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

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.
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.

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.

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!

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!
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
Sunday, November 10

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.
PEACE: The peace of Christ be with you always.

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.

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.

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 Kappelmann, (D.C.), son of Glenn & Mary Kappelmann
Kristin Murray, Diplomat (US Embassy, Rabat, Morocco), daughter of Russ & Jan Melby
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Saturday Praise Band .................. Trace Houg Brakke, Christine Brinkmeyer, Karter Ewing, Ed Kaizer, Nick Kaizer,
                                      Rod Kern, Kay Nelson, Katherine Werner, Jeff Widen
Saturday Hosts ........................................... Brad & Sara Lehman, Dennis & Marnette Warth and
Saturday Lay Readers ................................. Rod Fischer, Marnette Warth
Saturday TVS .................................................. Allan Schmidt
Saturday Sound Tech .............................. Nick Kaizer
Sunday Lay Assisting Minister ................ Larry Otteman
Lay Reader ................................................... Diane Hinderaker
Musicians .................................................. Choristers, Bethesda Choir
Organist .................................................. Mary Nelson
Sound Tech .................................................. Mark Dobbe
Greeters .................................................. Glenn & Mary Kappelmann
Ushers .................................................. Jim Duea, Dave Hansen, Ken Janssen, John Lundvall
Communion Assistants ......................... Jonathan Mortensen, Jim & Jeanne Stewart
Coffee Fellowship .................................. Harold & Julie Pike, Larry & Darlene Wolters

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(monthly in summer)