

Bethesda Lutheran
Church

703 Pine St.
Moorhead, IA 51558

Bethesda's Reason for Belonging...

Bethesda Lutheran Church exists to...

- **Provide a worship center in which to experience God's presence**
- **Equip people with a faith that works in real life**
- **Send people into the world in Jesus' name to serve.**

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Bethesda News—

October 2020

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Sunday School Vacation

Worship Service: 8:45 AM

SERVICES STREAMED LIVE on facebook

President—Russell Stanislav
Vice President—Alan Johnson
Secretary—Lisa Johnson
Treasurer—David McWilliams
Financial Secretary—Sharon Holverson
Trustees—Mike Vaughn, Jim Rains,
and Roger Hansen

This month we celebrate Reformation Sunday, commemorating Martin Luther's call for discussion about the basics of the Christian faith over 500 years ago. Discussion has been a hallmark of the denomination that is named after him. The ELCA uses the slogan "Always Being Made New" to describe how we function in a changed and changing world.

Certainly things are different now than they were 500 years ago. The ways we live in community, learn about our world and interact with each other have a foundation that we can trace back several centuries, but we have had to adapt to change during that time, too. The church is no different. Our faith story remains the same: we are saved by grace, through faith in God's work on our behalf. Our faith expressions, however, have adapted to accomplish the mission of our faith—to share that message with those around us.

At St. John and Bethesda we articulate our mission to share the joy of hope now and to create a space where people can worship God and grow in faith. In the past few months we have explored new venues to accomplish that mission as we added virtual worship and a multiple venue approach to confirmation to our gatherings. We've adapted the cherished Fall Dinner to handle the challenges of pandemic and still bring the community together in a safe and healthy manner. We are truly "Always Being Made New."

I'm sure I join almost everyone in expressing a desire to get back to the old "normal." I wish it happened yesterday, but it is still something we hope for and strive to keep a focus on what is most important until that normal is achieved. In the office at St. John, Linda has a plaque that sums it up pretty well. It reads, "We may not have it all together, but together we have it all."

Paul wrote to the Ephesians (3:13b-14) "But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus." To me this means that together we can take the treasures from the past, adapt them to fit the present, and look forward in faith to the future with confidence that our congregations will be strong voices of faith in the community. To do this, we share our thoughts and listen to each other, extend grace and understanding so that we can find common ground, and commit to being the church that loves. That takes us back to Martin Luther's intentions when he posted those 95 discussion topics on the door of the church in Wittenberg. For those who listened, it started something new.

Pastor Chip

Prayers of the Church



Lord of the harvest, we thank You for the richness of our soil that causes crops to abound beyond the needs of our country. Your generosity exceeds our grasp.

We ask You to continue to bless the efforts of those who till the soil. Prosper the work of those engaged in agricultural research to increase the produce of the earth. Give dignity to common toil.

Help those who work with nature to see You reflected there. When rain and sunshine seemingly do not come in proper amounts and crops suffer, remind agricultural workers that the powers of nature are ever in Your hand and that all things occur to accomplish Your will. Spare them discouragement. Give them faith to trust that Your ways are best even though we cannot understand them.

And as they engage in the production of daily bread for the body, remind them to seek the Bread of life daily for their

immortal souls; through Christ Jesus.

Amen.

Lutheran Book of Prayer, page 125.

Shelter all who are vulnerable in body, mind, or spirit, especially:

✠ Inge Hansen

✠ Diane and Gary Kalskett

✠ Lenyce Lawrenson

✠ Lisa Johnson

✠ Wes Moffatt

✠ Grant Gorham

✠ Unite your church, O

God. Grant us the gifts of repentance and reconciliation.

Bless the cooperative work of churches in this community.

✠ Protect your creation, O God. Teach us ways that do not harm what you have entrusted to our care. Renew and enliven places suffering from drought, flood, storms, or pollution.

✠ Turn nations and leaders from ways that lead to death. Shape new paths toward peace and cooperations, teaching us to recognize one another as neighbors.

✠ Sustain us in our work, O God, and give work to those who need it. Shape

societies to ensure fair treatment for all who labor. Help us to love our neighbors in and through our work.

✠ We remember with thanksgiving those who have died in faith. We remember the family and friends of Gene Radloff, asking You to bring them peace and comfort through your promise of eternal life.

✠ All these things and whatever else you see that we need, we entrust to your mercy.

✠ Amen.

Regular Church Council Meeting September 3, 2020

President Russell Stanislav called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. Attending: Alan Johnson, Lisa Johnson, Mike Vaughn, Sharon Holverson, Russell Stanislav, Roger Hansen, David McWilliams, Pastor Chip. Absent: Jim Rains

Pastor Chip shared devotions.

Secretary's report was read. Mike made a motion to accept as presented, Alan seconded. Motion carried. Lisa read minutes from special council meeting.

Treasurer's report was read and Sharon made a motion to accept as presented. Roger seconded. Motion carried.

Youth report: Russell reported on the evening VBS held on Sunday Sept. 29, 2020. Twelve children participated and Sharon Hinrichsen, Novie and Hadlie Stanislav, Aiyana Bowman and a friend helped with the younger children. Activities, stories and supper was enjoyed.

Pastor's report: Pastor again asked how we were doing with covid precautions and how the congregation is feeling about their ability to worship safely. More liturgy has been added and the psalm has been brought back. There are no students eligible from Bethesda to be confirmed. St. John's has a possible seven. Plans are being made to hold confirmation

classes.

Pastor Chip will be continuing education in Oskaloosa to learn to be a bbq judge. We will discuss as the virus ends how Bethesda and St. John's may benefit from that education.

It was suggested we need to update our contact list of congregation members as so many now have cell phones and are no longer in the phone book. Sharon Holverson will take this on and with that the phone tree will be updated.

Old Business: Synod Assembly will be April 10, 2021. The new hi riser toilets have been purchased and will be put in the restrooms.

New Business: Alan will supply and cook the hamburgers and hotdogs for the Sept. 13, 2020 service honoring Pastor Pera and performing highway cleanup. Mike will provide buns, chips, and condiment packets.

Pastor bought more masks for adults and children.

Russell sent cards to shut in congregation members of Bethesda.

Alan made a motion to adjourn the meeting. David seconded. President Russell set the next regular council meeting for Oct. 1, 2020 and adjourned the meeting at 7:10pm.

Council closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Oct/Nov Schedules

Oct Ushers:
 *Sam Johnson
 Harold Remmenga

Nov Ushers:
 *Mark Johnson
 Jim Rains
 Russell Stanislav
 Joe Monahan
 Devin Monahan

Scripture Readers:
 Oct 4 - Sheila Lindsey
 Oct 11 - Jolene McDonald
 Oct 18 - Jim Rains
 Oct 25 - Maggie Rains
 Nov 1 - Harold Remmenga
 Nov 8 - Russell Stanislav
 Nov 15 - Cathy Stephens
 Nov 22 - Mike Vaughn
 Nov 29 - Angie Bothwell

Acolytes:
 Oct 4 - Novie & Hadlie
 Oct 11 - Chenoa & Aiyana
 Oct 18 - Novie & Hadlie
 Oct 25 - Chenoa & Hadlie
 Nov 1 - Novie & Hadlie
 Nov 8 - Chenoa & Aiyana
 Nov 15 - Novie & Hadlie

Nov 22 - Chenoa & Aiyana
 Nov 29 - Novie & Hadlie

Communion Assistant:
 1st month we have communion at the altar railing
 1. Russell Stanislav
 2. Cathy Stephens

Communion Dates:
 Oct 18 - Third Sunday
 Oct 25 - Last Sunday
 Nov 1 - First Sunday
 Nov 15 - Third Sunday

Altar Care:
 Oct - Lisa Johnson
 Nov - Julie/Judy Kuhlman

Altar Colors:
 Oct 1 - Oct 18 - Green
 Oct 25 - Red
 Nov 1 - White
 Nov 8 - Nov 15 - Green
 Nov 22 - White
 Nov 26 - Nov 30 - Green

LSI News

Warming Hearts with God's Love and a Good Pair of Mittens

Far too often, children arrive at LSI's Beloit and Bremwood Residential Treatment Centers with very little in their possession.

We give thanks for Iowa congregations who faithfully respond to these needs, year after year! As winter approaches, LSI relies on your loving support to meet the demands for winter apparel for children at Beloit and Bremwood. Youth in residential treatment have little control over their lives, so it's important for us to give them the opportunity, when possible, to choose their new coat or mittens. Because of this, we ask that you please not donate articles of clothing. With your generous financial donation, many children will have the simple joy of choosing their new coat, knowing that they are loved and cherished.

If you would like more information, please contact Deb Whitford, LSI's director of philanthropy and church relations, at Deborah.Whitford@LSIowa.org or 563.676.2065. LSI is also available to provide a customized virtual shared ministry opportunity for your congregation. If you would like to share the message of LSI with your community, please contact our Waverly office at 319.352.2630 to get started.

Our Mission: *Lutheran Services in Iowa responds to the love of Jesus Christ through compassionate service. LSI is an affiliated social ministry partner of the Iowa congregations of the ELCA (Evangelical Lutheran Church in America) and a member of LSA (Lutheran Services in America). We proudly serve people of all ages, abilities, religions, sexes, gender identities, national origins, ethnicities, races, and sexual orientations. Learn more at www.LSIowa.org and www.facebook.com/LSI.iowa.*

September Offerings, Attendance, & Balances	
Sept 6 - 32 - \$1041.00	Checking - \$ 9,063.79
Sept 13 - 28 - 370.00	Back Up Funds 14,455.42
Sept 20 - 27 - 520.00	Emergency Funds 4,124.75
Sept 27 - 52 - 1057.00	Youth Funds 435.95
World Hunger - 112.00	Memorial Funds 8,180.69
Noisy Offering - 22.48	

THANK YOU!!

My thanks to you, the people of Betherda Lutheran and Pastor Chip, for the day of appreciation for my ministry among you during the interim period.

Thank you as well for the hand-created and personal gift. I feel that I was blessed by your sharing of your faith, your hospitality and your commitment to the continuing call of ministering the love of Jesus and the good news of God's gracious love.

Since we are living not far away in Missouri Valley, I hope to be seeing you again from time to time.

God's peace to you always.
 Pastor Steve Pera and Ruth

A Path to Healing

When 14-year-old Bri first came to LSI's Beloit Residential Treatment Center in Ames, she was struggling with aggression, frequently ran away, and had a hard time focusing in school. And as she was trying to heal from years of trauma, Bri's beloved grandpa suddenly passed away. She felt stuck and nothing was getting better, no matter what she tried. But her Beloit team was there to cheer her on.

The LSI team at Beloit provides 24-7 mental health treatment for Iowa children who have often experienced years of trauma, abuse, or neglect. Staff members are there to encourage children on their path to hope and healing, and they were there to lift up Bri when she decided to make a positive change in her life. Bri began actively participating in individual and group therapy sessions provided at Beloit, and she made it a point to encourage her peers on campus every day. Her Beloit team helped her to feel more comfortable opening up about her grief, and staff members were there to remind her of all the progress she had made to help her stay focused on the positives.

After months of hard work, Bri found a loving foster family and was able to leave Beloit's programming. And while she felt uncertain and anxious about leaving, she knew she was ready to move forward.

Bri continues to keep in touch with the team at Beloit, providing details on her new life, school, and her new room at home. Bri's anxiety about the unknown has diminished, she feels confident communicating her emotions, and she has hope for the future.

Change of Worship Hour

Bethesda will having worship at **10:30 a.m. on Sunday, October 11th.** We will trade worship times with St John to accommodate their Annual Fall Dinner. This year St John will have a “Drive Thru” chicken dinner catered by Staley’s. They will be serving from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. You are welcome to get your meal and enjoy at a park or at home! Please share with your friends the fact that worship at Bethesda will be at 10:30 that Sunday.

Bethesda Fall Bazaar

Bethesda Lutheran Church Harvest Luncheon and Bazaar which was to be held on October 10th has been cancelled this year due to COVID19.

We will be having a “No Work, No Bake Sale Bazaar”. We would appreciate any donations to help with our project of updating the current bathrooms in the church. You can mark a donation and leave in offering plate or send to:

Mary Hieber
501 Pine St
Moorhead IA 51558

Thank you for your continued support!!

Updating Church Records

Pastor Chip and the church council would like to update our mailing/calling list for Bethesda. This information will be used for Bethesda only. There are forms to fill out at the church, you can email your information to moorhead.bethesda@wisynod.org, or send to Bethesda, 703 Pine St, Moorhead, 51558.

Name _____

Address _____

Home Phone # _____

Cell Phone # _____

E-mail _____

Would you care to be part of a church prayer-chain?

If you are receiving your Bethesda Newsletter monthly via postal mail, would you prefer to receive it by email? _____

If you no longer wish to receive the monthly newsletter, please let us know that by the previously printed methods.

Baptism of Presley Christophersen

On Sunday, September 27, the congregation was blessed to be able to witness the baptism of Presley Jean Christophersen, daughter of Sarah (Eneboe) and Calvin Christophersen. Her baptismal sponsors were Jason Christophersen and Jaclyn Neill. Presley was presented a crocheted baby blanket from the church made by Cathy Stephens and special music was provided by Sam Johnson. May Presley and her parents feel the blessings and the love of Christ all the days of her life.



BETHESDA HAPPENINGS - OCTOBER 2020

Worship is live streamed on Bethesda Church facebook page. After service, it is posted on our website www.stjohn.bethesda-lutheran.org.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Church Council 6 P.M.	2	3
4 8:45 AM Worship	5 8 p.m. AA/Alanon	6	7 Pastor Chip's Day at Dunlap	8 Pastor Chip's Day at Moorhead	9	10
11 10:30 AM Wor- ship NOTE TIME CHANGE	12 8 p.m. AA/Alanon LifeServe Blood Bank at Comm Building 1:30 - 4:45 p.m.	13	14 Pastor Chip's Day at Dunlap	15 Pastor Chip's Day at Moorhead	16	17
18 8:45 AM Worship with Holy Com- munion	19 8 p.m. AA/Alanon	20	21 Pastor Chip's Day at Dunlap	22 Pastor Chip's Day at Moorhead	23	24
25 8:45 AM Worship with Holy Com- munion Reformation Sunday	26 8 p.m. AA/Alanon	27	28 Pastor Chip's Day at Dunlap	29 Pastor Chip's Day at Moorhead	30	31
1ST OF NOV All Saints Sunday						

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October Birthdays and Anniversaries

Bethesda Members extend their love and prayers to everyone with Birthdays and Anniversaries this month! May God continue to bless you this year and always!

Oct 5 - Sheila Lindsey

Oct 8 - Brent & Julie Kuhlman Anniversary

Oct 12 - Colleen Shol

Daryle Lauritsen

Oct 14 - Nancy DeLance

Oct 16 - Daryle & Deb Lauritsen Anniversary

Cathy Stephens

Oct 19 - Dakota Bowman

Oct 20 - Joni Smith

Oct 26 - Darlene Bowman

Oct 27 - Novie Stanislav

LifeServe Blood Bank

Monday, October 12 1:30 pm to 4:45 pm

Moorhead Community Building

To make an appointment, contact LifeServe Blood Center at 800-287-4903 or visit www.lifeservebloodcenter.org.

You must have an appointment.

No walk-ins allowed due to COVID19.

If you or someone you know needs help through this difficult time of COVID19, please reach out to Pastor Chip, a board member, friend, or neighbor. It doesn't matter if it is for food, financial assistance, or just someone to talk to and listen. We are in this together! We want and need to help each other!!

Check Out Bethesda's Website

Thank you to David McWilliams for designing a joint website for Bethesda and St. John! David has it up and running! Check it out at:

www.stjohn.bethesda-lutheran.org

You will find Newsletter information, pictures, directions and other information posted there. You can also find St. John's information there as well.

Join Bethesda On Facebook...

The church has two sites...one regular page for church photos, and a group page for church events, and possibly discussions and more. To join the page search for "Bethesda Church" and "Friends of Bethesda" Then simply ask to join the group...if you have already joined, please invite other Bethesda friends in your Facebook friends list.