

THE FIRST WEEKEND
OF CHRISTMAS

Saturday
December 31, 2022

Sunday
January 1, 2023



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.

Thursday, January 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/3pdhjj3u



O.W.L.s

Thursday, Jan. 12
2-3:30 pm



Lance Angstman
with
Grandon Funeral
Home



**OLDER
WISER
LUTHERANS**

Saturday, December 31

GATHERING

Gathering Song: *Go Tell It on the Mountain*

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship

Prayer of the Day

WORD

Reading: Luke 2:15-21

Children's Message

Sermon

Song of the Day: *What Child Is This*

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: *Silent Night*

Communion Blessing

Prayer

SENDING

Blessing

Sending Song: *Hark! the Herald Angels Sing*

Dismissal

Sending Music

Sunday, January 1

GATHERING

Prelude

Gathering Hymn: *Let All Together Praise Our* (Red #287)

Confession & Forgiveness

Greeting

Prayer of the Day

Welcome & Announcements

WORD

First Reading: Galatians 4:4-7

Gospel Reading: Luke 2:15-21

Children's Message

Sermon

Hymn of the Day: *Of the Father's Love Begotten* (Red #295)

Nicene Creed (Red p. 126)

Prayers & Peace

MEAL

Offertory: Flute solo, Kathy Slocum

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: *In the Bleak Midwinter* (Red #294)

Table Blessing & Prayer

SENDING

Blessing

Sending Hymn: *Let Our Gladness Have No End* (Red #291)

Dismissal

Postlude

GIVING
made
easy



SCAN ME



**Wednesday Monthly
Supper & Worship
JANUARY 18**
6-7:00 pm
Please SIGN-UP today!



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

Check out Chef Mark Weber's menu online. Please sign up while you're there, so we can know how much to prepare.

Our next GATHER is January 8 at Green Hills. We'll be starting a captivating 4-month study soon, developed by Dr. Christa von Zychlin. Details to come!



January 8
gather

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

PRAYER CIRCLE BIBLE STUDY

PRAYER AT BETHESDA

GRIEVING: • Janet and the family of Don Borcharding who died December 19

- The family of Marilyn Thompson
- The family of Marianne Chalstrom

HEALING: Bob Ahlstrom; Mark Allen; Carol Bailey; Jean Carey; Cecilia Horner; Lynzee Makowski; Scott Marrs; Tim Burkgren Morgan; Julie Pike; Mike Philpott; Barb Roepke; Alice Sorenson, Darlene Wolters

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

ADDITIONAL CHRISTMAS FLOWER GIFTS:

- Jim & Barb Koester . . . In Memory of of Jim's brother, Barb's sister and nephew
- Mike & Amy Nervig . . . In Memory of John Nervig

ADULT FORUM
Sunday, January 22
 Following worship

VOYAGERS

Presentation by
Frank Johnson
 Director of Camp EWALU

EWALU
 Camp & Retreat Center

Pull up a chair after the Sunday worship service on January 22. We'll hear a great presentation about EWALU Camp & Retreat Center from Director, Frank Johnson.

We are beginning to build the Annual Report for the January Congregational Meeting. Kindly provide your reports (and photos!) by January 8. Questions? Ask Lisa at lailshie@bethesdaames.org.

2023
ANNUAL
 Congregational Meeting
Jan. 29 @ 10:30 am following worship

BOARD CHAIRS: Deadline
 for your reports . . . **Jan. 8**

FELLOWSHIP
Groups

- Lunch Bunch
- Friday Wind Down (couples&singles)
- Friday Wind Down (ladies only)
- Game Time

SIGN-UP AT:
tinyurl.com/ym3zw3vu

Visit the website at left to learn details about the Fellowship Group events in January. You can also sign up at the Welcome Center.

Bethesda members—we are thankful and grateful for your kindness and care in welcoming my family (and our newest arrival) into this place at such a life transition. The Meal Train has been a real blessing thanks to Tricia Simmons and all who signed up.

Welcome
 to the World
**Theodore
 Christof
 Dolan**

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WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Ministers	Pastor Bryan Simmons, Pastor Jonathan Dolan
Saturday Greeter	Joann Short-Byrd
Saturday Musicians	Ed Kaizer, Praise Band Musicians
Saturday Communion Assistants	Joann Short-Byrd
Saturday Worship Production	Evan Bay Brakke, Larry Prince, Luke Simmons
Sunday Greeters	Don & Ardie Roehr
Sunday Musicians	Randy Ewing, Kathy Slocum
Sunday Communion Assistants	LuAnn Armstrong, Maynard & Anne Hogberg
Sunday Worship Production	Rod Fischer

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

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