

# October Bell Echoes

## Bethesda Lutheran Church



### WORSHIP SCHEDULE

**SUNDAY**

9:00am Traditional Worship Service  
10:00am Sunday School  
10:00am 6th/7th Grade Confirmation  
10:30am Contemporary Worship Service

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS

<b>Monday</b>	<b>October 1</b>	7:00pm Training Event (Readers, Communion Servers, Ushers)
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>October 3</b>	6:30pm 8th/9th Grade Confirmation 6:30pm Youth Group 6:30pm Women's Bible Study
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>October 6</b>	8:30am-1:00pm SE Cluster Meeting <b>ON THE ROAD AGAIN</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>October 13</b>	9:00am Fall Clean Up

From Pastor Maggie

The other night as I was driving home from church I looked up at the night sky and saw a sight that took my breath away. The moon was full and bright. Just as I looked up the clouds slipped over the moon. The clouds looked like mountains and when illuminated by the moon were a combination of dazzling light and dark. Where the clouds were thin the light from the moon cast a shimmering glow; almost as if they had been sprinkled with glitter. The thick black clouds were outlined by the light which caused them to have a three dimensional appearance that seemed to shout "look at me; I am here to!" I found myself speaking out loud saying, "God are you seeing what I am seeing? It is so amazingly beautiful." In many ways what I saw is indescribable. A beautiful surprise that only God and I enjoyed together.

Isn't this how so much of our faith walk truly is. Split second moments in time where we get a glimpse of how God's grace works in the world. Fleeting bits of understanding as to what it means to experience the grace of God. You see I could have just as easily missed the beauty of the moon doing what the moon does and the clouds, wind and particles in the atmosphere doing what they do. I could have kept my eyes focused straight ahead on the road to home. I could have been so busy singing along with the radio that I missed the whisper, "Look up." I could have been so involved with internal problem solving dialogue that even if I did look up I wouldn't have seen anything all the special. For some reason, (the Holy Spirit?) I was given the gift of faith; seeing what was right in front of me so I could see what I cannot see.

So why am I telling you this in a monthly newsletter article? I am telling you this because I want you to know that this experience has changed how I have been praying for all of you. First of all – yes I pray for you every day. Not all of you every day. I divide up the congregational list and pray for different individuals each day. Since my 'over the moon' experience I have been praying that you will be surprised by God and given an experience of grace. So keep your eyes, ears and heart open because I believe with my whole being that God answers prayer!

Prayer experience: Practicing the presence of God in the moment

What you will need – A timer - Daily silence

1. Set aside a small amount of time each day for silence and paying attention.
2. Set the timer for 1-2 minutes
3. Open your silent time by asking God to help you focus on being in God's presence in the moment.
4. Pay attention to what is around you – What sounds do you hear? What do you physically feel? What do you see?
5. Thank God for all you noticed.
6. Increase amount of time by what you desire. It often takes weeks to be present for long periods of time (5 or more minutes).



## Bethesda Missions

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

### *Mission Focus for October* **Feed My Starving Children** **What makes us different?**

**The important elements which contribute to FMSC's heart and call to feed God's kids:**

#### Our Christian mission



We believe Jesus Christ has called us to feed the hungry and serve those in need. Jesus is the reason that Feed My Starving Children exists. We strive to follow his calling every day in all that we do.

#### Food is the foundation

"Hunger is the world's biggest solvable problem." – World Food Program. We believe that food is the foundation for all other progress. To a starving child, hope can only truly begin once a reliable source of nutritious food has been established. FMSC produces three special MannaPack™ meal formulas developed by food scientists to specifically stop malnutrition.



#### Developing Sustainability

Food assistance is a vital component in the process of transitioning individuals, families and communities out of chronic hunger and poverty and into self-sufficiency.

#### Volunteerism

### *Donors invest in children's futures*

**All meals are paid for by people just like you. We rely on your generosity to keep us going so we can feed more kids!**

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**We couldn't do this work without YOU. Volunteers pack all of our meals, and their donations pay for them. We don't receive free ingredients or government aid. It takes both packing and donating!**

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For where two or three gather together as my followers, I am there among them. *Matthew 18:20.*

## GREETINGS WOMEN OF BETHESDA

Hello Ladies,

Our Fall Kickoff was a success for our first gathering as Co-Presidents. Thank you to all who came & helped us feel comfortable in our new positions.

The Women of Bethesda will be the host to this years SE Women's Cluster on October 6th. Naomi Dorau is the Representative for our church, so if you have any questions pertaining to the meeting, please see her.

Wednesday Bible Studies will be starting soon. See information listed to the right.

The Boutique is approaching fast and Lynette Thorson has sold almost all of the tables. This year we will only be having crafters, NO vendors!

And one last thing. The garbage disposal in the kitchen has died so the women have agreed to pay for the replacement of a new one. It should be installed soon.

So mark you calendars for all of the wonderful things happening here at Bethesda.

Renee DeSchane & Jane Walker

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Book Club

October Book Club will be "The Plague of Doves". We will be getting together on October 16th for our discussion group.

### SE Women's Cluster Meeting

October 6th. See Naomi Dorau for further information.

### 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.

### Contact Information

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## REGULARLY SCHEDULED EVENTS

### Wednesday Morning Bible Study

The Wednesday morning Bible study will start up on October 10th. We will be studying "Revelation The Triumph of God." A 14 week *LifeGuide* Bible study. For more information contact Sharon Stanefski.

### Women's Evening Bible Study

The Wednesday Evening Bible Study will be starting on October 3rd at 6:30 pm. A new book is in the process of being chosen. For more information contact Pattie Rooney or Robin Ross.

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

September  
Book Club - Oct. 16

November  
Boutique - Nov. 10

December  
Advent Event

## Women's Ministry Board Members

Co presidents:  
Renee Deshane  
Jane Walker

Co-vice presidents:

Secretary:  
Naomi Dorau

Treasurer:  
Jennifer Tiedman

Bulletin board design:  
Naomi Dorau  
Sharon Stanefski

Boutique spaces:  
Lynette Thorson

Cookies for Shut-ins:  
Dawn Sargent  
Dannielle Coursolle

Additional Advisors:  
Marsha Morgan  
Sally Muraski

Bell Echoes Editor:  
Pattie Roney

ReFresh & ReNew Chairs:  
Cheryl Hilber  
Robin Ross  
Sharon Stanefski



# BETHESDA YOUTH AND FAMILY PROGRAMS



## **Christmas Wreaths**

Christmas will be here before we know it! Make sure to order your Christmas Wreath from the youth. All proceeds will go towards youth programming and mission trips. Check us out in the Narthex on October 7th, and October 28th!

## **October Bonfire/Games/Snacks!**

October 24th, come for a fun night of games, snacks, and a bonfire. We will have a great evening enjoying classic fall snacks like cider and caramel apples, playing fun outdoor games, and a bonfire. Freewill donation to cover the cost of snacks. October 24th: 7:00 - 8:30pm

## **Join us for Youth Mission Sunday!**

The Youth at Bethesda were part of a lot of great things this summer! Come and join us in celebrating their service, learning, and fun at the 9:00am and 10:30am service on October 7th, 2018. Youth will speak about their mission trip and camp experiences, we will sing camp song favorites, and we will learn more about how God calls and speaks to our youth at Bethesda. Youth will be selling Caramel Rolls during hospitality time as a fundraiser for future youth programs.

## **Contact the Youth Team!**

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**Sundays, 10:00 - 10:30am**

## **Welcome to Sunday School 2018/2019**

We are so excited for you to join us for the 2018/2019 Sunday School Year! There are a few changes coming to Sunday School, and we hope that it will make for the best experience for your student. This year, we will be using a curriculum called Dig In. Each week, your student will bring home a Take Home page that you can use as a family to talk more about important Bible stories. Use these pages as a starting place to begin talking about your family faith life. Keep Bethesda's Sunday School students and teachers in your prayers, we are hoping this will be a great year!



### **Upcoming Sunday School Lessons**

October 7th: Adam and Eve

October 14th: Noah's Ark

October 21st: No Sunday School, MEA Break

October 28th: Abraham's Son

**Sunday School**



# October 2018

November Events: November 6th-General Election  
November 10th-Holiday Boutique

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<b>1</b> 6:30pm Quilting B's 6:30pm Boy Scouts 7:00pm Training Event	<b>2</b> 10:00am Prayer Group 4:30pm Executive Mtg 6:30pm Property Team	<b>3</b> 6:30pm 8th/9th Grade Confirmation 6:30pm 10th-12th Grade Youth Group 6:30pm Choir Rehearsal 6:30pm Women's Bible Study	<b>4</b> 10:00am Bible Study	<b>5</b> 9:00am Prep for On the Road Again	<b>6</b> 8:30am-1:00pm SE Cluster Meeting at Bethesda 6:30pm Dakota Square Dancers <i>ON THE ROAD AGAIN</i>
<b>7 20th Sunday after Pentecost</b> Youth Mission Sunday 9:00am Worship Service* 10:00am Sunday School 10:00am 6th/7th Grade Confirmation 10:30am Contemporary Worship Service*	<b>8</b> 6:30pm Boy Scouts	<b>9</b> 10:00am Prayer Group 12:00-6:00pm Blood Drive	<b>10</b> 9:00-10:30am Women's Bible Study 11:00am Mobile Meals 6:30pm 8th/9th Grade Confirmation 6:30pm 10th-12th Grade Youth Group 6:30pm Choir Rehearsal 6:30pm Women's Bible Study	<b>11</b> 10:00am Bible Study	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> 9:00am Fall CleanUp
<b>14 21st Sunday after Pentecost</b> 9:00am Worship Service 10:00am Sunday School 10:00am 6th/7th Grade Confirmation 10:30am Contemporary Worship Service	<b>15</b> 1:00pm Quilting B's 6:30pm Boy Scouts	<b>16</b> 10:00am Prayer Group 6:30pm Book Club	<b>17</b> 9:30-11:00am Women's Bible Study 6:30pm NO 8th/9th Grade Confirmation 6:30pm NO Youth Group 6:30pm Choir Rehearsal	<b>18</b> 10:00am Bible Study	<b>19</b> Bell Echoes Articles DUE	<b>20</b>
<b>21 22nd Sunday after Pentecost</b> 9:00am Worship Service* 10:00am NO Sunday School 10:00am NO 6th/7th Grade Confirmation 10:30am Contemporary Worship Service*	<b>22</b> 6:30pm Boy Scouts	<b>23</b> 10:00am Prayer Group	<b>24</b> 9:30-11:00am Women's Bible Study 6:30pm Choir Rehearsal 6:30pm Women's Bible Study 7:00pm Youth Bonfire	<b>25</b> 10:00am Bible Study 6:30pm Council Mtg	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>28 Reformation Sunday</b> 9:00am Worship Service 10:00am Sunday School 10:00am 6th/7th Grade Confirmation 10:30am Contemporary Worship Service	<b>29</b> 6:30pm Boy Scouts	<b>30</b> 10:00am Prayer Group	<b>31</b> 9:30-11:00am Women's Bible Study 6:30pm 8th/9th Grade Confirmation 6:30pm 10th-12th Grade Youth Group 6:30pm Choir Rehearsal			



# 2018 Birthdays

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 Gabrielle Rosati	3	4	5	6 Thomas Muraski Christian Delgado
7	8	9	10	11 Theresa Staehnke	12	13
14	15 Melissa Holmgren	16	17 Chester DeS- chane	18	19 Diane Bratten	20
21	22	23	24	25 Justin Murray Lloyd Sachs	26 Barbara Brennan Janet Petersen Danny Doyscher	27 Rick Coursolle Gwendolyn Coursolle
28	29 Jennifer Tiedman	30	31			



## Fall Clean Up

The property committee is looking for a few onetime helpers. The fall yard and grounds clean up will happen on **Saturday, October 13th**. The team plans to start about 9 am. Please bring rakes, gloves, pruners or whatever you feel will make yardwork easier! Thank you for your help! --Property Team



# Treasurer's Report

August, 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
<b>General Fund</b>	<b>(\$30,934.44)</b>
Capital	25,902.82
Mortgage Reduction	2,272.69
Sunday School	682.37
Altar Flowers Fund In/Out	0.00
Dedicated Memorial	1,885.00
Undedicated Memorial	2,166.23
Garden Party	148.56
Special Appeals In/Out	(64.84)
Wedding	140.00
Vacation Bible School	0.00
Contemporary Choir	855.00
Bethesda Resource Center	584.74
Bible Fund	200.00
Choir	1,175.88
Youth Mission Trip	0.00
Youth Faith Based Activities	393.13
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)	3,033.77
Financial University Fund	201.96
Paul & Agnes Thoring Endowed Fund	66,381.39
Missions	3,783.50
Tech Team	344.65
Mission Trip Scholarship - ILAG	3,624.94
Mission Trip Scholarship - Youth	149.50
Sidewalk Fund	423.88
New Sign Fund	7,056.00
Lenten Supper	0.00
<b>Total All Funds</b>	<b>\$ 94,333.58</b>

Statement of Activities	August	Year-To-Date
<b>Income:</b>		
Envelopes	\$ 12,239.39	\$ 104,468.73
Loose	198.00	2,054.40
Adopt-A-Bill	0.00	143.10
Other General Fund	43.54	3,898.19
Thrivent Dollars	0.00	939.00
Preschool Rent	1,253.50	9,398.00
Fund Raisers	150.00	2,727.78
Coffee Fund	22.00	728.72
<b>Total General Fund Income:</b>	<b>\$ 13,906.43</b>	<b>\$ 124,357.92</b>
<b>Expenses:</b>		
Salary Expense	\$ 10,953.42	\$ 97,900.51
Non-Salary General & Administrative	1,281.00	9,560.65
Property	5,150.40	35,972.65
Worship And Music	409.17	1,338.83
Education	183.25	275.25
Youth	0.00	939.69
Smores	214.59	214.59
Stewardship	0.00	0.00
ELCA Mission Support	0.00	0.00
Camp Wapogasset	0.00	0.00
<b>Total General Fund Expenses:</b>	<b>\$ 18,191.83</b>	<b>\$ 146,202.17</b>

Liabilities	Balance
Payroll Withholding	\$ 1,781.04
Thrivent Financial Mortgage	414,069.58
Thoring Loan (Tax Assessment)	9,358.00
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>\$ 425,208.62</b>

Average monthly income needed to make 2018 budget:	\$ 18,320.25
Current month General Fund income:	\$ 13,906.43
Average actual Year-To-Date General Fund Income:	\$ 15,544.74
Average actual Year-To-Date General Fund Expense:	\$ 18,275.27

**"OUR PRAYERS"**

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

*Romans 12:12*



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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:**

*Marian Petersen, died August 29th*

*Betty Ulrich, died September 7th*

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

*Claudia Steiner (sister of Sharon Stanefski), Jill Lewis, Randy Bonde (husband of a friend of Renee DeSchane), Jane Walker, Donna Johnson, Kim Burress, 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, Kris Jore, Julie Swedberg, Emersyn Kay Johnson, Larry Krech (nephew of Fran Delia),*

**For those with health concerns:**

*Paulette Brooks (friend of Renee DeSchane)*

**Hospice:**

*Carol Evenson*

**Prayers of Thanksgiving:**

*Tresse (granddaughter of Donna and Loren Neubauer)*