

June Bell Echoes

Bethesda Lutheran Church



SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

SUNDAY

9:00am Traditional Worship Service

WEDNESDAY

6:30pm Contemporary Worship Service

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Wednesday, June 6

6:30pm Contemporary Worship Service

Monday, June 11

6:00pm Food for Friends

Tuesday, June 12

6:00pm Women's Picnic

Wednesday, June 13

**9:30am Women's Bible Study
(Discovering Your Spiritual Gifts)**

Tuesday, June 19

**11:15am Youth—Wild Mountain
6:00pm Feed My Starving Children**

From Pastor Maggie -

Take a moment and recall a favorite teacher. What did you like about them? My guess is alongside of many other wonderful skills, they had the ability to tell great stories. Most of us enjoy a good story. A well-crafted tale makes us use our imaginations and experience something beyond our present reality. Stories help us to connect the dots to greater understanding and propel us to new insights. Jesus was a great teacher who brought about new understanding about God and God's Kingdom through the art of storytelling.

This summer we will be exploring Jesus parables during our Sunday morning worship time and a theme from that Sunday's parable during our Wednesday evening worship experience. So for example; this Sunday our gospel text and sermon will be based in Luke 15 which is the Parable of the Forgiving Father (otherwise known as the Prodigal Son). Wednesday evening worship on June 6th will focus on the theme of grace. For our sermon time we will watch a five-minute video clip from The Work of the People and then have short discussion around what the term "grace" means. Sunday and Wednesday worship services will be completely different and yet compatible. Come for one or come for both!

After worship on Wednesday evenings we will have time for some fun yard games and maybe a popsicle or two. So bring your favorite yard games and I will bring the popsicles. Let's pray and play and have some fun!

Also, I only had one brave soul invite me to walk their neighborhood with them but the offer still stands. I would love to come to your neighborhood and walk with you and learn what you love about where you live. Call me, text me, catch me after worship and let's go for a walk.

I would also like you to consider what the role of Vacation Bible School has on our community. In the past this has been a very strong and vibrant ministry of Bethesda. I realize we are a different society now and many of you work full time during the day. However, children still need **safe**, fun places to go during the day in the summer months and children definitely need to learn about God. If we are going to thrive as a community of faith, we need to be concerned for not only for our congregational children but our neighborhood children. The truth is there are many helpers that have volunteered but we need teachers. Would you please pray and consider being a teacher for VBS.? At this point in time we need six more teachers or we will not be able to have a week long VBS. We will be having a bible school meeting on Thursday June 7 at 7pm. Please consider what role God might have for you this year at VBS. Let me know if you are willing to be a part of VBS.

Monthly Prayer Activity

What you will need. – Your whole self.

Where you will need to be. – Outside or by an open window.

Go outside or open a window and sit in a comfortable location. Ask God to help you be pleasantly present. Using all your five senses experience God's creation. Have a conversation with God about your environment. What are you experiencing at this very moment that you cannot experience at another time of the year?

Example: "There is Robin gathering things to build a nest."

After noticing all that has been brought to your attention have a conversation with God about one of those things.

Example: God, what can that Robin teach me about You and your care for me? What nest have you provided for me? What kind of nest do you want me to provide for others? Etc. Don't try and control the conversation, let go where your thoughts and God take you.



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**

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 Mission Bulletin board as you walk into the lounge area.

Bethesda Neighborhood Parking Lot Celebration

Save the evening-**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, serving the community and enjoying each other. Bring nonperishable food items to donate to Neighbor's and bring your children or grandchildren for bouncy fun in an inflatable bouncy house. 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 to pack meals on, Tuesday June 19th at 6:00-7:30 pm.
990 Lone Oak Road, Eagan, MN. The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the lounge hallway.

Food For Friends

Monday, June 11th at 6:00-7:30pm

Come to the kitchen to have some fun cooking a nutritious entrée and then packaging it. We will be putting together meals that can be signed out for giving whenever there is a need. Meals are available in the Caring Corner in the library (freezer and cupboard). Do you know of a need?

"WALK IN LOVE, AS CHRIST HAS LOVED US" Ephesians 5:2

GREETINGS WOMEN OF BETHESDA

Greetings,



Thanks to all who attended the Annual SWO Convention in Lake Elmo. And to those that donated items for the material offering, which went to the Outreach in Washington County Food Shelf. This is such an awesome way to spread God's love. Spring has sprung indeed, with God's beautiful creation of flowers, birds, and wonderful smells. We thank God for this new life.

Nancy Todd & Dianna Houska

UPCOMING EVENTS

Picnic June 12th at 6pm. Watch the bulletin board for more information and sign-up sheets.

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

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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!

Wednesday Evening Bible Study 6:30-8:00 pm. Watch future Sunday bulletins for a new starting date.

Contact Pattie Rooney or Robin Ross for more info.

Women's Ministry Board Members

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MARK YOUR

Picnic
June 12th

Watch your e-mails for
future events

JUNE 2018

Youth News at Bethesda



Wild Mountain

Come and join us for a day trip to Wild Mountain on Tuesday, June 19th

Arrive at Bethesda by 11:15 so you can eat lunch before we leave. We will leave around 11:30 am and will return around 5:30 pm.

Come and enjoy the Waterpark, alpine slide, go karts and more.

Cost for Bethesda members is \$20 and for non-members is \$36. Bring additional money for snacks.

Let's go to Camp!

With Camp coming up soon many kids wonder what should I bring? Well here you go! Here is a list of some of the things that are great to bring with to camp.

- Bible
- pen and notebook
- sleeping bag
- Pillow
- shirts, pants and shorts
- Socks
- under garments
- more than one pair of shoes/sandals
- Swimsuit
- towel for beach and shower
- water bottle
- Sunscreen
- bug repellent
- Toothbrush
- Toothpaste
- soap, shampoo
- canteen money



Dates to Remember:

◆ *July 7th-14th
Youth Mission
Trip*

◆ *July 22-27 Youth
Bible Camp*

◆ *August 2018
Relay For Life*

Contact the youth team with any questions!

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Treasurer's Report

April, 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	(\$16,324.01)
Capital	27,830.03
Mortgage Reduction	4,504.69
Sunday School	682.37
Altar Flowers Fund In/Out	127.00
Dedicated Memorial	3,220.00
Undedicated Memorial	0.00
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	1,287.88
Youth Mission Trip	813.77
Youth Faith Based Activities	3,014.61
Youth Camp Travel Fund	1,130.09
Timmy Autey Camp Scholarship	3,191.13
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	65,761.39
Missions	2,075.00
Tech Team	525.62
Mission Trip Scholarship - ILAG	3,340.19
Mission Trip Scholarship - Youth	1,954.76
Sidewalk Fund	423.88
New Sign Fund	6,976.00
Lenten Supper	20.00
Total All Funds	\$ 116,306.56

Statement of Activities	April	Year-To-Date
Income:		
Envelopes	\$ 14,139.78	\$ 60,029.56
Loose	452.00	1,140.39
Adopt-A-Bill	0.00	143.10
Other General Fund	1,129.32	1,569.95
Thrivent Dollars	274.00	613.00
Preschool Rent	1,163.50	4,654.00
Fund Raisers	0.00	100.00
Coffee Fund	78.75	408.87
Total General Fund Income:	\$ 17,237.35	\$ 68,658.87
Expenses:		
Salary Expense	\$ 11,924.52	\$ 49,925.74
Non-Salary General & Administrative	432.37	4,761.83
Property	2,541.86	20,368.99
Worship And Music	58.76	221.32
Education	0.00	46.00
Youth	0.00	568.81
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:	\$ 14,957.51	\$ 75,892.69

Liabilities	Balance
Payroll Withholding	\$ 1,734.16
Thrivent Financial Mortgage	419,816.14
Thoring Loan (Tax Assessment)	9,978.00
Total Liabilities	\$431,528.30

Average monthly income needed to make 2018 budget:	\$ 18,320.25
Current month General Fund income:	\$ 17,237.35
Average actual Year-To-Date General Fund Income:	\$ 17,164.72
Average actual Year-To-Date General Fund Expense:	\$ 18,973.17



JUNE 2018

JULY EVENTS: July 7-14 Youth Mission Trip
 July 9-12 Neighbor's Summer Meals
 July 22-27 Youth Bible Camp
AUGUST EVENTS: August 6-9 VBS
 August 11 Relay for Life (3:00pm)
 August 15 Bethesda Neighborhood Parking Lot Celebration

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3 2nd Sunday of Pentecost 9:00am Worship Service*	4 6:30pm Quilting B's 6:30pm Boy Scouts	5 10:00am Prayer Group 4:30pm Executive Team 6:30pm Property Team	6 5:30pm Contemporary Band Rehearsal 6:30pm Worship Service	7 10:00am Bible Study 6:30pm SMORE Mtg.	8	9
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JUNE 2018 Birthdays

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Bill Taylor Andrea Engen	2 Neomi Dorau
3	4 Susan Doyscher Theo Lewis	5 Thomas Nelson	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 Gertrud Fox
24	25 Elizabeth McCabe Jennifer McCabe	26 Mark Engen	27 Rachel Wilson	28 Nick Ross	29 Marian Petersen	30

"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:

Darleen Heltne, died May 19th

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

Kim Burress, John Sargent, Jane Gustafson, Donna Johnson, 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:

Lon Breen (Stepfather of Renee Edmunds), Donna Johnson, Jane Walker, Naomi Dorau,

Hospice:

Carole Evenson

Prayers of Thanksgiving: