



Bethesda windows to be featured in national broadcast.

One of the Bethesda RAGBRI visitors, A Red Rider for the American Diabetes Association's Tour de Cure sent the following note.

Stained-Glass windows from Bethesda Lutheran will be featured in a national broadcast called "Worship for Shut-Ins". It originates from the Scandinavian, (**Eero Saarinen** designed) campus of Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, Indiana. "Worship for Shut-Ins" is broadcast on 40+ broadcast stations, and Nationwide on DirectTV (Channel 377) and WorldWide at www.worshipforshutins.org

Bethesda's stained-glass windows were photographed by a RAGBRAI Rider from Fort Wayne, Indiana. Windows will be used as transitions between the Host, Pastor,

and Choirs. Special thanks to Stanley Johnson for opening the church during RAGBRAI, to show the cycling community God's enduring love for everyone... even RAGBRAI Riders! This RAGBRAI Rider's grandfather was an Augustana Lutheran minister in the 1950s, serving churches in St Peter, MN and Salem, South Dakota.

For more information about the Reach and Preach DVD ministry and "Worship for Shut-Ins", or how to view the program, please call 1-888-286-8002



Morning Worship @ 11:00 A.M.
Sunday School @ 10:00 A.M.
Fellowship Coffee @ 10:15 A.M.

Communion first and last Sunday of 1

Preaching Schedule at Bethesda

Oct. 2 Gordon Scott
Oct. 9 Ann Albert
Oct. 16 Gordon Scott
Oct. 23 Ann Albert
Oct. 30 Gordon Scott

Worship assistants in October

Greeters Wayne and Rogene Sederburg
Reader Lori Lastine
Communion Asst. Lori Lastine
Ushers Steve & Lori Lastine
 Brian & Laura Kirchert

Coffee Servers

Oct. 2 Deb Wagoner & Joni Sunderman
Oct. 9 Dennis Boger & Dave Jones
Oct. 16 Brian & Laura Kirchert
Oct. 23 Connie Freed & Jenny Buttercase
Oct. 30 Margaret Johnson & Mary Ann Vanderholm

October Birthdays

1 Brent Hanson
3 Brett Cabbage
3 Shelly Smith
8 Connie Erickson
9 Sydney Johnson
15 Dakota Johnson
19 Norma Thomsen
19 Carmen Lundberg
28 Mike Freed

Wedding Anniversaries

6 Dennis & Lynn Meier
17 Greg & Jolene Wallin



*In the Church, great wonders
daily occur, such as the
forgiveness of sins, triumph over
death ... the gift of righteousness
and eternal life.*
Martin Luther

Upcoming Events

Oct. 5, 12, 19, 26 6:30 - 7:30 Handbell practice
Oct. 12 7:30 p.m. Church Council meeting
Oct. 8 1:00 p.m. SWIM Open Door Mission trip. Meet at Red Oak Kmart parking lot.
Oct. 20 2:00 p.m. Lydia Circle at the home Connie Freed
Oct. 25. Nov. newsletter items are due. Send to Yvonne (johnsony@myfmtc.com)



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

Far too often, there are children who arrive at LSI's Beloit and Bremwood Residential Treatment Centers with almost nothing in their possession. And for children or youth who have been in the foster care system, it's not uncommon for them to arrive with everything they own in a single garbage bag.

We give thanks for Iowa congregations because you faithfully respond to these needs, year after year! As winter approaches, LSI relies on your loving support to meet the demand for hats, gloves and mittens for children and youth at Beloit and Bremwood. With your generous donation, each child can have the chance to shop for their own winter clothing.

Your church has likely received or will soon be receiving a letter inviting you to participate in LSI's hats and mittens appeal. If you would like more information, please contact Deb Whitford, LSI director of philanthropy and church relations, at deborah.whitford@LSIowa.org or 563-676-2065.

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.

Seeds of Hope

The kids at the Beloit Residential Treatment Center in Ames have been hard at work this year in the Beloit Learning Garden. The space gives kids the chance to learn new skills each week, like gardening and growing healthy foods.

"I love seeing how excited the kids get about the vegetables and picking them. Any time the kids are around healthy food, it's really great," says garden volunteer Rachel.

Kyanni has learned plenty of new lessons about farming. When she's in the garden, she's hard at work finding her favorite vegetable—broccoli—or helping the younger kids find good foods to pick and send back to Beloit's dining room.

Kids like Paul have found a passion for farming and a love of vegetables thanks to the garden and its volunteers. Paul has been working in the garden throughout the year, and he loves learning about nature and making new food every week. His favorite vegetable is zucchini, which he now gets to grow in the garden. When he grows up, Paul wants to be a farmer and plant "a whole bunch of stuff" for his family.

Thanks to the generous gifts of our donors, kids like Paul are growing up with access to healthy foods and a love of the outdoors.