

November Bell Echoes Bethesda Lutheran Church



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

9:00am Traditional Worship Service
10:00am Sunday School
10:30am Contemporary Worship Service

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Saturday, November 5th

Daylight Savings Time Ends (Turn clocks back one hour)

Wednesday, November 8th

Youth (8th-12th Grades)-Sign Up for Mission Trip, Houston, TX

Friday, November 10th

Set Up for Holiday Boutique

Saturday, November 11th

9:00am-3:00pm HOLIDAY Boutique

Sunday, November 12th

10:00am Pastor Ralph's last Sunday (Thank You Celebration between services)

3:00pm Pastor Maggie's Ordination at Gustavus Adolphus Church

Friday, November 17th-18th

8:30pm-7:30am Youth Lock In-Easter Lutheran, Eagan

Sunday, November 19th

9:00am Pastor Maggie's Installation (Followed by Potluck Brunch)

Wednesday, November 22nd

6:30pm Thanksgiving Worship Service

Wednesday, November 29th

6:30pm Confirmation—Feed My Starving Children

**Interim Pastor's Message
November, 2017**

Many years ago a wise pastor said that in order to do the work of the kingdom of God here on earth, you need to have a song in your heart. What he meant by that is that you need a song, or a poem, or a concrete vision that expresses for you what God has in mind for the world, brought into reality through his Beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Whenever the going gets tough, that song, poem or concrete vision will help you to get through the tough spots.

For me, singing keeps me going. The song that I have on my heart has this refrain:

No storm can shake my inmost calm
while to that Rock I'm clinging.
Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth,
how can I keep from singing?

You individually need something of this sort to keep you going, and so does Bethesda as a whole. May Bethesda's song give hope and comfort in times of struggle, as well as praise and thanksgiving in times of blessing.

I rejoice with you that Pastor-elect Maggie Novak will be coming on board as your pastor. My last Sunday at Bethesda is November 12th, and Maggie will start her ministry with and among you on November 13th. I've enjoyed serving you these past ten months, and I am grateful that I have gotten to know many of you on a personal level. You have been a blessing to me as I hope that I've been a blessing to you.

Yours in Christ,
Ralph Baumgartner, interim pastor

*Thank GOD! Pray to God by name!
Tell everyone you meet what he has done!
Sing to God songs, belt out hymns,
tell of his wonderful acts.
Honor his holy name with Hallelujahs,
you who seek GOD. Live a joy filled life!
Keep your eyes open for GOD, watch for his works;
be alert for signs of his presence. **Psalm 105:1-5 (The Message)***

It is November, a month where we are given the opportunity to reflect on all things for which we are thankful. This year I am particularly thankful for God's call and your call to serve as your Pastor. It is still a couple weeks away before we begin our faith journey together but I can hardly wait. I can hardly wait to get to know each of you individually. I can hardly wait to hear of the amazing things God has done in your lives. I can hardly wait to pray, praise and proclaim God's love in acts of worship with you. I can hardly wait to discover what talents and gifts each of you have. I can hardly wait to study the scriptures with you and discover what God has in mind for us together. I can hardly wait to play, laugh and be filled with the joy of Lord here at Bethesda. I can hardly wait because life and faith have taught me that no matter what happens, God is good and God is faithful. I am thanking God for this call and I thank you for this call –so now, let's get started!

Every month I will give you a prayer or challenge to try if you so choose. It will focus on a thought or theme for the month. This month is Thanksgiving so here it goes.

Prayer Experience: Living into Psalm 105:1-5

This Psalm has 7 directives. If you were to do all of them you would need to do a new one every four days to get through all of them in the

month of November. Maybe you want to do one directive a week. If that is the case then choose four of the verses. Do as many or as few as you like but I can guarantee this Psalm will have new meaning for you if you try this practice. Have fun with this and may God bless you as you live into this Psalm. Let me know how it goes.

1. *Thank God.* Write God a thank you card, letter, poem, song. Don't feel like being that creative? Make an ongoing list that you keep where you will see it daily.
2. *Pray to God by name.* - What do you call God? What is God like? Examples; Father/ Mother, Almighty, Friend, Everlasting, Savior....
3. *Tell everyone what God has done.* Try telling a few people what God has done for you personally.
4. *Sing/belt out songs of praise that tell of God's wonderful acts.* – Sing! Don't be shy or worry about the quality of your voice. Sing in the shower, in your car anywhere you are comfortable or uncomfortable but sing!
5. *Honor God* - What does it mean for you to honor God? Make a list and try doing one thing on your list that you haven't tried before.
6. *Live a joy filled life.* – Joy is a choice. It is not the same as being happy. Joy is based in hope and promise even when circumstances are difficult. This does not mean we fake being happy. It means we find what is true and good in all things. For one or two days try focusing what is true, good and pleasing about your life.
7. *Keep your eyes open for God.* – Ask God to make God's presence known. Take a walk and look for God. Write down what you say or hear.

Pastor Maggie

Called by God to be God's beloved child.

*Called by the Holy Spirit to be a Servant of Christ
into the ministry of Word and Sacrament.*

*You are joyously invited
to the ordination service of*

M. Magdalen Novak

Sunday November 12, 2017 at 3pm

*Gustavus Adolphus Lutheran Church
1669 Arcade St. Saint Paul, Minnesota 55106.*

*All Clergy and Rostered Leaders are invited
to Robe and Process.*

Dinner to immediately follow in Luther Hall.

Farewell, Ordination and Welcome



November 12th will be Pastor Ralph's last Sunday with us. We are planning a adios and thank you celebration with chocolate cake (his favorite) and ice cream. This will take place between services at approximately 10:00 am in the lounge. There will also be a love basket for you to give him your personal thanks.



Sunday November 12th Maggie Novak will be presented for Ordination to the holy ministry of word and sacrament of the Lutheran Church ELCA. This will take place at Gustavus Adolphus church 1669 Arcade St, St Paul, MN at 3:00 pm. As members of her calling church we are encouraged to support her with prayers and our attendance.



Sunday November 19th Pastor Maggie will be installed as our new pastor. The installation will take place with one service at 9:00 am and followed by a potluck brunch to welcome Pastor Maggie. There will be a sign-up sheet for brunch items. Cake will be provided.

All of these events are special for the life of Bethesda and we encourage everyone's support and prayers.

Thank You

Your Call Committee



NOVEMBER 2017

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

GREETINGS WOMEN OF BETHESDA

Greetings,

In the month of November we start thinking about Thanksgiving and there are so many things to be thankful for. We give thanks to God always for all of you, constantly mentioning you in our prayers. (1 Thessalonians 1:2).



REGULARLY SCHEDULED EVENTS

Wednesday Bible study
9:30-11:00 am. We are studying "Galatians: Why God accepts Us".

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

Book Club
We will meet the third Tuesday of the month. November 21st at 6:30 pm.

In order to stay constantly thankful, we need to be routinely giving thanks for the people in our lives. Relationships will flourish when we keep the thankfulness fire burning in our hearts.

Sisters in Christ,
Nancy Todd & Dianna Houska

UPCOMING EVENTS

November 11th Boutique 9 am - 3 pm. The boutique is the main fund raiser for the women's group. There are many opportunities to help. Watch for sign-up sheets on the bulletin board.

December 5th at 6 pm Advent Event. A special evening to stop, relax and reflect on the gifts of the season.

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

Watch your emails for more information on future events.

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

Boutique
Sat. Nov. 11th
9am-3pm

Advent Appetizers and Program
Tue. Dec. 5th
6:00 pm

Refresh and Renew
Feb. 24th, 2018

Watch your e-mails for future events

Women's Ministry Board Members

Co presidents:
Dianna Houska &
Nancy Todd

Co-vice presidents:
Jane Walker
Renee Deshane

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Naomi Dorau

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Treasurer's Report

September, 2017

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	(\$28,360.00)
Capital	24,753.78
Parking Lot	23,400.81
Mortgage Reduction	5,355.69
Sunday School	682.37
Altar Flowers Fund In/Out	78.75
Dedicated Memorial	3,250.00
Undedicated Memorial	0.00
Garden Party	148.56
Special Appeals In/Out	4,131.52
Wedding	140.00
Vacation Bible School	0.00
Contemporary Choir	855.00
Thoring Income	0.00
Bethesda Resource Center	584.74
Bible Fund	200.00
Choir	1,531.81
Youth Mission Trip	1,076.28
Youth Faith Based Activities	1,518.17
Youth Camp Travel Fund	348.09
Hohle Scholarship	0.00
Timmy Autey Camp Scholarship	2,735.13
Christian Care Fund	836.23
Men's Club	54.00
Parish Nurse	692.00
Pastor's Trip	0.00
Smores (Outreach)	3,033.77
Financial University Fund	201.96
Paul & Agnes Thoring Endowed Fund	93,937.00
Missions	3,505.50
Tech Team	525.62
Mission Trip Scholarship - ILAG	2,189.71
Mission Trip Scholarship - Youth	2,055.24
Sidewalk Fund	423.88
Rain Gardens Fund	0.00
New Sign Fund	5,851.00
Total All Funds	\$ 155,736.61

Statement of Activities	September	Year-To-Date
Income:		
Envelopes	\$ 9,904.09	\$ 117,341.59
Loose	145.00	2,137.45
Adopt-A-Bill	672.00	735.00
Other General Fund	37.73	874.59
Thrivent Dollars	0.00	1,503.00
Preschool Rent	1,163.50	8,343.50
Fund Raisers	3,158.50	7,744.50
Coffee Fund	29.00	721.11
Total General Fund Income:	\$ 15,109.82	\$ 139,400.74
Expenses:		
Salary Expense	\$ 9,836.54	\$ 94,112.75
Non-Salary General & Administrative	2,281.96	12,069.87
Property	3,559.56	31,918.56
Worship And Music	0.00	1,397.41
Education	407.17	1,095.09
Youth	148.12	388.13
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:	\$ 16,233.35	\$ 140,981.81

Liabilities	Balance
Payroll Withholding	\$ 1,676.36
Thrivent Financial Mortgage	429,740.08
Thoring Loan (Tax Assessment)	11,063.00
Total Liabilities	\$ 442,479.44

Average monthly income needed to make 2017 budget:	\$ 17,551.25
Current month General Fund income:	\$ 15,109.52
Average actual Year-To-Date General Fund Income:	\$ 15,488.97
Average actual Year-To-Date General Fund Expense:	\$ 15,664.65



Bethesda Missions

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

The Giving Tree

“The man with two coats should share with him who has none, and the one who has food should do the same.” Luke 3:11

**Give to the missions of Feed My Starving Children, Neighbor's Inc. or
Los Rosas our Guatemalan Partner Church**

Please stop by The Giving Tree in the narthex to choose an ornament tag (or 2 or 3) which will state a way you could **give a specific gift to our missions** for this Christmas Season. The Giving Tree will be filled with mission gift ideas for Bethesda's community and global mission projects. Take an ornament tag from The Giving Tree and purchase the named items or give the donation listed by Sunday, Dec. 10th. Checks can be placed in the offering with the ornament tag attached. Other gift donations can be placed in the baskets under the Christmas tree. Please place ornament tags separately in the smaller basket under the tree.

***“God will give you much so that you can give away much, ... they will break out into thanksgiving and praise to God for your help.”
2 Cor. 9:11***

Advent Memorial Tree-Lighting Service

The fourteenth annual **Memorial Tree-Lighting Service** will be held at 9:00 am and 10:30 am Sunday, December 3rd. These Advent services will give us the opportunity to remember departed friends and family members in a beautiful way. The donations given in memorial will be represented in the beautiful white lights on our Christmas trees. All of the names of those remembered will be read during the service and listed in the bulletin. The donations will be given to Bethesda's supported missions (listed on the top right of this page). What a wonderful way to both “remember” loved ones and to help others. **Memorial donation checks and Memorial Form can be placed in the offering each Sunday until November 26th** or mailed to the church office. The Memorial Lights Form is printed on the back of this page and can also be found in the Sunday bulletins. Please indicate the names of those you are remembering, indicate your own name, and write “Memorial Lights” in the memo area of any check given. All names and memorial checks must be into the church by the deadline of Sunday, November 26th.

Advent Memorial-Lights Service

Our **Memorial Tree-Lighting** will be held Sunday, December 3rd.
This Advent service will again give us the opportunity to remember departed friends and family members in a beautiful way and will allow us
to support Bethesda's supported missions.

Memorial donations may be placed in the service offering or mailed to the church office during November.

Please indicate the names of those you are remembering, indicate your own name, and write the check to Bethesda Lutheran Church with "Memorial Lights" in the memo area of any check given. All checks must be in the church office by Tuesday, November 28th.



Memorial for _____

Given by _____

*Each dollar in memorial donations will be symbolized by a light on our sanctuary Christmas trees and will be given to our mission - **BETHESDA'S SUPPORTED MISSIONS.** Please attach your check.*

NOVEMBER 2017

Youth News at Bethesda



Dates to Remember:

- ◆ **Nov. 17th**
*Lock-In w/
Easter Lutheran
@ Dakota Sport
& Fitness*
 - ◆ **Nov. 8th**
*Mission Trip
Sign-Up
deadline.*
 - ◆ **Nov. 29th**
*Confirmation
students
Feed My Starving
Children*
- ◆ On Friday November 17th we will be having a Lock-in with Easter Lutheran Church at Dakota! Sport and Fitness for all 4th-12th graders. We will meet at Bethesda at 8:30 p.m. and return around 7:30 in the morning on Saturday. There will be bowling, ice skating, an arcade and much more! The cost is \$25 for Bethesda members and \$50 for non-members plus additional money if you want to buy food or drinks. Sign up on the Youth Board by Wednesday November 15th. We will also need Drivers for this event.
 - ◆ On Wednesday, November 29th, the Confirmation students will be headed off to the 6:00-7:30 session at Feed My Starving Children in Eagan! All are welcome to join us! Please sign up on the youth board.
 - ◆ The week of July 7th through the 15th, 2018 we will be going on our Youth Mission trip to Houston, Texas. During this trip we will be doing some Disaster relief and house repairs caused by the recent hurricane damage. Please sign up by Wednesday, November 8th to make sure that we have a spot for you! The trip is for current 8th through 12th graders. We also have a need for Adult chaperones. See Jacob Backman for more details.



Thank you to everyone who placed a Wreath order this past month. Our delivery is expected sometime near Thanksgiving time. You will be notified once they are ready for pick-up.

Contact the youth team with any questions!

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Beth McCabe bmccabe088@gmail.com



Sunday School

Thank you to all the youth that showed to help with the poster. If I counted right, there was 23 youth who came and shared their hand print. I am so excited to meet our new pastor this month I hope you are too.

November 5th- 10:00 to 10:30
November 12th- 10:00 to 10:30
November 19th- 10:00 to 10:30
November 26th- 10:00 to 10:30

See you at Sunday School and bring a friend!

We are still in need of teachers!
If interested, please contact me.



Mindie Schussler
Email: mindie.schussler@gmail.com
Cell: 612-875-6622 call or text



November 2017


December Events: December 5th
December 24th

6:00pm Women's Advent Appetizers & Program
9:00am Worship Service (ONE Service only)
4:30pm Family Worship Service
10:30pm Candlelight Communion Worship Service

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 9:30-11:00am Women's Bible Study 5:00pm Executive Team 6:30pm Confirmation 6:30pm Choir Rehearsal	2 10:00am NO Bible Study 6:30pm SMDRE Mtg.	3	4 
5 All Saints Sunday 9:00am Worship Service* 10:00am Sunday School 10:30am Contemporary Worship Service*	6 6:30pm Quilting B's 6:30pm Boy Scouts	7 10:00am Prayer Group 6:30pm Property Team 6:30pm Contemporary Band Rehearsal	8 9:00-10:30am Women's Bible Study 11:00am Mobile Meals 6:30pm Confirmation 6:30pm Choir Rehearsal Sign Up for Mission Trip	9 10:00am Bible Study	10 Set Up for Boutique	11 9:00am-3:00pm HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE
12 23rd Sunday after Pentecost 9:00am Worship Service 10:00am Sunday School 10:30am Contemporary Worship Service	13 6:30pm Boy Scouts	14 10:00am Prayer Group 6:30pm Contemporary Band Rehearsal	15 9:30-11:00am Women's Bible Study 6:30pm Confirmation 6:30pm Choir Rehearsal	16 10:00am Bible Study 6:30pm Council Mtg	17 LuLaRoe 8:30pm -7:30am Youth Lock In At Easter, Eagan	18 LuLaRoe
				Wreath Delivery →		
19 24th Sunday after Pentecost 9:00am Worship Service* (Installation Service for Pastor Maggie) 10:30am Brunch	20 1:00pm Quilting B's 6:30pm Boy Scouts	21 10:00am Prayer Group 6:30pm Book Club 6:30pm Contemporary Band Rehearsal	22 9:30-10:00am Women's Bible Study 6:30pm Worship Service 6:30pm NO Confirmation	23 THANKSGIVING 	24	25
26 Christ the King Sunday 9:00am Worship Service 10:00am Sunday School 10:30am Contemporary Worship Service	27 6:30pm Boy Scouts	28 10:00am Prayer Group 5:45pm Girl Scouts 6:30pm Contemporary Band Rehearsal	29 9:30-10:00am Women's Bible Study 6:00pm Confirmation-Feed My Starving Children 6:30pm Choir Rehearsal	30 10:00am Bible Study		



November 2017 Birthdays

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Marsha Morgan Louis Seliga Lucille Sharrow	2 Robin Ross	3	4 Alysha Holmgren
5	6 Sharon Stanefski	7 Jordan Geiselhat Leeann Young	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15 Joy Grimsrud	16	17	18
19	20	21 David Johnson Kim Pankonin	22	23 THANKSGIVING <i>Happy Thanksgiving</i> 	24	25 Scott Burress
26 Heidi Anderson	27	28	29	30 Heidi O'Donnell		

"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 Pastor's office, 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

We pray for the family and friends of:

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

Tom Muraski, Loren Neubauer, Tom Classen, Emily Willette, Andy Benjamin (friend of Renee and Chet DeSchane), Carol Evenson, Lorna Hohle, Dawn Belotta (daughter of Maxine Pfeiffer), George Pankonin, Evelyn Johnson (granddaughter of Donna and Gary Johnson), Christopher Johnson (son of Gary and Donna Johnson), Clarence and Lucille Sharrow, Ardie Bratten, Gloria Johnson, Ronald Willerton, Bill O'Neill, Helen Schadegg, Dorothy Nelson, Lovina Gustafson, Marian Petersen

For those with health concerns:

Kaelee DuFrame (Ray Morency's niece's granddaughter), Dianna Houska, Cheryl Hilber, Elsie Johnson, Lloyd Sachs, John Sargent, Donna Johnson, Kim Burress, Brian Ginsbach (cousin of Ann Siegel), Christine Tarzia (friend of Renee DeSchane), Eileen Bohrer, Felisita Delgado, Tonia Becerra, Barb Roth, Paulette Brooks (friend of Renee DeSchane), Pastor Sue Gravelle (friend of Kim Burress), Amber Thorson, Jane Gustafson, Kay Roberts, Finley Doyle (great granddaughter of Sally Muraski), Kelsey Breikruetz, Emersyn Kay Johnson, Clementine Brown, Kyla Henderson (friend of Amber Thorson), Renee Edmunds, Larry Krech (nephew of Fran Delia), Judy Carney (sister of Naomi Dorau), Kyle Galle, Jane Walker, Mary Jacobs, Julie Swedberg, Jerry Ohmann (friend of Jane McLagan), Kelly Dohmen, Kris Jore, Miranda McLagan (great niece of Jane and Clint McLagan), Mary Morness, Dale Knutson (nephew of Jane Gustafson)

Hospice:

Darleen Heltne

Prayers of Thanksgiving: