

REFORMATION
WEEKEND

Saturday
October 30, 2021

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October 31, 2021



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.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH is available following the Children's Message during worship. Children will be escorted to Room 209 on Saturday evening, and Crossroads on Sunday morning. Parents can pick their children up at these locations following the service.

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



Hearing assistive devices are available for the sanctuary at the sound booth.

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 Survey Opportunity!

The Transforming Church Insight [TCI] is a tool Bethesda is using to gather input from our members and attendees on a variety of topics including: Communications, Outreach, Member Satisfaction, Financial Matters and others. Please take time between now and November 15, to take the survey. You can take it online by following the instructions below.

ONLINE INSTRUCTIONS:

Step 1: Log on to the website at: tinyurl.com/sf4rczph

Step 2: Enter your church's Password: **blcia**



Thank you!

Step 3: Answer each question according to the instructions. When you have finished each set of questions, click "Next" at the bottom of the page. You may use the "Previous" and "Next" buttons to navigate pages and change your answers at any point while you are logged on. When you click "Done" on the last page, your answers will be saved.

Thank you for participating in this valuable tool for our church! The tabulated results of this survey will help us develop our next 5-year strategic plan by identifying our church's strengths, as well as opportunities for improvement. This survey is administered by Leighton Ford Ministries, a Christian non-profit that specializes in ministry leadership. Each attendee and confirmed member—including our high-schoolers!—is encouraged to complete this important survey.

Do not labor over your decision—your first instinct is usually right. The survey will take you about 20-30 minutes to complete. Your responses will be completely confidential. Thank you in advance for your participation!

Thank you!

BETHESDA SENIORS
Young @ Heart
FELLOWSHIP

Thursday, November 11
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

Saturday, October 30

GATHERING

Gathering Music

Temple Talk: Transforming Church Insight survey

Welcome

Call to Worship

Gathering Song: *This Is Amazing Grace* (band only)

Prayer of the Day

WORD

Reading: John 8:31-36

Children's Message

Sermon

Song of the Day: ***Our God***

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: ***What a Beautiful Name***

Communion Blessing & Prayer

SENDING

Announcements

Blessing

Sending Song: ***Shine, Jesus, Shine***

Dismissal

Sending Music

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GATHERING

Prelude: "A Mighty Fortress" (J. Leavitt)
Temple Talk: Transforming Church Insight survey
Gathering Hymn: ***A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*** (Red #504)
Confession & Forgiveness (Red p. 94)
Greeting & Kyrie (Red p. 138)
Prayer of the Day
Welcome & Announcements

WORD

Psalm 46
First Reading: Rom 3:19-28
Gospel Acclamation (Red p. 142)
Gospel Reading: John 8:31-36
Children's Message
Sermon
Hymn of the Day: ***Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word*** (Red #517)
Apostles' Creed (Red p. 105)
Prayers & Peace

MEAL

Offertory: "Almighty and Everlasting God" (O. Gibbons)
Offering Prayer
Words of Institution & Lord's Prayer (Red p. 145)
Invitation to Communion *All are welcome at the Lord's table. Red is wine; white is grape juice.*
Lamb of God (Red p. 146)
Table Blessing
Post-Communion Canticle (Red #204)
Prayer

SENDING

Blessing
Sending Hymn: ***The Church of Christ in Every Age*** (Red #729) vv. 1-3
Dismissal
Postlude: Toccata in D Minor (J. S. Bach)



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/y3xknnxr

Sign-up to Volunteer on November 4!

From 4 - 7:00 pm we will provide quarters and soap pods for four volunteers to give laundry customers, in two shifts. There is a huge need in our community for this ministry -- it's expensive to keep kids in clean clothes! We are thankful to join St. Andrew's in this cooperative program.

Sign up for Cafe Bethesda

tinyurl.com/amjhww4t

The first Saturday of each month we will need folks to sign-up for set-up, bringing food items, and/or clean-up. Thanks for helping us keep this beloved time of fellowship before worship fruitful and fun! See you at 5:00 pm in the Commons on Saturday, November 6.



1st Saturday
CAFÉ BETHESDA
Cafe Bethesda 2.0
 Please sign-up to help **November 6!**
Charcuterie & Fellowship
5:00 pm before Saturday worship



Help Us Finish-up the Mat-Making Project

Ready-tied plarn...is available in the overhead cubes of the coatrack in the Welcome Center. Feel free to take it home and make a mat for the homeless in our community. The bins below the coatrack contain clean, grocery size plastic bags. If you learned how to knot the bags into plastic yarn (plarn,) feel free to take some home to tie as you watch TV.

PRAYER AT BETHESDA

GRIEVING: Sharon Anderson and family on the death of her father, Marion Casey

HEALING: Bob Ahlstrom; Lucille Andersen; Marion Casey; Cindy Deppe; Ramona Esbeck; Sharon Forssman; Pat Frette; Nora Lehti; Denise Meier; Rod Place; Cooper Schmidt

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



**Wednesday Monthly
Supper & Worship
NOVEMBER 17**
6-7:00 pm
Please SIGN-UP today!



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

We NEED You to Sign-up to Plan for the Food!

Gather in the Commons for
a monthly Meal, Fellowship
and Worship!

PLEASE sign-up to help us
plan the number of meals:
tinyurl.com/yx2wuzy.
Mark Weber has planned a
festive holiday menu:

- Baked Buffet Dinner Ham
- Sour Cream Potato
Casserole (“Vegetarian”)
- Green Bean Casserole
(Vegetarian”)
- Baked Fresh Sweet Potatoes
with Brown Sugar
- Whole Cranberry Sauce
- Hawaiian Dinner Rolls
- Pumpkin Pie Dessert with .
Whipped Topping
- Beverages



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WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Ministers Pastor Bryan Simmons, Pastor Ryan Arnold
Saturday Musicians. Ed Kaizer, Saturday Praise Band
Saturday Host Families Meinhard Family, Jan Peterson
Saturday Worship Production Chris Brakke, Evan Bay Brakke, Julia Lundstrum
Sunday Greeters Anne Almquist, Ann Hein
Sunday Lector Diane Hinderaker
Communion Assistants Maynard & Anne Hogberg
Sunday Musicians Bethesda Choir, Mark Kretsinger-Harries
Sunday Worship Production Rod Fischer, Julia Lundstrum, Logan Simmons
Coffee Fellowship Woodcock Family

WORSHIP

November 6/7 . . . John 11:32-44

All Saints



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

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Worship Schedule
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Sunday . . . 9:30 am