

# September 2023 *Evangel* Official Newsletter of Bethesda Lutheran Church

## Sailing In To September

As we hoist the sails and set our course into September, our congregation is poised for a journey filled with opportunities for discussion about Bethesda's future.

Just as a skilled sailor adjusts their rigging to catch the prevailing winds, we too must adapt and come together to chart the course ahead.

This month and the season ahead offers us numerous anchor points, where we can gather, connect, and share our own personal hopes and dreams for the Bethesda of the future.

Like seasoned sailors, we'll navigate these waters collectively, ensuring our voices resonate through the tides of change as we envision and shape a brighter tomorrow.

It all begins on September 10 when hospitality hour returns and you'll have the opportunity to learn more about existing ministries and ways to get involved. On September 17, we will have both Sunday School and Adult Forum after Sunday service. Look inside for more details.

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**EVENTS  
COMING SOON**

<b>10</b> SEPTEMBER	<b>HOSPITALITY HOUR RETURNS WITH A OPEN HOUSE SCAVENGER HUNT</b>
<b>17</b> SEPTEMBER	<b>SUNDAY SCHOOL RETURNS</b>
<b>17</b> SEPTEMBER	<b>ADULT EDUCATION RETURNS (NOW CALLED ADULT FORUM)</b>

Sign up for Fellowship now!

YOUTH GROUP KICK-OFF

**BBQ PARTY**  
& PARENT'S INFO MEETING

Let's kick off the season with a sizzling BBQ!  
Parents can get information while enjoying delicious food. A great way to connect & and engage with our amazing youth community!

FROM 6:30pm - 8:00pm **WEDNESDAY**   
Sept. 13th, 2023

**JOIN US!**

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## Mapping Our Mission: Charting A New Course For Bethesda

Grace and Peace, Bethesda!

I pray you've had a safe and renewing summer! It's about time for the fall of the Pac-12 conference...I mean, the fall season at Bethesda. Doesn't it feel like everything is in transition these days?! Amen for the unchanging mercy of God!

"Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. Do not be carried away by all kinds of strange teachings; for it is well for the heart to be strengthened by grace." ~Hebrews 13:8-9a

We are entering a "visioning season" at Bethesda. I would remind you, not for the first time, not for the last time, that Bethesda's name in Hebrew means "House of Mercy." Ministries, programs and events come and go all the time. People themselves also may come and go... and grow, all the time! But our mission of mercy in the name of Jesus does not change.

I'd like to share a basic outline for how a visioning season will unfold over the coming months. We will take our time with this. There's no need to rush the process. There are no predetermined results.

Bethesda, we have a golden opportunity before us. Will you engage with me, our staff, and our Church Planning Council for a season of prayer, hope and investment in the mission God has for Bethesda?

Shalom,  
Pastor Tom

### September/October - Mapping Our Mission September

- ⚙ September 10: Ministry Open House Scavenger Hunt
- ⚙ September 17: Sunday School & Adult Forum Begin

- ⚙ Adult Forum: "Mapping our Mission: Charting a New Course for Bethesda"

- ⚙ September 29/30 Council Retreat
- ### October

- ⚙ "Crew Meetings" in homes or at Bethesda, bringing together 10-12 Bethesda members at a time for refreshment, conversation and prayer

### November/December - Commissioning the Ship November

- ⚙ Sunday Stewardship Series - "The Church Under God's Commission"

### Advent - "All Aboard for Advent"

- ⚙ An invitational, newcomers focus to Sunday mornings

### Epiphany 2024 - Setting Sail with Christ our Captain

### January

- ⚙ Sunday series, "Who is this Captain?"

### February

- ⚙ Congregational Annual Meeting
- ⚙ Clarifying our vision at the midpoint: early objectives, celebrations, adjustments.
- ⚙ Fitting together Bethesda's budget & business with Bethesda's mission & vision.
- ⚙ Adult Forum (& other formats), "Midcourse Reflection: Checking Winds and Sails"

### Lent 2024 - Salvation in the Storms

- ⚙ February 14 through Holy Week

### Easter 2024 - Sailing in the Risen Son

- ⚙ Easter Sunday, March 31 through Pentecost Sunday, May 19

### Summer 2024 - Rejoice and Recharter

- ⚙ Where do we voyage from here?



## CPC Update from Aug. 3

During our last CPC meeting, Pastor Tom provided an insightful analogy – did you know that churches are built to resemble upside-down ships sailing through the heavens above? This boat imagery resonated with me, especially when I considered how some of the disciples who were fishermen immediately laid down their nets and followed Jesus without hesitation. This same sense of calling and purpose drove all of us to join the council. I was determined to help steer this ship, believing that with God, Bethesda could overcome any challenge, and failure was never an option.

As a congregation of imperfect individuals aboard this vessel, we have faced hardships, losing dear ones and grappling with uncertainties about our future direction. However, we've also made slow but steady progress towards calmer waters, filled with hope and promise.

Over the past months, the CPC has been working diligently, setting specific goals for the church's betterment. We focused on streamlining the administration, ensuring the church's seamless operation. We conducted our own research and collaborated with Pastor Tom and a volunteer consultant to create a comprehensive job description for the pastor, alongside a structured review process for accountability. And after witnessing Pastor Tom's dedication and passion for growth both personally and as a congregation, we unanimously voted to support him and asked him to stay as our called pastor, a decision he graciously accepted. Tom feels called to be here and we feel he

has and will continue to bless many through his work at Bethesda.

### **So, what does the future hold?**

Looking ahead, we are enthusiastic about the future. We want to hear from all of you about what Bethesda's mission and vision should be. We will be seeking your ideas and thoughts, approaching this task with transparency, faith, and a spirit of fun. We will take our time with it, as this is important work, and adjust along the way. Together, we will chart a course that enriches the lives of our members, connects us with new faces, and contributes positively to our community.

In addition, we will continue to fortify the church's administration by revising and finalizing essential documents, such as bylaws and the employee handbook, that have been neglected for some time. We will seek your help in supporting Bethesda through your time and contributions. Above all, we ask for your prayers as we build a stronger community, foster deeper relationships, and embrace growth and new possibilities.

It is time to shift our focus and move together as a united crew to sail through new waters towards a horizon marked by grace, hope, forgiveness, and trust in God, who has been guiding us on this journey all along.

Written by Deanna Rivera, 1st Vice President

Approved and edited by all CPC members.



# Care Corner

## Care Team Members - Meet the Third Saturdays of the Month, 11am in Library

Hanne Bukkehave, Sandy Henry, Sue LaMarche, Jerry Liebersbach, Kathy Liebersbach, Jakki McDonald, Penny Vaughan, Pastor Tom, and perhaps you?

## Grief Share

Resumes September 5 through December 5 (not meeting on Oct. 3).  
Led by Jerry Liebersbach. Meeting on Tuesdays from 6:30-8:00 pm.  
Contact Jerry Liebersbach with any questions or to sign up to participate.



## Bringing Church to You

**Did you know** we have trained "table-runners" whose ministry is to bring the Lord's Supper from the altar to your home? Whether you are homebound temporarily or long-term, you can request a monthly table-runner visit through the church office.

**Did you know** our Sunday services are live-streamed on Youtube and available on demand for later viewing? You can request assistance setting this up in your home through the church office.

Here's a link: <https://www.youtube.com/c/BethesdaLutheranChurch>

## Relaunching the Sunday Bus Ministry

September 10. Please call the church office to request a ride or to inquire further, 541.688.9085. We will offer the bus ministry for at least the first Sundays of each month.

Thank you Bill & Penny Vaughan for driving!

## Prayer Support Group Resumes September 14

Meets Thursdays, 10am in the Prayer Chapel with Pr. Tom. We have a steady group of participants. You are most welcome to participate as often as you like. You may also submit new prayer requests or updates via the church office or pew cards.

***The Bethesda Care Team welcomes your suggestions on how to enhance congregational care!***





# Prayer Guide

Receiving God's goodness, responding to Christ's grace, and rejoicing in the Holy Spirit's gifts, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

## Prayers for those bereaved or nearing end of life:

- Family and friends of Elaine Bristow, who died on August 29. **Elaine's memorial service is at Bethesda on September 9 at 2pm.**
- Family and friends of Virgil Schulenberg, who died on August 31. His **memorial service will be at Emmaus Lutheran on September 22 at 2pm.**
- Pastor Tom's godmother and aunt, Wendy Van Beek, now under hospice care at age 62.
- Family and friends of Gloria Marvin, mother of Sue Embree, who died August 30.
- Family and friends of Jerry Gilbert, whose **memorial service will be at Emmaus Lutheran on September 16th at 11am.**

## Prayers for those with cancer:

- Sue Embree
- Deanna Rivera
- Sherri Young
- Teresa Lark, sister of Stewart Gilbert
- Ray Lemke
- Sara Stewart
- Erin Lincoln
- Stephanie Eaton, cousin of Deanna Rivera
- Janette McMurrin-Kunkel, friend of Deanna Rivera

## Prayers for healing & comfort:

- For Stacey Bound's mother, Sue Edwards, facing extended hospitalization
- Penny Vaughan, for healing

- Sage Bounds, who is beginning to experience some of the expected declines and challenges related to her Ataxia Telangiectasia (AT).

- Richard Down
- Jan Kersgaard
- Carol Rhodes
- Glenda Andersen



## Our members who are homebound or in care facilities:

Barbara Harmon, Linda Dover, Louise Hanson, Elsie Schmidt

## Our Bethesda family in the military:

Nathan Edgecomb, Dillon Outka, Joseph Vaughan, Treben Webb, Dominik Baroni, Gavin Galler

## Our Missionaries:

Aaron & Liz Kalms, in South Carolina

## Senior Companion Sought

Dave Chavez' elderly mom is seeking a female companion to help her dress/undress, mornings and evenings. There is another person covering half of the mornings/nights, so this would be about 7 visits weekly. 15 minutes max per visit, paying \$26/visit. 6:30am/pm preferred. She lives at Solvang Retirement Center. Please contact Dave at 541.357.1390

# Worship Committee

## Members of the Worship Committee - Meets September 9, 10am

Amber Coburn, Brenda Down, Kermit Finstad, Kim Gribble, Sue LaMarche, Jill Lauch, Megan Lay, Ciro Magnani, Megan Salsbury, Bill Vaughan, Pastor Tom, Karen Williamson

Members of the Worship Committee and Pastor Tom welcome all constructive feedback on Sunday worship. Our hope and prayer for our service is to bring together all generations, valuing both our heritage as Lutherans and our hospitality to guests, new Lutherans, and all who seek a House of Mercy.



## Recent Actions and Discussions

- ⚙ Usher & Communion Assistant trainings in September
- ⚙ Recruiting choir members, esp. sopranos
- ⚙ Discussed having the choir sit in the pews except for their anthem
- ⚙ Ron LaMarche is willing to organize men's quartets, or similar, following Kermit's retirement from Bethmen
- ⚙ Congregational music during communion, special music during offering?
- ⚙ Discussed the possibility of a third station for Communion, on the main level, near prayer kneeler.  
Intended to provide easier accessibility, and potentially reduce overall distribution time
- ⚙ Have appreciated more organ music this summer, will seek better balance going forward
- ⚙ Ciro returns September 20, thank you Karen Williamson for musician coverage!
- ⚙ Considering different ways to solicit & offer prayers during worship
- ⚙ Incorporating more children/youth into the service
- ⚙ Discussed the possibility of a "children's church" during sermon/hymn of the day
- ⚙ Discussed pastor's concept for a visioning process this fall and how this could be incorporated into Sunday worship
- ⚙ Discussed volume adjustments needed to various speakers, such as entryway and under balcony

## Seeking Worship Assistants

Pastor Tom is looking for 4-5 people (ideally, a mix of ages and genders) willing to assist with aspects of worship, such as liturgy, prayers, Communion, and special occasions. This is intended to increase volunteer opportunities at worship, bring different voices into the service, prepare for contingencies like covering for a pastoral illness or assisting a guest pastor. Please contact Pr. Tom if you have any questions, or would like to nominate someone! Training will happen in September.

# Updates & News

## Your Bethesda Lutheran Foundation

The BLF Board of Directors meets monthly, as needed, to respond to grant requests from members of the congregation. We are blessed to be fortunate enough to have resources to fill many of those requests because of the donations by generous members of Bethesda over the past fifty-five years.



What has the BOD voted to fund since our last annual meeting?

- ⚙ Aaron Kalms Young Life mission in Hilton Head/Bluffton, South Carolina
- ⚙ Hosea Youth Services
- ⚙ HVAC replaced in preschool area of the building.
- ⚙ Evelyn Dow scholarship for 2023/24 year at PLU
- ⚙ Camp Lutherwood, 75% grants for these campers: Levi Rivera, Elise & Lucy Amelung, Ezra, Judah, & Emet Welch, Jerilyn Clouse, Kaleb Shirley, Bryce Lopez, Freya Gilbert & Silas Bounds.



The BOD continues to follow the purpose guidelines of our by-laws as we also contemplate making some changes to those guidelines. Perhaps you have an interest in serving as a volunteer on the Bethesda Lutheran Foundation Board of Directors. If so, speak to any of the current members of the BOD.

The current BOD consists of Miles Bounds, Dave Bullard, Doug Detels, Bill Gangwer, Krista Goodrie, Yvette Jernberg, Paul Jorgensen, Ray Lemke, Gordon McGraw and Lois Toftemark.

## Burial Plots Available



The Plath family has 2 burial plots in the Bethesda section of West Lawn Cemetery. They were told these plots could be worth up to \$2500 each. As long time members of Bethesda they would like the plots to remain with a member of the church. They would be willing to sell both plots for \$2200. You can reach them at b2golf#comcast.net or by calling 503-635-3715.



# Youth & Family Ministry

## Middle & High School Youth Groups Meet Every Wednesday

- 🔥 Come optionally at 5:30pm to go out to McDonalds for dinner (your own meal money).
- 🔥 Youth group officially meets 6:30-8pm upstairs in the **newly refurbished youth room**.

## Let's Get Our Year Started Right!

- 🔥 Youth & Parents Kickoff BBQ September 13th from 6:30-8pm
- 🔥 Middle and High School students
- 🔥 At some point Pastor Tom will split off with the parents for our own meeting.

## Invite Youth!

We are expecting to have a lively and large youth group this year! The more the merrier! Invite the youth you know and love to Bethesda. And don't forget to check out the newly refurbished youth room on Sunday, September 9th at the Ministry Open House.



YOUTH GROUP KICK-OFF

# BBQ PARTY

**& PARENT'S INFO MEETING**

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**FROM** 6:30pm - 8:00pm  **WEDNESDAY**  Sept. 13th, 2023

[← JOIN US!](#)

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Stay Tuned For Upcoming Youth Trip Information





# Adult Education

## Daytimers Bible Study

Meets every Thursday at 11am in the Creation Room with Pastor Tom. We currently have about 8-9 regular attendees, covering a lively range of perspectives. You don't need to be a Bible expert to fit in! September 14 we will begin a study on the Book of Job.

## Sunday Adult Education is Now Called Adult Forum

This name change underlines a renewed focus on coming together for mutual insight and support. Adult Forum this Fall will go hand-in-hand with our congregational visioning season. And a new "Hospitality Cart" ensures you can refill your coffee without leaving the action!



### Daytimers Bible Study | 11am, Thursdays

Date	Study Texts
September 7	Sunday Readings
September 14	Book of Job
September 21	Book of Job
September 28	Book of Job
October 5	Book of Job
October 12	Book of Job
October 19	Book of Job
October 26	Sunday Readings (Pr. Tom away)
November 2	Book of Job
November 9	Book of Job
November 16	Book of Job
November 23	Not Meeting on Thanksgiving
November 30	TBD
December 7	TBD
December 14	TBD
12/21, 12/28	Not Meeting Over the Holidays

### Sunday Adult Forum | 10:45am

Date	Topic/Event
September 17	Mapping our Mission: Charting a New Course for Bethesda
September 24	
October 1	
October 8	
October 15	
October 22	Reformation Potluck Party
October 29	
November 5	Crew Meetings Debrief
November 12	Memorial Park Dedication
November 19	The Church under God's Commission
November 26	
December 3	Newcomers
December 10	Newcomers
12/17, 12/24, 12/31	Not Meeting Over the Holidays

# SEPTEMBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<div>27</div> <div><div>9:30 AM Sunday Worship</div><div>10:30 AM Picnic &amp; Lawn Games</div></div>	<div>28</div>	<div>29</div>	<div>30</div> <div><div>3:00 PM Iron Mango Orchestra</div></div>	<div>31</div> <div><div>11:00 AM Daytimers Bible Study</div><div>2:00 PM Bethel boutique</div></div>	<div>1</div> <div>Office Closed</div>	<div>2</div>
<div>3</div> <div>9:30 AM Sunday Worship</div>	<div>4</div> <div>Labor Day</div>	<div>5</div> <div><div>10:00 AM Naomi Circle</div><div>6:30 PM Grief Share</div></div>	<div>6</div> <div><div>9:30 AM Lydia Circle</div><div>1:00 PM Rebekah Circle</div><div>3:00 PM Iron Mango Orchestra</div></div>	<div>7</div> <div><div>11:00 AM Daytimers Bible Study</div></div>	<div>8</div> <div><div>Office Closed</div><div>12:00 PM Food Pantry Set-Up</div></div>	<div>9</div> <div><div>8:00 AM Men's Breakfast</div><div>9:30 AM Food Pantry Distribution</div><div>10:00 AM Worship Committee</div><div>2:00 PM Elaine Bristow Memorial Service</div></div>
<div>10</div> <div><div>9:30 AM Sunday Worship</div><div>10:30 AM Ministry Open House Scavenger Hunt</div><div>10:45 AM Hospitality Hour</div></div>	<div>11</div>	<div>12</div> <div><div>12:00 PM Card Making Class</div><div>6:30 PM Grief Share</div></div>	<div>13</div> <div><div>3:00 PM Iron Mango Orchestra</div><div>6:30 PM Youth &amp; Parents BBQ Kick-off</div></div>	<div>14</div> <div><div>10:00 AM Prayer Group</div><div>11:00 AM Daytimers Bible Study</div></div>	<div>15</div> <div>Office Closed</div>	<div>16</div> <div><div>Rosh Hashanah</div><div>11:00 AM Care Team Meeting</div></div>
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<div>24</div> <div><div>9:00 AM Fair Trade For Sale</div><div>9:30 AM Sunday Worship</div><div>10:45 AM Adult Forum</div><div>10:45 AM Hospitality Hour</div><div>10:45 AM Sunday School</div></div>	<div>25</div> <div>Yom Kippur</div>	<div>26</div> <div>6:30 PM Grief Share</div>	<div>27</div> <div><div>5:30 PM Youth Dinner</div><div>6:30 PM Youth Group &amp; Confirmation</div></div>	<div>28</div> <div><div>10:00 AM Prayer Group</div><div>11:00 AM Daytimers Bible Study</div></div>	<div>29</div> <div>Office Closed</div>	<div>30</div>

# Community Corner

## BloodWorks Thank You

I wanted to extend a big thank you for the successful blood drive on **June 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>** at **Bethesda Lutheran Church**. It was truly a remarkable event, and I want to congratulate you on the countless lives that were saved in our local hospitals. Additionally, I want to express my gratitude for the amazing hospitality that was shown throughout the drive.

During this blood drive, we had a fantastic turnout. We had **21** donors who made their appointments and were able to register a total of **26** donors for blood donation. **We successfully collected 17 units of whole blood**, which will have a significant impact on the patients throughout the Pacific Northwest. These donations are vital for surgeries, medical emergencies, and supporting patients battling life-threatening illnesses

like leukemia and other cancers. The products collected from this drive will be distributed to the 90 local hospitals that we serve. Interestingly, we were also able to register **2 first-time donors**, which is truly incredible!

I wanted to take a moment to highlight that Bloodworks Northwest is the primary supplier for over 90 hospitals in the Pacific Northwest. By donating with Bloodworks, local blood donors like yourself are helping to save local patients' lives. If you're interested, I encourage you to check out the Bloodworks Northwest Blog for heartwarming patient stories and more information.

Once again, thank you so much for your valuable contribution and ongoing support of this important community program. It's because of individuals like you that we can make such a positive impact on the lives of others.



THANK  
YOU

Your blood donations  
helped us meet our goal!

## Let's Get Spooky!

Trunk Or Treat is coming in October and we need MORE PEOPLE TO HELP AND DECORATE A TRUNK! Please consider decorating your trunk and passing out candy. OR volunteering to help run games in the Parish Hall. OR serving pizza. OR helping in other ways (decorate, parking, etc.) Plan now! If you need help coming up with a theme, we will have KITS available to pick up this year for your trunk. We will supply some candy, also. We will need lots of people to help put this fantastic event on for our community! PLEASE consider participating in as many ways as possible. A date will be set soon, likely the weekend of October 27. Stay tuned.





# Bethesda Preschool

It is that time again! School will begin any day bringing the sweet smiles of our dear students to fill our classrooms. Some will run in full of excitement for all that is in store while others will enter shyly behind a parent's knee unsure of what to expect. Parents will begin the school year much the same as they navigate a new beginning for a first child or a comfortable return with a sibling. Even after 23 years I never tire of the new beginning September brings!

Our Welcome Day is September 5th, 9-12 when students will come in to meet teachers, choose cubbies, and familiarize themselves with the classroom. The first school days will be the 7th/8th at 9 am and 12:30 pm.

We have just 1 remaining opening for children who are 4 before September 1st in our M-F morning class, 9-11:30 at a cost of \$210 per month. Both our 3 year old classes are full! All enrollments require a one-time, non-refundable registration fee of \$100. Please share this news with anyone you know looking for preschool!

THANK YOU to everyone who purchased things from our Amazon wishlist!! ALL of the items were purchased, woohoo you all are AMAZING! If you missed the wishlist, want to support us, and if you feel led to give, checks may be placed in the

preschool box, #44 in the conference room. Please mark your checks clearly for Preschool.

I hope all of you, in which ever season you are at in your life journey, whether with school age children or no, had a restful and fun summer! Remember my office is always open for questions, concerns, or a friendly chat.

Blessings,  
Elizabeth Tigie, Director

**WELCOME**  
**BACK TO**  
**SCHOOL**

# Help & Have Fun

## Little Sprouts Launch

Little Sprouts begins again in September, start date to be decided when the schools let us know their needs for the year. We will deliver to the five elementary schools in Bethel. We always need volunteers to pack the bags and deliver to the schools. Monetary donations are always appreciated! Thank you to everyone who helped last year! In Christ, Sandy Henry and Donna DeForest



## Bethel Boutique

Looking for a rewarding volunteer opportunity? Bethel Boutique is up and running for the school year. We always need people to help families, help shop, help sort clothing. Contact Gayle Faust or Donna DeForest if you can help!



## Bethesda Quilt Group

Bethesda Quilt Group will be meeting on Saturday, September 23rd from 9:00 am - 1:00 pm in the Fireside Room. Please join us for Quilting 101 - Learn to Quilt. Check us out and see if quilting is for you. Questions?? Call Ardelle Howell, phone number is in the directory.

Bethesda Quilt Group will be meeting Thursday, September 21st from 1:30 - 3:30 pm in the Fireside Room.



## Fair Trade Anyone?

We will have a table open for fair trade purchases on September 24th before or after service! Get coffee, tea and other goodies that support our Fair Trade ministry. Stock up for the holidays!

## Men's Breakfast

We're starting back up again on September 9th at 8am! Join us! Great food and fellowship with your brothers in Christ.





# Missions & Ministry

## Ministry Open House

September 10th after Service

Take a fun tour around Bethesda to learn about ministry opportunities. Check out some newly refurbished rooms. See the bright new location for the Bethel Boutique. Complete the hunt to win a prize!

### Ministries On Display Include:

- ⚙ Bethel Boutique
- ⚙ Little Sprouts
- ⚙ Giving Tree
- ⚙ Food Distribution
- ⚙ Trunk or Treat & Neighborhood Events
- ⚙ More!



### HOSPITALITY HOUR RETURNS!

With a special ministry open-house scavenger hunt! Plan to stay & learn about some of our important ministries & revamped spaces! Complete the hunt to win a prize!

*September 10th!*



4445 Royal Ave, Eugene,  
OR 97402  
(541) 688-9085

## Update from Aaron, Liz & Mia Kalms

### Young Life Missionaries in Hilton Head, South Carolina

We have had a good summer and you have been part of it! The summer started with summer school. Many of the kids coming to summer camp this year had to finish summer school. Every day we were taking kids to school, picking them up, and then hosting study sessions at our house. All the kids passed their classes and then could come to camp with us. Our group laughed, cried, heard the Gospel, said yes to Jesus, and made steps in their faith. The group was also very diverse (which doesn't always happen where we live). The Lord moved. Over the course of the summer we continued to meet with kids while in town and are now moving forward on fall. Tonight kids are coming over for campaigners (bible study), Young Life club is starting soon, and we are starting Wyldlife (Young Life for middle school students) this fall too. All of this has been done with you. **The things we learned while at Bethesda continue to guide us as we move forward. We are grateful.**





# Bethesda Library

We have a bright new Noah's Ark area rug in the children's section of our BLC Library. Thanks to the Tony Toftemark Memorial Fund. Come in to check it out and while you're there choose some books for the kids/grandkids, and for yourself. Submitted by Mim Baker

Coming soon to our library shelves. We have a limited budget to purchase some books, so if you have some suggestions or some books you'd like to donate, we'd be glad to consider them.

## Sister Mother Husband Dog: Etc. by Delia Ephron

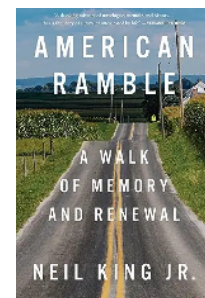
"In this book, Delia Ephron brings her trademark wit and effervescent prose to a series of autobiographical essays about life, love, sisterhood, movies, and family."



east. Left on Tenth is my way home. I was left on Tenth when my husband died, and after that, life took many left turns. Some perilous, some wondrous. This book is about all of them."

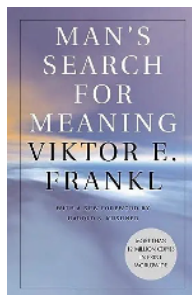
## American Ramble by Neil King, Jr.

"Neil King Jr.'s desire to walk from Washington, D.C., to New York City began as a whim and soon became an obsession in 2021. Part travelogue, personal narrative, and history lesson."



## Man's Search for Meaning by Viktor E. Frankl

"Man's Search for Meaning is a 1946 book by Viktor Frankl chronicling his experiences as a prisoner in Nazi concentration camps during World War II. According to a survey conducted by the Book-of-the-Month Club and the Library of Congress, Man's Search for Meaning belongs to a list of "the ten most influential books in the United States. Left on Tenth by Delia Ephron."



## The Marriage Portrait by Maggie O'Farrell

"The author of award-winning Hamnet brings the world of Renaissance Italy to jewel-bright life in this unforgettable fictional portrait of the captivating young duchess Lucrezia de' Medici as she makes her way in a troubled court."



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- 🕯 Pat Kramer 9/3
- 🕯 Diane Stuhr 9/16
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- 🕯 Marcia Johnson 9/19
- 🕯 Ron LaMarche 9/22

## Happy Anniversary

- 🕯 Sept. 10, Dane & Sarah Peterson
- 🕯 Sept. 13, Lee & Kathy Klein
- 🕯 Sept. 16, Aaron & Liz Kalms
- 🕯 Sept. 16, LeRoy & Joy Knutson
- 🕯 Sept. 22, Ron & Sue LaMarche
- 🕯 Sept. 23, Miles & Stacey Bounds

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