

THE FIRST WEEKEND
IN ADVENT

Saturday
November 26, 2022

Sunday
November 27, 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.

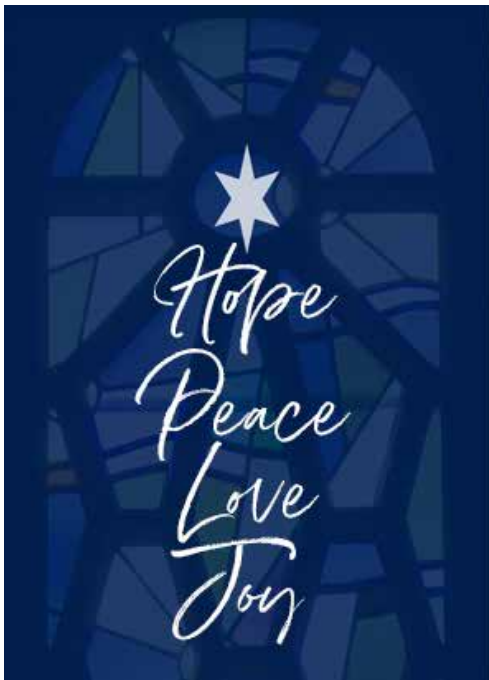


LIVESTREAM ACCESS

Livestream worship service at www.bethesdaames.org - 5:30pm Saturdays, 9:30am Sundays.

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.



Hope
Peace
Love
Joy

Advent Wreath Lighters

We need **four families**
for both Saturdays
and Sundays in Advent.

Please contact the
church office to
volunteer!

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• **TORRENT** •
BREWING COMPANY



Beer & Carols

Fri. Dec. 9 .. 6:30-8 pm @ Torrent Brewing

Saturday, November 26

GATHERING

Gathering Song: *Everlasting God*

Lighting of Advent Wreath

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship

Prayer of the Day

WORD

Reading: Matthew 24:30-46

Children's Message

Sermon

Song of the Day: *Mighty to Save*

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: *Remembrance*

Communion Blessing

Prayer

SENDING

Blessing

Sending Song: *Even So, Come*

Dismissal

Sending Music

Sunday, November 27

GATHERING

Prelude: “Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme” (J. S. Bach)

Gathering Hymn: ***Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying*** (Red #436)

Lighting of Advent Wreath

Gathering Rite

Welcome & Announcements

WORD

First Reading: Isaiah 2:1-5

Anthem: “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” (P. Christiansen)

Gospel Reading: Matthew 24:30-46

Children’s Message

Sermon

Hymn of the Day: ***Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers*** (Red #244)

Nicene Creed (Red p. 126)

Prayers & Peace

MEAL

Offertory: “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” (C. Callahan)

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.*

Lamb of God (Red p. 135)

Communion Hymn: ***Break Now the Bread of Life*** (Red #515)

Table Blessing & Prayer

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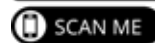
Blessing

Sending Hymn: ***People, Look East*** (Red #248)

Dismissal

Postlude: “Wake, Awake” (M. Burkhardt)

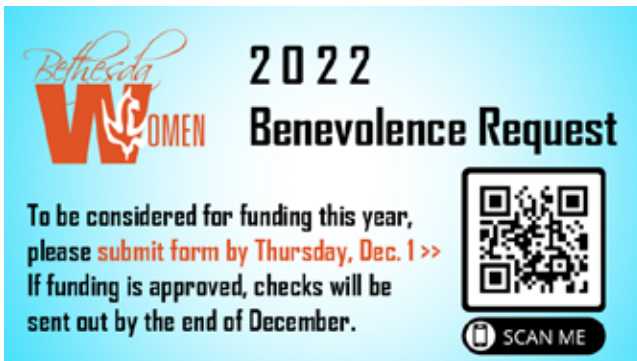
GIVING
made
easy





All are welcome to this special service of comfort acknowledging our suffering in a season where others seem so joyful. You are not alone. Come to the Commons and be blessed and reassured by the love of Jesus Christ. Invite friends and family members to attend with you.

The need for this ministry is growing—we need **THREE** volunteers for each shift on *Thursday, December 1*. Please consider a short shift at Squeaky Clean Laundromat (517 Lincoln Way) during the holiday season.



To be considered for funding this year, please submit the form available at tinyurl.com/2p99th4d by Thursday, December 1. If funding is approved, checks will be sent out by the end of December.

PRAYER AT BETHESDA

HEALING: Bob Ahlstrom; Mark Allen; Carol Bailey; Marianne Chalmstrom; Darlene Hade; Phil Harris; JoAnn Kinrade; Lynzee Makowski; Scott Marrs; Tim Burkgren Morgan; Braden Nagel; Julie Pike; Mike Philpott; Sharon Smedal; Alice Sorenson

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

Rehearsals are in session, please join us Thursdays in the Music Room (just ride the elevator upstairs). Upcoming dates for Choir during worship: November 27, and December 11, 18, 24. Come make music with Bethesda!



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CHOIR **BELLS**

Upstairs Music Room

Visit bethesdaames.org/bethesda-choirs/ for our holiday rehearsal & performance schedule

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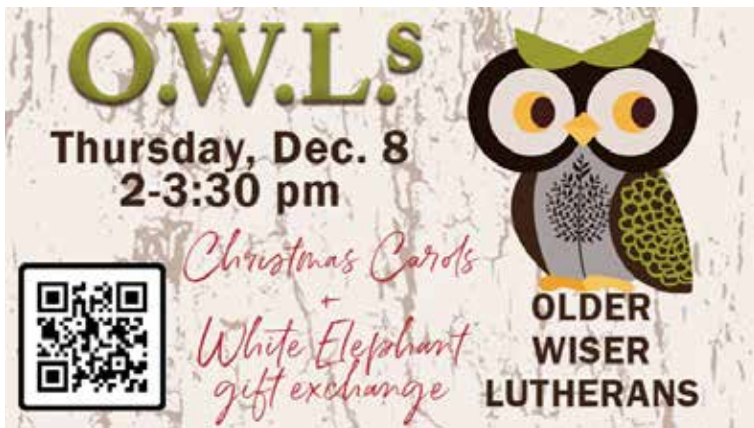
**Nominations
and
Elections**

Nov. 27 @ 10:30 ... Crossroads

ALL Women Welcome!

Bethesda Women's Ministries is holding nominations and elections for their Board after service in the Crossroads. Contact Lindsay Peters (515-450-0057) or phlayk1@gmail.com with your interest.

We will sing Christmas carols led by Louis Banitt AND will have a white elephant gift exchange! Please bring a wrapped gift (we prefer something from around the house, but if you are purchasing, please spend no more than \$5). tinyurl.com/2mt7x6r5



O.W.L.s

**Thursday, Dec. 8
2-3:30 pm**

*Christmas Carols
+
White Elephant
gift exchange*

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LUTHERANS**

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Minister	Pastor Chris Cowan
Saturday Greeters	Cameron & Chelsey Aisenbrey
Saturday Advent Wreath Lighters	The Aisenbrey Family
Saturday Musicians	Ed Kaizer, Praise Band Musicians
Saturday Communion Assistants	Cameron Aisenbrey, Joe Daiker, Jan Peterson
Saturday Worship Production	Kirk Anderson, Chris Brakke, Evan Bay Brakke
Sunday Greeters	Ann Hein, Carolyn Jons
Sunday Advent Wreath Lighters	The Smyth Family
Sunday Musicians	Bethesda Choir, Randy Ewing, Mary Nelson
Sunday Communion Assistants	Glenn Crosswait, Maynard & Anne Hogberg
Sunday Worship Production	Jim & Jeanne Stewart, Matthew Stewart
Coffee Fellowship	Jo Hutchins, Vicki Sivesind

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Office Hours

Monday–Thursday
9:00 am–4:00 pm

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Worship Schedule

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