

Bethesda Life-Line

Worship Services*

Sunday 8:30 & 10 AM

Service of Holy Communion is celebrated every Sunday of each month.

Coffee fellowship is held in the fellowship room following the early Sunday Worship service. All are invited to share in conversation and warm fellowship.



**June 3 Sunday Outdoor Worships 8:30 & 10
Communion**

**June 10 Sunday Worship 8:30 & 10 AM
Communion**

**June 17 Sunday Worship 8:30 & 10 AM
Communion**

**June 24 Sunday Worship 8:30 & 10 AM
Communion**

Bethesda Mission Statement:

We will **LIVE** and **SERVE** through **FAITH**
we will **ACT** with **LOVE** and **KINDNESS**
we will **GIVE** hope and **SUPPORT** to all

Upcoming Events

Be sure and mark your calendars for **VACATION
BIBLE SCHOOL**
The week of June 18 -22

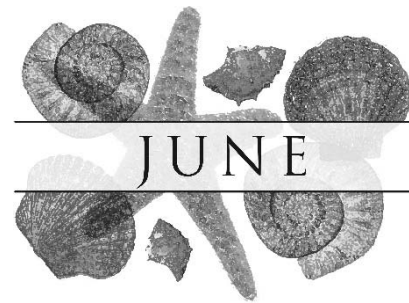
June 3 Outdoor services

June 20th FREE COMMUNITY PICNIC

sponsored by Malmo Lions & Bethesda Lutheran

June 18 -22 Annual VBS.

July 7 Veggie stand opens



2018

COMMITTEE BUDGETS ARE DUE JUNE 15

Stewardship and Finance are requesting that committees return their budget requests for the next budget year by Friday, June 15. Mary Braun has put a form in your mailboxes that you can use and return to the stewardship box. If you have request for any equipment, maintenance or special program expenses that aren't normally within your budget request please list those along with a brief explanation. Stewardship will be meeting on June 25 to begin the budget considerations and if there are further questions, we will consult with your committee.

VBS Shoebox Ministry

On Thursday, June 21st at 11:35am (right after Vacation Bible School ends) there will be a Thrivent sponsored event to pack shoeboxes for Samaritan's Purse's Operation Christmas Child project. Ron Hass applied for and received a grant from Thrivent to help fund this project. All VBS kids, parents and any other interested adults are invited to participate and pack boxes. If you want to donate items for the shoeboxes bring them to the display in the Fellowship Hall before June 21st. Items needed include: hygiene and personal care items (soap, combs, hair brushes, toothbrushes, jewelry/hair accessories), school supplies (crayons, scissors, pens, pencils/sharpeners, erasers), T-shirts, socks, hats, small toys like cars/trucks, dolls, jump ropes, balls and any other gift items that will fit into a shoebox. Plastic shoeboxes have been purchased so any additional wrapped cardboard boxes will not be needed. No liquids, toothpaste or candy can be accepted and all items must be new. For more information, contact Darlene Christensen.



Greetings, sisters and brothers in Christ!

Though it is a bit cloudy and gray as I write this letter, we have already been blessed with several beautiful early summer days. It is that

wonderful time of year in Minnesota when the sun shines bright, but the humidity and bugs have not yet come in full force. We also welcome all the new life springing up around us, as our world also gets a bit greener. Not to mention the metaphorical new life as more and more people head up to the lake to enjoy the great outdoors.

Personally, I am looking forward to experiencing my first summer here at Bethesda. My calendar is already getting quite packed with all kinds of summer activities that we either host or participate in as a congregation. I am also enjoying the chance to connect and re-connect with people I either met briefly or had already gone to warmer climates when I started late last fall. If I have a bit of a confused look on my face as I try to remember your name on Sunday, my apologies, but please feel free to (re)introduce yourself to me!

In last month's letter I mentioned that we are going to be making communion part of our worship service every Sunday, but I also hinted at another worship experiment we will be trying this summer, something called the "Narrative Lectionary." I do understand, however, if there is something about the word "lectionary" that just makes you yawn – trust me, it should be fun!

A lectionary is basically a schedule of scripture readings that a church can use. Our current lectionary is the Revised Common Lectionary (or RCL), created by an ecumenical council of churches and released in 1994 and based on the previous Common Lectionary, itself based on the lectionary used by the Roman Catholic Church. The RCL is used by most of the mainline Protestant Church in several different countries.

The RCL uses a three-year cycle that rotates among several different Old and New Testament readings and cycles between Matthew, Mark, and Luke, with John filling in around Christmas and Easter and other festival Sundays.

The newer Narrative Lectionary began around 2010 by Rolf Jacobson and Craig Koester, two professors at Luther Seminary in St. Paul, my alma mater, and has been growing in popularity. It works a little

differently – rather than having up to 4 Bible readings on a Sunday (Old Testament, Psalm, New Testament, Gospel), it focuses on one main Bible passage. An optional suggested reading can be added, but the idea is that beginning in September a church will begin in the book of Genesis and work its way through the Bible by the following June. Various 4-6 week long summer series can be used during the summer months.

The Narrative Lectionary website explains the basic flow:

- From September to mid-December the preaching texts begin with the early chapters of Genesis, move through the stories of Israel's early history, the exodus, the kings, prophets, exile and return.
- From Christmas to Easter there is sustained reading of one of the four gospels
- From Easter to Pentecost the texts are chosen from Acts and Paul's letters.

The website notes that "the texts include the major episodes in Scripture. They are arranged in a narrative sequence to help people see Scripture as a story that has coherence and a dynamic movement." Also, by having fewer readings, the main reading can cover more of a Bible story, capturing more of the train of thought. The Narrative lectionary also works on a 4-year cycle, so John can get have his own year, and Mark doesn't get John and Luke filling in his supposed gaps.

This summer we are going to experiment with 4 of the recommended summer series. It should help us get a taste for having more interconnected readings. We will first work our way through the 10 Commandments, then cover the New Testament letter of 1 John, then the Old Testament book of Ruth, and finally a short three-week series on Stewardship and Generosity at the end of August. It won't be quite the same as the much longer full lectionary year, but hopefully we will be able to get a good enough sense if this feels right for our congregation.

Because, of course, no lectionary is perfect. They are just one of the many tools we use to help us hear the word of God better. We are a church (speaking as Bethesda and Lutherans as a whole) that believes in freedom in worship. We may tend to be more structured than our evangelical brothers and sisters, but at our heart we believe that what is most

important is whatever communicates the life-giving word of God in the most powerful way. All the rest is up to each community of faith to decide.

That is why we push ourselves to have these little experiments, to try new things, to feature both old favorites backed by organ and new songs backed by drums, guitar and piano. God’s promises of love may be eternal and unchangeable, but our ears tend to be a bit fickle and selective, like teenagers tuning out all that good advice that mom and dad try to impart.

So, it’s good to mix things up now and then. Read different readings. Pray different prayers. Sing new songs. We don’t want to mix things up so much that people are constantly dazed and confused as they leave every Sunday morning, but neither should worship be a time where you can just cruise along on autopilot to kill an hour or so before brunch. The Holy Spirit invites us into a life filled with more challenges and excitement than that.

So, I hope this summer will be for you a lively and lovely time. Restful and reflective moments are good too, and cool summer mornings and summer evenings provide many great opportunities to take it easy, but a healthy life needs a balance of both. In any case, however you spend your time, try and share that time with friends old and new.

Yours in Christ,
Pastor James Muske

TREASURER'S REPORT

2018 TREASURER'S REPORT

General Fund	APRIL	YTD
Income Actual	\$16,625	\$165,192
Income Budgeted	\$17,021	\$136,167
Expense Actual	\$16,473	\$154,669
Expense Budgeted	\$16,369	\$130,953
Over/(Short)	\$152	\$10,523



Minutes of May 18, 2018, Council Meeting

In attendance: Mary Braun, Melody Lackner, Jenny Schuett, Ron Mehlhop, Kathy Berland, Ron Haglund, Pastor James Muske and George Smith.

The meeting was called to order by council president Ron Mehlhop.

Pastor James gave opening Devotions.

Secretary's Report:

Motion was made to accept the minutes of the April meeting by Mary Braun, seconded by Jenny Schuett, and passed.

Treasurer's Report:

Financial view and current month activity for April was presented by Mary Braun. She will continue to work with Mary and Mark Vukelich on transparency of parsonage fund reporting. Motion was made by Kathy Berland to accept the treasurer’s report, seconded by Melody Lackner and passed.

Pastor's Report:

April to May 18, 2018

During the first part of this month I was away on a week of vacation to Iceland! Many thanks to all who helped keep things going in my absence, especially to George for filling in on worship leadership and preaching duties. While the trip wasn’t exactly restful, I had a great time nonetheless.

Thanks also to Val for taking over the pulpit while I was away at the Synod Assembly this month. The assembly went well, no big debates or drama, but it was good to get to meet more of our neighboring churches and their pastors and people and get a better sense of the entire ministry that is going on in our corner of Minnesota. Next year’s Synod Assembly will be held in Duluth, May 3-5.

Other major items from this month include continue to work with the Worship and Music committee about upgrading some of our technology in the sanctuary. Randy and I met with Jodi this week to talk through some projection options that could improve both quality and usability. Worship-wise, I have also been working to introduce the new Narrative Lectionary summer series readings. Finding good matching hymns has been a bit of a challenge for the first series – The Ten Commandments, but luckily we have all those hymn suggestions people have submitted to help fill the gaps a bit.

I also had fun filling in for George on the drums for this month's praise band Sunday, but am happy that he is well and taking the sticks back. One of the other main items has been working with our Confirmation students in anticipation of Confirmation/Pentecost Sunday this weekend. Both Ellee and Emilie have my full endorsement, as they have been great to work with this past months. I wish I had started a year earlier, so I could have been there for the whole process with them.

Instead of writing the more traditional faith statements, I have had them apply some of those faith questions to developing a more practical project idea. The idea they chose was a church garden – raising herbs and vegetables that could be donated to the Veggie Stand. The important part for me was the thought process, but they also seem interested in actually making it happen. After seeking some additional adult helpers, I would recommend council consider their proposal and request for funds.

With time off for vacation and attending the Synod Assembly, I was only able to visit a few folks this month, but spoke with Carolyn Morris about regularly touching base with her and a couple others about making sure all those who could use a visit receive one.

Thank you all for your continued leadership!
Yours in Christ, Pastor James Muske

Old Business:

Future Expenses for Parsonage (ex: landscaping): Ron Mehlhop gave an update on landscaping for the parsonage (see property committee report below). Based on his report, Ron Haglund made a motion to accept the R&R landscaping bid for the parsonage landscaping of \$7,720. Mary seconded the motion and it passed. Mary Braun then made a motion that the landscaping bid is paid through liabilities on account #280 (facility property fund). Seconded by Ron and passed.

Pilot the "Narrative Lectionary" this summer (W&M) — Pastor is looking for hymns to match the series. Mary had questions about the printing the bulletin using the correct readings and prayers of the day and will work with Pastor.

New Business:

Review new Scholarship Form and procedures: The Scholarship Application form was updated by the

Stewardship committee and brought to council. The council reviewed it and a motion was made that it should include part-time students also. Mary will take back to Stewardship to revise.

New members: Suggest having a quarterly schedule for accepting new members. Pastor James will do this. They will plan one soon.

Recycling: Ron Haglund brought up that we need to be sorting the recycling and that it is for church recyclables only. There is a recycling bin for plastics in the kitchen. There was a concern also about where the cardboard goes. Ron M. will bring to the property committee's attention.

Council discussed the recommended and required constitution updates. George will go through it more carefully and bring it to the council for a motion to accept next month.

2018-19 Budget worksheets for every committee are due no later than June 15th.

Congregation photo is being planned for Father's Day, June 17th. Please plan on attending. We would like to use this for our new photo directory and the upcoming 100th anniversary.

Committee Reports:

Mission & Evangelism:

Mission and Evangelism Committee met May 2, 2018

Members Present: Pastor James Muske, Sandy Pullen, Sue Samuelson, Judie Birk and Joanne Stueven

1. **Temple Talks:** Another article telling the status of Temple Talks will be placed in next newsletter. True Friends Camp is being sold so we will research before sending donations.

2. **Advertising:** Judie Birk has designed and ordered 2 flag style signs to help advertise the veggie stand. Judie applied for Thrivent dollars to cover most of the cost. There will be tee shirts for veggie stand workers provided by Thrivent.

Sue and Judie will update the post card advertising Bethesda's events to be handed out at

veggie stand, Malmo Event, 4th of July, and any place appropriate.

We looked over a flier from a church in Arizona and will consider getting that updated as a mailer or additional advertisement.

3. **New Directory:** Lifetouch will be here Aug 15-18 to take photos for a new directory. Sandy Pullen is keeping in touch with Lifetouch as they are asking for volunteers to be available for training 6-8 weeks before photo dates.

4. **Vacation Bible School:** The dates are June 18-22, 2018. Registrations have been mailed out to those who have attended in previous years and to grandparents who may have children that age. Rather than order a Kid-to-Kid project, the Tofteland's have been asked to teach the children about the Lutheran Global Ministry Project. The music CD's are available for those interested in having the music ahead of time. The students will help pack some Operation Christmas Shoe Boxes again this year. We will have meetings and call for volunteers as needed. It is the BEST week of summer!!

5. **Confirmation:** Ellie Johnson and Emilie Vukelich will be confirmed May 20, 2018. They were each given a Bible last fall. We will have flowers, a cross necklace, and cake that Sunday. Pastor wants to explore having the students plan and work in a church garden plot. They will meet May 9 to confirm a plan.

6. **Other:** Pastor had a suggestion for reaching out to visitors by having a warm message (Go In Peace) or (Go Serve) printed above doorways as they leave church. We will discuss with property committee and council before proceeding.

Submitted by: Joanne Stueven

Property Committee:

- Lawn mowing sign-up sheet put up
- Work day to be set for late May
- Septic covers removed by Lee and Jerry
- Replaced light bulbs in one light in Sanctuary with LED bulbs to see effect. Will replace all lights with LED's. Approximate cost \$100.
- Would like to remove horseshoe pits on church property. They have not been used and they are inconvenient to mow around. We would ask Council's approval for this to be done.

- Will remove fence around the parsonage garden and clear area.
- Bid on lawn at parsonage: One Bid only for \$7720 from R&R. Most landscapers full for summer. One to call back to give estimate (still waiting). I recommend we accept bid. They can do it soon. They would bury the down spout drain pipes, haul in black dirt, seed and use erosion control seed/hay on the hill side. The council needs to approve the bid of \$7,720.
- Lee reset the timers on the security lights
- WELCA has donated \$1,500 for the 14'x16' deck for the back of the parsonage. The Property Committee would like to have Rick supervise the job with a bunch of volunteers.
- Storm doors still need to be put on. Lee will get with Westerland to get the job done.
- Talked about a yard light in the parking lot for emergency helicopters to land at night. (They have requested a light). Lee will get a quote and find out if the County or State will pay for the light.
- Jerry Morris said the windows in the fellowship hall need to be re-varnished.
- Next meeting will be May 24 at 10 am.

Respectfully submitted, Lee Forrester

Stewardship & Finance:

Stewardship met on Monday, May 7. The following items were discussed:

1. Char Berg met with committee and a revised scholarship form was recommended. A motion from the council to adopt application with the new revisions is requested.
2. Update on Veggie Stand with a special thank you to all those who are working to make this community service program a success. Stewardship will make bulletin board with items needed for individuals who are baking each week. This will be available mid-June.
3. Budget requests from committees are due June 15. A brief discussion was held on the financial condition of the church.
4. Barb Forrester will have information on the parsonage pledges for the next meeting on June 14 Pat Becker, chairperson

Worship & Music:

Members Present: Pastor James, Randy Tofteland, Carol Bakken Jim Christensen, Ron Haglund, Paula Spetz, Julie Swaggert, Sharon Whipple

The meeting was held on May 3 and opened with prayer by Pastor James. The Committee was informed that the council approved changing to communion every Sunday and the recommendation to pilot the Narrative Lectionary over the summer. The Committee decided that both every Sunday Communion and the Narrative Lectionary would begin on Sunday May 27th. Randy will update Dianne Jones and Skip Hanson of this start date. The committee also decided to not have lectors during the piloting of the Narrative Lectionary and Pastor James will do the associated readings. The committee was also informed the Church Council approved the committee's recommendation to begin researching new technology for the sanctuary that would easier allow video and other multimedia. Randy will work with Pastor James in researching equipment and then the committee will decide if it wants to make a recommendation to purchase to the Council.

New Business:

- The committee was informed that the synod prefers that communion be served only when an ordained Pastor is in attendance. The committee discussed our practice of using local members for pulpit vacancy when our Pastor is gone and how we would handle that with the church now moving to communion every Sunday. It was decided that we will not serve communion on the Sundays that a church parishioner leads the service
- A follow up discussion from last month's meeting regarding multicultural music was held. It was decided that this is something that the Praise Choir would occasionally do and if there is further interest from the congregation it could be occasionally added to other services
- A follow up discussion from last month's meeting regarding singing the liturgy was held. It was decided that Pastor James will select a sung liturgy he would like to try and then he will work with Jim Christensen to implement

- A follow up discussion from last month's meeting regarding plans for a summer mid-week or Saturday evening service was held. It was agreed we would not hold a scheduled mid-week or Saturday evening service this year. But, Pastor James intends to attend other services in the area this summer to research what type of summer ministry Bethesda may have in the future
- It was agreed that the committee would do a congregational survey in early August. Carol Bakken and Jim Christensen agreed to lead the survey process. It was agreed the survey will include questions regarding worship music, the Narrative Lectionary and the singing of the liturgy
- Jim Christensen shared with the committee that he had been in touch with Dakota Road in regard to a summer concert. The committee informed Jim that it was interested in pursuing this if the price was the same as last year and if it would be held as a fundraiser and focused on community involvement. Jim agreed to follow up with Dakota Road to check availability for the weekend before or after July 4th

Motion was made to adjourn by Mary Braun, seconded by Melody, and passed.

The next council meeting will be June 15 at 9:00 am. Respectfully submitted by Judie Birk, council secretary.



***Happy Fathers Day
June 17st***

WELCA

Women of the ELCA Mtg – May 16th, 2018
Chairwoman Jeannine B opened the mtg with 14 members present. Refreshments were served by Sue S & Linda S. The purpose statement was read. Darlene C. gave devotions.

The April 2018 secy's report was read & accepted.
Diane gave the treasurer's report with a bal on hand
of \$1,169.64

Old business:

Comments were made re: the McGregor Spring
Gathering,

VBS is June 18=22. Newborn kits will be
assembled following the meeting.

Jelly making resulted in 454 jars on May 14th.

Barb F commented on the "No Bake-Bake" Sale in
June.

New business:

Kitchen cleaning & dishwasher descaling is May
21st at 8 am.

Crafters start on Tues., May 22nd @ 9 am.

Summer WELCA convention is at Sugar Lake
Lodge June 4-6.

Coffee pots need to be descaled once a month.

The women's bathroom needs a painting touchup.

The mtg was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

The next mtg is Wed., August 15th at 9:30 am.

Servers are Cheryl M & Bev S. Char Berg, secy.



OUTDOOR SERVICE Sunday, June 3rd, 8:30 am
and 10:00 am in the Garden. Please bring your
lawn chairs and dress accordingly to the weather.
Our hope is that you come and worship with us out
in God's sanctuary.

SPRING CLEAN-UP Monday, June 4, 9 a.m. It's
time to clean the yard. We could use your help with
clearing the parsonage garden and under the pine
trees. The fence around the garden will be taken
down and debris removed. Please bring a shovel,
hoe, rake, and a pair of gloves. We should be
finished by noon. Come enjoy the outdoors. If you
have any questions, contact Lee Forrester.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL is June 18-
22. There will be a planning session June 5 at 12:00.
Please consider joining us or talk to Joanne Stueven
or Dianne Jones about ways you can support "The
Best Week of Summer". We need volunteers

FREE COMMUNITY PICNIC sponsored by
Malmo Lions. Wed, June 20th at 5:00 pm for the
meal. Lakeside Park in Malmo. Activities will

include kid games, informational booths and
demonstrations. Music at 6:00 pm from Bethesda
Choir, Bible School Students, Praise Choir and
more.

DONATIONS NEEDED for Community Picnic.
Instead of the church donating money we will be
looking at our members to donate cookies toward
the meal. (Any extra will come back to the church
for Sunday coffee or be sold with money going to
Veggie stand) Have any cookies at the church
Tuesday, June 19th and thank you for anyone who
can help.

HORSESHOE PIT If anyone is interested in
starting and running a Horseshoe Pitching League,
please let us know. If no one is interested, we will
be removing the horseshoe pits.



**Help! We need Coffee Servers for
June, July, August.**

Please sign up so we may continue to have coffee in
between the services, the signup sheet is now on a
board mounted in fellowship hall. We hope
everyone serves at least once a year if not twice.



Inspirational Vision

Charley Boswell, a former University of Alabama
football star with hopes of a professional baseball
career, lost his eyesight in World War II. But that
did not stop him. He went on to become the
National Blind Golf Champion 17 times. He was
quoted as saying, "I never count what I've lost. I
only count what I have left."

Join the team!
Sign up to mow the
church lawn!





The choir has started singing one the first and third Sundays, and have been doing a wonderful job There will be a little change up in the schedule in the month of June, as the Praise Team had a schedule issue for the second Sunday in June. So, the choir and the Praise Team have swapped Sunday's. The Praise Team will be singing on Sunday, June 3rd, in the Garden for our outdoor service! Please remember to bring your lawn chairs and maybe a blanket for the 8:30 service and Sunglasses for the 10:00 service. In case of bad weather we will be doing the two services in the Sanctuary. So, the choir will now be singing on June 10th & June 17th in the month of June. We will be practicing on Wed. June, 6th, 13th, & 27th at 6:00 p.m. with Praise Team to follow at 7:00 p.m., and on Wed. June 20th the choir will be singing at the Malmo Lions Community Picnic and the Malmo Hall. A We will be starting the Communion on every Sunday now, and are planning on doing Communion out in the Garden also. In May we sang songs with Rain in the titles and now in June we are picking up the pace and singing "Wake Up Church" on June 10th and "I Saw the Light" on June 17th. Thank you choir for your dedication and for all the wonderful music you in Praise you our Lord! I appreciate each and every one of you!!

~ Sheila Penoyer/Choir Director



Jelly/Jam making

A big thank you to everyone who helped with jelly making. It was a good crew, a well-oiled machine making 454 jars of jelly from 8 am to 11:30 am. We had fun and even got a well-deserved coffee break and we were all done by 1 PM. A special thanks to Marge Garbo

who kept everything running smoothly. And also a big thank you to Dawn and Keith Kellen for making all the labels. The jelly will be on sale at the veggie stand at \$4.00 a jar. All the proceeds go to the benevolence fund. So visit the Veggie Stand this summer and try the jelly. You won't be disappointed.



Double Pinochle is at 1:00 on Mondays Join us on Thursdays at 12:30 to play! Join in on the fun and potluck at noon!

Benevolence Temple Talks 2018

As you may know we have 5 Global Organizations and 5 Local Organizations that we support With your benevolence dollars. When you use the benevolence area on your church envelope It will go to global causes unless you indicate that you prefer a local cause. The local Dollars come from the Veggie Stand, blessing box or other fund raisers.

This year we have tried to keep you informed by having the organizations share Information during church services.

1. Dara in Mozambique :was presented by Sandy Pullen Dec 3
2. Lutheran Partners in Global Ministries: by Randy Tofteland was Nov 12
3. Village of Hope: by Julie Swaggert was Nov 5
4. Russian Ingrian Church: by Pat Becker April 15
5. Feed My Starving Children: we have photos and experiences being shared by those who Participated April 12.

The 5 Local Causes are:

1. Christmas Sharing (presented Nov 19)
2. Bethesda Emergency Fund (Sandy gave information Nov 19)
3. True Friends Camp (a visit has been requested)
4. Camp Onomia (visit being planned June 3)
5. Aitkin Co.

There is a special account in the county called Bethesda Veggie Stand. They thank us For these special dollars as they help people in extreme emergencies when other help is Not available. They report of buying diapers, food, and gas in very unique situations. Again, the county workers are very thankful for our support.

Newsletter Articles

Please have your articles for the Newline in by the 20th. The email address is blnews@juno.com or put your article in the Newsletter box in the hallway

Usher Reminder

With Communion every Sunday, ushers need to make sure someone is helping with communion. Call Skip or Lynn Hanson with any questions.

Crafter's 2018 Season has Started!



Bethesda's bazaar isn't until Oct. 27th, but Crafters have started their schedule of crafting meetings. All people interested in attending are welcome to come with ideas & materials, or just a willingness to work on whatever is being made at the time. We meet at 9:00 a.m. until around 11:30 in the fellowship hall. Following is a tentative schedule:

May 22	Aug 7, 21
June 5, 26	Sept 4, 11
July 3, 17	Oct 2, 16

The Family Table

One of Theodore Roosevelt's sons told someone how much he appreciated the family he had been a part of as a child. He commented that he had gone to Groton, a private school, then on to Harvard and short terms in other schools. Yet he felt that the best education he had ever received was at the family table.

Much can be said about cohesive families who pray, talk, laugh and sing together around the dining table. With God's presence affirmed, they become a small church. With the collective learning and wisdom of family members, they become a small school. With the give and take of conversation and gentle debate, the family gathering becomes an

insightful forum. Then, when they sing joyous songs or carols or hymns of thanksgiving, they become a family choir, although maybe not the Von Trapp singers.

Finally, when delightful tales are told, or children's antics are acted out, and especially when the family jokesters do their shtick, well then, the family becomes the joyous comedy club. What great fun!

All hail to such a family!

"Only a Dad"



Only a dad, but he gives his all
To smooth the way for his children small,
Doing, with courage stern and grim,
The deeds that his father did for him.
This is the line that for him I pen,
Only a dad, but the best of men.



SHIPWRECKED ---- rescued by Jesus
**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL is coming fast;
June 18 thru 22. The Best Week of the Year!**
Food and Items are needed so if you can help,
please look at the bulletin boards in the Narthex or
contact Joanne Stueven at 218 678-2778.

- *I believe that nothing I deserve to be ashamed of will ever make me unacceptable to God.*
- *I've learned that it is just as important to forget a wrong as it is to remember a kindness.*
—Anonymous



June 2018

Bethesda Calendar of Events



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 <i>10:00 Bones</i>	2 <i>11:00 Owen Heins funeral</i>
3 <i>Outdoor Worship 8:30 Worship 10:00 Worship Communion New Members</i>	4 <i>9:00 Outside clean up 1:00 Pinochle 1:00 Stewardship 7:00 p.m AA &</i>	5 <i>9:00 Crafters 12:00 VBS Planning mtg 12-2 Pastor Text Study</i>	6 <i>9:00 Bible Study 10:00 Stitches 6:00 Choir 7:00 Praise Team</i>	7 <i>8:00 R.o.m.e.o.s 10:30 W & Music 12:00 Pot luck 12:30 Fun Timers 6:00 Bells</i>	8 <i>10:00 Bones</i>	9
10 <i>8:30 Worship 10:00 Worship Communion</i>	11 <i>9:00 Women's Dev. Pat Becker 1:00 Pinochle 7:00 p.m AA & Alanon mg</i>	12 <i>9:00 Quilters 12-2 Pastor Text Study</i>	13 <i>9:00 Bible Study 10:00 Stitches</i>	14 <i>8:00 R.o.m.e.o.s 12:00 Pot luck 12:30 Fun Timers 6:00 Bells</i>	15 <i>9:00 Council 10:00 Bones</i>	16
17 <i>8:30 Worship 10:00 Worship Communion Help set up VBS</i>	18	19	20	21	22	23
Vacation Bible School all Week 9 - 11:30						
	7:00 p.m AA & Alanon mg	12-2 Pastor Text Study	5:00 Community Picnic Lakeside Park Newsline	6:00 Bells		
24 <i>8:30 Worship 10:00 Worship Communion</i>	25 <i>1:00 Pinochle 7:00 p.m AA & Alanon mg</i>	26 <i>9:00 Quilters 9:00 Crafters 12-2 Pastor Text Study</i>	27 <i>9:00 Bible Study 10:00 Stitches 10:00 Property</i>	28 <i>8:00 R.o.m.e.o.s 12:00 Pot luck 12:30 Fun Timers 6:00 Bells</i>	29 <i>10:00 Bones</i>	30

Activities & Events

June 2018

If anyone is unable to fulfill an assignment below, **please find your own substitute** or notify the coordinator

Ushers by Skip & Lynn Hansen

	8:30	10:00
June 3&10	Ron, Joanie Mehlhop	Haglunds
June 17 &24	George, Kathy Larson	Dick, Sue Stebbins

Check list in office for when to light the Christ Candle
Don't forget the blessing boxes the first Sunday of every month!! If anyone is interested in ushering please contact Skip or Lynn

Altar Care by Dianne Jones
June: Dianne Jones
July: Sylvia Tapelt
August Joni and Marge



June	8	Sam & Sue Samuelson
June	9	Dave & Joanne Stueven
June	12	Steve & Mary Long
June	15	Donald & Diane Calverley
June	15	Frank & Joyce Dressely
June	19	Richard & Pamela Norlander
June	20	Doug & Sheila Penoyer
June	26	Jonathan & Lucinda Mickelson
June	28	Norman & Laurie Westerlund
June	30	John & Grace Iverson



Coffee Servers by WELCA

June 3	Jack, Paula Spetz
June 10	
June 17	
June 24	



June 1	Lois Falk
June 1	Sandra Pullen
June 1	Paula Spetz
June 2	Dennis Petersen
June 4	Bruce Carlson
June 4	Sharon Whipple
June 9	Kalvin Becker
June 12	Lyle Nyberg
June 14	Dorothy Gordon
June 17	Glenice Peterson
June 19	Leslie Bolke
June 19	George Larson
June 20	Wayne Danielson
June 20	Ross Niskanen
June 21	Craig Dressely
June 22	Edward Grap
June 24	Gerald Becker
June 27	Kyle Root
June 29	Ruth Jaszczak



Greeters Lynne Meidlinger

June 3	Dick, Sandy Pullen
June 10	Lee, Barb Forrester
June 17	Sylvia Tapelt, Marge Garbo
June 24	Keith, Dawn, Kellen

Recycling

June.....	Ray Piispanen
July.....	Lee and Barb Forrester

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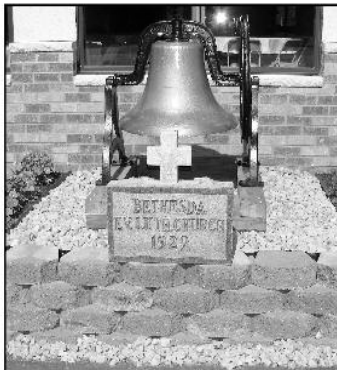
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