

Bethesda on the Bay Lutheran Church

13th Sunday after Pentecost

Evangelical Lutheran Worship, Setting 10

August 23, 2026

10:00 am

**Please stand as you are willing and able.*

ELW refers to the red hymnal, Evangelical Lutheran Worship.

ACS refers to All Creation Sings.

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

God created the heavens and the earth.

And gave them to us to use and enjoy.

God breathed life into each of us, and set us upon the earth.

God sent Jesus Christ to save us from sin and death.

Everything that fills our souls with gladness and light is a gift from the loving Creator.

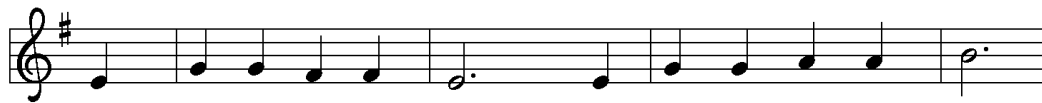
We have been entrusted with unfathomable riches. For all this our God is to be praised. Let us worship God together!

1 The church's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ, her Lord;
 2 E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,
 3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der this world sees her op - pressed,
 4 Through toil and trib - u - la - tion and tu - mult of her war,
 5 Yet she on earth has u - nion with God, the Three in One,
 she is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the word.
 her char - ter of sal - va - tion one Lord, one faith, one birth:
 by schisms . . rent a - sund - er, by her - e - sies dis - tressed,
 she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for - ev - er - more;
 and mys - tic sweet com - mu - nion with those whose rest is won.
 From heav'n he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;
 one ho - ly name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,
 yet saints their watch are keep - ing; their cry goes up: "How long?"
 till with the vi - sion glo - rious her long - ing eyes are blest,
 Oh, bless - ed heav'n - ly cho - rus! Lord, save us by your grace,
 with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.
 and to one hope she press - es with ev - 'ry grace en - dued.
 and soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.
 and the great church vic - to - rious shall be the church at rest.
 that we, like saints be - fore us, may see you face to face.

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
 and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
 And also with you.

KYRIE



- 1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.
- 2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.
- 3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.



We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.
Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, with all your faithful followers of every age, we praise you, the rock of our life.
Be our strong foundation and form us into the body of your Son, that we may gladly
minister to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

The assembly is seated.

SPECIAL MUSIC

One Foot/Lead with Love

Melanie DeMore

Soloist: Eric Richardson

Refrain: You got-ta put one foot in front of the other, and lead with love.
Put.....one foot in front of the other, and lead with love.

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| 1. Don't give up hope, | You're not alone. | Don't you give up, | Keep movin' on. |
| 2. Lift up your eyes, | Don't you despair. | Look up ahead, | The path is there. |
| 3. I know you're scared, | And I'm scared, too. | But here I am, | Right next to you. |

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

FIRST READING

Isaiah 51:1-6

¹ Listen to me, you who pursue righteousness,
you who seek the LORD.

Look to the rock from which you were hewn
and to the quarry from which you were dug.

² Look to Abraham your father
and to Sarah, who bore you,
for he was but one when I called him,
but I blessed him and made him many.

³ For the LORD will comfort Zion;
he will comfort all her waste places
and will make her wilderness like Eden,
her desert like the garden of the LORD;
joy and gladness will be found in her,
thanksgiving and the voice of song.

⁴ Listen to me, my people,
and give heed to me, my nation,
for a teaching will go out from me
and my justice for a light to the peoples.

⁵ I will bring near my deliverance swiftly;
my salvation has gone out,
and my arms will rule the peoples;
the coastlands wait for me,
and for my arm they hope.

⁶ Lift up your eyes to the heavens
and look at the earth beneath,
for the heavens will vanish like smoke,
the earth will wear out like a garment,
and those who live on it will die like gnats,
but my salvation will be forever,
and my deliverance will never be ended.

The reading may be concluded:

Word of God, Word of Life.

The assembly responds:

Thanks be to God.

The psalm will be read.

¹ I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with my whole heart;
before the gods I will sing your praise.

² I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your name, because of your
steadfast love and faithfulness;
for you have glorified your name and your word above all things.

³ When I called, you answered me;
you increased my strength within me.

⁴ All the rulers of the earth will praise you, O LORD,
when they have heard the words of your mouth.

⁵ They will sing of the ways of the LORD,
that great is the glory of the LORD.

⁶ The LORD is high, yet cares for the lowly,
perceiving the haughty from afar.

⁷ Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe;
you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies; your right hand shall save me.

⁸ You will make good your purpose for me;
O LORD, your steadfast love endures forever; do not abandon the works of your
hands.

SECOND READING

Romans 12:1-8

¹ I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, on the basis of God's mercy, to present your
bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your reasonable act of
worship. ² Do not be conformed to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of the mind,
so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

³ For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more
highly than you ought to think but to think with sober judgment, each according to the
measure of faith that God has assigned. ⁴ For as in one body we have many members and not
all the members have the same function, ⁵ so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and
individually we are members one of another. ⁶ We have gifts that differ according to the grace
given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ⁷ ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in
teaching; ⁸ the encourager, in encouragement; the giver, in sincerity; the leader, in diligence;
the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

The reading may be concluded:

Word of God, Word of Life.

The assembly responds:

Thanks be to God.

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.



*GOSPEL

Matthew 16:13-20

The gospel is announced. The holy gospel according to St. Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹³ Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” ¹⁴ And they said, “Some say John the Baptist but others Elijah and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” ¹⁵ He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” ¹⁶ Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.” ¹⁷ And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. ¹⁸ And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. ¹⁹ I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.” ²⁰ Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

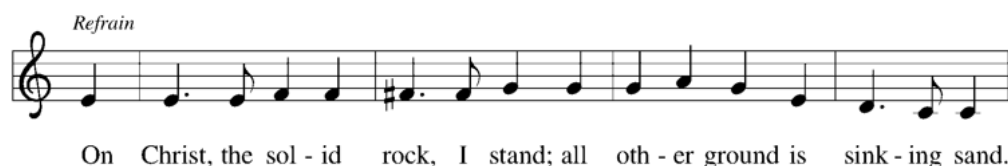
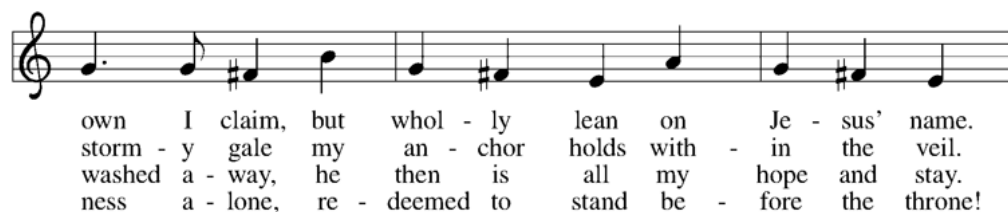
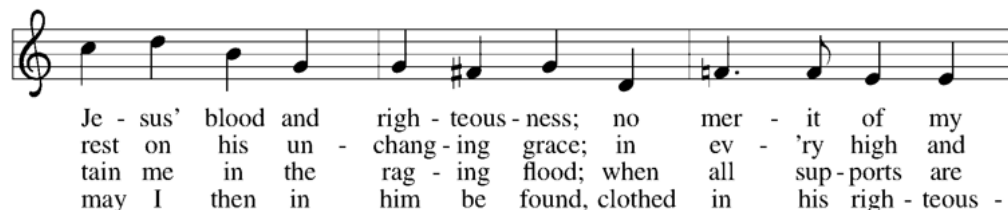
The gospel concludes: The gospel of the Lord.

The assembly responds: Praise to you, O Christ.

REFLECTION

The Rev. Angela Freeman

Silence for reflection follows the sermon.



*APOSTLE'S CREED

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*PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

P: With bold trust in God's unfailing provision, we pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

A brief silence.

WA: God, our rock, you are the foundation on which the church is built. Strengthen and encourage your faithful people everywhere they gather, that they boldly proclaim your word of life to all the world. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

WA: You spoke and all creation came into being. Field and forest, wetland and wilderness—all reveal your glory. Sustain and nourish your creation (*local areas of ecological concern may be named*). Teach us to be wise stewards of all you have made. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

WA: You bring deliverance to nations and peoples. Come to the aid of nations experiencing war, conflict, disease, famine, and disaster (*especially*). Guide the work of relief agencies and peacemaking organizations. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

WA: You regard the lowly and hear us when we cry out to you. Be present among all who struggle with addiction, housing insecurity, incarceration, and mental illness, that they know they are not alone. Hear our prayers for all in need this day (*especially*). Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

WA: You draw together people with differing gifts. Lift up the many and varied gifts and talents of this congregation and strengthen the bonds of fellowship that all may be united as the body of Christ. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

For what else do God's people pray?
Here other intercessions may be offered.
Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

WA: Your steadfast love endures forever. We give thanks for the faithful who died in the hope of this promise. Strengthen us in faith until the day we join them at your eternal banquet. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

P: Receive our prayers and answer, O God, as you have promised. All this we ask in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

***PEACE**

The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other in the peace of the risen Christ.
The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

VOLUNTARY

An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need.

OFFERING SONG

As the offering is brought forward to the altar, the congregation sings.

Let the Vineyards be Fruitful ELW 182



Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of
bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be
fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u -
nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

*OFFERING PRAYER

Worship assistant

Loving God,
we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts.
Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love,
so that all creation can taste your abundance.
We ask this in the name of Jesus,
through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever. Amen.

*GREAT THANKSGIVING

The presiding minister greets the assembly and invites all present to give thanks.

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

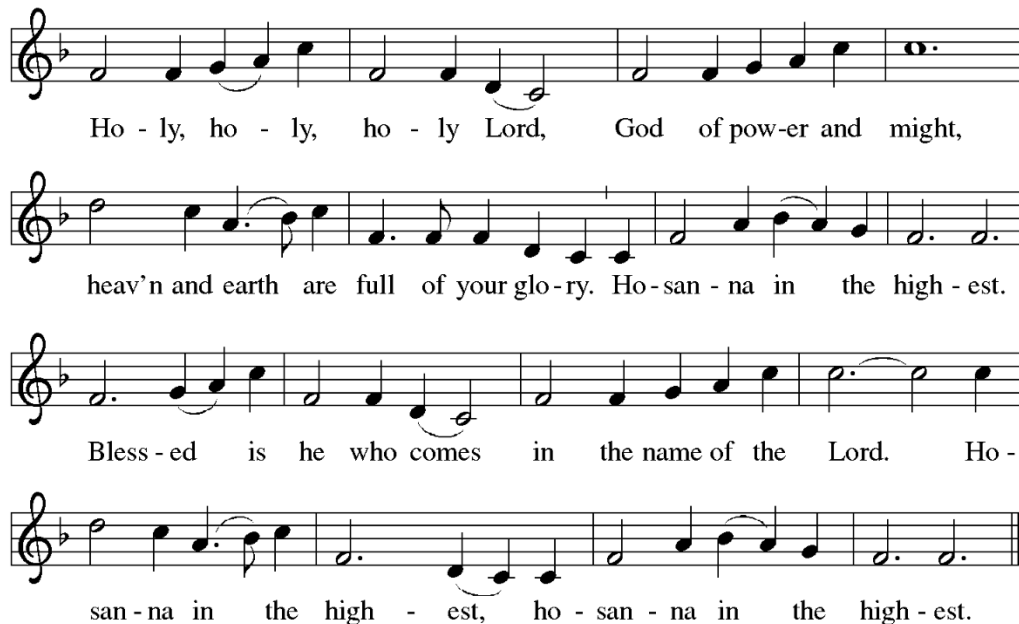
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

*PREFACE

The presiding minister continues.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ;
who on this day overcame death and the grave,
and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.
And so, with all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

*HOLY



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

*WORDS OF INSTITUTION

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

*LORD'S PRAYER

Pray the version of the Lord's Prayer most comfortable to you and in the language of your heart.

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.

*INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Heaven has come near.
Come, share in the feast!

LAMB OF GOD



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.



1 Let us break bread to - geth-er on our knees;
 2 Let us drink wine to - geth-er on our knees;
 3 Let us praise God to - geth-er on our knees;



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 let us praise God to - geth-er on our knees.



When I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing



sun, O Lord, have mer-cy on me.

Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me

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1 Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my-self in thee;
 2 Not the la - bors of my hands can ful - fill thy law's de - mands;
 3 Noth - ing in my hand I bring; sim - ply to thy cross I cling.
 4 While I draw this fleet - ing breath, when mine eye - lids close in death,



let the wa - ter and the blood, from thy riv - en side which flowed,
 could my zeal no res - pite know, could my tears for - ev - er flow,
 Na - ked, come to thee for dress; help-less, look to thee for grace;
 when I soar to worlds un - known, see thee on thy judg-ment throne,



be of sin the dou - ble cure; cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.
 all for sin could not a - tone; thou must save, and thou a - lone.
 foul, I to the foun-tain fly; wash me, Sav - ior, or I die.
 Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my-self in thee.

*PASTORAL BLESSING

***PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Worship assistant

Compassionate God,
through the gifts of bread and wine
our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love.
Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal,
may share your love freely, as you have shared with us.
We ask this in the name of Jesus,
through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever.
Amen.

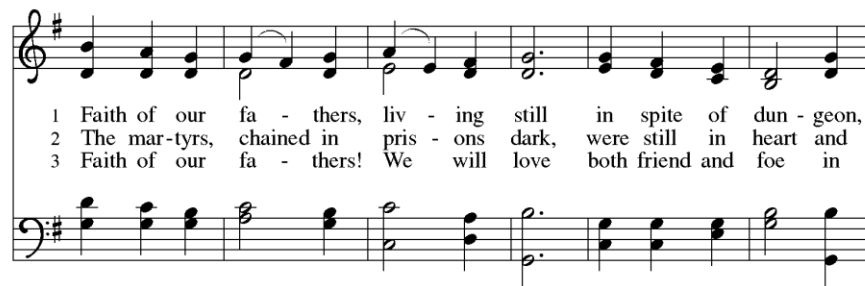
SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

***BLESSING**

The presiding minister proclaims God's blessing.

The Author of life,
the Word of salvation,
the Breath of new birth,
+ one God, bless you
and equip you for living and serving,
today and every day.
Amen.



1 Faith of our fa - thers, liv - ing still in spite of dun - geon,
 2 The mar - tyrs, chained in pris - ons dark, were still in heart and
 3 Faith of our fa - thers! We will love both friend and foe in



fire, and sword. Oh, how our hearts beat high with joy
 con - science free; and blest would be their chil - dren's fate
 all our strife; pro - claim thee too, as love knows how,



Refrain
 when - e'er we hear that glo - rious word.
 if they, like them, should die for thee. Faith of our fa - thers,
 by sav - ing word and faith - ful life.



ho - ly faith, we will be true to you till death.

*DISMISSAL

Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!
 Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Leading Worship Today

The Rev. Angela Freeman
Eric Richardson
Frank Bianchi

Senior Pastor
Minister of Music
Keyboard

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Next week's scripture: First Reading: **Isaiah 51:1-6**; Psalm: **Psalm 138**; Second Reading: **Romans 12:1-8**; Gospel: **Matthew 16:13-20**.



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY'S ALTAR FLOWERS ARE DEDICATED are dedicated to the glory of God by Liza Heinig in thanksgiving for the beauty of the season and looking ahead to new beginnings.

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

YOUTH GATHERING MEETING

August 24, 7:00 pm – Lounge

All kids going into 8th grade – 12th grade this year are invited to participate in the up-coming ELCA National Youth Gathering next summer, July 2027! Theme for this Gathering will be Imagine More! Come to the meeting with adults/parents on Monday, August 24th to learn more and to begin to plan together for this amazing faith growth experience with youth and adults from around the Nation!

ST. B'S HIVE (ST. BARNABAS)

Presents Women in Space

September 16, Noon – 2:00 pm, reservations required

Laura Blair highlights women in space including 3 US astronauts! Luncheon at noon with presentation. Reservations are required - Marjie Koons care@stbarnabasBV.org.

OUTREACH COMMITTEE

Sunday, October 4 at 11:30 am in the Lounge

Outreach committee is being formed to help Bethesda continue to reach out into the community and the wider church. Come together to plan and organize outreach events and help encourage and grow the work of caring and loving our neighbors! Most of the organizing in the past was done peace-meal and usually church staff led. Creating a committee is an opportunity for the congregation to engage further and explore how to serve the community in new ways. Contact Pastor Angela if you have questions or want to participate but can't be at the meeting.

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. 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.

PAPER GOODS 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 for your support of this initiative, which is sponsored by the Mission & Ministry Team of Church Council.

GATHER TOGETHER, a young adult ministry for 20s/30s

Saturday, September 12, at 4:00 pm

Young Adults are invited to come for an afternoon of faith and fellowship at the Rocky River Nature Center on September 12. We will meet in the parking lot at 4 pm. The group will walk for about an hour and conclude with a contemplative prayer. Please feel free to bring family and pets! RRNC is located in the Cleveland Metroparks Rocky River Reservation: 24000 Valley Parkway, North Olmsted, OH 44070. Kindly RSVP to emmacsleva@gmail.com. Look forward to seeing you there!

"Gather Together" is a self-organized young adult group across several Lutheran communities focused on building affirming community through meaningful engagement with one another, with God, and with our wider world. See gathernetwork.org/ more information about the ELCA's Gather Ministry.

BACKPACK BLESSING

August 30, *during worship*

School may have already started for most, but we want to send our children to school with God's love and blessings! Children of all ages are invited to bring their backpacks to worship on Sunday, August 30 for a special Backpack Blessing.

BETHESDA TO WORSHIP AT GOOD SOIL

Sunday, September 27th at 9:30 am – outdoors

Bethesda will travel to Rocky River to worship with Good Soil. Mark your calendars and plan on journeying down the road to continue the relationship building and shared worship! It is a blessing to be the One Body of Christ! *Carpooling and shared rides are encouraged due to space constraints at Good Soil. Meet at Bethesda at 9:00 am if you would like to carpool. Please note that service begins at 9:30 and that there will NOT be service at Bethesda that morning. Good Soil is located at 20300 Hilliard Blvd., Rocky River.*

CHOIR ANTHEM, SEPT 27TH

A combined choir from both churches will sing an anthem during worship at Good Soil. The rehearsal will be at 9:00 am at Good Soil.

BETHESDA CHANCEL CHOIR

Bethesda's choir will kick off rehearsals on Thursday, September 10th at 7:00 pm. Rehearsals continue on Thursdays at 7:00 pm. A shorter rehearsal and warm-up before worship meets on Sundays around 9:30 am. Everyone is welcome! Speak with Eric Richardson with questions.

CONFIRMATION CLASS

September 3, 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Seventh and Eighth graders are encouraged and invited to participate in Confirmation, which is a fun and meaningful learning and faith growth opportunity. Bethesda hosts confirmation for the Conference of Lutheran Churches. The students are in classes with kids from other area congregations. They learn about the Lutheran Church, the Bible, and other helpful material to aid in their faith development. Classes start September 3rd! Speak with Pastor Angela if you or your child would like to participate!

PEACEMAKERS QUILTERS

The Peacemakers is an outside group that meets at Bethesda Thursdays at 9:00 am, September 10 through May 2027. 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!

BIBLE STUDY

September 2, 10:00 am – 11:00 am

Come and share in fellowship and bible study centered around the up-coming Sunday scripture lessons. No expertise is needed and you can come when you're able. The group usually meets in the Library but may need to relocate temporarily while the space is under construction. Stay tuned!

VELOSANO BIKE TO CURE

Gary Weiland thanks everyone who participated in VeloSano's Match Day last Tuesday, in which he raised more than \$4,000 for his Bike to Cure ride in just one day. He has now raised \$6,708 toward his personal \$8,000 goal. This is the ninth consecutive year Gary has led a team to support cancer research. Team Discovery currently has 100 riders with a goal of 110 riders and \$130,000, which will fully fund one cancer research pilot. This year, Team Discovery will surpass Gary's ultimate goal of raising \$1/2 million for cancer research since 2018. The Bike to Cure ride is Sept. 19. Support Gary's ride at <https://give.velosano.org/gweiland>.

CALL COMMITTEE UPDATE

The joint Call Committee, comprised of volunteers from Bethesda and Good Soil, has been actively interviewing candidates. Led by Co-chairs Chris Webner and JoAnne Wancata (Good Soil), the committee is making excellent progress and is excited about the quality of the applicants.

While the process has been lengthy, the time has given the committee an opportunity to build as a team. We are especially thankful for the consultation of Mitch Phillips, the Assistant to the Bishop of our Northeastern Ohio Synod. Thank you for entrusting us in representing the best interests of our congregation.

With thanks,

Scott Pohlkamp *on behalf of the call committee*

Chris Webner, Lisa Hanson, Lynne Zeidler (Bethesda call committee members)

BLOOD PRESSURE CHECK

Nurse Debbie Roski will be doing a blood pressure check again on September 13th after worship.

CLASS FOR 2-4 YEAR OLDS

Dates TBD

Bethesda is excited to announce that we will continue our special class for children ages two through four along with their parents. We 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. Exact dates are to be determined by group consensus.

COMMUNITY CUPBOARD AT ST. BARNABAS

On July 15th, the Vestry of St. Barnabas issued a resolution which read in part “the Vestry of St. Barnabas Episcopal Church expresses its heartfelt gratitude to the congregation of Bethesda on the Bay Lutheran Church for their faithful partnership and generous support of the St. Barnabas Community Cupboard...”

Last month we collected 55 items that were donated to the Community Cupboard. Thank you to all those who contributed. As noted, our continued support is greatly appreciated by St. Barnabas.

The third Sunday of the month is coming up this weekend on August 16th. This month we will offer a general collection of non-perishable food, hygiene products, or pet food. So, put a few items on your shopping list and bring them to church on Sunday. Monetary donations are also welcome. A collection bin will be located in the Narthex. To the gardeners out there, the Community Cupboard also welcomes fresh fruits and vegetables from our gardens. However, these items should be taken directly to the Community Cupboard at St. Barnabas.

