

# Bethany Beacon

AUGUST 2019

## Christian Education: Opportunities for All Ages!

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**ADULT VBS: AUGUST 12-15**

### Adult Vacation Bible School

(details on page 9)



Adults are invited to join us August 12-15 for this year's Adult VBS: *An Inexpressible Treasure – The Theology and Practice of Holy Baptism*. We will meet 9:00 to 11:30 a.m. each morning, and will use our synod's *Commission on Theology and Church Relations* latest report as our guide.

*An Inexpressible Treasure*  
THE THEOLOGY AND PRACTICE OF HOLY BAPTISM

In addition to our study, we'll also enjoy some delicious treats, beloved hymns, and everyone's favorite part of Adult VBS – Bible Trivia!



SUNDAY  
SCHOOL

### Sunday School

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Sunday School for youth in preschool through 12th grade will kick off on August 25.



**Bethany**  
Lutheran Church

*Living and Sharing God's Love*

Whenever I meet someone for the first time it seems that one of the questions I am always asked is some version of, “What do you do for a living?” When I tell them I’m the pastor of the best church in world, Bethany Lutheran, they usually reply, “Where is that?” And it is that question that always makes me a little sad, because I have always envisioned Bethany to be the type of church that everyone, believer and unbeliever alike, knows where it’s at. But when I’m asked, “Where is that?” I’ll ask if they know where Washington High School is and that we’re right across the street.

Ever since I described Bethany’s location to someone like that many years ago, I have always wanted Bethany to be known for something other than, “Across the street from Washington High School.” Nothing scandalous or bad of course, nor something that is just “cool” or “popular” like, “We’re the church that has fireworks every Sunday night!” But I have always wanted Bethany to be known for being the church that does what churches should be doing. Something like helping the poor, like we do with Family Promise. Or having great educational opportunities like Milestones, Sunday School, or our Men’s Bible Study, or the group that meets at Mr. Beans. Someone once told me that we should be doing more to let people know about all of the wonderful music that we have at Bethany, that we should be doing more to highlight the talents of Luke, Carolyn, Gerard and all of the other wonderful musicians and singers who serve with them, so we could be known for our music. And for a long time I agreed with this, that is until recently.

Now don’t get me wrong. I wish the whole world could hear the music at Bethany and I wouldn’t be surprised if when I’m in heaven I’ll hear Luke, Carolyn, and Gerard leading the “angels, archangels, and all the company of heaven”! Also, we must continue doing things like caring for those who are in need and proclaiming and teaching the Word of God. But recently I realized that as wonderful as all of those things are, that’s not what I

want Bethany to be known for by themselves. Instead, when I tell people I’m the pastor of the greatest church in the world, Bethany Lutheran, I want them to respond, “Oh, that’s where people meet Jesus Christ!”

Out of all the things people and our world needs today, meeting and knowing Jesus Christ as one’s Lord and Savior are at the top of the list. And the Bible and our Lutheran Confessions (The Book of Concord) tell us that people meet Jesus Christ through His Word and Sacraments. It may not be the most “exciting” or popular way for people to encounter Christ, but that is how Jesus Himself tells us He does it in His own Word. When people are baptized they encounter Christ. When people come to Holy Communion, they eat and drink the body and blood of Christ for the forgiveness of their sin and the strengthening of their faith. Jesus is also with people when they read, study and learn the Word of God. To reject the ways that God tells us He comes to us is to ultimately reject Him and create a god in our own image or likeness – a god that behaves how we think he should, and not how God actually does.

I hope that people know about Adult VBS or Everyone His Witness or all the other wonderful ministries and programs that Bethany does and offers. But these things must ultimately point people to Christ as their Lord and Savior. To do otherwise is only to help them so far. But being a church of God’s Word and His sacraments will ensure that no matter what we do as we live and share God’s love, people will not only receive God’s grace and mercy into eternity, but that they will also meet their Savior at Bethany and in heaven.

✠ Pastor Erickson



## Thursday, August 1

9:00 am Adult Bible Study - Ad Ed  
6:00 pm Human Care Mtg. - GA

## Saturday, August 3

9:00 am Holy Yoga - OR

## Sunday, August 4

9:45 am Family Promise Mtg.  
12:15 pm Board of Ed Meeting

## Monday, August 5

6:45 pm Trustees Mtg.

## Tuesday, August 6

9:00 am Quilt Sewing - FLC  
3:00 pm Bethany Prayer Group - Library  
5:00 pm Praise Moves - GA  
6:00 pm Evangelism - Ad Ed

## Wednesday, August 7

6:00 pm Evangelism Training

## Thursday, August 8

9:00 am Adult Bible Study - Ad Ed

## Saturday, August 10

9:00 am Holy Yoga - OR

## Monday, August 12

9:00 am Adult Vacation Bible School  
6:30 pm Stephen Min. Supervision

## Tuesday, August 13

9:00 am Adult Vacation Bible School  
3:00 pm Bethany Prayer Group - Library  
5:00 pm Praise Moves - GA  
7:00 pm Council Meeting - Ad Ed

## Wednesday, August 14

9:00 am Adult Vacation Bible School  
6:00 pm Evangelism Training

## Thursday, August 15

9:00 am Adult Vacation Bible School  
11:00 am Senior Worship & Lunch  
12:45 pm Stewardship Meeting

## Saturday, August 17

9:00 am Holy Yoga - OR

## Sunday, August 18

12:15 pm Voters' Meeting - FLC

## Tuesday, August 20

3:00 pm Bethany Prayer Group - Library  
5:00 pm Praise Moves - GA

## Wednesday, August 21

4:00 pm Cottage Grove Devotion

## Thursday, August 22

9:00 am Adult Bible Study - Ad Ed

## Saturday, August 24

8:00 am CPR/First Aid Training - FLC  
9:00 am Holy Yoga - OR

## Sunday, August 25

9:30 am Blood Pressure Screening  
9:45 am Sunday School Rally Day

## Monday, August 26

6:00 pm LWML Board Mtg. - GA  
6:30 pm Stephen Min. Cont. Ed. - Ad Ed

## Tuesday, August 27

3:00 pm Bethany Prayer Group - Library  
5:00 pm Praise Moves - GA

## Wednesday, August 28

12:00 pm Beacon Assembly

## Thursday, August 29

9:00 am Adult Bible Study - Ad Ed

## Saturday, August 31

9:00 am Holy Yoga - OR

### Key:

**Ad Ed** - Adult Education Room

**FLC** - Family Life Center

**GA** - Gathering Area

**OR** - Opening Room

**LL** - Lower Level



We will host Family Promise families the week of August 4-11. Please keep this in mind as you come to Bethany for other activities during that week.

**Elders**

**Aug 4** Jim Heitland  
**Aug 11** Rick Foreman  
**Aug 18** Jim Novitch  
**Aug 25** Phil Hedtke

**Ushers**

<b>Aug 4</b>	<b>8:30</b>	Crew #2	<b>11:00</b>	Crew #6
<b>Aug 11</b>	<b>8:30</b>	Crew #3	<b>11:00</b>	Crew #7
<b>Aug 18</b>	<b>8:30</b>	Crew #4	<b>11:00</b>	Crew #8
<b>Aug 25</b>	<b>8:30</b>	Crew #1	<b>11:00</b>	Crew #6

**Greeters**

<b>Aug 4</b>	<b>8:30</b>	Nancy Owens Mark & Julie Elias
	<b>11:00</b>	Brad & Erin Crawford Duane & Karen Pfeffer
<b>Aug 11</b>	<b>8:30</b>	Ed & Gloria Schumacher Lorna Fischer
	<b>11:00</b>	Michael & Andrea Prohaska Jeff & Melinda Crow
<b>Aug 18</b>	<b>8:30</b>	Dave & Kay Karsten Rick & Marvelene Foreman
	<b>11:00</b>	Karen Schmidt Donice McDonald Dick & Karen Hass
<b>Aug 25</b>	<b>8:30</b>	Jason & Jodi Strait Carol Grimminger
	<b>11:00</b>	Karen Swanson & Noah Chris & Leisa Knudson

**Lectors**

<b>Aug 4</b>	<b>8:30</b>	Rick Foreman
	<b>11:00</b>	Brad Crawford
<b>Aug 11</b>	<b>8:30</b>	Ethan Myers
	<b>11:00</b>	Leonard Tiedt
<b>Aug 18</b>	<b>8:30</b>	Arlen Breiholz
	<b>11:00</b>	Dave Johnson
<b>Aug 25</b>	<b>8:30</b>	Pete Larson
	<b>11:00</b>	Maren Hopkins

**Communion Sunday Prayers**

<b>Aug 4</b>	<b>8:30</b>	Kay Karsten
	<b>11:00</b>	Sheryl Knutson
<b>Aug 18</b>	<b>8:30</b>	Carol Grimminger
	<b>11:00</b>	Melissa Loney

**Nursery (11:00 Service)**

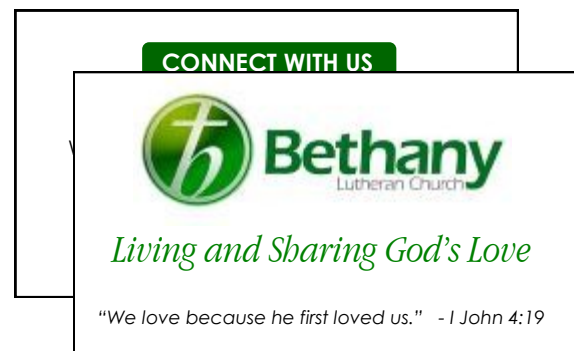
**Aug 4** Kris Dunn, Melissa Loney  
**Aug 11** Maren Hopkins, Debbie Mills  
**Aug 18** Liz & Ryan Corey  
**Aug 25** Annie & Natalie Prohaska

**Coffee**

**Aug 4** Freese  
**Aug 11**  
**Aug 18**  
**Aug 25**

**If you would like to serve in one of these areas, please contact:**

Ushers: Steve Hanchera (857-4716)  
 Greeters: Kay Karsten (361-2017)  
 Lectors: Rick Thorington (360-2641)  
 Pray-er: Nurse Ronda (364-6026)  
 Video: Greg Dunn (389-4271)  
 Nursery: Nurse Ronda (364-6026)  
 Coffee: Tina Freese (329-3882)

**Connect Cards**

Ever wish you could hand someone a note with information about Bethany? The Board of Evangelism created Connect Cards, small cards that you can share with people you meet to invite them to Bethany and connect them to Jesus. You can find them at the Welcome Center—take as many as you would like!

## Thanksgiving:

\*Benjamin & \*John (sons of Nathan & Stephanie Ackerman)– Baptized 7/7

National Youth Gathering that youth and adults attended

Nadine (mother of Kim Carter)- Improved health

Jeff (brother of Kim Carter)-Improved health

## Illness, injuries, health issues:

Pat (mother of \*Karen Swanson)- Recovering after surgery

Josh (grandson of \*Kim Neuhaus)- Health issues

Greg (relative of \*Pat Krekeler)- Recovering after heart attack

Mike (relative of \*Bonnie Bubke)- Recovering after surgery

John (brother of \*Pat Krekeler)- Recovering after surgery

Craig (friend of \*Jeff Madsen)- Recovering after surgery

Cheryl (friend of \*Deb Mills)- Recovering after surgery

Connie (friend of \*Sheryl Knutson)- Rehab center

Jennifer (daughter of \*Pat Krekeler)- Life challenges

Ron (brother of \*Gloria Schumacher)- Recovering

Jane (daughter of \*Bonnie Bubke)- Recovering after surgery

James (grandson of \*Carol Grimminger)- Recovering

Jeff Mellgren– Recovering after stroke

Steve (brother of \*Linda Patten)- Health issues

Ryan & Hayden (relatives of \*Bonnie Bubke)- Brain disorder

Gwendolyn- (friend of \*Karen Swanson)- Terminal illness

Steve (brother of \*Barb Miller)- Health issues

Susan (niece of \*Bonnie Bubke)- Health issues

Pastor Renfro (Trinity)– Health issues

Mike (friend of \*Joel Knutson)- Recovering after hospitalization

Deb (daughter of \*Bonnie Bubke)- Health Issues

Steve (friend of \*Pete Larson)- Recovering after stroke

John (nephew of \*Bonnie Bubke)- Health issues

Ruth (friend of \*Velma Ziesemer)- Health issues

David (relative of \*Melissa Loney)- Health issues

Rod (nephew of \*Bonnie Bubke)- Parkinson's Disease

## Safety:

Ben Venteicher (former DCE)- National Guard, Deployed

Tailor (grandson of \*Kim Neuhaus)- Marines, Deployed

Charlie (grandson of \*Kim Neuhaus)- Army, Deployed

## Homebound members of Bethany:

\*Rollis Deetz– at home

\*Shirley Hansen– at home

\*Wayne & Darlene Schilling– at home

Candi Engel– at home

\*Patty King– Crestview Acres, Marion

\*Ann Meyer– Keystone Cedars

\*Margaret Speers– Cottage Grove Health Center

## Cancer:

Jeannine (aunt of \*Angie Pfeil)- cancer treatments

Bill (father of Kim Carter)- cancer

David (relative of \*Hasses)- cancer

Alan (relative of \*Bonnie Bubke)- cancer

Gene (husband of \*N Owens)- cancer treatment

Julie (friend of \*Brenda Heims)- cancer

Janet (friend of \*Brenda Heims)-cancer

Mary Lou (friend of \*Velma Ziesemer)- cancer treatment

Judy (godmother of \*Jim Novitch)- cancer treatment

Joe (brother of \*Barb Lauthen)- cancer

Pat (aunt of \*Ginny Urban)- cancer

Chad (son of \*Vicki Huschka)- leukemia

Todd (friend of Katia Knutson)- cancer treatment

Rita (friend of \*Shirley Kellogg)- cancer

## Grief, family and friends of:

Robert (friend of \*Linda Patten)- Died 7/6

Gloria (relative of \*Kim Neuhaus)- Died 7/2

Bonnie (friend of \*Mary Nanke)- Died 6/30

Royce (uncle of \*Angie Pfeil)- Died 6/26

Mitchell (friend of \*Ronda Anderson)- Died 6/24

Evan (relative of Luke Viertel)- Died 6/13

\*Pauline Marohn– Died 6/6

Kay (friend of \*Lee Rathje)- Died 5/25

## Local/National/World:

Victims of Floods, Hurricanes, Fires & Disasters

Local, State and National Leaders

**Submit a prayer:** Email: nurse.bethanycr@gmail.com or call the church office at 319-364-6026



# REAL.PRESENT.GOD.

LCMS YOUTH GATHERING | Minneapolis · July 11-15, 2019



*Eight high school youth and four adult leaders attended the National Youth Gathering in Minneapolis. They will share a presentation on their experience in August -- look for details to come!*



## Join us for **SUNDAY SCHOOL**

**Sundays at 9:45 a.m.  
Starting August 25**

Youth and parents together are encouraged to join us in the lower level on August 25, 9:45-10:45 to learn about what we will do in Sunday School this year!

Kids in preschool through 5th grade will meet in the opening room in the lower level.

Youth in 6th-8th grade will meet in the middle school room in the lower level.

Youth in 9th-12th grade will meet in the high school room in the lower level.



### Confirmation

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Do you have a child going into 7th grade? Students at Bethany take their first year of confirmation class in 7th grade, and second year of confirmation class in 8th grade. Confirmation classes are held on Wednesday evenings.

Please contact DCE Intern Amanda Segebart ([dceintern.bethanycr@gmail.com](mailto:dceintern.bethanycr@gmail.com)) to ensure you have all the information for your student entering confirmation.

### Membership at Bethany

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Are you interested in becoming a Bethany member? Pastor Erickson will lead a Christian faith class this September and October. Those who have taken the class are invited to join the congregation. If you are interested in taking this class, please email Pastor Erickson at [pastor.bethanycr@gmail.com](mailto:pastor.bethanycr@gmail.com) or contact the church office at 319-364-6026. Days and times will be determined by availability of those taking the class.







## Evangelism Training: **July 31 | August 7 | August 14**

*Every One His Witness* is a program that seeks to motivate believers to be active witnesses of the Gospel in their communities. This evangelism program, through real-world context and practical application, equips Lutherans to share the Good News with those they meet who are of differing religions and world-views. The core module of the program provides participants with a strong foundation of witnessing, delivered through a combination of video instruction, individual exercises, group discussion, and partnered activities.

Pastor Erickson will lead us in three two-hour sessions. All adults are encouraged to join us at Bethany 6:00-8:00 p.m. on Wednesdays July 31, August 7, and August 14.

## Voters' Meeting: Comfort Dog Ministry

Our congregation is looking into getting a comfort dog through Lutheran Church Charities. **A voters' meeting will be held on Sunday, August 18** to determine if we will purchase a comfort dog. Please plan to attend this meeting after 11:00 service in the Family Life Center. This is the only item we will vote on, and we will need 50 voting members for a quorum. For more details, call the church office at 319-364-6026, or contact Mike Raymon at [pinballmike81@gmail.com](mailto:pinballmike81@gmail.com).



## First Aid / CPR / AED Training



Training will be offered at Bethany on Saturday, August 24, 8:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. CPR stands for Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation, a combination of rescue breathing (mouth-to-mouth resuscitation) and chest compressions. If a person isn't breathing or circulating blood adequately, CPR can restore circulation of oxygen-rich blood to the brain.

AED stands for automated external defibrillator. This is a portable device that checks the heart rhythm and can send an electric shock to the heart to try to restore a normal rhythm. AEDs are used to treat sudden cardiac arrest (SCA). SCA is a condition in which the heart suddenly and unexpectedly stops beating.

CPR can save a life by restoring breathing and circulation until advanced life support can be given by emergency medical care providers. Your cost for training would be \$10; Bethany's Human Care Board covers the remaining costs. The course is provided by the American Heart Association. **Contact Nurse Ronda at [nurse.bethanycr@gmail.com](mailto:nurse.bethanycr@gmail.com) or 364-6026 to sign up** for this training.



## Adult Vacation Bible School

All adults are invited to join us August 12-15 for this year's Adult VBS: *An Inexpressible Treasure – The Theology and Practice of Holy Baptism*. Meeting from 9:00 to 11:30 a.m. each morning, we will use our synod's *Commission on Theology and Church Relations* latest report as our guide. This report, and therefore our study, will look at baptism in four areas:

**“Baptism and the Story of Jesus”** shows how Baptism fits within the story and mission of Jesus and how its importance for our lives flows out of the life of Christ.

**“Baptism: A New Beginning”** explores the various ways in which the Bible expresses the benefits of Baptism.

**“The Gifts and Benefits of Baptism”** considers the privileges and responsibilities that become ours as members of God's kingdom through Baptism.

**“The Baptismal Commission”** addresses both theological and practical questions about Baptism that have been raised throughout the Church's history.

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In addition to our study, we'll also enjoy a variety of delicious treats, beloved hymns, and everyone's favorite part of Adult VBS – Bible Trivia! If you plan to attend, sign up at the Welcome Center.



## Living and Sharing God's Love

Kay Karsten recently had the opportunity to live and share God's love in our community. She was approached by someone in need, and she was able to share a Bethany blessing bag with the man and lift him up in prayer. To hear Kay share her story, find her video on Bethany's Facebook page.



Watch at [www.facebook.com/bethanycr](https://www.facebook.com/bethanycr)

**WHEN HAVE YOU LIVED AND SHARED GOD'S LOVE?**

Living and sharing God's love is the mission of Bethany Lutheran Church. In your own life, when have you found opportunities to live and share God's love? Share your story! Contact the church office at 319-364-6026 or [office.bethanycr@gmail.com](mailto:office.bethanycr@gmail.com) to share your living and sharing God's love story.

## AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

<b>8/1</b> Eric Freese Marge Grovert Alex Schweer Kora Urban	<b>8/10</b> Pam Kaufman <b>8/11</b> Ellen Holt <b>8/12</b> Del Block Shirley Hansen Josie Hester	<b>8/20</b> Paul LeFevere <b>8/22</b> E.J. Brink Adalyn Gates Nikki Stackhouse
<b>8/2</b> Dustin Bricker John Hutcheson	<b>8/13</b> Doreta Bogner Craig Riffey	<b>8/23</b> Donna Birkicht Talan Robinson
<b>8/3</b> Brad Easler	<b>8/15</b> Lucas Heller	<b>8/25</b> Karen Pfeffer Dale Stonewall
<b>8/4</b> Gary Kaufman	<b>8/16</b> Mya Chamberlin	<b>8/26</b> Matt Rinderknecht Michelle Wiersig
<b>8/6</b> Angie Pfeil	<b>8/17</b> Ryne Chamberlin Carolina Rinderknecht	<b>8/28</b> Loti Moeller
<b>8/7</b> Richard Hass Ed Schumacher	<b>8/19</b> Josh Bricker Elaine Willett	<b>8/30</b> Joyce Fritz Pete Larson
<b>8/9</b> Deb Heitland Leisa Knudson	<b>8/20</b> Nevaeh Duve Leo Hinz	
<b>8/10</b> Vern Happel Brenda Heims		

## AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

<b>8/1</b> Mike & Cindy Goerd Robby & Andrea Russman	<b>8/11</b> Josie & Cleo Hester
<b>8/2</b> Corey & Nikki Stackhouse	<b>8/12</b> Ken & Ellie Smith
<b>8/3</b> Greg & Kris Dunn	<b>8/15</b> Tyler & Kaylee Hedtke Tom & Debbie Mills
<b>8/4</b> Mike & Amy Diers	<b>8/16</b> Joel & Katia Knutson Wayne & Darlene Schilling
<b>8/6</b> Dave & Lori Dohrmann	<b>8/29</b> Josh & Marissa Keldgord
<b>8/8</b> Jim & Deb Heitland	
<b>8/9</b> Ryan & Liz Corey	

### *Senior Worship and Lunch*

Next service:

**Thursday, August 15**  
11:00 a.m.

### Bethany Prayers

Do you have prayer requests? Let us know if you would like your request added to the Sunday prayer list, the email prayer chain, or both. Requests can be emailed to [nurse.bethanycr@gmail.com](mailto:nurse.bethanycr@gmail.com), or call 364-6026.

## Family Promise



The mission of Family Promise is to help homeless and low-income families achieve sustainable independence through a community-based response. Bethany's next two times to host families will be during the weeks of **August 4-11** and **November 3-10**. Please consider volunteering by providing a meal or staying overnight during these times.

**Thank you to everyone who has volunteered to serve during the week of August 4-11!**

## Sewing Quilts for Lutheran World Relief

On Tuesday, August 6, the LWML Special Projects Committee will tie quilts for Lutheran World Relief in the Family Life Center. We will start at 9:00 a.m. and end around noon. Stop in for an hour or stay the whole time—we appreciate any time that you can give! If you plan to stay through the noon hour, please feel free to bring a sack lunch. For more information, contact Betty Happel at 319-393-9497 or Donna Bogner at 319-777-9053.



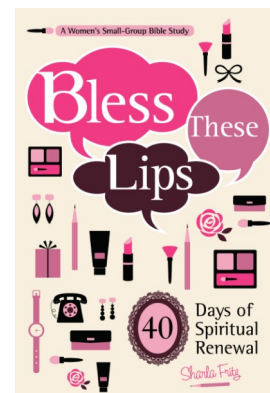
## Especially For You

The Especially For You Race Against Breast Cancer will be held on Sunday, October 6. There will be a 5K run at 8:00 a.m. and a 5K walk at 8:05. Join Bethany's team!

Online registration for this event is now open at <https://runsignup.com/RaceGroups/34374>. Click the Join button next to "Bethany Lutheran Church" to join our team. Please sign up by September 9.

## Women's Small Group

Bethany's Monday morning women's group will start a new study on September 9. The group meets at Mr. Beans in Marion on Mondays at 10:00 a.m. The next study will be on the book "Bless These Lips" by Sharla Fritz. Please contact Ronda at [nurse.bethanycr@gmail.com](mailto:nurse.bethanycr@gmail.com) or 364-6026 if you would like to join this study.

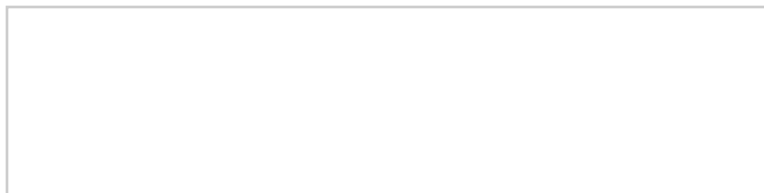




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**WORSHIP WITH US**

**Sunday Mornings**

8:30 am	Traditional Service
9:45 am	Education Hour
11:00 am	Contemporary Service

**CONNECT WITH US**

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