

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**TODAY'S ALTAR FLOWERS ARE DEDICATED** are dedicated to the glory of God by Alison Gregory in honor of Anna Josephine Gregory's 15th birthday from her family. God bless Anna!

**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](mailto:info@bethesdaonthebay.org). There are also guest name tags for any guest attending worship.

### **FELLOWSHIP TODAY after worship**

You are invited and encouraged to stay after worship today to enjoy some coffee and fellowship together! Refreshments are served in the fellowship hall which is located in the middle of the building. Thank you to Sandy & Don Sittler for hosting today!

### **SUMMER 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 August 9th. Come to the 9:20 a.m. rehearsal. No audition. Easy Peazy.

### **OUTDOOR WORSHIP AND PICNIC**

**Sunday, August 23**

Bethesda is excited for the annual outdoor worship and picnic shared with Good Soil Lutheran in River who will be joining us again this year! Bring a chair if you can, and invite your friends to join us! Sign up to bring a side dish or dessert with you if you can. Some drinks and grilled burgers and dogs will be provided. If you'd like to plan some games or other picnic activities, please let Pr. Angela know. You can sign up on the SignUp Genius to attend, help set up, clean up and to bring a side dish or dessert. If you aren't able to use SignUp Genius, contact the office for assistance.

### **BETHESDA CHILD CARE CENTER**

**Thank you notes!**

You are invited to sign a thank you card and leave a little note to our childcare center children. They sent sweet notes of thanks to the church. Find all the notes and sweet cards on the Welcome Stand.

## **PAPER GOOD DONATIONS FOR KNICKERBOCKER SENIOR APARTMENTS**

The Knickerbocker Senior Apartments requested help from the four Bay Village Congregations that support it to collect donations of paper goods to support their programming for residents. Each Sunday during the month of August, we will be accepting donations of the following items for the Knickerbocker:

- Paper plates (dessert and dinner size)
- Paper bowls
- Dinner napkins
- Paper towels
- Clorox wipes
- Paper coffee cups (10 or 12 oz)
- Compostable, dinner-sized take-out containers

The donated items will be used for birthday celebrations, coffee hours, and community lunch and dinner events, gatherings that mean a great deal to the residents. By donating these essential supplies, we will be helping the Knickerbocker to stretch its program dollars further, allowing them to invest more deeply in engaging entertainment, educational opportunities, and meaningful social experiences for the residents. Thank you in advance for your support of this initiative, which is sponsored by the Mission & Ministry Team of Church Council.

## **ASSISTING MINISTER TRAINING**

### **TODAY – after worship**

This training is for those interested who are simply curious to learn what being an Assisting Minister entails and for those eager to join the rotation of ministers. If you have questions or if you're interested but not available that day, please let Pastor Angela know.

## **FULLER CENTER FOR HOUSING**

### **Wednesday, July 22, 6:30pm, Sanctuary**

Fuller Cyclists, a team of volunteer cyclists of varying ages and backgrounds, are riding 4,000 miles for those in need from Seaside, OR to Portland, ME. They will be in our area July 22, and for the second year, Bethesda will be hosting them overnight. Come hear about the work God is doing through them and how you can become part of it. Dinner will be provided for the cyclists. Anyone attending the informational meeting is invited to join the cyclists for cookies, coffee, tea and lemonade. Come and greet our guests and make them feel welcome.

## **PARISIH NURSE**

There will be a blood pressure screening in the library on July 26 after worship.

## **ELCA SOCIAL STATEMENT**

### **Faith and Civic Life: Seeking the Well-being of All**

The denomination to which we belong, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, through much study and prayer, develops and approves various social statements over time regarded to our life together as God's people. Pastors Angela and Marissa discussed this statement of the ELCA in their reflection last Sunday.



You may download a full copy of the statement by following this QR code. If you would like a hard copy, reach out to the church office.

## **FOLLOW UP**

### **Christians Against Christian Nationalism**

Last Sunday, Pastors Angela and Marissa discussed the ELCA Social Faith and Civic Life: Well-being for All. One suggestion for a follow discussion is to review and sign in solidarity the statement offered by the non-profit org., Christians Against Christian Nationalism. You can follow the link on this QR code to read more about it and consider signing it for yourself.



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## **GOD'S WORK. OUR HANDS. - SAVE THE DATE**

### **Sunday, September 20**

God's Work. Our Hands. is an ELCA National Day of Service where all congregations are invited to provide service and outreach to their communities. A variety of projects will be provided as opportunities for the congregation to serve together in the community. If you would like to help organize any of the service projects or help organize a sack lunch for the congregation, please contact the church office.

## **SHARE YOUR FAVORITE HYMNS FOR SUMMER WORSHIP**

If you have a favorite hymn that you would like us to sing during a summer service, we invite you to send your suggestions to our Minister of Music, Eric Richardson, at [ersingsI@yahoo.com](mailto:ersingsI@yahoo.com). Please submit the following: Hymn Title, its ELW # (if applicable), also let us know if you would like to be included as the nominator. For example: ELW 759 – "My Faith Looks Up to Thee." (Donald Smith).

## **ST. B'S HIVE (ST. BARNABAS) PRESENTS I HEAR AMERICA SINGING**

August 12, Noon – 2pm, reservations required

Bette Lou Higgins will present historical moments marked with music at this storytelling program at St. Barnabas. Luncheon will be at noon with the presentation beginning at 1pm. Reservations are required - Marjie Koons [care@stbarnabasBV.org](mailto:care@stbarnabasBV.org)).

## HELP WANTED

The Property Committee seeks additional members. We attend to the appearance and structure of the Church's physical assets and assist the Bethesda Childcare Center in maintaining and updating its facilities. We recommend any actions to the Church Council.

You may choose your degree of involvement. Activities include: attending occasional meetings—whether in-person or virtual, identifying and prioritizing needs, consulting with people affected, describing work to be done, screening vendors, obtaining estimates and eliciting volunteers.

If you're interested, please contact Chrissy in the Church office or email [info@bethesdaonthebay.org](mailto:info@bethesdaonthebay.org).

## GUARDIANS GAME WITH LMM

Tuesday, August 4, 5:30 PM

LMM is heading to Progressive Field on Tuesday, August 4, and you're invited to join the fun as the Cleveland Guardians face off against the New York Mets!

Tickets include:

- Private pregame reception with buffet, unlimited soft drinks, and cash bar
- Game seating near our reception area (Sections 424–426).
- Optional free parking at LMM with shuttle service to and from the game
- Most importantly, a portion of your ticket supports LMM's life-changing programs

It's summer, it's the Guardians, and it's a great way to give back. Tickets are limited and going quickly, so reserve your spot today at [www.lutheranmetro.org/2026-night-out-at-progressive-field/](http://www.lutheranmetro.org/2026-night-out-at-progressive-field/). Seating is flexible, so don't worry about your seat assignment. Contact the office if you need help purchasing a ticket. Finally, let Lisa Hanson know if you purchase a ticket so Bethesda people can plan to attend together.

## DISASTER RELIEF WORK

*"So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all men, and especially to those who are the household of faith." Galatians 6:10*

Members from both St. Matthew's in Medina and Bethesda on the Bay will travel September 13, 2026 to Carter County Tennessee to provide disaster recovery assistance. The group will drive to Tennessee on Sunday and return on Friday. Last year the congregations were extremely generous supporting of the relief work and trip. Thank you for your generosity in helping to make this all happen for the sake of the Gospel. For those unable to travel in person, you are still invited and encouraged to participate! Please pray for the travel, the work, and the relationships built between participants and the homeowners. You can offer food donations for the trip or support with a monetary gift. Also, if applicable, please consider designating a Thrivent Grant for this ministry. Reach out to Pastor Angela if you would like more info or to help.