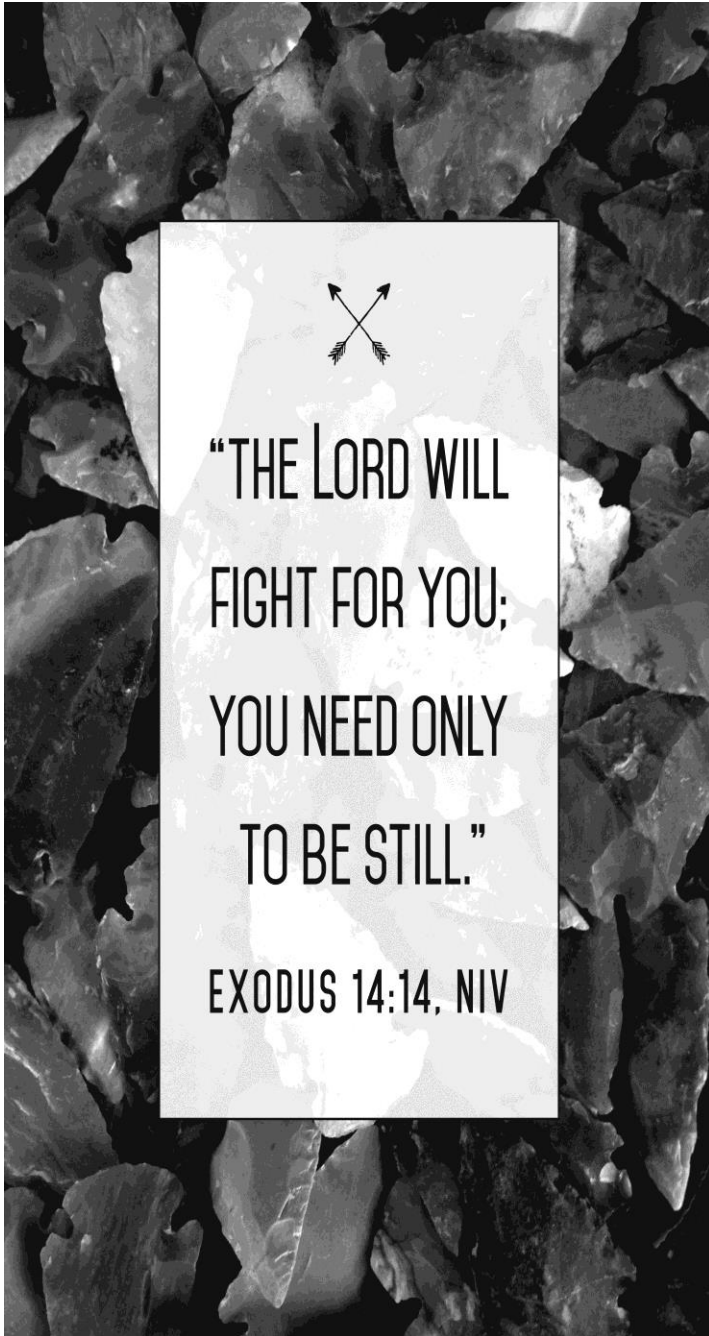




The Bethesda Beacon

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



“THE LORD WILL
FIGHT FOR YOU;
YOU NEED ONLY
TO BE STILL.”

EXODUS 14:14, NIV

March at Bethesda

*Ash Wednesday Service March 1st.
Soup & Sandwich Supper at 5:30 p.m.
with Worship at 6:30 p.m.
Every Wednesday Through Lent.

*Council Meeting March 2nd at
5:30 p.m.

*Lenten Mentorship Meetings Begin
March 1st for 7th, 8th, 9th and 10th
Graders.

*March 5th First Sunday in Lent

*Bishop Tom Aitken's Visitation to
the 10th Grade Confirmation Students
March 8th 5:30 p.m.

*Meatball Supper
March 18th

*April Beacon Deadline is March 15th.
Please have all submissions into the
office on this date. The Beacon Crew
will be assembling the newsletter on
March 29th.



WORDS FROM OUR BRIDGE PASTOR

To the Members and Friends of
Bethesda Lutheran:
Several weeks ago, I received an email
from Brenda Tibbetts, Assistant to
Bishop Tom Aitken of our
Northeastern MN Synod. She asked
me if I would consider serving as the
part-time Bridge Pastor at Bethesda
Lutheran Church in Carlton until the
congregation called a new pastor.
After prayer and deliberation, I
responded later and said that I would.

I scheduled a meeting with President
Sue Frank to meet with members of
the Church Council, who confirmed
my selection as your Bridge Pastor. I
am grateful for your confidence in me
as together we continue this new
venture in moving forward to call a
new pastor to Bethesda.

By way of introduction, my wife, Judy,
and I live in Hermantown, MN. We
have been married for fifty years. We
have three adult children (Jennifer,
Brian, and Eric) and six grandchildren
(Justin, Ethan, Jakob, Samuel,
Kennedy, and Liam). Both Judy and I
grew up in White Bear Lake, MN. We
both attended Gustavus Adolphus
College in St. Peter, MN. I graduated,
but Judy transferred to Lutheran

Hospital in Moline, IL, where she
graduated as a Registered Nurse. I
was ordained in 1966 after graduating
from Northwestern Lutheran
Theological Seminary in Minneapolis,
MN.

We have served three parishes: East
Chain Lutheran and Salem Lutheran,
Guckeen, MN (6 years); Associate
Pastor at St. Paul's Lutheran, Red
Wing, MN (10 years); and Pastor of
Salem Lutheran, Hermantown, MN
(19 years). During those years, Judy
was involved with being an organist,
piano player, and choir director. I
retired in 2002.

Since retiring, we both have been
involved in Mission trips to Honduras,
Central America, and yearly Disaster
Response trips to Texas, Louisiana,
Alabama, New Jersey, and Missouri.
This year, during the first week in
April, we both will be a part of a
Disaster Response Team working near
Baton Rouge, LA.

I realize that it will take some time to
recognize faces and names, and to
become familiar with the worship
services and educational ministry, but I
look forward to work with the
members and friends of Bethesda.

“Grant us grace, O Lord, to answer
your call.”

Pastor Dick Hane

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During the winter months, women's Bible study will not meet during inclement weather or if it is -15 degrees or colder.

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Financial Update			
Year-to-date ending 01/31/2017			
	Actual	Budget	Over/(Under) Budget
Envelope giving	\$11,441.00	\$10,000.00	\$1,441.00
Non-pledged income	\$575.00	\$650.00	(\$75.00)
TOTAL INCOME	\$12,016.00	\$10,650.00	\$1,366.00
Salaries/Compensation	\$2,433.88	\$2,027.02	\$406.86
General Office Expenses	\$231.90	\$775.00	(\$543.10)
Utilities	\$1,603.86	\$941.66	\$662.20
Other Expenses	\$5.45	\$1,269.16	(\$1,263.71)
Benevolence Expenses	\$0.00	\$800.00	(\$800.00)
Education Expenses	\$110.96	\$81.17	\$29.79
Evangelism Expenses	\$60.64	\$27.50	\$33.14
Property Expenses	\$19.40	\$266.67	(\$247.27)
Stewardship Expenses	\$0.00	\$16.67	(\$16.67)
Worship Expenses	\$477.09	\$150.00	\$327.09
Youth Expenses	\$0.00	\$33.33	(\$33.33)
Choir Music Expenses	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$4,943.18	\$6,388.18	(\$1,445.00)
Net Income	\$7,072.82	\$4,261.82	\$2,811.00
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.			

Office Hours:

Tuesday & Thursday

8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Wednesday 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The office hours will vary at times so if you are making a special trip to the church please call ahead so I can make sure I will be available to let you in or assist you in any way if needed.



For weather related cancellations of church services please tune in to WKLK or KBJR. You may also check Facebook or our church website.

**2017 Members of Bethesda
Church Council**

*President – Sue Frank

*Vice President – Duane Soukkala

*Secretary - Linda Newlon

*Treasurer - Beth Newlon

Dave Beatty

Lynn Beatty

Stacy Colich

Jason Goad

Jon Kolb

Jen Kuras

Ryan Swanson

**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 bulletin board outside the church office or view them on our website*

Daniel Wakefield, Bridger McCorison & Amy Schwoch, Macguier Thorman, Jason Goad, Tanner Anderson & Paul Vernon.



Please prayerfully consider volunteering to assist at Our Easter Morning Service on Sunday, April 16th, 2017 at 9:00 am. We

will need an Acolyte, a Crucifix Holder, two Ushers, a Lector, two Greeters, two Communion by Intinction Assistants, and two Counters. The sign-up sheet will be on the table in the Narthex on March 19th. If you have any questions, contact Pat Durkee, 384-3645. Thank you for your willingness to serve.



**Celebrating March
Baptismal Birthdays:**

Brock Peterson, Alec Rabideaux, Donna Koski, Darlene Godbout, Ryan Lindgren, Cecelia Moench, David Drewlow, Karen Johnson, Deanna Wallin, Audrey Lokken, John Estrem, Brian Allen, Jared Kelley, Jason Peterson, Theresa Vermeersch, Kimber Young, Kaden Ward, Jude Holden, Jonathon Radtke, Paul Sell, Harlow Lekander-Karsiko, Ruth Olson, Toni Vanguilder, Rollin Martini,

Please consider bringing an Easter Lily or Spring Flowers "In Memory of" or "In Honor of" a Loved One to help adorn our Easter Garden on Easter Morning, April 16th. Please have your plant at the Church by 11am on Sat April 15th. Let's fill the Sanctuary with lots of beautiful plants to add to the Beauty of Christ's Resurrection!! Please let the office know by April 10th if you are bringing a flower and who it is in "Honor" or "Memory" of. Thank you!

WELCA



Kettle River Conference Spring Gathering

Our Savior's Lutheran Church,
615-12th Street, Cloquet MN, 55720.
phone number is 218-879-1535.

Directions: Going North on I-35 take
the Cloquet Exit [Hwy 33], continue
on Hwy 33 to the second
stoplight and turn right [Doddridge
Ave] and continue to the stop sign
[about 5-6 blocks], Our Saviors is
directly on your left. Take a left and
then go a little way and take another
left into the parking lot.

The conference will begin with coffee
from 9 - 9:30 a.m. and will finish with
lunch at noon.

These are the items they would like to
collect for the Carlton Co. youth
shelter:

Greatest Need:

- Underwear: Both girls and boys, all
sizes
- Miscellaneous: Toys, Shampoo,
combs, brushes and conditioners
Everything to run a household:
- Laundry soap, laundry softener, dish
soap, additional cleaning supplies and
-miscellaneous

Social Ministry



Social Ministry will be
hosting coffee in support of
the Damiano Center on March 19th.



C.A.R.E, (Community Addiction
Recovery Enterprise) Formerly
Liberalis, in Carlton is in need of hats
& mittens for the winter months. There
is also a continued need for shampoo,
conditioner, tampax, deodorant, soap,
toothpaste, etc. There is a donation box
outside the office. All donations are
very much appreciated.



**Please remember to donate
to the Food Shelf**

Worship Committee

Lenten Service Schedule:

All of the Wednesday services except March 8th will continue on the current format of 5:30 p.m. supper, 6:00 p.m. reading of a Bible verses and discussion, 6:30 p.m. service with communion in the sanctuary. On March 8th supper will be at 5:30 and and service will start in the sanctuary at 6:00 and be done at about 7:00.

March 1st Ash Wednesday
The Thorn

March 8th Bishop Aitken
His own sermon

March 15th
The Robe

March 22nd
The Nail

March 29th
The Spear

April 5th
The Shroud

probably no communion as Pastor
Hane will be gone

April 13th
Maundy Thursday,
The stone

April 14th
Good Friday
Tenebrae service only at 6:30 p.m.
(No noon service, no communion)

Next Worship Committee Meeting
March 9th at 11:00 a.m.



Save the date for summer camp. Early bird registration for Camp ends in April. Stack the discounts by taking advantage of our member congregation rate, bring a friend rate and VLMs early bird discount. (More discounts may apply-savings new to 2017, if any, will be announced at the VLM Annual Meeting on February 4th.)



The Journey to the 2018 National Youth Gathering

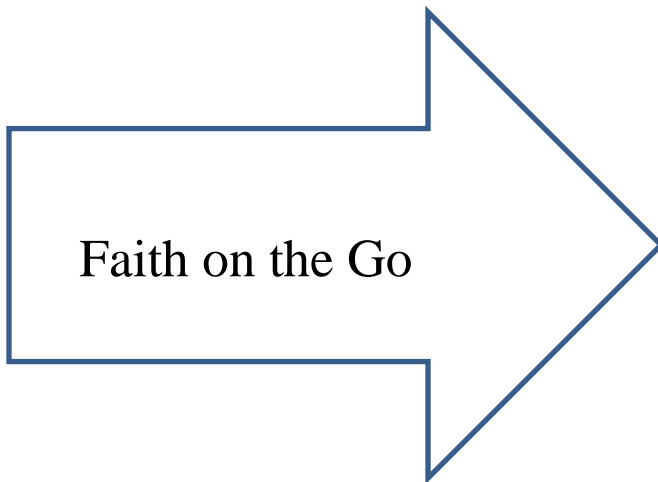
in Houston starts soon. If you are currently in 9th-11th grade, please prayerfully consider joining this transformational experience. More information will be shared as it's made available.

If you'd like to serve as an acolyte please call the office. The only prerequisite is you need to be tall enough to reach the candles.



This year's confirmands are Alena Wallin, Jayden Swanson, Nevada McCorison and Natalie Lijewski. Please keep them and their families in your

prayers as they explore their relationships with our triune God and their Christian community as well as what it means to be Lutheran. Their Affirmation of Baptism through Confirmation is tentatively scheduled for May 7th (date may change based on the schedule of the Pastor, Bridge or Called, once s/he is in service.)



Pray

God, your love and presence changes us and brings us closer to you. Thank you for your son Jesus. Thank you for being in our daily lives and we pray for everyone to know you. Amen.

Connect

Talk about your highs and lows for the day!

Bible

Matthew 17:1-9 – The Transfiguration

Chat

Day 1

Matthew 17:1

If you were going somewhere important who would you take with you.

Day 2

Matthew 17:2-3

Have you ever had an experience where you knew that you were in the presence of God? What was it and did you tell anyone?

Day 3

Matthew 17:4

If you knew that God was present what would you do? How can we live in God's presence every day?

Day 4

Matthew 17:5-8

God wants us to know that Jesus brings us to God and shows us God's love, not fear. How does fear keep us from seeing Jesus in our lives?

Day 5

Matthew 17:9

Why do you think Jesus would not want the disciples to tell anyone about this event until after he has been raised? Do you think people would have believed them?

Bless

Do not be afraid, God is with you.



Upcoming VLM Events:

Elementary Rejuve March 10-11 at
Camp Hiawatha

Elementary Rejuve March 17-18 at
Camp Vermilion

Jr. High Rejuve March 31-April 1 at
Camp Vermilion

To learn more about these events or to register visit vlmcamps.org

Summer Community Employment

Do you know someone who has a passion for Jesus, youth ministry, and God's creation?! Have you ever thought to yourself, "Now this person should work at camp"? We hope you'll encourage those people to apply as we hire the 2017 Summer Community! For more information go to vlmcamps.org Check out the schedule below to visit us at a recruiting fair in February!

- Wed. Feb. 1 at Concordia College
- Mon. Feb. 13 at Augsburg College
- Wed. Feb. 15 at St. Olaf College
- Thurs. Feb. 16 at Luther College
- Fri. Feb. 17 at Gustavus Adolphus College
- Mon. Feb. 20 - UMD



March Volunteers

9:00

Greeters

- 5. Amy & Kevin Olesen
- 12. Marv & Pat Durkee
- 19. Dave & Lynn Beatty
- 26. Tricia Hackensmith

Ushers

- 5. Brad Bunge & Larry Beckstrom
- 12. Cody & Cary Martin
- 19. Callie & Desiree Holm
- 26. Craig Holm & Paula Olsen

Lay Readers

- 5. Wendy Mitchell
- 12. Jean Johnson
- 19. Renae House
- 26. Cheryl Ankrum

Communion Assistants

- 5. Stacy Colich, Linda Newlon & Sarah Carpenter
- 12. Paul Carpenter & Dave & Lynn Beatty
- 19. Jean Johnson, Cheryl Ankrum & Jan Dahl
- 26. Pat Durkee, JoAnn Gustafson & Sharon Bragge

Acolytes

- 5. Johanna Bernu
- 12. Noah Olsen
- 19. Bridger McCorison
- 26. Anna Bong

Communion Prep & Clean

- 5. Sharon Bragge (P & C)
- 12. Renee Kesty (P & C)
- 19. Linda Newlon (P & C)
- 26. Jenny & Donald Lokken (P & C)

Counters

- 5. Bethany Leseman & Lynn Beatty
- 12. Chris Mitchell & Jan Dahl
- 19. JoAnn Gustafson & Dawn Soukkala
- 26. Lorna Bryant & Lori Bunge

April Volunteers

9:00

Greeters

- 2. Gordy & Lil Davis
- 9. Debby Johnson
- 16. *See Easter sign-up sheet
- 23. Marlene Anderson
- 30. John & Jude Holden

Ushers

- 2. JoAnn Gustafson & Mary Saarela
- 9. Sharon Bragge & Jon Kolb
- 16. *See Easter sign-up sheet
- 23. Florence & Al Holm
- 30. Sarah & Paul Carpenter

Lay Readers

- 2. Renae House
- 9. Stacy Colich
- 16. *See Easter sign-up sheet
- 23. Linda Newlon
- 30. Paul Carpenter

Communion Assistants

- 2. Stacy Colich, Linda Newlon & Sarah Carpenter
- 9. Paul Carpenter, Cheryl Ankrum, Dave Beatty
- 16. *See Easter sign-up sheet
- 23. Lynn Beatty, John & Jude Holden
- 30. Pat Durkee, Jean Johnson & Janice Dahl

Acolytes

- 2. Anna Bong
- 9. Colin Emerson
- 16. Johanna Bernu
- 23. Noah Olsen
- 30. Bridger McCorison

Communion Prep & Clean

- 2. Ryan Swanson (P) Joel Soukkala (C)
- 9. Julie Frederick (P)
Bethany Leseman (C)
- 16. *See Easter sign-up sheet (P & C)
- 23. Pat Durkee (P & C)
- 30. Gordy & Lil Davis (P & C)

Counters

- 2. Gene Bryant & Bethany Leseman
- 9. Lynn Beatty & Chris Mitchell
- 16. *See Easter sign-up sheet
- 23. Janice Dahl & JoAnn Gustafson
- 30. Mary Saarela & Lorna Bryant

March 2017

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1 Ash Wednesday 5:30pm Wednesday S.T.O.R.Y Word & Worship Lenten Mentorship Meetings for 7, 8, 9 th Grade Lenten Mentorship Meetings for 10 th Grade	2 5:45pm Children, Youth & Family Ministry Planning 5:30pm Council Meeting	3 11am Men's Bible Study	4
5 1 st Sunday in Lent 9am Worship Sunday Story Time 10:15am Coffee/ Fellowship	6 5:45pm Women's Bible Study	7	8 5:30pm Wednesday S.T.O.R.Y Word & Worship Lenten Mentorship Meetings for 7, 8, 9 th Grade Lenten Mentorship Meetings for 10 th Grade Bishop's Visitation	9 11am Worship Committee Meeting 1pm Jam Group	10 11am Men's Bible Study	11
12 2 nd Sunday in Lent Daylight Savings Time Begins 9am Worship Sunday Story Time 10:15am Coffee/ Fellowship	13 5:45pm Women's Bible Study	14	15 Beacon Deadline 5:30pm Wednesday S.T.O.R.Y Word & Worship Lenten Mentorship Meetings for 7, 8, 9 th Grade Lenten Mentorship Meetings for 10 th Grade	16	17 11am Men's Bible Study	18 Meatball Supper
19 3 rd Sunday in Lent Social Ministry ~ Damiano Center 9am Worship Sunday Story Time 10:15am Coffee/ Fellowship	20 5:45pm Women's Bible Study	21	22 5:30pm Wednesday S.T.O.R.Y Word & Worship Lenten Mentorship Meetings for 7, 8, 9 th Grade Lenten Mentorship Meetings for 10 th Grade	23 1pm Jam Group	24 11am Men's Bible Study	25
26 4 th Sunday in Lent 9am Worship Sunday Story Time 10:15am Coffee/ Fellowship	27 10:30am Fellowship Hall In Use Pat Durkee 5:45pm Women's Bible Study	28	29 Beacon Crew 5:30pm Wednesday S.T.O.R.Y Word & Worship Lenten Mentorship Meetings for 7, 8, 9 th Grade Lenten Mentorship Meetings for 10 th Grade	30	31 11am Men's Bible Study	

