



The Bethesda Beacon

Monthly Newsletter of Bethesda Evangelical Lutheran Church, Carlton MN
April 2018

I can do
ALL THINGS
through
Christ
who strengthens me.
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- *And More!

May Beacon Deadline is April 15th. Please have all submissions into the office on this date. The Beacon crew will be assembling the newsletter on April 25th.

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Tuesday & Thursday 8am-3pm

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| Financial Update | | | |
|---|---------------------|--------------------|------------------------|
| Year-to-date ending 02/28/2018 | | | |
| | Actual | Budget | Over/(Under) Budget |
| Envelope giving | \$17,013.00 | \$20,333.34 | (\$3,320.34) |
| Non-pledged income | \$2,886.45 | \$1,550.16 | \$1,336.29 |
| TOTAL INCOME | \$19,899.45 | \$21,883.50 | (\$1,984.05) |
| Salaries/Compensation | \$16,565.30 | \$15,831.28 | \$734.02 |
| General Office Expenses | \$2,400.11 | \$1,450.00 | \$950.11 |
| Utilities | \$2,653.48 | \$1,786.66 | \$866.82 |
| Other Expenses | \$41.39 | \$58.34 | (\$16.95) |
| Benevolence Expenses | \$1,361.04 | \$1,626.66 | (\$265.62) |
| Evangelism Expenses | \$40.00 | \$0.00 | \$40.00 |
| Property Expenses | \$256.87 | \$450.00 | (\$193.13) |
| Social Ministry | \$55.00 | \$58.34 | (\$3.34) |
| Stewardship Expenses | \$50.00 | \$100.00 | (\$50.00) |
| Worship Expenses | \$180.31 | \$366.66 | (\$186.35) |
| CYFM Expenses | \$231.90 | \$579.14 | (\$347.24) |
| TOTAL EXPENSES | \$23,835.40 | \$22,307.08 | \$1,528.32 |
| Net Income | (\$3,935.95) | (\$423.58) | (\$3,512.37) |
| 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. | | | |

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*

Member News



Celebrating April

Baptismal Birthdays:

Vance Moench, Kristal

Hanson, Sharon Bragge, Terrance Radtke, Colin Emerson, Patricia Durkee, Brittany Dahl-Holm, Craig Schmitz, Matthew Moench, Ross Soukkala, Lindsey Dahl-Holm, Liam Meagher, Desiree Sheda, Cassidy Sheda, Molly Sheda, Curtis Martin, Myrna Postal, Lydia Kiehl, Bernie Despot, Andrew Castle, Tanner Betts, Jackson Soukkala, Oliver Soukkala, Mark Vernon, Nevada McCorison, Michael Lijewski, Hahna Hakala,

Samantha Thompson, Scott Thompson, Terry Skutevik, Colton Clark, Melissa Clark, Sean Clark, Wesley Harden, Brynlee Baasch, Spencer Thorman & Tanner Thorman.



Our deepest sympathy to the families of Kermit Thorsen, Borgny Calverley Agurkis, Helen Nelson, Beatrice Yanda & Clyde Erickson. God's promises of resurrection bring comfort and hope in Christ the risen savior.



Mark Your Calendars:
18th Annual Swedish
Meatball Supper
April 21st 4-7pm

Any questions contact Duane Soukkala
at 218-260-0004.

We will be honoring the Graduates with a blessing during worship on May 20th at the 9 a.m. service. If you know of anyone that is graduating from High School or College that we may not know of please call or email the church office to let us know. There will be homemade quilts in the Sanctuary for each graduate to choose one.

Anna Bong's Graduation

The Ceremony will be
May 23rd at 1pm at the Cloquet High
School Auditorium.
Anna's Graduation Party will be held
on Saturday June 9th
1209 Gault Rd. in Wrenshall
from 12-4.

Thank you to everyone for all of the
love and support over the years!



Congratulations to the
following Students who
celebrated their First
Communion on Palm
Sunday, March 25th during Worship:
Pierce Davis, Lillian Dewitt,
Jorgen Herman, Chase Martin,
Amelia McCarthy, Faith Solomon &
Lucas Solomon.

CONFIRMED
In Faith

Blessings to our Confirmands, who
will participate in Affirmation of
Baptism on April 15th at the 9 a.m.
worship service. This year's
confirmands are Cami Martin, Brianna
Despot, Justin Swanson & Kaden
Olesen.

Update from Deacon Candidate
Colleen Bernu

I pray this letter finds you well. It's been a busy month of Internship as I work with my mentors, Supervising Pastor, and Advisory Committee to develop a project around my learning goals. A central question that we work to fulfill is how do we live out accompaniment in relationships with our community? "Accompaniment" is a scriptural and practical way of understanding our mission to serve our community. Historically, mission work through the church has often approached serving from a standpoint that there is God's story, my story and your story with me bringing God's story to you. Through accompaniment we see mission differently; we realize that my story and your story are not divided by boundaries but are both reconciled within God's story. Accompaniment means that we learn to see others, not from our human point of view, but from God's point of view. Our stories include our needs. Thus, living into accompaniment requires listening to the stories of others, sharing resources, recognizing expertise, building networks, and developing a strategy to make decisions that are mutually beneficial as we serve our neighbors. Much of my work over the next 9 months will be accompanying Our Savior's as they

grow into accompaniment in action in their community. To learn more about accompaniment, check out:

[http://download.elca.org/ELCA%20Resource%20Repository/Accompaniment_\(full\).pdf](http://download.elca.org/ELCA%20Resource%20Repository/Accompaniment_(full).pdf)

Thank you

Thank you to everyone who volunteered for snow shoveling and plowing this winter.

Thank you to all the volunteers who helped to make the Lenten season a success from worship, & music to making soup for Wednesday night meals and clean-up.

Thank you to the Kiehl family for coordinating the Easter breakfast again this year and to everyone who contributed items for the breakfast.

Mark Your Calendars for Bethesda, Zion & Our Saviors Tri-Parish Day Camp. Camp will be held at Zion in Cloquet on August 6th-August 10th at noon. Children need to be age 4 by August 1st (must be potty trained) through 6th Grade. Registration forms and more information will be in upcoming newsletters.



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 Pat Durkee at 218-384-3645 or 218-269-6052** 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.

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

2018 Synod Assembly

May 4th-6th

Cragun's Resort, Brainerd

This year's Voting Members are

Jim & Teresa Solomon.

We are looking for donations from Bethesda for the Silent Auction. The

money raised goes toward ELCA Hunger Appeal. Raising money & awareness to end the suffering of hunger here at home and worldwide. Some ideas for items are Liturgical items; Baptismal gowns, Baptismal quilt/blanket, Clergy crosses, Clergy Stole

Wooden items: Bowls/shelves/growing sticks, Quilt racks/quilt display systems, Garden items/pickles
Gift baskets with themes, movie night, coffee lovers, chocolate lovers
Pillowcases/embroidered dishtowels
Honey, maple syrup, jams and jellies
Jewelry/purses/bags
Artwork, Handmade Cards, Pottery

Council

The executive committee spoke with Pastor Rollie Bockbrader about our amendment regarding the definition of Treasurer. Pastor Rollie is the Synod Secretary specializing in congregation constitution review. He recommended that Nita Davis's title be bookkeeper/accountant and the title of treasurer be held by a council member. Nita will be doing all of the financial work that Sue Coady did but will not sign checks. Stacy Colich has been chosen by the council to be the treasurer. She will be a liaison between council/congregation and the bookkeeper/accountant. She will be overseeing Nita's work. If you have

any questions for Stacy you may contact her at stacycolich@yahoo.com or 218-393 -7775.

Council representatives to church committees:

Social Ministry- Jane Joki,
Memorial/Endowment- Frank Curtis,
Property- Dave, **Worship**- Lynn,
CYFEd- Linda and possibly one more.
Pastor Mary is going to work on starting up the Stewardship and Evangelism committees.
All congregational members are invited to attend council meetings which are usually the second Thursday of the month but may change to a different day during the summer.

Social Ministry



The **Social Ministry** committee will be hosting coffee following service on **April 8th**. Donations will be designated for camper sponsorships. Please attend and help **support our campers!**

WELCA



Spring Kettle River Conference will be held Saturday April 7th
9:00am-12:30pm
Grace Lutheran in Sandstone

Worship

Did you know that there is a free devotional that reflects on the texts we will read on Sunday morning that can be emailed directly to you? Check out <http://www.luthersem.edu/godpause/default.aspx> to sign up.

“Word in Season,” “Christ in Our Home,” and “Our Daily Bread” monthly devotional booklets are located outside the church office. Please help yourself to one or all of them.

You can sign up for “Lutheran Indian Ministries” daily devotionals by email at LutheranIndianMinistries.org/devotions#email. They will no longer

Collecting for a Cause

Not sure what to do with your Box Top points and Milk Moola (Kwik Trip) and points for milk caps? We collect the above for our local schools, or you can turn them into your local school.

Magnets are being repurposed by our children. An example of this is our last year Day Camp students glued inspirational sayings on them to give to their parents.

C.A.R.E. (Community Addiction Recovery Enterprise formerly Liberalis) is in need of shampoo, toothpaste, lotion, body wash, tampax, sanitary pads, combs, deodorant, soap, calendars, greeting cards, note cards.

No mouth wash or anything with alcohol.

Collection boxes for these items are located on the informational stand outside the church office.

Aluminum cans can be dropped off in the trailer located near the Four Seasons Building.

No Longer Collecting:

Campbell Soup Labels (ended in August 2016.) For the past 42 years, Campbell has proudly offered Labels for Education, which has contributed more than \$110 million in school supplies to tens of thousands of schools across the U.S.,” the company wrote in an email. “During the past year, we've been assessing the impact of these programs and through this, we've seen that participation in Labels for Education has declined considerably. Sadly, it is at the point where we have no choice but to make the very difficult decision to wind down the program.”

Verso Shiny Paper Collection

Due to the decline in the types of recycle paper needed by their customers, Verso Duluth Mill is

discontinuing the shiny paper Recycling Program. As a result, Bethesda is discontinuing the collection of all shiny paper, magazines, and white printer paper effective immediately. Thank you to everyone who has donated to this fundraiser that has helped Fishers of Men carry out the projects that have served the church and its mission over the years. Verso does desire to reinstate this program in the future and we will keep you updated with any changes. Any questions please contact Bethesda at 384-4501. Thank you.



NOTICE TO ALL PARENTS!

It's time to start planning for **summer camp**. Did you know we are a member congregation of **Voyageurs Lutheran Ministry**? That means we get special pricing at Camp Vermilion and Camp Hiawatha. They provide summer programs for all ages including a one day experience for those new to camp, two night programs for those not ready for a full week, and full week experiences for elementary through senior high campers. Register before **April 10th** and get early bird pricing. The Bethesda Endowment committee also provides **camper sponsorships** to

reduce your cost and encourage participation. Your family may also qualify for further discounts directly from VLM. Talk to Chris Mitchell if you have questions.

Check out the summer employment opportunities at VLM.

In addition to the traditional camp counselors (we need 28), we also are looking for wilderness canoe guides, health staff, kitchen staff, maintenance staff, support staff (marketing, craft coordinators, etc..). Position descriptions, applications and reference forms can be found on our website

<http://www.vlmcamps.org/positions-available> <http://www.vlmcamps.org/positions-available>



Faith on the Go

Pray

Thank you, God, for all our food; tasty, healthy, filling and good. Teach us how to share the feast, with those who are hungry and have the least. Amen.

Connect

What amazed you about God's creation today?
What did you do to be creative today?

Bible

Genesis 1-2—God Makes Everything

Chat Day 1

Genesis 1:1-2:3

What is your favorite day of creation?

What makes it your favorite?

Day 2

Genesis 2:1-3

God took time to rest after the work of creation. Do you rest after hard work?

What are your favorite ways to rest?

Day 3

Genesis 2:4-24

The “second” creation story, what do you like about this story? Why do you think there are two stories?

Day 4

Genesis 2:18-23

God creates women and men from one being instead of making each from dust. Do you think this is important? Why?

Day 5

Genesis 2:9

What do you think the two trees in this verse are? Why did God put them in the garden with Adam and Eve?

Bless

May the living Christ raise you up and bring you joy! Alleluia!

April Volunteers

9:00

Greeters

1. Easter Sign-Up Sheet
8. Dave & Lynn Beatty
15. Paul Carpenter & Mary Saarela
22. Sharon Bragge & Anna Bong
29. Craig & Desi Holm

Ushers

1. Easter Sign-Up Sheet
8. Paula & Noah Olsen
15. Debby Johnson &
Sharon Bragge
22. Dave & Lynn Beatty
29. Paul Carpenter & Mary Saarela

Lay Readers

1. Easter Sign-Up Sheet
8. Cheryl Ankrum
15. Stacy Colich
22. Bethany Leseman
29. Pat Durkee

Communion Assistants

1. Easter Sign-Up Sheet
8. Stacy Colich &
JoAnn Gustafson
15. Dawn & Duane Soukkala
22. Renae House & Nixon Mitchell
29. Janice Dahl & Cheryl Ankrum

Acolytes

1. Easter Sign-Up Sheet
8. Nixon Mitchell
15. Anna Bong
22. Annabelle Soukkala
29. Jaiden Soukkala

Communion Prep & Clean

1. Easter Sign-Up Sheet
8. Renee Kesty (P & C)
15. Pat Durkee(P) Jane Joki(C)
22. Linda Newlon (P & C)
29. Sharon Bragge (P & C)

Counters

1. Easter Sign-Up Sheet
8. Janice Dahl & Jane Joki
15. Lynn Beatty & Linda Newlon
22. Mary Saarela &
Bethany Leseman
29. Chris Mitchell &
Dawn Soukkala

Coffee Servers

1. Easter Breakfast
8. Social Ministry
15. Beth's Group
22. Jeannette's Group
29. Lil'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.

May Volunteers

9:00

Greeters

- 6. Tricia Hackensmith
- 13. Renee Kesty
- 20. Marv & Pat Durkee
- 27. Dawn Soukkala

Ushers

- 6. Des Holm & Pat Durkee
- 13. Stacy Colich & JoAnn Gustafson
- 20. Ginny Korte-Castle & Lew Castle
- 27. Jon Kolb & Ryan Swanson

Lay Readers

- 6. Ginny Korte-Castle
- 13. Renae House
- 20. Wendy Mitchell
- 27. Linda Newlon

Communion Assistants

- 6. Renae House & Nixon Mitchell
- 13. Linda Newlon & Janice Dahl
- 20. Dave & Lynn Beatty
- 27. Sharon Bragge & Mary Saarela

Acolytes

- 6. Anna Bong
- 13. Nixon Mitchell
- 20. Annabelle Soukkala
- 27. Anna Bong

Communion Prep & Clean

- 6. Mar Saarela (P & C)
- 13. Pat Durkee (P & C)
- 20. Renee Kesty (P & C)
- 27. Ryan Swanson (P)
Bethany Leseman (C)

Counters

- 6. Lorna Bryant & Julie Wagman
- 13. Gene Bryant & Janice Dahl
- 20. Lynn Beatty & Jane Joki
- 27. Linda Newlon & Mary Saarela

Coffee Servers

- 6. Cary's Group
- 13. Dawn's Group
- 20. Social Ministry
- 27. Rusty's Group

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Thank you.

April 2018

| SUN | MON | TUE | WED | THU | FRI | SAT |
|--|--|---|--|---|--|--|
| 8am Easter Worship 9am Easter Breakfast 10:30am Easter Worship | 2 7:00pm Al-Anon Meeting | 3 | 4 5:30pm Community Meal 10 th Grade Confirmation Students Preparing Proclamation of Faith Statement 6pm Faith Formation 6:30pm Worship | 5 1pm Jam Group 3:30pm Children, Youth & Family & Ed. Meeting | 6 11am Men's Bible Study | 7 9:00am WELCA Kettle River Conference Grace Lutheran Church Sandstone |
| 8 Social Ministry ~ Camp 9am Worship Sunday Story Time 10:15am Coffee/Fellowship Sing 'N Play | 9 7:00pm Al-Anon Meeting | 10 5:30pm Moms Group | 11 5:30pm Community Meal 10 th Grade Confirmation Students Preparing Proclamation of Faith Statement 6pm Faith Formation 6:30pm Worship | 12 5:30pm Council Meeting | 13 11am Men's Bible Study | 14 2pm Agape Meal Prep 5:30pm 10 th Grade Confirmation Students Agape Meal |
| 15 Beacon Deadline 9am Worship Confirmation Sunday Story Time 10:15am Coffee/Fellowship Sing 'N Play | 16 7:00pm Al-Anon Meeting | 17 8am Hymn Planning Committee | 18 5:30pm Community Meal 6pm Faith Formation 6:30pm Worship | 19 1pm Jam Group | 20 11am Men's Bible Study | 21 2pm Meatball Supper Prep 4pm Meatball Supper 7pm Clean-Up |
| 22 9am Worship 10:15am Coffee/Fellowship Sing 'N Play | 23 7:00pm Al-Anon Meeting | 24 5:30pm Moms Group | 25 9am Beacon Crew 5:30pm Community Meal 6pm Faith Formation 6:30pm Worship | 26 | 27 11am Men's Bible Study | 28 |
| 29 9am Worship Healing Service 10:15am Coffee/Fellowship Sing 'N Play | 30 7:00pm Al-Anon Meeting | | | | | |

