

22ND WEEKEND
AFTER PENTECOST

Saturday
November 9, 2019

Sunday
November 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

GATHER

Grow in God's Word: **Nov. 16/17**

Matthew 11:25-30
"Gentleness"

Children are welcome! Age-appropriate activities during worship are available in "Busy Bags" at the main entrance to the Sanctuary. Tides & Tots, 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 are available.

Large-print editions of weekend worship services are available. Please ask 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

VOYAGERS Adult Forum 10:40 am

Wednesday 6:30 pm
MIDWEEK RENEWAL



Reconciling In Christ

The VOYAGER forum with Larry Otteman last Sunday was incorrectly titled "Reconciling With Christ." For those who would like a deeper view of the program, visit <https://www.reconcilingworks.org/resources/ric/>. The topic is welcoming LGTBQ people at Bethesda. Larry has invited interested members to join him in an ad hoc group to begin an exploration of the topic. Contact larryaotteman@gmail.com.

Bethesda Opportunities



Let's Celebrate!

Please join us for a Celebration of God's Work at Bethesda after both services **Nov. 9-10**. We will dedicate the new multi-purpose **CROSSROADS** room, recognize the legacy of our library and media center, and rejoice in the many facility improvements and volunteers who helped make that happen. And, of course, there will be cake! No adult forum is scheduled on Sunday, in fact, you are invited to tour the building after the program to see the updates yourself! This includes Centennial Hall, staff offices, 2nd-floor Youth Room, SPLASH rooms and Clothing Closet.



Sunday, Nov. 17 . . 6:30-8:00 pm

Come on out for a fun-filled night of Bingo, Bunco, and our annual paper airplane toss from the balcony! All are welcome to this excellent opportunity to enjoy fellowship, fun, games, and food. ***Our prizes will be white elephant gifts—please donate any fun white elephant items to Dan Hinderaker prior to the event!***

VOYAGERS Adult Forum

Bethesda Community Food Pantry with Rod Fischer

Sunday, Nov. 17 after service

Rod will include a brief history of our Food Pantry; what it takes to run the organization; where we get food; and a look at the number of people served.



Good Neighbor Fall Choral Concert

"Leap of Faith"

Sunday, Nov. 10 . . 2-4pm

Collegiate Presbyterian

13 Area Church and Community Choirs

All are invited to this fundraiser to further the mission of Good Neighbor, which is to provide emergency assistance for basic needs. A free-will offering will be received.

Budget Planning

Board chairs—it's time to review your budgets and propose the 2020 updates to Andra Reason, Treasurer (andreason@gmail.com). The Budget Team will be meeting soon!

Saturday, November 9

GATHERING SONG 1: *I Surrender*

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

We gather in the presence of the spirit of God who brings us love, life and peace.

We come wishing to be strengthened and made whole. Lord, forgive us our selfish desires, broken relationships and mixed up priorities.

The good news is that God forgives our selfishness, brings healing to our broken lives and loves us with an unconditional love. Let us praise God for the renewal of our lives.

Praise, blessing, honor and glory be to God forever and ever.

GATHERING SONG 2: *Oceans*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, our eternal redeemer, by the presence of your Spirit you renew and direct our hearts. Keep always in our mind the end of all things and the day of judgment. Inspire us for a holy life here, and bring us to the joy of the resurrection, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

PRESENTATION OF BIBLES

READING: Matthew 25:14-30

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON: "Faithfulness"

SONG OF THE DAY: *What Faith Can Do*

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: *Scars*

BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We thank you, God our host, for inviting us here to taste the future when you will feed all the hungry at your table. Keep this hope alive in us and in our communities, so that we might bring hope to a suffering world, in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

SENDING SONG: *I Will Follow*

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Set your hope on Christ.

Thanks be to God.

SENDING MUSIC

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GATHERING

PRELUDE: "Great is Thy Faithfulness" (J. Carter)
PROCESSIONAL HYMN: ***Great Is Thy Faithfulness*** (Red #733)
CONFESSION and FORGIVENESS (Red p. 117)
GREETING / KYRIE (Red p. 120)
CANTICLE OF PRAISE (Red p. 121)
PRAYER OF THE DAY
WELCOME
PRESENTATION OF BIBLES

WORD

ANTHEM: "Alleluia" Canon (W. Boyce) - Choristers
GOSPEL READING: Matthew 25:14-30 (Pew Bible p. 807)
CHILDREN'S MESSAGE
SERMON: "Faithfulness"
HYMN OF THE DAY: ***Jesus Loves Me*** (Red #595)
APOSTLES' CREED (Red p. 127)
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 Love to Tell the Story" (E. Diemer)
OFFERING PRAYER
GREAT THANKSGIVING (Red p. 129)
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.*
ANTHEM: "Salvation Is Created" (P. Tchesnokov) - Bethesda Choir
HYMNS: ***Break Now the Bread of Life*** (Red #515)
 I Love to Tell the Story (Red #661)
COMMUNION BLESSING & PRAYER

SENDING

ANNOUNCEMENTS
BLESSING
SENDING HYMN: ***Crown Him with Many Crowns*** (Red #855)
DISMISSAL
POSTLUDE: "Diademata" (M. Burkhardt)



Benevolent Funding Requests Due

If your Bethesda group, or any outside group, would like to submit a request for funds—the deadline is stated as **Nov. 1**. *However, we will consider any applications that arrive to Karla Mortensen (karlam64@yahoo.com) or the church office by Nov. 20 (before Thanksgiving).*

Share the Spirit! ♦♦♦♦♦

It is time to send a Christmas card to a Christian sister or brother in Shighatini, Tanzania!

- 1) Pick up a picture card at the Welcome Center.
- 2) Write a Christian greeting in short sentences inside your card.
- 3) Send along a photo of your family (optional)
- 4) Use the name and address on the picture card.
- 5) Postage is \$1.15—though if you bring your card back to Bethesda before Dec. 3, it will be sent in a bulk shipment (at no cost to you).

St. Cecilia Christmas Market

Saturday, November 23 4:30-6:30

Sunday, November 24 9:00–12:30

Attendees are asked to provide a “free will” donation for anything they select. All cash donations will be given to Good Neighbor Emergency Assistance. Individuals can drop new and gently used Christmas items on Friday, November 22, 1-4 pm at St. Cecilia.

PRAYER AT BETHESDA

GRIEVING: Karsten Smedal on the loss of his sister Kären John of Lake Havasu City, AZ on Nov. 4 (Kären & Edward John were former members)

HEALING: Ginny Hade (daughter-in-law of Dick & Darlene Hade); Marla Larson; Riley Mahoney (granddaughter of Phil & Kathy Harris); Bill Marion; Yvonne Martin (mother of Kim Burnett); Marvin Stromer (surgery Nov. 15); Jana Tschopp (Mayo)

SERVING OUR NATION: Colonel Mark Kappellmann, (D.C.), son of Glenn & Mary Kappelmann Kristin Murray, Diplomat (US Embassy, Rabat, Morocco), daughter of Russ & Jan Melby

Christian Service Mission & Outreach Board on the Season of Giving . . .

Advent is a good time to remember the **ELCA World Hunger program**. Much of what they do is to help people around the world provide for themselves, not just give them food. Envelopes will be on the Christmas tree in the Commons: just write a check to Bethesda and note “World Hunger” on the memo line.

Some of us like to give specific gifts to friends and relations and the **Ames Alternative Gift Market** enables us to give to charities here in Ames as well as around the world. Order sheets are coming to the Welcome Center and can be turned in at Wheatsfield on Saturdays in December. The Bethesda Community Food Pantry is one of those designated (receiving a \$1500 grant this year from the national organization). Ann Hein has further information (annbhein@yahoo.com).

Bethesda Pie Social: Nov. 24 following worship

Bring Pie.

Share Pie.

Eat Pie.

Talk about the fabulous Pies.

Thank the Pie makers.



Current @ Bethesda

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9

- 9:30 am "A Day with Daoud Nassar" Commons
 4:20 pm Praise Team Rehearsal Commons
 5:30 pm Tides & Tots Staffed Nursery
 5:30 pm Worship. Commons
 Presentation of Bibles
 6:30 pm Celebration of God's Work at Bethesda
 Crossroads, Upstairs

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10

- 9:30 am Tides & Tots Staffed Nursery
 9:30 am Worship. Sanctuary
 Presentation of Bibles
 10:30 am Celebration of God's Work at Bethesda
 Crossroads, Upstairs
 10:40 am Coffee Fellowship Commons
 10:40 am SPLASH Faith Formation #209
 1:30 pm Inquirers Small Group Conference
 7:00 pm FLOOD #206/208

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 11

- 6:30 pm Tai Chi Centennial
 9:00 am Community Food Pantry
 9:30 am Community Clothing Closet
 10:30 am Weekly Staff Meeting. Conference
 1:00 pm LWR Sewing Centennial
 6:00 pm Memorials & Gifts Team. Conference
 6:30 pm MOPS. #206/208/209
 6:30 pm Tides & Tots Staffed Nursery
 6:30 pm White Fragility: Race, Faith and You
 Crossroads
 7:00 pm Boy Scout Troop 140. Centennial

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12

- 7:00 am Men's Bible Study Conference
 10:00 am Tai Chi Centennial
 1:00 pm Community Food Pantry
 1:00 pm Personnel Ministry Team. Conference
 4:30 pm Inspirational Reading Crossroads
 6:30 pm Community Clothing Closet
 6:30 pm Community Food Pantry
 6:30 pm Reconciling with Christ. Crossroads

- 7:00 pm Christian Ed & Youth Board
 #206/208

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 13

- 6:30 am Tai Chi Centennial
 9:30 am Community Clothing Closet
 10:00 am Community Food Pantry
 5:30 pm Confirmation Mentor Session #2
 5:30 pm Carillon Choir Rehearsal Conference
 5:30 pm Choristers Rehearsal Music
 5:30 pm Living Water Wed. Fellowship Meal
 Commons
 6:30 pm Midweek Renewal Worship. Sanctuary
 6:30 pm Tides & Tots Staffed Nursery
 7:00 pm Bethesda Choir Rehearsal Music
 7:00 pm OASIS (6-8th Confirmation)
 8:00 pm FLOOD (High School). #206/208

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14

- 8:30 am *Wellspring* Assembly/Mailed Commons
 10:00 am Tai Chi Centennial
 1:00 pm Community Food Pantry
 1:00 pm Community Clothing Closet
 5:35 pm ACA Rehearsal Commons

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 15

- 6:30 am Tai Chi Centennial
 12:00 pm Church and Offices Closed

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16

- 4:20 pm Praise Team Rehearsal Commons
 5:30 pm Tides & Tots Staffed Nursery
 5:30 pm Worship. Commons

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17

- 9:30 am Tides & Tots Staffed Nursery
 9:30 am Worship. Sanctuary
 10:40 am Coffee Fellowship Commons
 10:40 am SPLASH Faith Formation #209
 10:40 am VOYAGERS: Bethesda Community
 Food Pantry ~ with Rod Fischer
 Centennial
 6:30 pm Family Bingo & Game Night

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Ministers	<i>Pastor Ryan Arnold, Intern Pastor Sonja Gerstenberger</i>
Saturday Praise Band	<i>Trace Houge Brakke, Christine Brinkmeyer, Karter Ewing, Ed Kaizer, Nick Kaizer, Rod Kern, Kay Nelson, Katherine Werner, Jeff Widen</i>
Saturday Hosts	<i>Brad & Sara Lehman, Dennis & Marnette Warth and</i>
Saturday Lay Readers.	<i>Rod Fischer, Marnette Warth</i>
Saturday TVs.	<i>Allan Schmidt</i>
Saturday Sound Tech.	<i>Nick Kaizer</i>
Sunday Lay Assisting Minister.	<i>Larry Otteman</i>
Lay Reader	<i>Diane Hinderaker</i>
Musicians	<i>Choristers, Bethesda Choir</i>
Organist	<i>Mary Nelson</i>
Sound Tech	<i>Mark Dobbe</i>
Greeters.	<i>Glenn & Mary Kappelmann</i>
Ushers.	<i>Jim Duea, Dave Hansen, Ken Janssen, John Lundvall</i>
Communion Assistants	<i>Jonathan Mortensen, Jim & Jeanne Stewart</i>
Coffee Fellowship	<i>Harold & Julie Pike, Larry & Darlene Wolters</i>

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Friday
9:00 a.m.–Noon

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Worship Schedule

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Wednesday . . . 6:30 p.m.
(monthly in summer)