

3RD WEEK IN
EASTER

Saturday
April 30, 2022

Sunday
May 1, 2022



With Affirmation of Baptism

Bethesda Lutheran Church
GATHER...GROW...GO



An Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
(ELCA) congregation



A Reconciling in Christ
(RIC) congregation



A welcoming congregation
for immigrants and refugees

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.org/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

LENTEN . . . 6:30 pm on Wednesdays . . . 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

Livestream worship service at www.bethesdaames.org—click on the banner that says "Livestream - Click here 5:30pm Saturdays, 9:30am Sundays and 6:30pm Wednesdays."

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

Confirmation

Cake receptions... ..after both services!



Celebrated @ worship April 30/May 1

1st Saturday



Café Bethesda 2.0
Please sign-up to help **May 7!**




Charcuterie & Fellowship
5:00 pm before Saturday worship

Thursday, May 5

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/2mdva8bh



Cluster I Spring Gathering

Saturday, April 23
9:00am
Palestine Lutheran Church
Huxley



Grow in your Faith
Cherrilie Vonnahme

Coffee fellowships

Sundays
following
worship



in the Commons
(our fellowship hall)

Two options each month

2nd Sunday @ 2:00 pm
Green Hills Hickory Room
4th Thursday @ 9:30 am
Bethesda Conference Room

gather

PRAYER CIRCLE BIBLE STUDY

PRAYER AT BETHESDA

HEALING: Bob Ahlstrom; Lucille Andersen; Katie Brockmeier; Nadine Dobbe (recovering @ home after knee surgery); Annie Estes; Sharon Forssman; Merlin Hove; Lynzee Makowski; Fred Miller (father of Lisa Ailshie); Tim Burkgren Morgan; Joyce O'Donnell; Julie Pike; Mike Philpott; Cooper Schmidt; Lois Slobe; Alice Sorenson; Jana Tschopp

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

Saturday, April 30

GATHERING

Gathering Song: *Good, Good Father*

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship

Prayer of the Day

WORD

Reading: John 21:15-19

Children's Message

Sermon

Song of the Day: *We Believe*

Affirmation of Baptism

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

Blessing

Sending Song: *Lord, I Lift Your Name on High*

Dismissal

Sending Music

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GATHERING

Prelude: "Wohl mir, daß ich Jesum habe" (J. S. Bach arr. E. P. Biggs)

Gathering Hymn: *The Day of Resurrection* (Red #361)

Confession & Forgiveness

Greeting & Kyrie (Red p. 147)

Canticle of Praise (Red p. 149)

Prayer of the Day

Welcome & Announcements

WORD

First Reading: Psalm 30

Gospel Acclamation (Red p. 151)

Gospel Reading: John 21:15-19

Children's Message

Sermon

Hymn of the Day: *Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing* (Red #389)

Affirmation of Baptism (Red p. 234)

Prayers & Peace

MEAL

Offertory: "The Day of Resurrection" (M. Kretsinger-Harries)

Offering Prayer

Words of Institution & Lord's Prayer (Red p. 154)

Invitation to Communion *All are welcome at the Lord's table. Red is wine; white is grape juice.*

Lamb of God (Red p. 154)

Hymn: *Will You Come and Follow Me* (Red #798)

Table Blessing & Prayer

SENDING

Blessing

Sending Hymn: *The Church of Christ, in Every Age* (Red #729)

Dismissal

Postlude: "Gelobt sei Gott" (H. Willan)



Welcome to your Affirmation of Baptisms!

Elizabeth Greenfield (Kristina Greenfield, Phil Greenfield)

Be strong and bold; have no fear or dread of them, because it is the LORD your God who goes with you; he will not fail you or forsake you. ~ Deuteronomy 31:6

I believe that God is all around. Through both the Holy Spirit and Jesus he comes to us and guides us throughout our lives. I believe that God will always love me and forgive me of my mistakes. He sets examples for us through Jesus to teach us how to live and how to treat others. Jesus died for us on the cross to atone for our sins. Through this we are forgiven of our daily sins and are free of debt.

God is everlasting, he leads us to love the sick and the poor, the rich and the healthy. He listens to our prayers and answers them. I believe that God truly has a plan for us, and that all will work out. He devotes time into each and every one of us to lead us through our faith.

FROM MY MENTOR . . . Diane Hinderaker

Elizabeth Greenfield and I have had a wonderful mentor time together. The amazing thing is in that brief time together, I feel I know her well. I hear her saying similar things as I did and showing sides of herself that bring me back to a time long ago and a girl long grown up! Braces, Volleyball, and her talkative and outgoing nature remind me of.....ME! Elizabeth is so full of life and poised to take on the world! She is active, thoughtful and appears decisive in her feelings toward the world and her faith. What an exciting and challenging time to be young and full of the promise of God's kingdom. I feel as if Elizabeth is clear on her thoughts and also what she does not quite understand about her faith. Those questions I hope always will keep her seeking answers. Her joy and commitment to God in her life is clear and alive! That is so infectious and amazing to witness. Thank you for the opportunity to come along on this journey with you! I have been thinking about her and her Confirmation date and what a jumping off place this is for faith and next steps. Now, she gets to choose what her faith will look like and how to incorporate God into her life. Elizabeth, my wish for you is to always find quiet places to pray and be with God and to always live your faith in the way that you want to every day! God will never forsake you, never leave you, and always be there to walk hand in hand or carry you when the times are hard! We are all blessed to be at your Confirmation to witness your next steps. God Bless you today and every day! XO Diane

For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.
~ Jeremiah 29:11



Gabe Nelson (Jeff & Amie Rockow-Nelson)

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I believe God loves us and cares for us.
 I believe, because of my faith, that Jesus Christ wants me to follow him for the rest of my life.
 I believe that through being active in church, I can learn about God.
 I believe God forgives our sins.
 I believe the Bible is a journal of God's word.
 I believe God helps me with life and prepares me for my future.
 I believe God leads me in school, family, church, sports, and friendships.
 I believe Confirmation helped me get closer to God and learn about my faith.
 I believe God gives me hope. When life is hard, I pray and God is always there for me.
 I believe that Jesus died on the cross to save us.
 I believe when I die, I will go to heaven.



FROM MY MENTOR . . . Kent Heikens

I have had the pleasure of getting to know Gabe over the past few weeks as we worked through the Confirmation mentor/student workbook. We discussed some tough questions of faith and what it means to be a Christian with an active connection to God. We decided we are both still trying to figure out this faith journey. The Church and Confirmation class have been an active part of this quest for Gabe, as his thoughtful discussions have shown. Another observation about Gabe is how important his family is to him and how much they love and support him in all his life activities. He is a very active teen and knows how special his family is in helping him meet his goals. I hope Gabe always knows he is not alone on his faith journey, and that family, friends, and the Church will keep him in their prayers as he navigates his faith adventure.

Carter Woodcock (Tony & Lori Woodcock)

"I hereby command you: be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you where ever you go." ~ Joshua 1:9

I believe that God is with me all the time. I know that he wants the best for me and watches over me. I know that when I make mistakes, He gives me another chance to make it right. God gives me as many chances as I need and will not leave me. I know that when I get nervous, I can ask God to help me and he will give me the strength to get through. Through my confirmation classes, I learned about the life of Jesus and how he died for me. I know that Jesus sets an example of how I am supposed to live my life. I will try to be like Jesus in everything I do. Even though I am not perfect, I will keep trying.



FROM MY MENTOR . . . Chris Brakke

Carter, I am glad that I got to be your mentor for confirmation this year. We were able to cover a lot of ground over a short time in our weekly meetings, and we got to know each other much better through that time together. I found that you are a thoughtful, kind, and caring person, with a sense of humor that I didn't know you had (don't ever lose that!). What impressed me the most about you are that you really enjoy serving others and that you want to become even more involved serving at Bethesda. During our weekly meetings we shared how hard it is to witness or to show our faith to others, but we both have been able to find different ways to do that. Remember that each of those times you have been able to make a positive impact on someone. So, continue to keep looking for those little chances to show others your faith.

Bethesda will be blessed to have you as an adult member of the church. Good luck in high school and God bless you as you continue on your faith journey.

Cake receptions follow each service!

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Ministers	Pastor Bryan Simmons, Pastor Ryan Arnold
Saturday Hosts	Pam Sargent
Saturday Musicians	Ed Kaizer, Praise Band Members
Sunday Hosts	Don & Ardie Roehr
Sunday Musicians	Mark Kretsinger-Harries
Sunday Communion Assistants	Maynard & Anne Hogberg
Worship Production	Julia Lundstrum

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Monday–Thursday
9:00 am–4:00 pm

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Worship Schedule

Saturday . . . 5:30 pm
Sunday . . . 9:30 am
2nd Wednesdays . . . 5:30 pm
with NOURISH meal