



The Bethesda Beacon

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

... know the hope
to which he has
called you.

EPHESIANS 1:18, NIV

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Article

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*And More!



At Confirmation time each year we ask the students to write

Proclamations of Faith in which they explain what their thoughts are about their faith and God at this point in their lives.

They are given a guide of five questions to help them formulate their beliefs. I thought it would be fun to also write one of my own, reflecting on my beliefs about my faith at this moment.

Here's what came to mind based on those questions:

1) Is your faith in God right now strong or important or confusing, etc.? Describe what you mean. Be honest (this is where you're at. It's not a test.)

a) My faith in God right now is full of hope. Life may not always be going the way I would like it to, but I know that I am not alone on the journey. There are many unfortunate things happening in the world today, yet I am confident that this isn't all there is to life. I'm confident that God has a different plan than for us to endure the hardships of this life. That's what keeps me going every day.

2) How do you experience the presence and love of God?

a) I experience the presence and love of God through the children of this congregation. They have a passion to be in worship, and they are engaged in their learning and discipleship. They don't judge and they are always kind.

We could learn a lot about God by engaging with our youth.

3) What is the role that worship, prayer, and fellowship play in your Christian life?

a) Worship is crucial for my life as a Christian, although I wish that I had more time to worship. I may be in worship every Sunday, but I don't always get the same effect of it like I would if I was simply attending a service. Worship, prayer, and fellowship connect us all -- it is impossible to be a solo Christian. We need each other in the kingdom of God.

4) Think about the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus. How does this affect your life? What does He mean to you?

a) Jesus is the person I look to for guidance about life. There are many topics in our world that Christians focus on that Jesus never did, and I like to focus on what Jesus said and what he did in his life. This includes reaching out to those in need, welcoming the stranger, and healing people. And it is through his death and resurrection that we can be confident of God's love for us. But the cross is also a reminder that Jesus also suffered. He knows what pain and hurt are, and yet God turns that sorrow into joy. God works through unexpected means.

5) Find a Bible verse or passage that you like. Why is it important to you?

a) Romans 8:38-39 -- It's always a great reminder to me that absolutely nothing in this world can take me away from the love of God in Christ Jesus. Nothing I say, nothing I do, nothing that happens in this world. God has claimed me in my baptism and has called me blessed. This claim is freeing and allows me to no longer worry about my sin and my place in God's kingdom, but instead allows me to look toward my neighbor and focus on their needs and showing them the love of God that I have received myself.

See, these questions aren't too hard -- I encourage you to try and write a proclamation of faith yourself! Maybe once a year or so check in with these questions and see how your faith has evolved over time. Faith is not stagnant; situations in life will challenge your faith or make it stronger, and it's always nice to check in with yourself and see where your beliefs lie. Remember there are no wrong answers in faith; only that you believe and are open and listening to God working in your life!

BETHESDA HIGHWAY CLEANUP

Tuesday May 21st, volunteers for the Bethesda Highway Cleanup are asked to meet at the church at 8:00 a.m.

2019 Members of Bethesda Church Council

*President – Lynn Beatty
*Vice President – Frank Curtiss
*Secretary - Linda Newlon
*Stacy Colich, Treasurer
Jason Goad
Beth Leseman
Dave Beatty
Deb Davis
Jane Joki
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 02/28/2019			
	Actual	Budget	Over/(Under) Budget
Envelope giving	15583.00	17216.00	(1633.00)
Non-pledged income	1285.39	1295.00	9.61
TOTAL INCOME	16868.39	18511.00	(1642.61)
Salaries/Compensation	13985.13	14831.97	(846.84)
General Office Expenses	1709.26	1759.18	(49.92)
Utilities	2671.27	1899.98	771.29
Other Expenses	44.50	136.68	(92.18)
Benevolence Expenses	311.66	344.32	(32.66)
Evangelism Expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00
Property Expenses	70.00	266.66	(196.66)
Social Ministry	54.00	58.34	(4.34)
Stewardship Expenses	0.00	66.66	(66.66)
Worship Expenses	1.06	215.00	(213.94)
CYFM Expenses	0.00	362.50	(362.50)
TOTAL EXPENSES	18846.88	19941.29	(1094.41)
Net Income	(1978.49)	(1430.29)	(548.20)

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.

The will be a short Congregational Meeting Sunday May 5, 2019 immediately following the service for the purpose of voting on the recommendation from the Endowment Committee to designate \$21,000 from the Perpetual Fund to support the kitchen remodel which would cover approximately half of the estimated expenses.

Men & Women of Bethesda:
JOIN US every Wednesday at 9am at the Brickyard restaurant in Wrenshall for conversation and fellowship!



Happy Mother's Day May 12th to all mothers and those who fill mothering roles!

Save the Date:
DayCamp, FKA VBS,
August 5th-9th

God's Work, Our Hands
September 8th, 2019

While you are garage saleing this summer... baby items needed - gowns/sleepers, baby blankets-material crocheted or knitted with light weight yarn 52" sq., 6-18 mo. T-shirts, sweaters, jackets, sweats



MEMORIAL DAY

We take time to remember many loved ones during this weekend, including our service men and women. Please take time in prayer to remember families who are in grief. Also, if you are traveling on this weekend, begin with prayer. Please take extra care in your travels on this busy weekend.

Member News



Celebrating May Baptismal Birthdays:

Joyce Cerny, Alaina Kiehl, Colleen Bernu, Wes Buscko, Kane Desjardins, Karson Desjardins, James Hongisto, Beth Towslee, Devan Towslee, Willow Towslee, Judy Lindquist, Jaiden Soukkala,

KariAnn Desjardins, Garrett Beatty-Christiansen, Paige Dittberner, Lucas Radtke, Alecia Radtke, Mason Radtke, Kayla Radtke, Phillip Johnson, Jared Stirewalt, Cody Martin, Jackson Radtke, Nicholas Radtke, Tayler Ostby, Janice Dahl, Flaxxen Kincade, Jacquelyn Gunderson, Kylee Crisp, Casey Marciniak, Cheryl Ankrum & Audrey Kavanaugh



Our deepest sympathy & prayers to Gordy & Lil Davis & Family. Lil's brother Jerome Bayliss passed away March 13th, 2019.



Senior Recognition and Blessing May 19, 2019

Natalie Lijewski Cloquet Senior High
Nevada Jo McCorison-MNVA
Jayden Swanson Carlton High School
Alena Wallin Carlton High School

Confirmation May 12th

Congratulations to the following students who will participate in Confirmation; Alex Despot, Colin Emerson, Kristian Herman, Brock House & Michael Lijewski.

4th Graders Prayer Class

Learning to use prayer in your life.

Classes:

Wednesday nights at 5:30pm. Meals provided. May 8, 15, 22, and 29.

Family Prayer Retreat:

Wednesday, May 29, 2019.

2019 Synod Assembly: May 3-4

DECC, Duluth



This year's Voting Members are Lori Bunge & Ginny Korte-Castle. 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 Marketplace ideas are:

Liturgical items: Baptismal gowns, Baptismal quilt/blanket, Clergy crosses, Faith chests, Clergy Stoles
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

Social Ministry



Social Ministry will be hosting coffee on **May 19th** for the 23rd Veteran.

WELCA



Heart to Heart

Sat, May 18th

9:30am – 11:30am Zion Lutheran Church, 1000 Washington Ave, Cloquet

Thank you to all who participated in the Pie Social; those who donated pies and worked at the event and a special thank you to all those who came and enjoyed the pie and made donations. Your generosity helped to raise \$1131 toward a new refrigerator!

Children, Youth, Family & Ed.

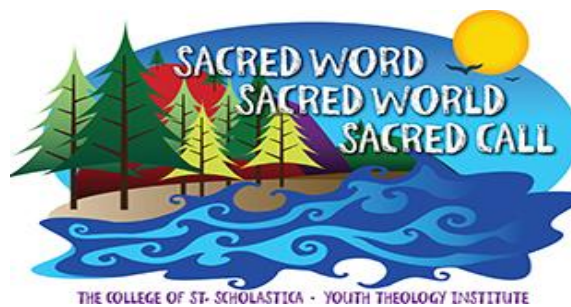
May Storytime Schedule:

May 5th – Storytime in gathering space

May 12th – Storytime in gathering space

May 19th – Video with Congregation

May 26th – Video with Congregation



Greetings from the northland!

We are writing you today, because an institution such as yours does a lot to develop intelligent and engaged students - the exact type of students we recruit for our institute.

Below is a brief synopsis of what we have to offer at the St. Scholastica Youth Theology Institute.

Please don't hesitate to email me with any questions you might have.

Students are encouraged to apply by April 1st in order to get a spot, but we will happily take late applications.

goyeti@css.edu

Youth Theology Institute

Sacred Word, Sacred World, Sacred Call is a leadership development and spiritual formation program for high school youth. On the shores of Lake Superior, students will gain a toolkit of theological and spiritual resources that will aid in exploring their passions, gifts and calls. This experience will help them think in a new way about how their gifts can influence and impact their place in the world.

Small groups. Prayer and worship. Service learning. Conversations with wisdom figures. Ropes course and wilderness

experience... Invite students to strengthen their faith, develop skills for theological and scriptural exploration, reflect on their callings to leadership, ministry and service.

Students will grow in their appreciation for the interconnected web of life and their responsibilities as stewards of creation. All of this within a diverse community of learners that fosters understanding of what students will do with “their one wild and precious life.”

When: July 11th-20th

Where: College of St. Scholastica

Who: Students 15-18 rising sophomores through seniors

Need-based scholarships are available to cover registration costs.

For applications and more information contact: Barbara LeGarde,
Coordinator goyeti@css.edu or
218-723-6349

More information on scholarships can be found at css.edu/goyeti



Pray

Risen Christ, come and share a meal with us! Fill us with your love, mercy, grace, and understanding so that we might share those gifts with the world. Amen.

Connect

How was Jesus with you today?
How were you with Jesus today?

Bible

John 21:1-19—Jesus Appears to Seven Disciples

Chat Day 1

John 21:1-3

What do you think it was like for the disciples to go back to their job of fishing after their time with Jesus?
How do you think it felt to not have Jesus right there with them anymore?

Day 2

John 21:4-8

The disciples are learning a new way of seeing and being with Jesus. How do we remind ourselves that Jesus is with us?

Day 3

John 21:9-12

What other times do we know of Jesus eating with disciples? How is this like Jesus showing up in the communion meal today?

Day 4

John 21:13-14

What other times do we know of Jesus appearing to the disciples? Jesus appears in the regular activities of life: eating, working, gathering together. How do you think of Jesus appearing to you in everyday life?

Day 5

John 21:15-19

Jesus asks Peter to follow him to show his love. We are also asked to follow Jesus. What does this look like for

you? Think of three tangible things you can do tomorrow to follow Jesus.

Bless

*Share the sign of the cross with one another and say: **Christ is Risen!**
Christ is Risen indeed! Alleluia!*

New Wine Presents....



Join us for an unforgettable evening

Coffee House

Wednesday - Sunday, May 1 - 5 ~ 7:00 pm

Zion Lutheran Church

\$12 ~ Tickets on sale from any New Wine member, the Zion Church office, or online at <https://newwine.ludus.com>

Godspell
Is presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI).
All authorized performance materials are also supplied by MTI.
www.MTIShows.com



May Volunteers

9:00

Greeters

- 5. Janice Dahl
- 12. Debby Johnson
- 19. Jane Joki
- 26. Lynn & Dave Beatty

Ushers

- 5. Dave & Lynn Beatty
- 12. Sharon Bragge & Des Holm
- 19. Paul Carpenter & Pat Durkee
- 26. Stacy Colich & JoAnn Gustafson

Lay Readers

- 5. Linda Newlon
- 12. Paul Carpenter
- 19. Wendy Mitchell
- 26. Pat Durkee

Communion Assistants

- 5. Mary Saarela & Pat Durkee
- 12. Bethany Leseman & Stacy Colich
- 19. JoAnn Gustafson & Renae House
- 26. Cookie Jaakola & Janice Dahl

Acolytes

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

Communion Prep & Clean

- 5. Renee Kesty (P & C)
- 12. Sharon Bragge (P) Jane Joki (C)
- 19. Linda Newlon (P & C)
- 26. Mary Saarela (P & C)

Counters

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

Coffee Servers

- 5. Renae's Group
- 12. Jean's Group
- 19. Social Ministry
- 26. Beth'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.

June Volunteers

9:00

Greeters

- 2. Paul Carpenter
- 9. Sharon Bragge
- 16. Mary Saarela
- 23. Craig & Desi Holm
- 30. Marv & Pat Durkee

Ushers

- 2. Lew Castle & Ginny Korte-Castle
- 9. Jon Kolb & Ryan Swanson
- 16. Paula & Noah Olsen
- 23. Frank & Jackie Curtiss
- 30. Sharon Bragge & Debby Johnson

Lay Readers

- 2. Stacy Colich
- 9. Bethany Leseman
- 16. Renae House
- 23. Ginny Korte-Castle
- 30. Wendy Mitchell

Communion Assistants

- 2. Dave & Lynn Beatty
- 9. Linda Newlon & Sharon Bragge
- 16. Mary Saarela & Pat Durkee
- 23. Bethany Leseman & Stacy Colich
- 30. John & Jude Holden

Acolytes

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

Communion Prep & Clean

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

Counters

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

Coffee Servers

- 2. Jeannette's Group
- 9. Dawn's Group
- 16. Lil's Group
- 23. Cary's Group
- 30. Rusty's Group

May 2019

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1 5:30pm Community Meal 10 th Grade Prepares Proclamation of Faith Statement 6:30pm Worship	2 1pm Jam Group	3 Synod Assembly 11am Men's Bible Study	4 Synod Assembly
5 Synod Assembly 9am Worship Sunday Story Time 10:15am Congregational Mtg Sing "N Play Children, Youth, Family, Ed. Mtg	6	7 9am Mats for the Homeless 6:00pm Al-Anon Meeting	8 5:30pm Community Meal 4 th Grade Prayer Class 6:30pm Worship	9	10 11am Men's Bible Study	11 2pm Agape Meal Prep 5:30pm Agape Meal
12 Confirmation Mother's Day 9am Worship Sunday Story Time 10:15am Coffee/ Fellowship Sing "N Play	13	14 Kettle River Conference 9am Mats for the Homeless 6:00pm Al-Anon Meeting Council	15 Beacon Deadline 5:30pm Community Meal 4 th Grade Prayer Class 6:30pm Worship	16 1pm Jam Group	17 11am Men's Bible Study	18 11am Fellowship Hall In Use~ Jeziarski Family
19 Social Ministry~ 23 rd Veteran Senior Recognition 9am Worship 10:15am Coffee/ Fellowship Sing "N Play	20	21 8am Highway Clean-Up 9am Mats for the Homeless 6:00pm Al-Anon Meeting	22 5:30pm Community Meal 4 th Grade Prayer Class 6:30pm Worship	23	24 11am Men's Bible Study	25
26 9am Worship 10:15am Coffee/ Fellowship Sing "N Play	27 Memorial Day	28 9am Mats for the Homeless 6:00pm Al-Anon Meeting	29 5:30pm Community Meal 4 th Grade Prayer Class 6:30pm Worship	30 1pm Jam Group	31 11am Men's Bible Study	

Upcoming VLM Events:

Mark your calendars and rally the members of your congregation for Camp Hiawatha and Camp Vermilion Work Days! They are a time to prepare the sites for our summer camping season and we can't do that without your help!

2019 Work Day dates:

Camp Hiawatha - April 27

Camp Vermilion - May 18

8:00 - 9:30 - Registration with rolls and coffee available

8:30 - 12:30 - The work happens!

12:30 - Lunch

1:30 - The work continues for as long as people are able to stay.

A list of specific projects and goals for 2019 at Hiawatha or Vermilion is available by contacting the camp office. Additional details on each day will be mailed to VLM member congregations in April. If you have suggestions

or ideas about doing a specific project, please contact the VLM

Office at (800) 331-5148 or email vlm@vlmcamps.org

Family Overnight

Join us Friday night for dinner at 6:30 with games, campfire, and fellowship in the evening. After breakfast on Saturday, explore the camps on your own or join in on Work Day as we get our camps ready for the summer.

Open to youth groups also! This is a great opportunity to introduce new friends to camp – especially if the camper (or camper parent) is nervous about being away from home this summer. ***This event is free if you help with work day. \$50 per family if you are unable to stay.***

Friday, April 26 – Saturday, April 27 at Camp Hiawatha (RSVP by April 23)

Friday, May 17 – Saturday, May 18 at Camp Vermilion (RSVP by May 15)

Register by calling the VLM Office or sending an **email** today!