23rd Weekend
after Pentecost

Saturday
November 16, 2019

Sunday
November 17, 2019

FRUITS OF THE SPIRIT

Gentleness

Bethesda Lutheran Church
Gather...Grow...Go

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

Grow in God’s Word: **Nov. 23/24**  
James 1:17-27 “Self-Control”  
Christ the King

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.

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**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

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**BLUE Christmas**

A service of comfort acknowledging our suffering in a season where others seem so joyful. You are not alone.

**Thursday, December 5**

6:30-7:30 pm
Bethesda Opportunities

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

**FAMILY BINGO & GAME NIGHT**

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.

Budget Planning

Board chairs—it’s time to review your budgets and propose the 2020 updates to Andra Reason, Treasurer (andrareason@gmail.com). The Budget Team will be meeting soon!
GATHERING SONG 1: *Come As You Are*

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

I will exalt you, O God,

And bless your name forever and ever.

Daily will I bless you

And praise 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: *Here I Am to Worship*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without you nothing is strong, nothing is holy.

Embrace us with your mercy, that with you as our ruler and guide, we may live through what is temporary without losing what is eternal, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

READING: Matthew 11:25-30

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

SERMON: “Gentleness”

SONG OF THE DAY: *Oceans*

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: *Amazing Grace (Broken Vessels)*

BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God our creator, you give us all we are, all we have, all we bring, and all we need. Draw us together around your table with all your saints on earth and in your eternal home. Let us eat and drink your promise of new life, that we might be your promise to the world, spoken in Jesus’ name. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

SENDING SONG: *Our God*

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Set your hope on Christ. Thanks be to God.

SENDING MUSIC
Sunday, November 17

GATHERING
PRELUDE: “Christ, the Life of All the Living” (A. Krentz Organ)
PROCESSIONAL HYMN: Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty (Red #533)
CONFESSION and FORGIVENESS (Red p. 117)
GREETING / KYRIE (Red p. 120)
CANTICLE OF PRAISE (Red p. 121)
PRAYER OF THE DAY
WELCOME

WORD
ANTHEM: “Beloved, God’s Chosen” (R. Hobby) - Sunday Choir
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (Red p. 124)
GOSPEL READING: Matthew 11:25-30 (Pew Bible p. 792)
CHILDREN’S MESSAGE
SERMON: “Gentleness”
HYMN OF THE DAY: Spirit of Gentleness (Red #396)
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: “Precious Lord, Take My Hand” (D. Cherwien)
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.
LAMB OF GOD (Red p. 135)
HYMNS: Precious Lord, Take My Hand (Red #773)
Be Thou My Vision (Red #793)
COMMUNION BLESSING & PRAYER

SENDING
ANNOUNCEMENTS
BLESSING
SENDING HYMN: Christ, the Life of All the Living (Red #339)
DISMISSAL
POSTLUDE: “Jesu, meines Lebens Leben” (F. Zachau)
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: Sonja Gerstenberger & family on the death of her father-in-law
Healing: Katie Brockmeir (cancer, granddaughter-in-law of Ruth Brockmeir) 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); Mary Morris (Mercy, surgery Nov. 15); Marvin Stromer (surgery Nov. 15); Jana Tschopp (Mayo)
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

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 Socials
Sat, Nov. 23 . . 5:00pm
Sun, Nov. 24 . . 10:40am

Bring Pie.
Share Pie.
Eat Pie.
Talk about the fabulous Pies.
Thank the Pie makers.
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Ministers .................................................. Pastor Ryan Arnold, Intern Pastor Sonja Gerstenberger
Saturday Praise Band ......................... Trace Houge Brakke, Christine Brinkmeyer, Karter Ewing, Ed Kaizer, Nick Kaizer,
                                      Rod Kern, Kay Nelson, Katherine Werner, Jeff Widen
Saturday Hosts ......................................... Danny & Sue Kepley and Sherrie Erickson
Saturday Lay Readers ................................ Sherri Erickson & Sue Kepley
Saturday TVs ................................................ Allen Schmidt
Saturday Sound Tech ........................................ Nick Kaizer
Sunday Lay Assisting Minister .................. Mark Kretsinger-Harries
Lay Reader .................................................. Eileen Klonglan
Musicians .................................................. Sunday Choir & Kate Nelson
Organist .................................................. Mary Nelson
Sound Tech .................................................. Steven Woolery
Greeters .................................................. Glenn & Mary Kappelmann
Ushers .................................................. David & Sharon Anderson, Dean & Sharon Axland, Grace Nelson
Communion Assistants .................. LuAnn Armstrong, Avery Mosher, Darlene Schmidt
Coffee Fellowship .................... Harold & Julie Pike, Larry & Darlene Wolters

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