

Shepherd's News

Latest information from the Bethesda Auxiliary
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From the President

Dear Bethesda Auxiliary Supporters and Friends,

The Bethesda Auxiliary's theme for 2018-2019 is "Guide us and teach us, so our light will shine." By our words and deeds let us journey together this year to show the love of Jesus to those Bethesda supports.

The Auxiliary Governing Board met in Vancouver, Washington in September and approved projects for the 2018-2019 fiscal year.

As we work together to fund these projects, please shine your light for those Bethesda supports and the staff who care for them. A complete list of the projects is on page two. If you would like more information about the projects, please contact one of the board members. If you would like to support one of them with a monetary donation, please send it to our Financial Secretary, Nancy Hall at 2337 Winged Foot Road, Half Moon Bay, CA 94019.

The new Ambassador program is a wonderful opportunity for people to spread the mission and story of Bethesda to congregations and people who do not know us or have not heard about us for a long time. Learn more about the Ambassador program on page three.

There are many exciting opportunities for involvement with Bethesda's mission. The Operations Team always needs volunteers who can help with outings, provide treats and home essentials, provide entertainment (music, drama, art) or lead/help with Bible studies. If you do not live near a Bethesda home, you can still volunteer by giving gifts this Christmas, praying, sending cards or making prayer cloths. Visit BethesdaLC.org/Volunteer or contact a board member for more information.

The Auxiliary will be accepting nominations for Recording Secretary and Financial Secretary at the March 2019 meeting. Please prayerfully consider being involved on the national level. Contact Auxiliary VP, Gail Nicolaus, at Gail.Nicolaus@BethesdaLC.org for more information.

O Lord, how shall I meet You, How welcome You alright?
Your people long to greet You, My hope, my heart's delight!
O kindle, Lord most holy, Your lamp within my breast
To do in spirit lowly all that may please You best.

LSB, Hymn 334, verse 1

It is our hope and prayer that you will join the Auxiliary as we serve in love this Advent Season and throughout the coming year, shining our light for Bethesda Lutheran Communities.

Many Blessings,

Karen Carter

Bethesda Auxiliary Projects, 2018-2019



\$30,000

Bethesda Auxiliary Scholarships, five \$3,000 scholarships for junior and senior college students and five \$3,000 scholarships for seminarians or post graduate students in a field related to disability ministry/professions.

\$ 5,000

Dominican Republic, supporting the needs of six young adults in their group home.

\$10,000

Bethesda Leadership Program for People Supported, fund training, tools, materials and development of the Bethesda Leadership Program by the Religious Life Team so that those supported may actively live out their faith as leaders at major Bethesda events and in their own communities.

\$6,000

Supporting Bethesda Staff with Scripture, provide grant for the 25-page, pocket-size book of scripture for all DSPs given in September during DSP week.

\$3,000

Bethesda Congregational Outreach Project, assist with providing *Wonderfully Made, Communicating for Success* pamphlets to 1,000 congregations for both disability awareness and Bethesda awareness.

Brunch with Bethesda: Texas Edition

Bethesda hosted, “Brunch with Bethesda – Texas Edition,” to provide an update to local supporters while honoring the Bethesda Good Samaritan Auxiliary’s 50 years of extraordinary service and dedication to the field of intellectual and developmental disabilities.

The talents of its members have created connections for 50 years in the church and community that help the people Bethesda supports with their faith journey.

Because of you, many people we support have been able to live happier, fuller lives and



Bethesda Auxiliary Governing Board Members

Back Row L-R: Pastor George Putnam, Joyce Schultz, Ann Kachmarek, Nancy Hall, Marilyn Kramer, Nita Hallmann, Dan Kunert **Front Row:** Terry Putnam, Joan Anderson, Karen Carter, Gail Nicolaus, Nancy Kunert, Janet Broadus, Maggie Priebe

\$10,000

Bethesda Community Outreach Project, Communities, Families and Advocates, assist with providing the *My Faith in Action* booklet to families and advocates outside of Bethesda’s services in hopes of supporting the Great Commission and bringing new people into the Bethesda family.

\$5,000

Bethesda Ambassador Program, assist with funding resource materials for Ambassadors who will visit congregations and promote Bethesda.

\$12,000

Bethesda Future Leaders School Grant, provide grants to three Christian elementary schools at the completion of an all-school, year-round disability awareness program (\$3,000 for material development (2019) and an additional \$9,000 grant commitment for the following year (2020).



Thank you for 50 years of service and dedication to our mission!

have been afforded new opportunities they might not have otherwise received. Bethesda thanks you!

A Message from Pastoral Advisor Pastor George Putnam

Guide Us and Lead Us So Our Light Will Shine

The season of Advent is upon us. It is that time of year when the daylight is at its shortest and the sun is at its lowest in the sky. For so many, Advent is a gloomy time of the year. But it does not have to be that way. I am reminded of that third Advent candle, the pink one, the one which we light on the third Sunday of Advent. It stands out among its purple “neighbors.” Purple is the liturgical color for the penitential seasons of Advent and Lent. These are seasons of repentance, which have a note of sadness and regret. The ancient Christians wanted to add a note of brightness and warmth to the Advent season. They did this by choosing brighter and more uplifting “proprs” for that third Sunday. The “proprs” (such as the Introit, the Collect, and the Gradual) are those verses from God’s Word which illuminate each particular Sunday of the Church Year. The Introit for the third Sunday of Advent begins with the words of St. Paul: “Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice.” (Philippians 4:4 RSV).

Rejoice! Its color is bright red! When you mix red with purple, you get rosy pink, which is a softened purple. That third pink Advent candle reminds us that there is also joy, even in the midst of the gloom of this present life.

So, what is the point of all this? Just this. We are that third Advent candle! As that pink Advent candle reminds us of the joy which is ours through Christ, so

we, who “you are all sons of light” (1 Thessalonians 5:5 RSV), are reminders of the light of Christ and the joy of His salvation which we bring to those under our care and to each other. The true light that enlightens every man (who) was coming (“adventing”) into the world. (John 1:9 RSV). He enlightened each one of us — made us into candles, God’s candles, to shine and brighten the lives of all people. Through Bethesda Auxiliary we have the opportunity to share the love of Jesus with those living with intellectual and developmental disabilities with Word and deed. “You are the light of the world...Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.” (Matthew 5:14, 16 RSV).

Let this hymn verse of Johann Ruoop be our daily prayer for the rest of this year:

Renew me, O eternal Light,
And let my heart and soul be bright,

Illumined by the light of grace.
That issues from Your holy face.

He who testifies to these things says, “Surely I am coming soon, Amen. Come, Lord Jesus! The grace of the Lord Jesus be with you and all the saints. Amen.” (Revelations 22:20-21 RSV)

- Rev. George Putnam, *Pastoral Advisor*

Bethesda Ambassadors promote mission and ministry

An exciting initiative has launched to help more congregations connect with Bethesda – especially those beyond the 13 states in which Bethesda is located. It’s called the Bethesda Ambassador Program!

The Ambassadors work closely with Bethesda’s Development Team and Religious Life Team to promote Bethesda’s mission and ministry to and with people who have intellectual and developmental disabilities. The goals of the Ambassadors are to increase awareness of Bethesda’s work among congregations and congregational members of all ages, build connections to Bethesda’s ministry and the people we support, and ultimately generate increased financial support of Bethesda’s work.

Bethesda Ambassadors will work to secure presentation opportunities with congregations, adult church groups and Lutheran schools, and represent



Pictured here are some members of Faith Lutheran, Hot Springs Village, who learned about Bethesda from Karen Carter during Bible Class and at the beginning of the church service on Sunday, October 14. **Front Row, left to right:** Pastor Bob Benke, Veronica Defjens, Ruth Rysan, Julie Keck, Karen Carter, Loretta Tulke, Frank Mantell **Back Row, L - R:** Jim Tulke, Susan Peterson, Frank Rysan, Jackie Wolff

Bethesda at church-related conferences and conventions. Pastors, Deaconesses, church leaders and staff and college students are eligible to apply to become a Bethesda Ambassador and bring the message and mission of Bethesda to share with churches in their area.

Now is a great time to consider being an Ambassador. If this sounds like something of interest to you or someone you know, simply go to BethesdaLC.org/Ambassador to learn more and apply.

Arkansas Visit



Mary Buddenberg and Karen Carter at the Mid-Arkansas LWML Zone Fall Event. Karen spoke about Bethesda with the 75 attendees at Peace Lutheran Church in Conway, Arkansas.



Ian Kerr and his Mother, Anjanette Kerr, Peace Lutheran, Conway, Arkansas. Ian is a great assistant to Mary Buddenberg for the Birthday Box Project.



(Left) This group of LWML women from Peace Lutheran Church organized the Mid-Arkansas Fall Event. Cindy Buddenberg, Wanda Johnston, Laurie Sanders, Jenny Bruenger, Theresa Gustafson, Deborah Leach, Tonya Gierke, Sandy Gray, Deanna Hasty, Esther Toncre, Mary Tomlinson, Debbie Nasser. They provided wonderful hospitality, food and music.



(Right) Mary Buddenberg from Peace Lutheran Church in Conway, Arkansas shows off a Birthday Box she shared at the Mid-Arkansas LWML Zone fall event on Saturday, October 13.

Colorado Unit

The Colorado Unit said goodbye to our Pastoral Counselor, Rev. Christian Rasmussen. He served for four years, but now has accepted a call to Hawaii. Our new pastoral counselor, Rev. Joel Dieterichs, currently serves as pastor at Resurrection Lutheran Church, Colorado Springs, Colorado and has experience as a Bethesda DSP. Pastor Dieterichs also serves on the Disability



Rev. Joel Dieterichs

Ministry Task Force for the Rocky Mountain District.

Our members are busy working on crafts for the fall fairs and bazaars. The northeast unit held fairs at St. Johns in Yuma and St.

Paul's in Julesburg in September, and Zion's Salad Luncheon and Bazaar was held in October. The Redeemer workshop continues to hold sales at area churches. Dee Paulson, the Redeemer coordinator, will accept crafts from people who want to contribute crafts no comma but are not affiliated with other units.

Many of our members are knitting small prayer cloths for people supported by Bethesda. The pattern can be found at BethesdaLC.org/Volunteer

Blessing Bethesda: Colorado is again collecting gift cards for people supported by Bethesda who may not be remembered at Christmas. Gift cards for Target, Walmart, Kohls, and more may be sent to:

**Sue Hart
Ministry Consultant
5941 S. Middlefield Rd.
Suite 100
Littleton, CO 80123**

Please send them in before December 1, 2018.

We thank God and pray for the staff of Bethesda and the people they support.

-Kathy Heitschmid

Idaho Unit

Rummage Sale:

We held our unit rummage sale which brought in nearly \$2,195. Our rummage sale was held at the home of Bob and Darlena Ohlensehlen in Twin Falls, Idaho. It is sponsored by the Idaho Unit Auxiliary board. Many local congregations donate items.

I would like to remind all of you, as you hold your fundraisers, please remember to take photos of your event and send them to Marilyn Kramer.

Mary Jane Kellerman receiving the Cross & Bell

Award: The photo of Mary Jane Kellerman was taken at our annual meeting in April at Peace Lutheran Church in Filer, Idaho.



Oregon Unit

Bethesda Says, "Thank You!"

Rev. Pastor Philemon Ngare, Bethesda Ministry Consultant, and James Arcinienga, Bethesda's NW Regional Director, invited Bethesda Auxiliary and Oregon District LWML members to their August 8th monthly leadership team meeting to say, "Thank you." James presented each guest with an orchid lei and a card signed by all the team members. Rev. George Putnam, Bethesda Auxiliary pastoral advisor, gave the opening devotion about genuine love and thanked the Bethesda staff for showing care with the love of Jesus.

Many area and department directors and program managers had the opportunity to meet Oregon District LWML President Carmen Nagel, VP of Special Ministries Nicole Knutson, past VP of Gospel Outreach Janet Schultz, and Planner-Visioning Chair Terry Putnam (also Oregon Unit Bethesda Auxiliary President). Carmen spoke about the joy LWML members have in giving their mites to fund the \$6,500 grant to help cover ministry consultant travel expenses in Oregon and Washington. They are excited to support the ministry consultants who minister at group homes, apartments and congregations and are pleased by the huge number of items collected at the July LWML convention.



Rev. Ngare with Bethesda Auxiliary members who are all Oregon District LWML board members

These items were delivered to Bethesda's programs by the MCs.

Terry Putnam told how the Bethesda Auxiliary supports Bethesda's religious life programs which show the love of Jesus with people with disabilities. She also thanked the staff for their loving support.

Many of us, including people supported by Bethesda, continued the fellowship through lunch. Thank you all, LWML members and Bethesda Auxiliary members throughout the country. This thank you was for each of you, too. God bless you!

Oregon LCMS Pastors' Conference

Rev. Kachmarek, Bethesda Auxiliary Pastoral Advisor, and Terry Putnam, Bethesda Auxiliary Oregon Unit President, spoke about Bethesda's ministry at the Oregon LCMS pastors' conference in September.

The Psalm 139, *Wonderfully Made* video was shown and the attendees were encouraged to apply for a Thrivent Action Team grant to order supplies of the three *Wonderfully Made* pamphlets from www.CPH.org. The pastors were encouraged to distribute the pamphlets to others in their field, schools, Head Start programs and



Terry Putnam, President Oregon Unit with Rev. Pastor Kas Kachmarek at the Oregon LCMS pastors' conference.

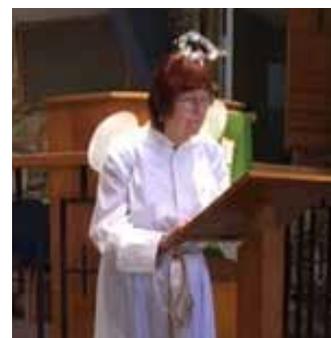
to doctors and hospitals. The response from the pastors was very positive and encouraging!

Pacific Southwest Unit

Nita Hallmann spoke about Bethesda and the Auxiliary at the Pacific Southwest LWML Zone 19 Fall Rally at Trinity Lutheran Church in Indio, California. She offered to come to each society to tell the Bethesda story and will follow up with a letter very soon. Visits to other LWML societies in the Pacific Southwest Auxiliary Unit are planned.



One of the LWML Angels, Mary Helen Kelly, presented at the Pacific Southwest LWML Zone 19 Fall Rally at Trinity Lutheran Church in Indio, California



Washington Alaska Unit

The gift table has already been Mount Vernon; Concordia, Oak Harbor and Church of the Cross, Ken Kristy will be at Atonement Lutheran in Burien, Washington on December 9.

Memorials

These dedicated sisters are missed and will always be remembered for their dedication and love for the people whom we serve at Bethesda.

- Trudy Glassett was the Campbell Label Chair for many years. She crafted many items for the gift table and her camping friends. Recently, Trudy was the recording secretary for the unit and she always stepped up to lead the unit meetings with an inspirational devotion.
- Irene Jacobs was formally known as the calendar lady. She served a *Hearts for Jesus* dinner around Valentine's Day for several years supporting Bethesda homes in Renton.
- Laura Ann Radosevich was the Contact Lady at Messiah, Seattle for years. She always took Messiah donations to the thrift shop in Renton.



Bethesda Auxiliary Fund

Bethesda Auxiliary established the Bethesda Auxiliary Fund in 2016 to help Bethesda Operations Team identify and apply for funding for specific needs for people supported by Bethesda that could not be supplied in any other way. Auxiliary Sustaining Partnership monies and Auxiliary online donations fund this Auxiliary project. Donations to the Bethesda Auxiliary Fund may be made online at BethesdaLC.org/Donate with the designation in support of the Bethesda Auxiliary.

Newspaper Subscriptions

Here are some photos from the Bethesda Auxiliary Fund for newspaper subscriptions for people we support in Watertown, WI.



Staff member Megan Pitcl is reading the newspaper to Tanya C.



Andrew E. and staff member Jackie Bachman getting the newspaper.

Touchscreen Digital Whiteboard

The Bethesda Auxiliary made dreams come true by providing the funds for a special touchscreen digital whiteboard for Bethesda College students. Pictured here are Tyler Hartley, Isaac Amstutz and Mackenzie Brooks enjoying using the whiteboard. "They absolutely love this thing; we use it all day long!" said program manager Kimberly Jones.



Mackenzie uses the touchscreen whiteboard to play a fun learning game.



Isaac, with help of staff, uses the touch screen whiteboard.



Staff member Jackie Bachman is assisting Jeanne W. and Baily N. making a collage of events happening in the Watertown area.

Pool

Here are a couple photos of individuals enjoying the Watertown aquatic center outdoor pool this summer. The Bethesda staff at our community life program in Watertown took two individuals who indicated they like to go swimming to a pool.



Above is Andy --- as you can see from his smile he really enjoyed the pool.



Charlie, with staff assisting him in the pool.

As of August 26, 2018 - the Watertown outdoor aquatic center is now closed. However, as you can see from the smiles on Andy and Charlie's faces - both enjoyed the water. Our goal now is to take Andy and Charlie to the pool @ YMCA in Oconomowoc. We are hoping to take Andy and Charlie 1 time per month to the YMCA pool.



After a day in the pool it is time to dry off and relax!

MISSION

Reaching Forward in FAITH, WORD, and DEED by sharing the love of Jesus with people who have intellectual and developmental disabilities in partnership with Bethesda Lutheran Communities.

VISION

Create greater awareness of the needs of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities in partnership with Bethesda Lutheran Communities.



600 Hoffmann Dr.
Watertown, WI 53094

Join Today!



Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

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Church _____

How did you hear about us? _____

Renew my support

I am a new

Check the auxilliary unit you are interested in:

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Natalie Hopkins
932 Robertson
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10035 - 132nd NE
Kirkland, WA 98033



Mail completed form with the suggested donation of \$10 made payable to Bethesda Auxilliary to unit of choice.

If you do not live in an area supported by a unit, send your form to:

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