Third Weekend
of Lent

Saturday
March 23, 2019

Sunday
March 24, 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

GATHER

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

April 6/7: John 12:1-8
Fourth Weekend of Lent

Call for Lenten Ushers

Please consider signing-up for Usher service during Lent. A sign-up sheet is 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

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**. A limited number of tickets ($20 per person) are now available before and after worship, and in the church office. A gourmet Italian-style meal in courses will be prepared and served by Bethesda culinary talents.

Silent Auction Items You Could Win!

Artwork . . Performance Tix . . Fresh Iowa Angus Beef . . . Wooden Craftspieces . . B&B Accommodations . . Gift Baskets . . Service Work . . Autographed Sports Memorabilia . . Railroad Tix

All proceeds will go toward our YOUTH trip to Shighatini June 27–July 10, 2019.

Best of Story County Nominations

Nominations open up this Sunday, March 17 for the Ames Tribune-sponsored "Best of Story County Awards" (www.amestrib.com). This is the first step of the process, and each email address can submit nominations one time. Let's make 2019 the second year of **Bethesda: Best Place to Worship!**

Community Easter Egg Hunt

April 13 . . . 10-11:30 am

We need volunteers to make this the most awesome outreach event of the year! Sign-up at the Welcome Center, or online at Sign-Up Genius (search for mtrepa@bethesdaames.org). Meanwhile, ***HELP OUT YOUR PEEPS*** by filling a plastic bag of eggs (or two) with wrapped candy (no peanuts)! Donations accepted in the church office and labeled bins around the church until April 12.

More Books!

Visit Room #114 to browse the ever-changing collection of free books! Keep an eye out for small group resources coming soon. There are plenty of Bibles for you to share with others, too.

4th Week *Gather* Bible Studies

Wednesday following Lenten worship, and . . . Thursday @ 9:30 am in the Commons

LWR Kit Deadlines: April 2

It's time to complete our Lutheran World Relief kit collections (bin in the church office). Thank you from Bethesda Women's Ministries Board!

Saturday, March 23

GATHERING SONG 1: ***Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley***
WELCOME
CALL TO WORSHIP
We have gathered in the presence of God who is love.
We have gathered in the shadow of the cross, a sign of God's love.
Let us give thanks for the compassion of God, the grace of Jesus Christ, and the unity of the Holy Spirit.
We will sing and pray, praising God with our hearts and hands and voices!
GATHERING SONG 2: ***Mighty to Save***
PRAYER OF THE DAY
Eternal God, your kingdom has broken into our troubled world through the life, death, and resurrection of your Son. Help us to hear your word and obey it, and bring your saving love to fruition in our lives, 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 13:1-9
CHILDREN'S MESSAGE
SERMON
SONG OF THE DAY: ***Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)***
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: ***I Give Myself Away***
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: ***Better Is One Day***
DISMISSAL
Go in peace. Remember the poor. **Thanks be to God.**
SENDING MUSIC

Sunday, March 24

GATHERING

PRELUDE: "Jesus, Still Lead On" (P. Manz)
PROCESSIONAL HYMN: ***Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross*** **(Red #335)**
CONFESSION and FORGIVENESS (Red p. 94)
GREETING (Red p. 156)
KYRIE (Red p. 156)
PRAYER OF THE DAY
WELCOME
ANTHEM: "Praise the Lord" (N. Sleeth) - Choristers

WORD

READING: Isaiah 55:1-9 (Pew Bible p. 598)
PSALM: "Hear My Words" from Ps. 5 (S. Paulus) - Choristers
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: ***Glory and praise…*** (Red p. 160)
GOSPEL READING: Luke 13:1-9 (Pew Bible p. 848)
CHILDREN'S MESSAGE
SERMON
HYMN OF THE DAY: ***Jesus Is a Rock in a Weary Land*** **(Red #333)**
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: "Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross" (J. Carter)
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: ***O Living Bread from Heaven*** **(Red #542)**
You Satisfy the Hungry Heart **(Red #484)**
COMMUNION BLESSING & PRAYER (Red p. 164)

SENDING

ANNOUNCEMENTS
BLESSING (Red p. 164)
SENDING HYMN: ***Jesus, Still Lead On*** **(Red #624)**
DISMISSAL (Red p. 164)
POSTLUDE

Bethesda Opportunities

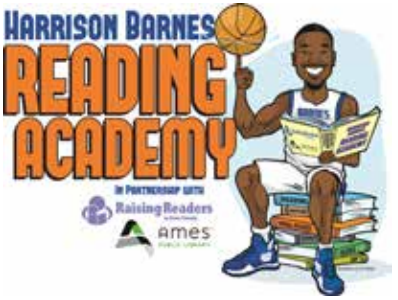
MOPS Diaper Drive in Commons

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!

ERP Job Opportunities

The Emergency Residence Project (a Bethesda partner) seeks applicants for the **Executive Director** position. Visit www.amesshelter.org/careers/ for more info and to apply by Mar. 29. ERP is also looking for a FT **Men's Shelter Coordinator.** Contact Carrie Moser, at 515-232-8075 or Carrie@amesshelter.org .

ERP is an equal opportunity employer.



Raising Readers Volunteers

Join the 2019 Harrison Barnes Reading Academy Summer Reading Buddies! The program runs June 10–July 25 (break July 1–5). Visit www.raising-readers.org for more information and to apply.

Free Indeed Visits Memorial Lutheran

Pastor Jerry Collell, of the ELCA congregation inside Anamosa State Penetentiary (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.

Easter Flowers

Honor or remember your your loved ones by adorning the chancel with flowers. $15 per honorarium/memorial . . . **Deadline: April 16** Complete the special envelope, note "Easter Flowers" on your check memo line, made out to Bethesda. Please print clearly! Place envelopes in the mail slot outside the office door.

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 be 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).

Prayer at Bethesda

Healing: Bud Maakestad; John Nervig (rehab, Northridge Village); Amy Pederson

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

Current @ Bethesda

Saturday, March 23

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

Sunday, March 24

9:30 am TIDES & TOTS Staffed . . . . Nursery
9:30 am Worship~Choristers sing . . Sanctuary
10:40 am Coffee Fellowship . . . . . Commons
10:40 am SPLASH Faith Formation . . . . . #209
1:30 pm Vacation Bible School Meeting
Conference Room

Monday, March 25

6:30 am Tai Chi . . . . . #114
9:00 am Community Food Pantry
9:30 am Community Clothing Closet
10:30 am Staff Worship/Weekly Meeting
1:00 pm LWR Sewing Group . . . . .Centennial
7:00 pm Boy Scouts Troop #140 . . .Centennial

Tuesday, March 26

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
6:00 pm LSI–Parent Cafe . . . . . Commons
6:30 pm Women's Ministries Board Meeting
#207
6:30 pm Community Food Pantry
6:30 pm Community Clothing Closet
7:00 pm Tanzania Youth Trip Meeting
@ St. Andrews Church

Wednesday, March 27

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
Bethesda Choir hosting
5:30 pm Choristers Rehearsal . . . . Music #100
5:30 pm TIDES & TOTS Staffed . . . . Nursery
6:30 pm Lenten Worship . . . . . .Sanctuary
7:15 pm "*Gather*" by the River . . . . . #114
7:30 pm FLOOD–High School . . #206/208

Thursday, March 28

9:30 am Combined Circle Bible Study
Commons
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
7:15 pm "*Gather*" Bible Study . . . . . Kitchen

Friday, March 29

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

Saturday, March 30

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

Sunday, March 31

9:30 am TIDES & TOTS Staffed . . . . Nursery
9:30 am Worship~SPLASH sings . . Sanctuary
10:40 am Coffee Fellowship . . . . . Commons
10:40 am SPLASH Faith Formation . . . . . #209
11:00 am First Communion Class. . . . . #209
6:30 pm **Progressive Dinner Youth Fundraiser**
Commons

Worship Participants

Minister . . . . . *Pastor Ryan Arnold*
Saturday Praise Band . . . . . *Trace Houge Brakke, Karter Ewing, Ed Kaizer, Nick Kaizer, Rod Kern, Kay Nelson, Kate Nettleton, Larry Prince, Jeff Widen*
Saturday Sound Tech . . . . . *Nick Kaizer*
Sunday Lay Assisting Minister . . . . . *Carolyn Ahlstrom*
Lay Reader . . . . . *Rick Ballentine*
Musicians . . . . . *Choristers, Mary Nelson*
Sound Tech . . . . . *Glenn Crosswait*
Greeters . . . . . *Lundvall Family*
Ushers . . . . . *Walter & LuAnn Armstrong, Riley Nelson, Mike Purcell, Marvin Scherr, Callie Server*
Communion Assistants . . . . . *Kathy Newlon, Jim & Jeanne Stewart*
Sunday Coffee Hosts . . . . . *Roy & Pat Hougen, Don & Ardie Roehr*

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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