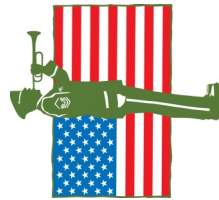


Bethesda Lutheran Church
301 West South Street
Morrison, IL 61270

**Return Service Requested*

Sunday Worship Service
(in-person and also Facebook "live" every
Sunday at 9:00 a.m.)



Bethesda Bits

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May 2022



Church Music Sunday



“Church Music Sunday” is a day when we recognize the very special gift that God gives us through music. It’s also a day to take a moment to thank those who enhance our worship through this gift. The Sr. Choir will provide their ministry in music at the 9:00AM service on Sunday, **May 22, 2022**. We encourage all members to enjoy this time of special music as we celebrate the volunteers who contribute so much to our worship, and invite you to bring a friend or loved one to join us!

For all those listed below, and anyone who has shared their talents with special music through the year, our sincere and heartfelt thanks to each and every one for sharing your talents!

Sr. Choir - *Bob Stone, Al Janicek, Eric Phend, Pr. Tammy Anderson, Sunny Porter, Sharon Boyles, Marsha Geerts, Ellen Smith, Caryn Nehrkorn, Bonnie Phend, Diane Engelkins, Deb Stone, MaryEllen Brackemyer, Kathy Janicek*

Joyful Noise (youth soloist) - *Kameron Adams*

Choir Director/Organist/Accompanist:

Kathy Janicek, Connie Swanson-DeSpain



Dear Disciples of Jesus of Bethesda Lutheran,

As many of you know, Monday, May 30 is Memorial Day. It's a day we set aside in our country to remember those who served in our armed forces and passed away, especially those soldiers who gave their lives so that we could live in a free country. If you go to a lot of the local cemeteries, you'll see the graves of our soldiers marked with little American flags, and larger flags that surround the cemetery.

Unfortunately, for most people, Memorial Day marks the beginning of the summer vacation season, and it becomes a day for going to sporting events, having an outdoor barbecue, camping trip, or some other activity, without stopping to give thanks for those who have given their lives so that we can enjoy the freedoms we still have in our country.

Freedom is something we as Americans treasure. It's a word that means so much to us. However, on this Memorial Day, I want to remind you to not only remember those who have fought, and given their lives for our freedom, but also to remember what real freedom is for the Christian, namely freedom from sin, death, and the power of the devil.

In the Gospel of John, the 15th Chapter, Jesus tells us

¹²*"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.*

¹³*No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends.*

Jesus made that ultimate sacrifice through his perfect love for us. Those who followed Jesus' example, and gave or were willing to give up their lives for their fellow citizens are those we honor on Memorial Day.

So on this Memorial Day, I do encourage you to take time to remember those who have given their lives in service to our country. I also want you to remember that your ultimate freedom has been won by Jesus Christ, and that He freely gives it to you through His Word and Sacrament. Have a wonderful and blessed Memorial Day. Amen.



Shalom,

Pastor Tammy

**Bethesda Council Members for Congregational
Names & Contact Information
Pastor—Rev. Tammy Anderson; Cell# 815-414-1758**

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Please be sure to take a moment and congratulate the people listed below for their achievements!

Junior High

- ◆ **Leslie Chambers**, daughter of Noah & Jen Chambers, will graduate from Morrison JH on May 26, 2022
- ◆ **Aubrey Smith**, daughter of Amanda Morine, will graduate from Fulton JH on May 25, 2022
- ◆ **Kameron Adams**, son of Doug & Brenda Adams, will graduate from Prophetstown JH on May 31, 2022

High School

- ◆ **Reese Voeltz**, grandson of *Andy & Tiara Voeltz*, will graduate from Erie High School on Sunday, May 15, 2022. He has been working on an internship through the WACC program in welding and plans to continue working at a job as a welder after graduation.

College

- ◆ **Kelly Pannier**, daughter of Doug & Kolleen Pannier, will graduate from Mount Mercy University in Cedar Rapids, IA in May with her Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) degree. She has accepted a position on the surgical inpatient floor at Unity Point Trinity in Bettendorf, IA

“Seek his will in all you do and he will show you which path to take.”

—Proverbs 3:6



President Lisa Bramm-Rogers called the meeting to order. Andrea led devotions. Lisa will be in charge of devotions at next meeting. Agenda was adopted and minutes from March meeting approved as presented.

Correspondence: “Thank You” note from the synod for our continued support to benevolence.

Old Business:

- Council previously discussed need to hire someone to provide lawn care. Lisa stated that she and her dad (Jeff Bramm) will do the mowing until someone is hired.
- Council previously recommended that a Pastor’s Evaluation be performed & forms were emailed to the council members last month for completion & return prior to April meeting. Still missing a few. Council members were asked to complete and return as soon as possible.

New Business:

- Pastor provided the council with a monthly report which included time for text study, worship services, meetings, office time, hospital & home visits, funeral, many phone calls, Zoom classes, etc.
- Financial Secretary and Treasurer’s reports were reviewed & discussed. It was

noted that the council previously voted to add the loose offerings collected during Advent of ’21 to those collected during Lent ’22 and divided them equally between April House and Child Fund. Both reports accepted as presented.

Church Committees/Groups

- HOSPITALITY COMM. met after church on Sun. Apr. 3rd to review plans for the Palm Sunday Brunch being held on Sunday, April 10th @ 10:30 AM following the worship service. The committee will meet again on Monday, May 2nd @ 6:00 PM. “Meet & Eat” suppers continue to be held on the 3rd Thursday night of the month. Watch the bulletins & newsletters for more information.
- PROPERTY COMM. reported last month that the AED machine (defibrillator) needed replaced. The Memorial Committee voted to approve the use of Memorial funds to cover the cost of a new unit which is estimated to be approx. \$2,000. EMT’s will provide training for Bethesda members once the new unit is delivered. (**Delivery could take 6 + months.*) It was determined that a pump on the furnace needed to be replaced. A new pump was ordered through D & K - Est. cost appx. \$600.

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“Offering In Kind” is suggested for members who wish to contribute items for use in the church to offset operating expenses. Please be sure to save receipts and turn in to Al Janicek for “in kind” donations that can be added to your yearly contributions to the church.

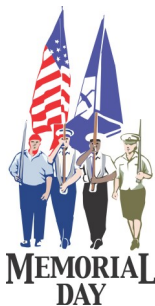
Items needed are:

- Cleaning/Sanitizing wipes (for custodian)
- Toilet Paper
- Roll paper towel



**THURSDAY,
MAY 5, 2022**

With honor, respect, and great appreciation to all who have proudly served this country, we especially wish to recognize the men & women of Bethesda who have served in the United States of America armed forces:



U.S. Army

- † **Douglas E. Adams** [Jan. 1967 - Jan. 1969]; Specialist 4; 1yr tour in Vietnam
- † **Kent Anderson**
- † **Douglas A. Belha** [Dec. 1968 - July 1970]; Specialist 4; Vietnam June 1969 - July 1970]
- † **Benjamin J. Boyles** [1999-2002]; Specialist, Task Force Falcon, Kosovo
- † **William G. Brackemyer, Major** (Retired) [October 1988-November 2018] U.S Army / IL Army National Guard - Operation Desert Storm, Operation Iraqi Freedom, Operation Enduring Freedom.
- † **Jeffrey T. Dalton** [1987-91]; Spec. Corporal E-4; Panama; Gulf War -(*non-deployed)
- † **Bradley L. Nye** [1991-98; US Army Reserves 1998-2000]; Gulf War *non-deployed; United Nations Peacekeeping Mission in the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (Task Force Able Sentry), 2 tours in Germany
- † **Ronald L. Nye** [1969-72]; Spec. 4; served in Germany
- † **Laverne C. Schroeder** [1954-56] Spec. 3, HQ Co. V. Corp. (Germany)
- † **Tom VanderLeest** [2015—2019]

U.S. Marines

- † **Phillip O'Shea** [Sept. 2014—Present]; Rank—Staff Sergeant; Stationed in Cherry Point, North Carolina
- † **Dale Usterbowski** [1961-1965]; Corporal; Barsto, CA; Japan; Camp Lejuene, NC

U.S. Navy

- † **Brian Coers** [1991-1995] Served in Desert Storm
- † **Jerry L. Engelkins** [1965 - 1969]; BT2 - E5; U.S.S. Mississinewa AO-144; Mediterranean Sea; Vietnam
- † **Marvin Geerts** [April 1944 - June 1946]; Spec. SC2c; USNR; WWII

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The Pastor's plaque in the entryway needs to be updated.

- **WORSHIP & MUSIC COMMITTEE** met Thurs. Apr. 7th to select hymns and plan services through May. Communion at the rail will resume Easter Sunday and will be at the rail on the 1st & 3rd Sundays of the month thereafter. Committee discussed the need for better communication to all members about health issues/prayer needs of various members of the congregation. These concerns are not announced during Sunday services (due to live streaming). Committee discussed sending out weekly emails with these concerns but took no action at this time. Altar Guild will reorganize after Easter. The next Worship & Music Committee meeting will be held on Thurs. May 5th @ 10:00 AM.
- **MORRISON MINISTER'S COUNCIL** will host a Crosswalk on Good Friday, April 15th. The Presbyterian Church has been serving free community meals once a month for some time and has requested help. Pastor Tammy will meet with Pastor Mike to inquire as to what type of help they need and report back with that information.
- **THE 125TH ANNIVERSARY PLANNING COMMITTEE** met at 6:30 PM on Thurs. Mar. 24th. Celebrations are being planned with tentative dates of Sunday, Oct. 16th for a formal service with the Bishop present, followed by a catered meal and a choir reunion concert in the afternoon. An additional church celebration is also being planned for Sun. Dec. 11th (closest to our actual anniversary of Dec. 13th, 1897 – Bethesda's first service). “Save the Date” cards will be sent to inform members & guests of the special dates. It was decided to purchase a banner for the church yard, begin collecting recipes for a cookbook, and check into ordering mementos to be made available for purchase, and are also considering making an anniversary booklet including pictures and the history of the church. Kathy will work on publicity for the events. It was unanimously decided to continue to use “God's Grace Then, Now & Forever” as the theme for the 125th anniversary. The next meeting will be on Thurs. Apr. 28th @ 6:00 PM in the chapel.

Announcements:

- Sunday worship in-person & via Facebook live continues to be held at 9 AM weekly.
- Newsletter deadline is Tues. 04/19 and assembly will be Tues. 04/26.
- The next regular council meeting is Mon. May 9th, 2022 @ 6:00 PM.

Meeting adjourned at appx. 7:10 PM adjourned with all praying the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted — *Andrea G. Dalton, Secretary*

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- ✚ **Raymond L. Smith** [1953-1956] Army Airborne
- ✚ **John Stone** [1979-1982; re-enlisted 1984-1992]; served two tours in Germany; deployed to Saudi Arabia, July 1990 as part of Desert Shield; continued tour as part of Desert Storm, Feb. 1991 - June 1991
- ✚ **Don Stralow** [1944-46; USAR 1950-51]; Staff Sgt.; served in WWII and Korea
- ✚ **Ed Swanson** [1942-45; Navy; WWII]
- ✚ **George Swanson** [Army Paratrooper; WWII]
- ✚ **Budd Swanson** [Navy; WWII]
- ✚ **Jack Swanson** [1942-45]; P.O. 1st Class, Navy; WWII
- ✚ **Leroy M. Wright** [Army - WWII 96th Div. 382 Bat. Co. C]
- ✚ **Gene Wollesen** [enlisted 1950]; served in Combat 25th Division in Korea; awarded CIB and other medals; released to inactive service as Staff Sgt.

✚ Our sincerest apologies if someone should have been included. We do attempt to gather and update this list every year, but realize some may have been omitted.

✚ Many thanks to everyone who contributed the information about their family member or loved ones for this special moment of recognition in the church family. Updates at any time year-round are appreciated.



Bethesda members & guests (all ages) are invited to join together for a time of food & fellowship. We will be dining at the Pizza Ranch in Sterling, IL, on **Thursday, May 19** at 6:00PM. Cost will be \$15.49/ea. for the all you can eat buffet that includes fried chicken, mashed potatoes, hot vegetables, salad bar, pizza and desserts. There will be a sign up sheet on the table in the Fellowship Room. If you need a ride or wish to carpool with some of the other members, please note that on the sign up sheet, or make arrangements with others who are planning to attend. We ask that you sign up by **Sunday, May 15** so that we can make connections and/or carpool arrangements for those who are in need of a ride. Questions – contact Andrea Dalton at 772-4929 or Ellen Smith at 815-499-4948.

- ✚ **Mike Jurgensen** [1964-1970] Nuclear Submarine, Fast Attack North Atlantic on the USS Hammerhead, USS Ray

U.S. Air Force

- ✚ **Trisha (Janssen) Petersen** [Staff Sergeant]
- ✚ **Harley Erdmann** [1955-1959]

Coast Guard

- ✚ **Lori (Bush) Matlack** [USCG June 2002 – 2012; USCG Reserves 2012 - present]; promoted 4/1/2019 to Senior Chief Petty Officer; Information Systems Technician.

Those we have lost:

- ✚ **George Benson** [1951-53] served in Korea for 1 yr.
- ✚ **Irvin W. Boles** [Mar. 1941—Sept. 1945] Army Infantry, Camp Forrest, TN.; deployed in South Pacific; New Caledonia Island, Fiji Islands, Guadalcanal & Bougainville, Solomon Islands, Philippine Islands; wounded on Cebu Island, Philippines. Discharged—Ft. Leonard Wood, St. Louis, MO, Sept. 1945
- ✚ **Robert W. Bush** [1942; AS, US Navy; WWII]
- ✚ **Thomas E. Dalton** [1958-68]; E-3 Seaman
- ✚ **Evan Haag** [1968 - 1970; Specialist 4th Class; Vietnam]
- ✚ **Floyd M. Haas** [Dec. 1950 - Sept. 1952]; Medical Technician; served in Korea
- ✚ **Richard Jenkins**
- ✚ **Dwight Kettler** [Jan. 1943 - Jan. 1946]; Radio Man, First Class; WS Navy South Pacific Submarine Service; WWII
- ✚ **LaVern I. Larson** [1969-71]; E4; served in Germany
- ✚ **Clyde R. McDougall** [Aug. 1942-45]; Staff Sgt., US Army; Anti -Aircraft Artillery, European Theater, WWII
- ✚ **Stanley E. Moews** [June 1944-46]; AOM - 3C, USNR; WWII, Combat Air Crewman
- ✚ **Arlinn E. Rambo** [March 1942- July 1945]; Staff Sergeant 85th Calvary Reconnaissance Squadron Mechanized, US Army; European Theater of Operations, WWII
- ✚ **Donald C. Rauser** [Aug. 1942 - Nov. 1945]; Sergeant, US Army Air Corps.; European Theater
- ✚ **Wilmer A. Schumacher** [March 1944 - June 1945]; Aviation Radioman 3rd Class; medical discharge



Members and loved ones with cancer and undergoing treatment:

- Glen Peterson
- Kathy Nielsen
- Sandy Moore
- John Willey
- Catherine Phelps
- Jake Nienhouse
- Hope MacLennan
- Tonia Ernst
- Kathy Anderson

Friends/loved ones in need of prayer for healing/support:

- Walter Schmitt
- Alan Geerts
- James Floyd Nye
- Keith Morine
- Mike Sigaman
- Dorothy Boles
- Natalie Buck
- Jeg Weets
- Larry Geerts
- Ellie Nienhouse
- Damion Ullrich
- Everette Baker
- Troy Bousman
- Ellen Smith
- Mekie Green
- Jeff Dalton
- Everett Pannier
- members currently serving in the armed forces either stateside or abroad.



Our deepest sympathies to:

- ❖ *Everett Pannier* and family upon the recent loss of his wife, *Nancy Pannier*.
- ❖ *Jerry Engelkins* and family upon the loss of his sister, *Vicki Steward*.

May they be able to find comfort and peace in their time of grief, strengthened by our prayers, and filled with hope in the promise of life eternal through the death and resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

**Names added to the prayers by request and with permission from individual or family member.*

“For the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd...



and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

REVELATION 7:17, NRSV



Recipes Needed!

The 125th Anniversary Committee would like to publish a Bethesda Cookbook as part of our celebration. We are hoping that many of you can share your favorite recipes with your Bethesda friends. There are two ways this can be done:

- If you have e-mail, please send your recipes to MaryEllen Brackemyer at: mebracke@yahoo.com
- For those of you who don't have e-mail, you can drop off hard copies of your recipes to the church office and we will add them to the folder.
- If you want to include any extra info about the recipes you send (maybe a recipe came from someone else and you want them to get the credit) please feel free share it.

Thanks to all who can contribute to this fun project!

God's hands



Exactly a century ago, Irish physician Alexander Irvine published *My Lady of the Chimney Corner*, a book dedicated to his saintly mother. The protagonist, Anna, lives and ministers to others as Irvine’s own mother had done.

In the story, Anna visits a neighbor who has just lost a son at sea. After talking for a while, Anna suggests they pray together. With heads bowed, she reaches to place a loving hand on the grieving mother’s forehead. Afterward, the woman says, “I think I felt his touch upon my brow,” referring to God.

Anna says, “God is everywhere looking for hands to use. Sometimes he takes the hand of a doctor and uses it in healing. Sometimes he takes the hand of a mother to soothe the brow of a fevered child. And sometimes he takes the hand of an old critter like me to bring a bit of help and comfort to a neighbor. But they are all God’s hands, and God is everywhere looking for hands to use.”



May Birthdays

- 1 Tyson Anderson
- 4 Tim Hood
- 6 Terri Doering
- 7 Jan Drosopoulos
Darrien Voeltz
- 8 Rodney Rose
Claudia Garcia
- 9 Larry Geerts
- 11 Kris Gardner
- 12 Brian Gardner
Athena Cate
- 14 Aaron Hall
Ashlynn Aldridge
- 18 Tristan Zahnle
Bill Onken
- 22 Kolleen Pannier
Brienne Price
- 23 Jim Geerts
- 28 Eric Benson
Damien Cordes
- 29 Brenda Adams
- 30 Melissa Tautkus
- 31 Greg Hanson

May Anniversaries

- 10 Bill & Sherry Brackemyer
- 13 Doug & Kolleen Pannier
- 16 Ernie & Cheryl Riggen
- 18 Tim & Lori Matlack
Andrea & (Tyler) Hayes
- 19 Mark & Christine Werner
- 26 Bob & Deb Stone
- 27 Dave & Ann Bean
- 30 Jeff & Lisa Dalton



Every year for Memorial Day, we extend a special thank you to any members of Bethesda, past & present, who have served in the armed forces. All members who have served in any capacity - active or retired or those we have lost - are listed on pages 4-5 & 12 of this newsletter.

Please be sure to take a moment, and offer a special prayer of gratitude for these men and women who have served our country.

Thank you, one and all.

**The church office will be closed on Monday, May 30, in observance of Memorial Day.*



For mothers and mother-figures, we pray and give thanks. And, God, for all the ways you bring forth new life and nurture it in love, we praise You!



May Volunteers

Ushers & Greeters

Steve & Marsha Geerts

Lector

- 1 Deb Stone
- 8 Caryn Nehrkorn
- 15 Eric Phend
- 22 Connie Swanson-DeSpain
- 29 Marsha Geerts

Refreshments

- 1 ~Open~
- 8 ~Open~
- 15 ~Open~
- 22 ~Open~
- 29 ~Open~

Offering Counters

Al Janicek & Deb Stone have assumed these duties and will continue to do so until a regular schedule with volunteers can be arranged. Offerings can be mailed to the church at any time. Thank you.

Acolytes

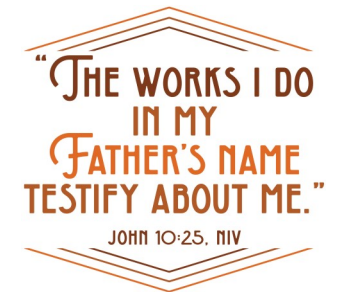
- 1 Caeleb Bramm
- 8 Leslie Chambers
- 15 Aubrey Smith
- 22 Kameron Adams
- 29 Caeleb Bramm

Altar Flowers

- 1 ~Open~
- 8 ~Open~
- 15 ~Open~
- 22 ~Open~
- 29 ~Open~



Altar Guild

Dee Janssen



Our Mission:

BETHESDA LUTHERAN CHURCH
WELCOMES ALL AND JOYFULLY SHARES GOD'S LOVE

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9:00AM Worship <i>In-person & Facebook "Live"</i> 10:00AM Sunday School & Confirmation Class 2:00PM NISYNOD Cent. Conf. Assembly (Zoom)	2 9:00AM Diet Club 9AM - 1PM Pastor @ FCTE, St. Paul (Stlg.) 6:00PM Hospitality Committee Mtg.	3 9:00AM - 12PM Pastor@ Text Study	4 9:00AM - 2:00PM Quilters 9:00AM—10:15AM Pastor in Office 10:30AM—NOON Pastor @ MMC 7:30PM Sr. Choir	5 8:30AM Bible Study 9:30AM-12PM Pastor in Office	6 <i>Pastor's Day off</i>	7
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Monday - Friday, 9:30AM - 4:30PM; Pastor Tammy attending Continuing Ed. "Festival of Homiletics" (via Zoom)						
22 <u>Church Music Sunday</u> 9:00AM Worship <i>In-person & Facebook "Live"</i> 10:00AM Sunday School & Confirmation Class	23 9AM - 12PM Pastor in Office 9:00 a.m. Diet Club	24 9:00AM - 12PM Pastor@ Text Study	25 9:00AM - 2:00PM Quilters 9:00AM—NOON Pastor in Office 7:30PM Sr. Choir (Final for season)	26 8:30AM Bible Study 9:30AM-12PM Pastor in Office 10:00AM W&M Comm.	27 <i>Pastor's Day off</i> Newsletter Assembly/ Mailing Day	28
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