



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>

Sunday School @ 10:00 a.m.

Fellowship Coffee @ 10:15 a.m.

Worship @ 11:00 a.m.

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A Message from Pastor Ann....

Ephesians 3:14-18

14 For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, **15** from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. **16** I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, **17** and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. **18** I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, **19** and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

The Gospel passages for the last couple of Sundays has pointed out that Christ has not come to bring peace but division. We would much rather experience the peace of God that passes understanding of Philippians 4:7. But so many times the peace that passes understanding comes as a result of painful division, coming through difficult times realizing how very much God loves us.

Noting the Ephesians passage verse 14-15: Every family in heaven and on earth gets it's name from our heavenly Father. The greatest commandment tells us to love our neighbor as ourselves.

There are people in our lives, and in the world, who we don't find lovable or even tolerable. Yes, we are all called to love these people. You don't have to worry about making yourself love people you don't like. God, the source of all love, will give us the love we need to love the intolerable people. God will help us to love all people with His love.

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I am here for you,
Pastor Ann



The Lydia Circle meeting will meet at the home of Connie Freed at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 20th.

Church Kitchen Shower will be held during the month of October. Items especially needed are paper towels, 8 oz. Styrofoam cups, small paper plates and Kleenex tissues. Please leave them on the counter in the kitchen. Thank You for your donations.

Bethesda made beautiful, warm quilts were recently delivered to the Lydia House along with 97 pounds of used clothing to the Open Door Mission.

A THANK YOU

Thank you so much for the Bethesda ornament for Lincoln's baptism! I can't wait to hang it on our tree this Christmas!
Shelby, Landon and Lincoln



Sept. 11th was Rally Day and the 1st day of Sunday School. Our students and education committee served coffee and treats before church. Bishop Prois lead the worship service, the handbells played for the first time this season and we had a potluck dinner following the service. Thanks to everyone who made it a great day!



Bethesda members enjoyed Ice Cream and Fellowship Sunday evening, Aug. 28. Joining the gathering were former members, Jon and Gloria Bonjour.

Congratulations to Karen Morrow who recently completed her AEMT exams and is now an Advanced Emergency Medical Technician.

Change of address: Charlie Warner has moved to Goldenrod Manor in Clarinda.



Wanted: Someone who would like to join a terrific group of people who love to ring handbells. The purpose of our music is to enhance the worship experience and praise God through music. It's fun. Ask a ringer why they continue to play year after year.

Contact Yvonne and give it a try! (Members and nonmembers are welcome.)