



The Bethesda Beacon

Monthly Newsletter of Bethesda Evangelical Lutheran Church, Carlton MN
October 2019



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

Dear friends in Christ,

Greetings from your new part-time pastor! I am looking forward to seeing where the Holy Spirit of God will lead us in the near future.

I have come to believe that each of us on our life journeys has been “weaving a tapestry” as we live out our lives. Each person we meet, each encounter we have with each other, becomes a part of the tapestry that portrays the story of our lives. I am especially curious as to how our journeys will intersect in the next few weeks and months.

Along with this, God, in His infinite wisdom, is weaving His story using the strands of our lives to live and work in the world. I wonder where He will take us. . .

You will find that as we get to know one another that I will challenge you in your understanding of who our Lord is and how He/She operates in the world. I will be asking you to examine your belief systems—to do your “theology.” I will ask you what you believe is the mission of the church. What is our purpose? Why should we exist and continue to meet? In this changing, challenging world it seems we need to understand our “reason for being.”

So. . . I am excited to be here with you in Carlton at Bethesda. I am looking

forward to walking by your side as we move into another cold, cruel winter. I am anxious to see your vision for the future and what God has planned for you. I look forward to working with Vicar Luke and the church council.

I trust that our Lord will bless our journey together!

Your new friend in Christ!

Pastor Jim Raisanen

An Update from the Mad Matters
With the help of gatherers, cutters, plarners, crocheters and Luke’s blessing of mats, we have now taken 10 mats, since May, to CHUM to distribute to the homeless in the area. Hard to imagine it takes about 700 bags to make 1 mat. That’s a lot of gathering, cutting, plarning and crocheting! **So just a reminder that we meet at church every Tuesday from 9-11am.** Please feel free to come see what’s happening and maybe you’ll see something you would like to do to help. If Tuesday’s don’t work for you, there are things you can bring home to work on. We can always use more help. A big thanks to all those that have worked so hard on this! Any questions please see Mary Saarela.

2019 Members of Bethesda Church Council

- *President – Lynn Beatty
- *Vice President – Frank Curtiss
- *Secretary - Linda Newlon
- *Stacy Colich, Treasurer
 - Dave Beatty
 - Deb Davis
 - Jason Goad
 - Jane Joki
 - Beth Leseman
 - Teresa Solomon

**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.*

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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, Mary Marciniak, Katrina Hough, Lori Moench, Steven Anderson, Grayson Coulter, Parker Kunze, Tatiana Hackensmith, Bruce Bong, Al Holm, Craig Holm, Cheryl Schilla, Carol Foss, Clifford Kloepfer, Julianne Emerson, Elizabeth House & Roxane Schmitz.



Our sympathy & prayers to the Families of Sally Wagman, Thomas Young, Gene Laajala & Florence Holm. God gives us hope and strength in the promise of the resurrection in Christ.



We welcomed into the family of faith through the sacrament of holy baptism on September 8th, Kaylee Lent Daughter of Natasha Godbout & Erik Lent and Jett Theisen son of Tony & Ashley Theisen.



Mark your calendars!! It's time for a new Church Directory!

We will have two easy and cost-free ways for pictures:

-you can drop off or email a photo of you or family to Bobbie in the church office NO LATER THAN November 1st, 2019. Email photos and info to: Bethesda55718@msn.com

or

Council members will be at church taking photos (individual, couples or family) in the Fellowship Hall immediately following the church service on the following two dates: Sunday September 29th and October 6th.

Please include the following information with your photos, and/or fill out the information sheet that is in the narthex and leave on Bobbie's desk in the office:

- Name(s)
- Address
- Phone number
- Email address contact

If you have any questions, you can email Stacy or Debbie at:

- Stacycolich@yahoo.com. or
- Dmdavis2005@live.com

Let's make this a great participation!! No cost obligation for anyone- we will gladly email you the pics that we take at church, if you would like to print a copy yourself!

Children, Youth, Family & Ed.

If Anyone is willing to help with the **Wednesday night** meal, please contact the office. Volunteers are needed to: prepare a meal, serve, help set up, clean-up. This is an excellent outreach for YOU to get to know your neighbors.

Storytime Schedule
October 6th – Storytime
October 13th – children's message only (Vicar Luke)
October 20th – Storytime
October 27th – Storytime



Sing 'N Play resumes October 6th after Worship.



**2019 Middle School Gathering:
 November 22-23 OR 23-24, 2019
 Cragun's Resort, Brainerd**

2019 Confirmation Theme: The Ten Commandments

The Middle School Gathering is for youth in grades 6-9 and their adult leaders. This event gathers young

people to grow in their faith by focusing on common confirmation teachings presented in a unique way (*see rotation below*). The event includes large group assemblies with a keynote speaker and band, learning clusters (small group learning), family time (time to meet with your church group), hotel life (fun activities including inflatable games, basketball, swimming pool Wii, board games and crafts, prayer room, dance music and more), and worship.

This year the Middle School Gathering focuses on the Ten Commandments. God has a dream for you and for our whole world, that we live together in peace, harmony, unity...working together for the good of each other and



the world. The Ten Commandments give us a way to *Live God's Dream!* **Speaker Tiger McLuen** is the Executive Director of Youth Ministry Consultants. Tiger has served in the church, was

an instructor at two seminaries, led Youth Leadership for 29 years and is a nationally known speaker and teacher. He is also the author of a couple of book and some articles – but mostly he's a youth leader who loves being in a room full of youth. Tiger and Sue have been married for 42 years and have 4 grown children and 9 grandchildren. When Tiger isn't speaking or coaching—you can find

him working around the house, riding his motorcycle, boating/skiing, sneaking out to a matinee movie or eating healthy food at a variety of fast food places.

Please contact Wendy Mitchell if you are interested in attending.

Social Ministry



Social Ministry will be hosting coffee on October 13th in support of Breast Cancer. There will also be a dinner auctioned off.

Are you getting ready for winter, perhaps cleaning closets?

Bethesda 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.

**God's Work Our Hands"
Sunday September 15th, 2019**

Thank you for all you do! We want to thank you all for everything you did to make God's Work, Our Hands such a success. It was a great day. We had about 220 people, a combined effort-

Bethesda, Our Saviors, Zion Lutheran Church's, Queen of Peace Catholic Church and Northwoods Methodist-Esko, giving their time to help out their neighbors.

Thank you for all your help in arranging projects, for collecting items for the indoor projects, for helping set up/clean up, money donations and the list goes on and on. **It could not happen without you all.**

We completed 15 outdoor projects. They all seemed to go great with very little problems. Indoors we had over 30 working together and the projects were completed and boxed up ready to go. We had around 122 school back pack kits collected, with 79 that will still need bags, we had 83 baby care kits finished, 67 personal care kits along with 83 ditty bags for the Seafarers Ministry. We collected 100 pair of boy shorts, 245 pair of girl's underwear and 107 dresses were sewn for Haiti.

Thank you to Our Saviors for the delicious lunch. It was great to see so many eating together before or after their projects. I know some also took a break and went back to finish their projects later.

It was a great day and we can't thank you enough. We are so blessed to have each one of you give so much of yourself to this wonderful event. This

was Bethesda's 4th year participating! **The monies we raised for GWOH, \$13.00 for school supplies and \$50.00 towards the shipping charges or \$153.24. Shipping sundresses/clothing to Haiti, was much appreciated.**

WELCA



Save the Date for the Touch of Scandinavia Holiday Bazaar Saturday December 7th at 9:00am.

Faith on the Go

Pray

God of life, may we care for those in need in our midst. Help us to see people as you see them; beloved children of God. Amen.

Connect

What have you given over to God?
What do you need to release to God?

Bible

Luke 16:19-31—The Rich Man and Lazarus

Day 1

Luke 16: 19-21

Who do you see everyday that may need to know that they are loved and cared for by a community and God?



Day 2

Luke 16: 22-23

Worrying about going to heaven or Hades is not the point of this story. What do you think that being with God all the time will be like?

Day 3

Luke 16: 24-26

The rich man is still giving commands from Hades. What things in your life do you find difficult to give up control over?

Day 4

Luke 16: 27-29

Are there people or sources of information in your life that you would trust their opinions implicitly?

Day 5

Luke 16: 30-31

Have you ever shared the story of Jesus' death and resurrection? How do you explain this wonderful story of God's love to others?

Bless

May God give you comfort.

Upcoming VLM Events:

Quilting Retreat October 22-27, 2019 at Camp Vermilion

Fall is a beautiful time of the year to be in God's great northwoods, and VLM's Quilting Weekend offer a chance to tackle some of your big projects.

This retreat is ideal for quilters who need some focused time to start or finish a project, who are interested in connecting with others who share a passion for sewing, or simply need a weekend away in a beautiful setting! Of course we would love to have you join us for the whole weekend, but this retreat also provides the chance to join us for the day as well. (Or, if you live close enough, come to sew and eat, but perhaps go home to sleep in your own bed!)

Cost is \$30/person per day, which include two meals, snacks, irons, a cutting table, and space to sew.

Overnight costs: \$30 for multiple occupancy in Voyageur Lodge (\$75 for single occupancy).

Not a quilter? Bring your knitting, crocheting, needle point, scrapbooking, or any other craft you wish.



18th ANNUAL WOMEN'S RETREAT

Save the date for the Bethesda Women's Retreat!

Thursday, January 23 - Sunday, January 26, 2020.

Come for the entire weekend, part of the weekend or just one day.

The Retreat is at One Heartland Center, 26001 Heinz Rd, Willow River, MN

Cost: \$174.00 for 3 nights
 \$116.00 for 2 nights
 \$ 58.00 for 1 night
 \$ 30.00 for the day

This is a non-structured weekend for the women of Bethesda to enjoy getting to know each other while relaxing and taking time to do what you enjoy – or doing nothing at all!

A \$90 non-refundable deposit needed at registration for 2 or 3 night stay.

Please see Lynn Beatty with any questions: 218-591-7519
or nssgbeatty@gmail.com

18th ANNUAL WOMEN'S RETREAT

NAME: _____

PHONE: _____ E-MAIL

ARRIVE: _____

DEPART _____

AMOUNT PAID _____

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: LYNN BEATTY

October Volunteers

9:00

Greeters

- 6. Cheryl Ankrum
- 13. Bob & Marnie Emerson
- 20. Theresa Vick
- 27. Jon & Sheri Kolb

Ushers

- 6. Jon Kolb & Paul Carpenter
- 13. Ryan Swanson & Debby Johnson
- 20. Paula & Noah Olsen
- 27. Frank & Jackie Curtiss

Lay Readers

- 6. Jackie Curtiss
- 13. Lynn Beatty
- 20. Linda Newlon
- 27. Paul Carpenter

Communion Assistants

- 6. Sharon Bragge & Mary Saarela
- 13. Stacy Colich & Bethany Leseman
- 20. Pat Durkee & JoAnn Gustafson
- 27. John & Jude Holden

Acolytes

- 6. Anna Bong
- 13. Anna Bong
- 20. Lucas Radtke
- 27. Ethan Krone

Communion Prep & Clean

- 6. Frank & Jackie Curtiss (P & C)
- 13. Sharon Bragge (P & C)
- 20. Linda Newlon (P & C)
- 27. Mary Saarela (P & C)

Counters

- 6. Gene Bryant & Lynn Beatty
- 13. Gladys Sievert & Linda Newlon
- 20. Janice Dahl & Mary Saarela
- 27. Jane Joki & Bethany Leseman

Coffee Servers

- 6. Gladys' Group
- 13. Social Ministry
- 20. Linda's Group
- 27. Pat's Group

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November Volunteers

9:00

Greeters

- 3. Paula & Noah Olsen
- 10. Janice Dahl
- 17. Frank & Jackie Curtiss
- 24. Jane Joki

Ushers

- 3. Debby Johnson & Mary Saarela
- 10. Dave & Lynn Beatty
- 17. Paul Carpenter & Des Holm
- 24. Pat Durkee & Stacy Colich

Lay Readers

- 3. Pat Durkee
- 10. Bethany Leseman
- 17. Stacy Colich
- 24. Cheryl Ankrum

Communion Assistants

- 3. Renae House & Cheryl Ankrum
- 10. Marlys McKinstry &
Cookie Jaakola
- 17. Janice Dahl & Linda Newlon
- 24. Frank & Jackie Curtiss

Acolytes

- 3. Nixon Mitchell
- 10. Anna Bong
- 17. Lucas Radtke
- 24. Anna Bong

Communion Prep & Clean

- 3. Pat Durkee (P & C)
- 10. Ryan Swanson(P)
Bethany Leseman(C)
- 17. Renee Kesty (P & C)
- 24. Frank & Jackie Curtiss (P & C)

Counters

- 3. Chris Mitchell & Jean Bryant
- 10. Lorna Bryant & Gladys Sievert
- 17. Janice Dahl & Lynn Beatty
- 24. Jane Joki & Linda Newlon

Coffee Servers

- 3. Social Ministry
- 10. Renae's Group
- 17. Jean's Group
- 24. Lorna's Group

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Thank you.**

October 2019

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1 9am Making Mats for the Homeless 6pm Al-Anon Meeting	2 5:30pm Community Meal 6 th -9 th Grade Confirmation Class 6pm Bible Class for 3 rd Grade Students & Parents 6:30pm Worship	3 1pm Jam Group 3:15pm Children, Youth, Family & Ed. Meeting	4 11am Men's Bible Study	5
6 9am Worship Sunday Story Time 10:15am Coffee/Fellowship Sing 'N Play 6:30pm Bible Study	7	8 8am Kettle River Conference ~ Mora 9am Mats for the Homeless 6:00pm Council Meeting Al-Anon Meeting	9 9am Hymn Planning 5:30pm Community Meal 6 th -9 th Grade Confirmation Class 6pm Family Devotional Night for 3 rd Grade Students & Parents 6:30pm Worship	10	11 11am Men's Bible Study	12
13 Social Ministry ~ Breast Cancer 9am Worship 10:15am Coffee/Fellowship Sing 'N Play 6:30pm Bible Study	14 Columbus Day 8am Ladies of Kaleva Panukakku Breakfast	15 Beacon Deadline 9am Mats for the Homeless 6:00pm Al-Anon Meeting	16 5:30pm Community Meal 6 th -9 th Grade Confirmation Class 6:30pm Worship	17 1pm Jam Group	18 11am Men's Bible Study	19
20 9am Worship Sunday Story Time 10:15am Coffee/Fellowship Sing 'N Play 6:30pm Bible Study	21	22 9am Mats for the Homeless 6:00pm Al-Anon Meeting	23 5:30pm Community Meal 6 th -9 th Grade Confirmation Class 6:30pm Worship	24	25 11am Men's Bible Study	26
27 Pastor Jim 9am Worship Sunday Story Time 10:15am Coffee/Fellowship Sing 'N Play 6:30pm Bible Study	28 10am Fellowship Hall In Use ~ Pat Durkee	29 9am Mats for the Homeless 6:00pm Al-Anon Meeting	30 5:30pm Community Meal 6 th -9 th Grade Confirmation Class 6:30pm Worship	31 Happy Halloween!  1pm Jam Group		

Financial Update

Year-to-date ending 08/31/2019

	Actual	Budget	Over/(Under) Budget
Envelope giving	66582.00	70464.00	(3882.00)
Non-pledged income	11372.45	9580.00	1792.45
TOTAL INCOME	77954.45	80044.00	(2089.55)
Salaries/Compensation	43920.21	60678.95	(16758.74)
General Office Expenses	6334.63	7011.72	(677.09)
Utilities	7567.83	7599.92	(32.09)
Other Expenses	830.03	2546.72	(1716.69)
Benevolence Expenses	1331.64	1409.29	(77.65)
Evangelism Expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00
Property Expenses	375.46	1066.64	(691.18)
Social Ministry	216.00	233.36	(17.36)
Stewardship Expenses	0.00	116.64	(116.64)
Worship Expenses	1310.68	475.00	835.68
CYFM Expenses	649.31	1225.00	(575.69)
TOTAL EXPENSES	62535.79	82363.24	(19827.45)
Net Income	15418.66	(2319.24)	17737.90

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.

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Sunday Worship Service

9:00am

Sunday Story Time (*First 2*

*Sundays of the month in the
Fellowship Hall*)

Coffee/Fellowship **10:15am**

Sing 'N Play resumes

October 6th at **10:00am**

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emailed to you please contact the
office.*

