

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Purpose Statement

Bethesda on the Bay is:

Growing in community to share the love of Christ.

Guiding Principles

In our community, we...

1. welcome all,
2. serve our neighbors,
3. love one another,
4. witness to the gospel of Jesus, and
5. spread the light of Christ in the world.

ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God by John & Julie Koenig.

LARGE PRINT BULLETINS ARE AVAILABLE FOR THOSE WHO NEED THEM. SPEAK WITH AN USHER OR PASTOR FOR ASSISTANCE.

CONNECT CARD – There are connect cards in the pew pockets. If you are a guest, have a prayer intention or anything else to share, please fill out a card and drop it in the collection basket. There are also opportunities listed for ways to get involved!

NAME TAGS are available for all worshipers as desired. Thank you for wearing your nametag and helping us build community and fellowship. If you do not see your nametag hanging in the Narthex or you simply need a new one printed, please contact the church office. There are also guest name tags for any guest attending worship.

CHILDREN'S BULLETINS & BUSY BAGS – Please ask an usher if you would like a children's bulletin and/or busy bag with activities to keep your child(ren) occupied during worship. Thank you to Chris Webner who recently updated the bags!

SUNDAY MORNING ADULT FORMATION

Discussion about Luther's *Small Catechism* continues on Sunday mornings at 9:00am in the lounge. This little book was meant to provide a guide for conversation and discussion in homes and around dinner tables. Come explore the foundations of our Lutheran faith and why Luther himself found the contents of the book to be so vital to our lives of faith! Copies of the *Small Catechism* will be provided, or you can bring your own from home! Class will continue on Sundays into Lent. Come for all or as often as you are able!

ACOLYTE TRAINING

Younger worshipers are invited to explore ways of serving during worship on Sunday morning, and Acolyting is one of the traditional ways for children to serve at Bethesda. If your child has received Holy Communion already and has shown interest in helping to lead worship, please contact Pastor Angela and/or come to training for Acolytes on Sunday, March 30 and Sunday, April 6th after worship.

SCRIPTURE BASED COLORING SHEETS

Coloring sheets, based on the Sunday scripture, are available each week by the usher's stand. You are welcome to pick one up for use during worship or take it home with you for colorful prayer and meditation during the week.

WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY

Gather weekly on Wednesday at 10:00am for Bible study and discussion about the assigned scripture we hear on the approaching Sunday morning. No expertise needed. Share together in open conversation, prayer and fellowship.

LENTEN MIDWEEK SOUP SUPPER & EVENING PRAYER

April 2

6:00pm Soup Supper

7:00pm Evening Prayer

Along with Ash Wednesday, Bethesda will be offering time for fellowship and evening prayer every other week during the season. Please take note of the dates and plan to participate. If you would like to help with soup supper, there is a sign-up genius in the weekly email announcements or speak with Laura English.

EASTER EGG HUNT

All children are invited to the Easter Egg Hunt on Holy Saturday at 10:00am. Donations of individually wrapped candy and stickers are being collected now, until Maundy Thursday. Thank you for helping by bringing a bag of goodies and placing in the bin in the narthex or leaving in the office.

GOOD SOIL LENTEN STORIES AND SCRIPTURE

You are invited to attend "Stories and Scripture" led by Pastor Marissa Harrison and Pastor Jim Kulma at 6:30pm-7:30pm at Good Soil most Wednesday in Lent, except for the Wed before Maundy Thursday (4/16).

BETHESDA PHOTO DIRECTORY

The directory has been updated for 2025! You can always access the directory through the app or online with Instant Church Directory. If you would like or prefer a hardcopy of the directory, please reach out to Chrissy in the church office. A \$5 contribution is requested to offset printing and binding expense.

EASTER FLOWERS

Once again, we will adorn the sanctuary with lilies, hydrangeas, daffodils and geraniums for Easter. All orders can be taken home after worship on Easter. You can either fill out a physical or online form, call or email the office to place your order. You can pay for your plant by check, cash or Tithely. Please mark that payment is for Easter Flowers. Order deadline is April 6.

A PASTORAL CARE NOTE

The Church office was asked to announce that Beverly Maloney's husband, John Timothy Maloney, passed away Saturday, March 15, 2025. May God give comfort to those who mourn.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES

The next Confirmation class is Thursday, April 3rd 6:00 – 8:00 pm. Keep them in your prayers as they grow in their faith and as people in the weeks ahead. For more information, contact Pastor Angela.

PEACEMAKERS QUILTERS

The Peacemakers is an outside group that meets at Bethesda Thursdays at 9:00 am, now through May 2025. They quilt and donate their quilts to charitable groups that need them, with the support of Thrivent Financial. New quilters and sewers are welcome anytime. The sewing technique is straight-seam. They also have projects you can do at home! If you are interested in learning more or joining the group, contact the office or show up on Thursday!

DESIGNATE THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS BY MARCH 31

If you own any Thrivent Financial products or services, you have a choice in directing where Thrivent distributes some of its charitable outreach funds each year. 2021 Choice Dollars will expire on March 31, 2025. We really appreciate those who direct those Choice Dollars to Bethesda. To direct Choice Dollars go to: www.thrivent.com or call (800) 847-4836.