

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY'S ALTAR FLOWERS ARE DEDICATED to the Glory of God by Liza Heinig.

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

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 at info@bethesdaonthebay.org. There are also guest name tags for any guest attending worship.

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.

SCAMO

TODAY, April 26 after worship

As Christians, we are to be faithful stewards of the financial resources God has so graciously given us. Sadly, consumer fraud and identity theft, which are becoming bolder and more sophisticated, can harm our efforts to use our financial resources responsibly. If you have been a target of consumer fraud, identity theft or would just like to know more about how to recognize and avoid such activity, please plan to join us in the Fellowship Hall after the service on Sunday, April 26, for a lively one-hour presentation by Drew Thomas, a Consumer Affairs Specialist with the Cuyahoga County Department of Consumer Affairs. Mr. Thomas will lead us in playing a bingo-like game called SCAMO which is a great tool for learning about scams, identity theft, and other forms of consumer fraud.

Jerry Kiel on behalf of the Mission & Ministry Team

WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY – Bible Study on Break for Wednesday, April 29

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

FUTURE FELLOWSHIP DATES

We have the 2026 Schedule for Fellowship Hour Sundays, after church here at Bethesda. A host is needed for fellowship after worship on Sunday, May 17. If you are available and interested, please reach out to Laura English or the church office **before May 10**. You can also review the fellowship and coffee making tips, which are in the coffee cart. Thank you for helping support fellowship times!

CONFIRMATION CLASSES

Confirmation Students are reminded of the Bowling Fellowship event TODAY, Sunday, April 26th at 3:00pm. Meet at Nautical Lanes in Avon Lake!

The next confirmation class is **May 14 from 6pm-8pm** at Bethesda. The topic covered will be "Discipleship, following Jesus." Confirmation students are invited to attend and join friends from First Lutheran, Christ Evangelical Lutheran, Messiah Lutheran and Prince of Peace.

FOOTSTEPS OF ST. PAUL

October 12-23, 2026

Sign up now to participate in this special experience to explore the ancient Church and follow in St. Paul's footsteps. With now a guaranteed departure with enough participants signed up, now is the time for you to save your spot! Register soon to secure your place. Registration forms are available in the narthex, email enews, or by contacting Pastor Angela directly.

DISASTER RELIEF TRIPS

Members of St. Matthew Evangelical Lutheran and members of Bethesda on the Bay Lutheran Church will be traveling in partnership 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 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.

THANK YOU

A big thank you to all my Bethesda family who helped me to celebrate my birthday with cards and well wishes. It was greatly appreciated. My love to you all. Marion Zelinski.

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 14, July 12, or August 9. Come to the 9:20 a.m. rehearsal on any or all of those dates. No audition. Easy Peazy."

FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE LAUCH MEETING – May 3 after worship

Bethesda would like to create an ongoing fellowship committee to help plan for upcoming events, and maybe create a few new ones, with support coming from the Spiritual Growth team on Church Council. We would like to pick up from where we left off about a year ago. If you're interested in the social side of our congregation's life, please attend a meeting on May 3, in the church lounge after church. We will share ideas about how to move forward with plans for our church community. Please come! We would like your new ideas!

PEACEMAKER 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!

GRADUATES

It's that time of year when there are graduates to celebrate! If there is a high school or college graduate this year in your family, please email the following info to the church office by **May 17** (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 is provided. Photo does not have to be a professional photo and 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.)

This information will be displayed in our graduate showcase or similar location!

INTERFAITH DISCUSSION ON ISRAEL-PALESTINE CONFLICT

Wednesday, April 29 at 7:00pm

St. Barnabas Episcopal Church

The Social Justice Prayer & Advocacy Group of St. Barnabas Episcopal Church in Bay Village will host an educational evening about Palestine/Israel on Wednesday, April 29 from 7:00 to 8:30 pm. Two speakers will present: a member of Cleveland Jewish Voice for Peace, and a member of the Cleveland Palestinian Advocacy Community. Please join us at St. Barnabas, 468 Bradley Rd, Bay Village. If you have questions and would like to submit them in advance, please email them to Mary Sutphin at mlsutphin@gmail.com.

ECUMENICAL HYMN FEST

Wednesday, May 6 at 6:30pm

Choir rehearsal 5:45 -6:15 pm

St. Barnabas Episcopal Church

Join us for an ecumenical Celebration of Hymns at St. Barnabas Episcopal Church (468 Bradley Rd, Bay Village) on Wednesday, May 6 at 6:30 pm. Churches from across Bay Village will gather for an evening of prayer, scripture, and song. Together, we'll sing beloved hymns from our various Christian traditions—celebrating the rich ways we offer praise to God. A combined community choir is always a highlight of our ecumenical worship and a powerful reminder of our common faith. Join us on May 6!

COMMUNITY CUPBOARD AT ST. BARNABAS

This month we collected 50 items that were donated to the Community Cupboard. Thank you to all those who contributed. Higher costs for fuel and other essential household items have made the Community Cupboard and other food pantries more essential than ever.

Next month there are two opportunities to support our local food pantry. On Saturday, May 9th, our own Tom Mravetz and fellow Bay Village mail carriers will participate in the nationwide Stamp Out Hunger® Food Drive. They will collect non-perishable food items for the Community Cupboard. Residents are encouraged to leave donations of non-perishable food in a bag near their mailbox by 9 am on the 9th, and your letter carrier will do the rest. The second opportunity to support Community Cupboard is through Bethesda's monthly collection on the third Sunday of the month. In light of the Mother's Day holiday, this month we will be collecting toiletries and women's hygiene products (shampoo, lotion, deodorant, tampons, pads, etc.). So, please put these items on your shopping list, pick up a few items while you are out and about, and bring them to church on Sunday, May 17th and place your items in the bin located in the Narthex.