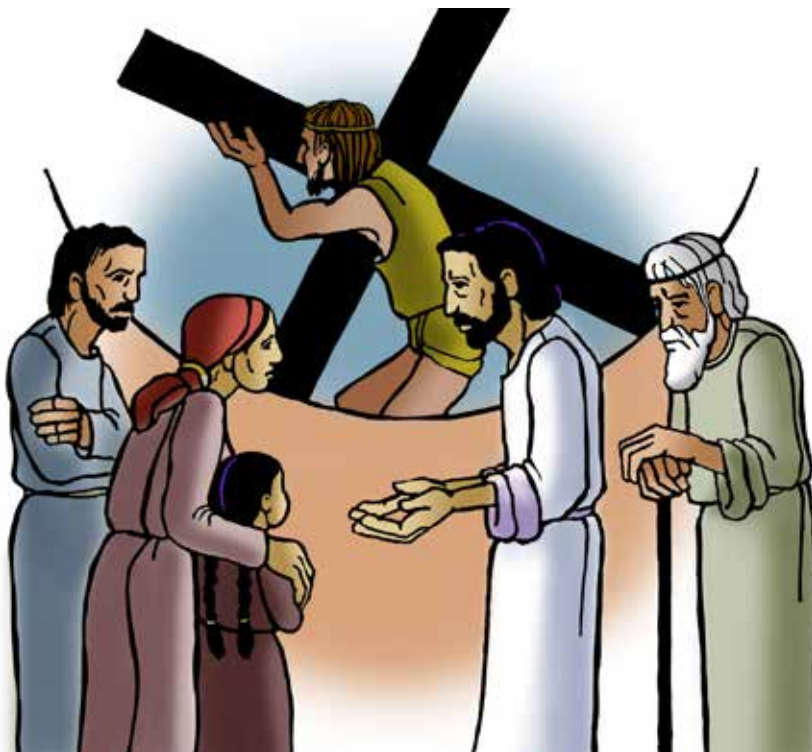


13TH WEEKEND
IN PENTECOST

Saturday
September 3, 2022

Sunday
September 4, 2022



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 our Pastor, 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.

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.



A Transgender Life

An **Evening**
of **Song** and
Story with
Stephanie
Dykes, Ph.D.



www.stephaniedykessings.com

Thursday, September 8
7:00 pm in the Sanctuary

Stephanie's vocal talent will also be featured during both worship services next weekend, September 10/11.

Then, don't miss the captivating VOYAGERS Adult Forum Sunday, September 11, following worship in Centennial Hall.

Dr. Stephanie Dykes will present:

"Transgender and Lutheran: A Journey of Self-Acceptance"

Saturday, September 3

GATHERING

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

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship

Prayer of the Day

WORD

Reading: Philemon 1-21

Children's Message

Sermon

Song of the Day: *Amazing Love*

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: *I Give Myself Away*

Communion Blessing

Prayer

SENDING

Blessing

Sending Song: *I Will Follow*

Dismissal

Sending Music

Sunday, September 4

GATHERING

Prelude

Gathering Hymn: *Lift High the Cross* (Red #660)

Confession & Forgiveness

Greeting & Kyrie (Red p. 147)

Canticle of Praise (Red p. 149)

Prayer of the Day

Welcome & Announcements

WORD

First Reading: Philemon 1-21

Gospel Acclamation (Red p. 151)

Gospel Reading: Luke 14:25-33

Children's Message

Sermon

Hymn of the Day: *How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord* (Red #580)

Apostles' Creed (Red. p. 127)

Prayers & Peace

MEAL

Offertory

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)

Communion Hymn: *Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said* (Red #667)

Table Blessing & Prayer

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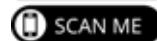
Blessing

Sending Hymn: *Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus* (Red #802) vv. 1-2, 4

Dismissal

Postlude

GIVING
made
easy



Hey Bethesda Folks who are marvelously 60 and upward—join us for this monthly gathering of fun, treats and fellowship. It's a boost you won't want to miss! Please sign up at tinyurl.com/4pc9wjp5 or at the Welcome Center.



RSVP for the Listening Session on the Farm Bill at the Ames Public Library: tinyurl.com/2uc7pk6p . Learn why it matters to those who face food insecurity. We invite you to learn and share your knowledge about how the bill should look.

PRAYER AT BETHESDA

HEALING: Bob Ahlstrom; Mark Allen; Katie Brockmeier; Hannah Coney; Jim Duea; Sharon Forssman; Lynzee Makowski; Denise Larson Meier; Fred Miller; Caroline Monnig; Tim Burkgren Morgan; Joyce O'Donnell; Julie Pike; Mike Philpott; Cooper Schmidt; Sharon Smedal; 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



**Wednesday Monthly
Supper & Worship
SEPTEMBER 21**
6-7:00 pm
Please SIGN-UP today!



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

Join us for a monthly
(3rd Wednesday)
midweek supper &
worship experience.
We'll gather in the
Commons for this
time together before
evening programming
begins. RSVP: [tinyurl.
com/4fpnk56u](https://tinyurl.com/4fpnk56u) for food
preparation.

The fair is an opportunity
to creatively highlight
your group, make requests
for additional volunteers,
and inform congregants
how to get involved with
your group. Tri-fold
poster boards available
upon request ([jdodonn@
icloud.com](mailto:jdodonn@icloud.com)). Also, share
how many tables your
group needs.

Board & Ministry Fair
October 1 & 2
30 minutes
before and
after each service
In the Commons
**GET HANDS-ON
WITH GOD'S WORK!**




Celebration of Giving!

Adults . . \$10
18 & under . . \$5

[tinyurl.
com/2pmb5bdm](https://tinyurl.com/2pmb5bdm)



Pledge it Forward

Wednesday, October 5
Social Hour **5:30 pm** . . . Dinner **6:30 pm**
Ames Golf & Country Club

SAVE THE DATE

Bethesda Lutheran Church
invites you to Save the Date
for our annual Celebration of Giving Event!



Featured Guest Speaker
Michael Londra

**TICKETS
AVAILABLE
NOW**

@
tinyurl.com/4rztc47u

\$10 .. adults

\$5 .. age 18
and below



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WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

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| Minister | Pastor Bryan Simmons |
| Saturday Greeters | Cameron & Chelsey Aisenbrey, Emma, Luca and Creighton Aisenbrey |
| Saturday Musicians | Ed Kaizer, Praise Band Members |
| Saturday Communion Assistants | Cameron Aisenbrey, JoAnn Short-Byrd |
| Saturday Worship Production | Chris Brakke, Evan Bay Brakke |
| Sunday Greeters | John & Helen Olson |
| Sunday Musician | Randy Ewing |
| Sunday Communion Assistants | Kathy Newlon, Jim & Jeanne Stewart |
| Sunday Worship Production | Rod Fischer, Logan Simmons |

Reader Opportunities are available for anyone!
Just pick up the script as you enter to worship.

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Office Hours

Monday–Thursday
9:00 am–4:00 pm

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Worship Schedule

Saturday . . . 5:30 pm
Sunday . . . 9:30 am