

**BETHESDA'S CHURCH YEAR AT A  
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JANUARY**

Annual Meeting - 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday

**FEBRUARY**

Ash Wednesday Service

First Communion Instruction for Fifth Gr

Lenten Mentoring Program begins

**MARCH**

Mid-Week Lenten Worship

Annual Meatball Supper

**APRIL**

Holy Week Mid-week Worship

Easter Worship and Easter Breakfast

**MAY**

Last Day of Sunday School

Choir's Songfest

Summer Worship-one service at 9:00 a.m.

*Begins on Memorial Day Weekend.*

**JUNE/JULY/AUGUST**

Polka Worship on Sunday of Carlton

Daze; Vacation Bible School

**SEPTEMBER** after Labor Day

Two Sunday Worship Schedule begins

Sunday School resumes

**OCTOBER**

Confirmation (Affirmation of Baptism)

**NOVEMBER**

Thanksgiving Eve Worship

**DECEMBER**

Annual LCW Bazaar

Mid-Week Advent worship continues

Sunday School Christmas Program

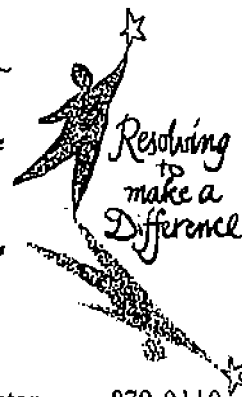
Choir's Holiday Songfest

Christmas Eve Services

These are just a few highlights of Bethesda's  
yearly calendar! Receive the monthly  
newsletter for up to date calendar of events.

To be put on the mailing list call 384-4501

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Lutheran Church ~  
Resolving to  
Make a Difference  
By Sharing  
Christ's Love  
through Mission*



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Bethesda alternates every  
other Sunday using  
traditional and  
contemporary  
styles of worship.



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[Two blocks east of downtown on Hwy 210]

**WORSHIP**

(Begins the first Sunday after Labor Day)

Sundays at

8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

**SUMMER WORSHIP**

(Memorial Day-Labor Day)

Worship Service at 9:00 a.m.

Holy Communion celebrated the  
first

three Sundays of each month  
Wednesday Night Meal & Bible or  
Book Study at 5:00p.m.

Service of the Word for Healing  
Every 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Five-Sunday Months

## All are Welcome

Two blocks east of downtown Carlton, Bethesda is located near the Gateway to Jay Cooke State Park.

There is ample off-street parking in the church parking lot adjacent to the building. Bethesda serves Carlton and all of the surrounding communities.

You are invited to attend our worship services and/or visit or spend time in the sanctuary any day during our office hours.

## Who Are We

Bethesda is an ELCA (Evangelical Lutheran Church in America) congregation of about 600 members. We are a part of and tithe to the NE Minnesota Synod.

This community of faith is committed to serving all people in their faith journeys. We strive to nurture, comfort, challenge and support each person. We believe that God empowers His followers to engage in the struggles and joys of life, to care for each other, the world, and to serve Christ where we live and work.

## Programs at Bethesda

**Choir:** The Voices of Creation is a group of very inspiring singers and musicians who love to share Christ's love through music. They sing the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays of each month..

**Adult Education** is provided. Included are Bible studies, book study & discussion groups, etc.

**Bethesda Teams and/or Committees** Education, Evangelism, Social Ministry, Youth, Stewardship/Finance, Worship, Long Range Planning

**New Member Classes** and the reception of new members takes place at least once a year.

**Leadership** Our church council consists of from 7 to 12 members who oversee the ministry & mission of this congregation. They meet once a month. They attend an annual weekend retreat for leadership training and strategic planning as well as time set aside for spiritual renewal.

### **Outreach**

- We are members of the board and support our local Inter-Faith Care Center
- We continually support the local food shelf, the ELCA World

Hunger Appeal and various charitable organizations.

- The pastor and other lay visitors regularly visit the hospitalized and / or shut ins.
- We participate fully in periodic ecumenical worship services.

**LCW (WELCA)** The women's organization of Bethesda is continually active. They get together monthly for a Bible Study, Mission Project, Fellowship and helping with many church activities throughout the year! They hold an Annual Bazaar the first Saturday in December.

**Youth Group...** We hold different activities for our young people for fun and fellowship. We also include them in the volunteer ministries at Bethesda.

**Sunday School** for Nursery through 9<sup>th</sup> grades starts the Sunday after Labor Day until the Sunday after Mother's Day. Classes are held the summer, VBS is always an exciting week at Bethesda!

### **Discipleship Program**

This process brings Christian education to students in grade three with some portion of Christian education each year. Students receive the Rite of Affirmation of Baptism (aka Confirmation) in the 11<sup>th</sup> grade. An over-view of this plan is available by calling the church office.