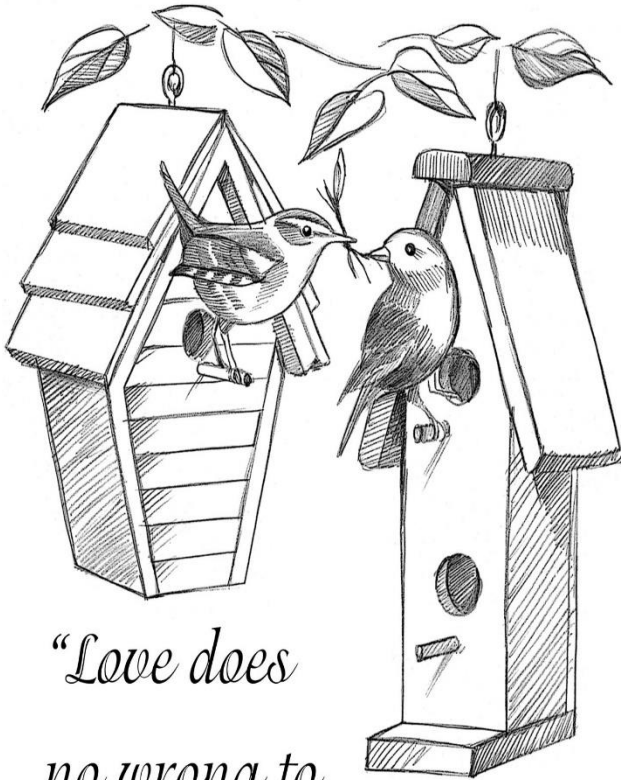




The Bethesda Beacon

Monthly Newsletter of Bethesda Evangelical Lutheran Church, Carlton MN
February 2020



*“Love does
no wrong to
a neighbor; therefore,
love is the fulfilling
of the law.”* Romans 13:10, NRSV

In This Month's Beacon:

*Vicar Luke's Beacon Article

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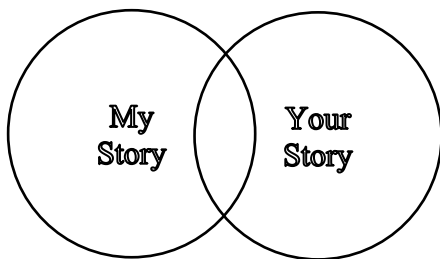
* Information on the Meatball
Supper

*Faith on the Go

*And More!

A Fond Farewell

At the close of last Sunday's annual meeting, I was asked to speak and pray. I was already feeling reflective, knowing that I am entering my final month of service here at Bethesda. I spoke of our lives as stories and, to help us visualize our stories, I spoke of stories as circles. My story and your story overlapped for 6 months.



That overlap of my story and your story now becomes our story! No matter what happens next, we will always have our story. I know that our story shapes and guides me as I enter into the next chapter of my story. I do hope that you can say the same. Bethesda, you have so many stories – stories that you have shaped, like those of former pastors, vicars, congregation members, and so many of those to whom you have shown the light of Christ. There are also thousands of

stories that have shaped you, take some time to reflect on your long history if you don't believe me.

There is, of course, another story: God's story. We are all a part of God's story. I take great comfort in that. Remember your story, our story and, most wonderfully, God's ever-expanding story. God's story is unfolding all around us and we are all major characters in that story. Never forget that. You are so beloved by God that you have been given center stage in God's epic story of love, grace, and mercy.

So, thank you Bethesda. Thank you for allowing me to be a part of your story. Thank you for building our story together. I will continue watching as your story continues to play out into the future and I will always carry *our story* in my heart. God bless you and keep you my friends.



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February 23rd will be Vicar Luke's last service with us. Please bring a dish to share for our Farewell potluck.

There will be a potluck immediately after service to thank him for the time he has been with us and to wish him well as he continues his ministry journey.

If you have any questions please call Linda Newlon at 879-6274.

2020 Members of Bethesda Church Council

*President – Lynn Beatty

*Vice President –Frank Curtiss

*Secretary - Linda Newlon

*Stacy Colich, Treasurer

Dave Beatty

Deb Davis

Jane Joki

Bethany Leseman

**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.*

Financial Update			
Year-to-date ending 12/31/2019			
	Actual	Budget	Over/(Under) Budget
Envelope giving	102362.00	107000.00	(4638.00)
Non-pledged income	14023.18	12720.00	1303.18
TOTAL INCOME	116385.18	119720.00	(3334.82)
Salaries/Compensation	74266.17	92434.00	(18167.83)
General Office Expenses	9144.87	10505.01	(1360.14)
Utilities	10375.37	11400.00	(1024.63)
Other Expenses	1267.98	3820.00	(2552.02)
Benevolence Expenses	2047.24	2140.00	(92.76)
Evangelism Expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00
Property Expenses	1716.88	1600.00	116.88
Social Ministry	324.00	350.00	(26.00)
Stewardship Expenses	0.00	150.00	(150.00)
Worship Expenses	2390.68	1875.00	515.68
CYFM Expenses	1849.76	2295.00	(445.24)
TOTAL EXPENSES	103382.95	126569.01	(23186.06)
Net Income	13002.23	(6849.01)	19851.24
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.			



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

Herbert Chilstrom, first ELCA presiding bishop, dies at 88

Herbert W. Chilstrom, 88, the first presiding bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), died Jan. 19 at his home in Green Valley, Ariz. He was born in Litchfield, Minn., on Oct. 18, 1931.

He is survived by his wife of 65 years, Corinne (Hansen), also a Lutheran pastor; a daughter, Mary Cress of Mesa, Ariz.; and a son, Christopher Holt of Baltimore; and four sisters, Winnifred Christenson of Robbinsdale, Minn.; Virginia Francis of Pickens, S.C.; Martha (Charles) Anderson of Ashby, Minn.; and Janet (Frederick) Sickert of West Linn, Ore. Chilstrom completed academic degrees at Augsburg University, Augustana Seminary, the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago, Princeton Seminary, and New York University, where he earned a doctor of education degree.

He served Lutheran congregations in Pelican Rapids, Elizabeth and St. Peter, Minn. He was professor and dean at Luther College, Teaneck, N.J., from 1962-1970. In 1976 he was elected bishop of the Minnesota Synod of the Lutheran

Church in America (LCA). At the 1987 merger that created the 5.2-million-member ELCA, he was elected the first presiding bishop.

Chilstrom was awarded 15 honorary doctorates by 15 colleges, universities and seminaries. He was named a Commander of the Royal Order of the North Star by King Carl Gustav IV of Sweden, received the Pope John XXIII award from Viterbo College, the Servus Dei Award from the ELCA, as well as numerous other honors and awards.

Chilstrom served on numerous boards of directors, including vice president of the Lutheran World Federation, Geneva, Switzerland; Luther Seminary, St. Paul, Minn.; Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota; Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter, Minn.; the National Council of Churches and others.

He also authored numerous books and articles.

After retirement he continued to be active in church and community, preaching and lecturing in many parts of the country. He became a Minnesota Master Gardener, volunteering and serving as interim director at the Linnaeus Arboretum at Gustavus Adolphus College.

The family prefers that memorial gifts be given to the Herbert Chilstrom Chair in New Testament Studies at the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago, or to one of the Chilstrom Student Scholarship Funds at Luther

Seminary; Augsburg University,
Minneapolis; Gustavus Adolphus
College, or Concordia College,
Moorhead, Minn.



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 February Baptismal Birthdays

Carol Beckstrom,

Johanna Bernu, Karter Davis, Kenzie Davis, Kenley Olson, Anna Kiehl, Lori Bunge, Alena Wallin, Cora Ostby, Kristin Davis, Gregory Emerson, Randy Schmitz, Amber Despot, Virginia Erikson, Brock House, Brianna Despot, Alice Kloepfer, Jennifer Redowl, Deborah Johnson, Carol Chalberg, Austin Davis, & Rebecca House



Our sympathy and prayers to the family of Allan Karki Sr., William Obst, Eleanor Jania & Rex E. Anderson. God gives us hope and strength in the promise of the resurrection in Christ.



Thank you to wonderful Bethesda for the prayers, cards, food, everything. We appreciate it so much!

Sharon Bragge & Family

Thank you to everyone who donated to the winter clothing drive sponsored by United Way. In the end, we collected 43 items at the Bethesda drop site. Everyone deserves clean, like new clothing that they can be proud of. So prior to bringing in the items, I took them home, laundered them, tightened buttons, and repaired any loose stitching/seams. Unfortunately, due to condition, there were a couple items that could not be donated.

Items donated:

5 fleece jackets or pull-overs

6 scarves

3 hats

2 pairs of socks

8 adult/teen size sweaters

2 child size snow pants

1 child size puffer vest

5 child size jackets

9 adult/teen size coats (women's XS to Big and Tall men's sizes)

I received the following hand-written note:

"Thank you so much for collecting coats & winter gear for Operation Community Connect! We really appreciate your help! Thank you, The United Way Board of Directors"

Social Ministry

Social Ministry will be hosing coffee on February 9th in support of the Adult and Teen Challenge.



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.



Heart to Heart
Saturday February 8th
9:30am-11:30

Queen of Peace Catholic Church
102 4th St. Cloquet
Please RSVP by contacting Bonnie
Chapman 218-499-8003,

Or Karen Raisanen text 218-731-1303
More information on Community bulletin board in the entryway.

Faith on the Go

Pray

Spirit of God, teach us to be gracious, loving and forgiving everyone we meet. Teach us to be grateful, giving thanks for the good gifts in our lives. Teach us to be generous, giving to others out of our own wants and needs. Amen.

Connect

Talk about your highs and lows for the day!

Bible

Matthew 5:13-20 – Salt and Light/The Law and the Prophets

Day 1

Matthew 5:13

Make a list of your favorite salty foods. What would they be like without salt? What does it mean for us to be the salt of the world? What happens when your food is too salty? Can we be too salty in the world?

Day 2

Matthew 5:14-15

Re-write verse 15 in your own words. Why do you think the idea of a light being covered or placed on a stand is such a powerful image for us?

Day 3

Matthew 5:16

Try to describe light to each other. Is it easy or difficult? In the same way, is it easier to show someone your faith through your actions or to try to describe it?

Day 4

Matthew 5:17-18

What are laws and why are they important? Scribes and Pharisees accused Jesus of wanting to abolish the law. Why would life without laws be difficult or even dangerous?

Day 5

Matthew 5:19:20

Read Matthew 7:12. What do you think Jesus is encouraging us to do?

Bless

May the Holy Spirit descend upon you.



Upcoming VLM Events: **Camper Rejuves**

**Jr. High Rejuve (grades 7-9) -
February 21-22, 2020 at Camp
Vermilion**

**Elementary Rejuve (grades 3-6)-
March 6-7, 2020 – Camp Hiawatha**

**Elementary Rejuve (grades 3-6)-
March 13-14, 2020– Camp
Vermilion**

Camper Rejuves are a great way to get back to camp during the school year, or to check out camp for the upcoming summer! You'll get your camp fix on this 23 hour overnight - games, campfire, songs, friends, learning, and of course, great camp food.

Cost: \$50 per camper. *A \$15 non-refundable deposit is due with your registration. Churches are welcome to register as a group, with a deposit to hold your spots. (One adult leader is free with every 8 campers when coming with a church group)*

When: Registration begins at 7:00 p.m. on Friday and the program ends following supper on Saturday (about 6:00 p.m.). More information will be sent to all registered campers.

Space for these retreats is limited so we encourage you to register early. To register, please call the camp office at (800) 331-5148 or VLM@vlmcamp.org



Bethesda Lutheran Church Annual Swedish Meatball Supper

Menu

**Swedish Meatballs w/Gravy,
Mashed Potatoes, Rutabagas, Vegetable, Homemade
Bread, Cole Slaw - Relish Tray
Desserts (including) Fruit Soup & Rice Pudding**

Saturday, February 8th

Serving 2:30 - 5:30pm

Adults.....\$10

Children 5 to 10.....\$5

Children under 5 Free

204 5th Street

Carlton, MN

Take out available - Tickets at the Door

Pre-sale tickets available from members of

Bethesda Lutheran Church

February 2020

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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2 9am Worship Sunday Story Time 10:15am Coffee Fellowship Sing 'N Play 6:30pm Bible Study	3	4 9am Making Mats for the Homeless 6:00pm Al-Anon Meeting	5 12:30pm Staff Meeting 5:30pm Community Meal 6pm Worship 6pm 10 th Grade Confirmation	6 1pm Jam Group 3:15pm Children, Youth, Family & Ed. Meeting	7 11am Men's Bible Study	8 2:30pm Swedish Meatball Supper
9 Social Ministry~ Adult & Teen Challenge 9am Worship Sunday Story Time 10:15am Coffee/ Fellowship Sing 'N Play 6:30pm Bible Study	10	11 9am Making Mats for the Homeless 6:00pm Al-Anon Meeting Council Meeting	12 5:30pm Community Meal Bishop Tom's Visitation	13	 Valentine's Day 11am Men's Bible Study	15 Beacon Deadline
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February Volunteers

9:00

Greeters

- 2. Cheryl Ankrum
- 9. Bob & Marnie Emerson
- 16. Theresa Vick
- 23. Ginny Korte-Castle

Ushers

- 2. Jon Kolb & Ryan Swanson
- 9. Paula & Noah Olsen
- 16. Debby Johnson & Paul Carpenter
- 23. Dave & Lynn Beatty

Lay Readers

- 2. Pat Durkee
- 9. Cheryl Ankrum
- 16. Bethany Leseman
- 23. Renae House

Communion Assistants

- 2. Bethany Leseman & Pat Durkee
- 9. JoAnn Gustafson & Renae House
- 16. Cookie Jaakola & Janice Dahl
- 23. Lynn & Dave Beatty

Acolytes

- 2. Anna Bong
- 9. Lucas Radtke
- 16. Ethan Krone
- 23. Nixon Mitchell

Communion Prep & Clean

- 2. Renee Kesty (P & C)
- 9. Linda Newlon (P & C)
- 16. Pat Durkee (P & C)
- 23. Ryan Swanson(P)
Bethany Leseman (C)

Counters

- 2. Lynn Beatty & Lorna Bryant
- 9. Linda Newlon & Gene Bryant
- 16. Bethany Leseman & Gladys Sievert
- 23. Chris Mitchell & Janice Dahl

Coffee Servers

- 2. Linda's Group
- 9. Social Ministry
- 16. Pat's Group
- 23. Renae's Group

March Volunteers

9:00

Greeters

1. Jon & Sheri Kolb
8. Paula & Noah Olsen
15. Janice Dahl
22. Jane Joki
29. Debby Johnson

Ushers

1. Paul Carpenter & Mary Saarela
8. Lew Castle & Ginny Korte-Castle
15. Des Holm & Jon Kolb
22. Ryan Swanson & Pat Durkee
29. JoAnn Gustafson & Debby Johnson

Lay Readers

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

Communion Assistants

1. Linda Newlon & Mary Saarela
8. Bethany Leseman & Pat Durkee
15. JoAnn Gustafson & Cheryl Ankrum
22. Bethany Leseman & Cheryl Ankrum
29. Marlys McKinstry & Janice Dahl

Acolytes

1. Nixon Mitchell
8. Anna Bong
15. Lucas Radtke
22. Ethan Krone
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29. Ryan Swanson (P)
Bethany Leseman (C)

Counters

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

Coffee Servers

1. Jean's Group
8. Lorna's Group
15. Social Ministry
22. Jeannette's Group
29. Dawn's Group

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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

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our website at bethesdacarlton.org
or if you would like to have it mailed
or emailed to you please contact the
office.*

