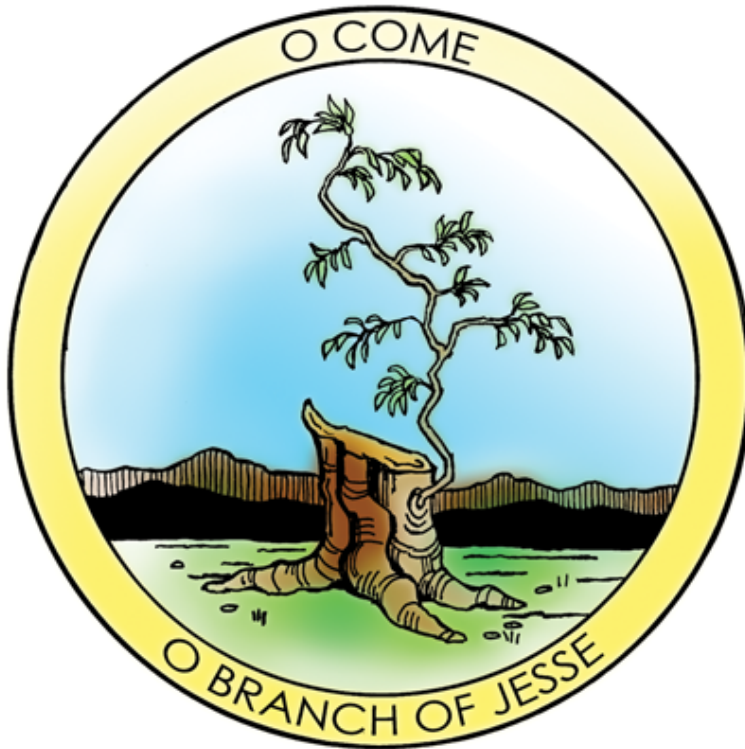


THE SECOND WEEKEND
IN ADVENT

Saturday
December 3, 2022

Sunday
December 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 - 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.



Advent Wreath
Lighters


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

Please contact the
church office to
volunteer!

The graphic on the left features a dark blue background with a faint, stylized wreath. A white star is at the top. Below it, the words 'Hope', 'Peace', 'Love', and 'Joy' are written in a white, cursive font. To the right of each word is a red circle, with a red checkmark inside the circle for 'Hope' and 'Peace', and empty red circles for 'Love' and 'Joy'.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11

Come sing in Bethesda's Choir—*no experience necessary*
Rehearsal in Sanctuary . . . 8:40 am to learn the Anthem
Make a joyful noise! . . . 9:30 am during Sunday worship!



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TORRENT
BREWING COMPANY

Beer & Carols

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

The graphic features a central image of a tall glass of beer with a thick head of foam, set against a red background. The glass is decorated with musical notes. Below the glass is a festive wreath of greenery, red berries, and gold stars. The text 'Bethesda Lutheran Church' and 'GATHER...GROW...GO' is on the left, and 'TORRENT BREWING COMPANY' is on the right. At the bottom, the text 'Beer & Carols' is written in a large, red, stylized font, and 'Fri. Dec. 9 .. 6:30-8 pm @ Torrent Brewing' is written in a white, bold font. The entire graphic is framed by a border of green grass at the bottom.

Saturday, December 3

GATHERING

Gathering Song: *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

Lighting of Advent Wreath

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship

Prayer of the Day

WORD

Reading: Matthew 3:1-12

Children's Message

Sermon

Song of the Day: *Even So, Come*

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: *Hungry*

Communion Blessing

Prayer

SENDING

Blessing

Sending Song: *Open the Eyes of My Heart*

Dismissal

Sending Music

Sunday, December 4

GATHERING

Prelude

Gathering Hymn: *Savior of the Nations, Come* (Red #263) vv. 1, 3-4, 6

Lighting of Advent Wreath

Gathering Rite

Welcome & Announcements

WORD

First Reading: Isaiah 11:1-10

Gospel Reading: Matthew 3:1-12

Children's Message

Sermon

Hymn of the Day: *Comfort, Comfort Now My People* (Red #256)

Nicene Creed (Red p. 126)

Prayers & Peace

GIVING
made
easy



MEAL

Offertory: "Prepare the Way of the Lord" (M. Hayes)

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.*

Communion Hymn: *Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming* (Red #272)

Table Blessing & Prayer

SENDING

Blessing

Sending Hymn: *Fling Wide the Door* (Red #259) vv. 1, 4

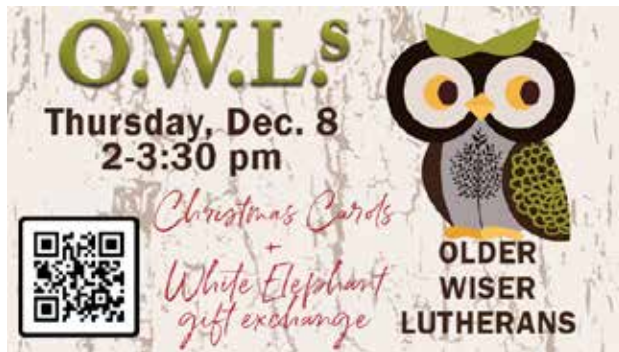
Dismissal

Postlude: "Wake, Awake" (M. Burkhardt)



If you haven't yet joined us for choir, but want to sing Christmas Eve, rehearsals are 7-7:35 pm (Music Room) on Thursdays: Dec. 8, 15, and 22. The Christmas Choir will perform before and during the 4:00 pm December 24 (livestreamed) service.

We will sing Christmas carols led by Louis Banitt AND we'll 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



A worship service of peace amidst grief . . . As many people eagerly wait for Christmas, it's hard for us to lift up our hearts. Jesus -- help us, embrace us, heal us. Come and be comforted, with your family and your friends. A cookie reception follows.

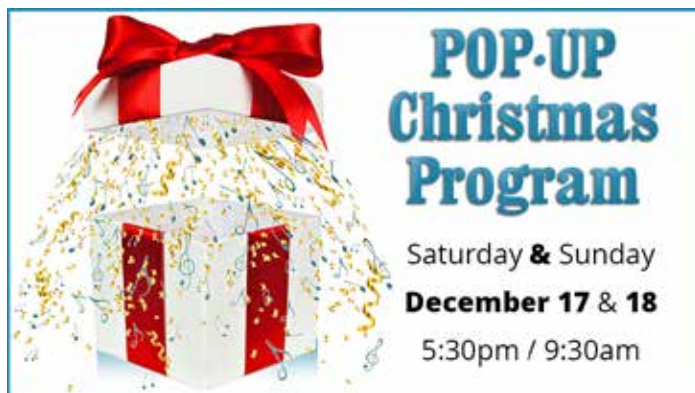
PRAYER AT BETHESDA

GRIEVING: Bill and the family of Jo Ann Kinrade, who died December 1 at Mercy in Des Moines

HEALING: Bob Ahlstrom; Mark Allen; Carol Bailey; Marianne Chalstrom; Darlene Hade; Phil Harris; Lynzee Makowski; Scott Marrs; Tim Burkgren Morgan; Braden Nagel; Julie Pike; Mike Philpott; Barb Roepke; 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

This month our regular “4th Thursday” GATHER studies for women will actually meet on *the 3rd Thursday, December 15*. Come for prayer, bible study and fellowship. Bring your copy of *Gather* magazine if you have subscription.



Join us for a very special worship service that includes Christmas celebration in story and song. Cookies and hot chocolate will be served afterward. Invite your friends and neighbors for this holiday POP-UP!

AMES CHAMBER ARTISTS
present **“KEEP VIGIL”**
Saturday, December 17 @ 7:30 pm
Collegiate Presbyterian Church
157 Sheldon Ave. Ames
Featuring special guests
GOOD COMPANY
Tickets \$15 @ Showtix4U.com
(See several Bethesda members perform!)



WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

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| Minister | Pastor Bryan Simmons |
| Saturday Greeters | Shelly Meinhard, Karen Nettleton |
| Saturday Advent Wreath Lighters | The Huber Family |
| Saturday Musicians. | Ed Kaizer, Praise Band Musicians |
| Saturday Communion Assistants. | Matt & Shelly Meinhard, Karen Nettleton |
| Saturday Worship Production. | Chris Brakke, Luke Simmons |
| Sunday Greeters | Marv & Donna Scherr |
| Sunday Advent Wreath Lighters. | The Pederson Family |
| Sunday Musicians. | Nancy Ewing (vocal solo), Randy Ewing |
| Sunday Communion Assistants | Glenn Crosswait, Kathy Newlon, Mark Weber |
| Sunday Worship Production | Jim & Jeanne Stewart, Matthew Stewart |
| Coffee Fellowship | Tony & Lori Woodcock |

Reader Opportunities are available for anyone!

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Office Hours

Monday–Thursday
9:00 am–4:00 pm

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Worship Schedule

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