



The Bethesda Beacon

Monthly Newsletter of Bethesda Evangelical Lutheran Church, Carlton MN
October 2021

“...to sit at my right hand
or at my left
is not mine to grant,
but it is for those for
whom it has been
prepared.”
Mark 10:40

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Never underestimate the ability of middle schoolers to teach you something new.

For me, it's already happened – twice – in three weeks.

You see, we have begun our weekly “Food and Word” gatherings on Wednesday nights at 5:30. Each week we gather to share conversation, dwell in Scripture together, pray, and, of course, eat! (All are welcome – come join us sometime!)

My first moment of learning came after this, though, when the confirmation students and I were downstairs learning about Baptism.

On our first week, we did a remembrance of Baptism where each young disciple was sprinkled with water from the font while hearing the promises of God read to them. During the first week, it went something like this:

“Child of God, remember that you are baptized. God has made you (*drip*) and shaped you (*drip*). God has claimed you (*drip*) and named you (*drip*). God has marked you with the cross of Christ (*drip*) and sealed you in the Holy Spirit (*drip*). God loves you, now and forever, no matter what (*drip*).”

The second week, Baptism was our topic again, but there were a few kids who hadn't been there the first week, so we decided to sprinkle them too; only this time, the kids who had already been sprinkled the week before wanted to help!

So the second time, it went something like this:

“Child of God, remember that you are baptized. God has made you (SPLASH!) and shaped you (SPLASH!). God has claimed you (SPLASH!) and named you (SPLASH!). God has marked you with the cross of Christ (SPLASH!) and sealed you in the Holy Spirit (SPLASH!). God loves you, now and forever, no matter what (SPLASH!).”

No one got soaked, but suffice it to say that the newbies had more than a few drops splashed their way!

So here's what I learned: though we might expect only a few drops of God's promises, the promises of God have a way of SPLASHing their way all over us.

By week three, I was ready to move on to a new a topic, but the young disciples weren't quite ready yet! And without prompting, they said this:

“Our new people didn't get splashed last week! Aren't we going to splash them??”

For the second week in a row, I learned something: that the promises in Baptism remind us that we are part of communities of faith that connects us far beyond ourselves: to the rest of the disciples of Bethesda (younger, older, and in between!), to the Northeast Minnesota Synod, to Lutherans from Carlton all the way to Tanzania, and to Christians all across the globe.

So, baptized disciples of Jesus, consider yourselves SPLASHED in

promises of God, and remember that you are baptized, alongside disciples in every time and place.

Thanks be to God – who SPLASHES us again and again!

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2021 Members of Bethesda Church Council

*President – Lynn Beatty

*Vice President – Frank Curtiss

*Secretary - Linda Newlon

*Stacy Colich, Treasurer

Dave Beatty

Deb Davis

Jane Joki

Bethany Leseman

**If you have items that you wish to be addressed by council, contact a member of*

the Executive Committee, who sets the council agenda. You can keep up to date with church business by viewing the Council Meeting Minutes on the rotating bulletin board or view them on our website.

THANK YOU HIGHWAY CLEAN UP CREW !

September 15th was a beautiful day to be outdoors cleaning up highways.



The Wi-Fi password is now posted on the office door.

“A Touch of Scandinavia” Annual Christmas Bazaar

The church bazaar will be held this year on Saturday December 4th from 9-1. If you would be willing to help in anyway either to prep items before the sale or to work during the bazaar or for clean up afterwards please call and leave a message at the church and indicate in what way you are willing to participate in.



**Pannukakku (Finnish oven
pancake) and Sausage
Breakfast**

**Monday October 11th
8am-11am**

Bethesda Lutheran Church

Adults \$8 Child \$4

Served by the Ladies of Kaleva Vainottaren Tupa #24 (Cloquet chapter.) This event is held to raise money for Ladies of Kaleva scholarships. We are an ethnic organization dedicated to the preservation of our Finnish heritage. Breakfast includes: Pannukakku, sausage, coffee & juice.



***“LIVE SIMPLY....SO
OTHERS MAY SIMPLY
LIVE.”***

Please continue to donate to the Salvation Army, our local food shelf, on Carlton Ave. in Cloquet. Congregation members are asked to bring non-perishable food donations to church. Gladys Sievert picks up the items and brings them to the food shelf in Cloquet each month. She reports 122.6 pounds of food were delivered in September. Keep up the good work! *For the month of October our collection focus will be Soup.* Monetary donations are also **greatly** appreciated as a donation like this can purchase much more with the resources the Salvation Army has access to. Thank you.



2022 ANNUAL

WOMEN'S RETREAT

We will be having our retreat at **One Heartland** in Willow River again. It is a beautiful facility that sits on 93 acres. It has a large room for us to set up and work in and couches for relaxing and visiting. There are two large bunk rooms and six smaller bunk rooms on the main floor. There are a total of **27 bottom bunk beds**.

We need to bring our own bedding and towels.

We will do our own meals again and we can bring snacks and Beverages.

Cost is \$45/day.

Our Retreat is open to all women of Bethesda. We would love more women to come! On our last retreat we had room for a few family members/friends to attend if you have someone you would like to invite.

I'm sending this out now because we need to reserve our weekend. We are looking at **Thursday January 20th - Sunday January 23rd.** **Please reply by email or text if you plan to attend.**

I need a non-refundable deposit from everyone who's interested and also the number of days you will stay. Deposit for 3 nights is \$70;

Deposit for 1 or 2 nights \$40. I need to receive your deposit within 30 days.

Anyone interested in coming for the day only it would be \$25.

Questions or concerns please email,
text or call: Lynn Beatty
2424 County Road 3, Wrenshall, MN
55797
(Phone) 218-591-7519

**Men's Bible study is now
Friday Bible Study.**

Anyone & Everyone is invited to
attend Friday's at 11 a.m. in the
Fellowship Hall.

Coffee Groups

Social Ministry

Sharon Bragge 384-4076
Carol Chalberg
Cookie Jaakola
Jane Joki
Cliff & Alice Kloepfer
Renee Kesty
Karin Towslee

#1 Pat

Marv & Pat Durkee 384-3545
Rusty Buscko
Tricia Hackensmith
Kevin & Amy Olesen Family
Randy Schmitz

#2 Cary

Curt & Cary Martin Family 384-4586

Theresa & Steve Colich
JoAnn Gustafson
George & Mary Saarela

#3 Linda

Linda Newlon 879-6274
Debby Johnson
Gene & Lorna Bryant

#4 Lil

Gordy & Lil Davis 384-3144
Rod & Deb Davis
Ron & Betty Peterson
Carol & Larry Beckstrom

#5 Renae

Kevin & Renae House 591-5651
Stacy Colich
Paula Olson
Craig & Roxanne Schmitz

#6 Marlys

Marlys McKinstry 384-3108
Daryl, Linda, Anna Bong
Brad & Lori Bunge Not Nov

#7 Gladys

Arlyn & Gladys Sievert 384-3106
Jan Dahl
Craig & Desiree Holm
Renee Kesty

#8 Jeanette

Lonnie & Jeanette Korpela 590-7347
Dave & Lynn Beatty 591-7519
Bobbie McCorison 384-3252

9 Ginny

Lew & Ginny Castle 384-3896
Larry & Carol Beckstrom
Chris, Wendy Mitchell

Thank you to all who are helping to serve coffee! If you haven't been contacted or don't see your name and would like to help, please call Mary 393-2693

Coffee Serving Schedule 2021

October

- 3 Lil's group
- 10 Renae's group
- 17 Social Ministry "Welcome Home Ranch
- 24 Marlys' Group
- 31 Gladys' Group

November

- 7 Social Ministry "Epilepsy"
- 14 Jeannette's Group
- 21 Ginny's Group
- 28 Pat's Group

December

- 5 Social Ministry "Damiano Center
- 12 Cary's Group
- 19 Linda's Group
- 26 Lil's Group



It is So Simple

1. Pick a Convenient [Location](#)

2. Sign up For a Ruby's Guest [Account](#)
3. [Schedule](#) Your Express Track Registration and Handle Your Donation Online to Save Time
4. OR Just Come to the Pop-Up Pantry Location on the Upcoming Monthly Date

[Cloquet, MN](#)

NEXT POP-UP PANTRY

4th Wednesday of each month

Cloquet National Guard Armory

Sponsored By: Cloquet Area Churches

DAYS AND HOURS

Registration begins at 9:45 AM

Food bundles available 10:00-11:30 AM

For more information on dates and locations go to [Rubyspantry.org](#)

Ruby's Pantry Phone

651.674.0009

E-mail goodnews@rubyspantry.org

Member News



Celebrating October

Baptismal Birthdays

Brad McKinstry, Noah Olsen, Karen Laine, Wendy Mitchell, Dylan Stradtman, Kristian Herman, Quentin Stowell, Ben Talarico, Marnie Emerson, Robert Emerson, Laraya Kiehl, Larry Beckstrom, Chloe Olesen, Parker Kunze, Cary Martin, Sandy Wallin, David Beatty, Rebecca Feldbrugge, Deborah Michog,

Makayla Stirewalt, Drayden Adams, Joseph Rudolph, Rodney Davis, Elijah Halli, Benjamin Soderstrom, Brynna Johnson, Mary Marciniak, Katrina Hough, Lori Moench, Steven Anderson, Grayson Coulter, Tatiana Hackensmith, Andrew Goodwin, Andrew Habegger, Bruce Bong, Al Holm, Craig Holm, Cheryl Schilla, Carol Foss, Clifford Kloefer, Julianne Emerson, Elizabeth House & Roxane Schmitz.



Our deepest sympathy & prayers to Lori & Brad Bunge and family. Lori's father Harvey Buth died on September 2nd. God comfort and strengthen our hearts in hope in the resurrection through Christ.



We welcomed as new members through Affirmation of Baptism on September 19th, Jen Mangan & Mason.

Welcome to Bethesda!



We welcomed into the family of faith through the sacrament of Holy Baptism on September 22nd Hera Pearce-Ante. Daughter of Robbi Pearce and Anthony Ante.

Thank you to everyone for the cards, and well wishes for my birthday. I am so grateful and blessed!
Sharon Bragge

With cold weather fast approaching The CHUM center in Duluth is in need of blankets for area homeless people. Please drop off blankets at church and they will be delivered to CHUM.
Thank you.

Social Ministry

Are you getting ready for winter, perhaps cleaning closets?
Social Ministry is collecting **WINTER CLOTHING** for those in need. Jackets, coats, snow pants, winter hats/caps, gloves, mittens, socks, boots, underwear, sleeping bags, blankets. Donations can be dropped off in the collection box in the back of the Fellowship Hall.



Social Ministry will be hosting coffee in support of Welcome Home Ranch on October 17th after Worship.

Children, Youth, Family & Education

Discovering your Bible class started on Sunday Sept 12th and will continue through October 3rd. We have 4 kids

in attendance.

Wednesday night meal/worship/confirmation class started on Sept 8th. Due to COVID restrictions we are only allowing 2 mentors at each meeting.

CHANGE to the schedule for Storytime/Family worship for October

October 3rd Storytime in the gathering space

October 10th Family worship - Jesus Story in the sanctuary

October 17th Family worship - Jesus Story in the sanctuary

October 24th Storytime in the gathering space

October 31st Story in the gathering space or something for Halloween

Northeastern MN Synod



Online Reflections
By Dave Erdmann
SAM

Welcome to a time of devotion for the NEMN synod. My name is Dave Erdmann and I am a Synod authorized minister for a parish of 4 churches that we've named South Arrowhead Lutherans Together (SALT). We have

churches in Saginaw, Culver, Canyon and Meadowlands. We joined these 4 churches back in 2016 and it's established a cohesive membership that is stronger together than they are as individual churches. I give thanks daily for this calling to serve Christ, the SALT parish and the NEMN synod.

I'd like to share a short passage from 2 Peter 2:11-12. "Dear friends, I urge you, as aliens and strangers in the world, to abstain from sinful desires, which war against your soul. Live such good lives among the pagans that, though they accuse you of doing wrong, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day he visits us."

One of the most honorable figures in recent history was Mother Teresa, a Catholic nun who spent her life ministering to the poor in India. She cared for people who lived with illnesses that would scare most of us away. She said, "Many people mistake our work for our vocation. Our vocation is the love of Jesus." Even Mother Teresa knew that her work was more than her actions, as admirable as they were; her job was showing others the love of Jesus.

Jesus called Mother Teresa and us to love the unlovable. Jesus has also called us to love the people He has placed around us. When we serve Jesus by doing good deeds, others can see Jesus in our actions. They can hear Jesus in the way we talk. They can even feel Jesus love in the way we treat them.

We can pray that because of God's power through us, our good deeds point people to Jesus. Doing good deeds isn't to impress or make us feel better. We are planting good seeds that can one day grow into deeper faith as others meet Jesus and take next steps with him. May our vocation be the love of Jesus and our actions be to the glory of God.



Faith on the Go!

Pentecost: Stewardship

This Week

September into October is stewardship season in many churches. The idea of stewardship goes beyond what we put in the offering plate on Sunday morning. Merriam-Webster defines stewardship as, "the careful and responsible management of something entrusted to one's care." Sit down as a

household and make a list of the things that you are "stewards" of; like your home, pets, etc. On that same list, talk about the things that are "community" property like your church, the neighborhood park, etc. Keep this list.

Pray

Jesus our healer, be with us on the journey. Send good food for our bodies, nourish our hearts and minds with your word and promises, and bring mercy to those in need of your healing in so many ways. Amen.

Connect

Where have you seen God today?
Where do you need God today?

Bible

Mark 9: 30-37-Who is the greatest?

Day 1

Mark 9: 30-32

What things about Jesus do you find difficult to understand? What are your questions about faith?

Day 2

Mark 9: 33-35

What are the things about faith/church/the Bible that people argue about today? What do you think Jesus would say to those things? How do we love one another when we disagree?

Day 3

Mark 9: 33-35

When have you been last and how did that feel? Which do you prefer? What does it mean to be last so someone else is first? What are ways we can live this out today?

Day 4

Mark 9: 36-37

Why do you think Jesus used a child to explain how to welcome others? Who are the people in our world that we need to welcome?

Day 5

Mark 9: 36-37

How do we welcome others in the name of Christ? What does this do for us when we welcome others? What does it do for the other person? How can you be welcoming this week?

Bless

Jesus goes along beside, behind, and in front of you always

For additional weekly devotionals go to:

<http://faithformationjourneys.org/>



Upcoming VLM Events:

Paddle Building Workshop

The next paddle building retreat is October 15-17, 2021 at Camp Vermilion

(Space will be limited to allow for physical distancing and other COVID safety protocols.)

Create!

This weekend long class includes four sessions during which you will complete your own **bent shaft canoe or stand up paddle board paddle**. You will craft your own paddle, from gluing the wood blanks to a finished work of art.

All Are Welcome!

Cost: \$250/person. A \$50 *non-refundable deposit is due with your registration. If two people work on the same paddle, it is an additional \$50 for the second person to cover meals and lodging.*

Includes: All materials and tools needed, instruction, lodging, and Friday dinner through Sunday brunch. **Space is limited! To register, please call the camp office at (800) 331-5148 or fill out and send a **retreat registration form****

October 2021



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1 11am Bible Study	2
3 9am Worship/ Storytime (FH) 10:15am Coffee/ Fellowship 11am 3 rd Graders and Parents Discovering your Bible	4 5:30pm Women's Bible Study	5 9am Making Mats for the Homeless 6pm Serenity Seekers	6 5:30pm Meal, Worship & Confirmation Class 6 th -9 th Grade	7 3pm Children, Youth, Family & Ed. Meeting	8 11am Bible Study	9
10 9am Worship Storytime (Sanctuary) 10:15am Coffee/ Fellowship	11 Columbus Day Indigenous People's Day 7am Ladies of Kaleva Panukakku Breakfast 5:30pm Women's Bible Study	12 8am TOPS 9am Making Mats for the Homeless 4:30 Worship Meeting 5:30pm Council Meeting 6pm Serenity Seekers	13 5:30pm Meal, Worship & Confirmation Class 6 th -9 th Grade	14 1pm Jam Group	15 Beacon Deadline 11am Bible Study	16
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Sunday Worship
9:00am
*In House
And Online*
*You can also view the Beacon
on our website at
bethesdacarlton.org or if you
would like to have a copy
mailed or emailed to you please
contact the office.*

