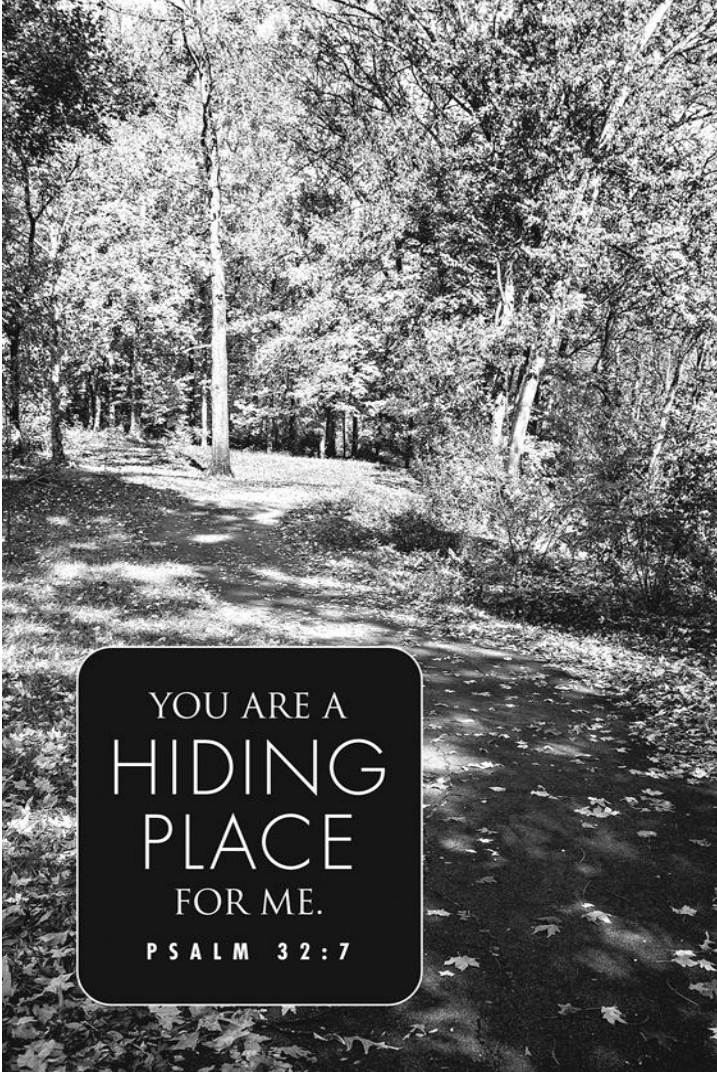




# The Bethesda Beacon

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



YOU ARE A  
HIDING  
PLACE  
FOR ME.  
PSALM 32:7

November Beacon Deadline is October 15<sup>th</sup>. Please have all submissions into the office on this date. The Beacon Crew will be assembling the newsletter on October 24<sup>th</sup>. Thank you.

## In This Month's Beacon:

- \* Pastor Mary's October Newsletter Article
- \*Member News
- \*Notes of Thanks
- \*Highway Clean-Up
- \*Community Events
- \*Reformation Sunday October 29<sup>th</sup>
- \*God's Work, Our Hands Update
- \*Information about Coffee Serving Groups
- \*Information on Sunday Sing 'n Play
- \*And More!

When I began seminary four years ago, I remember thinking how neat it was that I would be graduated and ordained during the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary year of the Lutheran Reformation. What a way to start out in ordained ministry! While there have been events and emphasis since the beginning of the year, the month of October is when many of the events will be held. This includes Reformation Sunday, which this year lands on October 29<sup>th</sup>.

I don't know if you've seen the marketing materials from the ELCA regarding the anniversary, but they have had a theme logo on them which reads, "Freed and Renewed in Christ." They reached this theme based on one of Luther's writings. In "The Freedom of a Christian" (1520) Martin Luther famously wrote "A Christian is lord of all, completely free of everything; a Christian is a servant, completely attentive to the needs of all." The ELCA's theme expresses this message of the Christian faith's freedom and a renewed life of service to others in Jesus Christ. (Taken from [elca.org](http://elca.org))

While this year allows us to look back yet again at the work of Martin Luther, and what he has done for the Lutheran Church, we are also encouraged to look forward to continually be reforming in our

church. Our churches have changed quite a bit in the past 500 years; and as impossible as it is, I would love to see what the Lutheran Church looks like in the next 500 years. The good news is, whatever we do during our lifetime to keep reforming will allow future generations of Lutherans to experience the same life-giving church in which we have been blessed.

So as I "challenged" the folks who attended my first worship service at Bethesda, I would love to hear what dreams you have for our church; for its ministries, its people, and the whole Carlton community. Martin Luther was bold enough to challenge the whole Catholic Church – including the pope! – and we can be just as bold to dream and imagine what sort of community we want to create here as well.

Take advantage of the learning opportunities available throughout the month to refresh yourself on Lutheran doctrine and what the Reformation meant for the church, but also listen to God's voice calling you into a reformation of your own in this church. I would love to chat with you about your dreaming – please let me know!

God bless,  
Pastor Mary

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### **2017 Members of Bethesda Church Council**

\*President – Sue Frank

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Lynn Beatty

Stacy Colich

Jason Goad

Jon Kolb

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.*

Dear Members and Friends  
of Bethesda –

Thank you so much  
for the Farewell/Welcome  
Potluck meal you prepared for Pastor

Mary and myself on Sunday, September 10. Special occasions always go better with good food, which I thoroughly enjoyed! Also, thank you for your kind words, cards, and gifts presented to Judy and me. My life has been enriched serving as your Bridge Pastor through getting acquainted with the members and friends of the congregation. The worship, the conversations, the shared joys and sorrows, and the expressions of faithfulness will long be remembered as special moments while serving at Bethesda.

Finally, you have crossed that “bridge” over many months of being without a called pastor for your congregation. The former Call Committee members were faithful in selecting a new pastor. Now with Pastor Mary’s leadership and guidance may you continue to work and serve our Lord together in sharing your gifts and your love, so that Bethesda will be a “beacon” in your community. I borrow words from the Baptism Service (ELW, page 231) as I encourage you to “let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.”

Gratefully, Pastor Dick and Judy Hane

**A note of thanks from the family of Jeff Olson:** To all the volunteer drivers for meals on wheels. I wanted to take the time to truly



thank everyone who delivered meals to my very ill dad. I know it wasn't easy pulling into his driveway wondering if he was ok and so forth. My dad was a very sick man and refused help (we tried many times) but, he's sadly where he wanted to be now. Thank you all for your concerned calls, efforts and for bringing my dad his meals.

Lindsey Cadotte (his daughter)

**A special thank you** for everyone involved with the God's Work Our Hands projects. What a great blessing to our community. I would also like to thank Debby Johnson for organizing this event for our church. To the Lokken family and Radtke family for helping me with my fall projects. So very grateful. God is good! - Jane Joki

Grayson Coulter, Tatiana Hackensmith, Parker Kunze, Bruce Bong, Al Holm, Craig Holm, Cheryl Schilla, Carol Foss, Clifford Kloefer, Julianne Emerson, Andrew Goodwin, Elizabeth House & Roxane Schmitz.

Bethesda Highway Clean Up will take place on Tuesday October 10<sup>th</sup>. We will meet at Bethesda at 9 a.m. Looking for volunteers of all ages. Come rain or shine! Any Questions Contact Mary Saarela at 218-384-4412.

## Member News



### Celebrating October Baptismal Birthdays

Brad McKinstry, Noah Olsen, Karen Laine, Wendy Mitchell, Dylan Stradtman, Kristian Herman, Ben Talarico, Marnie Emerson, Robert Emerson, Laraya Kiehl, Larry Beckstrom, Chloe Olesen, Cary Martin, Sandy Wallin, David Beatty, Rebecca Feldbrugge, Makayla Stirewalt, Drayden Adams, Joseph Rudolph, Rodney Davis, Elijah Halli, Benjamin Soderstrom, Mary Marciniak, Katrina Hough, Zachary Lahti, Lori Moench, Steven Anderson,



### Every year Reformation Sunday provides the opportunity

to ask together with the Reformers of the 16th century:

*'What does it mean to be the Church of Jesus Christ today?' 'Where does he intend to lead us by his Spirit and his Word?'*

*'Are we really instruments in his hand?'*

*'What does it mean that he has made us free through his grace and love?'*

*'What are the next steps he expects from us?'*

Reformation Sunday, October 29<sup>th</sup>. Don't forget to wear red to church to help celebrate our Lutheran heritage.

**Save the Date** for Bethesda's  
Touch of Scandinavia Holiday Bazaar  
Saturday December 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**Finnish “Pannukakku”(Oven Pancake) & Breakfast**

**When:** Monday Oct. 9<sup>th</sup> @ 8am-11am

**Where:** Bethesda’s Fellowship Hall

**Cost:** \$6 for adults \$3 children 6 and under

Breakfast includes Pannukakku, sausage, coffee & juice. The Ladies of Kaleva will be hosting the event to raise money for Ladies of Kaleva Scholarships.

**WELCA Kettle River Conference  
Fall Gathering**

Tuesday October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2017

First Lutheran Church Hinckley  
4-7:30

\$10 for expenses including supper

If you are interested in attending please contact Linda Newlon 879-6274

**Next to New** is looking for clean, gently used items to sell at the Bazaar. It is a good way to rid your home of unused items. We do not sell clothing, VHS tapes.

Please start bringing the items on Sunday, November 26th through Thursday November 30<sup>th</sup> to the Fellowship Hall. If possible, we would like all donations to the church by Thursday November 30<sup>th</sup>.



Amazon customers can now support **Bethesda’s Youth** by shopping on the company’s website- smile.amazon.com. Select Bethesda

Lutheran Church Location: Carlton, MN and the company will donate a portion of your purchase price!



**Zion’s Meatball Supper  
Wednesday October 4<sup>th</sup>  
4-7 p.m.**

13 & up: \$10 6-12: \$5  
5 & under: free

Delivery/Take Out/Drive-thru meals:  
\$10

Contact Zion’s church office at  
879-4647

Calls for delivery will be taken until noon the day of the supper.  
1000 Washington Ave. Cloquet



**God’s work.  
Our hands.**

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Our Hands  
Update**

On Sunday September 17<sup>th</sup>, a group of 16 from Bethesda joined with Our Saviors, Zion, Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, Queen of Peace Catholic Church and Good Hope & engaged in service work to make a positive change in our communities, to build relationships, and to share God’s love.

Service work included indoor Lutheran World Relief projects. From cutting and rolling bandages, putting together school, personal care, baby kits, & ditty bags to creating shorts out

of t-shirts, and diapers from flannel sheets.

Outside projects ranged from preparing flower beds for winter, window washing, yard work, replacing a door, minor house repairs, adding mulch to park areas, painting, clean up at a local cemetery. The list goes on.

“An uplifting experience was had by all.” The joy in a 3-year-old’s eyes as they helped others to the smiling nod of the elderly volunteer as they worked to help others. All volunteers could feel the joy and appreciation from those being helped.

These local service activities offered an opportunity for us to explore our most basic convictions as Christians, that all of life in Jesus Christ—every act of service, in every daily calling, in every corner of life—flows freely from living, a daring confidence in God’s grace.

You work every day to make your community a better place. Let us continue doing this work together.



not pictured: Lucas Radtke.

## Coffee News Alert!!!

Gladys Sievert & Mary Saarela have contacted many of you to help with coffee. The groups and serving schedule are listed and we want to thank all of you who are willing to serve. If you haven’t been contacted yet and would be willing to serve coffee once every 3-4 months, please call Gladys (384-3106) or Mary (384-4412). Thank you!

### Coffee Groups

Social Ministry

Sharon Bragge Carol Chalberg

Cookie Jaakola Jane Joki

Cliff & Alice Kloepfer

Karin Townslee Renee Kesty

#### #1 Lil

Gordy & Lil Davis

Rod & Debby Davis

Bob & Marnie Emerson

Tricia Hackensmith

Lloyd & Ellen Schmitz (will bake)

#### #2 Cary

Theresa Konietzko

Curt & Cary Martin Family

George & Mary Saarela

JoAnn Gustafson

#### #3 Rusty

Rusty Buscko

Larry & Carol Beckstrom

Lew & Ginny Castle

Sue & Terry Coady

#4 Marlys  
Marlys McKinstry  
Daryl, Linda, Anna Bong  
Brad & Lori Bunge (not Nov.)  
Frank & Jackie Curtis (May-Nov.)

# 5 Gladys  
Jan Dahl 384-3608  
Al & Florence Holm 384-3316  
Craig & Desiree Holm  
Renee Kesty  
Arlyn & Gladys Sievert

#6 Linda's  
Linda Newlon  
Harold & Cheryl Ankrum  
Craig & Roxanne Schmitz  
Lloyd & Ellen Schmitz  
\*\*\*Becky Walters

#7 Pat  
Marv & Pat Durkee 384-3545  
Kevin & Amy Olesen Family  
Tricia Hackensmith  
Lloyd & Ellen Schmitz (will bake)

#8 Renae  
Paul & Sarah Carpenter  
Paula & Noah Olsen  
Kevin & Renae House Family  
Stacy Colich

#9 Dawn  
Sue Frank  
Duane & Dawn Soukkala

#10 Jenny  
Debbie Johnson  
Jean Johnson

Brian & Jenny Lokken Family  
Ross & Alana Soukkala Family  
Aaron & Theresa Vick

#11 Bethany  
Jon & Sheri Kolb  
Bethany Leseman  
Chris, Wendy, & Nixon Mitchell  
Joel Soukkala Family

#12 Jeanette  
Dave & Lynn Beatty  
Lonnie & Jeanette Korpela  
Bobbie McCorison

**Bobbie will bring goodies only**  
**Lloyd & Ellen Schmitz bake**  
**Renee Kesty will help extra**

## Coffee Schedule

### October

1 Rusty's group  
8 Marlys's group  
15 Social Ministry  
22 Gladys's group  
29 Worship

### November

5 Social Ministry  
12 Linda's group  
19 Pat's group  
26 Renae's group

### December

3 Social Ministry  
10 Dawn's group  
17 Jenny's group  
24 Bethany's group  
31 Jeanette's group



## Sunday Sing n Play



Beginning October 22<sup>nd</sup> 10:15-10:45am

Open to all youth!

\*Sing your favorite Sunday School Songs

\*Share music at nursing home services!

\*Play a part in our Christmas program & Sunday skits!

Learn about Jesus through music! Lead by Joel Soukkala & Audrey Lokken. If interested contact Joel @ 218-451-0715 or [joelsoukkala@gmail.com](mailto:joelsoukkala@gmail.com)

## Faith on the Go

### Pray

Dear God, Thank you for all that we have today. We are grateful for this food that we eat, for the clean water that we drink and for a safe place to live. May we share what we have with other people. Your generosity of love, grace and mercy are for all and we pray for all people to live in this abundance. In Jesus' name. Amen.

### Connect

When did you see God's generosity today?

When did you receive God's generosity today?

### Bible

Matthew 20:1-16—The Laborers in the Vineyard

### Chat

#### Day 1

Matthew 20:1

What work are you doing for God right now? What labor would Jesus ask you to provide?

#### 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 20:8-10

How does this payment system make you feel? Does it seem unfair, or does it seem like justice to you?

#### Day 4

Matthew 20:11-14

How do you feel when you see a baby or a child get baptized?

How do you feel when you see an adult get baptized?

#### Day 5

Matthew 20:15-16

Are you ever jealous when someone is generous with others, but not with you? Why or why not?

### Bless

*God chooses you with love and mercy.*



# October 2017

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<p>1</p> <p>Pastor Mary's Installation <b>9am</b> Worship Sunday Story Time <b>10:15am</b> Coffee/ Fellowship</p>	<p>2</p> <p><b>7:00pm</b> Al-Anon Meeting</p>	<p>3</p> <p><b>9am</b> Weekly Staff Meeting <b>5:45pm</b> Women's Bible Study</p>	<p>4</p> <p><b>5:30pm</b> Discovering your Bible - 3<sup>rd</sup> Graders Confirmation Class for Grades 6-9 Wednesday S.T.O.R.Y Word &amp; Worship</p>	<p>5</p> <p><b>1pm</b> Jam Group <b>3:30pm</b> Children, Youth &amp; Family Ministry Planning <b>5:30pm</b></p>	<p>5</p> <p><b>11am</b> Men's Bible Study</p>	7
<p>8</p> <p><b>9am</b> Worship Sunday Story Time <b>10:15am</b> Coffee/ Fellowship</p>	<p>9</p> <p><b>7am</b> Ladies of Kaleva Pannukakku Breakfast <b>7:00pm</b> Al-Anon Meeting</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Kettle River Conference <b>9am</b> Highway Clean-Up <b>5:30pm</b> Mom's Group <b>5:45pm</b> Women's Bible Study</p>	<p>11</p> <p><b>5:30pm</b> Family Devotional Life Confirmation Class for Grades 6-9 Wednesday S.T.O.R.Y Word &amp; Worship</p>	12	<p>13</p> <p><b>11am</b> Men's Bible Study</p>	14
<p>15</p> <p><b>Beacon Deadline</b> Social Ministry ~ Breast Cancer <b>9am</b> Worship Sunday Story Time <b>10:15am</b> Coffee/ Fellowship <b>4pm</b></p>	<p>16</p> <p><b>7:00pm</b> Al-Anon Meeting</p>	<p>17</p> <p><b>9am</b> Weekly Staff Meeting <b>5:45pm</b> Women's Bible Study</p>	<p>18</p> <p><b>5:30pm</b> Confirmation Class for Grades 6-9 Wednesday S.T.O.R.Y Word Worship</p>	<p>19</p> <p><b>1pm</b> Jam Group</p>	<p>20</p> <p><b>11am</b> Men's Bible Study</p>	21
<p>22</p> <p><b>9am</b> Worship Sunday Story Time <b>10:15am</b> Coffee/ Fellowship Sunday Sing 'n Play</p>	<p>23</p> <p><b>7:00pm</b> Al-Anon Meeting</p>	<p>24</p> <p><b>9am</b> Weekly Staff Meeting <b>5:30pm</b> Mom's Group <b>5:45pm</b> Women's Bible Study</p>	<p>25</p> <p><b>5:30pm</b> Confirmation Class for Grades 6-9 Wednesday S.T.O.R.Y Word &amp; Worship</p>	26	<p>27</p> <p><b>11am</b> Men's Bible Study</p>	28
<p>29</p> <p>Reformation Sunday <b>9am</b> Worship Sunday Story Time <b>10:15am</b> Coffee/ Fellowship Sunday Sing 'n Play</p>	<p>30</p> <p><b>7:00pm</b> Al-Anon Meeting</p>	<p>31</p> <p>Halloween  <b>9am</b> Weekly Staff Meeting <b>5:45pm</b> Women's Bible Study</p>				

## October Volunteers

9:00

### Greeters

1. Paula Olsen
8. Janice Dahl
15. Jane Joki
22. Frank & Jackie Curtiss
29. Debby Johnson

### Ushers

1. Desi Holm & Debby Johnson
8. Stacy Colich & Paula Olsen
15. Frank & Jackie Curtiss
22. Lynn & Dave Beatty
29. Pat Durkee & Paul Carpenter

### Lay Readers

1. Linda Newlon
8. Pat Durkee
15. Bethany Leseman
22. Johanna Bernu
29. Stacy Colich

### Communion Assistants

1. Sharon Bragge & Mary Saarela
8. Linda Newlon & Pat Durkee
15. Johanna Bernu & Stacy Colich
22. Bethany Leseman &  
Nixon Mitchell
29. Frank & Jackie Curtiss

### Acolytes

1. Lauren Soukkala
8. Bridger McCorison
15. Anna Bong
22. Jaiden Soukkala
29. Johanna Bernu

### Communion Prep & Clean

1. Frank & Jackie Curtiss (P & C)
8. Johanna Bernu (P) Jane Joki(C)
15. Pat Durkee (P & C)
22. Linda Newlon (P & C)
29. Sharon Bragge (P & C)

### Counters

1. Lynn Beatty & Linda Newlon
8. Mary Saarela & Beth Leseman
15. Janice Dahl & Linda Newlon
22. Jane Joki & Mary Saarela
29. Lynn Beatty & Bethany  
Leseman

### Coffee Servers

1. Rusty's Group
8. Marlys's Group
15. Social Minsitry
22. Gladys's Group
29. Worship

## November Volunteers

9:00

### Greeters

- 5. Dave & Lynn Beatty
- 12. Paul Carpenter
- 19. Sharon Bragge
- 26. Mary Saarela

### Ushers

- 5. Sharon Bragge & Des Holm
- 12. Mary Saarela & Pat Durkee
- 19. Stacy Colich & Paula Olsen
- 26. Frank & Jackie Curtiss

### Lay Readers

- 5. Jackie Curtiss
- 12. Lynn Beatty
- 19. Linda Newlon
- 26. Paul Carpenter

### Communion Assistants

- 5. Janice Dahl & Linda Newlon
- 12. Frank & Jackie Curtiss
- 19. Dave & Lynn Beatty
- 26. Sharon Bragge & Mary Saarela

### Acolytes

- 5. Nixon Mitchell
- 12. Annabelle Soukkala
- 19. Noah Olsen
- 26. Lauren Soukkala

### Communion Prep & Clean

- 5. Pat Durkee (P & C)
- 12. Mary Saarela (P & C)
- 19. Johanna Bernu (P) Jane Joki (C)
- 26. Frank & Jackie Curtiss (P & C)

### Counters

- 5. Janice Dahl & Mary Saarela
- 12. Jane Joki & Bethany Leseman
- 19. Lynn Beatty & Janice Dahl
- 26. Linda Newlon & Jane Joki

### Coffee Servers

- 5. Social Ministry
- 12. Linda's Group
- 19. Pat's Group
- 26. Renae's Group

**Just a reminder that if you have switched duties with someone please contact the office so changes can be made for the bulletin.**

**Thank you.**