



# Bethesda Outlook

October / November 2022

Our Mission is to proclaim, celebrate and share the love of Christ with our neighbors in an accepting, caring community.

## Bethesda Staff

Pastor: Rev. Heidi Fish.....360-393-2977

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## OFFICE HOURS

Monday—Friday  
9:00am—1:00pm

[www.bethesdalcm.com](http://www.bethesdalcm.com)

## *Updated Church Directory*

*An updated version (except for pictures) of the church directory will be available soon!*

*If you need a copy mailed to you, please let me know.*



**Thanks  
Judy**



# From the Bishop:

*"Sometimes it's boring. Sometimes it's thrilling. Sometimes it makes me cry."* (Quote from "The Wonderful Ordinarity of Congregational Life" by Cheryl Fullerton, Christian Century, March 2022)

Recently I was thinking about church. (Full disclosure ... I think about church quite a bit.) But, in particular, I was thinking about the rhythm of church life. And I think the above quote from Cheryl Fullerton sums it up pretty nicely.

## Sometimes it's boring

I admit, sometimes there is something that is uninteresting about church. Perhaps it is the repetitive nature of it. Perhaps it is the cyclical nature of things. Perhaps it is seeing the same people in the same pew week after week and year after year.

We know that Fred will sing the hymns out of tune ... every time. We know that Mary will cluck her tongue at someone's tattoo peeking out from their sundress. We know that Mike will fall asleep during the sermon, and we know that Dan will try to share the peace with every single person. We know that the children will fidget. We know that the baby might cry. We know that we have rituals and sacraments and prayers that we say each week. We know that sometimes we won't hear the utter preposterousness and absurdity and utterly amazing news that Jesus loves each of us and all of us – that sometimes this message sails over our heads because we're too busy looking at the bulletin.

And yet ...

## Sometimes it's thrilling

I always

get goosebumps when I hear the words, "I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." I rejoice each Easter when we all shout, "He is risen! He is risen indeed!" Candles lit in darkness bring hope and light on Christmas Eve. When I am privileged to place bread in people's hands and I see young, old, wrinkled, black, white, brown hands reaching out for Jesus, it is truly miraculous.

We know that Fred cares for his wife with Alzheimer's. We know that Mary still grieves her daughter. We know that Mike works the late shift, and we know that Dan only leaves his group home for church. We know that the children will hear of Jesus. We know that the baby will grow up in the community of elders. We know that sometimes we will hear and understand, if even for a moment, the utter preposterousness and absurdity and utterly amazing news that Jesus loves each of us and all of us.

And so ...

## Sometimes it makes me cry

Church is

not for the faint-hearted. Church is not for people who only want to be with their own kind. Church is for the young, the middle-aged and the old. The healthy and the sick. The spiritually depleted and the spiritually full. Those who are seeking, those who are exhausted, and those who are filled with fire for justice. We all come together. The Freds and Marys and Mikes and Dans. And we sing and we pray, and we receive Jesus, in community, together. Church is wonderfully boring and thrilling. We catch glimpses of the divine amongst the coffee pot and petty disagreements. We see Mary hug the tattooed young girl after she is baptized. We see Mike exchange high fives with Dan. We see Fred with tears singing at the top of his lungs, "I Know that My Redeemer Lives."

There is nothing like church.

*"Sometimes it's boring. Sometimes it's thrilling. Sometimes it makes me cry."*

Bishop Shelley Bryan Wee  
bishop@lutheransnw.org

# Council Hi-lights

- Facilities committee is looking for new sinks and flooring for fellowship/kitchen.
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The council meetings are open to members of the congregation. The meetings are held the 2nd Sunday each month in the Conference Room, in the office building at 12:00pm. The next meeting will be September 11, 2022

**Council**  
**President:**  
**Jeff Molitor**

**Vice President:**  
**Jaye Lill**

**Secretary:**  
**Kate Kurfess**

**Treasurer:**  
**Sue Rasmussen**

**Paul Larmore**

## MONTH END FINANCIAL REPORT

As of August 2022

Balance Forward .....	\$(246.58)
Offerings .....	\$4123.83
Other Income .....	\$2565.36
Total .....	\$6689.19
Total Expenses.....	\$5026.34
New Balance.....	\$1416.27



## *Happy Birthday.....*

10/09—Judy Rasmussen

11/02—Kate Kurfess

11/18—Larry Fischer

11/22—Marti Harper

11/24—Wolfgang Lill

## **!UPDATES!**

Memorial Service for Donna LC Fish (Pr. Heidi's mother)

Saturday—October 29 2022

11:00am.

**VOLUNTEERS FOR SET UP AND KITCHEN HELP NEEDED.  
(contact Pastor Heidi)**

## ***NEW OFFICE HOURS***

Monday—Friday

9:00am—1:00pm

## WE LIFT IN PRAYER:

ANDERSON, DIANE (Rasmussen cousin)  
ANDERSON, JULIA  
BALL, TAMMY (friend of M. Schwald) Cancer  
BLEVENS, DEAH (friend of Mickey S.)  
BRUNO, BERNADETTE (neighbor of Rod Schwald)  
BUMSTEAD, GARY (Joy H. cousin)  
CARROLL, KAREN  
CHRISTOFFERSON, DEBBIE (Cancer)  
CRONBACH, LEE (Parkinson's)  
FAMILY OF RONNIE DANIELIAS (Joy H cousin)  
FAMILY OF CHELSEA HOFFMAN  
FAMILY OF KRISTI WHITAKER (Steve W. cousin)  
GATER, DANIELLE  
HALLADAY, JOY  
HALVERSON, ROY (Lung Cancer) (Joy H. brother)  
HAMRE, JUDITH (recovery after knee surgery)  
HANDLE, JERRY (Steve W. Family member)  
HARPER, MARTI  
HAUMAN, SUE  
HEDLUND, DANNA  
HILLERMAN, TIM  
HINSON, FRANCES  
JOHNSON, BILL  
JUAN, ANTOINETTE  
JUPITER, PAT  
LEASE, CHRISTINA (Valerie G. Granddaughter)  
MARKES, FRANK (friend of Mickey S.)  
MASSEY, RON  
MOLIHAN, RUTHANN (Richard Smith's sister)  
PFIFER, JANET & BILL (neighbor – Rod Schwald)  
RICE, PATTY (Karen C. daughter)  
SHORE, DIANA  
SCHWALD, MICKEY  
SMITH, ELLEN  
SPENCER, NATHAN  
STANTON, PATRICK (cancer)  
WILLS, PAT (friend of Joy H.)  
WILSON, DOROTHY



PLEASE REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR FAMILY MEMBERS AND CARE GIVERS.

*Please help me keep this list up to date by notifying me of any changes.*

*Thank you – Judy Rasmussen*

# OCTOBER 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						<b>1</b>
<b>S=Sanctuary FH=Fellowship Hall O=Office Bldg B3=Building 3</b>						De-Clutter Bethesda! 10:00am
<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>
Worship 10:15am (S) Gleaning 3:15pm (FH)	Handbell Rehearsal 3-5 (S)	Blessing of Animals (at church and dog park) Girl Scout Team Meeting 6:30pm – 8pm (FH)	Al-Anon 6:30pm (O)	Al-Anon 7:00pm (O)	Girl Scouts (50529) 6-8:30pm (FH)	Girl Scouts (46885) 10:30am-noon GenZus Youth Group 1-2pm (O)
<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>
Worship 10:15am (S) Council Mtg 12:10 (O) Gleaning 3:15pm (FH)	Sue's Bible Study 2:00pm (O)		Foodie Book Group 6:30pm (FH) Al-Anon 6:30pm(O)	Al-Anon 7:00pm (O)		
<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>
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<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>
Worship 10:15am (S) Gleaning 3:15pm (FH)	Sue's Bible Study 2:00pm (O)	<b>NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</b>	Al-Anon 6:30pm(O)	Al-Anon 7:00pm (O)		Memorial Service: D. Fish 11am-1:pm Trunk or Treat 3pm – 5pm
<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>					
<b>Reformation Sunday</b>						

# NOVEMBER 2022

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Worship 10:15am (S) Gleaning 4:00pm (FH)	Handbell Re- hearsal 3-5 (S)		Foodie Book Group 6:30pm (FH) Al-Anon 6:30pm(O)	Handbell Re- hearsal 2-4 (S) Al-Anon 7:00pm (O)		<i>GenZus Youth Group 1-2pm (O)</i>
<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>
Worship 10:15am (S) Council Meet- ing12:3pm (O) Gleaning 4:00pm (FH)	Handbell Re- hearsal 3-5 (S) Sue's Bible Study 2:00pm (O)		Al-Anon 6:30pm(O)	Handbell Re- hearsal 2-4 (S) Al-Anon 7:00pm (O)	Girl Scouts (50529) 6- 8:30pm (FH)	
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Worship 10:15am (S) Thrivent Forum (after Service ) Gleaning 4:00pm (FH)	Handbell Re- hearsal 3-5 (S)		<b>NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</b> Al-Anon 6:30pm(O)	<b>HOLIDAY OFFICE CLOSED</b> Al- Anon 7:00pm (O)	<b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>	Community Breakfast 8-11:30am (FH) GenZus Youth Group 1-2pm (O)
<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>			
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## HALLOWEEN

### Word Search



BLACK CAT

CANDY

CAULDRON

COBWEB

COSTUME

FRIGHTFUL

GHOST

HAUNTED

MONSTER

PUMPKIN

SKELETON

SPOOKY

TRICK OR TREAT

VAMPIRE

WITCH





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## THANKSGIVING SIDE DISHES WORD SEARCH PUZZLE

ASPARAGUS  
 BEANS  
 BISCUITS  
 BREAD  
 BROCCOLI  
 CABBAGE  
 CARROTS  
 COLESLAW  
 CORN  
 CRANBERRY  
 DRESSING  
 EGGPLANT  
 GRAVY  
 GREEN BEANS  
 MACARONI  
 MUFFIN  
 NOODLES  
 ONIONS  
 PEAS  
 POTATO  
 RICE  
 SALAD  
 SAUCE  
 SOUP  
 SQUASH  
 STUFFING  
 YAMS  
 ZUCCHINI

E	I	L	O	C	C	O	R	B	Y	M	S	Y	B	C
C	K	N	Z	S	G	E	S	Q	S	V	N	T	O	R
J	O	B	I	S	E	T	C	Q	H	E	A	L	G	A
C	S	T	E	H	U	L	U	U	G	X	E	R	D	N
A	M	R	A	F	C	A	D	G	A	S	B	A	G	B
B	A	O	F	T	S	C	P	O	L	S	E	M	A	E
B	Y	I	H	H	O	L	U	A	O	R	J	I	S	R
A	N	C	R	I	A	P	W	Z	B	N	F	H	P	R
G	M	I	S	N	A	E	B	N	E	E	R	G	A	Y
E	C	O	T	O	Z	A	G	N	I	S	S	E	R	D
E	S	B	S	R	U	N	R	O	C	X	W	D	A	Y
Z	O	A	S	A	U	P	S	N	O	I	N	O	G	T
O	J	A	L	C	A	R	R	O	T	S	Z	T	U	A
I	E	W	H	A	C	B	I	S	C	U	I	T	S	J
P	T	K	E	M	D	G	N	I	F	F	U	M	G	I

The words appear UP, DOWN, BACKWARDS, and DIAGONALLY.  
Find and circle each word.





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Join us for worship Sundays at 10:15 a.m.  
either in person (masked ) or by Zoom.



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