

SIXTH WEEKEND
AFTER EPIPHANY

Saturday
February 15, 2020

Sunday
February 16, 2020

A Time to Give



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

Feb. 22/23

Matthew 17:1-9

TRANSFIGURATION

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

Coffee Fellowship 10:40 am

Mar. 1–Apr. 5 . . . LENT

CrossGen Worship 11:00 am

Wednesday 6:30 pm

MIDWEEK RENEWAL

Feb. 26 . . . ASH WEDNESDAY

Soup Supper 5:30 pm

Worship 6:30 pm

Mar. 4–Apr. 1 . . . LENT

Soup Suppers 5:30 pm

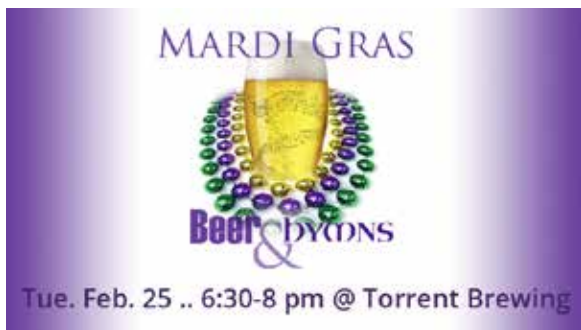
Worship 6:30 pm

Bethesda Opportunities



THIS SUNDAY! Don't miss it!

Contestants . . . 5:30 pm
Judges & Tasters . . . 6:00 pm



Bread for the World: Feb. 17 @ 4:30

Evaluation of the Racial Wealth Gap Learning Simulation pilot held 1/27. Contact Glenda Eggerling eggerling4577@msn.com or 515-975-2886.

Voyagers Adult Forums

SAT & SUN, FEB. 22/23 AFTER WORSHIP

Join Diane Pierce for **one of TWO Voyagers forums (Saturday O R Sunday!)**

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



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 from 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**. Contact Denny Howell (dchowell82@msn.com) or Pr. Bryan (bsimmons@bethesdaames.org) for more information.

Saturday, February 15

GATHERING SONG 1: *Lord, I Lift Your Name on High*

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

In response to love beyond all reason;

We have come to worship God, our creator.

In response to love that would go to a cross and die for us;

We have come to worship Jesus, our Savior.

In response to love that fills us and gives us power for today and every day;

We have come to worship the Holy Spirit, the life-giving presence of God inside of us.

GATHERING SONG 2: *Lord Jesus, Think on Me*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, the strength of all who hope in you, because we are weak mortals we accomplish nothing good without you. Help us to see and understand the things we ought to do, and give us grace and power to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

READING: Ecclesiastes 3:1-14

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON: "A Time to Give"

SONG OF THE DAY: *This Is Amazing Grace*

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: *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: *I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me*

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Let your light shine.

Thanks be to God.

SENDING MUSIC

Sunday, February 16

GATHERING

PRELUDE: "Kremser" (H. Willan)

PROCESSIONAL HYMN: **We Praise You, O God (Red #870)**

CONFESSION and FORGIVENESS (Red p. 117)

GREETING / KYRIE (Red p. 138)

CANTICLE OF PRAISE (Red p. 139)

PRAYER OF THE DAY

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

WORD

ANTHEM: Red #308 "O Morning Star..." v. 4 (J. S. Bach) - Bethesda Choir

READING: Ecclesiastes 3:1-14 (Pew Bible p. 537)

ANTHEM: "Have No Fear, Little Flock" (M. Kretsinger-Harries) - Choristers

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON: "A Time to Give"

HYMN OF THE DAY: **As Saints of Old (Red #695)**

APOSTLES' CREED (Red p. 127)

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: "Accept, O Lord, the Gifts We Bring" (M. Kretsinger-Harries)

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: **Bread of Life, Our Host and Meal (Red #464)**

Take My Life, That I May Be (Red #685)

COMMUNION BLESSING & PRAYER

SENDING

BLESSING

CHORAL RESPONSE: "Amen No. 2" (C. Cooman)

SENDING HYMN: **On What Has Now Been Sown (Red #550)**

DISMISSAL

POSTLUDE: "Have No Fear, Little Flock" (M. Burkhardt)

Service, Mission & More



Scandinavian Coffee

2020 Gift Shop News

Grandma's Attic will return to the Scandinavian Coffee Gift Shop in 2020. We would love to be the recipient of items that you no longer want but are too pretty/valuable to dispose of casually. **A form is available at the Welcome Center for you to fill out so that we know if you want your items returned if the item does not sell.** We will be giving all items that don't sell--and that the owner doesn't want back--to Affordables in Story City to benefit the Bethany Life Foundation. Items may be brought to the Church Office or call/email Jeanne Stewart to pick them up (515-291-8968 or jwstewart1@gmail.com). *Tack så mycket!*



CrossGen Worship
A Lenten series . . . Sundays @ 11 am
Eclectic music . Interactive chats . Hands-on activities
Scripture, prayer, and blessing too
Children, youth, parents, grandparents, adults, YOU!

Compassion Sunday

"Love Poured Out"
A Cross-General morning of learning and service!
This means it is an event for ALL ages.
Families attend together; table groupings work together.
We'll dig into scripture to consider how our action is an outgrowth of our faith and then engage in a service project.

BETHESDA
Fine Arts
CAMP

Wednesday
nights in
JULY
5:30-8:30 pm

ALL AGES

Registration
opens Feb. 26

50 spots



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. **Visit <https://tinyurl.com/yxyxxsox> OR the Welcome Center to sign-up.**

PRAYER AT BETHESDA

GRIEVING: The Christensen family on the death of Arlene, on February 8 at Northcrest

HEALING: Bob Ahlstrom, Hattie Sue Ball; Don Borcharding; Katie Brockmeir (grand-daughter-in-law Ruth Brockmeir); Alta Byg; Gloria Herrold (rehab-Nevada); Marla Larson; April Lawson (mother Gage Kelly); Riley Mahoney (granddaughter Phil & Kathy Harris); Bill Marion; Denise Meier (daughter Sande Larson); Stewart Melvin; John Nervig; Dean Newlon; Charlie Ricketts; Jane Schill; Trish Swanson; Ronald Tett (father of Sara Lundvall); 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

Current @ Bethesda

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15

- 9:00 am Arlene Christensen Visitation
.....Commons
10:30 am Arlene Christensen Funeral . Sanctuary
LuncheonCommons
4:20 pm Praise Team RehearsalCommons
5:30 pm Tides & TotsNursery
5:30 pm Worship.....Commons

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16

- 9:30 am Tides & TotsNursery
9:30 am Worship Sanctuary
10:40 am Coffee FellowshipCommons
10:45 am Splash Faith Formation #209
1:00 pm Inquirers Small Group.... Conference
5:30 pm Chili Cook-off.....Commons
7:30 pm Flood..... #206/208

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17

- 6:30 am Tai Chi Centennial

9:00 am Community Food Pantry
9:30 am Community Clothing Closet
10:30am Weekly Staff Meeting. Conference
12:30 pm ISU Women's ClubCommons
1:00 pm LWR Sewing Group Centennial
4:30 pm Bread for the World..... Crossroads
6:30 pm Bethesda Women Board #207
7:00 pm Boy Scout Troop #140.... Centennial

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18

- 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
7:00 pm Christian Education & Youth Board
..... #206/208

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19

- 6:30 pm Tai Chi Centennial
9:30 am Community Clothing Closet
10:00 am Community Food Pantry
5:30 pm Choristers RehearsalMusic #100
5:30 pm Carillon Choir Rehearsal . . Conference
5:30 pm LWW Fellowship MealCommons
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 Rehearsal .Music #100

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20

- 1:00 pm Community Clothing Closet
1:00 pm Community Food Pantry
1:30 pm Conference 1 Clergy Study
..... Conference
5:35 pm ACA RehearsalCommons

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21

- 6:30 am Tai Chi Centennial

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22

- 4:20 pm Praise Team RehearsalCommons
5:30 pm Tides & TotsNursery
5:30 pm Worship.....Commons

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23

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

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Ministers	<i>Pastor Bryan Simmons, Intern Pastor Sonja Gerstenberger</i>
Saturday Praise Band	<i>Trace Houge Brakke, Karter Ewing, Ed Kaizer, Nick Kaizer, Rod Kern, Kay Nelson, Katherine Werner, Jeff Widen</i>
Saturday Hosts	<i>Don & Janet Borcharding, Denny & Cyndy Howell</i>
Saturday Lay Readers	<i>Don & Janet Borcharding</i>
Saturday TVs	<i>Kirk Anderson</i>
Saturday Sound Tech	<i>Nick Kaizer</i>
Sunday Lay Assisting Minister	<i>Sara Nelson</i>
Lay Reader	<i>Miles Ramfjord</i>
Organist	<i>Mark Kretsinger-Harries</i>
Sound Tech	<i>Steven Woolery</i>
Greeters	<i>Ann Baldwin, Jennifer Ballantine</i>
Ushers	<i>Ron Larson, Glen Rippke, Logan Simmons, Marvin Stromer</i>
Communion Assistants	<i>Maynard & Anne Hogberg</i>
Coffee Fellowship	<i>Vicki Sivesind, Kathy Walker</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)