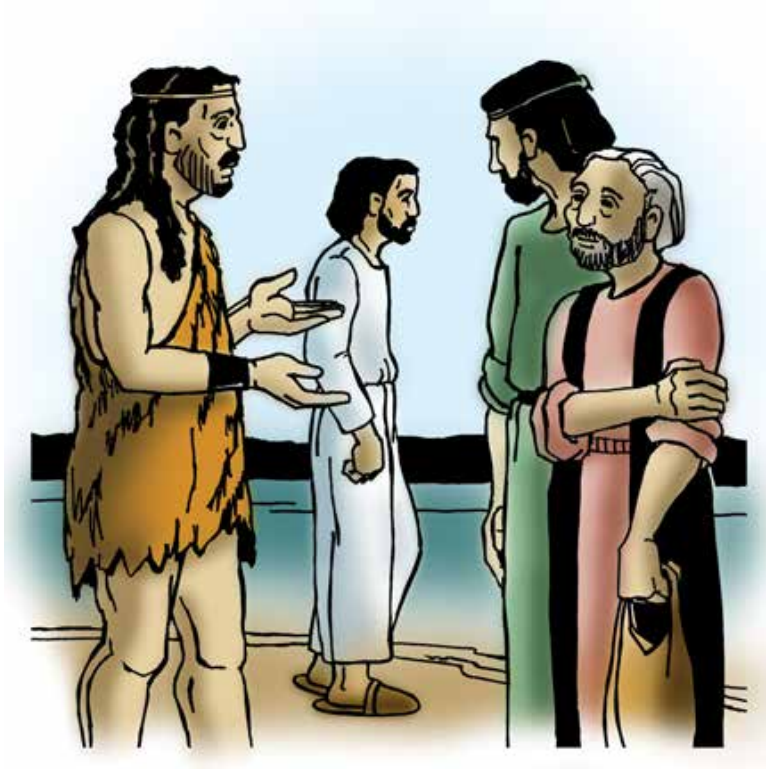


**Saturday**  
**January 14, 2023**

2ND WEEKEND  
AFTER EPHIPHANY

**Sunday**  
**January 15, 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.



It's BINGO SUNDAY, January 15 at 1pm! We'll fire up the popcorn maker, play BINGO (win fabulous prizes)! All ages are welcome. You can sign up online or at the Welcome Center—or just come at the last minute!

Join us for a monthly (every 3rd Wednesday) midweek supper & worship experience on January 18. We'll gather in the Commons from 6-7:00 pm for this time together before evening programming

begins. Please RSVP so we can prepare enough food! January's menu (crafted by Chef Mark Weber):

Baked Buffet Dinner Ham

Sour Cream Potato Casserole

Green Bean Casserole / Whole Kernel Corn

Tossed Lettuce Salad/Hidden Valley Dressing

Kings Hawaiian Dinner Rolls and Butter Reddies

Pumpkin Pie Dessert/Topping + Iced Chocolate Brownies



# Saturday, January 14

## GATHERING

Gathering Song: *Hosanna (Praise Is Rising)*

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship

Prayer of the Day

## WORD

Reading: John 1:29-42

Children's Message

Sermon

Song of the Day: *The Lion and the Lamb*

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: *The River*

Dismissal

Sending Music

# Sunday, January 15

## GATHERING

Prelude

Gathering Hymn: *Hail to the Lord's Anointed* (Red #311)

Confession & Forgiveness

Greeting & Kyrie (Red p. 138)

Canticle of Praise (Red p. 139)

Prayer of the Day

Welcome & Announcements

## WORD

First Reading: Psalm 40:1-11

Gospel Acclamation (Red p. 142)

Gospel Reading: John 1:29-42

Children's Message

Sermon

Hymn of the Day: *He Comes to Us as One Unknown* (Red #737) vv. 1, 4-5

Apostles' Creed (Red p. 105)

Prayers & Peace

## MEAL

Offertory: "Shine Down" (Bethesda Choir)

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: *Thine the Amen* (Red #826)

Table Blessing & Prayer

## SENDING

Blessing

Sending Hymn: *Arise, Your Light Has Come!* (Red #314)

Dismissal

Postlude

GIVING  
made  
easy



SCAN ME



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

**SIGN-UP AT:**  
**[tinyurl.com/ym3zw3vu](https://tinyurl.com/ym3zw3vu)**

We've had our first Lunch Bunch, and scheduled Feb. 9 for our next outing at Boulder Taphouse! Sign-up for this and all the other fellowship opportunities at the website listed at left. Fun Fun Fun!!

Plan to join us in the Commons following worship on Sunday, Jan. 29. Please note that the printed Annual Report will be available at the Welcome Center by January 27.



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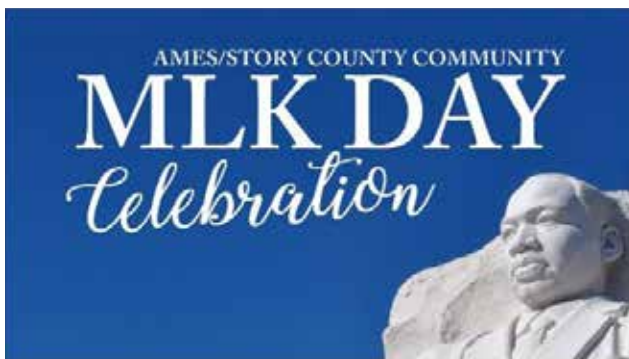
## PRAYER AT BETHESDA

**GRIEVING:** The Kaeberle family, on the death of their father, Merlin, on January 6, at Israel Hospice

**HEALING:** Bob Ahlstrom; Mark Allen; Chris Brakke; Cecilia Horner; Scott Marrs; Laura Miller; Tim Burkgren Morgan; Nita Paque; 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





Bethesda will be closed on Monday, January 16 for this national holiday, but you can participate in a community celebration! Head to the Ames City Auditorium (520 6th St.) at 6:30 pm.

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

  
**VOYAGERS**



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

*Bethesda*  
**WOMEN**

**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 Greeters .....	Dennis & Marnette Warth
Saturday Musicians .....	Ed Kaizer, Praise Band Musicians
Saturday Communion Assistants .....	Joe Daiker; Dennis & Marnette Warth
Saturday Worship Production .....	Evan Bay Brakke, Larry Prince, Luke Simmons
Sunday Greeters .....	Russ & Jan Melby
Sunday Musicians .....	Bethesda Choir, Randy Ewing
Sunday Communion Assistants .....	Mark Dobbe, Jim & Jeanne Stewart
Sunday Worship Production .....	Rod Fischer, Logan Simmons
Coffee Fellowship .....	The Woodcock Family

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

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### Office Hours

Monday–Thursday  
9:00 am–4:00 pm

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