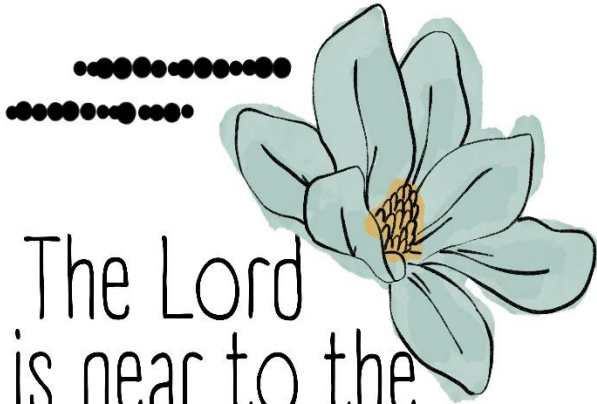


The Bethesda Beacon

Monthly Newsletter of Bethesda Evangelical Lutheran Church, Carlton MN
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The Lord
is near to the
brokenhearted
and saves the
crushed in spirit.

Psalm 34:18, ESV

This Month's Beacon

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Sunday Worship

8:30am

In House and Online

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website at bethesdacarlton.org

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emailed to you, please contact the
office at office@bethesdacarlton.org



Last month, 3 of our high school youth went with me to the ELCA Youth Gathering in New Orleans, Louisiana.

What is the ELCA Youth Gathering?

I think of it like this. We sometimes talk about church as a family. So if your home church is your family, going to the ELCA Youth Gathering is, for high schoolers, kind of like a **big family reunion**. It doesn't happen often, and there's lots of people there you have never met before, but you have something in common with all of them – that you're all part of God's family.

Why did we go?

I had never been before but I think it so important for young people to have experiences like this. It gives them the chance to have a real **experience of God's presence** and to see other young people from all over the country excited about faith.

What did we do there?

1. **Mass Gathering:** The main part of the Gathering is called Mass Gathering. This was when everyone— more than 16,000 youth and adults— went to the Smoothie King Center, which is the basketball arena where the New Orleans Pelicans play. For music,

professional Christian music leaders come to teach and lead the singing. Then a few people each night tell stories about their life, talk about God and living out faith, or preach the good news. Some of the speakers are Lutheran young adults or high schoolers, and some are pastors or public speakers. To me, the Mass Gathering is what was truly special; it was so moving to be with 16,000 young people getting excited about faith.

2. **Service Learning:** Thursday was our service-learning day. The big highlight of the day was bringing hurricane relief kits to the TEP Center in the lower 9th ward. TEP stands for Tate, Epienne, and Prevost, who were the 3 girls who first integrated New Orleans (and Louisiana) public schools in 1961. One of the three, Leona Tate, was there that day and told us about her experience as a 6 year old walking in to the segregated elementary school where the TEP center stands today. It was an amazing experience. We also helped give away emergency preparedness kits to local residents!
3. **Activities:** We also got to see and experience some of the culture of New Orleans! We went on a steamboat ride, toured an historical cemetery, walked along the riverfront, went to Café du Monde for Beignets, tried lots of local food, and met a few locals at train stops.

The two girls also loved going to the organized dance parties at the hotels every night after gathering.

4. **Devotions:** Every day finished with devotions before bed. This was the chance to recap the day, wonder where we saw God, and talk about the faith themes from mass gathering. Each youth took one turn doing our closing prayer, and on the last night we did group affirmations.

All three young disciples started the week nervous and uncertain (which, to be fair, so did I!), but by Saturday, each one was glad that they went, and they got so excited when they announced that the next Gathering in three years would be coming to Minneapolis.

I saw each youth grow, even just in one week, in their confidence, their relationships with each other, and even their relationship with God. I give thanks to God for this experience, not just for the youth but for me as well. Thank you to all of you who supported this trip, who donated, fundraised, or helped send us there, and for praying for us during the week! Blessings to you and yours this month!

-Pastor Seth Wynands



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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
September 17th at 5:30 p.m.

Financial Update

Year to date as of 07/31/2024

	Actual	Budget	Over/(Under) Budget
Envelope giving	62083.03	64166.69	(2083.66)
Non-pledged income	27150.61	24308.38	2842.23
TOTAL INCOME	89233.64	88475.07	758.57
Salaries/Compensation	59844.36	64361.54	(4517.18)
General Office Expenses	5186.02	6744.50	(1558.48)
Utilities	8016.05	8577.87	(561.82)
Other Expenses	1004.38	1194.12	189.74
Benevolence Expenses	620.58	641.69	(21.11)
Evangelism Expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00
Property Expenses	2228.22	2117.50	110.72
Social Ministry	189.00	189.56	(0.56)
Worship Expenses	414.04	1108.31	(694.27)
CYFM Expenses	1234.62	2797.08	(1562.46)
TOTAL EXPENSES	78737.27	87732.15	(8994.88)
Net operating income	10496.37	742.92	9753.45

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.

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!*

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!

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 off 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:

All baby items should be size 2mo.-2yr.

*2 lightweight cotton T-shirts *Gowns or sleeper without feet, *medium weight blankets cotton, flannel, crocheted, or knitted with lightweight yarn up to 52" square, *one hand dark (dark color), *one jacket, sweater or sweatshirt, *2-3 bath size bars of soap 8-9 oz in original packaging (no Ivory or antibacterial soap) *2 diaper pins or large safety pins, *2 pairs of socks per kit

School /Backpack Supplies:

*4-70 sheet count notebooks
*5-#2 pencils with erasers (unsharpened)
*2 1/2" erasers
*16 or 24 count crayons
*Pencil sharpener
*Blunt scissors
*30 centimeter wood ruler
*Black or blue ballpoint pens

Ditty Bags

*Full size bar soap in original wrapping (no ivory), *wash cloth, *toothbrush, *medium or large toothpaste, *small or medium-sized notebook, *2 razors,*sturdy comb, *travel size shampoo/conditioner/lotion, *sewing kit (optional) *other (optional)

Personal Care Kits:

*1 lightweight bath towel preferably dark between 20"x40" & 52"x27"
*2-3 bars of soap 8-9 oz. in original wrapping (no ivory or antibacterial soap)
*1 sturdy comb, *1 adult size toothbrush in original packaging,
*1 metal nail clipper

Boxes for all the above items located in Narthex area.

Thank you!



On August 18th we welcomed into the family of faith through the sacrament of Holy Baptism Mazie Thorman daughter of Spencer Thorman and Annee Beck.



Celebrating September Baptismal Birthdays

Amanda Dewitt, Leif Herman,
Cory Saarela, Liam Antilla,
Elijah Theisen, Jax Dewitt, Donald Lokken, Tasia Beatty, Alexis

Carpenter, Kaylee Lent, Spencer
Rousseau, Jett Theisen, Linda Bong,
Danielle Davis Christine Erickson, Jay
Anderson, Chase Martin, Jill
Rousseau, Kaden Olesen, Duane
Soukkala, Tim Beatty, Jerry Beckwith,
Harper Ostby, Matthew Ostby, Ethan
Krone, Ayden Buscko, Ethan Buscko,
Max Buscko, Sheila Crisp, Quinn
Peterson, Rowan Rockenstein,
Annabelle Soukkala, Katie Yankowiak,
Faith Solomon, Joseph Solomon,
Lucas Solomon, Teresa Solomon,
Steven Habhegger & Aiden Theisen



Beacon Information CYFED – From
August 2024 Meeting

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.

Social Ministry is collecting winter
items, hygiene products, backpacks
and small suitcases with rollers for the
Damiano Center. They need winter
jackets, boots, hats, mittens, scarfs and
winter items for larger men.

A new bible study will begin on
Thursday, September 5th from 5:30 –
7:00. The class will be on Galatians
and will be 6 weeks. Please sign up
with Diana Davis. A \$20.00 donation
would be appreciated to help cover
costs.

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

The new 2024-25 Faith Formation
Brochure was mailed out on Thursday,
August 8th to all families. If you have
any questions, please feel free to
contact a member of CYFED.

The cookout/kickoff for fall classes
will be on Wednesday, September 4th.
Wendy Mitchell will be posting
information so we can get a headcount
for the cookout.

Confirmation classes will start on
Wednesday, September 11th and there

will be a signup sheet again to help make and serve the meal.

Need a couple of adults to help lead confirmation classes starting in September. Pastor Seth is contacting individuals to see if they can help lead the confirmation class.

National Night Out was held on Tuesday, August 6, 2024. This is an annual nationwide event that encourages people in the community to promote community safety. Bethesda had a table at the bike trail with different volunteers helping out.

Mental Health night for grades 6-12th youth & families will be held on Wednesday, October 9th from 6-7:30 pm. Guest speaker will be Joy Hensel. We will be inviting youth & families from Our Saviors Lutheran, Salem Lutheran and Elim Lutheran. A meal will be provided. Synod Ministry night is scheduled for March 12, 2025, from 6-7:30 pm. The guest speaker will be Reverend Taryn Montgomery from the Synod. The event will be at Bethesda Lutheran Church and will be a multi-parish event with meal and worship. More to follow!

Diana Davis and JoAnn Gustafson will meet with Nixon, Jen and Lillian to do a video on their youth gathering in New Orleans July 14-21, 2024. More to follow!

The next CYFED meeting will be held on **TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3RD 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.

SEPTEMBER 2024 ACOLYTING SCHEDULE

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

OCTOBER 2024 ACOLYTING SCHEDULE

October 6th – Anna
October 13th – Ailie
October 20th - Mason
October 27th – Anna



September Coffee Serving Schedule

9/1 Deb's Group
9/8 Gladys' Group
9/15 Jeannette's Group
9/22 Ginny's Group
9/29 Pat's Group

September 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

9/1 Sharon Bragge & Jimmy Bragge
9/8 NP Junction Outdoor Service
9/15 Jason & Jen Goad
9/22 JoAnn Gustafson & Ailie
9/29 Rod & Deb Davis

Ushers

9/1 Craig & Roxane Schmitz
9/8 NP Junction Outdoor Service
9/15 Lynn Beatty & Pat Durkee
9/22 JoAnn Gustafson & Ailie
9/29 Debby Johnson & Mary Saarela

Lector

9/1 Linda Newlon
9/8 Lynn Beatty (Outdoor Service)
9/15 Diana Davis
9/22 Ginny Korte-Castle
9/29 Kevein Conley

Acolyte

9/1 Anna
9/8 Ailie
9/15 Mason
9/22 Anna
9/29 Ailie

Communion Assistants

9/1 Pat Durkee & Cheryl Ankrum
9/8 NP Junction Outdoor Service
9/15 Jason & Jen Goad
9/22 Chris & Wendy Mitchell
9/29 JoAnn Gustafson & Anna Bong

Counters

9/1 Linda Newlon & Lori Bunge
9/8 Lynn Beatty & Gladys Sievert
9/15 Mary Saarela & Diana Davis
9/22 Chris Mitchell & Bev Mangan
9/29 Gene Bryant & JoAnn Gustafson



October Coffee Serving Schedule

10/6 Cary's Group
10/13 Church Council
10/20 Deb's Group
10/27 Renae's Group

October 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

10/6 Cheryl Ankrum & Lori Bunge
10/13 Sharon Bragge & Jimmy Bragge
10/20 Jason & Jen Goad
10/27 Marv & Pat Durkee

Ushers

10/6 Craig & Roxane Schmitz
10/13 Debby Johnson & Mary Saarela
10/20 Lynn Beatty & Pat Durkee
10/27 Sue & Terry Coady

Lector

10/6 Randy Schmitz
10/13 Lynn Beatty
10/20 Diana Davis
10/27 Pat Durkee

Acolyte

10/6 Anna
10/13 Ailie
10/20 Mason
10/27 Anna

Communion Assistants

10/6 Lynn Beatty & Cheryl Ankrum
10/13 JoAnn Gustafson & Anna Bong
10/20 Jason & Jen Goad
10/27 Sharon Bragge & Linda Newlon

Counters

10/6 Linda Newlon & Lori Bunge
10/13 Lynn Beatty & Mary Saarela
10/20 Gladys Sievert & Diana Davis
10/27 Chris Mitchell & Bev Mangan



Harvest Fest: Oak Lake Lutheran Church 53131
Shadow Oak Rd, Kerrick MN 55756

Sunday, September 15, 2024 12:30 – 4:30 pm

Music with "Nathan Frazer" 

A Community Celebration of "Fall".

An outdoor (covered) gathering - music, food, crafters, craft brew samples, silent auction & yard games. 

All are invited to attend this family friendly event.

- o **Food** – Brats, hotdogs, pies, bars, beverages, ice cream & more, come hungry!

An afternoon to enjoy fall and visit with friends, neighbors & family. Please come to energize yourself with food, music & a good time.

Thrivent Action Team sponsored community event



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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<p>1</p> <p>8:30a Worship 9:45a Coffee/ Fellowship 10:30a Worship @ River's Edge</p>	2	<p>3</p> <p>9a Making Mats for the Homeless 5:30p CYFed. Meeting 6p Serenity Seekers</p>	<p>4</p> <p>6p Kickoff Cookout</p>	<p>5</p> <p>5:30p Galatians Bible Study and Pizza</p>	<p>6</p> <p>11a Bible Study</p>	7
<p>8</p> <p>9:30a Joint Outdoor Worship @ NP Junction 10:30a No Worship @ River's Edge 2:30p Interfaith Service</p>	9	<p>10</p> <p>9a Making Mats for the Homeless 6p Serenity Seekers</p>	<p>11</p> <p>6p Confirmation Class 6-9th Grade 6:00p Family Worship for All</p>	<p>12</p> <p>1p Jam Group 5:30p Galatians Bible Study and Pizza</p>	<p>13</p> <p>11a Bible Study</p>	14
<p>15</p> <p>No Worship Service @ 8:30 or 10:30 9:30a Worship @ Rivers Edge Coffee/ Fellowship to follow 10a God's Work, Our Hands</p>	16	<p>17</p> <p>9a Making Mats for the Homeless 4:30p Worship Committee Mtg. 5:30p Council Meeting 6p Serenity Seekers</p>	<p>18</p> <p>6p Confirmation Class 6-9th Grade 6:00p Family Worship for All</p>	<p>19</p> <p>5:30p Galatians Bible Study and Pizza 5:30p Ladies of Kaleva Mtg.</p>	<p>20</p> <p>11a Bible Study</p>	21
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