

**Saturday**  
**January 7, 2023**

**BAPTISM**  
**OF OUR LORD**

**Sunday**  
**January 8, 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](http://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](http://www.bethesdaames.org) - 5:30pm Saturdays, 9:30am Sundays.

Our Facebook page also hosts the Livestreams—[facebook.com/BethesdaAmes/](https://facebook.com/BethesdaAmes/) .

Just "Like" our Facebook page and you will receive notification that the stream is starting.

# O.W.L.s

Thursday, Jan. 12  
2-3:30 pm



Lance Angstman  
with  
Grandon Funeral  
Home



**OLDER  
WISER  
LUTHERANS**



**January 8**



**2nd Sunday @ 2:00 pm**

Green Hills Hickory Room

**4th Thursday @ 9:30 am**

Bethesda Conference Room

gather

PRAYER  
CIRCLE

BIBLE  
STUDY

A 4-month *Gather* study—Rev. Dr. Christa von Zychlin examines how the commandments still speak to the challenges of our world today.

Visit [tinyurl.com/kru74vyj](https://tinyurl.com/kru74vyj) for details.

# Saturday, January 7

## GATHERING

Gathering Song: *Joy to the World*

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship

Prayer of the Day

## WORD

Reading: Matthew 3:13-17

Children's Message

Sermon

Song of the Day: *We Three Kings*

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: *The First Noel*

Communion Blessing

Prayer

## SENDING

Blessing

Sending Song: *10,000 Reasons*

Dismissal

Sending Music

# Sunday, January 8

## GATHERING

Prelude

Gathering Hymn: *O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright* (Red #308) vv. 1-2

Confession & Forgiveness

Greeting

Prayer of the Day

Welcome & Announcements

## WORD

First Reading: Isaiah 42:1-9

Gospel Acclamation (Red p. 142)

Gospel Reading: Matthew 3:13-17

Children's Message

Sermon

Hymn of the Day: *When Jesus Came to Jordan* (Red #305)

Nicene Creed (Red p. 104)

Prayers & Peace

## MEAL

Offertory

Offering Prayer

Words of Institution & Lord's Prayer (Red p. 145)

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

Lamb of God (Red p. 146)

Communion Hymn: *O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright* (Red #308) vv. 3-4

Table Blessing & Prayer

## SENDING

Blessing

Sending Hymn: *Songs of Thankfulness and Praise* (Red #310) vv. 1-2, 4

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.

Board chairs and programming staff—kindly provide your reports (and photos!) for the printed Annual Report **by January 8**. Questions? Ask Lisa at [lailshie@bethesdaames.org](mailto:lailshie@bethesdaames.org).



**2023  
ANNUAL  
Congregational Meeting**  
**Jan. 29 @ 10:30 am** following worship  
BOARD CHAIRS: Deadline  
for your reports . . . **Jan. 8**

## PRAYER AT BETHESDA

**GRIEVING:** Harlan & Mary Carlson, parents of Thomas Carlson, who died on November 21, 2022

**HEALING:** Bob Ahlstrom; Mark Allen; Chris Brakke; Cecilia Horner; Scott Marrs; Tim Burkgren Morgan; Mike Philpott; Alice Sorenson, Linda Tett; Jana Tschopp; Darlene Wolters

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

**SINCERE THANKS:** Bethesda Staff would like to thank everyone who sent cards and/or delivered treats during the holidays! We appreciate you all.





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

**SIGN-UP AT:**  
[tinyurl.com/ym3zw3vu](http://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. The first event, "Lunch Bunch," takes place January 10 at El Azteca North!

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.



**ADULT FORUM**  
 Sunday, January 22  
 Following worship

Presentation by  
**Frank Johnson**  
 Director of Camp EWALU

**Board Meeting ELECTIONS**

Jan. 22 @ 10:30 ... Crossroads  
 ALL Women Welcome!

Join us for nominations and elections following worship on Sunday, January 22. The Bethesda Women's Board asks you to prayerfully consider taking a turn in one of these important leadership roles.



*in the New Year!*

# WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Ministers ..... Pastor Bryan Simmons, Pastor Jonathan Dolan  
Saturday Greeter. .... Janet Mickelson  
Saturday Musicians. .... Ed Kaizer, Praise Band Musicians  
Saturday Communion Assistants. .... Joe Daiker; Janet Mickelson  
Saturday Worship Production. .... Chris Brakke, Larry Prince, Dennis Warth  
Sunday Greeters ..... Robert & Andra Reason  
Sunday Musician. .... Randy Ewing  
Sunday Communion Assistants ..... Duane Huffer, Kathy Newlon, Darlene Schmidt  
Sunday Worship Production ..... Rod Fischer, Logan Simmons  
Coffee Fellowship ..... John & Helen Olson

***Reader Opportunities are available for anyone!***

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### Office Hours

Monday–Thursday  
9:00 am–4:00 pm

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