



125 YEARS

"For the Lord is good and His love endures forever;
His faithfulness continues through all generations."
Psalm 100:5

Celebrating a faith-forward tradition of care.

Bethesda Fun Fact

Nearly 125 years ago Lutheran Pastor N. S. Haggerness of the Norwegian-Danish Lutheran Conference, would open his home in Mankato to three children that came from a broken home. On September 29th, 1897 a meeting was held in Redwood County in Lamberton, Minnesota and during this meeting the "Lutheran Orphan Asylum of Lamberton" would be founded. This historic decision would mark a significant step in the formation of what would eventually become known Bethesda Homes.

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ASYLUM	CHURCH	LUTHERAN	PASTOR
BETHESDA	FAITH	MANKATO	REDWOOD
BUILDING	HAGGERNESS	MINNESOTA	
CARE	HOME	NORWEGIAN	
CHILDREN	LAMBERTON	ORPHANAGE	

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Bethesda Fun Fact

In September of 1897 the Articles of Incorporation of the Lutheran's Home Society of Lamberton were filed with the Register of Deeds. At a subsequent meeting, held October 11th, the committee was authorized to purchase eight acres of land within the town of Lamberton at \$75.00 per acre. In case the price was more than \$75.00, only 5 acres should be purchased.

In the end, eight acres of land were purchased and it was decided to erect a building 28x40 feet. At one time 24 children were cared for at the Home.

**Bethesda Orphanage
Lamberton, MN
1898-1905**



Bethesda Fun Fact

Raising money to provide food, clothing, and activities for the residents at the orphanage and funding to maintain the building and land was a large task. Fundraising had a different look in the early 1900s. Community members would host parties and even ice cream socials in their homes and raise money for various causes. Basket Socials and Ice Cream Socials were crucial in raising funds needed to continue serving the community and the orphans who found a home at the "Lutheran Orphan Asylum of Lamberton."

Ice Cream Socials date back to the 18th century in North America. In 1744, governor Thomas Bladen of Maryland had a dinner party and served ice cream as the first recorded ice cream social in America. Later, in 1802, Thomas Jefferson would host the first Ice Cream Social in the White House. In the 1800s, ice cream became more available to the public, and organizations such as churches and schools would begin hosting socials.

Although times and fundraising methods have changed, Bethesda is always looking for new ways to provide a better life for residents and community members. Bethesda Foundation was formed in 1982 as is dedicated to continue raising money and resources to enhance the lives of those served by Bethesda.

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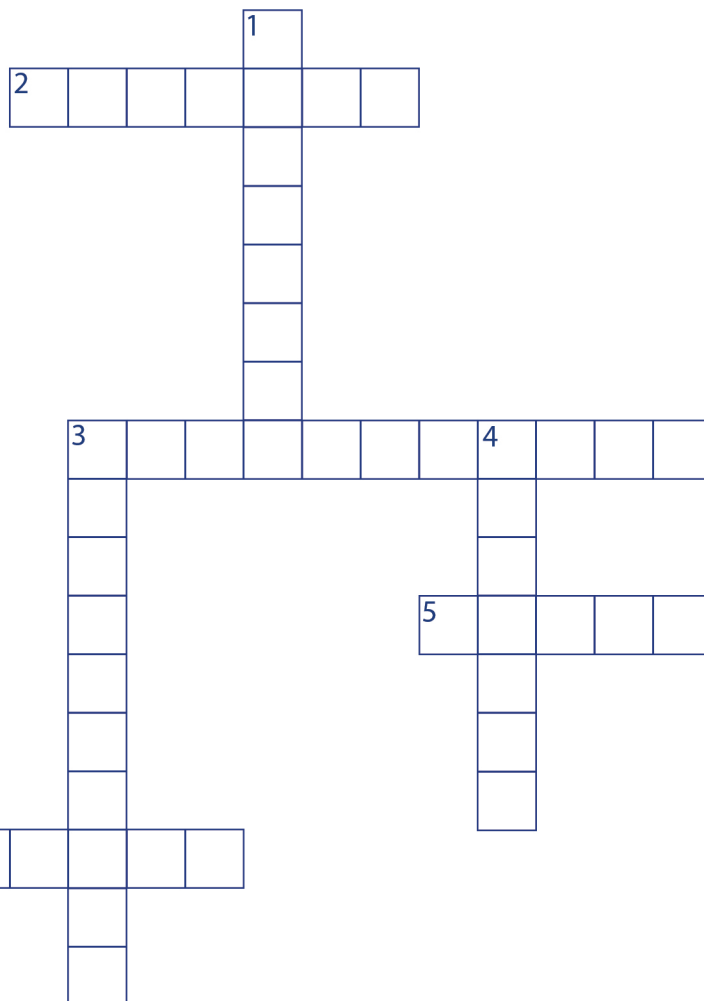
1. Thomas Bladen of which state hosted the first ice cream social in America in 1744?
3. 1982 Bethesda formed Bethesda _____ which is dedicated to raise resources to enhance the lives of those served by Bethesda.
4. When ice cream became available to the public these organizations would begin hosting socials: churches and _____.

ACROSS

2. In the early 1900s community members would host Ice Cream and Basket _____ to raise money for causes.
3. What it is called when people are raising money for a cause?
5. 1802 Thomas Jefferson would host the first Ice Cream Social in the White _____.
6. Bethesda's first location was called the "Lutheran Orphan Asylum of _____."

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FOUNDATION FUNDRAISING HOUSE
LAMBERTON MARYLAND SCHOOLS
SOCIALS



Bethesda Fun Fact

In 1905 the mission at the "Lutheran Orphan Asylum of Lamberton" had outgrown the space available and a new space was built near Willmar by Eagle Lake. The Dedication of the Institution was held on November 12, 1905 and twenty-two orphan children moved from Lamberton to their new space in Willmar.

The new institution became known as the Bethesda Home and they would add a "Home for the Aged" the next year. The orphans' home would be completed at the cost of \$14,000. It was a two-story frame 49'x70' with a full basement.

It is almost as if fate dictated the timing of the move so near Thanksgiving, the time of year that we give thanks and appreciate the blessings that we have. The move would not have been possible without the kindness and generosity that always seemed to outpour when it was needed most.

In 1863 Abraham Lincoln proclaimed to all Americans to ask God to "Commend to the tender care all those who have become widows, orphans, mourners or sufferers" and scheduled Thanksgiving for the final Thursday in November. It wasn't until 1939 that the date changed when Franklin D. Roosevelt moved the holiday to attempt to increase retail sales during the Great Depression.

