ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY'S ALTAR FLOWERS ARE DEDICATED are dedicated to the glory of God by Malena Hanson in celebration and thanksgiving for Freyja for her birthday and prayers for another year of joy.

Altar Flowers are also dedicated to the Glory of God by Carol Rattay in loving memory of Beverly Olsen and for their 25 years of friendship.

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.

BIBLE STUDY
Wednesdays at 10:00 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. While the library is under renovation, Bible study will be held in the lounge. Come and share in the fellowship.

BETHESDA CHANCEL CHOIR
Bethesda's choir rehearses on Thursdays at 7:00 pm with a shorter rehearsal and warm-up before worship on Sundays around 9:30 am. Everyone is welcome! Speak with Eric Richardson with questions.

PEACEMAKERS QUILTERS
The Peacemakers is an outside group that meets at Bethesda Thursdays at 9:00 am. 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!

FELLOWSHIP HOUR CHANGES
Starting in January we will be offering two Coffee Hours per month on the first and third Sundays of each month. We will again be asking for volunteers to host them, bake, make coffee, set up, or help with this fellowship in any way.

CLASS FOR 2-5 YEAR OLDS
December 19
Bethesda is excited to continue our special class for children ages two through five 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. Future dates are to be determined by group consensus.

WE ARE CALLED - *Thus says the Lord, the one who created you, O Israel, who formed you, O Jacob: "Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine." -Isaiah 43:1*
God has created and called each of us as a part of the larger Body of Christ. In the narthex at church, you are invited to name ways you see people using their gifts to serve others, bring beauty to the world, share kindness – anything that represents them being who they are in ways that positively shape our common life. There is display at church in the narthex where you'll find cellophane paper to write those gifts down. Please add to the collage and colorful display!
Financial commitment cards will be collected and blessed in worship on Sunday, November 29th.

THANKSGIVING WORSHIP
Sunday, November 22
6:30 Worship, *pie fellowship following*
Bethesda is blessed to host the Community Thanksgiving Worship with members of the Bay Ecumenical Congregations and Good Soil Lutheran in Rocky River sharing in the evening. Community choir will rehearse at 6:00pm for an anthem to sing during worship. Everyone is welcome to sing or simply come to worship! Together, let us give thanks to God for the many blessings!

PIE FELLOWSHIP
ATTENTION BAKERS (and pie buyers)
Bethesda could use your help to provide yummy pies for November 22nd after the Thankgiving worship. If you are able to bake or purchase a pie, set up or clean up, please sign up in the Narthex. Any questions, contact Barb Semroc. Thank you for helping provide for a lovely fellowship evening!

ANNUAL REPORT PREPARATION

If you are someone who has a report included in the Annual Report, please start working on your report and make sure it is submitted to the office by January 18, 2027.

LIVE NATIVITY 2026

Sunday, December 13, 5:00-7:00pm

Bethesda is gearing up to host the Live Nativity again this year! We need many hands to help! Please sign up on the sign-up genius or by calling the church office. You are invited to play a roll in the nativity, help with hospitality, or simply help with set up or clean up! Additionally, invite your family and friends to come to the event and celebrate the greatest news of all time! Christ is born!

DECORATING BETHESDA FOR ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS

This year, decorating for the seasons to come will be on Saturday, November 28th at 10:00 am. All are invited! "Many hands make light work." Especially needed are helpers to hand wreaths & garland, fluff bows, decorate trees with ornaments, hang sconces, and place the window candles and pine boughs. Please come and help beautify the Sanctuary and Narthex for the Advent & Christmas seasons.

2027 BUDGETING

Next year's budgeting process has started. If you are responsible for a budgeting area, please provide your budget information to Bill Zeidler by November 30. Contact the office with questions.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES

The next Confirmation class is Thursday, December 3rd from 6:00 – 8:00 pm. Keep them in your prayers as they grow in their faith and as people in the weeks ahead. For more information, contact Pastor Angela.

ANYONE WANT A PEW?

The property committee will be removing two pews in the back of the sanctuary to make room for 2 unity chairs which allow more seating for accessible needs. Please let Pastor or the office know if you would be interested in a pew or two! We need to know by the first week of December. Thank you!

THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY HOURS

Bethesda Childcare Center will be closed November 25-27 for the Thanksgiving Holiday. The church office will be closed November 25 and 26. The church staff hopes that you all have a wonderful holiday and a chance for rest and sabbath.

SUNDAY COUNTER NEEDED

We are in need of a counter for once a month (the second Sunday of the month) starting in 2027. Duties include staying after worship and adding cash and checks and preparing a deposit. You will be partnered with an experienced counter. Please contact Jeff Darkow if you are interested (jbdarkow@gmail.com).

ANNUAL MEETING

Save the date for the annual meeting on February 7, 2027 following worship. Annual reports will be distributed two weeks prior to the meeting.

REGULAR BETHESDA OFFICE HOURS

Bethesda's Church office is open Monday - Thursday 9:00 am - 2:00pm

Childcare Center is open Monday - Friday 7:00 am - 6:30 pm

During the childcare center business hours, please ring the buzzer at the door off of the Church parking lot on Wolf Road when you arrive. Announce you're visiting for church purposes or activities, and you'll be buzzed in. Thank you for helping ensure the safety of our children and staff. ***Special Note:* Pastor Angela's sabbath day is Friday. She is available for pastoral care emergencies on her sabbath day, but regular church business will be responded to during work hours. Thank you for your understanding.

2027 ALTAR FLOWERS

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 2027 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.