

FIRST WEEKEND
OF LENT

Saturday
March 9, 2019

Sunday
March 10, 2019



Bethesda Lutheran Church
GATHER...GROW...GO



A congregation of the Southeastern Iowa Synod, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA)

Welcome

A special welcome to those new to worshipping with us—we're glad the spirit has called you here! If you don't already have a church home and would like to join ours, please fill out a Welcome/Prayer Request card (Saturday cards are inside the bulletin; Sunday cards are in the pew hymnal racks), and place it in the offering plate.

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

Children are welcome! Age-appropriate activities during worship are available in "Busy Bags" at the main entrance to the Sanctuary. A staffed Nursery with private lactation room is available on the first floor Faith & Life hallway, across from Centennial Hall, each Saturday, Sunday, and Wednesday.

Holy Communion is available to all believers. Bread, wine (red), and grape juice (white) served. Gluten-free wafers available.

Large-print editions of the weekend worship services are available. Please inquire with an usher. Sanctuary worship: Assistive devices for the hearing-impaired are available. Please ask an usher.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Saturday 5:30 pm

MODERN

First Saturday of each month

Café Bethesda (fellowship/treats). 5:00 pm

Sunday 9:30 am

TRADITIONAL

Coffee Fellowship 10:40 am

SPLASH Faith Formation . . 10:40 am

(Sunday School—Pre-K thru 8th)

VOYAGER Adult Faith Formation

LENTEN

Wednesday 6:30 pm

GROW IN GOD'S WORD

Mar. 16/17: Luke 13:31-35

Second Weekend of Lent

Call for Lenten Ushers

Please consider signing-up for Usher service during Lent. A sign-up sheet is now available at the Usher Station in the Narthex.

LENT • EASTER WORSHIP

Wed, Mar. 6–Apr. 10 . . . 6:30pm

(preceded by 5:30 pm Lenten Soup Suppers)

Lenten Worship

Apr. 13/14 . . . 5:30pm/9:30am

Palm Weekend

Thurs, Apr. 18 . . . 7:00pm

Maundy Thursday Worship

First Communion

Fri, Apr. 19 . . . 7:00pm

Good Friday Worship

Sat, Apr. 20 . . . 5:30pm

Easter Vigil Worship

Sun Apr. 21—Easter Sunday

Worship . . . 8:00am

Brunch . . . 9:00am

Worship . . . 10:00am

GATHER

Bethesda Opportunities

Camperships Stipends Due Mar. 17

Bible Camp is an important and exciting way to learn about and experience growth in one's faith. ELCA Lutheran Bible Camp stipends (to *any* ELCA affiliated Camp) are presented to Bethesda youth as a show of support and are not based on financial need. Application materials are available at the Welcome Center and at www.bethesdaames.org/2019-campership-stipends/. Contact Dan Hinderaker with any questions.

Lenten Soup Suppers

There are two dates (March 27 and April 3) still open for a group to reserve hosting and providing the meal before Wednesday Lenten worship. Contact Melanie Trepka at mtrepka@bethesdaames.org to sign-up!

2 Antique Bookcases Need Re-homed

Peek into the Library (Room #114) for the two (very different) large bookcases available for adoption. Any donation amount would be welcomed. Please contact Kathy Harris (kmh1951@msn.com) with your interest.

Progressive Dinner
Sunday, March 31
..... 6:30-8:30 pm

Easter Brunch
Sunday, April 21
..... 9-10:00 am

Trivia Night
Friday, May 17
..... 6:30-8:00 pm

1 PEMBA NORTH
2 PEMBA SOUTH
3 ZANZIBAR NORTH
4 ZANZIBAR URBAN/WEST
5 ZANZIBAR CENTRAL/SOUTH



Saturday, March 9

GATHERING SONG 1: *The Way*

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

I will exalt you, O God,

And bless your name forever and ever.

Daily will I bless you.

And bless your name forever and ever.

Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised;

There is no end to God's greatness.

GATHERING SONG 2: *Come As You Are*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O Lord God, you led your people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide us now, so that, following your Son, we may walk safely through the wilderness of this world toward the life you alone can give, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

READING: Luke 4:1-13

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

SONG OF THE DAY: *Great Are You, Lord*

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION . . . Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

PEACE

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come to the banquet, for all is now ready. **Thanks be to God.**

COMMUNION SONG: *Hungry*

BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Tender and merciful one, at your feast, you fed us who brought nothing, turning our emptiness into joy. Filled with your abundant grace, send us now to be ministers of reconciliation, mending broken hearts, working for justice, and striving for peace among all people, in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

SENDING SONG: *Hosanna (Praise Is Rising)*

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Remember the poor. **Thanks be to God.**

SENDING MUSIC

Sunday, March 10

GATHERING

PRELUDE: “In Christ There Is No East or West” (D. Cherwien)
PROCESSIONAL HYMN: *In Christ There Is No East or West* (Red #650)
CONFESSION and FORGIVENESS (Red p. 94)
GREETING (Red p. 156)
KYRIE (Red p. 156)
PRAYER OF THE DAY
WELCOME
ANTHEM: “Just As I Am” (K. L. Scott) - Sunday Choir

WORD

READING: Deuteronomy 26:1-11 (Pew Bible p. 158)
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: *Glory and praise...* (Red p. 160)
GOSPEL READING: Luke 4:1-13 (Pew Bible p. 835)
CHILDREN’S MESSAGE
SERMON
HYMN OF THE DAY: *Bless Now, O God, the Journey* (Red #326)
APOSTLES’ CREED (Red p. 105)
PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION . . . Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**
PEACE: The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

MEAL

OFFERING / OFFERTORY: “I Want Jesus to Walk with Me” (M. Hayes)
OFFERING PRAYER
THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE
LORD’S PRAYER (Red p. 163)
INVITATION TO COMMUNION *All are welcome at the Lord’s table. Red is wine; white is grape juice.*
COMMUNION SONG: *Lamb of God...* (Red p. 164)
HYMNS: *One Bread, One Body* (Red #496)
 I Want Jesus to Walk with Me (Red #325)
COMMUNION BLESSING & PRAYER (Red p. 164)

SENDING

ANNOUNCEMENTS
BLESSING (Red p. 164)
SENDING HYMN: *Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer* (Red #618)
DISMISSAL (Red p. 164)
POSTLUDE: “Guide Me Ever” (P. Manz)

Bethesda Opportunities

Progressive Italian Dinner: Mar 31

Our popular Progressive Dinner (another terrific YOUTH fundraiser for the summer trip to Shighatini) is scheduled **Sunday, March 31**. Tickets (\$20 per person) are now available in the church office, or with Dan. A gourmet Italian-style meal in courses will be prepared and served by Bethesda culinary talents. Be sure to mark your calendar.



WANTED Silent Auction Items

for our upcoming **PROGRESSIVE DINNER FUNDRAISER** on **March 31**. If you have an item, a service, tickets to the big game, a fabulous musical experience or a night out on the town—or any other creative ideas—please consider a donation toward our Silent Auction. *All proceeds will go toward our YOUTH trip to Shighatini this summer.*



MOPS Diaper Drive in Commons

Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS) is **collecting diapers and new baby clothes** (size 0-24mo.) for the STORK'S NEST in Ames, which is a program to help parents of babies pre-birth to 18 months of age. Moms are excited to offer this drive and are greatly appreciative for Bethesda's support!

PRAYER AT BETHESDA

GRIEVING: Joan Greenlee and family on the death of her nephew, of Waverly, Iowa

HEALING: Andy, son of Bob & Carolyn Ahlstrom; Daniel Karr son of Annie Karr; Alan Lem, son of Jean Lem; John Nervig (rehab, Northridge Village); Amy Pederson; Lois Slobe

SERVING OUR NATION: Colonel Mark Kappelmann, (D.C.), son of Glenn & Mary Kappelmann

• Kristin Murray, Diplomat (US Embassy, Rabat, Morocco), daughter of Russ & Jan Melby

Free Indeed Visits Memorial Lutheran

Pastor Jerry Collell, of the ELCA congregation inside Anamosa State Penitentiary (one of our Mission partners) will be preaching in Nevada on March 23/24. He will also lead an Adult Forum on Sunday, March 24 at 10:30 am. He will share how Memorial Lutheran's Ministry Endowment Grant impacts the ministry of Free Indeed.



Bread for the World Training

Members and friends of Bethesda are invited to attend an **April 25, 9:30–11 am** Bread for the World Training event at the Southeastern Iowa Synod Office, Iowa City. Please contact Russ Melby (norskeboy@aol.com) for info and ride request. Russ will depart Bethesda at 7:00 am. Riders should bring lunch money, and we'll return to Bethesda by 5:30 pm. Register by emailing: barkalow@seiasynod.org (no fee).

2019 VBS Team Call for Members!



Please reach out to Dan Hinderaker (dhinderaker@BethesdaAmes.org) with questions AND to volunteer with this amazing annual event.

Current @ Bethesda

SATURDAY, MARCH 9

- 4:00 pm Praise Team Rehearsal . . . Commons
 5:30 pm TIDES & TOTS Staffed . . . Nursery
 5:30 pm Worship. Commons

*Daylight
 Saving
 Time*



SUNDAY, MARCH 10

- 8:30 am Sunday Choir Rehearsal. . Music #100
 9:30 am TIDES & TOTS Staffed . . . Nursery
 9:30 am Worship. Sanctuary
 10:40 am Coffee Fellowship Commons
 10:40 am SPLASH Faith Formation Room 209
 10:40 am VOYAGERS: Russ Melby
 Romero: Martyr & Saint . . Centennial

MONDAY, MARCH 11

- 6:30 am Tai Chi #114
 9:00 am Community Food Pantry
 9:30 am Community Clothing Closet
 9:30 am Staff Worship/Weekly Meeting
 1:00 pm LWR Sewing Group Centennial
 6:00 pm Memorials & Gifts Team. . . . #114
 7:00 pm Boy Scouts Troop #140 . . Centennial

TUESDAY, MARCH 12

- 7:00 am Men's Bible Study Conference
 10:00 am Tai Chi for Arthritis #114
 1:00 pm Community Food Pantry
 3:45 pm Tai Chi #114
 4:30 pm Inspirational Reading #114
 6:30 pm Leadership Training. Commons
 6:30 pm Community Food Pantry
 6:30 pm Community Clothing Closet
 7:00 pm Boy Scouts Troop #140 . . Centennial
 7:00 pm Bethesda-Tanzania Team . . Conference

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13

- 6:30 am Tai Chi #114
 9:00 am Community Food Pantry
 9:30 am Community Clothing Closet
 5:30 pm Lenten Soup Supper Commons
Church Council hosting
 5:30 pm Choristers Rehearsal Music #100
 5:30 pm TIDES & TOTS Staffed . . . Nursery
 5:45 pm Confirmation Mentoring
 6:30 pm Lenten Worship Sanctuary
 7:30 pm FLOOD-High School . . #206/208

THURSDAY, MARCH 14

- 12:15 pm Cleaning #114
 1:00 pm Community Food Pantry
 1:00 pm Community Clothing Closet
 3:45 pm Tai Chi #114
 5:45 pm Carillon Choir Rehearsal. . . . Music
 6:15 pm Ames Chamber Artists. . . Commons
 7:00 pm Bethesda Choir Rehearsal . . . Music

FRIDAY, MARCH 15

- 6:30 am Tai Chi #114
 12:00 pm Church and Office Closed Fridays

SATURDAY, MARCH 16

- 4:00 pm Praise Team Rehearsal . . . Commons
 5:30 pm TIDES & TOTS Staffed . . . Nursery
 5:30 pm Worship. Commons

SUNDAY, MARCH 17

- 9:30 am TIDES & TOTS Staffed . . . Nursery
 9:30 am Worship. Sanctuary
 10:40 am Coffee Fellowship Commons
 10:40 am NO SPLASH Faith Formation
Spring Break
 1:30 pm Inquirers Small Group. . . Conference
 6:00 pm Days for Girls Centennial

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Minister	<i>Pastor Ryan Arnold</i>
Saturday Hosts	<i>Kirk Anderson, Brian & Janell Meyer</i>
Saturday Praise Band	<i>Trace Houge Brakke, Karter Ewing, Ed Kaizer, Nick Kaizer, Rod Kern, Kay Nelson, Kate Nettleton, Larry Prince, Jeff Widen</i>
Saturday Lay Readers	<i>Kirk Anderson, Brian Meyer</i>
Saturday Sound Tech	<i>Nick Kaizer</i>
Saturday A/V	<i>Allan Schmidt</i>
Sunday Lay Assisting Minister	<i>Jim Stewart</i>
Lay Reader	<i>John Sletten</i>
Musicians	<i>Sunday Choir, Mary Nelson</i>
Sound Tech	<i>Jeanne Stewart</i>
Greeters	<i>Jo Baker, Helen Miller</i>
Ushers	<i>David & Sharon Anderson, Grace Nelson, Daryle & Joyce Vegge</i>
Communion Assistants	<i>Jonathan Mortensen, Kathy Newlon, Mark Weber</i>
Sunday Coffee Hosts	<i>Danny & Sue Kepley</i>



Interested in helping out during Lenten services? Consider signing up for a position with the Usher Ministry Team (sign-up sheet at the Usher Station in the Narthex).

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 Monday–Thursday
 9:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.
 Friday
 9:00 a.m.–Noon

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