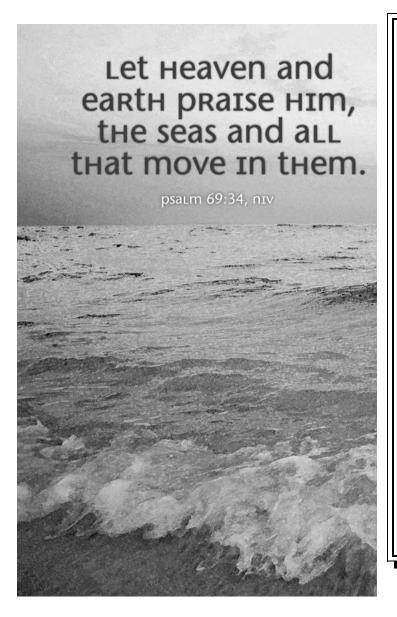
The Bethesda Beacon

Monthly Newsletter of Bethesda Evangelical Lutheran Church, Carlton MN 204 5th St. P.O Box 210
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4 Ways to Take Faith With You This Summer!

Summer is an incredible time, especially in Minnesota. The weather is warmer, school is out, and everything seems to slow down and thaw out. Many of us head to the lake, the cabin, the camper, summer camp, or the relatives for weeks at a time.

Summer also can take us away from the people and places where we most often practice faith and experience the presence of God. It's possible for us to come back disconnected from God and from our neighbor, more relaxed but without having grown even a bit as followers of Jesus.

But summer is a great time to grow in faith! For kids, it's a chance to see that God is with them wherever they are, not just in their usual places. For youth, it's a chance to try new things in faith and see that faith isn't just something done at church. For adults, it's a chance to grow while the stresses of daily life are lowered.

So here's the question: how will you take faith with you this summer?

Here are a few things you could try:

1. Go outside and sit quietly for 20 minutes.

Sometimes, nature can be a "thin" place, where the gap between us and God is thinner. Though we often don't take time to, it takes most people about 20 minutes to tune out our thoughts

and worries and tune in to the presence of God. Find a spot under a tree or by the water, and listen, pray, or reflect in the presence of God.

2. Learn a campy prayer and pray it at dinner with kids in the family.

There's lots of good ones, but "Johnny Appleseed" or "Adam's Family" are two old favorites to look up. Have fun with it and invite kids and adults alike to learn and sing it with you as a mealtime prayer.

3. Read a book of the Bible

Summer can offer time to sit back and read a good book. Why not try reading one book of the Bible? Our holy scriptures are our source of holy wisdom, and we believe that God still speaks to us through the words of scripture. This summer, maybe try the Gospel of Mark (I find it the most action-packed, and it's our Gospel for the year). Find a good study Bible (I'll give you one if you don't have one, I've got lots!) and see what happens.

Be curious about meaning, purpose, or belonging with someone

In many families, faith talk can start fights. But I think that can come from our old patterns of trying to controlling each other and talking past each other. So instead of talking just about belief or church, why not try being curious

about the deeper needs that we find in faith. Here's one good question: "What gives you purpose?" Or here's another: "What brings you the most joy in life?" "Where do you feel like you belong?" It might end up in faith conversations, it might not, but I've never met anyone who wasn't grateful when someone genuinely wanted to know more about them.

No matter what you do this summer, and no matter where you go, I hope you'll bring faith with you. It just might be life-changing! Remember, something is better than nothing; and you don't have to be an expert. Just give it a try, and see what God does with what you offer!

Hope you and yours are having a blessed summer!
-Pastor Seth Wynands

I'm Sarah, the Race Coordinator for our 200 mile team running race coming through Carlton in a few weeks! We love to connect with local groups to staff our runner exchanges and I'm still looking for a group that might want to help us out at this location! It's a great way to be out in the community, give thousands of runners some LOVE and raise some money! If interested email Minnesotavolunteers@runragnar.com

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ANGE	Aug	Staff	Donation	Transportation
29	10th	Needed		1630 Co Rd 61,
	5:15am-			Carlton, MN
	3pm			55718

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If you have items that you wish to be addressed by council, contact a member of the Executive Committee at:

bethesdalutherancouncil@gmail.com

Next Council Meeting will be held August 20th at 5:30 p.m.

IFCC Service Reminder

Bethesda holds a service at Interfaith Care Center the 2nd Sunday of each month in the IFCC Community Room at 2:30 p.m. *All are welcome to join!*

Financial Update					
Year to date as of 06/30/2024					
	Actual	Budget	Over/(<mark>Under</mark>) Budget		
Envelope giving	52191.03	55000.02	(2808.99)		
Non-pledged income	24517.61	21550.04	2967.57		
TOTAL INCOME	76708.64	76550.06	158.58		
Salaries/Compensation	53104.58	55724.93	(2620.35)		
General Office Expenses	4402.33	5781.00	(1378.67)		
Utilities	6402.17	7352.46	(950.29)		
Other Expenses	942.27	1094.96	152.69		
Benevolence Expenses	521.66	550.02	(28.36)		
Evangelism Expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00		
Property Expenses	1326.58	1815.00	(488.42)		
Social Ministry	162.00	162.48	(0.48)		
Worship Expenses	414.04	974.98	(560.94)		
CYFM Expenses	1234.62	2397.48	(1162.86)		
TOTAL EXPENSES	68510.25	75853.31	(7343.06)		
Net operating income	8198.39	696.75	7501.64		

Non-pledged income includes Loose offering, Special Services, Meatball supper, Sunday School, Interest Income, etc. Memorial money is not included in any of the figures above.

News & Notes

Memorials & Donations

The Memorial Committee has a new fund designation set up titled "Basement Project" as the basement is in need of waterproofing. If you'd like to designate your donation to this fund, please make a note on your contribution for "Basement Project".

Thank you!

Beacon Update

The deadline to get information to the office has been moved to the 22nd of each month. Thank you!

Joint Worship Service

August 11th @10:30a.m.

Jay Cooke State Park.

Please sign up on the table in the

Narthex if you are attending. We need
a head count to order sandwhiches.

THANK YOU Bethesda volunteers:

On June 5th, area young and old came together at Zion Lutheran church to assemble 42 baby kits.

The kits will be brought to the Mpls/StPaul area where Lutheran World Relief will distribute to those in need.

Collecting for a Cause

Pop tops off aluminum cans: given to The Ronald McDonald House.

Brown paper grocery bags: given to a non-profit thrift store.

New greeting cards: given to Interfaith Care Center, Carlton Place, and Pineview Apartments for residents to use.

Fall of 2024- 2025 calendars to give to residents at Interfaith Care Center.

Social Ministry Hygiene products for those in need:

Shampoo, toothpaste, and personal care products as well as larger backpacks and suitcases with wheels. Please bring gently used items.

Making Mats for the Homeless:

Clean plastic shopping bags. Mat Makers use them to create 6' x 3' sleeping mats for those in need.

Drop plastic bags off in small coat closet in the Narthex.

Sewers Needed

Consider hemming precut diaper squares, and onesies.

Cloquet Salvation Army Food Shelf

316 Carlton Ave. Cloquet, MN 218-879-1693

Hours:

Monday 4-6:30 p.m. Tuesday: 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Please consider donating nonperishable food items and paper products. Our Food Shelf collection box is located near the basement steps.

Thank you!



God's Work, Our Hands Sunday September 15th, 2024 This day is an opportunity to celebrate who we are as the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America – one church, freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbor.

Service activities offer an opportunity for us to explore one of the most basic convictions as Lutherans: that all of life in Jesus Christ, every act of service in every daily calling, in every corner of life flows freely from a living, daring confidence in God's grace.

Area community GWOH participating churches are Bethesda, Our Savior's Lutheran, Zion Lutheran, & Queen of Peace.

How you can help: drop of your donations at Bethesda in the Narthex.

If you or someone you know is in need of help with outside house or yard projects within 10 miles of Cloquet, please let the office know at 218-384-4501. No Painting. All outdoor projects must have a contact person on site when the work is being done.

Baby Care Kits:

Bar soap in original wrapping (no ivory or antibacterial soap)
Sizes 6-18 mo. lightweight cotton T-shirts & onesies, long or short sleeved gowns or sleepers
52" sq. med weight cotton or flannel blankets

dark colored hand towels-lightweight Diaper pins or large safety pins & baby socks

School /Backpack Supplies:

70 sheet count notebooks
#2 pencils with erasers
2 ½" erasers
16 or 24 count crayons
Pencil sharpener
Blunt scissors
30 centimeter rulers or ruler with
centimeters on one side and inches on
the other side
Black or blue ballpoint pens

Ditty Bags

Bar soap in original wrapping (no ivory), wash cloths, toothbrushes, medium or large toothpaste, small or medium-sized notebooks, razors, sturdy combs, travel-sized shampoo/conditioner/lotions, sewing kits

Personal Care Kits:

Bath towel
Bar soap in original wrapping (no ivory or antibacterial soap)
Sturdy Combs, adult size toothbrushes in original packaging, metal nail clippers

Boxes for all the above items located in Narthex area.

Thank you!



Our hearts are with the family, friends, and all who knew and loved Brandon Pederson, brother to Jenn Soukkala and brother-in-law to Joel Soukkala. May God's love surround you and provide you with strength, peace and comfort in the days ahead. We are so sorry for your loss.

National Night Out

Tuesday, August 6, 2024 from 5:30-7. This is an annual nationwide event that enhances the relationship between neighbors and law enforcement while bringing back a true sense of community.

There will be fun for the whole family including live music, free food, emergency vehicles, bouncy house and more!

Bethesda will have a table at the bike trail and all are welcome to volunteer to help out. In case of inclement weather the event will be held at the Four Seasons Sports Complex.

Children, Youth, Family, & Ed.

AUGUST 2024 SCHEDULE FOR J.A.M./ MESSAGE

***August 4th – Jesus and Me - J.A.M. ***

August 11th – NO message with Pastor Seth – Joint Service at Jay Cooke State Park ***

August 18th – Jesus and Me - J.A.M. ***August 25th – message with Pastor Seth



SEPTEMBER 2024 SCHEDULE FOR J.A.M./ MESSAGE***

September 1st – NO Jesus and Me - J.A.M. ***

September 8th – NO message with Pastor Seth – Outdoor Service *****September 15th** – NO Jesus and Me - J.A.M. – Joint Service at Rivers Edge ***

September 22nd – message with Pastor Seth ***

September 29th – Jesus and Me – J.A.M



Beacon Information – August 2024 J.A.M./message schedule remains the same. J.A.M. the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month and the message on the 2nd and 4th Sunday's.

Book/Article study is still held on the last Tuesday of the month at 5:30. All are welcome.

A new bible study will begin on Thursday, September 5th from 5:30 – 7:00. The class will be on Galatians and will last 6 weeks. More information to follow.

The kids going to New Orleans raised approx. \$200.00 on their coffee fundraiser. They will be leaving on July 14th. Good luck to Pastor Seth, Nixon, Jenny and Lillian and have fun.

The new 2024-25 Education Calendar will be mailed out soon to the families.

The cookout/kickoff for fall classes will be on Wednesday, September 4th. Confirmation classes will begin on Wednesday, September 11th. More to follow!

Need a couple of adults to help lead confirmation classes in September.

The next CYFED meeting will be held on THURSDAY, AUGUST 8TH AT 5:30 PM.

All are welcome to join us. We are always looking for ideas to get our youth involved. Thank you from the CYFED Committee Pastor Seth, Wendy Mitchell, Linda Newlon, Diana Davis, and JoAnn Gustafson. If you have questions/concerns/ideas please feel free to contact a committee member.

<u>AUGUST 2024 ACOLYTING</u> SCHEDULE

August 4th – Anna August 11th – Ailie August 18th - Mason August 25th - Anna

<u>SEPTEMBER 2024 ACOLYTING</u> <u>SCHEDULE</u>

September 1st – Anna September 8th – Ailie September 15th - Mason September 22nd – Anna September 29th – Ailie

Celebrating July & August Baptismal Birthdays

Taylor Anderson, Stacy Colich, Macy Hanson, Tyler Thompson, Doug Finke, Landon Hammitt, John Stradtman, Robert Chapman Sell, Tricia Hackensmith, Gracie Meagher, Andrea Kiehl, Chase Ableiter, Andrew Olesen, Keanna Simula, Chaise Jokinen, Justin Jokinen, Teresa Olson Colich, Pierce Davis, Jessica Krone, Kevin Frederick, Robert Postal, Patricia Nygren, Kevin Olesen, Charlie Wolter, Harold Ankrum, Johnny Moen, Amaija Halli, Chris Marciniak, Jason Goodwin, Janelle Bell, Amy Olesen, Bryan Bunge, Carrie Buller, Julieauna Johnson, Mark Matlack, Attlei Sheldon, Peter Allen, Barb Saarela, Dawn Saarela, Zachariah Buscko, Zaiden Erikson, Charles Hough Jr., Belladonna Kincade, Hazel Kincade, Timothy Moench, Jordan Hyry, Dawn Soukkala, Jean Johnson, Bailey

Pantstar, Becky Felland, Kaleb Hyry, Zechariah Johnson, Veronique Jokkinen, Jodie Moen, Kaden Lent, Cami Martin, Curtis Kiehl, Leo Moen, Lucy Stahlbusch, Lucas Hyry, Alex Despot, Pamela Kosmerl, Troy Senarighi Jr, Jacob Newlon, Ailie Gustafson, Robin Hyry, Paige Olson, Alexander Peterson, Zackary Peterson, Adeline Jahr, Mark Johnson, Nixon Mitchell, Courtney Ableiter, Ariel Peterson & Derek Swenson.

July Coffee Serving Schedule

7/7 Gladys' Group

7/14 Jeannette's Group7/21 Ginny's Group7/28 Cary's Group

July Worship Assistants

If you are unable to be here for the date that you are scheduled, please try to find a replacement. Thank you!

Greeters

7/7 Sharon Bragge & Jimmy Bragge
7/14 Park Service
7/21 Ginny Korte-Castle & Lori Bunge
7/28 Rod & Deb Davis

Ushers

7/7 Ryan Swanson & Lynn Beatty7/14 Park Service7/21 JoAnn & Ailie Gustafson7/28 Craig & Roxane Schmitz

Lector

7/7 Lynn Beatty

7/14 Pat Durkee (Park Service)

7/21 Cheryl Ankrum

7/28 Diana Davis

Acolyte

7/7 Anna

7/14 Ailie

7/21 Mason

7/28 Anna

Communion Assistants

7/7 Sharon Bragge & Debby Johnson

7/14 Linda Newlon & Lynn Beatty

7/21 Jason & Jen Goad

7/28 Cheryl Ankrum & Debby Johnson

Counters

7/7 Chris Mitchell & Diana Davis

7/14 Lynn Beatty & Mary Saarela

7/21 Gladys Sievert & Lynn Beatty

7/28 Lori Bunge & Bev Mangan



August Coffee Serving Schedule

8/4 Pat's Group

8/11 Jay Cooke Park Service

8/18 Deb's Group

8/25 Renae's Group

August Worship Assistants

If you are unable to be here for the date that you are scheduled, please try to find a replacement. Thank you!

Greeters

8/4 Sharon Bragge & Debby Johnson

8/11 Jay Cooke Park Service

8/18 Rod & Deb Davis

8/25 JoAnn Gustafson & Ailie

Ushers

8/4 Terry & Sue Coady

8/11 Jay Cooke Park Service

8/18 Lynn Beatty & Pat Durkee

8/25 JoAnn Gustafson & Ailie

Lector

8/4 Linda Newlon

8/11 Jay Cooke Park Service

8/18 Roxane Schmitz

8/25 Ginny Korte-Castle

Acolyte

8/4 Anna

8/11 Jay Cooke Park Service

8/18 Mason

8/25 Anna

Communion Assistants

8/4 Daryl & Linda Bong

8/11 Jay Cooke Park Service

8/18 Jason & Jen Goad

8/25 Chris & Wendy Mitchell

Counters

8/4 Linda Newlon & Diana Davis

8/11 Lori Bunge & Gladys Sievert

8/18 Mary Saarela & Lynn Beatty

8/25 Chris Mitchell & Bev Mangan

July 2024

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2 9a Making Mats for the Homeless 5:30p CYFEd. Meeting 6p Serenity Seekers	3	Church Closed Happy 4th of July!	5 11a Bible Study	6
7 8:30a Worship 9:45a Coffee/ Fellowship	8	9 9a Making Mats for the Homeless 6p Serenity Seekers	10	11	12 11a Bible Study	13
14 9:30a Joint Outdoor Worship @ Carlton Pavillion 10:45a Coffee Hour 2:30p Interfaith Service	15 ELCA Youth Gathering~ New Orleans	16 ELCA Youth Gathering~ New Orleans 9a Making Mats for the Homeless 6p Serenity Seekers	17 ELCA Youth Gathering~ New Orleans	18 ELCA Youth Gathering~ New Orleans 1p Jam Group 5:30p Ladies of Kaleva	19 ELCA Youth Gathering~ New Orleans 11a Bible Study	20 ELCA Youth Gathering~ New Orleans
21 ELCA Youth Gathering~ New Orleans 9:30a Joint Service @ Bethesda 10:45a Coffee/ Fellowship	22 Beacon Deadline	23 9a Making Mats for the Homeless 6p Serenity Seekers	24	25	26 11a Bible Study	27 8a.m11a.m. Pancake Breakfast
28 8:30a Polka Worship Service @ Bethesda 9:45a Coffee/ Fellowship	29	30 9a Making Mats for the Homeless 6p Serenity Seekers	31			

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