

**August Bell Echoes
Bethesda Lutheran Church**



SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

SUNDAY 9:00am *Traditional Worship Service*
WEDNESDAY 6:30pm *Contemporary Worship Service*

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Monday-Thursday August 6-9 9:00am-12:30pm *VBS*

Tuesday August 14 6:00am-10:00pm *Primary Election*

Wednesday August 15 4:00pm-8:00pm *Neighborhood Parking Lot Celebration*

Wednesday September 5 6:30pm *Choir Rehearsal Begins*

Saturday September 8 11:00am *Bethesda BOOYA*

From Pastor Maggie

August already? How can this be? Summer is flying by. Next week here at Bethesda we have Vacation Bible School and the Neighborhood Parking Lot Party and Picnic is the week after VBS on Wednesday August 15th. Soon it will be State Fair time and shortly after that children, teachers and school staff will be back to school. The week of September 16th we will resume Sunday school, confirmation classes and choir. This got me thinking. You know how teachers often ask their students on their return to the classroom what they did on their summer vacation? Well I am curious not only about what you did on your summer vacation but also where you saw God this summer.

I am thinking we should celebrate the blessings we received during the summer months and welcome in the fall season on Sunday September 23 which is the first day of Fall. So start thinking and gathering your thoughts and photographs and email them to the church office attention Kay. You can also drop them off at the church office.

We will also be saying good-bye to Jacob as he leaves both of his positions as director of youth ministry and contemporary music leader. I have enjoyed and been blessed to work with Jacob this year and I know the congregation (especially the kids) will miss him. We have been blessed to have Jacob who is a young man who loves God with his whole being, is faithful in his prayer life and is one of the most compassionate people I know. Please let Jacob know what you have appreciated about his ministry and look for the email letting you know when his farewell celebration will be.

Personnel and myself are in the process of determining how and who will be filling the two positions vacated by Jacob. I am hopeful that we will have someone in the youth position by September but not yet sure how to address our contemporary music situation. Trying to find someone who will both lead the congregational music and practice with lay people to form a band at the salary we can afford might prove to be difficult. We will be posting the position soon and we will have to wait and see. Worship times for this year will remain the same as the previous two years - 9 am traditional worship and 10:30 contemporary.

Speaking of staff – have you noticed what a great job our new custodian Bonita is doing? It has been a rough eight months without Lee. We are still grieving his death and miss not only his custodial skills but all he was and did outside of his staff position for our Bethesda faith community. We will never replace Lee as our brother in Christ. We needed time and space before filling the position of custodian permanently and it was worth the wait. Bonita is energetic, enthusiastic, has amazing skills and an incredible work ethic. In the one month that she has been working our building not only looks good but smells good! If you get a chance to talk with her make sure you let her know that you appreciate all she does.

To come full circle with how I began this article I will end with a prayer exercise to help you identify or recall the blessings you have received from God this summer.

1. What you will need – phone or camera; paper and pencil/pen.
2. Go to a location that is a summer place. A place you spend time at in the warm months. Maybe your cabin; a park; a chair by an open window; in your garden; climb a tree (I'm thinking kids here but who know?).

3. Ask God to be present with in the place you are at.
4. Look at all the pictures you took this summer. If you did not take any pictures use your memory and imagination to see snap shots of your summer.
5. Write your thoughts about where God has been with you this past summer. You can just randomly write your thoughts or you could try writing a poem, story or song. You could also draw a picture or do a piece of art work that reflects God's presence.
6. Thank God for this season of growth.



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"My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me."
John 10:27

GREETINGS WOMEN OF BETHESDA

Hello Ladies,

One more month until summer is over. We are hoping you have had an enjoyable one. Time now to gear up for the coming new year.

Renee DeSchane and Jane Walker

UPCOMING EVENTS

Fall Kickoff Dinner
Tuesday September 11 at 6:00 pm.
More information to follow.

Book Club
Will resume in September. Books will be available in August.

SE Women's Cluster Meeting
More information to follow.

Coffee BREAK!
Fair Trade Coffee is ordered by the Women of Bethesda and is used on Sunday mornings as well as all other Bethesda events. If you would like to purchase some coffee it is available in the lounge.

Contact Information

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Womenofbethesda@gmail.com



REGULARLY SCHEDULED EVENTS

Wednesday Morning Bible Study

We will be taking August and September off. We will resume again October 10th.

Women's Evening Bible Study

We are currently studying the "Bad Girls of the Bible" by Liz Curtis Higgs. We meet every two weeks studying one "Bad Girl" (chapter) each time. We will meet July 30, Aug. 13, 27 & Sept. 10, Starting in the Fall we will move back to Wednesday evenings.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

September
Fall Kickoff - Sept. 11

October
Movie Night

November
Boutique - Nov. 10

December
Advent Event

Women's Ministry Board Members

Co presidents:
Renee Deshane
Jane Walker

Co-vice presidents:

Secretary:
Naomi Dorau

Treasurer:
Jennifer Tiedman

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Naomi Dorau
Sharon Stanefski

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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

"SUPER HEROES for CHRIST"

Monday, August 6th – Thursday 9th, 2018

9:00am – 12:30 pm

Note: Wednesday will be Water day—kids should bring/wear swimsuits, towels in bags labeled with their names –please label dry clothes as well.

Ages 3 years to 5th Grade
Registration Deadline July 27th



\$10 individual donation \$15 family donation (checks to Bethesda Lutheran Church)

Register online

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfVvK8Ywi8JcQK4taqT4TeWkSBYouVEdYJZxYYr2Hiwg7EbCQg/viewform?usp=sf_link

Be sure to include your email address on the registration so you will hear more about this exciting week!



Call the church office for registration information
2855 47th St. East, IGH, 55076
651-451-1355
www.bethesdalutheranchurch.org



Bethesda Missions

ILAG Guatemalan Mission

Neighbor's Inc.

Feed My Starving Children

Mission Trip Scholarship Fund

Come invite neighbor's and friends...



Bethesda Neighborhood Parking Lot Party and Picnic

Wednesday, August 15th!

4:00-8:00pm

Free Food----Free Food----Free Food

Come join us to celebrate our neighbors, our new parking lot and our mission of extending God's love. **PLAN TO SHARE THE FUN:** grilling food, playing games, bike and wagon parade, **LIVE BAND**, servicing the community and enjoying each other. *Bring your children or grandchildren for bouncy fun in an inflatable bouncy house!!!*

Bring nonperishable food items to donate to Neighbor's and help package laundry soap kits to give out at Neighbor's Food Shelf.

Building Lives in Christ

Bethesda
Lutheran Church

YOU'RE INVITED

TO A NEIGHBORHOOD PARKING LOT

Party and Picnic

FREE FOOD BOUNCY HOUSE
LIVE MUSIC BIKE/WHEELS PARADE
GAGA PIT OBSTACLE COURSE
AND SO MUCH MORE

Wednesday August 15th

4-8PM

Bethesda Church | 2855 47th St E
Inver Grove Heights | 651-451-1355

We will provide fun supplies to decorate your bike/trike/stroller/wheelchair/etc. for our parade and obstacle course. ** In case of rain, activities will be in the church building **



As much as I hate to think about it, summer's end is fast approaching. With that church programs will be gearing up and be off ad running. One of those is choir and we are seeking new members. You have noticed that our numbers have dwindled and we would be happy to have you. We especially altos and sopranos. If you would like to give choir a try please talk to me or any choir member. We will begin rehearsals on Wednesday Sept.5 from 6:30-7:30.

Thanks in advance for considering this great opportunity. I also want to thank all that provided special music this summer. Your talents were enjoyed by all.

Always keep music in your soul.

Ann Siegel

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Treasurer's Report

June, 2018

Report explanation: This report is split into three sections. The largest section on the left lists the month end balances for all funds, including the general fund. The top section on the right is the Statement of Activities report that shows the income and expense activity for the general fund categories. The bottom box on the right lists the liabilities, currently consisting of the monthly payroll withholding, the renovation mortgage balance and the Tax Assessment loan with the Thoring Fund.

Please contact Gary Johnson with any questions.

All Funds	Balance
General Fund	
Capital	24,857.82
Mortgage Reduction	2,942.69
Sunday School	682.37
Altar Flowers Fund In/Out	21.24
Dedicated Memorial	3,245.00
Undedicated Memorial	45.00
Garden Party	148.56
Special Appeals In/Out	(157.87)
Wedding	140.00
Vacation Bible School	0.00
Contemporary Choir	855.00
Bethesda Resource Center	584.74
Bible Fund	200.00
Choir	1,307.88
Youth Mission Trip	898.45
Youth Faith Based Activities	1,096.02
Youth Camp Travel Fund	1,676.66
Timmy Autey Camp Scholarship	3,170.96
Christian Care Fund	300.00
Men's Club	54.00
Parish Nurse	692.00
Smores (Outreach)	3,033.77
Financial University Fund	201.96
Paul & Agnes Thoring Endowed Fund	66,071.39
Missions	2,886.50
Tech Team	344.65
Mission Trip Scholarship - ILAG	3,475.44
Mission Trip Scholarship - Youth	862.01
Sidewalk Fund	423.88
New Sign Fund	7,026.00
Lenten Supper	0.00
Total All Funds	\$ 127,086.12

Statement of Activities	May	Year-To-Date
Income:		
Envelopes	\$ 10,131.39	\$ 81,545.34
Loose	212.01	1,570.40
Adopt-A-Bill	0.00	143.10
Other General Fund	204.72	1,804.88
Thrivent Dollars	0.00	939.00
Preschool Rent	1,163.50	6,981.00
Fund Raisers	0.00	2,497.78
Coffee Fund	63.00	582.22
Total General Fund Income:	\$ 11,774.62	\$ 96,063.72
Expenses:		
Salary Expense	\$ 11,890.15	\$ 74,279.50
Non-Salary General & Administrative	1,019.23	6,826.39
Property	3,640.02	28,583.34
Worship And Music	116.58	750.90
Education	46.00	92.00
Youth	0.00	692.50
Smores	0.00	0.00
Stewardship	0.00	0.00
ELCA Mission Support	0.00	0.00
Camp Wapogasset	0.00	0.00
Total General Fund Expenses:	\$ 16,711.98	\$ 111,224.63

Liabilities	Balance
Payroll Withholding	\$ 1,673.32
Thrivent Financial Mortgage	416,949.80
Thoring Loan (Tax Assessment)	9,668.00
Total Liabilities	\$428,291.12

Average monthly income needed to make 2018 budget:	\$ 18,320.25
Current month General Fund income:	\$ 11,774.62
Average actual Year-To-Date General Fund Income:	\$ 14,048.18
Average actual Year-To-Date General Fund Expense:	\$ 15,752.11



August 2018

September Events:

September 5th 6:30pm Choir Rehearsal
 September 8th Bethesda Booya Bash

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 6:30pm Worship Service	2 10:00am Bible Study 5:00pm Executive Team 6:30pm SMORE Mtg.	3	4
5 11th Sunday of Pentecost 9:00am Worship Service*	6 9:00am-12:30pm VBS	7 9:00am-12:30pm VBS	8 9:00am-12:30pm VBS 6:30pm Worship Service	9 9:00am-12:30pm VBS	10	11 3:00pm Relay for Life
12 12th Sunday after Pentecost 9:00am Worship Service	13 6:30pm Boy Scouts 7:00pm Bible Study	14 6:00am-10:00pm Primary Election 10:00am Prayer Group	15 4:00-8:00pm NEIGHBORHOOD PARKING LOT CELEBRATION	16 10:00am Bible Study	17	18
19 13th Sunday after Pentecost 9:00am Worship Service*	20 6:30pm Boy Scouts	21 10:00am Prayer Group	22 6:30pm Worship Service	23 10:00am Bible Study 6:30pm Council Mtg	24	25
26 14th Sunday after Pentecost 9:00am Worship Service	27 6:30pm Boy Scouts 7:00pm Bible Study	28 10:00am Prayer Group	29 6:30pm Worship Service	30 10:00am Bible Study	31	



August 2018 Birthdays

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8 Dannielle Coursolle Janice Taylor	9	10 Elsie Johnson	11 Scott Rooney
12	13	14	15	16	17 Samantha Shanley	18
19 Donna Johnson Ray Morency	20	21 Martin Myhra Clarence Sharrow	22 Trent Lewis Jill Hoffmeyer	23 Karen Hemmingson David Siegel Tyler Rooney	24	25
26 David Hohle Donna Neubauer	27	28	29	30	31 Charles Fox Cynthia Sonju	

I want to thank my faith family for the cards, prayers, and good wishes during my recent knee replacement. It all went well and I'm well on the road to recovery.
Blessings to you all,
Ann Siegel

"OUR PRAYERS"

*Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction,
faithful in prayer.*

Romans 12:12



"OUR PRAYERS"

Bethesda Evangelical Lutheran Church

OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

We ask that you keep these concerns in your prayers throughout the week. Please update us by filling out the prayer cards, available at the usher's station. Bethesda's Prayer Group meets every Tuesday at 10 a.m. in the Chapel, lifting the concerns of the week before our Lord.

We pray for the community and world:

**For peace and justice throughout our world; For our leaders, who are facing important decisions and conflicts; For the unemployed and those going through financial distress; For the needed and necessary ministry among the poor. Neighbors, Inc. and Feed My Starving Children
For our sisters and brothers in the *Augustinian Lutheran Church of Guatemala* and for our companion partner congregations *Milagro de Dios*, and *Living Joy***

Prayer concerns (other than the long term care and hospice list) for the bulletin will be updated every two weeks. If you have added someone to the list and want them to remain on the list, please let Kay know during office hours.

We pray for the family and friends of:

In our "circle of friends" (with long term care needs):

Randy Bonde (husband of a friend of Renee DeSchane), Jane Walker, Donna Johnson, Naomi Dorau, Kim Burrell, John Sargent, Jane Gustafson, Tom Muraski, Tom Classen, Emily Willette, Andy Benjamin (friend of Renee and Chet DeSchane), Clarence and Lucille Sharrow, Ardie Bratten, Gloria Johnson, Ronald Willerton, Bill O'Neill, Dorothy Nelson, Kris Jore, Julie Swedberg, Emersyn Kay Johnson, Larry Krech (nephew of Fran Delia),

For those with health concerns:

Eric Petersen (son of Jim and Cheryl Petersen), Oscar Heltne, Dudley Olson (friend of Dave and Ann Siegel), Bob Reitz (uncle of Ann Siegel),

Hospice:

Marian Petersen, Carol Evenson

Prayers of Thanksgiving: