

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY'S ALTAR FLOWERS ARE DEDICATED to the Glory of God by Marianne Schmidt in honor of her mother's 98th birthday.

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

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.

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. Name tags help to build and deepen a sense of community here at Bethesda. Would you like a name tag or replacement name tag? If so, contact info@bethesdaonthebay.org and we'll make you one!

BLESSING BAGS

Blessing bags are Ziploc bags containing self-care items that can be kept in one's vehicle to be given to individuals in need who are soliciting donations at intersections. The blessing bags also include information about community resources and a message of hope. There are blessing bags available at the Welcome Center in the Narthex – please note there are separate versions of the bags – one for Cuyahoga county and another for Lorain county.

Thanks to all who donated to the blessing bags and/or helped assemble them!

ASCENSION DAY EVENING WORSHIP

Thursday, May 29 @ 7 pm

Messiah Lutheran Church - 21485 Lorain Rd, Fairview Park

Come worship with your siblings in Christ on Thursday, May 29 @ 7 pm! Together, we will celebrate Jesus ascending to Heaven and the passing of the Holy Spirit from Jesus to his earliest followers. This annual 7 pm special worship service takes place on the 40th day after the Resurrection. Special music and Holy Communion will be shared.

SERVICE PROJECT AT LMM

Saturday, June 14, 9:00 am - noon

Lutheran Metropolitan Ministry serves the community in a variety of ways in the heart of Cleveland. Our friends at Good Soil Lutheran have invited us to join them for a service project day. YOU are invited to join in a helping hands service opportunity event at 2100 Lakeside Ave. on Saturday, June 14th. The service opportunity begins at 9:00am and ends at noon. We will be refreshing and painting the dock area which is used as a covered patio for residents. All supplies will be provided for the project. A suggested item to bring is your own work gloves. On street parking is available and we will meet at the LMM location. Please sign up by June 8th on the Sign Up Genius, or by contacting the office.

SUMMER SPECIAL MUSIC!

We would love to encourage you to add to our Summer Services by lending your talents. Sing, or play a solo, or sing or play a duet! See the signup sheet on the bulletin board by the Music Office. Matt has offered to accompany you, and Eric is always available to assist. Thank you for offering special music to enhance our summer worship experiences!

SUMMER PICK-UP CHOIR

Everyone is welcome to make a joyful noise and have fun singing together! Summer is a good time to give it a try too! Mark your calendars and come to join the Summer Choir on June 15, July 13, or August 10. Come to the 9:30 a.m. rehearsal on any or all of those dates. No audition. Easy Peazy.

FAVORITE HYMN OR PIECE OF MUSIC

This summer, we will have some fun with music and are inviting suggestions! Have a favorite hymn? Let us know and we'll work on incorporating as many as we can during worship this summer. Do you have a favorite piece of music that you would like to hear on the organ or piano? Matt is willing to take your requests too! Please see the insert to submit your suggestions and requests to be enjoyed this summer.

TREE DEDICATION

June 1 after worship

After the beautiful hundred-year-old oak tree got damaged in last summer's tornado's, Bethesda's members generously gave toward the planting of a new tree. Gratefully, we were able to plant three, two maples and an elm tree! Prayers that they grow to be strong and provide lots of shade and shelter for years to come! Plan to attend if you are interested!

VBS – VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

June 23 – 27 9am – noon at Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church, Avon Lake

CELC has invited Bethesda to participate in Vacation Bible School! Participants must be 3 years old AND potty trained or completed one year of preschool. Children who have completed sixth grade and above may sign up to be helpers. More information can be found at ChristLutheranAvonLake.org or contact the Bethesda church office.

APRIL COUNCIL MINUTE SUMMARY

- The merging of Bethesda and Good Soil for Lenten worship was well received and is being considered for future worship and service opportunities.
- Synod Assembly is virtual and John and Julie Koenig are Bethesda's representatives, Bethesda will be hosting this area's watch party on 5/17 starting at 9 am
- We need more readers for the BCCC preschool and helpers to celebrate the last day of school for the school-age kids on June 4th
- A new smart TV/smart board was purchased for BCCC and Bethesda shared use (voted and approved)
- If you are hosting an event in the building, please ensure familiarity with closing procedures to ensure building security

WHAT ARE YOUR FAVORITE HYMNS?

We are going to once again sing the congregation's favorite hymns over the Summer. Kindly submit your short list (no more than five, please) to Eric Richardson's mailbox using the form below by June 8. He will pair them up with the Gospel lesson of the day.

MY FAVORITE HYMNS

Your Name:_____

Number of Hymn _____ Name of Hymn:_____

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Do you have something you would like Matt to Play?

Name/composer:

Name/composer:
