

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—

## November 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

Let me say this emphatically, “God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. Therefore, we will not fear, though the earth gives way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam and the mountains quake with their surging.” (Not my words, but those found in Psalm 46:1-3.) 2020 has been a year of rapid and dramatic changes. We’ve been urged to “come together” and “stay apart” at the same time. How and when we worship has also “morphed” into a small group in the sanctuary on Sunday morning and a larger group online throughout the week. Our Fall Dinner became a drive through where we greeted friends while wearing masks and Halloween will probably have masks like we’ve not seen in our lifetimes.

It is still important that we mark the seasons and find a way to continue maintaining the traditional connections that have held us in community through the generations. This year’s Thanksgiving service will attempt to do that as we recognize (hopefully very temporary) constraints on gathering in person. The churches of Dunlap, with our sister congregation Bethesda in Moorhead, are working on a combined online worship service. It goes beyond protecting each other from the Coronavirus. It will be available online to allow households to pause and thank God for the good that they have experienced this year and recognize that it is our faith that has allowed us to get through these

challenges. It will also make possible family worship when even extended loved ones cannot be in the same location. You might consider having a Facebook “watch party” where you access the service at the same time as others and then call each other with a word of blessing and a prayer. (Remember to share the Facebook page for the congregation so friends and loved ones can find the worship service.)

We are still uncertain how Christmas will work this year. We are exploring options to keep the important practices of the season front and center while also safe and accessible to all. We will have an Advent practice with flameless candles and a weekly devotional so you can observe the season of preparation in your own home as well as in gathered worship. Contact the office if you want these resources which start the last Sunday in the month.

If you go back and read those verses from Psalm 46, you’ll see that the psalmist acknowledged that praising God was foundational to their perception of what was happening around them. Their world was disrupted and shaken and chaotic, but they centered themselves in God. The Psalm ends with these words: “Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth.” The Lord Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.” May we be able to proclaim the same.

## Prayers of the Church



O God, You made man in Your own likeness, and You love what You have made. Give to those whom You have placed in the seats of honor and power a sense of awe and humility before You as their Creator and Lord. Help them to see the unity of the human family and to promote it. Enable them to feel the suffering of humankind and to alleviate it. Encourage them to pursue the truth of human history and to learn from it. Give to them the blessing of sound judgment, the skill of making wise decisions, the patience to act in due time, and the tact for being mutually helpful. Make the conference table a weapon for keeping peace. Use the councils of leaders as the means to counsel for the good of all men. Help the counselors re-

solve their differences always in the interest of justice among the people they serve. Keep them from national or racial pride that would jeopardize the safety of any nation. Make them Your servants to serve Your will, that they may also serve those for whom Your Son has died. Amen.

Lutheran Book of Prayer. Page 95.

Sustain all who suffer with the promise of new life.

We remember today:

- ✠ Art Holverson
- ✠ Inge Hansen
- ✠ Lenyce Lawrenson
- ✠ Wes Moffatt
- ✠ Gary & Diane Kalskett
- ✠ Jessie Hans

✠ Holy God, You call us to work for peace and justice in your vineyard. Refresh the church with your life, that we may bear fruit through work and service.

✠ Thank you for the abundant harvest of the earth. Bless and care for those whose hands bring the fruits of the earth to the tables of all who hunger.

✠ Curb the impulses of greed and pride that lead us to take advantage of others. Grant that world leaders seek the fruits of the kingdom for the good and welfare of all

people.

✠ We pray for all managers in our community and for all who seek employment. Give hope and a future to those who lack meaningful work, those who have been marginalized or abused in the workplace, and those who desire new opportunities.

✠ Thank you for the saints who teach us to live faithfully in your vineyard. May our chorus join theirs until our labor is complete. We remember the families and friends of Kathy Holverson and Vertie Lee as they mourn. Bring them comfort and strength through the promise of eternal life.

✠ Amen.

## Regular Church Council Meeting October 1, 2020

Vice President Alan Johnson called the meeting to order at 6:05p.m.

Attending: Jim Raines, Sharon Holverson, Roger Hansen, Lisa Johnson.

Absent: Russell Stanislav, Mike Vaughn, David McWilliams.

Pastor Chip shared devotions.

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

**Treasurer's report** was read and Lisa made a motion to accept as presented, Pastor Chip seconded motion. Motion carried.

**Youth report:** Discussed the need to be careful when considering Sunday School. Lisa will contact parents with youth to see what their thoughts are about returning to Sunday school and other participation in church.

**Pastor's report:** Pastor asked about the community's participation with Halloween and if there was a need for the church to provide but Moorhead will be having Halloween as usual.

Susan Johnson will be contacted to provide the list of deceased for this year from Bethesda. Carroll Johnson, Marlys Hutzell, Joe Fouts were mentioned.

Pastor has considered a "virtual worship" watch party for Thanksgiving. Reformation Sunday is "wear red" Sunday October 25, 2020.

A pat on the back to Bethesda for continuing on in these different times.

A church zoom program was considered for Christmas. A recipe included in the bulletin in lieu of Smorgesbord was discussed.

**Old Business:** Alan and Harold installed new toilets in the restrooms and Harold fixed the back door so it would latch.

Need to contact Scottie about the money for last year's snow plowing. Lisa will look at old minutes or contact Jolene. World Hunger will be mentioned one weekend per month to do an offering.

Roger made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Pastor Chip seconded. Vice President Alan Johnson set the next regular council meeting for Nov. 5, 2020.

Council closed with the Lord's Prayer.

### Nov/Dec Schedules

**Nov Ushers:**

\*Mark Johnson  
 Jim Rains  
 Russell Stanislav  
 Joe Monahan  
 Devin Monahan

**Dec Ushers:**

\*Alan Johnson  
 Roger Hansen

**Scripture Readers:**

Nov 1 - Harold Remmenga  
 Nov 8 - Russell Stanislav  
 Nov 15 - Cathy Stephens  
 Nov 22 - Mike Vaughn  
 Nov 29 - Angie Bothwell  
 Dec 6 - Darlene Bowman  
 Dec 13 - Roger Hansen  
 Dec 20 - Alan Johnson  
 Dec 27 - Kevin Johnson

**Acolytes:**

Nov 1 - Novie & Hadlie  
 Nov 8 - Chenoa & Aiyana  
 Nov 15 - Novie & Hadlie  
 Nov 22 - Chenoa & Aiyana  
 Nov 29 - Novie & Hadlie  
 Dec 6 - Chenoa & Aiyana  
 Dec 13 - Novie & Hadlie

Dec 20 - Chenoa & Aiyana  
 Dec 27 - Novie & Hadlie

**Communion Assistant:**

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

**Communion Dates:**

Nov 1 - First Sunday  
 Nov 15 - Third Sunday  
 Dec 6 - First Sunday  
 Dec 20 - Third Sunday

**Altar Care:**

Nov - Julie/Judy Kuhlman  
 Dec - Darlene Bowman, Colleen Shol, Susan Johnson

**Altar Colors:**

Nov 1 - White  
 Nov 8 - Nov 15 - Green  
 Nov 22 - White  
 Nov 26 - Green  
 Nov 29 - Blue

### LSI News

#### National Adoption Month

November is National Adoption Month, a time to honor families who have opened their hearts and homes to children in need. For LSI, it is a time to celebrate the families we support through Foster Care and Adoption, and to raise awareness for the hundreds of Iowa children in need of a safe, loving home.

In 30 counties across western Iowa, LSI Foster Care and Adoption recruits, licenses, and supports foster and adoptive families to ensure every Iowa child grows up in a safe, stable environment.

But more work needs to be done. According to the most recent federal data, more than 100,000 children in the U.S. are waiting to be adopted from foster care, and thousands of teens age out of foster care every year without a permanent family. To learn more about supporting Iowa children in foster care, visit [LSIowa.org/Foster](http://LSIowa.org/Foster), or contact Deb Whitford, LSI's director of philanthropy and church relations, at [Deborah.Whitford@LSIowa.org](mailto: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](http://www.LSIowa.org) and [www.facebook.com/LSI.iowa](http://www.facebook.com/LSI.iowa).

#### “There is Hope”

As a young child growing up in multiple foster homes, Abby dreamed of a forever family. When she moved in with foster parents Joe and Dee, Abby knew she'd found the perfect family for her. Joe and Dee had already adopted two of their sons by the time Abby entered the family, and the children immediately bonded. When Abby was no longer able to reunify with her birth family, Joe and Dee decided to adopt her into their family.

“The kids bless our lives,” Joe says. “I wish people knew what kind of family you can have through foster care and adoption, and how much love these kids have to offer.”

Abby is now a 17-year-old preparing to graduate high school in the spring. She has found a forever family that encourages her to pursue her passions and with the support of her parents and siblings, Abby has found success as a high school wrestler, earning top awards and titles throughout her high school years.

Since being adopted into Joe and Dee's family, Abby has openly shared her story at National Adoption Month events in her community. She wants to raise awareness about foster care and adoption across Iowa, inspire families to become foster and adoptive parents, and she hopes her story can inspire other kids looking for the same loving support system she has.

“To other kids out there in my situation, there is hope,” Abby says. “You will find the perfect family that will give you all their love and care for you, no matter what.”

#### October Offerings & Balances

Oct 4 -	\$1370.00	Checking -	\$ 9,927.64
Oct 11 -	465.00	Back Up Funds	14,456.61
Oct 18 -	1030.00	Emergency Funds	4,124.78
Oct 25 -	465.00	Youth Funds	458.41
World Hunger -	20.00	Memorial Funds	8,180.89
Noisy Offering -	0.00		

### Daylight Savings Time Change

Daylight Savings Time Ends—Nov. 1...Don't forget to “Fall” back an hour that Sunday morning, or you will have an extra hour of quite prayer time before worship starts!



## All Saints Sunday November 1

...And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,  
See the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they shall be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away.

Revelation 21:3-4

On All Saints Sunday we celebrate the good news that God's grace binds us together as children to him...in life, in death, and in life to come. We remember all our loved ones who have died and rest in Christ. Also, this year we hold Marlys Hutzell and Joe Fouts in our thoughts and continue to hold their friends and families in our prayers.



**Loving God,  
Help Us**

to focus on what we have, not on what is removed or changed.

**Strengthen Us**

when we feel discouraged or overwhelmed.

**Embrace Us**

so that we know your loving presence with us and among us.

**Walk with us**

as we bring your love, and carry your light, into our world.

**Amen.**

## Thanksgiving Eve Worship November 25

Plans to finalize the service is in the works but mark your calendars for this year's community-wide Thanksgiving Virtual Service! One of the many gifts we have to give thanks for is the gift of each other, and the gift of living together as a community. Watch and join with all of our friends Virtual Worship Service.

Members of the Dunlap Churches and Bethesda Lutheran will participate in the worship service including scripture, message and songs. Please help us spread the word.

A Thanksgiving offering will be collected on Sunday November 29th at each church as a separate collection. If you are unable to attend that Sunday please mail your offering to Sharon Holverson, 301 Oak Street, Moorhead, 51558, or drop off your gift at the church and please mark as "Thanksgiving Service".

This year the service will be held Virtually and hopefully FM Radio Broadcasted. Many people and pastors of the community's congregations are participating. Watch for more information as it becomes available.

### 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?

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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.

## BETHESDA HAPPENINGS - NOV 2020

Worship is live streamed on Bethesda Church facebook page. After service, it is posted on our website [www.stjohn.bethesda-lutheran.org](http://www.stjohn.bethesda-lutheran.org).

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 8:45 AM Worship with Holy Com- munion <b>All Saints Sunday</b>	1 8 p.m. AA/Alanon	3	4 Pastor Chip's Day at Dunlap	5 Pastor Chip's Day at Moorhead Church Council 6 p.m.	6	7
8 8:45 AM Worship	9 8 p.m. AA/Alanon	10	11 Pastor Chip's Day at Dunlap	12 Pastor Chip's Day at Moorhead	13	14
15 8:45 AM Worship with Holy Com- munion	16 8 p.m. AA/Alanon	17	18 Pastor Chip's Day at Dunlap	19 Pastor Chip's Day at Moorhead	20	21
22 8:45 AM Worship	23 8 p.m. AA/Alanon	24	25 Pastor Chip's Day at Dunlap <b>Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service On-line</b>	26 Thanksgiving Day	27	28
29 8:45 AM Worship with Noisy Offer- ing Taken <b>First Sunday of Advent</b>	30 8 p.m. AA/Alanon					

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## November 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!

**Nov 2** - Angie Bothwell

**Nov 3** - Pastor Chip

**Nov 8** - Ben Bowman

**Nov 12** - Neal & Susan Mann Anniversary

**Nov 15** - Devin Monahan

**Nov 17** - Kelly Bothwell

**Nov 27** - Alan & Lisa Johnson Anniversary

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](http://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.