

SECOND WEEKEND  
OF EPIPHANY

Saturday  
January 18, 2020

Sunday  
January 19, 2020

**Full on Empty**



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

Grow in God's Word

**Jan. 25/26:** Luke 12:13-21

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

## BETHESDA ANNUAL MEETING

**Jan. 26 following worship**

### HIGHLIGHTS

V. Presentation of Ballot—Open Positions

a. President-elect

b. Council Member-at-Large

c. Secretary

d. Music, Worship and Arts Board Chair

e. Financial Oversight Ministry Team

VI. Election

VII. Old Business—reports

President

Pastoral

Treasurer

Board chairs (optional)

VIII. New Business

a. Presentation/Approval of 2020 Budget

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# Bethesda Opportunities



## URGENT 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.**



## Everybody's Gearing-up for Super Bowl!

Please remember those all around us for whom food can be a matter of survival—not frivolity. That's where Bethesda's Souper Bowl comes in. **Bring your non-perishable food donations with you to worship Feb. 1/2.** Our offering during service will expand to include these tangible gifts. Thank you for helping to keep the shelves—and our neighbors—full of goodness.

## 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!**



## GUSTAVUS CHOIR

BRANDON DEAN, CONDUCTOR

> SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9 | 3 P.M. <

BETHESDA LUTHERAN CHURCH  
1517 Northwestern Ave. | Ames, Iowa 50010

Open to the public. A freewill donation will be accepted.

GUSTAVUS GUSTAVUS ADOLPHUS COLLEGE

# Saturday, January 18

GATHERING SONG 1: *Amazing Love*

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Sing to the Lord a new song,

**Sing to the Lord, all the earth.**

Sing to the Lord and bless the Lord's name;

**Proclaim the good news of salvation from day to day,**

Declare the Lord's glory among the nations

**And the Lord's wonders among all people.**

GATHERING SONG 2: *Our God*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

**Holy God, our strength and our redeemer, by your Spirit hold us forever, that through your grace we may worship you and faithfully serve you, follow you and joyfully find you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

READING: Philippians 2:1-11

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON: "Full on Empty"

SONG OF THE DAY: *The Lion and the Lamb*

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: *Amazing Grace (Broken Vessels)*

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: *Hosanna (Praise Is Rising)*

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Let your light shine .

**Thanks be to God.**

SENDING MUSIC

# Sunday, January 19

## GATHERING

PRELUDE: "I Want to Walk as A Child of the Light" (M. Hayes)  
PROCESSIONAL HYMN: ***The Trumpets Sound, the Angels Sing*** (Red #531)  
CONFESSION and FORGIVENESS (Red p. 117)  
GREETING / KYRIE (Red p. 138)  
CANTICLE OF PRAISE (Red p. 139)  
PRAYER OF THE DAY  
WELCOME

## WORD

READING: Philippians 2:1-11 (Pew Bible p. 954)  
ANTHEM: "O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright!" (J. S. Bach) - Bethesda Choir  
CHILDREN'S MESSAGE  
SERMON: "Full on Empty"  
HYMN OF THE DAY: ***I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light*** (Red #815)  
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: "I Want to Walk as A Child of the Light" (M. Burkhardt)  
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: ***Jesus Calls Us; o'er the Tumult*** (Red #696)  
***O Savior, Precious Savior*** (Red #820)  
COMMUNION BLESSING & PRAYER

## SENDING

ANNOUNCEMENTS  
BLESSING  
CHORAL RESPONSE: "Amen No. 1" (C. Cooman)  
SENDING HYMN: ***Before You, Lord, We Bow*** (Red #893)  
DISMISSAL  
POSTLUDE: "Darwall's 148th" (M. Sedio)

# Service, Mission & More

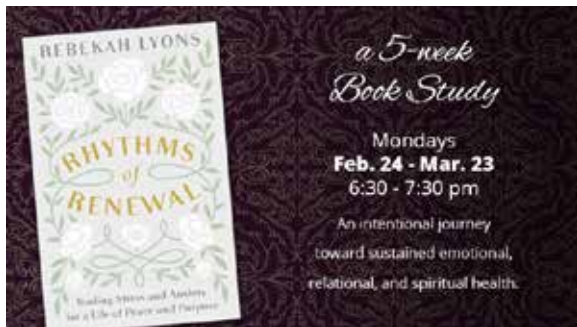
## Voyagers Adult Forums

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 by the donation boxes outside the Commons, or online at <https://bethesdaames.org/day-of-service-at-green-hills-retirement-home/>

**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.

# Current @ Bethesda

## SATURDAY, JANUARY 18

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

## SUNDAY, JANUARY 19

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

## MONDAY, JANUARY 20

Bethesda closed in observance of

Martin Luther King Jr. national holiday

- 9:00–1:00 Christian Service, Mission & Outreach  
Day of Service @ Green Hills  
6:30 pm Days for Girls Team. . . . . Music #100

## TUESDAY, JANUARY 21

- 7:00 am Men's Bible Study . . . . . Conference  
10:00 am Tai Chi . . . . . Centennial  
12:00 pm PEO . Commons, Crossroads, Kitchen  
1:00 pm Community Food Pantry  
2:00 pm PEO . . . . . Centennial  
6:30 pm Community Food Pantry  
6:30 pm Community Clothing Closet

## WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22

- 6:30 pm Tai Chi . . . . . Centennial  
9:30 am Community Clothing Closet  
10:00 am Community Food Pantry  
5:30 pm Choristers Rehearsal . . . . . Music #100

- 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) . . . Service Activity  
7:00 pm Bethesda Choir Rehearsal . Music #100  
7:00 pm *Gather* by the River Bible Study  
. . . . . Conference

## THURSDAY, JANUARY 23

- 9:00 am Women's Bible Study. . . . . Conference  
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 24

- 6:30 am Tai Chi . . . . . Centennial

## SATURDAY, JANUARY 25

- 11:00 am Private Event . . . . . Commons  
4:20 pm Praise Team Rehearsal . . . . Commons  
5:30 pm Tides & Tots . . . . . Nursery  
5:30 pm Worship. . . . . Commons

## SUNDAY, JANUARY 26

- 9:30 am Tides & Tots . . . . . Nursery  
9:30 am Worship - Splash Sings . . . . Sanctuary  
10:40 am Annual Congregational Meeting  
. . . . . Commons  
10:40 am Coffee Fellowship . . . . . Commons  
10:45 am Splash Faith Formation . . . . . #209  
1:30 pm Girl Scouts Event. . . . . Church-wide  
7:30 pm Flood. . . . . #206/208

## PRAYER AT BETHESDA

**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

## WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Ministers . . . . .	<i>Pastor Bryan Simmons, 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>Sherrie Erickson, Denny &amp; Cyndy Howell</i>
Saturday Lay Readers . . . . .	<i>Sherrie Erickson, Denny Howell</i>
Saturday TVs . . . . .	<i>Kirk Anderson</i>
Saturday Sound Tech . . . . .	<i>Nick Kaizer</i>
Sunday Lay Assisting Minister . . . . .	<i>Miriam Chadima</i>
Lay Reader . . . . .	<i>Rick Ballantine</i>
Organist . . . . .	<i>Mary Nelson</i>
Sound Tech . . . . .	<i>Mark Dobbe</i>
Greeters . . . . .	<i>Anne Almquist, Norma Ricketts</i>
Ushers . . . . .	<i>David Hinderaker, Ron Larson, Glen Rippke, Logan Simmons, Marvin Stromer</i>
Communion Assistants . . . . .	<i>Mark Dobbe, Darlene Schmidt</i>
Coffee Fellowship . . . . .	<i>Dave &amp; Sharon Anderson</i>

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### Office Hours

Monday–Thursday  
9:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.  
Friday  
9:00 a.m.–Noon

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### Worship Schedule

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