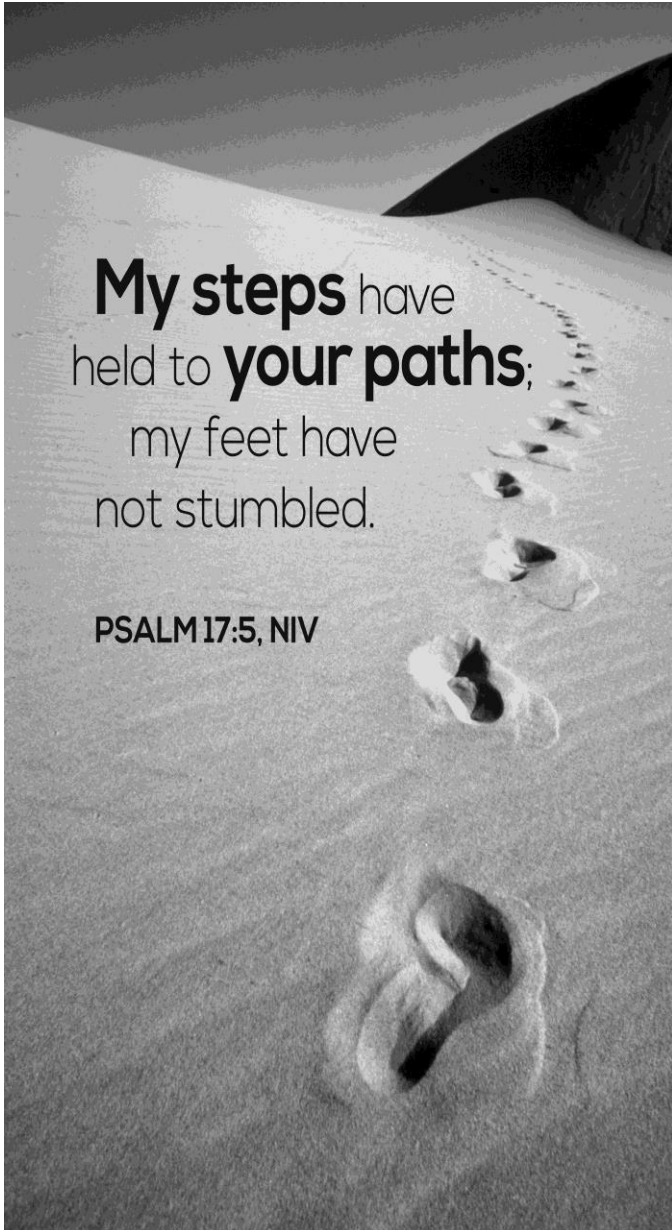




The Bethesda Beacon

Monthly Newsletter of Bethesda Evangelical Lutheran Church, Carlton MN
August 2016



My steps have
held to **your paths**;
my feet have
not stumbled.

PSALM 17:5, NIV

In This Month's Beacon:

- ❖ Pastor Cheryl's August Newsletter article
- ❖ Member News
- ❖ Information on the Outdoor Worship Service
- ❖ Children, Youth & Family Updates
- ❖ Four Different Prayer Practices; A 4 week event
- ❖ Bethesda's Fundraising Policy
- ❖ And More!

September Beacon Deadline is August 15th. Please have all submissions into the office on this date. Thank you.

Interim Pastor's Newsletter Article

Lots of "interim" work has been happening this past month! Your Transition Task Force has been analyzing the information you provided in your surveys, and has been meeting weekly to draft their final report based upon what you have told them.

This means that we are entering **Stage 3 of the Interim Period: Reporting, July through August 2016.** During this time the TTF will finalize its report and recommendations and present them to Council. Based on the information they gleaned from you, their report will include five sections: 1. Coming to Terms with History, 2. Discovering a New Identity, 3. Leadership Changes During the Interim, 4. Renewing Denominational Linkages, and 5. Commitment to New Directions in Ministry.

When the report comes out, you will notice that in addition to the above five sections, you will also find a breakdown of the key issues that you brought to light in the survey. The TTF will lay out each of those issues in four sections. Those four sections will be: 1) a background of the issue, 2) findings about the issue based on the surveys, 3) your suggestions for addressing the issue; and 4) the TTF's recommendations.

The Council will review the report and take action on the TTF's recommendations. In addition, the Council will look at resuming Mission Planning with the Synod. This Mission Planning had begun right before Pastor Mike resigned, but was tabled until after the interim period. The TTF's final report will be a very helpful step in that Mission Planning.

At Council's August meeting, they will be discussing forming a call committee. According to your current constitution, members of the call committee are elected by the Council. If you are interested in being part of the call committee, you should make your interest known to any member of the church council. It is recommended that a member of the TTF be elected to the Call Committee in order to provide continuity and good communication.

The TTF's report and recommendations will also be very valuable information for the Call Committee as they prepare Bethesda's profile papers and identify what type of qualities Bethesda's next pastor needs to have.

Stage Four — Call Process (6-9 months, and that's a guess!), September through ? Once the Call Committee has been formed, they are trained by Assistant to the Bishop Brenda Tibbetts, and begin their work preparing Bethesda's profile papers. These papers describe Bethesda, your ministry, and your desires for strengths

and qualifications of your next pastor. Once those papers are completed and submitted to the Synod Office, the Synod can provide Bethesda's Call Committee with the profile papers of pastors who are looking for a new call.

The timetable of the actual call process is unpredictable. It all depends upon which pastors are looking for new calls, and the work of the Holy Spirit. So if you are discerning whether you want Council to consider you as a member of the Call Committee, keep in mind that the process can be either very long or short, or somewhere in between. But it requires your commitment to be present at all meetings and interviews. It is also rewarding work as you listen to the Spirit in each other's discernment of candidates.

Know that you are in my prayers during this exciting time. Don't be afraid. All will be well. You are in God's hands, and that is the best place to be.

Peace, Pastor Cheryl

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*Secretary – JoAnn Gustafson

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*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.

Committee Chairs

Larry Beckstrom - **Endowment**

Committee

Colleen Bernu - **Children, Youth and
Family Team**

Joel Soukkala - **Worship Committee**

Dave Beatty - **Property Committee**

Sharon Bragge - **Social Ministry**

Committee

Member News



Our sympathy and prayers to Cliff & Alice Kloepfer & Family. Cliff's sister Connie passed away on June 24th. God gives us hope and strength in the promise of the resurrection in Christ!



Celebrating August Baptismal Birthdays

Everyone celebrating a Baptismal Birthday in August will be invited to come forward during worship on August 28th for the Affirmation of Baptism.

Courtney Ableiter, Florence Holm, Dakota Brewer, Ann Carlander, Alex Despot, Zaiden Erikson, Jordan Hyry, Kaleb Hyry, Lucas Hyry, Robin Hyry, DaWayne Johnson, Jean Johnson, Dorothy Johnson, Zechariah Johnson, Jeanne Ketchum, Curtis Kiehl, Scott Kiehn, Cami Martin, Jodie Moen, Leo Moen, Timothy Moench, Jacob Newlon, Bailey Pantsar, Alexander Petersen, Ariel Petersen, Zackary Petersen, Dawn Soukkala, Carter Wenneson, Troy Senarighi Jr., Adeline Jahr, Nixon Mitchell, Ailie Gustafson & Kaden Lent.



David Axtell, passed away July 1, 2016. His funeral was held on July 5th at Bethesda. We extend our sincere sympathy, Christian care, and support to Vi and Family.



Sue Coady, Janice Dahl & Pat Durkee make up Bethesda's Hymn Planning Committee. They meet each month. If you have any questions or suggestions please contact one of them.

Fundraising Policy

A. In principle, fund-raising is not consistent with the best stewardship practices.

B. It is preferred that organizations and groups within the church (or the church as a whole) not have fundraisers.

C. When there are fundraisers, the following should be carefully observed and all fundraisers being planned (both monetary & items) either for the church or an outside entity, or mission support events, must have the approval of the council prior to beginning the fundraising or mission event.

1. No group should have as its primary reason for existing, nor as its primary function, raising money.
2. While most all fundraising competes with existing business, care should be taken to keep unfair competition to a minimum (i.e. selling purchased items is less fair than selling homemade ones.)
3. Fundraisers should provide fellowship and

service rather than merely raise funds.

4. Individual's talents and abilities should be used wherever possible - especially those talents that are not easily converted to cash in the marketplace.
5. Fundraisers should be group building experiences rather than individual ones.
6. The women of the church have the approval to hold one raffle per year in connection with their annual bazaar. This is to be in place of or along with the silent auction.
7. The focus of fundraisers should be primarily to church members and not to the general public.
8. The reputation and witness of the church in the community must not be compromised through the use of fundraisers.

Worship Committee



On August 7th worship service will take place at the shelter by the bike trail in Carlton.

River of Grace will provide the music. This will allow us as a congregation to worship together outside and encourage us to hike or bike outside on the trail after services. This would be a great time to invite friends & neighbors.

- Bethesda will not be doing services at Jay Cooke this year. There has been a decrease in attendance by campers and not a good communication format at this time to enable us to inform campers of the services.



Campfire Wednesdays

Wednesdays from 6:30-8
p.m. through August 24th.

Join us around the campfire for fellowship, songs and fun!
Are you a good storyteller or do you play the guitar? Please share your talents at the weekly campfire.

Bring your own chair.

Contact person: Debby Johnson
384-3360

Four Different Prayer Practices



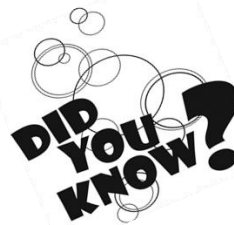
When: Wednesdays **July 27th**; Praying Scripture, **August 3rd**; Praying with Pictures, **17th**; Centering Prayer, & **24th**; Praying Through Creativity
5:30-6:30 pm

Led by Pastor Cheryl Fleckenstein

*child care available

**Please RSVP to church office or
Pastor Cheryl**

*Attendance at all 4 is not necessary as
each unit is self-contained.*



On the church calendar on our website you can click on any event and it will tell you a description of that event. It is a great way to stay informed about events that are happening in the church and out in the community.

RUBY'S PANTRY

Food Distribution

Sharing the love of Christ
Through Food

Wednesday, August 24th 10-11:30 a.m.

Cloquet National Guard Armory

Questions? Contact Sheila @

879-3380

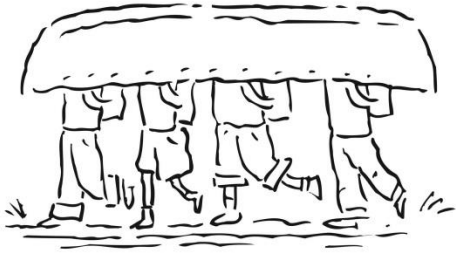
www.rubyspantry.org



Exciting things are happening in Bethesda's faith formation program. We've heard your suggestions and listened to your concerns. Children, Youth, Family and Education Team, Worship Committee, and Council have been working collaboratively to create a program that will best meet the needs of Bethesda's kids, youth, and families. *Please watch the website, bethesdacarlton.org, for more details regarding start dates and times as well as programming information. We'll also post this information in the September edition of the Beacon.* Due to summer meeting schedules, plans were not quite finalized before the August Beacon's deadline.

Day Camp starts August 8th. Same day registrations will be accepted at the door. Please visit Bethesda's website (<http://bethesdacarlton.org/youth.aspx>) to print the forms. We will have copies available at the door as well. Registration fees are \$25 per child with a \$60 family maximum.

Service activities offer an opportunity for us to explore one of our most basic convictions as Lutherans: that all of life in Jesus Christ – every act of service, in every daily calling, in every corner of life – flows freely from a living, daring confidence in God's grace (www.elca.org). Act Local is a service learning opportunity that took place July 18 - 22 that was planned by participating congregations to help our youth grow in their faith. During this time, participants had the opportunity to learn about and work within local organizations that meet the needs of people in our own communities. Participants also participated in Bible Studies and were encouraged to take time for personal reflection. Organizations we partnered with included Salvation Army - Cloquet, Second Harvest Food Bank, Lutheran Social Services, CHUM and the Steve O'Neil Apartments, Camp Noah, and homeless shelters in St. Louis and Pine Counties. Approximately 40 youth and 10 adult leaders from seven congregations participated. The following were from Bethesda: Audrey Lokken, Mark Matlack, Nevada McCorison and Colleen Bernu. Please watch the September edition of the Beacon for personal experience stories from this opportunity.



Camp

Check Out What Happens at Camp!

At Voyageurs Lutheran Ministry, we have some unique words that we use for different parts of our day. To help you all understand are campers are saying, here are some short definitions of some of our “camp words” that we’ll be using this week. We hope learning the lingo will help give you some common ground for conversation when your campers return home!

Polar Bear Swim - a short morning swim time, usually at 7:00 a.m.

Mai (my) - a time to set our focus for the day; it gives us direction as we begin each morning; also known as first word or morning devotion.

Kaper - morning chore or service done by cabin groups; Kapers include KP, litter sweep, cleaning bathrooms, and straightening up the chapel, sauna, or boathouse.

KP - kitchen pick-up or kitchen party; done by cabin groups after each meal.

Pose (po-say) - a resting point and time to reflect and refocus on God before we continue our day; also known as morning worship.

Rubbaboo - a meal that gives energy, the “meat” of your day; also known as Bible study.

Siesta - quiet time that happens between lunch and Grovers.

Swamp Test - the intentional tipping of a canoe to learn how it feels and what to do when/if your canoe tips when out on the lake

Grover - an afternoon activity period, usually 45-60 minutes long; our afternoons often include 2-3 Grover periods.

Canteen - the camp store where campers can purchase clothes, souvenirs, and snacks.

Wattape (wa-ta-pay) - a Spruce root used by Ojibwa to stitch things together; also known as the evening devotions that tie our day together.

August Volunteers

9:00

Greeters

- 7. Julianne Emerson
- 14. Walt & Marlene Anderson
- 21. John & Jude Holden
- 28. Frank & Jackie Curtiss

Ushers

- 7. JoAnn Gustafson & Paula Olsen
- 14. Sharon Bragge &
Larry Beckstrom
- 21. Al & Florence Holm
- 28. Jon Kolb & Paul Carpenter

Lay Readers

- 7. Lynn Beatty
- 14. Julianne Emerson
- 21. Bethany Leseman
- 28. Wendy Mitchell

Communion Assistants

- 7. Stacy Colich, Linda Newlon, &
Sarah Carpenter
- 14. Dave & Lynn Beatty &
Paul Carpenter
- 21. Marlys McKinstry &
Gordy & Lil Davis
- 28. Julianne Emerson &

Acolytes

- 7. Amy Schwoch
- 14. Colin Emerson
- 21. Anna Bong
- 28. Noah Olsen

Communion Prep & Clean

- 7. Gordy & Lil Davis (P & C)
- 14. Frank & Jackie Curtis (P & C)
- 21. Sharon Bragge (P & C)
- 28. Renee Kesty (P & C)

Counters

- 7. Dawn Soukkala & Lorna Bryant
- 14. Gene Bryant & Lori Bunge
- 21. Lynn Beatty &
Bethany Leseman
- 28. Chris Mitchell & Janice Dahl

September Volunteers

9:00

Greeters

- 4. Larry Beckstrom
- 11. Jean Johnson
- 18. Paul & Sarah Carpenter
- 25. Cody & Cary Martin

Ushers

- 4. Sarah Carpenter &
Ryan Swanson
- 11. Brad Bunge & Dave Beatty
- 18. Lynn Beatty & Lil Davis
- 25. Gordy Davis & Larry Beckstrom

Lay Readers

- 4. Jackie Curtiss
- 11. Earleen Hanson
- 18. Jean Johnson
- 25. Renae House

Communion Assistants

- 4. Janice Dahl, JoAnn Gustafson &
Mary Saarela
- 11. Frank & Jackie Curtiss &
Sharon Bragge
- 18. Jean Johnson, Duane & Dawn
Soukkala
- 25. Stacy Colich, Linda Newlon &
Sarah Carpenter

Acolytes

- 4. Johanna Bernu
- 11. Amy Schwoch
- 18. Noah Olsen
- 25. Anna Bong

Communion Prep & Clean

- 4. Linda Newlon (P & C)
- 11. Jenny & Donald Lokken (P & C)
- 18. Ryan Swanson(P)
Joel Soukkala (C)
- 25. Julie Frederick(P)
Bethany Leseman(C)

Counters

- 4. Mary Saarela & Dawn Soukkala
- 11. Lorna Bryant & Lori Bunge
- 18. Gene Bryant & Lynn Beatty
- 25. Bethany Leseman &
Chris Mitchell

August 2016

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1 5:45pm Women's Bible Study	2 9am Weekly Staff Meeting 9:30am Clergy Text Study 6pm Executive Committee Meeting	3 5pm Prayer Practices 6:30pm Campfire Wednesday	4 6pm Executive Committee Meeting	5 11am Men's Bible Study	6 9am Fellowship Hall In Use-Theisen Family
7 9am Outdoor Worship Service 10:15am Coffee/Fellowship	8 Day Camp 5:45pm Women's Bible Study	9 Day Camp 9am Weekly Staff Meeting 9:30am Clergy Text Study 5:45pm Children, Youth & Family Ministry Planning	10 Day Camp 6:30pm Campfire Wednesday	11 Day Camp 11am Worship Committee Meeting 1pm Jam Group 5:30pm Council Meeting	12 Day Camp 11am Men's Bible Study	13
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