



The Bethesda Beacon

Monthly Newsletter of Bethesda Evangelical Lutheran Church, Carlton MN
August 2017

Zion, Our Savior's & Bethesda Lutheran Churches



Voyageurs Lutheran Ministry Day Camp

All the fun of camp right here at home!



Join us for a week of fun, faith and meeting new friends.
Don't miss out - sign up today!

August 7th - 11th

If you have a child attending Day Camp please see additional information inside.

Sunday, August 13th
9:00 a.m.

Bethesda will be moving our regular worship service on Aug. 13 to the **N.P. Junction Bike Shelter** Near the Carlton Fire Department **Join us for a fun and uplifting service outdoors!**

Music provided by River of Grace from Grace Lutheran Church Refreshments & Fellowship following service.

Picnic tables & some chairs provided for seating but feel free to bring lawn chairs

***Reminder - there will be no services held at the church on this Sunday.**

****In case of inclement weather services will be held at Bethesda.**



A MESSAGE FROM
YOUR BRIDGE
PASTOR

“By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things.”
(Galatians 5:22-23)

I'm sure that the Apostle Paul would agree that learning to be patient is not always easy, but it is an important quality that we have to learn during our lifetime. Having to wait to be fed is a lesson we learn early in life. I appreciate the work of our farmers, the people who grow the food we eat. They are the ones who plant the seeds in prepared soil, and have to patiently wait for several months before the harvest can take place. Many times we wait patiently in a line at a restaurant wondering when we will be seated, so we can enjoy a meal. Waiting at an intersection for the green light, when we are late for an appointment or finding ourselves in a long line of backed-up traffic on the Interstate can test our patience.

I know we appreciate the work of the members of our Call Committee and the patience they have demonstrated in searching for a new pastor to serve our Bethesda congregation. We appreciate the time they have spent in their search.

Also, the members of our congregation have had to be patient

with each other, as a new pastor is being called. Working together and each of us doing our part, so that the ministry of our congregation has been sustained and strengthened has been vital for all of us. We need to continue to generously support our ministry with our prayers, our time, financially, and with our presence at worship and study.

May our Lord continue to bless our life together as we call a new pastor to begin a new chapter in the life of our congregation.

See you in church,

Pastor Dick Hane

(218) 729-9114 or

Cell: (218) 349-7588

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www.nemnsynod.org

Dear congregation members,
 It is after much prayer and deliberation that I must tell you that I will no longer be filling the Treasurer position as of Saturday June 17th of 2017. I do not have a background in accounting and despite good note-taking on my part and wonderful teaching on Sue Coady's part I am just not picking up on it as well as I should be. I don't feel that it is fair to the church, Sue Coady or myself to continue to struggle through the tasks this position requires. I regret not being able to continue in this position because of the need for someone new to take this on. It is just not a skill I was blessed with. I also did not realize when I first agreed to take the position that I would then not be allowed to vote. I joined Council to be more informed and involved in the happenings and changes at Bethesda. Thank you for your understanding in this matter.

Bethany Leseman

The Bethesda Treasurer position is open. Anyone interested can submit a letter of interest and resume to the executive committee.

September Beacon Deadline is August 15th. Please have all submissions into the office on this date.

Thank you.

2017 Members of Bethesda Church Council

*President – Sue Frank

*Vice President – Duane Soukkala

*Secretary - Linda Newlon

Dave Beatty

Lynn Beatty

Stacy Colich

Jason Goad

Jon Kolb

Jen Kuras

Ryan Swanson

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. The Executive Committee consists of these officers. They also serve as the Personnel Committee. You can keep up to date with church business by viewing the Council Meeting Minutes which are posted on the church website.*

Financial Update			
Year-to-date ending 06/30/2017			
	Actual	Budget	Over/(Under) Budget
Envelope giving	\$57,804.00	\$60,000.00	(\$2,196.00)
Non-pledged income	\$11,260.98	\$8,830.50	\$2,430.48
TOTAL INCOME	\$69,064.98	\$68,830.50	\$234.48
Salaries/Compensation	\$17,715.85	\$24,762.12	(\$7,046.27)
General Office Expenses	\$3,878.60	\$4,650.00	(\$771.40)
Utilities	\$6,240.97	\$5,649.96	\$591.01
Other Expenses	\$1,886.26	\$16,614.96	(\$14,728.70)
Benevolence Expenses	\$4,445.60	\$4,800.00	(\$354.40)
Education Expenses	\$463.06	\$637.02	(\$173.96)
Evangelism Expenses	\$364.42	\$165.00	\$199.42
Property Expenses	\$437.01	\$1,600.02	(\$1,163.01)
Stewardship Expenses	\$0.00	\$150.02	(\$150.02)
Worship Expenses	\$1,126.85	\$900.00	\$226.85
Youth Expenses	\$400.00	\$199.98	\$200.02
Choir Music Expenses	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$36,958.62	\$60,129.08	(\$23,170.46)
Net Income	\$32,106.36	\$8,701.42	\$23,404.94
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.			

Summer Block Party Update

On June 28th we had three members from the neighborhood join us and on July 5th we had six members from the neighborhood join us. We enjoyed Fellowship and some fantastic brats.

The next Block Party will be August 23rd at 5:30. Come join us and meet some of our neighbors. Thank you.

Deadline for signing up for the 2018 National Youth Gathering is August 1st. Anyone who participates in the Gathering will need to plan to attend a minimum of monthly meetings starting this August and continuing until the Gathering in July 2018.



Reminder: with Summer here...Don't forget your local Food

Shelf. Our local Food Shelf is located at the Salvation Army Carlton Ave. Cloquet. There is also a box located in the entryway of the church.

Join us Wednesday's for our Midweek Worship Summer Series, *On Our Way-Practices for an Abundant Life*. Dinner and conversation begins at 5:30 with worship at 6. What makes a good life? Wrestling with questions about how to live your life is part of being human.

On Our Way is a response to this yearning, offered by a group of people who belong to the diverse, imperfect, amazing community that has gathered around Jesus Christ across the centuries.

Attention parents of children age **birth to 8**: Sunday Story Time will continue regular Sundays throughout the year (including summer months). During Story Time, children study the weekly Gospel text and learn about the Church year/calendar. Parents are welcome to join their children, and any child who is not potty trained is welcome to attend with a parent.

Next Worship Committee Meeting will be August 9th at 1:00 p.m.

Member News



Celebrating August Baptismal Birthdays

Courtney Ableiter, Florence

Holm, Ann Carlander, Alex Despot, Zaiden Erikson, Jordan Hyry, Kaleb Hyry, Lucas Hyry, Robin Hyry, DaWayne Johnson, Jean Johnson, Dorothy Johnson, Zechariah Johnson, Jeanne Ketchum, Curtis Kiehl, Scott Kiehn, Cami Martin, Jodie Moen, Leo Moen, Timothy Moench, Jacob Newlon, Bailey Pantsar, Alexander Petersen, Ariel Petersen, Zackary Petersen, Dawn Soukkala, Troy Senarighi Jr., Adeline Jahr, Nixon Mitchell, Ailie Gustafson & Kaden Lent.

Bethesda's Prayer Chain Ministry

The Prayer Chain Ministry is a vital part of the Church.

*We are to "pray without ceasing."
1 Thessalonians.*

The purpose of the Prayer Chain Ministry is to encourage by upholding our church body, family, and friends in prayer. As it is stated in Hebrews:10-24-25, "And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds...but let us encourage one another---and all the more as you see the Day approaching".

Bethesda's Prayer Chain's is here for you.....we encourage you to **contact the Pastor at 218-384-4501** or our **Prayer Chain Co- leaders: Pat Durkee at 218-384-3645 or 218-269-6052 or Sharon Bragge at 218-384-4076** with your Prayer Requests.

Information is strictly confidential.

Your prayer requests may be as detailed in information as you wish or just asking for prayers.

Bethesda's Prayer Chain Partners are: Pastor Richard Hane, Co-leaders: Pat Durkee and Sharon Bragge; Prayer Partners: Lynn Beatty, Judy Olson, Marlene Anderson, Alice Kloepfer, and Lil Davis.

If you would like to become a Prayer Partner, please contact Pat Durkee at 384-3645. All are welcome.



**God's work.
Our hands.**

**Mark your
calendar for
"God's Work
Our Hands"**

Sunday September 17th, 2017.

"God's Work Our Hands" Sunday 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. In September, the nearly 10,000 congregations of this church gather to serve communities in ways that share the love of God with all of God's people. This is a Community event. Area churches participating this year will be Bethesda, Zion and Our Savior's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Our Redeemers Lutheran Church, Good Hope, and Queen of Peace Catholic Church.

Where: participants will meet in Zion's Fellowship Hall. (Home base for this event)

Arrival Time: 10:30 am after worship service.

Lunch will be served at Queen of Peace between 11 and 2 p.m.

A group picture will be taken at Zion around 10:30 a.m. followed by group project assignments.

NOTE: Those not able to work on outdoor projects will stay at Zion to work on various projects.

Below is a list of materials needed for projects. How you can help: simply drop off your donations at Bethesda Lutheran Church. There will be Donation Boxes located in the Fellowship Hall along with a listing of supplies needed.

Sundresses and shorts for Haiti

Mission:

Colorful pillowcases (new or gently used) can be donated and will be sewn into sundresses for children
New or gently used T-shirts can be donated and will be sewn into shorts for children

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

Lutheran World Relief: Personal Care Kits:

Sturdy combs, dark bath towels
Metal nail clippers
Adult tooth brushes in original packaging
8-9 oz. bar soap, any brand in original packaging
Light weight 20"x40" or 52"x27"

Ditty Bags

Razors
Sturdy combs
Travel size shampoo, conditioner and lotion
Sewing kits
Soap full size
Adult tooth brush
Toothpaste
Medium or small note book

Lutheran Work Relief – School Kits:

Unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers
2 ½" erasers
16 or 24 count crayons
Pencil sharpener -metal type
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" draw string cloth backpack- with shoulder straps NO standard backpacks)

Lap Blankets:

Fleece- will be made into lap blankets.

Monies/checks donated- checks payable to Zion Lutheran Church and give to Debby

Thank You

Please contact Debby Johnson
(h)384-3360 with any questions.



Day Camp August 7th-11th

K-6th grade: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
(Note: Friday done at noon)
3 yrs. (potty-trained) –PreK: 9 a.m. to
11 a.m.

visit www.bethesdacarlton.org –
About Us tab/committees/Youth

Special events during Day Camp week:

Wednesday

Community Meal 5:30 pm
provided by B&B Wagon
All Welcome
Followed by a VLM staff lead
short worship service.

Thursday

K-6 will be walking to Evergreen
Knoll at 1:30 p.m. to entertain the
residents.

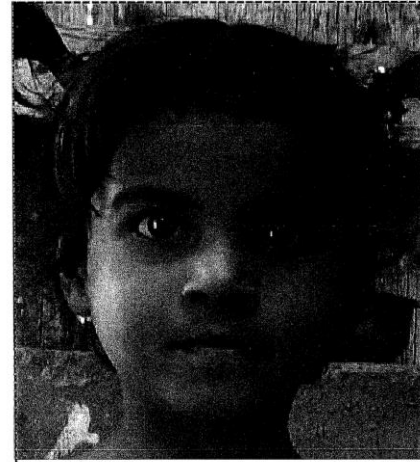
Friday

All Ages class done at 11:30 followed
by a short presentation by the Campers
and the VLM staff in the Sanctuary-

If you have questions, please call the
church office at 218-384-4501

Child Fund International

Bethesda has been sponsoring a child
overseas since 1967.



Anita

We have received word from Child
Fund that Anita is our current
sponsored child. She was born
11-11-2012. Anita lives with father,
mother 2 sisters and one brother in
Disha India. Please keep them in your
prayers. Anita's picture and most
recent letter are posted on the Youth
bulletin board near the restrooms.

An update on Lalo Kumari, born
12/12/2000, Deoghar area India, our
previous sponsored child. Lalo is most
thankful and grateful for your prayers
and our church sponsorship through
the past years. She has studied up to
high school, is healthy and recently got
married. Although she is young, the
situation is not uncommon in this part
of the world. Please keep Lalo and
her family in your prayers.



Faith on the Go

Pray

Dear God, we thank you for all that you have given to us: our homes, our families, our work, our rest and our daily bread. Your Holy Spirit leads us out to share your good news of love and forgiveness with the world. May we live daily into the hope that you offer us. Amen.

Connect

Where do you see the hope of God in your life or in the world today?
Where does the hope of God's promises need to be revealed?

Bible

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43—Parables of Jesus

Chat Day 1

Matthew 13:24-26

Jesus often compares the Kingdom of Heaven to seeds and plants. Why do you think that is? What do you think of in the Kingdom of Heaven?

Day 2

Matthew 13:27-30

Good and bad are often closely linked together. We often have to struggle with the bad to get to the good. What good things in your life do you struggle for?

Day 3

Matthew 13:36

The disciples often struggle with Jesus' stories. What do you struggle with in this story? What do you wish Jesus would explain to you?

Day 4

Matthew 13:37-39

Is Jesus' explanation a comfort to you? Does it make you uneasy?

Day 5

Matthew 13:40-43

What do you think are the "causes of sin?" What temptations in your life do you wish you could burn? What would change about your life if you got rid of them?

Bless

Through Jesus you are a child of God.

August Volunteers

9:00

Greeters

- 6. Renae House
- 13. Duane & Dawn Soukkala
- 20. Renee Kesty
- 27. Jon Kolb

Ushers

- 6. Ryan Swanson & Pat Durkee
- 13. Brad Bunge & Debby Johnson
- 20. Gordy & Lil Davis
- 27. Dave & Lynn Beatty

Lay Readers

- 6. Brad Bunge
- 13. Pat Durkee
- 20. Lynn Beatty
- 27. Bethany Leseman

Communion Assistants

- 6. Frank & Jackie Curtiss
- 13. Jean Johnson & Janice Dahl
- 20. JoAnn Gustafson & Mary Saarela
- 27. Sharon Bragge & Stacy Colich

Acolytes

- 6. Lauren Soukkala
- 13. Bridger McCorison
- 20. Anna Bong
- 27. Jaiden Soukkala

Communion Prep & Clean

- 6. Renee Kesty (P & C)
- 13. Linda Newlon (P & C)
- 20. Jenny & Donald Lokken (P & C)
- 27. Ryan Swanson (P)
Joel Soukkala (C)

Counters

- 6. Dawn Soukkala & JoAnn Gustafson
- 13. Lorna Bryant & Mary Saarela
- 20. Lynn Beatty & Gene Bryant
- 27. Lori Bunge & Bethany Leseman

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Thank you.**

September Volunteers

9:00

Greeters

- 3. Craig & Desi Holm
- 10. Marv & Pat Durkee
- 17. Tricia Hackensmith
- 24. Johanna Bernu

Ushers

- 3. Paula Olsen & Debby Johnson
- 10. Dave & Lynn Beatty
- 17. Frank & Jackie Curtiss
- 24. Sharon Bragge & Mary Saarela

Lay Readers

- 3. Jackie Curtiss
- 10. Johanna Bernu
- 17. Lynn Beatty
- 24. Paul Carpenter

Communion Assistants

- 3. Nixon Mitchell & Janice Dahl
- 10. Frank & Jackie Curtiss
- 17. Johanna Bernu & Sharon Bragge
- 24. Dave & Lynn Beatty

Acolytes

- 3. Johanna Bernu
- 10. Nixon Mitchell
- 17. Annabelle Soukkala
- 24. Noah Olsen

Communion Prep & Clean

- 3. Frank & Jackie Curtiss (P & C)
- 10. Johanna Bernu (P)
Bethany Leseman (C)
- 17. Sharon Bragge (P & C)
- 24. Mary Saarela (P & C)

Counters

- 3. Janice Dahl & Jane Joki
- 10. Lynn Beatty & Bethany Leseman
- 17. Mary Saarela & Linda Newlon
- 24. Janice Dahl & Jane Joki

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1 Deadline for the National Youth Gathering 5:45pm Women's Bible Study	2 5:30pm Wednesday S.T.O.R.Y Word & Worship	3 3:30pm Children, Youth & Family Ministry Planning 5pm Executive Committee Meeting	4 11am Men's Bible Study	5
6 9am Worship Sunday Story Time 10:15am Coffee/ Fellowship	7 Day Camp 6:30pm Al-Anon Meeting	8 Day Camp 5:45pm Women's Bible Study	9 Day Camp 1pm Worship Committee Meeting 5:30pm Community Meal at Zion Lutheran Church	10 Day Camp 1pm Jam Group 5:30pm Council Meeting	11 Day Camp 11am Men's Bible Study	12
13 9am Outdoor Worship Service 10:15am Coffee/ Fellowship	14 6:30pm Al-Anon Meeting	15 Beacon Deadline 5:45pm Women's Bible Study	16 5:30pm Wednesday S.T.O.R.Y Word & Worship	17	18 11am Men's Bible Study	19
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