

September Bell Echoes

Bethesda Lutheran Church



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

SUNDAY

9:00am Traditional Worship Service (Sept. 2 and 9)
FALL WORSHIP SCHEDULE BEGINS September 16th

SUNDAY

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

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Wednesday

September 5

6:30pm Choir Rehearsal

Saturday

September 8

11:00am-3:00pm Bethesda BOOYA

Sunday

September 9

10:00am Jacob's Farwell Gathering

Tuesday

September 11

6:00pm Women's Fall Kick Off

Tuesday

September 18

6:30pm Book Club

Wednesday

September 19

6:30pm Confirmation

From Pastor Maggie

What an amazing August we had here at Bethesda. We had 72 children and over twenty volunteers who were part of our Super Hero Vacation Bible School experience. If you haven't already, take some time and look at the pictures of our super heroes for God on the bulletin boards by the main office and in the hallway between the narthex and our fellowship space. Just the other day one of the Preschoolers was being picked up by her Dad and was walking by the pictures and said, "Daddy let's stop and look for Jesus." Not sure what she meant by that, but I can tell you she was right on track. I saw Jesus in all the children and those who worked with them. It was a blessing for all of us.

We also had a wonderful Neighborhood Picnic and Parking Lot party. The S.M.O.R.E. committee sponsored this event and did excellent work. Thanks to all who made this event happen. If I were to guess, I would say around two hundred neighbors attended our party. Everything was fantastic-the band, food, crafts, service project, bike decorations, water fights, and the jumpy house were so much fun. Members from our congregation did a nice job of mingling and welcoming our neighbors. One family who I spoke with for quite some time was saying they couldn't believe that we did all this for the neighborhood at no charge. They told me they had spoken with some of their neighbors they hadn't seen in two years and were grateful for the opportunity to reconnect. Helping build neighborhood community wasn't even something I had thought of when we planned this event and what a blessing to be a part of that. God's plans and our plans are often somewhat different but I am always amazed at what God does when we are faithful.

So now we are heading into Fall. So much for slowing down in the summer! Whew! I didn't even mention the children and adults who participated in camp, mission trips and bible studies this summer. What I learned about Bethesda this summer is that ministry cranks up a notch in the summer it doesn't slow down! So when council asked me if we were going to have a Rally day I had to smile. Not sure we need to rally we never stopped. We will be starting Sunday school and going to two Sunday services on September 16th. Confirmation begins on the 19th with a Parent/Student event and the women's Fall kick off is on the 11th.

I have chosen a theme for this year - ***See How They Love Each Other***. When it comes down to it the Christian faith is fairly simple – God loves us unconditionally, God reveals that love to us in Jesus and we are to love one another. Simple in the sense of the bottom line principles of our faith but not so simple to live out day to day. According to the Gospel of John, Jesus in his final days on earth gathered his disciples and gave them a new commandment “love each other just as much as I love you. Your strong love for each other will prove to the world that you are my disciples.” (John 13:34-35) Hopefully through word and deed we will come to understand what this means for our faith community. I chose this theme because I believe this is what truly sets us apart from all other faith traditions. We have the unconditional love of God and are empowered by the Holy spirit to live into that love. In a time in the world where love being lived out in word and deed is hard to find we as a Christian community need to experience that love and be an example of that love all the more. So let’s focus this year on loving as Christ has loved us.

Prayer Experience

Take a sheet of paper and a pencil and sit down somewhere where you will be undisturbed. Write down names of people who have shown you God’s love in word or deed. Spend your prayer time thanking God for those people and praying for them.



Bethesda Missions

ILAG Guatemalan Mission

Neighbor's Inc.

Feed My Starving Children

Mission Trip Scholarship Fund



Bethesda's Neighborhood Parking Lot Celebration was a great success!

WE SHARED THE FUN AND EXTENDED GOD'S LOVE THROUGH THE ... grilling of hot dogs, playing of games, and packaging of detergent for Neighbor's Food Shelf. The great live band enlivened the atmosphere and entertained us with a variety of popular and Christian music. Group tours of the church were given at scheduled intervals. We enjoyed a creative arts table and decorated our "wheels" to participate in a wheelchair, bike and wagon parade. Excitement was at a high level over at the bouncy house, gaga pit and water balloon area.

Thanks to all who made this outreach event a great time for all and also made it a wonderful way to share God's love.



SEPTEMBER 2018

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

GREETINGS WOMEN OF BETHESDA

Hello Ladies,

Summer is over and September is here so that means it time for our Annual Fall Kick Off Dinner. Our theme for this year will be "F.O.O.L.S.-Followers of Our Loving Savior."

So mark your calendars for Tuesday, September 11th at 6:00. The sign-up sheet is on the women's bulletin board. We are looking forward in seeing you all there.

Renee DeSchane & Jane Walker

UPCOMING EVENTS

Fall Kickoff Dinner
Tuesday September 11 at 6:00 pm.

Book Club
September book club will meet on September 18th. The title of the book is "*The 100-year-old man who climbed out the window & disappeared*". Books are available from Jennifer McCabe.

SE Women's Cluster Meeting
More information to follow.

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.

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REGULARLY SCHEDULED EVENTS

Wednesday Morning Bible Study

We will be taking August and September off. We will resume again October 10th.

Women's Evening Bible Study

We will be starting up again on Wednesday nights this fall. Watch the bulletin for more information to come.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

September

Fall Kickoff - Sept. 11
Book Club - Sept. 18

October Movie Night

November
Boutique - Nov. 10

December
Advent Event



Women's Ministry Board Members

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YOUTH NEWS AT BETHESDA

September 2018

Hello from Beth!

Hello Bethesda family! I am so excited to be serving Bethesda as the Youth and Family Director starting September 1st. As a quick introduction: I graduated from Gustavus Adolphus College in May 2017 with a degree in Biochemistry. I have lots of experience with youth ministry that includes counseling at Luther Dell Bible Camp, Sunday School teacher, Youth Director, and Primary Mission Trip Leader for a church in St. Cloud. I'm used to wearing a lot of hats, and I am so excited to put my touch on youth and family programming at Bethesda! Watch for changes coming to confirmation and Sunday School as we hop right into fall ministry. Fun fact about myself: since graduating, I adopted my pet tortoise Frankie. She was found as a stray wandering the streets of Minneapolis! (See picture below)



Come Horseback Riding!

Join us for some horseback riding fun on September 23rd!
We will be riding at River Valley Ranch in Jordan, MN.
Cars will be leaving Bethesda at 11:30 am and return around 3 pm.

Cost is \$40 for non-members, and \$30 for members.

Riders must be 50" tall, and wearing long pants.

Contact the Youth Team with Any Questions!

Beth: bmccabe088@gmail.com or 651-315-4634
Kim: kburress@msn.com or 651-457-7080 or 651-260-3922

Farewell and Good Luck

We will be having a farewell gathering for Jacob Backman on Sunday, **September 9th after the 9:00 service.** Please join us in the lounge to wish Jacob well, and to thank him for the work he has done teaching our youth and in leading the contemporary worship team. There will be cake!

I want to pass along an update from the Wapogasset Bible Camp Board for all those members of Bethesda who have attended, worked and supported Luther Dell over the years. It had been decided at the end of last year's camping season to sell the Luther Dell property. Preparations were made, and a listing was sent out in January of 2018. An offer was accepted, and sale papers signed the end of June. This may seem like a sad ending to many, including all the time I spent with the camp, and for my family which included five staff members, two weddings, and a family reunion, not to mention all the youth, work and family camps that were attended.

But – the property was purchased by a gentleman who lives just down the road from camp who did not want to see such a beautiful piece of property parceled out. His intentions are to turn it into a retreat center, with the possibility of hosting weddings in the Lodge. So keep your fingers crossed that you may again visit and stay at the (now) former Luther Dell site.

David Hohle
Camp Board Delegate

Treasurer's Report

July, 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	(\$26,949.04)
Capital	25,427.82
Mortgage Reduction	2,768.69
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	(122.87)
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	1,676.66
Timmy Autey Camp Scholarship	1,786.29
Christian Care Fund	300.00
Men's Club	54.00
Parish Nurse	692.00
Smores (Outreach)	3,033.77
Financial University Fund	201.96
Paul & Agnes Thoring Endowed Fund	66,226.39
Missions	3,320.00
Tech Team	344.65
Mission Trip Scholarship - ILAG	3,547.69
Mission Trip Scholarship - Youth	72.25
Sidewalk Fund	423.88
New Sign Fund	7,046.00
Lenten Supper	0.00
Total All Funds	\$ 98,081.05

Statement of Activities	July	Year-To-Date
Income:		
Envelopes	\$ 12,684.00	\$ 94,229.34
Loose	286.00	1,856.40
Adopt-A-Bill	0.00	143.10
Other General Fund	49.77	1,854.65
Thrivent Dollars	0.00	939.00
Preschool Rent	1,163.50	8,144.50
Fund Raisers	80.00	2,577.78
Coffee Fund	124.50	706.72
Total General Fund Income:	\$ 14,387.77	\$ 110,451.49
Expenses:		
Salary Expense	\$ 12,667.59	\$ 86,947.09
Non-Salary General & Administrative	1,453.26	8,279.65
Property	2,238.91	30,822.25
Worship And Music	178.76	929.66
Education	0.00	92.00
Youth	247.19	939.69
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:	\$ 16,785.71	\$ 128,010.34

Liabilities	Balance
Payroll Withholding	\$ 1,961.70
Thrivent Financial Mortgage	415,511.43
Thoring Loan (Tax Assessment)	9,513.00
Total Liabilities	\$ 426,986.13

Average monthly income needed to make 2018 budget:	\$ 18,320.25
Current month General Fund income:	\$ 14,387.77
Average actual Year-To-Date General Fund Income:	\$ 15,778.78
Average actual Year-To-Date General Fund Expense:	\$ 18,287.19

September 2018

October Events:

October 6th

Women's SE Cluster Meeting At Bethesda
On the Road Again

October 6th

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
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2 15th Sunday after Pentecost 9:00am Worship Service *	3 LABOR DAY	4 10:00am Prayer Group 6:30pm Property Team	5 6:30pm Choir Rehearsal	6 10:00am Bible Study 6:30pm SMORE Mtg.	7 3:00pm Bratten Wedding	8 11:00am-3:00pm Bethesda Booya Bas
9 16th Sunday after Pentecost 9:00am Worship Service (Jacob's Farewell)	10 6:30pm Boy Scouts	11 10:00am Prayer Group 4:30pm Executive Mtg. 6:00pm Women's Fall Kick Off	12 11:00am Mobile Meals 6:30pm Choir Rehearsal	13 10:00am Bible Study	14	15
16 17th Sunday after Pentecost 9:00am Worship Service* (Beth McCabe's Welcome) 10:00am Sunday School 10:30am Contemporary Worship*	17 1:00pm Quilting B's 6:30pm Boy Scouts	18 10:00am Prayer Group 6:30pm Book Club	19 6:30pm Confirmation 6:30pm Choir Rehearsal	20 10:00am Bible Study 6:30pm Council Meeting Bell Echoes Due	21	22
23 18th Sunday after Pentecost 9:00am Worship Service 10:00am Sunday School 10:30am Contemporary Worship 11:30am Youth Horseback Riding	24 6:30pm Boy Scouts	25 10:00am Prayer Group	26 6:30pm Confirmation 6:30pm Choir Rehearsal	27 10:00am Bible Study	28 3:00-10:00pm Ross/Maxson Rehearsal And Dinner	29 9:00am-5:00pm Ross/Maxson Waddi
30 19th Sunday after Pentecost 9:00am Worship Service 10:00am Sunday School 10:30am Contemporary Worship						

September 2018 Birthdays

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
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2 Gabrielle Rosati	3	4	5	6 Thomas Muraski Christian Delgado	7	8
9	10 Theresa Staehnke	11	12	13	14	15 Melissa Holmgren
16	17 Chester DeSchane	18	19 Diane Bratten	20	21	22
23	24	25 Justin Murray Lloyd Sachs	26 Barb Brennan Janet Petersen Daniel Dayscher Augustus Schussler	27 Rick Coursolle Gwendolyn Coursolle	28	29 Jennifer Tiedman
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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:

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

Jill Lewis, Randy Bonde (husband of a friend of Renee DeSchane), Jane Walker, Donna Johnson, Naomi Dorau, Kim Burrell, 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:

Tresse (granddaughter of Donna and Loren Neubauer)

Hospice:

Marian Petersen, Carol Evenson

Prayers of Thanksgiving:

Sarah Engedal (niece of Renee DeSchane)