

**Saturday**  
**January 8, 2022**

**BAPTISM**  
**OF OUR LORD**

**Sunday**  
**January 9, 2022**



**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 . . . Livestream & 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. Bread, wine (red), and grape juice (white) served. Gluten-free wafers are available.



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

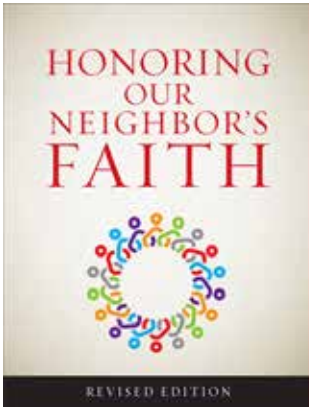
## LIVESTREAM ACCESS

View our livestream worship service at [www.bethesdaames.org](http://www.bethesdaames.org), and click on the banner that says "Livestream - Click here 5:30pm Saturdays, and 9:30am Sundays.

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



A 5-week series  
**via Zoom**  
Jan. 25 - Feb. 22  
Tuesdays  
10am or 7pm  
with  
Pr. Ryan & Russ Melby  
Sign-up to purchase book  
... \$15

Sign-up and make payment at [tinyurl.com/4hff369y](https://tinyurl.com/4hff369y) or with QR code at right, or to the church office.



Join Pastor Ryan and Russ Melby for a 5-week series called ***Honoring Our Neighbors Faith***. Each week we'll learn about a different Christian denomination or world religion, and then compare it to the teachings that we, as ELCA Lutherans hold to. **The class is offered Tuesdays beginning 1/25 - 2/22 at both 10am and 7pm, EXCLUSIVELY VIA ZOOM** (we'll send out the link to those who have signed up, prior to the first session). The cost of the book is \$15, and can be picked up at the church office. Come, join us as we learn more of our neighbors locally and globally, and find ways to better connect with them.

**Sunday, Jan. 23 ... 4-8 pm**  
**Cost includes ski/snowboard rental and lift ticket.**

Pay securely by credit/debit card, or sign-up then submit payment to the church office (make checks payable to Bethesda, with "Seven Oaks" in memo line). Sign-up & payment deadline is January 18. *See the sign-up form for updated cost information.*

Please arrive 30 minutes early, WITH your completed liability waiver form (link available on sign-up form).

*\* Snowtube reservation and payment must be made onsite at Seven Oaks*



**Bethesda Winter Fun  
@ Seven Oaks!**

**SIGN-UP TODAY!**

**Jan. 23  
4-8:00 pm**

**SEVEN OAKS**

Check in Seven Oaks @ 3:30 pm

Sign-up and make payment at [tinyurl.com/5nw5efm7](https://tinyurl.com/5nw5efm7) or with QR code above, or to the church office.

*See you on the slopes!*

# Saturday, January 8

## **GATHERING**

Gathering Music

Temple Talk

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship

Gathering Song: *Blessed Be Your Name* (band only)

Prayer of the Day

## **WORD**

Reading: Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

Children's Message

Sermon

Song of the Day: *We Three Kings*

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 Child Is This*

Communion Blessing

Prayer

## **SENDING**

Blessing

Sending Song: *And All the People Said Amen*

Dismissal

Sending Music

# Sunday, January 9

## GATHERING

Prelude: “Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern” (J. L. Krebs)

Temple Talk

Gathering Hymn: *O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright* (Red #308) vv. 1-2

Confession & Forgiveness

Greeting & Kyrie (Red p. 138)

Prayer of the Day

Welcome & Announcements

## WORD

First Reading: Isaiah 43:1-7

Gospel Acclamation (Red p. 142)

Gospel Reading: Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

Children’s Message

Sermon

Hymn of the Day: *When Jesus Came to Jordan* (Red #305)

Apostles’ Creed (Red p. 105)

Prayers & Peace

## MEAL

Offertory: “How Lovely Shines the Morning Star” (P. Manz)

Offertory Hymn: *O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright* (Red #308) vv. 3-4

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)

Voluntary: “Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern” (J. Pachelbel)

Table Blessing & Prayer

## SENDING

Blessing

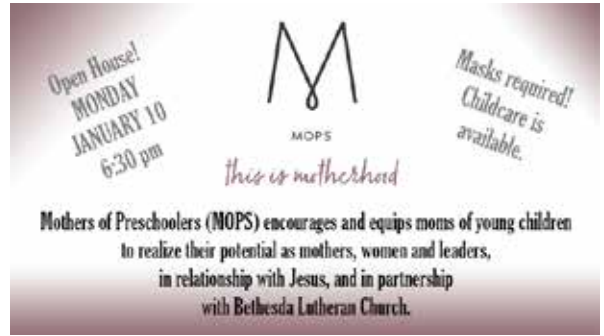
Sending Hymn: *Songs of Thankfulness and Praise* (Red #310) vv. 1, 2, 4

Dismissal

Postlude: “Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern” (J. Bleresch)



We now have another way to connect with women of faith! The 2nd Sunday of the month, **Jan. 9**, we will meet at **2pm in the Hickory Room at Green Hills**. Please bring your *Gather* Magazine and your Bible. Non-residents will need to wear a mask/ check in at front desk ... arrive 10 mins early.



All mothers of preschoolers are invited to join us **IN PERSON** (and masked-up) **January 10 at 6:30pm for an Open House** (come and go) experience with Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS). Please contact Stephanie Starrett at 515-577-7518 with questions, or to request childcare.



Join us in the Commons for this monthly gathering from 2:00 to 3:30pm. We'll enjoy some delightfully "mature" fellowship and fun. If you haven't attended one of these events yet—this is a really good time! Please sign-up at the Welcome Center.



Nourish your body and soul. **SIGN-UP** to gather for our monthly Supper & Worship!  
 Baked Meatloaf (Beef and Pork)  
 Baked Potatoes / Whole Kernel Corn  
 Mixed Lettuce Salad / Hawaiian Dinner Rolls  
 Apple Crisp + Whipped Topping & Ice Cream

**PRAYER AT BETHESDA**

**HEALING:** Bob Ahlstrom; Lucille Andersen; Marianne Chalstrom; Cindy Deppe; Jim Duea; Sharon Forssman; Pat Frette; Harris Haar; Katie; Nora Lehti; Lynzee Makowski; Denise Meier; Mike Philpott; Sabine Troster Pierick; Cooper Schmidt; Lois Slobe

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

# Bethesda Opportunities

**VOYAGERS Adult Forum**  
**January 16 @ 10:45 . . Via ZOOM**  
**Anger and Its Consequences**

Breaking mental habits such as anger can be extremely difficult. You may not even realize how much energy one can devote to negative emotions such as anger, and it is usually very hard to release that energy. It has deep effects on our well-being and our spirituality. Domo Geshe Rinpoche will share methods for freeing yourself of anger and how to turn that energy into fuel for accomplishing goals. *Zoom link will be shared in the Jan. 14 Living Current Enewsletter.*



## **Let Your Light Shine** **Access Meeting Minutes Online**

Interested in seeing minutes from Council, Board or Ministry Team meetings? Good news, they are now available online! Reach out to our Communications Manager, Lisa Ailshie at [lailshie@bethesdaames.org](mailto:lailshie@bethesdaames.org) to request access to this great new resource.

*“In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven”*



## **CONTACT INFORMATION**

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# WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Minister ..... Pastor Ryan Arnold  
Saturday Host Families..... Lindsay Peters, Randi Peters, Larry Prince  
Saturday Praise Band ..... Ed Kaizer, Praise Band  
Sunday Host Families ..... Joanne Frederiksen, Emily Kruse  
Sunday Musician..... Mark Kretsinger-Harries  
Sunday Communion Assistants ..... LuAnn Armstrong, Vicky Thorland-Oster, Kathy Walker  
Worship Production..... Julia Lundstrum  
Coffee Fellowship ..... Darlene Schmidt

## WORSHIP

January 15/16 . . . 1 Corinthians 12:1-11



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

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