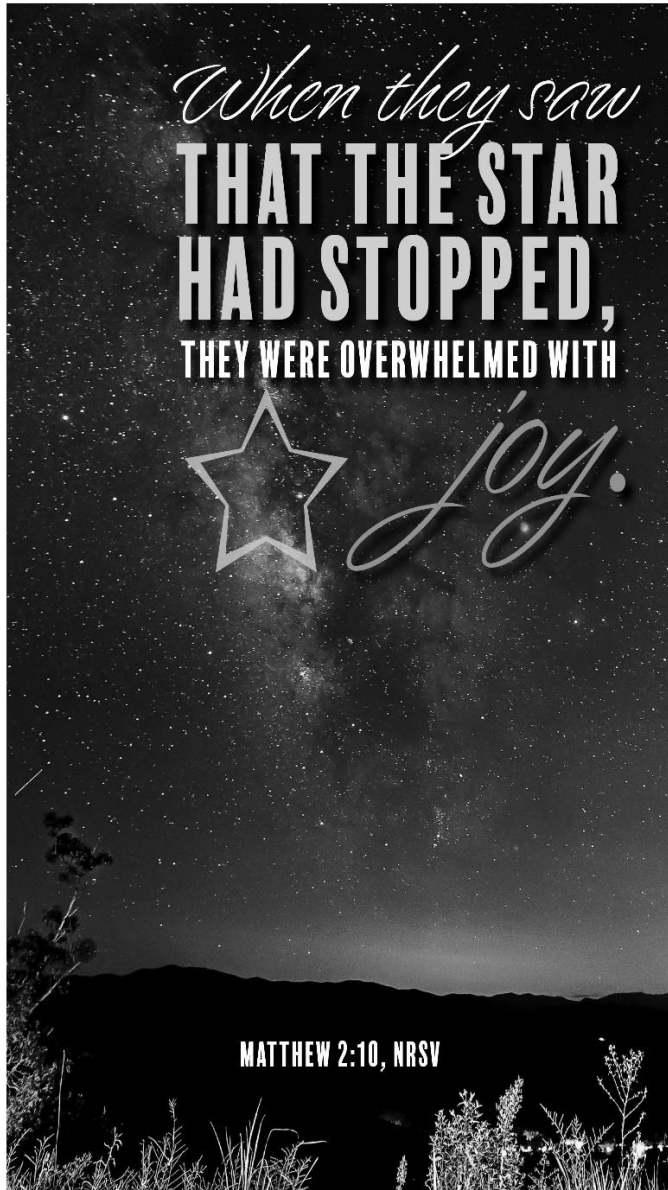




# The Bethesda Beacon

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



## In This Month's Beacon:

\*Vicar Luke's Beacon Article

\*Financial Update

\*Member News

\*Committee Updates

\* Information on the Women's  
Retreat

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\*And More!



Candlelight Christmas Eve Worship Services  
Tuesday December 24<sup>th</sup> at 5 & 9pm.

***In this moment....* By Vicar Luke  
Lekander**

I select “shuffle play” on my classical playlist. Nocturne No. 2 in E Flat (Op. 9 No. 2) comes through the headphones as I gaze out my living room window. The snow is gently falling, making millions of tiny piles amongst the tree branches and few remaining leaves....”a fitting soundtrack,” I find myself speaking aloud yet no one is there to hear me say it. Actually, that’s not quite right. I realize that I am speaking aloud to God, in gratitude. Gratitude for music. Gratitude for the beauty of Creation. Gratitude for this moment. Once again, I realize something that I must intentionally tell myself over and over: the only thing that is real is *this moment*. The music keeps playing, the snow keeps falling, and moment is stacked upon delightful moment as I wonder about God’s response to my call.

“Be still and know that I am God,” Psalm 46:10 (NIV). I believe the Psalmist gives us a clue to an ancient wisdom that today would be called mindfulness. God wants us to be still, to pay attention to the moment. Creation is filled with beauty and wonder and all the good things that sustain life. Most importantly, it is all a gift. We did not make the earth and all its splendor. This is all God! We are, however, called to be good stewards so

that the fruits of the earth can bring life to all, just as God intended. It may seem a daunting thing in this era of greed and apathy, all of which has been moving us toward an unprecedented climate crisis. Nevertheless, the wisdom of the Psalmist rings as true today as it did in ancient times, “Be still and know that I am God.” It only takes a moment to reconnect with God, to repent our sinfulness toward Creation and to, once again, be filled with awe and gratitude for the many gifts only God can provide. What do these moments of gratitude do? They empower us. They embolden us. They open us up to the power of the Holy Spirit so that we may know how to take on even the biggest, scariest issues. They can show us how to embody our call to be good stewards of the Earth by working toward justice for Creation.

I encourage you to take a few deep, cleansing breathes. Put on some Chopin if you like and pay attention to Creation around you. Connect with God in the moment and see what the Holy Spirit brings to your heart and mind. I invite you then to share your experience with others. If you feel called toward Creation justice, let me know. There are several initiatives we can begin with right here at Bethesda and in our community.

## 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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### Financial Update

Year-to-date ending 09/30/2019

	Actual	Budget	Over/(Under) Budget
Envelope giving	75866.00	79988.35	(4122.35)
Non-pledged income	11733.43	10445.00	1288.43
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>87599.43</b>	<b>90433.35</b>	<b>(2833.92)</b>
Salaries/Compensation	50845.89	68272.45	(17426.56)
General Office Expenses	6972.55	7853.81	(881.26)
Utilities	7962.92	8549.91	(586.99)
Other Expenses	850.95	2615.06	(1764.11)
Benevolence Expenses	1517.32	1599.77	(82.45)
Evangelism Expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00
Property Expenses	979.92	1199.97	(220.05)
Social Ministry	243.00	262.53	(19.53)
Stewardship Expenses	0.00	124.97	(124.97)
Worship Expenses	1310.68	475.00	835.68
CYFM Expenses	758.80	1821.25	(1062.45)
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>71442.03</b>	<b>92774.72</b>	<b>(21332.69)</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>16157.40</b>	<b>(2341.37)</b>	<b>18498.77</b>

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.

It's that time of year again... Committee reports for the Annual Report are due in the office by January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2020. Thank you.  
**The Annual Meeting is January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2020 immediately following worship.**

Candidates needed for 2020 Ballot for the following Committees:

- (2) Candidates needed for Council (2-year term)
- (3) Candidates needed for Nominating Committee (2-year term)
- (1) Candidate needed for Memorial/Endowment (3-year term)
- (2) Voting Members needed for 2020 Synod Assembly
- (1) Adult & (1) Confirmed Youth needed for Voyageurs Lutheran Ministry Delegate (1-year term)



Bible Study for all ages  
meets on Sunday evenings  
at 6:30pm.

During the Holiday Season  
there will be no Bible Study Sunday  
December 29<sup>th</sup> and January 5<sup>th</sup>. We  
will resume January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2020.



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

## Member News



### Celebrating December Baptismal Birthdays

Audrina Schwartz, Vi Axtell,  
Frank Chalberg, Nancy Crider,  
Stephanie Erickson, Alex Grover,  
Courtney Grover, Jolene Johnson,  
Kaitlyn Kelley, Kristianna Konietzko,  
Emma Devriendt, Bethany Leseman,  
Emily Marciniak, Giselle Martini,  
Jazmyn Martini, Abbey Mickle, Brynn  
Mickle, Jackson Mickle, Alan  
Moench, Westen Radtke, Chris  
Rousseau, Patricia Schmitz, Alanna  
Soukkala, Aliza Vernon, Brody  
Vernon, Jack Vernon, Kristen  
Wakefield, Crosby Moench,  
Emma Devriendt, Renee Kesty,

Sofie Herman, Theresa Vick, Haven  
Rockenstein & Peyton Schmitz.



Our sympathy and prayers to the  
families of Rosalie Korte & Danny  
Summers. God gives us hope and  
strength in the promise of the  
resurrection in Christ.



Thank you for the many prayers &  
cards when I was recently hospitalized  
& recuperating. They were all very  
much appreciated.  
~Marnie Emerson



The Directory Project is on hold until  
next year, possibly spring. Lifetouch,  
the company that has done our

directories in the past, was contacted and they no longer staff enough people to come to the Carlton area to take pictures. Pictures and updated information that has already been given to the office will be saved while different options are being explored. If you have any questions please see Deb Davis or Stacy Colich. Thank you.



Please prayerfully consider volunteering to assist at one of the Christmas Eve Services on Tues, Dec

24th. Times of Services are 5pm and 9 pm. We will need Acolytes, Ushers, Lectors, Greeters, Communion Assistants, Communion Set Up and Clean Up and Counters. The sign up sheets are on the table in the Narthex. If you have any questions, contact Pat Durkee, 384-3645. Thank you for your willingness to serve.

Last year when offering envelopes were ordered we chose to remove the dates from each individual envelope and instead replace it with a blank line that can be filled in with the dates that you are giving. Due to this new format we will not be ordering envelopes for 2020 as most likely there will be envelopes left over in your booklet. Vanco is an electronic, automatic option for giving. It is quick and easy to sign up. Simply fill out a form located outside of the Sanctuary and hand it in to the office. You can choose to donate weekly, bi-weekly, monthly or yearly. Changes can be made at any time. An additional option is to use the envelopes provided in the pews. Any questions please contact the office. Thank you.



Please consider bringing a Poinsettia "In Memory of" or "In Honor of" a Loved One to help adorn our Sanctuary on Christmas Eve. Please have your plant(s) at the Church by 11am on Sunday, Dec 22<sup>nd</sup>. Let's fill the Sanctuary with lots of beautiful plants to add to the beauty of Christ's Birth!! Please let the office know by Dec 17<sup>th</sup> if you will be bringing a plant so your loved one(s) will be acknowledged in the bulletin on Christmas Eve.

Thank you. Pat Durkee

### **Advent Worship Schedule**

December 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, and 18<sup>th</sup>. 5:30pm Meal, 6:00pm Worship. Please consider signing up to bring a meal to share. The sign up sheets are located to the left of the Fellowship Hall doors.

We will be in need of people for snow shoveling. Please watch for a sign-up in the Narthex. Your help is greatly appreciated.

## **CROSSROADS**

Objective: To acknowledge the fact that many mainline churches are shrinking in numbers and not reaching the next generations! To take what Bethesda does well and build on it and **create new ways** to reach out into the community as servants of Christ making a difference by Sharing Christ's Love.

Using Football jargon: Teams were formed, Coaches selected, game plans and goals determined, Timelines established, special teams added and it's now "kick off" time!!

Worship Team, Outreach Team, Communication Team and Children and Family Ministries Team need **all of you** to get involved with a specific team of interest or as cheerleaders (prayers) for the entire movement. Please mark your calendars for a very special event to bring all the teams together and all who are willing to be involved or learn more about Crossroads.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15

4:00 p.m. -- 6:00 p.m.

Bethesda Fellowship Hall

\*Overview of Crossroads

\*Enlightening Video

\*Team Sharing

**Refreshments and Fellowship**

Comments or questions contact Myrna Postal

## ***Kitchen Update***

After many long months and many unforeseen delays the New Kitchen is up and running!

Many thank you's to everyone who worked so hard to make this happen and thank you to our wonderful congregation for being so willing to work around the "mess" for these many months.

To date \$54,570.24 has been spent on the Kitchen Update. **No money was used from the church**

**budget.** WELCA raised \$36,822.46 (\$25,000 in grants from Schwab Charitable (Marlys McKinstry's sister) and \$21,000 from the Perpetual Fund (Perpetual Fund cannot be used for general operation of a church)

We still need to purchase a stainless steel center island table with a top & bottom shelf and a few misc. items but we will do that when we have raised additional funds.

## ***Grand Piano***

The Grand Piano in the sanctuary is in need of repairs. This piano was donated to Bethesda by Rick Breuer and to date we have not invested any money into the piano. Mike Roemhildt donated his time tuning it the past two years, trying to get it into a usable condition, however it is in need of much more than just tuning. It needs a full replacement of hammers which are

well over \$2,000 and is not a guarantee that it will be in good condition. This and the fact that caring for a piano can cost in the range of \$1,000/year and our electronic piano is also aging we have decided to remove the grand piano from the Sanctuary and give it a new home at the Encore Theater. We are exploring the possibility of utilizing the space for a praise band.

If you have any items for the *Bazaar's Silent Auction* please see Mary Saarela.

**WELCA will be a collecting for Christmas gift cards starting the last Sunday in November.**

Please let the office, Vicar Luke or Pastor Jim know if there is anybody that you know of that may be in need of some extra help this holiday season.

**Please make checks payable to WELCA**

WELCA



**Save the Date** for Bethesda's Touch of Scandinavia Holiday Bazaar. December 7<sup>th</sup> from 9am-1pm

**Next to New** is looking for clean, gently used items for the Bazaar. It is a good way to rid your home of unused things. **We do not sell clothing or VHS tapes.** Books, cookbooks, children's books and novels **are acceptable.** Please start bringing your Thursday December 5<sup>th</sup>. If possible, we would like all donations to the church by December 5<sup>th</sup>. We appreciate your donations. Thank you. Questions contact Jackie Curtiss 218-390-3424 or Sharon Bragge 218-384-4076.

Social Ministry

Social Ministry will be hosing coffee on December 8<sup>th</sup> in support of the Damiano Center.



**The Carlton County Community and Family Initiatives Depart Book Drive 2019**

Help us build our family friendly jail take-a-book bookshelf with your old and new children's books. Drop boxes for your book donations are located in the Narthex.



Johann Bernu is heading a coat drive for the United Way of Carlton County. She will be collecting coats for the month of

December. There will be a box for donations in the Fellowship Hall. The coats will be donated to people in need right here in Carlton County.



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

The Salvation Army Food Shelf is located on Carlton Ave. in Cloquet. The collection box has been moved from the entryway to under the mailboxes. Please check the expiration dates on the non-perishable food items you are donating. If you would prefer to give a monetary donation, this is also *greatly* appreciated as a donation like this can purchase much more with the resources the Salvation Army has access to. Thank you.

**CYF & Ed.**

***GIVE THANKS - GIVE BACK***  
 During the month of October our Faith Formation youth collected 94 food items for the Cloquet Salvation army. Thanks to all who participated.

**Confirmation classes for 10th Graders**

This class prepares students for Affirmation of Baptism. Curriculum by Augsburg "Think, Do, Believe." Class schedule Dec 4,11,18. Resuming January 8,15,22,29. February 5 & 19th 2020. Meal provided at 5:30, worship and class. February 12 will be worship with Bishop Tom.

Sing N Play is meeting every Sunday from 10:15-10:45 and is practicing at for a holiday program that will take place on Dec. 15 during worship.

**Homeless Ditty Bags**

The Thrivent seed monies of \$250.00 were used to purchase items for those in need. Donated pillowcases were donated to create the ditty bags.

On Wed November 6, as part of their lesson, our 6th-thru 9th grade Confirmation youth put together the kits, which included - 2 prs socks, nail clippers, band-aids, alcohol swabs, handi wipes, comb, toothpaste/brush, devotional, pen, paper, envelopes, wash clothes, dried fruit, a Thrivent T shirt, Kleenex, women's feminine products, soap, shampoo/cond, lip balm , hair bands.....Kits were assembled for both men and women.



These ditty bags are available in the narthex area for you to pick up and distribute as you see a need.

**Starting in December the Wednesday evening schedule will be as follows:**

5:30pm ~ Community Meal

6:00 pm ~ Worship

6:30pm ~ Faith Formation Classes

**December Storytime Schedule:**

December 1st - Storytime

December 8<sup>th</sup> - Storytime

December 15<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Program

December 22<sup>nd</sup> – no Storytime – children’s message only

December 29<sup>th</sup> – no Storytime – children’s message only



Faith on the Go

**Pray**

God of Abundance, we thank you for the earth and all its bounty and beauty. We praise you for the gifts of friendship and family. Help us to be good stewards of all that you have made. Amen.

**Connect**

Christ is a different kind of king than what the world expects. How would you describe a worldly king (king of a nation) and how is Christ a king?

**Bible**

Luke 23: 33-43—The Crucifixion of Jesus

**Day 1**

Luke 23:33-34

This week we celebrate “Christ the King” Sunday. Why do you think we remember the story of Jesus crucified on this day?

**Day 2**

Luke 23:35-38

What do history, literature and movies tell us about kings? How do our images of kings match up with what we know about Jesus? Does Jesus make a good king by this standard?

**Day 3**

Luke 23:39

Why do you think that Jesus did not save himself? What would have been the consequence if he had? What would be the “kingly” thing to do?

**Day 4**

Luke 23:40-41

How does Jesus on the cross meet our daily struggles now?

### **Day 5**

Luke 39-43

What is your relationship with God like today? Are you more likely to accuse and yell at God, or to ask God to remember you?

### **Bless**

*Jesus remembers you and brings you into his kingdom of love.*



### **Upcoming VLM Events:**



### **Celebration of Light and Music**

**Sunday, December 8,**

**2019 at**

**Camp Hiawatha**

**2:00 - 7:00 p.m.**

Join us for an afternoon of fellowship, holiday fare, winter activities, and celebrating the season of Advent. There is something for all ages as we gather in community to prepare our hearts for the coming

Christ child. We invite you to participate in all or part of this day.

Activities for the day include sleigh rides, food demonstrations, crafts, cookie decorating, hymn sing, worship, and a festive holiday meal. It's a great event for all ages!

**Cost:** \$15 for adults, \$7 ages 6-11, free under 5. Covers afternoon activities and meal.

*Please RSVP by December 5 by contacting the main VLM office - email or 218-666-5465.*

### **Schedule of Events**

**2:00-4:30** - Sleigh rides, Ethnic food demonstrations and samples, cookie decorating, Advent crafts, conversation and fellowship

**4:30** - Holiday Hymn sing

**5:00** - Worship Service

**6:00** - Festive Holiday Dinner



## 18<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:nssgbeatty@gmail.com)

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### **18<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL WOMEN'S RETREAT**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

ARRIVE: \_\_\_\_\_

DEPART \_\_\_\_\_

AMOUNT PAID \_\_\_\_\_

**MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: LYNN BEATTY**

# “A Touch of Scandinavia”



## Annual Christmas Bazaar

Presented by the Women of Bethesda  
Lutheran Church, 204 5th St., Carlton

**Saturday, December 7th, 2019**

**9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**

### Featuring

- **Meal selections**

Beef Stew, Sloppy Joes & Tomato Basil Soup

- **Bars & Rice Pudding**
- **Craft Table**
- **Crispy Rosettes**
- **Lefse packaged**



## December Volunteers

9:00

### Greeters

1. Debby Johnson
8. Dave & Lynn Beatty
15. Paul Carpenter
22. Mary Saarela
29. Craig & Des Holm

### Ushers

1. JoAnn Gustafson & Jon Kolb
8. Ryan Swanson &  
Debby Johnson
15. Ginny Korte-Castle &  
Lew Castle
22. Paula & Noah Olsen
29. Dave & Lynn Beatty

### Lay Readers

1. Renae House
8. Ginny Korte-Castle
15. Lynn Beatty
22. Linda Newlon
29. Wendy Mitchell

### Communion Assistants

1. Dave & Lynn Beatty
8. Linda Newlon & Mary Saarela
15. Pat Durkee &  
Bethany Leseman
22. Stacy Colich &  
JoAnn Gustafson
29. Cheryl Ankrum &  
Renae House

### Acolytes

1. Lucas Radtke
8. Nixon Mitchell
15. Anna Bong
22. Lucas Radtke
29. Nixon Mitchell

### Communion Prep & Clean

1. Linda Newlon (P & C)
8. Mary Saarela (P & C)
15. Ryan Swanson (P)  
Bethany Leseman (C)
22. Pat Durkee (P & C)
29. Renee Kesty (P & C)

### Counters

1. Gene Bryant & Gladys Sievert
8. Janice Dahl & Jake Joki
15. Lynn Beatty & Linda Newlon
22. Mary Saarela &  
Bethany Leseman
29. Chris Mitchell & Lorna Bryant

### Coffee Servers

1. Jeannette's Group
8. Social Ministry
15. Dawn's Group
22. Lil's Group
29. Cary's Group

## January Volunteers

9:00

### Greeters

- 5. Tricia Hackensmith
- 12. Marv & Pat Durkee
- 19. Anna Bong
- 26. Renee Kesty

### Ushers

- 5. Paul Carpenter & Pat Durkee
- 12. Mary Saarela & JoAnn Gustafson
- 19. Des Holm & Stacy Colich
- 26. Lew Castle & Ginny Korte-Castle

### Lay Readers

- 5. Lynn Beatty
- 12. Pat Durkee
- 19. Linda Newlon
- 26. Paul Carpenter

### Communion Assistants

- 5. Cookie Jaakola & Janice Dahl
- 12. Marlys McKinstry &  
Linda Newlon
- 19. Dave & Lynn Beatty
- 26. Mary Saarela & Pat Durkee

### Acolytes

- 5. Anna Bong
- 12. Nixon Mitchell
- 19. Lucas Radtke
- 26. Ethan Krone

### Communion Prep & Clean

- 5. Linda Newlon (P & C)
- 12. Mary Saarela (P & C)
- 19. Pat Durkee (P & C)
- 26. Ryan Swanson(P)  
Bethany Leseman(C)

### Counters

- 5. Mary Saarela & Bethany Leseman
- 12. Chris Mitchell & Gene Bryant
- 19. Lorna Bryant & Gladys Sievert
- 26. Janice Dahl & Jane Joki

### Coffee Servers

- 5. Rusty's Group
- 12. Social Ministry
- 19. Marlys' Group
- 26. Gladys' 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.**

# December 2019

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<p>1 <b>9am</b> Worship Sunday Story Time <b>10:15am</b> Coffee/Fellowship <b>6:30pm</b> Bible Study</p>	2	<p>3 <b>9am</b> Making Mats for the Homeless <b>6pm</b> Al-Anon Meeting</p>	<p>4 <b>5:30pm</b> Community Meal/Advent Supper <b>6:00pm</b> Worship <b>6:30pm</b> 10<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation Class</p>	<p>5 <b>3:15pm</b> Children, Youth &amp; Family &amp; Ed. Meeting</p>	<p>6 <b>11am</b> Men's Bible Study</p>	<p>7 <b>9am</b> Touch of Scandinavia Holiday Bazaar</p>
<p>8 Social Ministry ~ Damiano Center <b>9am</b> Worship Sunday Story Time <b>10:15am</b> Coffee/Fellowship <b>6:30pm</b> Bible Study</p>	9	<p>10 <b>8am</b> Kettle River Conference <b>9am</b> Making Mats for the Homeless <b>6pm</b> Council Meeting Al-Anon Meeting</p>	<p>11 <b>5:30pm</b> Community Meal/Advent Supper <b>6:00pm</b> Worship <b>6:30pm</b> 10<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation Class</p>	<p>12 <b>1pm</b> Jam Group</p>	<p>13 <b>11am</b> Men's Bible Study</p>	<p>14 <b>9am</b> Fellowship Hall in Use ~ Johnson Family</p>
<p>15 Beacon Deadline <b>9am</b> Worship Christmas Program <b>10:15am</b> Coffee/Fellowship <b>4pm</b> Crossroads Meeting <b>6:30pm</b> Bible Study</p>	16	<p>17 <b>9am</b> Making Mats for the Homeless <b>6pm</b> Al-Anon Meeting</p>	<p>18 <b>5:30pm</b> Community Meal/Advent Supper <b>6:00pm</b> Worship <b>6:30pm</b> 10<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation Class</p>	19	<p>20 <b>11am</b> Men's Bible Study</p>	21
<p>22 <b>9am</b> Worship <b>10:15am</b> Coffee/Fellowship</p>	23	<p>24 Office Closed <b>5pm</b> Christmas Eve Worship <b>9pm</b> Christmas Eve Worship</p>	<p>25 Office Closed Merry Christmas!</p> <div style="text-align: center;"></div>	<p>26 <b>1pm</b> Jam Group</p>	27	28
<p>29 <b>9am</b> Worship <b>10:15am</b> Coffee/Fellowship</p>	30	<p>31 New Year's Eve <b>9am</b> Making Mats for the Homeless <b>6pm</b> Al-Anon Meeting</p>				

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Sunday Worship

**9:00am**

Sunday Story Time (*First 2*

*Sundays of the month in the  
Fellowship Hall*)

Coffee/Fellowship **10:15am**

Sing 'N Play

**10:00am**

Wednesday Worship

**5:30pm** Meal

**6:00pm** Worship

**6:30pm** Faith Formation

*You can also view the **Beacon** on  
our website at [bethesdacarlton.org](http://bethesdacarlton.org)  
or if you would like to have it mailed  
or emailed to you please contact the  
office.*



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