

June Bell Echoes

Bethesda Lutheran Church



SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

SUNDAYS 9:00am Worship Service

WEDNESDAYS 6:30pm Worship Service

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Sunday, June 2 9:00am Worship (Blessing for Graduates)

Wednesdays

June 5, 12, 19, 26 6:30pm Worship Service

Sunday, June 9 9:00am (Rite of Confirmation)

Tuesday, June 11 6:00pm Women's Potluck Picnic

Friday, June 21 10:00am Youth—Metropolis Park

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Friday, June 28 9:00am-12:30pm

Friday, July 19 9:00am-12:30pm

Friday, August 16 9:00am-12:30pm

From Pastor Maggie

A person stopped by the church the other day who wanted to talk to a Pastor about life and faith. This person made a point to inform me that they were 'spiritual' but not 'religious'. We had a discussion that was all over the place and at times quite convoluted. The person knew very little about the Christian faith but had plenty of opinions about the Christian faith and God. Many of these beliefs (opinions) is what they said had turned them away from ever becoming part of a faith community.

Later that same week as I was preparing for my last class with the eighth grade confirmands and met with Jacob Monday, who will confirm his faith on June ninth, I started to ponder the impact that knowledge has on faith. Dose God care about what we know or don't know? Dose studying scripture and being able to recite the creed, ten commandments and the Lord's Prayer impact our daily faith? Is a relationship with God dependent on information about God?

I don't believe that God has certain criteria that has to be met in order for God to love us and relate to us. God loves us no matter what we think we know about God or what we don't know. However, it does take some thoughtfulness to make informed decisions about what kind of relationship we will have with God. If we are unaware that we can talk with God like a father, as the Lord's prayer teaches us, we will never communicate with God in a personal way. If we don't know that the ten commandments are God's gift for a good life and don't bother to learn them, we might act in ways which please us at the time but in the long run might destroy any chance of a peaceful healthy lifestyle. If we don't know any of the biblical stories of Gods' faithfulness in the old testament how can we truly understand God's amazing love and trust God's faithfulness? How can we begin to understand the impact that forgiveness and grace have in our lives without knowing the stories of Jesus life, death and resurrection and ascension? If we don't think it is important to memorize the Apostle's creed, how do we begin to think about what God is like?

Knowing things about God does not change God or change God's love for us. Nonetheless, learning the foundations of the Christian faith does make a difference in what we believe and how we live out our faith in the here and now. Knowledge does not restrain our thinking about God it is the very gateway of exploration to who God might indeed be. Knowledge about God provides an opportunity to have a fuller spiritual relationship with God.

So how has your knowledge of God shaped your relationship with God? I would encourage you to find a wonderful summer setting to comfortably think about this. Write down on one side of a piece of paper what you have learned about God and then on the other side how that knowledge impacts how you act with God. I think you will be surprised and delighted.

Example:

What I know

I know from reading Gen.1-2 that there are 2 creation stories that teach me different things about creation and God.

God is love and has revealed love. I Jn. 4

How I act because of this knowledge.

I am always looking for God's goodness in creation. I expect God to speak to through creation. I want to take care of the earth and learn from nature.

I am never afraid of saying anything to God. I am confident in God's love.



Bethesda Missions

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

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

Did you know only 1 in 6 children who qualify for free or reduced lunches during the school year have access to meals during the summer? In our community, an average of more than 50 percent of students receive free or reduced lunch during the school year. Bethesda has a chance to serve lunch (11:00am-1:00pm) or breakfast (8:15 am-9:15 am) at Kaposia Elementary school during June, July or August (just 4 days a week Monday- Thursday). Please help by signing up for one or more days. Serving is easy. Just hand out food items to students or families all while being given direction by full-time cafeteria personnel. Sign up online at Neighbor's Inc.

Bethesda Neighborhood Parking Lot Celebration

Save the evening-**Wednesday, August 7th!** Come join us to celebrate our neighbors, our church community and our mission of extending God's love. Plan to share the fun: grilling food, playing games, entertaining the community and enjoying each other. There will be free hot dogs, chips and lemonade plus great live music.

Bring your children or grandchildren for bouncy fun in the inflatable bouncy house, dodge ball in the gaga pit and creative decorating in the "Wheels Parade".

Watch for complete details to follow!

Feed My Starving Children

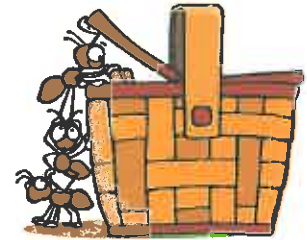
"He upholds the cause of the oppressed and gives food to the hungry." Ps. 146:7
FMSC's mission is to feed God's starving children hungry in body and spirit. It is a Christian nonprofit that provides nutritionally complete meals specifically formulated for malnourished children.

Please sign up on line to pack meals!

990 Lone Oak Road, Eagan, MN.

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. *Psalm 51:10*

Women's Year End Picnic



Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. *Psalm 51:10*

June 11th 6:00 PM
Potluck salads and more
See sign-up sheet on
Women's bulletin board

Agenda for the evening:

- ◆ Food and Fellowship
- ◆ Devotions / Reflections
- ◆ Approving budget for coming year
- ◆ Planning leadership and programming for coming year

SPECIAL EVENTS



Book Club

The next book club meeting will be on June 18th. We will be discussing the book "It's Nice to Meet Me Too: The Laughter and Lessons Learned from Raising Randy, a Young Man with Tuberos Sclerosis" by Cynthia Rust.

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.

REGULARLY SCHEDULED EVENTS

Wednesday Morning Bible Study

Summer session will begin June 19th through July. We will be looking into what it means to "Have the mind of Christ". Each week we will take time to focus and concentrate on God's word and our relationship with the One who loves us and longs to spend time with us. We welcome all women. If you haven't come before this would be a good time to join us. Hope to see you on the 19th.

For more information contact Sharon Stanefski.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

June

Women's Potluck Picnic
June 11th - 6:00

Book Club
June 18

Women's Ministry Board Members

Co presidents:

Co-vice presidents:

Secretary
Naomi Dorau

Treasurer
Jennifer Tiedman

Bulletin board design:
Naomi Dorau
Sharon Stanefski

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Lynette Thorson

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BETHESDA YOUTH AND FAMILY PROGRAMS



June Metropolis Park

We're going to the Metropolis in Eau Claire, WI! June 21st, leave church at 10am, return by 6pm. Water Park, Trampoline Park, Laser Tag, Arcade, Go Karts! Cost is \$25 for members, \$50 for nonmembers. Sign up by June 18th. Waiver needed. Open to 9th - 12th graders, or 4th grade and up with parent chaperone.

Keep Our Summer Ministries in Your Prayers

We have a busy summer ahead of us at Bethesda! Keep us in your prayers as we go on our mission trip to Grand Rapids, MI (July 6th - 12th), as we go to Ox Lake and Wapo Bible Camp (July 21st - 26th), and we participate in VBS (June 28th, July 19th, August 16th).

All Payments for Camp/Mission Trip Due June 30th

Last Call for Mission Trip Shares!

Youth will be selling shares again this year until we leave for our trip. Shares are \$20, and are a great way to support our youth as we raise funds for our mission trip to Grand Rapids, MI.

Contact the Youth Team!

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VBS 2019: Wild Bethesda

Join us for a wild adventure as we learn more about God's awesome creation! VBS runs each day from 9am - 12:30pm. Everyday will include skits, songs, classroom time, crafts, games, and a snack!

June 28th: Land

July 19th: Sea

August 16th: Air

Please come to our planning meeting on
Tuesday, June 11th, 6:30pm

Watch for registration on the Bethesda
Facebook page



Council Corner

Council Corner Highlights from May Meeting

- **HAPPY 125th Birthday Bethesda!** Although we did so much celebrating during our 120th we felt we shouldn't just let the 125th slide by. On September 29th we will have one service followed by a potluck dinner—more details to follow.
- **Lifetouch pictures** are scheduled for November 16, 18, 19 and so we will also have a new directory printed from the photos taken, as well as an online directory we can update as needed. Watch for more details to come.
- **Youth room update:** demolition has already happened and remodeling has begun! It will be exciting to see it all come together!
- **Huge thanks** for all the work on the Basement Sale—especially to Cheryl Hilber as the Basement Sale Coordinator Extraordinaire! Over \$2,500 was raised!

As always, please see any council member for more information or concerns you have.
Robin Ross, Cheryl Hilber, Dawn Sargent, Laura O'Donnell, Nate Schussler, Robert McCabe,
Jim Petersen, Ryan Ihle, Renee Zamora, Pastor Novak

Treasurer's Report

April, 2019

Report explanation: This report is split into 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 box below that lists the current liabilities and corresponding balances. The box below that shows the average income needed to meet budget as well as the average monthly income and expense to date.

The general fund expense exceeded income by \$446.56 in April. Receipts to the mortgage reduction fund no longer cover the mortgage payment resulting in a negative balance of \$2,038.81.

All Funds	Balance
General Fund	(\$33,302.54)
Capital	29,129.41
Mortgage Reduction	(2,038.81)
Sunday School	682.37
Altar Flowers Fund In/Out	189.00
Dedicated Memorial	3,816.00
Undedicated Memorial	2,186.23
Garden Party	241.59
Special Appeals In/Out	12,537.21
Wedding	140.00
Vacation Bible School	0.00
Contemporary Choir	855.00
Bethesda Resource Center	584.74
Bible Fund	200.00
Choir	558.20
Youth Mission Trip	1,098.59
Youth Faith Based Activities	944.18
Youth Camp Travel Fund	1,394.56
Timmy Autey Camp Scholarship	1,744.78
Christian Care Fund	0.00
Men's Club	54.00
Parish Nurse	692.00
Smores (Outreach)	2,624.60
Financial University Fund	201.96
Paul & Agnes Thoring Endowed Fund	67,621.39
Missions	1,306.50
Tech Team	344.65
Mission Trip Scholarship - ILAG	4,427.41
Mission Trip Scholarship - Youth	889.97
Sidewalk Fund	423.88
New Sign Fund	7,231.00
Sound System Fun	6,575.00
Youth Room Repairs	5,288.09
Lenten Supper	0.00
Total All Funds	\$ 118,640.96

Statement of Activities	April	Year-To-Date
Income:		
Envelopes	\$ 14,341.64	\$ 50,526.54
Loose	524.00	1,480.25
Adopt-A-Bill	0.00	0.00
Other General Fund	45.12	177.53
Thrivent Dollars	302.00	655.00
Preschool Rent	2,000.00	9,350.00
Fund Raisers	100.00	300.00
Coffee Fund	111.00	535.66
Total General Fund Income:	\$ 17,423.76	\$ 63,024.98
Expenses:		
Salary Expense	\$ 12,313.43	\$ 47,938.60
Non-Salary General & Administrative	1,482.50	5,287.94
Property	3,990.55	18,673.80
Worship And Music	81.84	914.34
Education	0.00	51.25
Youth	2.00	396.85
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:	\$ 17,870.32	\$ 73,262.78

Liabilities	Balance
Payroll Withholding	\$ 1,879.42
Thrivent Financial Mortgage	402,408.65
Thoring Loan (Tax Assessment)	8,118.00
Total Liabilities	\$ 412,406.07

Average monthly income needed to make 2019 budget:	\$ 19,018.33
Current month General Fund income:	\$ 17,423.76
Average actual Year-To-Date General Fund Income:	\$ 15,756.25
Average actual Year-To-Date General Fund Expense:	\$ 18,315.70



2019

July Events: July 6-12 Youth Mission Trip
 July 19th Vacation Bible School (9:00am-12:30pm)
 July 21-26 Camp Week
 August Events: August 7 Neighborhood Parking Lot Celebration
 Augusts 16 Vacation Bible School (9:00am-12:30pm)

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

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**2 7th Sunday after
Easter
(Blessing for Graduates)
9:00am Worship Service ***

3
6:30pm Quilting B's
6:30pm Boy Scouts

4
10:00am Prayer Group
4:30pm Executive Team
6:30pm Property Team

5
6:30pm Worship Service

6
10:00am Bible Study
6:30pm SMORE Mtg.

7

8
1:00-5:30pm
(Sederstrom Hall in use)

11:00am-7:00pm (Sederstrom Hall
in use)

**9 Day of Pentecost
(Rite of Confirmation)
9:00am Worship Service**

10
6:30pm Boy Scouts

11
10:00am Prayer Group
6:00pm Women's
Potluck Picnic

12
6:30pm Worship Service

13
10:00am Bible Study

14

15

**16 The Holy Trinity
9:00am Worship Service***

17
1:00pm Quilting B's
6:30pm Boy Scouts

18
10:00am Prayer Group
6:30pm Book Club

19
9:00-10:30am Women's
Bible Study
11:00am Mobile Meals
6:30pm Worship Service

20
10:00am Bible Study
6:00pm Council Meeting

21
10:00am Youth
Metropolis Park-

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**23 2nd Sunday after
Pentecost
9:00am Worship Service**

24
6:30pm Boy Scouts

25
10:00am Prayer Group

26
9:30-11:00am Women's
Bible Study
6:30pm Worship Service

27
10:00am Bible Study

28
9:00am-12:30pm
Vacation Bible School

29

**30 3rd Sunday after
Pentecost
9:00am Worship Service**



2019 Birthdays

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
						1 Bill Taylor
2 Naomi Dorau	3	4 Susan Doyscher Theo Lewis	5	6 Sally Muraski	7	8
9	10 Shannon Thorson Wyatt Schussler	11	12 John Holmgren	13 Paisley Jo Bishop	14	15
16 Sean Rooney Maxine Pfeiffer	17	18	19	20	21 Cheryl Hilber	22 Pamela Murray
23 Gertrude Fox	24	25 Elizabeth McCabe Jennifer McCabe	26 Mark Engen	27 Rachel Wilson	28 Nick Ross	29
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"OUR PRAYERS"

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

Romans 12:12



"OUR PRAYERS"

Bethesda Evangelical Lutheran Church

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. , Feed My Starving Children and Mobile Meals.

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, Kim Burress, John Sargent, Tom Classen, Clarence and Lucille Sharrow, Ardie Bratten, Gloria Johnson, Emily Willette, Bill O'Neill, Kris Jore, Julie Swedberg, Emersyn Kay Johnson, Jill Lewis, Jane Walker, Ronald Willerton, Emily Willette,

For those with health concerns:

Sharon Nelson

Hospice:

Carol Evenson

Prayers of Thanksgiving: