

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God by Sunny Baddour in appreciation for the Bethesda on the Bay congregation.

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.

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. 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!

FIRST COMMUNION CLASSES

Reception of Holy Communion will be a part of worship on Maundy Thursday, April 2, 2026. On this night, the Church remembers Jesus' Last Supper with his disciples. Children of any age are invited to a time of conversation and learning about the sacrament of Holy Communion. Holy Communion is a gift from God and an invitation to share in the Lord's Table, and reception shouldn't be taken lightly. However, there is no perfect understanding or right age for reception. Some children have come to these classes for more than one year, even after they've received the sacrament. It's good for us to continue to learn and grow in our faith! Grown-ups and children are invited to the preparation time together.

Preparation and classes will be held on:

TODAY, Sunday, March 8, after worship 11:15 - 12:00pm and

Sunday, March 22, after worship 11:15 - 1:30, Pizza lunch will be offered.

WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY

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

SOUP SUPPERS March 11 and March 25

Would you like to have Soup Suppers and Evening Prayer on Wednesdays, March 11th, and March 25th. If so, we need your help! We need someone to be a leader for each evening, people to make soups, a salad, to set up tables, dress the tables with tablecloths, salt and pepper shakers, rolls, offering baskets, and napkins. We also need "soup scoopers", to serve soup, and finally we will need a clean-up crew.

Set up begins at 5:30pm, as the soups should arrive by 5:40pm, and serving begins at 6:00 P.M. Evening Prayer would begin at 7:00pm.

Please consider serving your church in this way. Please RSVP to Laura English or on the [SignUp Genius](#). You'll get a reminder the Sunday before the Wednesday you choose. If you've worked on any of our crews before, you know that "Many Hands Make Light Work". We look forward to hearing from you. 😊

LENTEN ADULT FORMATION CLASS

Take some time apart during the season of Lent for reflection and prayer. Sundays at 9:00, join Pastor Angela in the Lounge for discussion around the small book and resource called, Give Up Something Bad for Lent: A Lenten Study for Adults, by James W. Moore. A few copies of the book will be available soon, or you can purchase your own from your favorite bookstore.

THANK YOU FROM THE MISSION & MINISTRY TEAM

On behalf of the Mission & Ministry Team, thank you to all who donated items for the Super Bowl of Caring. We delivered two large bags and one box full of cold weather clothing items (see picture below) to Lutheran Metropolitan Ministries' Men's Shelter on February 20th. While we enjoyed some warmer temperatures in the first half of February, there undoubtedly will still be some cold days ahead and the items we donated will be put to good use by LMM. Thanks, too, for the donations of pet food for the Community Cupboard at St. Barnabas. We appreciate your generosity!

CONFIRMATION CLASSES

The next confirmation class is March 12, from 6pm-8pm at Bethesda. Subject is Seasons of the Church Year. Confirmation candidates are invited to attend and join friends from First Lutheran, Christ Evangelical Lutheran, Messiah Lutheran and Prince of Peace.

CLASS FOR 2-4 YEAR OLDS

Future dates TBD

Bethesda on the Bay is excited to announce that we are starting a special class for children ages two through four along with their parents. We are planning to meet one Saturday a month from 10:00 to 11:00 am. If you are interested in attending these classes, please contact Diana Wolfe or the church office.

2026 FELLOWSHIP HOURS

We have the 2026 Schedule for Fellowship Hour Sundays, after church here at Bethesda. We are looking for a host for March 15th. If you are available and interested, you can review the fellowship and coffee making tips, which are in the coffee cart, speak with Laura English, or contact the office.

WEDNESDAY GATHERINGS DURING LENT AT GOOD SOIL

3/11 & 3/25 @ 6:30 PM

"God in the Space Between Us": The German Jewish theologian, Martin Buber, lived a century ago. His major work, I and Thou, has had a profound impact on counseling psychology and has influenced how people experience the divine in their lives. Dee Willis will lead a three-session discussion of Buber as an opportunity for growing deeper in faith this Lenten season.

At Good Soil in the lounge at 6:30pm on 3/11 & 3/25. Snacks provided. Questions? Email Pastor Marissa at pastormarissa@goodsoillutheran.org or call the church office at 440-331-1773.

FOOTSTEPS OF ST. PAUL

Walk in the footsteps of St. Paul through the cities and towns of St. Paul's missionary journeys of Ancient Greece. This 10 day journey will be done partly on land and oversea on a small cruise ship. Brochure is available in hard copy in the narthex on the welcome station and in the enews. Contact Pastor Angela with any questions or to share your interest ahead of time. This Pilgrimage is being organized through Christian Tours Europe, which is the same travel company the Luther Land Pilgrimage journeyed with in 2024. Spots are limited! Register and reserve your spot now!

DISASTER RELIEF TRIP

Members of St. Matthew Evangelical Lutheran and members of Bethesda on the Bay Lutheran Church in Bay Village, Ohio in partnership will be traveling to Carter County Tennessee the weeks of July 12, 2026, and September 13, 2026. We will continue to assist with recovery efforts for those who suffered great loss from Hurricane Helene in September 2024. Anyone interested in participating, please contact Bob Maas or Pastor Angela.

For the people unable to travel with us, you can provide support by praying for us and the people impacted in Carter County, help with communication with the congregation, help raise funds to provide to the impacted residents and help raise funds to defer the cost of the trip.

PEACEMAKERS QUILTERS

The Peacemakers is an outside group that meets at Bethesda Thursdays at 9:00 am through May 2026. 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.

ALTAR FLOWERS – MARCH AND APRIL VACANCIES

Help to adorn the altar for Sunday worship services by offering flowers in honor of God and, when desired, in memory of a loved one or a special event. The 2026 altar flower calendar is now available in the Narthex. When you sign up, please include your first and last names! Cost is still \$25. Call the office with questions.

LUTHERAN METROPOLITAN MINISTRIES PUBLIC IMMERSION EVENT

Due to the incredible popularity of LMM's Public Immersion Event in 2025, we are adding an extra opportunity in 2026 to experience LMM for yourself and get to know our organization even better. Led by LMM President & CEO, Maria Foschia, this year we will provide three changes to get a first-hand look at what we do every day. Join us on April 15, June 17 or October 14 for a special morning as we showcase each of our organization's program areas, meet the staff and enjoy breakfast. To enroll, see their e-newsletters or social media platforms.

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. 2025 Choice Dollars will expire on March 31, 2026. 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.

GHANA MISSION: COOKIE BAKE SALE ORDER PICK UP

If you pre-ordered cookies from the Ghana Committee, they will be available for pick up on Sunday March 15th, or on Monday March 16th at *Bethesda on the Bay*. Please ensure you collect your cookies to enjoy them while they are fresh and delicious! If you have any questions about your cookie pick up, you can contact the church office.

BAY UNITED WOMEN SPRING ECUMENICAL SALAD LUNCHEON THURSDAY, MARCH 12, NOON

Please join us for a special afternoon of fellowship and inspiration beginning with a salad buffet and dessert followed by a captivating 40-minute program titled "Celebrate What's Right With the World." RSVP to Cathy at (440) 309-3618 by February 27. Include your church name and the names of those attending if leaving a message.

ST BARNABAS MONTHLY EVENT

St. Barnabas is inviting us to get our communities together to bond and celebrate friendships, new and old. Any questions, please feel free to contact Marjie Koons at 517-321-6585 or care@stbarnabasbv.org.

Variety Show on Wednesday, March 18th at 2 PM in Parkside Hall. This was likened to the Carol Burnett Show from days past. Gathering afterwards with St. Patrick's Day themed desserts.