



Bethesda News

March 2016

Bethesda Lutheran Church: a congregation of S.W.I.M
South West Iowa Ministries, Western Iowa Synod, ELCA

2475 140th St., Clarinda, IA 51632

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Worship @ 8:30 a.m.

Sunday School @ 9:30 a.m.

Fellowship Coffee 9:30 a.m.



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A message from Pastor Ann

2 Corinthians 9:8

God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work.

The theme for our mid week Lenten services is Jesus and food. Jesus consistently tells us that God is the source of all of the miracles. God who created the universe desires to provide us with such an abundance of food and love so we can share God's resources with everyone we meet. Jesus' actions also tell us that this abundance should be shared with everyone, friends and enemies alike.

Amazingly, the more you share, the more blessed you feel! During this season of Lent, search your hearts to discover who needs what you have to offer, then be a blessing!

Pastor Ann



Sharing God's Love with...

The Annual SWIM Food Drive will continue until Easter Sunday. May we share God's love by bringing non-perishable items to donate to our local Food Pantry. Items may be placed in the Narthex.



All services at 7:00 p.m.

March 2 - St. John's

March 9 - Bethesda

March 16 - St. John's

March 24, Maunday Thursday - St John's



The March WELCA meeting will be a visit with our friends at the Stanton Care Center on Thursday, March 10th at 2:30 p.m. Mary Ann will lead the meeting with a Welcome and Devotions. Yvonne will be in charge of the program, "Say It With Music". Everyone is welcome including the men.

Lydia Circle will meet on Thursday, March 17th at the home of Barbara Johnson at 7:00 p.m. Pastor Ann will lead the Bible Study. Bring your March *Gather* magazine.

The Special Project for March is a KITCHEN SHOWER for the church.

Items especially needed are: **Items not needed at the present time:**

- paper towels
- decaf. coffee
- cold drink mix
- Kleenex
- small paper plates

- reg. coffee
- toilet paper

Leave your "paper shower" items on the kitchen counter. Thank You!!

Thank You..

Dear Bethesda Lutheran Church Women of the ELCA,
 Thank you for supporting the ministries of Women of the ELCA with your recent Thankoffering gift of \$105.26. Your faithful generosity makes a real difference. Thank You.

With gratitude,
 Linda Post Bushkofsky,
 Executive Director.



WELCA Ladies enjoyed a lunch break workday. A special treat was Judy's delicious Panakaka for dessert.



Carly Ann Meier, daughter of Daniel and Jackie Meier, was baptized during morning worship February 7th. Sponsors were David Meier, Dan, Nick and Kate Carlson. Grandparents are Dennis and Lynn Meier. Everyone was invited to a delicious brunch during fellowship coffee to celebrate her baptism. Welcome to the Bethesda church family, Carly.



Sincere sympathy and God's peace to the family of Ann Fisher who passed away February 9, 2016 at the Good Samaritan Society in Villisca. The church was filled with friends and family who attended the memorial service at Bethesda February 13th. Burial was at the North Page Cemetery.



Money from Keith Nelson's memorial fund was used to purchase twelve of these chairs for the Upper Room. Thank you to the Nelson family for this generous gift. Thank you Darwin and Stanley for putting them together.



Morning Worship @ 8:30 A.M.
Sunday School @ 9:30 A.M.
Fellowship Coffee @ 9:30 A.M.
Communion first and last Sunday of the month

Preaching Schedule at Bethesda

March 6 Pastor Ann
 March 13 Gordon Scott
 March 20 Pastor Ann
 March 27 EASTER Johnsons

Worship assistants in March

Greeters Connie Freed
 Reader Mike Freed
 Communion Asst. Sheila Freed
 Ushers Chris & Christie Vanderholm
 Darwin & Miriam Hanson

Coffee Servers

March 6 Brian & Laura Kirchert
 March 13 Steve & Lori Lastine
 March 20 Dennis Boger & David Jones
 March 27 Outreach & Stewardship committee

March Birthdays

2 Greg Wallin
 8 Connie French
 8 Robin Wright
 9 Margaret Johnson
 11 Katie Wallin Buchholz
 14 Chris Vanderholm
 26 Laine Wright
 31 David Jones

Anniversaries

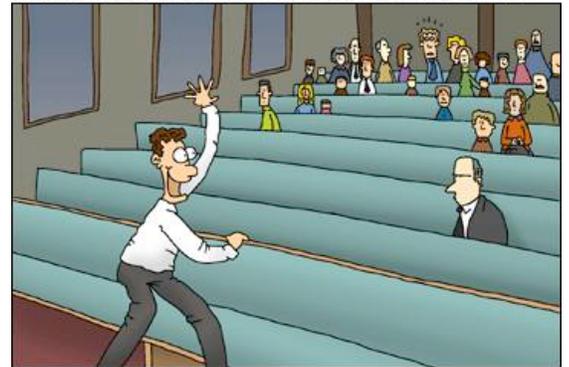
1 Mike & Sheila Freed
 25 Matt & Carla Erickson
 27 Matt & Mary Fritz
 30 Darwin & Miriam Hanson



The SWIM Trip to the Open.
Door Mission will be March 12.
 Meet at the Kmart parking lot in
 Red Oak at 1:00 p.m. for
 carpooling. Work from 2:45 to

5:00 p.m. and optionally go out to dinner
 together. Please contact Pat Tillman or Sherry
 Camilletti if you plan to go.

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TOM YOU WON'T BELIEVE IT I GOT FRONT
 ROW SEATING AGAIN OH MY GOODNESS RUN
 UP HERE NOW I'LL SAVE IT WHILE I CAN

Upcoming Events

March 2 7:00 p.m. Lenten service at St. John's
 March 9 7:00 p.m. Lenten service at Bethesda
 March 10 2:30 p.m. WELCA at the Stanton Care Center
 March 12 1:00 p.m. SWIM Open Door Mission volunteer trip.
 March 13 Church Council following morning worship
 March 16 7:00 p.m. Lenten service at St. John's
 March 17 7:00 p.m. Lydia Circle at the home of Barbara Johnson
 March 24 7:00 p.m. Maunday Thursday service at St. John's
 March 27 8:30 a.m. EASTER Worship Service
 March. 27 April newsletter items are due. Send to Yvonne (johnsony@myfmtc.com)



March is National Professional Social Work Month

March is National Professional Social Work Month, a time to recognize social workers and thank them for all they do. At Lutheran Services in Iowa (LSI), we're grateful for our many social workers who have dedicated their lives to serving their communities!

Maybe you've never had a social worker involved in your life. Yet, whether you realize it or not, you've had the benefit of their behind-the-scenes work in your community. Social workers help people help themselves in overcoming life's most difficult circumstances or managing challenges of everyday living: poverty, abuse, mental illness, depression, addiction, disability and many other situations.

Thank you to all of Iowa's social workers, especially those at LSI. We're proud of you.

LSI is proud to be an affiliated social ministry organization of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). Learn more at www.LSIowa.org and www.facebook.com/LSI.iowa.

A Stable Home for Angela

When she was little, Angela was placed in Iowa's foster care system and was later adopted.

"I always wanted to have more children," said her adoptive mom Brenda. "We had done respite for Angela, and when she needed an adoptive home, she came to live with us. She fit in with us and knew us. It was an easy transition."

It was made even easier since Angela had Peggy by her side. Peggy is a social worker for Lutheran Services in Iowa's (LSI) behavioral health intervention services (BHIS) and helps children with a mental health diagnosis learn skills such as coping, anger management or healthy decision-making.

Over the years, Peggy has been there for Angela during times when she needed help building some new skills.

"Peggy helped me learn how to calm myself," Angela said. "I learned how to use running to do that, and I like to read. I cope better now. I know when I'm angry or upset."

Seeing young people like Angela thrive is what Peggy loves best.

"It's my brand of social work to support people over the years and watch them grow," she said. "Angela has done the hard work of staying strong throughout her losses, letting others get closer to her and focusing on what is good in her life. She has vast potential! She has had caring people all along the way, and Brenda was just the angel she needed to adopt her. What a beautiful thing for me to be a part of."