

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY'S ALTAR FLOWERS ARE DEDICATED to the Glory of God by Krystina Schmidt.

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.

SUNDAY MORNING ADULT FORMATION

PRAYER BOOK OF THE BIBLE, Sundays at 9:00 in the lounge

The group will discuss Psalms, The Prayer Book of the Bible by Dietrich Bonhoeffer and read corresponding psalms. The small book is provided for you. Come together for a meaningful and prayerful time during the holy season of Easter.

2025 BETHESDA GRADUATES

It's the time of year to celebrate our graduates! If there is a high school or college graduate in your family this year, please email the following information to info@bethesdaonthebay.org:

- Name
- Where graduating from
- Degree, if applicable
- Future plans
- Any special honors they would like highlighted
- A current photo. (5x7 is preferred but we will use whatever you provide. The photo does not have to be professional, and it can be mailed, dropped at church, or emailed. Please note emailed photos will be printed from church copy machine so will not be photo grade.)

STAMP OUT HUNGER

The Stamp Out Hunger food drive is scheduled for May 10, 2025. This event is the largest single-day food drive in the United States, taking place in over 10,000 cities and towns. It aims to collect food donations to help those in need, and you can participate by leaving non-perishable food items at your mailbox for your letter carrier to collect.

CHURCH OFFICE COMMUNICATION

Main Office and Chrissy: info@bethesdaonthebay.org

Pastor Angela: pastor.angela@bethesdaonthebay.org

Church Office hours Monday – Thursday 9:00am – 2:00pm

BLESSING BAGS

Collection through May 11, Assembly after worship May 18

Many Blessing Bags were assembled during God's Work Our Hands Sunday last year. All of them have been distributed. This is a simple but meaningful way to offer a tangible gift to someone who is in need. We are going to make another batch of Blessing Bags! Your generosity last fall left us with some extra supplies. Listed below are the supplies and quantities we need now to make 50 more bags. Please remember that we can only use small, travel-size toiletries. This list will be updated weekly. Thank you for your help!

50 Pairs of Tube socks

37 Shampoo

47 Conditioner

13 Soap

24 Deodorant

4 Razors

34 Shaving Cream

50 Snacks (e.g., granola bars; something small that won't melt in a hot car)

19 Hand Sanitizer

11 Kleenex packs

50 Small 8oz. Water Bottles

2025 SYNOD ASSEMBLY

Watch Party at Bethesda - May 17 9:00 am - noon

Bethesda is a member congregation of the Northeastern Ohio Synod, one of 65 synods of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. Annually, the Bishop and Synod Council gathers the congregations and Rostered Ministers together to conduct business and direct the next year of collective ministry.

This year's Assembly will be a virtual assembly with Watch Parties available around the synod for voting members to gather in fellowship. Bethesda is one of the hosts for a watch party. Help is needed to host with refreshments and hospitality that morning, and anyone is welcome to attend as a guest of the assembly. If you are available to help or would like to be a guest, please reach out to Pastor Angela.

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. Bible Study not meeting April 16 or 23. No expertise needed. Share together in open conversation, prayer and fellowship.

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!