome & Announcements

WORD

First Reading: James 2:1-10

Gospel Reading: Mark 7:24-30

Children's Message

Sermon

Apostles' Creed (Red p. 127)

Prayers

Peace

MEAL

Offertory: "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" (H. Grabner)

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: *The Church of Christ, in Every Age* (Red #729) vv. 1-3

Dismissal

Postlude: "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" (P. Manz)



Wednesday Monthly Supper & Worship
SEPTEMBER 15
 6-7:00 pm
 TICKETS ON SALE NOW



NOURISH
Your soul & stomach
 \$10/person . . \$25/family

tinyurl.com/k84k4hxs



SPLASH



SCAN ME

Children's Church
 following the Children's Message
SATURDAY gather in Room 209
SUNDAY gather in Crossroads
 Parents pick-up at end of worship
 Sign-up online or at the Welcome Center

tinyurl.com/nnds2pj3



OASIS
Confirmation

2021-2022
Confirmation Classes
 for Grades 6-7-8
 begin **SEPTEMBER 15**
 7-8:00 pm



SIGN UP TODAY!

tinyurl.com/4n2zb6mm



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 or 515-233-3612.

PRAYER AT BETHESDA

GRIEVING: The family of Jonah Glenn, who died in Salt Lake City, Utah, on August 25

HEALING: Bob Ahlstrom; Lucille Andersen; Fred Brown, Glenn Connor; Cindy Deppe; Ramona Esbeck; Denny Frette; Pat Frette; Nora Lehti; Jean Lem; 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

Tickets Are On Sale Now!

The capstone of the 2021 Bethesda Stewardship Campaign will be “**The Stewardship EVENT!**” Held on **Wednesday, September 29**, we will gather at the **Ames Golf and Country Club** (5752 George Washington Carver 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.”



Tickets are **\$5/Adult** and **Free/Children**, and must be purchased in advance. Please visit tinyurl.com/d4njn4rk to purchase your tickets now, or contact the office. **Let's bring each other** to this very special Stewardship Event!

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WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Ministers Pastor Bryan Simmons, Pastor Ryan Arnold
Saturday Hosts Dan & Karen Nettleton, Martha Widen, Noah Widen
Saturday Musicians. Ed Kaizer, Saturday Praise Band
Saturday Worship Production. Julia Lundstrum, Larry Prince
Sunday Greeter Ann Hein
Sunday Lector Eileen Klonglan
Communion Assistants. Jim & Jeanne Stewart
Sunday Musician. Mark Kretsinger-Harries
Sunday Worship Production Julia Lundstrum, Ava Reason, Logan Simmons



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

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Worship Schedule
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