

THIRD WEEKEND  
AFTER EPIPHANY

**Saturday**  
**January 25, 2020**

**Sunday**  
**January 26, 2020**

***Don't Be No Fool***



**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  
**Feb. 1/2:** Acts 2:42-47

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 THIS SUNDAY 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

GATHER

# Bethesda Opportunities



## Nursery Volunteers Needed!

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—NEXT SUNDAY!**



## SOUPER BOWL Weekend!

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 ADOLPHUS COLLEGE

# Saturday, January 25

GATHERING SONG 1: *I Will Follow*

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

We have gathered in the presence of God who is love.

**We have gathered in the shadow of the cross, a sign of God's love.**

Let us give thanks for the compassion of God, the grace of Jesus Christ, and the unity of the Holy Spirit.

**We will sing and pray, praising God with our hearts and hands and voices!**

GATHERING SONG 2: *We Are Called*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

**Lord God, your loving kindness always goes before us and follows after us. Summon us into your light, and direct our steps in the ways of goodness that come through the cross of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

READING: Luke 12:13-21 (MSG)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON: "Don't Be No Fool"

SONG OF THE DAY: *King of Kings*

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: *Come to the Altar*

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: *How Great Is Our God*

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Let your light shine.

**Thanks be to God.**

SENDING MUSIC

# Sunday, January 26

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## GATHERING

PRELUDE: “Liebster Jesu, wir sind hier” (P. Manz)

PROCESSIONAL HYMN: ***Dearest Jesus, at Your Word*** (Red #520)

SONG: “This Little Light of Mine” - Splash Singers

CONFESSION and FORGIVENESS (Red p. 117)

GREETING / KYRIE (Red p. 138)

CANTICLE OF PRAISE (Red p. 139)

PRAYER OF THE DAY

WELCOME

## WORD

READING: Luke 12:13-21 (MSG)

ANTHEM: Red #308 “O Morning Star...” v. 2 (arr. J. S. Bach) - Bethesda Choir

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

SERMON: “Don’t Be No Fool”

HYMN OF THE DAY: ***Where Charity and Love Prevail*** (Red #359)

APOSTLES’ CREED (Red p. 127)

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: “Where Charity and Love Prevail” (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: ***Break Now the Bread of Life*** (Red #515)

***Precious Lord, Take My Hand*** (Red #773)

COMMUNION BLESSING & PRAYER

## SENDING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

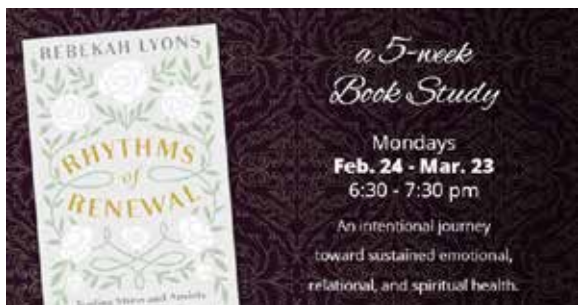
BLESSING / CHORAL RESPONSE: “Amen No. 5” (C. Cooman)

SENDING HYMN: ***Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing*** (Red #545)

DISMISSAL

POSTLUDE: “Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow (P. Post)

# Service, Mission & More



## ***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.

## **Financial Peace @ Bethesda**

**Sundays: 4-5:30pm .. Mar. 1-May 3**



**Take control of your money with**

Financial Peace University (FPU)! This course uses biblical wisdom and common sense to help you tackle budgeting, pay off debt, and make your money work for you! FPU includes your member workbook and a year of free online resources through Financial Peace Membership. **Sign up**

**TODAY at [fpu.com/1112587](http://fpu.com/1112587) . Contact Denny Howell or Pr. Bryan for more information.**

## **PRAYER AT BETHESDA**

**GRIEVING:** The Shattauer family on the death of Alice Shattauer in Blaire, Nebraska (service Feb. 1)

**HEALING:** Bob Ahlstrom, Evan Bay Brakke; Katie Brockmeir (granddaughter-in-law Ruth Brockmeir); Alta Byg; Ginny Hade (daughter-in-law Dick & Darlene Hade); Marla Larson; April Lawson (mother Gage Kelly); Riley Mahoney (granddaughter Phil & Kathy Harris); Bill Marion; Denise Meier (daughter Sande Larson); John Nervig; Dean Newlon; 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

## **Voyagers Adult Forums**

### **NEXT SUNDAY, FEB. 2 AFTER WORSHIP**

**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.

### **SUNDAY, FEB. 9 AFTER WORSHIP**

“Journey through the Psalms”—The Psalms are some of the most familiar content in the Bible, though many are hard to understand. **Join Intern Pastor Sonja Gerstenberger** as we take a journey through the Psalms and the overall structure of the Psalter, examples of types and purposes, and ways to use the Psalms in everyday life.

### **SAT & SUN, FEB. 22/23 AFTER WORSHIP**

**Join Diane Pierce for one of TWO Voyagers forums (Saturday A N D Sunday!)**—a

presentation from “Ames Sanctuary Interfaith Partners (ASIP).” Come learn what is happening in Ames—real stories from real people. And what this group is planning to do about it, and how you can get involved.





# Current @ Bethesda

## SATURDAY, JANUARY 25

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 Singers. . . 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

## MONDAY, JANUARY 27

6:30 am Tai Chi . . . . . Centennial  
 9:00 am Community Food Pantry  
 9:30 am Community Clothing Closet  
 10:30am Weekly Staff Meeting. . . . Conference  
 1:00 pm LWR Sewing Group . . . . Centennial  
 4:30 pm Bread for the World. . . . Crossroads  
 6:30 pm MOPS. . . . .#209  
 7:00 pm Boy Scout Troop #140. . . Centennial

## TUESDAY, JANUARY 28

7:00 am Men's Bible Study . . . . .Conference  
 10:00 am Tai Chi . . . . . Centennial  
 1:00 pm Community Food Pantry

6:30 pm Women's Ministry Board . . . . .#207  
 6:30 pm Reconciling in Christ. . . . Crossroads  
 6:30 pm Community Food Pantry  
 6:30 pm Community Clothing Closet

## WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 29

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) . . . . .#209  
 7:00 pm Bethesda Choir Rehearsal .Music #100

## THURSDAY, JANUARY 30

9:00 am Women's Bible Study. . . . Conference  
 1:00 pm Community Clothing Closet  
 1:00 pm Community Food Pantry  
 5:00 pm Spring *Wellspring* Deadline . . . Office  
 5:35 pm ACA Rehearsal . . . . .Commons

## FRIDAY, JANUARY 31

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

## SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1

4:20 pm Praise Team Rehearsal . . . . Commons  
 5:00 pm Souper Bowl Food Drive  
 5:00 pm Café Bethesda . . . . .Commons  
 5:30 pm Tides & Tots . . . . .Nursery  
 5:30 pm Worship ~ Splash Singers. . . Commons

## SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2

9:00 am Souper Bowl Food Drive  
 9:30 am Tides & Tots . . . . .Nursery  
 9:30 am Worship . . . . . Sanctuary  
 10:40 am Coffee Fellowship ~ Dan Hinderaker  
 Reception . . . . .Commons  
 10:40 am Voyagers Adult Forum:  
 Catholic Zionism . . . . . Centennial  
 10:45 am Splash Faith Formation . . . . .#209  
 7:30 pm Flood. . . . . #206/208



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

## WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Ministers . . . . .	<i>Pastor Ryan Arnold, 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>Danny &amp; Sue Kepley, Dennis &amp; Marnette Warth</i>
Saturday Lay Readers . . . . .	<i>Sue Kepley, Marnette Warth</i>
Saturday TVs . . . . .	<i>Allan Schmidt</i>
Saturday Sound Tech . . . . .	<i>Nick Kaizer</i>
Sunday Lay Assisting Minister . . . . .	<i>Russ Melby</i>
Lay Reader . . . . .	<i>Ardie Roehr</i>
Organist . . . . .	<i>Mary Nelson</i>
Sound Tech . . . . .	<i>Glenn Crosswait</i>
Greeters . . . . .	<i>Anne Almquist, Paula Litchfield</i>
Ushers . . . . .	<i>Walter &amp; LuAnn Armstrong, Ava Reason, Marvin Scherr, Callie Server</i>
Communion Assistants . . . . .	<i>Stewart &amp; Carol Melvin, Jonathan Mortensen</i>
Coffee Fellowship . . . . .	<i>Harold &amp; Julie Pike, Larry &amp; Darlene Wolters</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)