



# **The Bethesda Beacon**

*Monthly Newsletter of Bethesda Evangelical Lutheran Church, Carlton MN*

August 2018



Serve him in  
**SINCERITY**  
and in  
**FAITHFULNESS.**

JOSHUA 24:14

**September Beacon Deadline** is August 15<sup>th</sup>. Please have all submissions into the office on this date. The Beacon crew will be assembling the newsletter on August 29<sup>th</sup>.

In This Month's Beacon:

\*Pastor Mary's August Newsletter Article

\*Member News

\*An Update from Deacon Candidate Colleen Bernu

\*Committee Updates

\*Community Events

\*Faith on the Go

\*Upcoming VLM Events



Summer is halfway over already, and the same can be said for our Bible in 90 Days reading. The challenge is definitely still there, especially when trying to get through the history portions of the Old Testament. It's hard to keep everyone straight, even with the long lineages listed for readers in the various books. I was very appreciative to reach the poetry and wisdom books in the Bible for a change of pace.

Our group meetings have been small, but those who are reading have been diligent in their challenges as well. I've enjoyed our conversations about how different life was for the folks in the Old Testament compared to now, and especially our conversations about God's intention with humanity through that time. But needless to say, we are all very excited to be nearing the New Testament soon! Not only are the stories more familiar, but I think we will come to appreciate Jesus a lot more after reading through all the horrifying stories in the Old Testament.

I believe I mentioned it before, but it has truly amazed me how much violence and sin there is in the Old Testament. God continually calls really broken people to be leaders of the Israelites, and mess up or make really bad decisions that hurt a lot of people. It amazes me how God continues to want to be in relationship with humanity, even despite how we treat each other and go against God's will for our lives together.

It is no wonder then why God HAD to make the decision to try something different to save the people of God. There is no way that we would be able to do it by ourselves. Nothing has changed on that front in hundreds of generations either! Jesus truly is the revolutionary missing link to God's plan to redeem humanity from our sins. God makes the decision to come to us, rather than us try and go to God.

By next month's article, we should reach the New Testament, and I look forward to sharing with you any new insights I have on those books. I especially look forward to reading more in Acts to see what the early Christian church formation looked like and the struggles they went through to become a new people of God through Christ. I pray it will give us 90 Days readers some inspiration for how to be church in our day and age as well.

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The next Executive Committee Meeting will be August 6<sup>th</sup> & the next Council Meeting will be August 14<sup>th</sup>.

**2018 Members of Bethesda  
Church Council**

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

*\*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*

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

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Thank You.



**August 12<sup>th</sup> at 9am**

at the NP 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 unless there is inclement weather.**

Voyageurs  
Lutheran  
Ministry

# Day Camp

*All the fun of camp right here at home!*



## Zion, Our Savior's & Bethesda Lutheran Churches August 6<sup>th</sup>-August 10<sup>th</sup>

K-6th Grade: 9am-3pm Mon-Thursday;  
Friday til noon

4 yrs. (potty trained) - PreK 9am-11  
Mon-Thurs; Friday 9am-11:30  
Special events during the week:

**Wednesday:** Community Meal at  
5:30pm provided by B & B Wagon. All  
are welcome.

The evening will end with a short VLM  
lead worship service.

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

**Friday:** Camp for all ages done at  
11:30. There will be a short presentation  
by the campers and VLM staff in the  
Sanctuary.

**On Monday an informational sheet  
will be handed out to all parents.**

Visit [bethesdacarlton.org](http://bethesdacarlton.org) for  
registration forms. Go to the About Us  
tab-Committees-Youth, or you can pick  
forms up at the church.

Any question please contact the church  
office at 218-384-4501

## Member News



### Celebrating August Baptismal Birthdays

Zachariah Buscko,  
Zaiden Erickson, Timothy Moench,  
Robbi Pearce, Florence Holm,  
Dawn Soukkala, Jean Johnson,  
Zechariah Johnson, Jodie Moen,  
Kayden Lent, Cami Martin, Curtis  
Kiehl, Alex Despot, Troy Senarighi Jr.,  
Dawayn Johnson, Jacob Newlon,  
Ailie Gustafson, Scott Kiehn,  
Adeline Jahr, Dorothy Johnson, Jeanne  
Ketchum, Nixon Mitchell,  
Courtney Ableiter,



Our deepest sympathy & prayers  
to the families of Debra Berntson-  
Gutz and Dorothy Fjosne. God  
gives us hope and strength in the  
promise of the resurrection in  
Christ.



## Please remember to donate to the Food Shelf

Our local food shelf is at the Salvation Army on Carlton Ave. in Cloquet. There is also a box located in the entryway of the church. Please check expiration dates on the items you are donating. Thank you.



Cloquet Nat'l Guard Armory  
801 Highway 33 South  
Cloquet MN 55720

4th Wednesday of each month.

Doors open at 10:00 am (Not Before)

Distribution 10:00-11:30 am

\$20.00 cash donation

See [rubyspantry.org](http://rubyspantry.org) for more information.

**August 6, 2018 6:30-8:30 pm**

Presentation and Discussion:

“Understanding Treaty Rights”

with Dr. Joseph Bauerkemper

Location: Concordia Lutheran, Duluth

Sponsored by TOGETHER HERE, a synod-based group formed in response to the synod resolution toward reconciliation with our Native American brothers and sisters.

Update from Deacon Candidate Colleen Bernu

‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ Matthew 22:39b

On July 16th, members of the Our Savior's mission teams gathered for Community Interview (aka Intentional Community Conversation) training. It was an exciting and thought-provoking time together. Who is our neighbor? How do we get to know them? What does it mean to love our neighbors as ourselves?

Culture is not stagnant. The ever changing nature of society is one of the beautiful gifts we have been given. Changes in science and technology over time have made getting around easier, the environments of our homes more comfortable, and our life expectancy longer with a better quality of life. Changes in culture have produced social blending, resulting in excellent cuisine, expanded worldviews, and richness of diversity. Change can be (and often is) a wonderful thing; that is to say change is wonderful after we adjust to the newness of the change. It used to be the case in our congregations that the people sitting next to us on Sunday mornings were our literal neighbors. They were the same people we saw from our yards and at the grocery store and in the school bleachers during athletic events. We had opportunity after opportunity to connect. We knew the highs and lows of each other's lives. We knew what was going on throughout the

neighborhood. We knew the neighborhood; we knew each other; we had countless shared experiences. For most congregations across the country, this has changed. Bethesda and Our Savior's are no exception.

The changing landscape of our neighborhoods and congregations (the shift to having many Sunday commuters in the pews and the economic and social changes in our communities) has provided the Church of the 21st Century with a beautiful opportunity! We are blessed to go out from our buildings into our parish communities and form relationships with those around us. We are invited to sit down with people living around our church campuses and engage in intentional conversations about our neighborhoods as we strive to better understand our communities from a variety of perspectives. We are entrusted with the task of working together, members of the church's parish community with members of the church's faith community, to make a difference in the world around us.

As children of God, we do this work because God first loved us and we are commanded to love our neighbors as ourselves. As disciples of Christ, we do this work because through us the Word is made flesh. As people of faith, we do this work because through it we have the opportunity to usher in life giving hope. We are blessed to live in times like these. We have been created by God for times like these, and we are fortunate to be called into Christian

mission in this time and this place for times just like these.

In God's Peace,

Colleen Bernu

Deacon Candidate for Evangelism and Mission  
Intern at Our Savior's Lutheran Church,  
Duluth



## Upcoming VLM Events:



### **Fall Work Day**

Help us put camp to bed!  
We're going to need  
your help at the end of  
another exciting faith

filled summer! Join us for Fall  
Work Day on September 22<sup>nd</sup> at  
Camp Vermillion! Work day will be  
from 9am-1pm and include lunch.

### **Family Fall Festival 2018**

Experience nature's spectacular color  
show this fall at Camp Hiawatha! Come  
to camp on October 7<sup>th</sup> from 2pm-5pm  
for our annual Fall Fest! Activities  
include crafts, games, pumpkin  
painting, and a picnic supper. Cost is  
\$5/person, or \$20/family.

[www.vlmcamps.org](http://www.vlmcamps.org).





## Faith on the Go

### Pray

True and Living Christ, you gather us all into one people and claim us as your own. We are grateful for your presence and all that we have: our vocations, our time with family and friends, our homes, our food and our health. We pray for all who suffer in any way of mind, body or spirit and pray for your healing touch to flow to them. Our hope is in you! Amen.

### Connect

What brought you hope today?  
Where do you need hope today?

### Bible

Mark 6:14-29 - The death of John the Baptist

### Chat

#### Day 1

Mark 6:14-16

This story starts immediately after Jesus sends out the disciples to teach and heal. What do you think Herod heard about Jesus? Why would the people say he was a prophet?

#### Day 2

Mark 6:17-20

Herod liked to listen to John! What do you think Herod and John talked about? Why would Herod fear John?

#### Day 3

Mark 6:21-23

What does this say about Herod's relationship with his wife's daughter? What does it say about Herod as a ruler?

#### Day 4

Mark 6:24-28

It seems that Herodias has more influence than Herod. What does this gruesome story tell you about the social structure that Jesus was fighting against?

#### Day 5

Mark 6:29

The story has strong parallels to Jesus death. What do you see that is the same? What do you see that is different?

#### Bless

Say to each other before leaving for work or school: ***Remember Jesus walks with you today.***

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9:00

### Greeters

- 5. Julie Wagman
- 12. Paula & Noah Olsen
- 19. Frank & Jackie Curtiss
- 26. Jane Joki

### Ushers

- 5. Ginny Korte-Castle & Lew Castle
- 12. Jon Kolb & Ryan Swanson
- 19. Paula & Noah Olsen
- 26. Frank & Jackie Curtiss

### Lay Readers

- 5. Linda Newlon
- 12. Paul Carpenter
- 19. Pat Durkee
- 26. Bethany Leseman

### Communion Assistants

- 5. Pat Durkee & Bethany Leseman
- 12. Stacy Colich & JoAnn Gustafson
- 19. John & Jude Holden
- 26. Dawn & Duane Soukkala

### Acolytes

- 5. Annabelle Soukkala
- 12. Nixon Mitchell
- 19. Anna Bong
- 26. Annabelle Soukkala

### Communion Prep & Clean

- 5. Linda Newlon (P & C)
- 12. Sharon Bragge (P & C)
- 19. Mary Saarela (P & C)
- 26. Pat Durkee (P & C)

### Counters

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

### Coffee Servers

- 5. Lil's Group
- 12. Cary's Group
- 19. Rusty's Group
- 26. Marlys' 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.**

# September Volunteers

**9:00**

## Greeters

- 2. Dave & Lynn Beatty
- 9. Debby Johnson
- 16. Paul Carpenter
- 23. Sharon Bragge
- 30. Mary Saarela

## Ushers

- 2. Paul Carpenter & Debby Johnson
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- 16. Sharon Bragge & Des Holm
- 23. Mary Saarela & Pat Durkee
- 30. John & Jude Holden

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- 2. Stacy Colich
- 9. Renae House
- 16. Wendy Mitchell
- 23. Jackie Curtiss
- 30. Linda Newlon

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- 30. Lucas Radtke

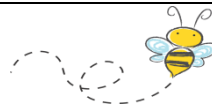
## Communion Prep & Clean

- 2. Renee Kesty (P & C)
- 9. Ryan Swanson (P) Beth Leseman (C)
- 16. Robbi Pearce (P & C)
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- 30. Linda Newlon (P & C)

## Counters

- 2. Bethany Leseman & Janice Dahl
- 9. Dawn Soukkala & Gene Bryant
- 16. Lorna Bryant & Julie Wagman
- 23. Gladys Sievert & Chris Mitchell
- 30. Mary Saarela & Robbi Pearce

# August 2018



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1 <b>5:30pm</b> Faith Formation~ The Bible in 90 Days	2 <b>3:30pm</b> Children, Youth & Family & Ed. Meeting	3 <b>11am</b> Men's Bible Study <b>12pm</b> Parking Lot in Use~ Oldenburg House	4 <b>12pm</b> Parking Lot in Use~ Oldenburg House
5 <b>9am</b> Worship Sunday Story Time <b>10:15am</b> Coffee/ Fellowship	6 Pastor Mary Vacation Daycamp at Zion <b>5:30pm</b> Executive Committee Meeting <b>7:00pm</b> Al-Anon Meeting	7 Pastor Mary Vacation Daycamp at Zion	8 Pastor Mary Vacation Daycamp at Zion <b>5:30pm</b> Community Meal at Zion Lutheran, Cloquet	9 Pastor Mary Vacation Daycamp at Zion <b>1pm</b> Jam Group	10 Pastor Mary Vacation Daycamp at Zion <b>11am</b> Men's Bible Study	11
12 <b>9am</b> Outdoor Worship	13 <b>7:00pm</b> Al-Anon Meeting	14 <b>5:30pm</b> Council Meeting	15 <b>Beacon Deadline</b> <b>5:30pm</b> Faith Formation~ The Bible in 90 Days	16 Pastor Mary Vacation	17 Pastor Mary Vacation <b>11am</b> Men's Bible Study	18 Pastor Mary Vacation <b>12pm</b> Parking Lot in Use ~ Oldenburg House
19 Pastor Mary Vacation <b>9am</b> Worship <b>10:15am</b> Coffee/ Fellowship	20 Pastor Mary Vacation <b>7:00pm</b> Al-Anon Meeting	21	22 <b>5:30pm</b> Faith Formation~ The Bible in 90 Days	23 <b>1pm</b> Jam Group	24 <b>11am</b> Men's Bible Study	25 <b>1pm</b> Wedding Prep <b>2pm</b> Pearce/Ante Wedding <b>3pm</b> Fellowship Hall in Use
26 <b>9am</b> Worship <b>10:15am</b> Coffee/ Fellowship	27 <b>7:00pm</b> Al-Anon Meeting	28	29 <b>5:30pm</b> Faith Formation~ The Bible in 90 Days	30	31 <b>11am</b> Men's Bible Study	