

March Bell Echoes

Bethesda Lutheran Church



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

- 9:00am Traditional Worship Service**
- 10:00am Sunday School**
- 10:00am 6th/7th Grade Confirmation**
- 11:00am Contemporary Worship Service**
- 6:00pm High School Youth Group**

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

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| Saturday, March 2 | 8:30am-1:00pm ReFresh ReNew ReBoot |
| Wednesday, March 6 | ASH Wednesday |
| | 12:00pm Worship Service |
| | 6:30pm Worship Service |
| Saturday, March 9 | 6:00pm Youth Vertical Endeavors |
| Sunday, March 10 | 12:00pm Youth Tubing |
| Wednesday, March 13 | 5:15pm Lenten Dinner-Served by Women of Bethesda |
| | 6:30pm Lenten Worship Service |
| Wednesday, March 20 | 5:15pm Lenten Dinner-Served by Choir |
| | 6:30pm Lenten Worship |
| Wednesday, March 27 | 5:15pm Lenten Dinner-Served by Youth |
| | 6:30pm Lenten Worship |

From Pastor Maggie

As I write this March newsletter article snow is pelting my office window, AGAIN! It seems as if it has snowed everyday this past February but the truth is it has only snowed every *other* day. The lament has begun.

"How long O Lord. How long will we be buried in snow drifts up to our necks? How long will we be left to slip slide across parking lots and endure the penguin shuffle? How long must we bear the bondage of turtle necks, scarfs, hats, mittens, down coats, snow pants and Sorel boots! How long O Lord! Hear our frozen cry!"

Tongue in cheek maybe but isn't this how we Minnesotans are entering into the Lenten season this year. It has been a long winter and we are pinning for Spring. The word *Lenten* means "the season of Spring". The church adopted the word for the forty days in the church year that occur before Easter. It is a time we set aside to reflect and ponder what Jesus life and death have meant for all humanity. It is a season of repentance. This means it is a season to turn away from that which keeps us from God and turn towards God's love, forgiveness and change.

I have always thought that those of us who live in the Northern hemisphere have a greater advantage to appreciate and understand the longing of resurrection. The yearning for understanding of God's great love for us and the yearning of light and warmth coincide. The question of why Jesus suffered and died for us sits well in the dark and cold. The hope in the resurrection is fitting as the days lengthen, the earth warms and the ground thaws.

This year's Wednesday Lenten theme is "Living into the Resurrection". We will spend six weeks seeking a better understanding of what it means to come to life in Christ.

March 6- Ash Wednesday

March 13- SPIRITUAL DORMANCY - *Resting in God; What it means to be in a state of spiritual rest.*

March 20 - SPIRITUAL THAW—*being aware of what confines us and restrains us and pushing through those things. Awakening to God's movement in our life. Breakthroughs.*

March 27 - SPIRITUAL NOURISHMENT – *Basking in the Son. Growing from God's outpouring of love for us.*

April 3 - SPIRITUAL GROWTH - *trusting God's leading. Making peace with change. Being shaped by God and life.*

April 10 - SPIRITUAL BLOOMING – *Loving yourself; vocation- being who God has created you to be in this time and place.*

Holy Week - Sunday April 14 – Palm Sunday; April 18 Maundy Thursday; April 19 Good Friday

April 21 – Easter

After worship on Ash Wednesday you will have an opportunity to plant a resurrection garden. Hopefully this can be a living reminder to grow through our Lenten season together.



Return to the LORD your God, for he is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and abounding in love, and he relents from sending calamity. *Joel 2:13*

Lenten Supper

The Women's group will be serving the Lenten Supper on March 13th. We will be serving pulled pork sandwiches, jazzed up beans and coleslaw. There is a sign up sheet on the Women's bulletin board for ingredients needed. Please have all ingredients at church by Tuesday evening March 12th or Wednesday morning the 13th. Bars and desserts can be brought by 5:00 pm Wednesday night. The Wednesday morning women's Bible study group will be preparing the food but help will be need for serving and clean up after the dinner. It has been decided that the funds will go towards the sound system.



REGULARLY SCHEDULED EVENTS

Wednesday Morning Bible Study

Waiting for God:
We spend a lot of our life waiting. Sometimes the waiting can cause us to feel forgotten by God.

Starting February 6th, for 8 weeks, we will discover that waiting time is not wasted time and learn to hear Gods call to rest in his timing.

For more information contact Sharon Stanefski.

Would you like to plan an event?

Some upcoming events that need organizers:

- A movie night organizer sometime this Spring
- Spring breakfast program in April

Feel free to email the women's group email with questions or suggestions or what you might like to assist with. Womenofbethesda@gmail.com

SPECIAL EVENTS

Book Club

The next book club meeting will be on March 19th. We will be discussing the book "The Ultimate Gift". Contact Robin Ross for a book.

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.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

March

ReFresh, ReNew, ReBoot
Mar. 2nd

Lenten Dinner, Mar. 13th

Book Club Mar. 19th

April

Spring Prayer Breakfast
TBD

Women's Ministry Board Members

Co presidents:

Co-vice presidents:

Secretary:
Naomi Dorau

Treasurer:
Jennifer Tiedman

Bulletin board design:
Naomi Dorau
Sharon Stanefski

Boutique spaces:
Lynette Thorson

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Bethesda Missions

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

Mission Focus for March

NEIGHBORS MINNESOTA FOOD SHARE

Fill a grocery bag for a hungry family!



Get ready for a different kind of food fight!

Throw some food (or funds) our way in March as we compete in a friendly state-wide food drive competition during the annual Minnesota FoodShare March Campaign. You'll not only be helping to stock our shelves for the busy times of need, but you'll also be helping us secure funding distributed later in the year. Which means any donation now goes even further!

Will you help us feed our neighbors? The Minnesota FoodShare March Campaign brings together Minnesota organizations, businesses, faith communities, and individuals to help keep 300 food shelves statewide stocked throughout the year. **Donations of food and funds during the month of March are critical to keep the shelves stocked at Neighbors, Inc.** The food shelf is currently in need of:

- Tuna and canned meats
- Pancake mix and syrup
- Hamburger Helper
- Spaghetti Os and canned pastas
- Canned fruit
- Jelly
- Toilet paper
- Shampoo
- Toothpaste and toothbrushes
- Hygiene products

Food For Friends

**Meals are available in the Caring Corner in the library
(freezer and cupboard).**

Do you know of a need- sign a meal out!

Sundays, 10:00 - 10:45am

Lots of Snow!

I hope everyone is doing their best to keep their head held high during all of these outrageous snow storms! Schools have had an abundance of snow days this year so far. Snows days are great fun, but they also remind me of why I like school as well. Encourage your child to lift up in prayer the safety of their friends, classmates, and people who have to be outside during snow days. We have gotten quite lucky to not have a lot of snow on the weekends, meaning Sunday School and Worship Services have been continuing as planned! I think there is an end in sight with all of this snow, so hang in there!



Upcoming Sunday School Schedule

March 3rd: God Gives Caleb Courage

March 10th: Fall of Jericho

March 17th: In the Wilderness

March 24th: The Promised Land

March 31st: Moses Trivia

Sunday School

BETHESDA YOUTH AND FAMILY PROGRAMS



March Rock Climbing

This event is open for all students in 8th - 12th grade! We will be rock climbing at Vertical Endeavors on March 9th. Meet at church at 6pm, expect to be back around 10pm. Cost is \$10. Sign up on the bulletin board, or with Beth.

Rescheduled Snow Tubing

Snow tubing has been rescheduled for March 10th. Meet at church for lunch at 12pm, expect to be back around 4pm. Open to anyone 4th grade and older. Cost is \$10. Sign up on the bulletin board or with Beth.

Look for Mission Trip Shares at the March 27th Lenten Dinner!

Youth will be selling shares again this year at our March 27th Lenten Dinner! Shares are a great way to support our youth as we raise funds for our mission trip to Grand Rapids, MI.

Senior Spotlight: Kate McCabe

Church Activities: Sunday School Teacher, Sound Booth Technician, VBS Lead Guitarist, Youth Council Representative, 4x Mission Trip Participant, 8x Camp Participant

Future Plans: Undecided, but sure to dazzle!



Contact the Youth Team!

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Treasurer's Report

January, 2019

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

Please contact Gary Johnson with any questions.

All Funds	Balance
General Fund	(\$28,626.32)
Capital	26,244.41
Mortgage Reduction	(540.81)
Sunday School	682.37
Altar Flowers Fund In/Out	(5.75)
Dedicated Memorial	2,871.00
Undedicated Memorial	2,166.23
Garden Party	241.59
Special Appeals In/Out	(7.11)
Wedding	140.00
Vacation Bible School	0.00
Contemporary Choir	855.00
Bethesda Resource Center	584.74
Bible Fund	200.00
Choir	396.20
Youth Mission Trip	90.00
Youth Faith Based Activities	1,235.14
Youth Camp Travel Fund	1,394.56
Timmy Autey Camp Scholarship	1,786.29
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	67,156.39
Missions	1,115.25
Tech Team	344.65
Mission Trip Scholarship - ILAG	4,154.79
Mission Trip Scholarship - Youth	679.40
Sidewalk Fund	423.88
New Sign Fund	7,116.00
Sound System Fun	6,255.00
Youth Room Repairs	5,288.09
Lenten Supper	0.00
Total All Funds	\$ 105,813.55

Statement of Activities	January
Income:	
Envelopes	\$ 9,853.63
Loose	231.25
Adopt-A-Bill	0.00
Other General Fund	45.06
Thrivent Dollars	0.00
Preschool Rent	2,000.00
Fund Raisers	0.00
Coffee Fund	123.50
Total General Fund Income:	\$ 12,253.44
Expenses:	
Salary Expense	\$ 12,213.69
Non-Salary General & Administrative	1,333.05
Property	4,144.43
Worship And Music	25.00
Education	0.00
Youth	98.85
Smores	0.00
Stewardship	0.00
ELCA Mission Support	0.00
Camp Wapogasset	0.00
Total General Fund Expenses:	\$ 17,815.02

Liabilities	Balance
Payroll Withholding	\$ 1,822.58
Thrivent Financial Mortgage	406,807.91
Thoring Loan (Tax Assessment)	8,583.00
Total Liabilities	\$ 417,213.49

Average monthly income needed to make 2018 budget:
 Current month General Fund income:
 Average actual Year-To-Date General Fund Income:
 Average actual Year-To-Date General Fund Expense:

MARCH 2019

April Events: April 14th
April 18th
April 19
April 21st

Palm Sunday
Maundy Thursday-Prayer Vigil 6:00am-6:00pm
6:30pm Worship Service
Good Friday – 6:30pm Worship Service
Easter Sunday – 9:00am and 11:00am Worship

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 8:30pm-1:00pm ReFresh ReNew ReBoot
3 <i>Transfiguration of Our Lord Sunday</i> 9:00am Worship Service* 10:00am Sunday School 10:00am 6th/7th Grade Confirmation 11:00am Contemporary Worship Service* 5:30pm Cub Scouts 6:00pm H.S. Youth Group 6:30pm Girl Scouts	4 6:30pm Quilting B's 6:30pm Boy Scouts	5 10:00am Prayer Group 4:30pm Executive Team 6:30pm Choir Rehearsal 6:30pm Property Team	6 <i>Ash Wednesday</i> 9:30-11:00am Women's Bible Study 12:00pm Worship Service 6:30pm Worship Service	7 10:00am Bible Study 6:30pm SMORE Mtg. 6:30pm Cannon Brass	8	9 6:00pm Youth Vertical Endeavors Turn Clocks ahead Dayllght Savings begins 2:00am 2/10/19
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31 <i>4th Sunday of Lent</i> 9:00am Worship Service 10:00am Sunday School 10:00am 6th/7th Grade Confirmation 11:00am Contemporary Worship Service 5:30pm Cub Scouts 6:00pm H.S. Youth Group 6:30pm Girl Scouts						



March 2019 Birthdays

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4 Tyler Lowell	5	6 Ruth Okeson	7 Andrew Coursolle Loren Neubauer Jane Walker	8	9
10 Anne Kaldun Dave Rosati	11	12	13	14	15 Jane Gustafson Lorna Hohle	16
17 Jean Johnson Kristin Roberts	18	19	20 Greg Pearson	21	22 Joyce Tufte	23
24 Carol Evenson	25 Kay Roberts	26 Reagan Wilson Cooper Roberts	27	28	29 Pattie Rooney	30
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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

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:

George Ed Frank, died February 13th

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

Jill Lewis, Jane Walker, Donna Johnson, Kim Burress, John Sargent,

Jane Gustafson, Tom Muraski, Tom Classen, Emily Willette,

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:

Sharon Nelson, Dave Johnson, Vance Grannis (friend of Sally Muraski),

Hospice:

Lorna Hohle, Carol Evenson

Prayers of Thanksgiving: