



Bethesda News

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Bethesda Lutheran Church: a congregation of S.W.I.M
South West Iowa Ministries, Western Iowa Synod, ELCA
2475 140th St., Clarinda, IA 51632
<http://swimwebsite.weebly.com>
Worship @ 8:30 a.m.
Fellowship Coffee 9:30 a.m.



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A Message from Pastor Ann....

One Sunday morning at a small southern church, the new pastor called on one of the older deacons to lead in the opening prayer. The deacon stood up, bowed his head and said, “Lord, I hate buttermilk.” The pastor opened one eye and wondered where this was going. The deacon continued, “Lord, I hate lard.” Now the pastor was totally perplexed. The deacon continued, “Lord, I ain’t too crazy about plain flour. But after you mix ‘em all together and bake ‘em in a hot oven, I just love biscuits.”

“Lord help us to realize when life gets hard, when things come up that we don’t like, whenever we don’t understand what You are doing, that we need to wait and see what You are making, After you get through mixing and baking, it’ll probably be something even better than biscuits. Amen. (found on Facebook)

Romans 8:28 We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to His purpose.

While we are here on earth, we can not understand the whys and the wherefores. We can only trust in God’s love for each and everyone of us. In turmoil, we can know God’s peace. Life may take us places we don’t want to go and feel pain that we would not wish on our enemy, but through it all God the Father, Jesus the Son and the Holy Spirit walk with us. We don’t walk this path alone.

Pastor Ann



Colby Carlson and Dakota Johnson were confirmed May 29th at Bethesda Lutheran Church. A large number for friends and relatives came to support them. The Carlson and Johnson families hosted a delicious brunch for everyone following morning worship. Congratulations and God’s Blessing to you, Colby and Dakota.





The June Circle Meeting will be held Thursday, June 16 at the home of Sheila Freed. Time to be announced. Pastor Ann will give the Bible Study using the June *Gather* magazine.

The Bethesda WELCA will enjoy a Brunch at the *Cabin By the Creek* near Red Oak on Thursday, June 9th at 9:30 a.m. It will be Dutch Treat. Tell Carmen if you plan to go.

An Invitation: To the Bethesda Women of the ELCA The Villisca Churches – Advent Christian, Catholic, Methodist, and Presbyterian would like to invite you to our annual Salad Luncheon. It will be on June 8th at the Community Building in Villisca at noon.

Please come and join us for luncheon and program!

Nine WELCA members and friends enjoyed breakfast at the First Baptist Church in Shenandoah on May 3rd. Following the meal, several women visited Joan Setterburg who was residing at Fair Oaks at that time.



Mark your calendars:

You are invited to worship at Viking Lake on June 26th at the lower picnic shelter. The Annual SWIM Joint worship service will begin at 10:30 a.m. with a potluck to follow. The offering collected will go to Open Door Mission.

CAMP CHANGE



Bethesda will be collecting loose change to sponsor a camp scholarship to Lutheran Lakeside. Donations will be collected until the end of June in designated buckets @ offering time. Camp can Change a Life.



Alex Campbell graduated from Des Moines Area Community College with an Associate in Applied Science Degree in Medical Laboratory Technology on May 4. He will complete his clinical internship June 17, and prepare for boards.



Cassidy Marie was born May 9th to Denae and Brandon Buffington. She is welcomed by brother and sister Blaine and Adalyn, grandparents Mary and Matt Fritz and aunt Annie Wallin.

Intern update...Pastor Lynn Noel has accepted the call to serve the people of St. Paul Lutheran Church in Postville, Iowa. Congratulations and blessing to Pastor Lynn and his family.



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

Preaching Schedule at Bethesda

June 5 Noel Kropp
 June 12 Pastor Ann
 June 19 Stanley & Barbara
 June 26 10:30 a.m. Joint Worship
 At Viking Lake State Park lower shelter

June Birthdays

5 Matt Erickson
 11 Charles Warner
 11 Bristol Johnson
 21 Ann Lund Martin
 22 Karen Morrow
 25 Stanley Johnson
 30 Mark Lund

Worship assistants in June

Greeters Dennis Boger & Dave Jones
 Reader Mary Ann Vanderholm
 Communion Asst. Lori Lastine
 Ushers Jenny Buttercase
 Greg & Jolene Wallin

Wedding Anniversaries

6 Landon & Shelby Lewellen
 8 Stanley & Barbara Johnson
 14 Chris & Diane Campbell
 21 Wayne & Rogene Sederburg
 24 Charles & Joan Warner
 26 Jeremiah & Jenny Buttercase
 29 Daniel & Jackie Meier

Coffee Servers

June 5 Chris & Diane Campbell
 June 12 Daniel & Jackie Meier
 June 19 Mike & Sheila Freed
 June 26 Potluck @ Viking Lake

Upcoming Events

June 9 9:30 a.m. WELCA meeting and Brunch at Cabin By the Creek in Red Oak, Ia.
 June 10-12 Synod Assembly at the Omaha Marriott
 June 11 1:00 p.m. SWIM Open Door Mission trip. Meet at Red Oak Kmart parking lot.
 June 12 Church Council following morning worship
 June 16 Circle meeting at home of Sheila Freed. Time TBA
 June 26 July newsletter items are due. Send to Yvonne (johnsony@myfmtc.com)
 June 26 10:30 a.m. Joint Worship service at Viking Lake State Park



Happy Father's Day!

Many of the boys and young men that Lutheran Services in Iowa (LSI) serves in our residential programs have never had a positive male role model in their lives. Recently, at a gathering of mentors and mentees, a few of these children introduced their mentors to each other. When a boy from Beloit spoke, you could hear the quiet pride in his voice.

"This is Josh," he said simply. "And he's the mentor I've always wanted."

As you celebrate Father's Day with your family or by remembering someone who served as a father figure or mentor for you, remember what you have to give to others around you: a word of encouragement, a listening ear or the gift of your time and presence. You may be surprised how much it means.

You provide all these things and more through your support of LSI. Thank you for responding to the love of Jesus Christ through compassionate service!

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.

Building Confidence from Legos

Once a week Beloit becomes an imagination station of Legos, robotics and computer programming. That's what happens when the passions of LSI mentors and LSI clients align. Tom first learned about LSI's Beloit Residential Treatment Center through a mission event at his church. Together, he and LSI's volunteer staff began exploring the idea of creating a robotics group at Beloit.

"You're playing, but you're also learning," said Tom. "I enjoy helping them experiment and learn what is or isn't interesting to them. It's a great opportunity to match up their interests and passions."

As a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) activity, the group also helps youth practice problem-solving skills they can use in the classroom. Many schools now offer robotics as an extracurricular activity. LSI hopes this activity helps youth at Beloit feel a sense of belonging with their peers when they are introduced to STEM subjects in the future. "Our kids love going to this program," said Angie, an LSI caseworker. "They like it because it is out of the ordinary, and they get to use their imagination, too. It's something they are able to create and see the end result."

On this day, Daniel, age 14, has just learned how to make his "robot" move.

"I built that," he says with a huge grin.

And thanks to LSI donors and volunteers, he's building a bright future, too.