

SECOND WEEKEND
OF CHRISTMAS

Saturday
January 4, 2020

Sunday
January 5, 2020



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

Jan. 11/12: Matthew 3:13-17

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 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.

BUDGET FORUMS Next Weekend

Be sure to attend one of these forums—after worship on both Saturday and Sunday, January 11 and 12. Representatives from the Ministry Team will be on hand to answer questions.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Saturday **5:30 pm**

MODERN

First Saturday of each month

Café Bethesda (fellowship/treats) 5:00 pm

Sunday **9:30 am**

TRADITIONAL

SPLASH Faith Formation. 10:30 am

Coffee Fellowship 10:40 am

VOYAGERS Adult Forum 10:40 am

Wednesday **6:30 pm**

MIDWEEK RENEWAL



Sunday, Jan. 12 . . . 5:30 - 7pm

DINNER AND A SHOW!

A delicious Lasagna Dinner precedes our Bethesda's Got Talent Show. We encourage ALL our members to come out and share your talents with us! It will be a fun-filled night of food, fellowship and applause! **Sign-up** at the Welcome Center or online (<https://tinyurl.com/salwzds>), as a talent performer, or audience participant.

Bethesda Opportunities



Call for Nursery Volunteers!

A staffed nursery is a vital part of a healthy church—we need to ensure that our nursery is staffed during each worship service, and on MOPS Mondays. Prayerfully consider taking one of these short shifts! Did you know that High Schoolers are eligible to volunteer? Visit <https://tinyurl.com/yxyxxsox> to see the schedule and sign-up. Please contact Miriam Chadima for more info about this important ministry.

VOYAGERS ADULT FORUM

Catholic Zionism

Sunday, Jan. 12 (after service in Centennial Hall)

Russ Melby will facilitate a Voyagers Adult Forum on January 12 based on a 3-page article titled “Catholic Zionism,” as reprinted from the January 2020 “First Things Journal.” The essay is written by Gavin D’Costa, the author, most recently, of Catholic Doctrines on the Jewish People after Vatican II. Mr. D’Costa is persuaded that “the Jewish state [is] a sign of God’s fidelity.” Copies of the article will be provided. A “bonus” one-page article titled “A Rabbi Walks into a Presbyterian Church” will be distributed at the end of the January 12 forum.



Epiphany Immigration Fiesta/Dinner

SUNDAY, JANUARY 5

Collegiate United Methodist / Wesley Foundation



6:00 pm Potluck Dinner

Place settings and drink will be furnished. Please bring a dish or two to share, and enjoy Three Kings’ Cake!

7:00 pm Program

Hear personal stories of immigrants’ journeys from far-away to Ames

- What are the needs of immigrants in Ames?
- Jesus was an immigrant! How does that compare to today’s immigrants?
- What are action steps we can take together to build relationships in our community?

Questions? Contact Bethesda member

Diane Pierce at dcf.pierce@gmail.com

Sunday, January 19 . . . 10:40 am



Boards and Ministry Teams get ready to showcase your work, and opportunities to join your Teams! Create a tabletop display . . . bring photos . . . have a representative at the Fair to talk with folks about the Team . . . bring a way to take contact information. Contact Ron Morgan for more information (Ronald.Morgan.dvm@gmail.com).

Saturday, January 4

GATHERING SONG 1: *Go Tell It on the Mountain*

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: *The First Noel*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, you have filled all the earth with the light of your incarnate Word. By your grace empower us to reflect your light in all that we do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

READING: John 1:1-18

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

SONG OF THE DAY: *We Three Kings*

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: *What Child Is This*

BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Emmanuel, God with us, you grace us with life and breath and give us bread for the journey. Send us out in service to this world that you love, telling the amazing news of your coming to be Savior and Lord of all. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

SENDING SONG: *Everlasting God*

DISMISSAL

Christ is born!
Go tell it on the mountain and everywhere. **Thanks be to God.**

SENDING MUSIC

Sunday, January 5

GATHERING

PRELUDE

PROCESSIONAL HYMN: *Word of God, Come Down on Earth* (Red #510)

CONFESSION and FORGIVENESS (Red p. 117)

GREETING / KYRIE (Red p. 138)

CANTICLE OF PRAISE (Red p. 139)

PRAYER OF THE DAY

WELCOME

WORD

PSALM 147:12-20 (Pew Bible p. 507)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (Red p. 142)

GOSPEL READING: John 1:1-18 (Pew Bible p. 862)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: *Let Our Gladness Have No End* (Red #291)

NICENE CREED (Red p. 126)

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: "Away in a Manger" (S. Rogers)

OFFERING PRAYER

GREAT THANKSGIVING (Red p. 144)

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER (Red p. 145)

INVITATION TO COMMUNION *All are welcome at the Lord's table. Red is wine; white is grape juice.*

LAMB OF GOD (Red p. 146)

HYMNS: *What Child Is This* (Red #296)

Away in a Manger (Red #278)

COMMUNION BLESSING & PRAYER

SENDING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

SENDING HYMN: *Let All Together Praise Our God* (Red #287) vv. 1-4

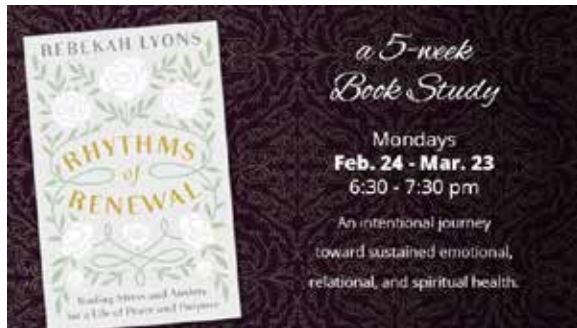
DISMISSAL

POSTLUDE

Service, Mission & More

Wings of Refuge Requests Meals

“Wings of Refuge” has purchased another half-way house for women who have been trafficked to move to when they no longer need intensive care and are transitioning back into public life. This home needs remodeling. Is anyone at Bethesda willing to MAKE TWO EVENING MEALS PER WEEK (casseroles or soup) for the construction crew during the month of January. Please contact Anne at jamesalmquist@earthlink.net or call her at 515-296-5188.



Rhythms of Renewal: A Book Study

MONDAYS @ 6:30PM BEGINNING FEB. 24

Daily struggles with anxiety and stress make it difficult to receive God’s peace. *Rhythms of Renewal* will help you trade your anxiety for the vibrant life you were meant to live. Sign-up at <https://tinyurl.com/uwbpggk>. Copies of the book are available for purchase in the church office. Payment (\$15) can be made at the first evening session.

Winter Family Fun!

Invite a friend to join SUPER SUNDAY at Seven Oaks (outdoor skiing, tubing, snowboarding in nearby Boone). \$25 per person (includes ski/snowboard rental + lift ticket. Sign-up coming soon, deadline Feb. 2.



Locked In With Lakeside

For 6th-8th grade students, hosted at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Ankeny—February 21-22 . . . 7:00pm–7:00am. **Register by Feb. 7 for only \$20!** <https://www.lutheranlakeside.com/confirmation-retreat>. A schedule and packing list will be provided after students register. Dan Hinderaker will provide van transportation and arrange for carpooling if necessary—please contact Lindsay Peters for any other questions or details.

PRAYER AT BETHESDA

GRIEVING: The family of Hazel Henryson of Ames, who died on December 27

HEALING: Katie Brockmeir (granddaughter-in-law of Ruth Brockmeir); Alta Byg; Ginny Hade (daughter-in-law of Dick & Darlene Hade); Marla Larson; April Lawson (mother of Gage Kelly); Riley Mahoney (granddaughter of Phil & Kathy Harris); Bill Marion; Denise Meier (daughter of Sande Larson); Mary Morris; John Nervig; Charlie Ricketts; Jane Schill; Jana Tschopp; Lorrie Woolery

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

SATURDAY, JANUARY 4

- 4:20 pm Praise Team Rehearsal Commons
- 5:00 pm Café Bethesda Commons
- 5:30 pm Tides & Tots Nursery
- 5:30 pm Worship. Commons

SUNDAY, JANUARY 5

- 9:30 am Tides & Tots Nursery
- 9:30 am Worship. Sanctuary
- 10:40 am Coffee Fellowship Commons
- 10:45 am Splash Faith Formation #209
- 3:00 pm Boy Scout #140 Troop. . . . Centennial

MONDAY, JANUARY 6

- 6:30 pm Tai Chi Centennial
- 9:00 am Community Food Pantry
- 9:30 am Community Clothing Closet
- 9:30 am Monthly Staff Worship Sanctuary
- 10:30 am Weekly Staff Meeting. . . . Conference

Day of Service: January 20

WANTED: New, light weight, dark colored towels for personal care kits (on sale now). We'll pack kits on MLK day. 2-3 bars of soap (in original wrapping) are also needed. (Think Dollar Tree.) Lutheran World Relief sends these kits in the U.S. and abroad as needed.

LADIES: Do you own more jewelry than you will ever wear? Share your stash—start sorting and we'll gather it on Jan. 20. 4-5 items will be enough for now because then we can do it again! We'll display them, purchase if you want, and send some to our Clothing Closet and some to the clothing closet at Collegiate Methodist where they have a clothing place for people going back to work.

YOU KNOW THOSE PLASTIC BAGS WE'RE NOT SUPPOSED TO USE? Come to the Day of Service at Green Hills on Jan. 20 and learn how to turn them into "yarn" which is used to arm crochet mats for homeless people. Sign up at <https://bethesdaames.org/day-of-service-at-green-hills-retirement-home/>

- 1:00 pm LWR Sewing Centennial
- 6:30 pm Mothers of Preschoolers. . . . #206-209
- 7:00 pm Boy Scout Troop 140. . . . Centennial

TUESDAY, JANUARY 7

- 7:00 am Men's Bible Study The Café
- 10:00 am Tai Chi Centennial
- 1:00 pm Community Food Pantry
- 6:30 pm Community Food Pantry
- 6:30 pm Community Clothing Closet
- 7:00 pm All Boards Meeting Commons**

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8

- 6:30 pm Tai Chi Centennial
- 9:30 am Community Clothing Closet
- 10:00 am Community Food Pantry
- 5:30 pm 8th Grade Confirmands & Mentors
- 5:30 pm Carillon Choir Rehearsal . . Conference
- 5:30 pm LWW Fellowship Meal . . . Commons
- 6:30 pm Tides & Tots Nursery
- 6:30 pm Midweek Renewal Worship. Sanctuary
- 7:00 pm OASIS (6-8th grade)

THURSDAY, JANUARY 9

- 1:00 pm Community Clothing Closet
- 1:00 pm Community Food Pantry
- 5:35 pm ACA Rehearsal Commons
- 6:00 pm Budget Team Meeting Centennial

FRIDAY, JANUARY 10

- 6:30 am Tai Chi Centennial

SATURDAY, JANUARY 11

- 4:20 pm Praise Team Rehearsal Commons
- 5:30 pm Tides & Tots Nursery
- 5:30 pm Worship. Commons
- 6:30 pm Budget Forum Centennial

SUNDAY, JANUARY 12

- 9:30 am Tides & Tots Nursery
- 9:30 am Worship. Sanctuary
- 10:30 am Budget Forum Crossroads
- 10:40 am Coffee Fellowship Commons
- 10:40 am Voyagers Adult Forum: "Catholic Zionism" with Russ Melby Centennial
- 10:45 am Splash Faith Formation #209
- 5:30 pm "Bethesda's Got Talent" Dinner Show Commons

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Minister	<i>Pastor Bryan Simmons</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>Brakke Family, Sara Lehman</i>
Saturday Lay Readers	<i>Brakke Family</i>
Saturday Sound Tech	<i>Nick Kaizer</i>
Children's Message	<i>Mary Olson</i>
Sunday Lay Assisting Minister	<i>Mark Kretsinger-Harries</i>
Lay Reader	<i>LuAnn Armstrong</i>
Organist	<i>Mary Nelson</i>
Sound Tech	<i>Mark Dobbe</i>
Greeters	<i>Keith Robinder Family</i>
Ushers	<i>Jim Duea, Dave Hansen, Ken Janssen, CJ Lundvall, John Lundvall, Julianne Lundvall</i>
Communion Assistants	<i>LuAnn Armstrong, Vicky Thorland-Oster, Kathy Walker</i>
Coffee Fellowship	<i>Chuck & Darlene Schmidt</i>

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 Friday
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 Sunday . . . 9:30 a.m.
 Wednesday . . . 6:30 p.m.
 (monthly in summer)