



The Bethesda Beacon

Monthly Newsletter of Bethesda Evangelical Lutheran Church, Carlton MN
August 2022



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What Brings Us Together?

As I write this, I have just finished spending time with about a dozen young folks, aged 16-20, who are preparing to welcome their peers to the Synod Journey at UW-Superior. It is always exciting to see leaders of any age step up in faith.

Getting to see this small group interact a bit over the last 24 hours, it strikes me how remarkably different they are from each other. They have different personalities, different tastes and hobbies, different educational and vocational paths in front of them.

What they share, though, is what brings them together. And they seem to share two vital things in common.

First, they share a location. They're all from the Northeast Minnesota Synod, and they've all gathered, in one location, to do something special.

Second, they share a mission. They all want to help their fellow young disciples, the high schoolers who will gather for the Synod Journey, to grow in faith and connection with God and each other.

Sharing both a location and a mission brings them together, and I can see, even just in a short time, the good things that are coming from their work together with the other adult leaders.

A few weeks ago, we read in Luke 10 that Jesus sent out 72 of his disciples

in pairs. In the same way as these young LYO disciples, Jesus sent out 36 pairs who would share a location (the places they would go) and a mission (the good news of Jesus's presence).

And last month, in this space, I told you a bit about a possible partnership with River's Edge. This month, as many of us enjoy sunshine and vacations, I want to tell you why I believe this will be a good thing. (Perhaps you can see where I'm going with this! :D)

First, our two congregations share a location. We are both committed to loving and serving our neighbors in Carlton, Wrenshall, and the surrounding community.

And second, we share a mission. We want to be a beacon of the good news of Jesus's presence in our community by loving, serving, and connecting with God's children where they are. We want to be a witness to what God is doing in our community, and to find ways to participate in it.

Some may disagree, and that is ok. But I wholeheartedly believe that we will be better able to love, serve, and connect with our neighbors together – not only in the ways we already do so, but perhaps in ways we haven't even dreamed of yet.

“Two congregations, with one mission.”

I see this possible future as a door towards new possibilities and new life for both of our congregations.

Churches, though quite human and imperfect, are a different kind of organization from a business or even a nonprofit. Though we need both resources and participants, our guide and goal is not these things.

Instead, our guide and goal is God – the God we know in Jesus Christ.

May this God, who sends us out on paths where we cannot see the ending, be with you this week.

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2022 Members of Bethesda Church Council

*President – Lynn Beatty

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*Secretary - Linda Newlon

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**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*

Financial Update			
Year to date as of 6/30/2022			
	Actual	Budget	Over/(Under) Budget
Envelope giving	49875.00	56685.00	(6810.00)
Non-pledged income	8055.81	3150.02	4905.79
TOTAL INCOME	57930.81	59835.02	(1904.21)
Salaries/Compensation	46240.67	48956.64	(2715.97)
General Office Expenses	4265.03	4134.46	130.57
Utilities	5786.06	4840.02	946.04
Other Expenses	1440.74	320.00	(1120.74)
Benevolence Expenses	498.86	566.85	(67.99)
Evangelism Expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00
Property Expenses	624.83	415.02	209.81
Social Ministry	162.00	162.48	(0.48)
Worship Expenses	3024.81	3499.98	(475.17)
CYFM Expenses	467.59	1955.04	(1487.45)
TOTAL EXPENSES	62510.59	64850.49	(2339.90)
Non-pledged income includes Loose offering, Special Services, Meatball supper, Sunday School, Interest Income, etc.			
Memorial money is not included in any of the figures above.			

<p>Office Hours Tuesday-Thursday 8am-2pm</p>



“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 that we are donating an average of 50 pounds a month. Keep up the good work! ***For the month of August our collection focus will be hot or cold cereal.***

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.

Join us for Bible Study

Fridays at 11

All are welcome!

Reminder there are free daily devotional booklets *“Christ in Our Home”* and *“The Word in Season”* available on the stand outside the office.

Shared Ministry with Rivers Edge Presbyterian Updates:

Our council’s executive team met with their leadership team twice in the month of July and figured out some details that should work well for sharing ministry. Here are the most important points, and please remember that we want to hear what you have to say!

1. We will maintain our separate identities as congregations while working together to further our ministries in this community.
2. We will share the cost of the pastor’s salary and benefits, based on active membership. For this year, that is 75% for Bethesda, and 25% for Rivers Edge.
3. Both of us will adjust our worship time to allow for fellowship and education time in between our services. Bethesda will move to 8:30, and Rivers Edge 10:30.
4. Hosting two joint worship services every year, including an outdoor service in the summer. We also plan to worship together on Ash Wednesday and during Holy Week.
5. Maintaining good communication with a joint council meeting in the spring and the fall and a shared ministry rep to stay in close contact in the other months.

6. If both councils approve of the agreement, our congregations will vote on the shared ministry agreement, most likely on Sunday, September 11.
7. We want to hear from you! You have wisdom to share, and we also want to respond to any questions you might have. We will have three listening sessions in the library in August with Lynn and Pastor Seth. We and the other members of the council are also available to meet during the week by phone or in person.
8. Listening session dates: 8/14, 8/21, 8/28.

*Lynn Beatty, Council President
Pastor Seth Wynands*

Member News



Celebrating August Baptismal Birthdays

Zachariah Buscko, Zaiden Erikson, Charles Hough Jr., Belladonna Kincade, Hazel Kincade, Timothy Moench, Jordan Hyry, Dawn Soukkala, Jean Johnson, Bailey Pantstar, Becky Felland, Kaleb Hyry, Zechariah Johnson, Veronique Jokkinen, Jodie Moen, Kaden Lent, Cami Martin, Curtis Kiehl, Leo Moen, Lucy Stahlbusch, Lucas Hyry, Alex Despot, Pamela Kosmerl, Troy Senarighi Jr, Jacob Newlon,

Ailie Gustafson, Robin Hyry, Paige Olson, Alexander Peterson, Zackary Peterson, Adeline Jahr, Mark Johnson, Jeanne Ketchum, Nixon Mitchell, Courtney Ableiter, Ariel Peterson & Derek Swenson.



Our deepest sympathy & prayers to the family of Raymond Katzmarek, Sarah Carpenter's father, Jewel Johnson, Cathy Dale's mother, Joanne Johnson, Mandy (Tim) Moench's mother and to the family of Rev. Robert Kleinke who served as Bethesda's pastor from 1988-1993. God comfort and strengthen our hearts in hope in the resurrection through Christ.



We welcomed into the family of faith through the sacrament of holy baptism on July 24th Ivy Theisen, daughter of Ashley and Tony Theisen.

Coffee Serving Schedule

August 7th -Renae's Group
August 14th Marlys' Group
August 21st Gladys' Group
August 28th Jeannette's Group

National Night Out 2022:

Carlton will be holding National Night Out on August 2, 2022 at the NE Junction Bike Pavilion. National Night Out is an annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make our neighborhoods safer, more caring places to live. National Night Out enhances the relationship between neighbors and law enforcement while bringing back a true sense of community. Furthermore, it provides a great opportunity to bring police and neighbor's together under positive circumstances.

Millions of neighbors take part in National Night Out across thousands of communities from all fifty states, U.S. territories and military bases worldwide on the first Tuesday in August (Texas and select areas celebrate on the first Tuesday in October). Neighborhoods host block parties, festivals, parades, cookouts and various other community events with safety demonstrations, seminars, youth events, visits from emergency personnel, exhibits and much, much more.

All are welcome! Come and enjoy fellowship with your community.

The Synod Journey in Superior and Duluth!

I want to tell you a bit about the 180 young disciples who I was lucky enough to work with a few weeks ago at the Synod Journey! This event is one of several multi-day events like Cardia Deo, Middle School Gathering, and the ELCA Youth Gathering that allows our synod walk with each other and our young people.

I got to help coordinate service sites and learning experiences for all these excited young folks and their adult leaders, and I know the seeds planted here will flourish in the years to come in their lives and their communities. We didn't have any youth from Bethesda join this year, but I know these events have impacted our young disciples in the last few years, and I'm excited to go with a group from Bethesda to other synod events again soon.

Pastor Seth



God's Work, Our Hands

Sunday September 18th, 2022

This day is an opportunity to celebrate who we are as the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America – one church, freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbor.

Service activities offer an opportunity for us to explore one of our most basic convictions as Lutherans: that all of life in Jesus Christ – every act of service, in every daily calling, in every corner of life – flows freely from a living, daring confidence in God’s grace.

Our community GWOH area churches include Bethesda, Our Saviors, Our Redeemers and Zion Lutheran Churches, Northwoods Methodist/ Esko, and Queen of Peace

How you can help: Simply drop off your donations at Bethesda Lutheran Church. Donation box is in the Narthex. If you prefer to write a check please make it out to Bethesda and put a memo for God’s Work, Our Hands.

If you know of someone who is in need of help with outside house/yard projects within a 10 mile radius of Cloquet, Please let the office know 384-4501, or call Debby Johnson 384-3360. No house painting. All outdoor projects must have a contact person on site when the work is being done.

Lutheran Work Relief – School Kits:

Unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers
2 ½” erasers, 16 or 24 count crayons
Pencil sharpener
Blunt scissors
30 centimeter rulers or ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other side

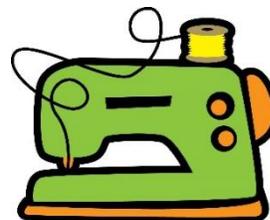
70 sheet notebooks wide or college ruled (no loose-leaf paper)
14”X17” drawstring cloth backpack- with shoulder straps NO standard backpacks)

Lutheran World Relief:

Baby Care Kits:

Bath size 8- 9 oz. any brand bar soap in original wrapping
Lightweight cotton T-shirts (onesies can be cut to make T-shirts)
Long or short sleeved gowns or sleepers
52” sq. med weight cotton or flannel blankets
dark colored hand towels lightweight
Diaper pins or large safety pins

Donation boxes in the Narthex for donations

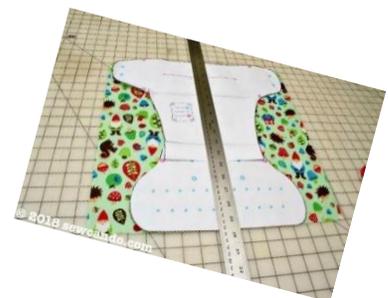


ATTENTION: SEWERS NEEDED

Diapers to be hemmed for Lutheran World Relief Flannel diapers

are cut to size and need to be hemmed. See samples located on the table in the Narthex

Thank you,
Debby



Children, Youth, Family and Ed.

- ❖ We have two campers going to camp this year. Mason Haley is going to camp Hiawatha July 11 - 13, 2022 and Nixon Mitchell is going to camp Vermillion July 31st - August 5, 2022.
- ❖ VBS campfire was well attended. They will be having another campfire on Monday, August 15th at Zion Lutheran Church from 5:30 - 7:00. All are welcome to attend. There are benches for seating, but you are welcome to bring your own chair.
- ❖ Currently, we are holding off on Sunday Sing & Pray.
- ❖ We are looking at renaming Sunday Storytime. Any suggestions, please feel free to contact a member of the CYFED Committee.
- ❖ Everyone is invited to attend the Friday Bible Study which starts at 11:00 AM.
- ❖ CYFED worked on the Faith Formation brochure to be sent out by the end of July first part of August to all the families
- ❖ Pastor Seth is working on having Catherine Anderson on Wednesday, February 15, 2023, for Synod Minister night, we will be inviting other parishes to join us.
- ❖ September 7, 2022, will be the Faith Formation kickoff cook out.
- ❖ Growing in Faith classes will begin with the kickoff cook out on September 7th. We will continue September 14, 21, and 28th. These classes will start with a service, then class in the gathering space. The class is for 4th, 5th & 6th grades kids. We will again offer Growing in Faith class again in April 2023. More to follow
- ❖ 3rd grade Discovering Your Bible class will start on Sunday, September 11th with the kids receiving their bibles. Class will be on Sunday, September 11th, 18th, 25th and October 2nd at 10:00 following the service.
- ❖ Confirmation class for grades 7-10th grade will start on September 7th through November 16th.
- ❖ Holy Communion classes will begin in April 2023.
- ❖ The next CYFED meeting will be on Thursday, August 4, 2023, at 2:00 in the library. All are welcome to attend.

Sunday Storytime and Children's Message Schedule

August 7th – Storytime

August 14th - Children's message

August 21st – Storytime

August 28th - Children's message

Northeastern Minnesota Synod ELCA Offices are Moving



The Synod Office building is Sold and the Synod Office is Moving!

It is with gratitude and a bit of concern regarding the unknown that we (Synod Council and staff) share that the Synod office building has been sold and we expect to be in a different location in 2023! The sense of gratefulness stems from ease in selling the building and the market conditions in which it was sold. The buyer is allowing us to stay until the end of the year or until we have moved into a new space. The unknown concern stems from now somewhat quickly determining the best configuration of office space for doing the work of supporting our Synod churches and leadership while maintaining the staff's cohesion we have been blessed with.

We have reached out to other synods who have reconfigured office space in this era because working remotely at times better serves leaders and

congregations. We are discussing potential plans with our leadership and praying faithfully as we proceed.

Pastor Rollie reached out to churches in Duluth, Hermantown, and Cloquet asking about space to share and rent. To date, we have heard from seven of them. Pastor Rollie and I will tour and visit them soon. The goal is to have a decision made regarding the move by early fall.

Additionally, we are cleaning out the current space we occupy. What a job! The lower storage area even contained an abundance of items from the previous owner. Check out the items photographed below for treasures you may want or need. Our 'ask' is that you pick it up as promptly as possible and if you are inspired to offer a donation for your new treasure, we will gladly take it to offset our moving expenses.

Through this time, we feel the Spirit's trusting hand guiding the way. And we give thanks -- God is Good, all the time!

If you have questions or concerns, don't hesitate to contact the Synod office 218-724-4424 or email info@nemnsynod.org

Together in Christ –
Bishop Amy Odgren



2910 W. 3rd Street Duluth, MN.

**NONPERISHABLE ITEMS
NEEDED DESPERTELY**

**OUR FOOD PANTRY IS
ALMOST EMPTY**



**WE CAN DO YOUR
SHOPPING FOR YOU
THROUGH YOUR
FINANCIAL GIFT**

OTHERWISE

**YOUR CHURCH,
ORGANIZATION, OR
FAMILY CAN SHOP.**

BEST ITEMS ARE

**Canned raviolis, soups, stews,
tuna, chicken, boxed dinners,
ramen soups, pasta,
spaghetti sauce, crackers,
peanut butter, jelly, instant
potatoes, boxed cereal, bagged
or boxed rice meals, powdered
milk, canned fruit & vegetables**

**IN JUNE 98 FOOD BAGS
WERE DISTRIBUTED**

**For monetary donations go to
duluthm.org**



What: Join the congregations of Zion, Our Savior's, and Bethesda Lutheran Church for a brief service, followed by roasted hot dogs and s'mores around the bonfire and activities for the kids!

Where: Zion Lutheran Church
(1000 Washington Ave)

When: August 15 5:30-7pm

August 2022



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2 9am Making Mats for the Homeless 6pm Serenity Seekers	3	4 1pm Jam Group 2pm Children, Youth, Family & Ed. Meeting	5 11am Bible Study	6
7 9am Worship/ Storytime (Fellowship Hall) 10:15am Coffee/ Fellowship	8	9 9am Making Mats for the Homeless 6pm Serenity Seekers	10	11	12 11am Bible Study	13
14 9am Worship Children's Message (Sanctuary) 10:15am Coffee/ Fellowship	15 Beacon Deadline	16 9am Making Mats for the Homeless 4pm Worship Committee Meeting 5:30pm Council Meeting 6pm Serenity Seekers	17	18 1pm Jam Group 5:30pm Ladies of Kaleva Meeting	19 11am Bible Study 4pm Mangan/Goad Family Wedding Rehearsal	20 9am Mangan/Goad Family Wedding Prep 2pm Wedding
21 9am Worship Storytime (Fellowship Hall) 10:15am Coffee/ Fellowship 11:30am Fellowship Hall in Use~Stacy Colich	22	23 9am Making Mats for the Homeless 6pm Serenity Seekers	24	25	26 11am Bible Study	27
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Sunday Worship
9:00am
In House
And on Facebook
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.

