

BAPTISM
OF OUR LORD

Saturday
January 11, 2020

Sunday
January 12, 2020

The Freedom of Giving



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. 18/19: Luke 6:27-38

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.

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

Birthdays Greetings are in order!

Help **Karsten Smedal** celebrate his 80th birthday (it's January 16) with a personal greeting (he usually attends church on Sundays) or even a card!

BUDGET FORUMS This 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.

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.



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 and pay securely online at <https://tinyurl.com/yfuby8cx>. Or sign-up at the Welcome Center and submit payment to the church office. **Deadline for payment is 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.



Saturday, January 18 . . . 6:30 pm

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 your Team . . . bring a way to take contact information. **Come set up in Crossroads Saturday beginning at noon, Sat.** Contact Ron Morgan for more information (Ronald.Morgan.dvm@gmail.com).

Saturday, January 11

GATHERING SONG 1: *Open up the Heavens*

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: *Blessed Be Your Name*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God our Father, at the baptism of Jesus you proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized into Christ faithful to their calling to be your daughters and sons, and empower us all with your Spirit, 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 6:27-38

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON: "The Freedom of Giving"

SONG OF THE DAY: *Down in the River to Pray*

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION: . . . Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

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: *All Who Are Thirsty*

BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Faithful God, you have kept your promise to us in this meal, nourishing us with the gift of salvation. Now send your servants forth in peace, that we may testify to your goodness and share the hope that is ours in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

SENDING SONG: *The River*

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Let your light shine .

Thanks be to God.

SENDING MUSIC

Sunday, January 12

GATHERING

PRELUDE

PROCESSIONAL HYMN: *God Is Here!* (Red #526) vv. 1 & 4

CONFESSION and FORGIVENESS (Red p. 117)

GREETING / KYRIE (Red p. 138)

CANTICLE OF PRAISE (Red p. 139)

PRAYER OF THE DAY

WELCOME

WORD

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (Red p. 142)

GOSPEL READING: Luke 6:27-38 (Pew Bible p. 838)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON: "The Freedom of Giving"

HYMN OF THE DAY: *O God of Mercy, God of Light* (Red #714) vv. 1-4

NICENE CREED (Red p. 126)

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION . . . Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

PEACE: The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

MEAL

OFFERING / OFFERTORY

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: *I Come with Joy* (Red #482)

For the Bread Which You Have Broken (Red #494)

COMMUNION BLESSING & PRAYER

SENDING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

SENDING HYMN: *Son of God, Eternal Savior* (Red #655)

DISMISSAL

POSTLUDE: "God Is Here" (P. Manz)

Service, Mission & More

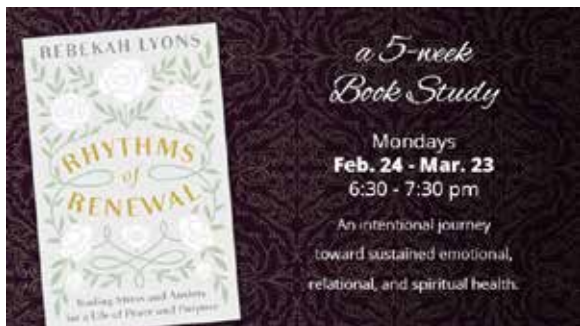
Voyagers Adult Forums

THIS FORUM HAS MOVED TO FEB. 2

Russ Melby will facilitate “Catholic Zionism” based on an article 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.



Sign up at the Welcome Center or online at <https://bethesdaames.org/2020-chili-cook-off/>



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 through four profound rhythms: rest, restore, connect, and create. 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.



Day of Service: January 20

Join Ann Hein and the CSMOutreach Board on Monday, Jan 20, from 9am-1pm @ Green Hills Retirement Community for a Day of Service open house! Come when you want and stay as long as you like. Light refreshments provided. Sign-up at [https://bethesdaames.org/day-of-service-at-green-hills-retirement-home/Collections for the following taken in labeled boxes outside the Commons . . .](https://bethesdaames.org/day-of-service-at-green-hills-retirement-home/Collections%20for%20the%20following%20taken%20in%20labeled%20boxes%20outside%20the%20Commons...)

WANTED: New, light weight, dark-colored towels for personal care kits; 2-3 bars of soap (in original wrapping). Lutheran World Relief sends these kits out in the U.S. and abroad as needed. Collection through 1/19.

LADIES: Do you own more jewelry than you will ever wear? Share your stash—collection through 1/17. The jewelry will be available for purchase at the weekend Ministry Fair—proceeds to Days for Girls. The balance will go to our Clothing Closet and to Collegiate Methodist’s “Clothing That Works.”

FINALLY: Does your broom closet contain a bag of plastic bags you aren’t sure how to use or recycle? Come to the Day of Service at Green Hills on Jan. 20 and learn how to turn them into “yarn” which can be used to arm-crochet mats for homeless people.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 11

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

SUNDAY, JANUARY 12

- 9:30 am Tides & TotsNursery
9:30 am Worship. Sanctuary
10:30 am Budget Forum Crossroads
10:40 am Coffee Fellowship Commons
10:45 am Splash Faith Formation #209
7:30 pm Flood. #206/208

MONDAY, JANUARY 13

- 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
1:00 pm LWR Sewing Centennial
6:00 pm Memorials & Gifts Team. . Crossroads
7:00 pm Boy Scout Troop 140. . . . Centennial

TUESDAY, JANUARY 14

- 7:00 am Men's Bible Study Conference
10:00 am Tai Chi Centennial
1:00 pm Community Food Pantry
6:30 pm Community Food Pantry
6:30 pm Community Clothing Closet
6:30 pm Church Council Conference
7:00 pm Tanzania Team. Crossroads

PRAYER AT BETHESDA

GRIEVING: Curtis Malone on the death of his sister, January 3

HEALING: Evan Bay Brakke (hip surgery); 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); John Nervig; Charlie Ricketts; Jane Schill; Trish Swanson; 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

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15

- 6:30 pm Tai Chi Centennial
9:30 am Community Clothing Closet
10:00 am Community Food Pantry
5:30 pm Choristers Rehearsal #100 Music
5:30 pm Carillon Choir Rehearsal . . Conference
5:30 pm LWW Fellowship Meal Commons
6:30 pm Tides & TotsNursery
6:30 pm Midweek Renewal Worship. Sanctuary
7:00 pm OASIS (6-8th grade) Crossroads
7:00 pm Bethesda Choir #100 Music

THURSDAY, JANUARY 16

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

FRIDAY, JANUARY 17

- 6:30 am Tai Chi Centennial

SATURDAY, JANUARY 18

- 4:20 pm Praise Team Rehearsal Commons
5:30 pm Tides & TotsNursery
5:30 pm Worship. Commons
6:30 pm Ministry Fair Crossroads

SUNDAY, JANUARY 19

- 9:30 am Tides & TotsNursery
9:30 am Worship. Sanctuary
10:40 am Ministry Fair Crossroads
10:40 am Coffee Fellowship Commons
10:45 am Splash Faith Formation #209
7:00 pm Flood. #206/208

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Ministers	<i>Pastor Ryan Arnold, 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>Gage Kelly, Janell & Brian Meyer, Janet Mickelson</i>
Saturday Lay Readers	<i>Rod Fischer, Marty Swanson</i>
Saturday TVs	<i>Kirk Anderson</i>
Saturday Sound Tech	<i>Nick Kaizer</i>
Sunday Lay Assisting Minister	<i>Jim Stewart</i>
Lay Reader	<i>Louis Banitt</i>
Organist	<i>Mary Nelson</i>
Sound Tech	<i>Steven Woolery</i>
Greeters	<i>John & Cindy Hansen</i>
Ushers	<i>David & Sharon Anderson, Dean & Sharon Axland, Grace Nelson</i>
Communion Assistants	<i>Maynard & Anne Hogberg, Avery Mosher, Mark Weber</i>
Coffee Fellowship	<i>Lori Woodcock</i>

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 Saturday . . . 5:30 p.m.
 Sunday . . . 9:30 a.m.
 Wednesday . . . 6:30 p.m.
 (monthly in summer)