

July Bell Echoes **Bethesda Lutheran Church**



SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

SUNDAY

9:00am Traditional Worship Service

WEDNESDAY

6:30pm Contemporary Worship Service

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Wednesday, July 4

HOLIDAY

Saturday, July 7

Youth Leave on Mission Trip

Saturday, July 14

Youth Return from Mission Trip

Sunday July 22-27

Youth Bible Camp

Monday, August 6 through Thursday, August 9

Vacation Bible School "Super Heroes in Christ"

9:00am—12:30pm

Saturday, August 11

Relay for Life

Wednesday, August 15

Bethesda Neighborhood Parking Lot Celebration

(4:00-8:00pm)

Pastor Maggie and Garry will be on vacation July 2—July 16. In case of an emergency, please contact Pastor Horacio Csastillo (651-300-0855)

From Pastor Maggie –

I received in the mail the other day an invitation inviting me to a fine dining experience. I did not know who was behind the invitation other than there was a catch - I would be eating with strangers and listening to a pitch on retirement planning. Now I love a good meal at an expensive restaurant as much as anyone else – but the response to the invitation was “no thanks”. You see the group that wants me to dine with them could really care less about me as a person; they want to invest my money. This investment company does not want to have an enjoyable time with “me” they are willing to pay for my dinner so I can give them something.

Is this how we unwittingly invite people into our faith community? Do we genuinely care for the people we invite to worship or activities? Do we want to get to know our neighbors or do we want something from them? Is our invitation an invitation into a life of faith and hope?

We have such a wonderful community of faith. God is among us and moving in amazing ways in people’s life’s. I believe we are a place that has many things to offer to people who may or may not have anything to give back but need something from us – the love of God, the grace of Jesus Christ and communion with the Holy Spirit.

In the next couple of months, we have several opportunities to genuinely invite people into a life of faith. We always have worship on Sunday mornings (9a.m.) and Wednesday evenings (6:30 p.m.). Bible school is August 6-9 with a theme of Super Heroes for Christ and our parking lot bash is Wednesday August 15 4pm-8pm. Worship and the parking lot event are totally free. Bible school is \$10 a child or \$15 for a family.

Now remember a meaningful invitation does not mean handing someone a flyer, posting an invite on Facebook, texting or even casually mentioning the events time and place. An invitation means personal investment on your part. “Come with me and experience the event with me.” “Let me bring you to Bible school and introduce you to some of the adults and children who will be there.” A true invitation asks with the intention of spending time with that person and making them feel welcomed, wanted and comfortable.

Prayer experience:

Spend 5-10 minutes of quiet time for 3-5 days in a row in a quiet location.

Sit in place where you will not be disturbed.

Clear your mind by holding your palms up and imaging whatever goes through your mind in the palm of your hand.

Turn your hands over and release all the thoughts that keep you from focusing on God. Don’t judge you own thoughts let them come and be emptied.

With your palms up and emptied ask God to put into your hands someone to invite into a life of faith.

Imagine the person and pray for that person. Ask God to show you how you should invite them into a life of faith.

Do this for 3-5 days in a row. Move at some point from prayer to actual invitation!



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)

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, 16H, 55076
651-451-1355
www.bethesdalutheranchurch.org



Bethesda Missions

ILAG Guatemalan Mission
Neighbor's Inc.
Feed My Starving Children
Mission Trip Scholarship Fund

Mission Focus for July **Neighbor's Summer Meals Program**

Bethesda has signed up to serve breakfast(8:15-9:30 am) at **Kaposia Elementary school during the week of July 9th-12th(just 4 days Monday- Thursday)**. Please help by signing up for one or more days. Serving is easy. Just hand out breakfast items to students or families all while being given direction by full-time cafeteria personnel. We will need 2 servers for each day. Look for sign-up sheet on the Mission Bulletin board as you walk into the lounge area.



Bethesda Neighborhood Parking Lot Party and Picnic

Save the evening- 4:00-8:00 pm; **Wednesday, August 15th!**

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, serving the community and enjoying each other.

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

Bring your children or grandchildren for bouncy fun in an inflatable bouncy house.

Watch for more details!

Food For Friends

Meals are ready and can be signed out for giving whenever there is a need. The meals are in the Caring Corner in the library (freezer and cupboard). The entrees are packaged in servings of two. Meals could be given to anyone who could use a thoughtful gesture or a little extra help and encouragement.



JULY 2018

"I give you thanks, O lord, with all my heart;
I will sing your praises before the gods."

Psalms 138:1

GREETINGS WOMEN OF BETHESDA

Hello Ladies,

Looking forward to our coming year. Thank you to all of you who have been part of our wonderful group of women.

Psalms 138:1-3

*I give you thanks, O lord, with all my heart;
I will sing your praises before the gods. I bow before
your holy Temple as I worship. I praise your name
for your unfailing love and faithfulness; for your
promises are backed by all the honor of your name.
As soon as I pray, you answer me; you encourage
me by giving me strength.*

Renee DeSchane & Jane Walker

UPCOMING EVENTS

Coffee BREAK!

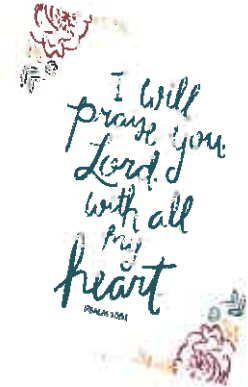
Fair Trade Coffee is ordered by the Women of Bethesda and is used on Sunday mornings as well as all other Bethesda events. If you would like to purchase some coffee it is available in the lounge.

Book Club

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

Contact Information

Renee DeSchane 612-770-8022 grandma-r@centurylink.net
Jane Walker 651-353-8666 walkermjane@gmail.com
Womenofbethesda@gmail.com



REGULARLY SCHEDULED EVENTS

Wednesday Bible study
9:30-11:00 am. Starting June 13th through July 15th. This session we will be studying "Discovering Your Spiritual Gifts". All women are invited to join us and bring a friend!

Contact Sharon Stanefski to join this group or just show up!

MARK YOUR

Watch your e-mails for future events

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Youth News at Bethesda



Youth Mission Trip

We are headed to Houston, Texas the week of July 7th through the 14th for our Youth Mission Trip. Please keep us in your prayers as we share God's love with others and the work he will lead us to do.

Youth: Jennifer Burress, Kate McCabe, Anna Watt, Laura O'Donnell, Allison Krech, Alysha Holmgren, Augustus Schussler.

Adult Leaders: Jacob Backman, Dave Hohle, Scott Burress, Jennifer McCabe



Dates to
Remember:

◆ *July 7th-14th
Youth Mission
Trip*

◆ *July 22-27 Youth
Bible Camp*

◆ *August 2018
Relay For Life*

Off to Camp!

On July 22nd we will be sending our Youth off to Camp Wapo for a week where their days will be filled with Bible study, chapel, cabin activities, free time, field games, campfire and probably even more. Please keep them in your prayers as they head off on this adventure.

Augustus Schussler, Alysha Holmgren, Jacob Monday, Daniel Delgado, Elisa McCloud, Heidi O'Donnell, Jason Rooney, Sean Rooney, Jackson Torres and Robert Torres. During this same week Jennifer Burress will be a volunteer wrangler at Ox Lake just a few miles down the road from Camp WAPO.

Relay For Life August 11, 3:00 p.m.

There is a need for the Youth to help the Bethesda Relay for Life team. Please consider coming to help with set-up and throughout the

Contact the youth team with any questions!

Jacob Backman: jacob.backman@comcast.net
Kim Burress: kburress@msn.com or 651-457-7080 or 651-260-3922

Treasurer's Report

May, 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	(\$19,313.74)
Capital	26,915.03
Mortgage Reduction	3,823.69
Sunday School	682.37
Altar Flowers Fund In/Out	21.24
Dedicated Memorial	3,220.00
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	484.76
Youth Faith Based Activities	2,018.48
Youth Camp Travel Fund	1,130.09
Timmy Autey Camp Scholarship	3,170.96
Christian Care Fund	0.00
Men's Club	54.00
Parish Nurse	692.00
Smores (Outreach)	3,033.77
Financial University Fund	201.96
Paul & Agnes Thoring Endowed Fund	65,916.39
Missions	2,491.25
Tech Team	525.62
Mission Trip Scholarship - ILAG	3,409.57
Mission Trip Scholarship - Youth	1,196.13
Sidewalk Fund	423.88
New Sign Fund	7,016.00
Lenten Supper	0.00
Total All Funds	\$ 110,236.76

Statement of Activities	May	Year-To-Date
Income:		
Envelopes	\$ 11,384.39	\$ 71,413.95
Loose	218.00	1,358.39
Adopt-A-Bill	0.00	143.10
Other General Fund	30.21	4,600.16
Thrivent Dollars	326.00	939.00
Preschool Rent	1,163.50	2,817.50
Fund Raisers	2,397.78	2,497.78
Coffee Fund	110.35	519.22
Total General Fund Income:	\$ 15,630.23	\$ 84,289.10
Expenses:		
Salary Expense	\$ 12,463.61	\$ 62,389.35
Non-Salary General & Administrative	1,045.33	5,807.16
Property	4,574.33	24,943.32
Worship And Music	413.00	634.32
Education	0.00	46.00
Youth	123.69	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:	\$ 18,619.96	\$ 94,512.65

Liabilities	Balance
Payroll Withholding	\$ 1,845.44
Thrivent Financial Mortgage	418,384.70
Thoring Loan (Tax Assessment)	9,823.00
Total Liabilities	\$430,053.14

Average monthly income needed to make 2018 budget:	\$ 18,320.25
Current month General Fund income:	\$ 15,630.23
Average actual Year-To-Date General Fund Income:	\$ 16,857.82
Average actual Year-To-Date General Fund Expense:	\$ 18,902.53

Dear Church

My name is Bonita Tasby. I wanted to thank you for the opportunity to be the new custodian here at Bethesda. I know we haven't met yet! I am a native of the (south) Louisiana. I truly hope I can clean my way into your hearts. It's something I enjoy so. Please feel free to help me, help you keep our church clean. Again Thank You so much for allowing me to keep things clean. It may take a second but you will see change.

In Jesus name let the church say Amen.

Thank you,


Bonita

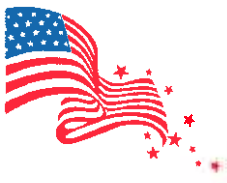


July 2018


August Events: August 6-9
August 11
August 15

Vacation Bible School (9:00am-12:30pm)
Relay for Life (3:00pm)
Bethesda Neighborhood Parking
Lot Celebration (4:00-8:00pm)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Sixth Sunday of Pentecost 9:00am Worship Service* Pastor Maggie leaves for Vacation—returns 7/16	2 6:30pm Quilting B's 6:30pm Boy Scouts	3 10:00am Prayer Group 6:30pm Property Team	4 HOLIDAY 	5 10:00am NO Bible Study 6:30pm SMORE Mtg.	6	7 Youth—Leave on Mission Trip
Office Closed →						
8 Seventh Sunday of Pentecost 9:00am Worship Service	9 6:30pm Boy Scouts	10 10:00am Prayer Group 4:30pm Executive Team	11 9:30-11:00am Women's Bible Study 6:30pm Worship Service	12 10:00am NO Bible Study	13	14 Youth—Return from Mission Trip
Neighbors Summer Meals →						
15 Eighth Sunday of Pentecost 9:00am Worship Service*	16 1:00pm Quilting B's 6:30pm Boy Scouts	17 10:00am Prayer Group 6:30pm VBS Meeting	18 9:00-10:30am Women's Bible Study 11:00am Mobile Meals 6:30pm Worship Service	19 10:00am Bible Study 6:30pm Council Mtg.	20	21
22 Ninth Sunday of Pentecost 9:00am Worship Service	23 6:30pm Boy Scouts	24 10:00am Prayer Group 5:45am RFL Meeting	25 9:30-11:00am Women's Bible Study 6:30pm Worship Service	26 10:00am Bible Study	27	28
Youth Bible Camp →						
29 Tenth Sunday of Pentecost 9:00am Worship Service	30 6:30pm Boy Scouts	31 10:00am Prayer Group				



July 2018 Birthdays

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 Amber Thorson	3 Ronald Nelson	4 HOLIDAY 	5	6 Grant Dayscher	7 Thomas Brennan
8	9	10 Mark Bratten Kristin Todd	11	12	13	14 John Sargent
15	16 Mindie Schussler	17	18 Hannah O'Donnell	19 Christopher Johnson	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27 Andrea Sonju	28 William O'Neill Griffin Schussler
29	30	31 Larry Ross				

*I want to thank you for your prayers and cards during the time of my shoulder replacement.
Blessings to you.
Naomi*

*A big thank you to my Bethesda family for your cards, well wishes and especially your prayers after my fall and surgery. The doctors and therapists all seem to be happy with my progress and I am looking forward to be back in church soon.
Donna Johnson*

"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):

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, Marian Petersen, Kris Jore, Julie Swedberg, Emersyn Kay Johnson, Larry Krech (nephew of Fran Delia),

For those with health concerns:

Robin Ross, Ann Siegel, Jane Walker

Hospice:

Carole Evenson

Prayers of Thanksgiving: