

# Bethesda Life-Line

## Worship Services\*

Sunday 9:00AM

Service of Holy Communion is celebrated on the First and Third Sundays of each month.

Coffee fellowship is held in the fellowship room following the Sunday Worship service. All are invited to share in conversation and warm fellowship.



April 2 Sunday Worship 9:00 AM  
Communion

April 5 Lent Service 6:30 PM

April 9 Sunday Worship 9:00 AM

April 13 Maundy Thursday 6:30 PM

April 14 Good Friday – 9:00am Service

April 16 Easter Sunday Worship 8:30 & 10 AM  
Communion

April 23 Sunday Worship 8:30 & 10 AM

April 30 Sunday Worship 8:30 & 10:00 AM

### Bethesda Mission Statement:

We will **LIVE** and **SERVE** through **FAITH**  
we will **ACT** with **LOVE** and **KINDNESS**  
we will **GIVE** hope and **SUPPORT** to all

### Upcoming Events

April 5: 5:30pm Pot Luck – 6:30pm Service last  
Wed service



Easter Lily Signup sheet, see  
Chuck, Elsa Carlson, last day April 9.



## Spring Deadlines

Several Spring deadlines are fast approaching! The New Parish House Fund Drive is underway, and we'd like to ask all those who plan to give a special gift or make a pledge to do so ASAP. If you need a form, they are available in the narthex. Thank you all for your generosity!

Also, it's time to place orders for Memory Garden pavers. Remember that a paver can be purchased either to honor anyone important to your life or in memory of deceased loved ones. Forms are in the office and will soon be available online as well.

Here's wishing God's blessings for you...and may this Spring be the best ever!



In The Story of the Easter Robin (Zonderkidz), Dandi Daley Mackall retells an old Pennsylvania Dutch tale of the robin's compassion as he witnessed Jesus' death.

On Good Friday, a plain brown robin flying over Jerusalem was curious about the "nest" atop Jesus' head. When the bird realized it was a crown of thorns, he tried to dislodge it. As the robin pulled out a long thorn from Jesus' forehead, a drop of blood landed on the bird's breast, staining it red. Now the robin's red breast is a symbol of Jesus' loving sacrifice, and the robin's early-spring song is a reminder of Jesus' joyful resurrection.





**From the Interim Pastor**

Dynamic, Poignant, Pressing,  
Profoundly Privileged People!

These words: Dynamic, Poignant and Pressing characterize the changing, exciting, promising and challenging time of life for Bethesda Lutheran Church, Malmö!

Dynamic days of discovery and decision - who will step up to embrace the important and personally rewarding work of the Call Committee? Poignant days - as the emotions of change and renewal pick up. We see Interim Transition become Call Committee and Parsonage Plans become poured concrete and walls for a new parsonage! Pressing leaders look at timelines and commitments as the congregation's will becomes the congregation's obligations! Oh how privileged you are, Bethesda! New life is so close and the time has come near!

Dynamic days of denial and betrayal – Holy Week! Who will step up to stop the evil condemnation of Jesus by jealous Jewish leaders and politically pleasing Romans. Rome will kill an innocent man (blind to his Divinity) to appease a rebellious Jewish leadership! A Poignant plea goes out toward sleepy disciples to stay awake! Jesus steps aside to ask, “Father, is this really your will?” Then, at the Passover meal, a Suffering Servant gives a new picture of his priority as he pours the water to wash their feet – Pressing them to do to others as he has done to them!

Oh how privileged we are, Bethesda! New life is so close and the Kingdom has come near!

Let us pray:

Loving and Almighty God, give us we pray your Holy Spirit as we enter into your Son’s Passion. Draw us together to hear and feel the cries of “Crucify! Crucify! Crucify!” Awaken our senses to ponder the power of the Cross! Press upon on us the happy privilege we have to be your people

living at this time and in this place! In Jesus’ name. Amen

Holy Week

Passion Sunday --- The Cry of the Whole

Congregation by Walter Wangerin, Jr. 9:00 AM

Maundy Thursday --- The Lord’s Supper and Foot Washing 6:30 PM

Good Friday -They nailed him to the cross! 9:00 AM

Easter Sunday --- “Christ is Risen! He is Risen indeed!” 8:30 & 10:00 AM

This is the week that the Lord has made! Let us rejoice and be glad in it!



**Bethesda Lutheran Church of Malmo**

Minutes of March 21, 2017 Council Meeting

In attendance: Randy Tofteland, Mary Braun, Lee Forrester, Craig Kullberg, Melody Lackner, Pastor Terry Frovik, Ron Mehlhop, Tom Christenson and Judie Birk.

The meeting was called to order by council president, Randy Tofteland. Pastor Terry Frovik gave opening Devotions.

Secretary's Report:

Motion was made to accept the minutes of the February meeting by Lee Forrester, seconded by Mary Braun, and passed.

Treasurer's Report:

Financial view and current month activity for February was presented by Mary Braun. Motion was made by Ron to accept the treasurer’s report, seconded by Craig and passed.

Offerings were low in February in comparison to last month because we had 5 Sundays in January and 4 in Feb. Also, one of the Vanco deposits that typically go in on the first of February was deposited on January 31st.

So last month's offerings were high, but we are still down from our budgeted numbers, and more importantly, YTD is down. This is the slow time of year for giving as a lot of people are away.

Pass Thru: \$2100 - We had been paying Pastor Terry for his retirement in his monthly paycheck. We thought he was paying Portical, he thought we were paying Portical. He returned the 3 months of retirement pay we included in his paycheck (\$700/month), and then paid Portical.

Since it was already coded as Payroll Retirement item, I took the \$2100 in as a Pass Thru and paid Portical as a Pass Thru. Going forward, it will have a separate line item, paid directly to Portical, and coded as a Payroll Retirement item.

Memorials: We receive \$2000+ in Memorials this past month. The majority of Memorials, YTD, is Church Choice.

Pastor's Report:

**Worship Services:** Sundays 4, Sermons 4, Lenten Mid-week 3, Holy Communion 2 (Administered Privately 6)

**Meetings:** Consultations 2

**Visitations:** Home visits 7 Hospital 2, Health Care Centers 3

**Classes Taught:** Bible Study 9,

Old Business:

**Update on Capital Appeal** — Valerie Benton has a couple mailings sent out. We have received twenty pledges so far. Additional forms are available at the church if you did not receive one. Please continue to 'Raise it up!' and pledge. Show your commitment.

**Finalize Parsonage Mortgage** — Council Discussion We have a tentative signing date for the loan on Thursday, April 6 at 2 pm at Bethesda

We will only be signing one instrument that includes both the construction phase and the final mortgage The construction phase will start when we request our first proceeds from the bank. This is anticipated to be in April when we pay Midway Homes

We can then draw on the loan to pay contractors throughout the project, or use our own cash

We will pay interest only on the loan monthly through the construction period

When the project is complete, we confirm the final mortgage with the bank. If that is less than the amount we've financed during the construction phase we write a check to the bank and begin payments of principal and interest

Rate of the loan is 4.75% for both the construction phase and 5-year balloon that will be amortized over 20 years

A motion to authorize Randy Tofteland and Mary Braun to execute the parsonage loan through Neighborhood National Bank for a 5-year balloon mortgage that will be amortized over 20 years at a rate of 4.75% was made by Lee Forrester and second by Ron Mehlhop.

**Call Committee Update** – Steve Lackner came in to talk about the Call Committee update. He said we still need volunteers as only two people have committed so far to being on the committee. Council agreed that volunteers could forgo the application form. A few names were suggested for Steve to ask. Please consider

volunteering.

**Website Update** – Council reviewed website and it was well received. There are a few items that need to be added. Meanwhile, council and committee chairpersons for their input will review the site before going live. Our goal is to be up before Easter!.

New Business:

**Dakota Roads Concert** — Pastor brought to Worship and Music the suggestion to bring in a band to promote ourselves and have a celebration. Great idea, but council decided the timing wasn't but that Worship and Music should discuss again and bring back to council at a later date.

**Heartland Conference for Church Secretaries and Admin** — An email that was sent to Randy regarding this conference. This is part of the synod and is an event that will be held at Camp Onamia for church office staff. It sounded like a good conference for sharing ideas on networking with other churches. Cost is \$25. It would be a great opportunity for our office staff along with a few other members. Council is in support of this.

**Adopt a Highway** — Bethesda has participated for several years in the Adopt-a-Highway program (two miles along Hwy. 47) and it needs to be renewed annually. Mary Vukelich asked if the Boys Scouts could help. Jerry Morris is willing to oversee them when they do this. Parishioners can also join them. Question to council is do we still want to be responsible for this? Discussion was that we hate to see this go. It's a good service project for the church and God Bless those Boys Scouts to help!

**April Newsletter Article Items from Council** — Call Committee, Capital Appeal, "coming soon – new updated Bethesda web site"

April Meeting Topics:

Council Priorities for remainder of fiscal year 2017

Committee Reports:

No committee reports.

Motion was made to adjourn by Melody, seconded by Judie, and passed.

The next council meeting will be April 18, 2016 at 5:30pm.

Respectfully submitted by Judie Birk, council secretary.

## Excerpt from Monthly Treasurer's Report

FEBRUARY 2017

	Month	YTD
Income Actual	\$25,412	\$172,251
Income Budgeted	\$16,333	\$ 98,000
Expense Actual	\$21,710	\$101,177
Expense Budgeted	\$13,793	\$ 82,758
Over/(Short)	\$3,702	\$71,074



### Parsonage Fund Drive

By now you all should have received an introductory letter explaining our project, followed by a form for making a Special/Advance Gift and/or customized 3-year pledge.

Please consider your participation prayerfully and respond as you are led by the Spirit. If you didn't receive a pledge form, or have miss placed yours, there are extra copies on the table in the Narthex.

The thermometer is on display in the parish hall. We've begun to heat it up to "raise the roof" and even melted the snow outside! Let's keep those forms coming in to provide our future Pastor a warm and wonderful place to call home in Malmo.

Thank you to every one of you for your support and wish you peace, joy and warm spring winds!

### Call Committee update:

The April 9<sup>th</sup> application deadline for inclusion on the Call Committee is rapidly approaching. As you may remember the Call Committee is to be made up of 5 and 9 members of the congregation with two of the members appointed by the Transition Team. As of this writing we have identified the two members from the Transition Team, and they have graciously accepted the appointment. We have not received any applications from congregation members at large but have heard of a number of individuals who are interested but have had neither the time nor the inclination to complete the application. As such, in order to respect your time we are **waiving the requirement to complete the application** to be considered as a member of the Call Committee.

Instead we urge anyone interested in serving to call Mary Braun or Jenny Schuett at the church office, contact a council member or inform Pastor Terry to get your name on the list of potential volunteers. Thank you to all who have already expressed interest in serving and look forward many more.



As **spring cleaning** gets under way, Lions clubs are asking people to donate their used hearing aids to the Lions Hearing Aid Recycling Program. To donate used hearing aids, carefully wrap them and place in the basket for Lions hearing aid or eyeglass in the Narthex. Any questions contact Dick Stebbins



Hello to all of my choir members, and to anyone who may want to be a Bethesda Choir member. We welcome anyone who loves to sing, loves having fun, and loves great fellowship with your fellow Bethesda church family. I have decided this year since Easter is later in the month, the choir is going to do a Mini Easter Cantata during our Easter services.

We will be having two Easter services 8:00 am & at 10:00 am. We are going to start practicing on Sat., April 1st at 9:00 am, April 8th 9:00 am, and then Wed. April 12th at 6:00 am. If I feel we need another practice we will then practice on Sat., April 15th at 9:00 a.m. I have been looking at music and have found some really good new ones and will bring back some of the good ones we love so much. (Yes, Denny we will do "Jesus Messiah" just for you).

I am looking forward to another great year and hope everyone had a great break and are ready to come back and sing for the Lord! Remember if you love to sing, come and check out the Bethesda Choir. Hope to see all of you on April 1st at 9:00 am! Your Fearful (I mean Fearless) Choir Director, Sheila Penoyer

# EASTER SCHEDULE



April 5 last Wed. service  
5:30pm Potluck 6:30pm Service  
April 13 Maundy Thursday-  
6:30pm Service (Communion)  
April 14 Good Friday –  
9:00am Service  
April 16 Easter Sunday-  
8:30am & 10:00am Service (Communion)

## STROKE IDENTIFICATION:



Stroke has a new indicator they say if you email this to ten people, you stand a chance of saving one life. Will you send this along? Blood Clots/Stroke - They Now Have a Fourth Indicator, the Tongue

I will continue to forward this every time it comes around!

STROKE: Remember the 1st Three Letters.....  
S. T. R.

## STROKE IDENTIFICATION:

During a BBQ, a woman stumbled and took a little fall - she assured everyone that she was fine (they offered to call paramedics) ...she said she had just tripped over a brick because of her new shoes. They got her cleaned up and got her a new plate of food. While she appeared a bit shaken up, Jane went about enjoying herself the rest of the evening. Jane's husband called later telling everyone that his wife had been taken to the hospital - (at 6:00 PM Jane passed away.) She had suffered a stroke at the BBQ. Had they known how to identify the signs of a stroke, perhaps Jane would be with us today. Some don't die. They end up in a helpless, hopeless condition instead.

It only takes a minute to read this.  
A neurologist says that if he can get to a stroke victim within 3 hours he can totally reverse the effects of a stroke...totally.

He said the trick was getting a stroke recognized, diagnosed, and then getting the patient medically cared for within 3 hours, which is tough.

## RECOGNIZING A STROKE

Thank God for the sense to remember the '3' steps, STR. Read and Learn!

Sometimes symptoms of a stroke are difficult to identify. Unfortunately, the lack of awareness spells disaster. The stroke victim may suffer severe brain damage when people nearby fail to recognize the symptoms of a stroke.

Now doctors say a bystander can recognize a stroke by asking three simple questions:

S \*Ask the individual to SMILE.

T \*Ask the person to TALK and SPEAK A SIMPLE SENTENCE (Coherently) (I.e. Chicken Soup)

R \*Ask him or her to RAISE BOTH ARMS.

If he or she has trouble with ANY ONE of these tasks, call emergency number immediately and describe the symptoms to the dispatcher.

New Sign of a Stroke -----

Stick out Your Tongue!

NOTE: Another 'sign' of a stroke is this: Ask the person to 'stick' out his tongue. If the tongue is 'Crooked', if it goes to one side or the other that is also an indication of a stroke.

A cardiologist says if everyone who gets this e-mail sends it to 10 people; you can bet that at least one life will be saved. I have done my part. Will you?



## Christian symbol-Palms

When Jesus entered Jerusalem days before his death, crowds welcomed him by waving palm branches, which were common symbols of victory and rejoicing. Thus churches continue to use them in remembrance of that occasion, knowing that Jesus' crucifixion was ultimately his triumph over sin and death. As early as Leviticus 23:40, God commanded Israel to use palms in a festival of rejoicing. In Revelation 7:9-10, Christian martyrs carry palm branches as they praise the Lamb before the throne of God.

# Activities & Events

April 2017

If anyone is unable to fulfill an assignment below, please find your own substitute or notify the coordinator

**Ushers** by Skip & Lynn Hansen  
 Apr 2 & 9 9:00 Cheri Johnson, Darrell Kelly  
 Apr 16 8:30 Skip & Lynn Hansen  
 10:00 Chuck & Elsa Carlson  
 Apr 22 & 29 8:30 George & Kathy Larson  
 10:00 Darrel Kelly

Check list in office for when to Light the Christ Candle



**Lectors 9:00 Carol Bakken**  
 Apr 2 Julie Swaggert  
 Apr 9 Sheila Penoyer  
 Apr 16 8:30 Kathy Berland  
 Apr 23 8:30 JoAnn Haglund  
 Apr 30 8:30 Winnie Z

**Altar Care** by Dianne Jones  
 April.....Elsa Carlson, Sylvia Tapelt, Dianne Jones  
 May..... Barb and Lee Forrester



**Coffee Servers** by WELCA  
 Apr 2 Wayne & Janice Olson family  
 Apr 9  
 Apr 16  
 Apr 23 Steve & Melody Lackner,  
 Winner Z.  
 Apr 30



**Greeters** Lynne Meidlinger  
 Apr 2 Kathy, Maynard Berland  
 Apr 9 Pat, Jerry Becker  
 Apr 16 Dennis Lynne Meidlinger  
 Apr 23 Barb, Lee Forrester  
 Apr 30 Chuck, Elsa Carlson



1-Apr Tom & Gloria Christensen  
 1-Apr Bill & Bonita Turner  
 11-Apr Richard & Judith Seifert  
 14-Apr Keith & Dorothy Munding  
 24-Apr Dennis & Lynne Meidlinger  
 27-Apr Wayne & Janice Olson

## Birthdays




1-Apr	Ted	Jaszczak
3-Apr	Scott	Fox
4-Apr	Beverly	Swenson
4-Apr	Shirley	Gosselin
5-Apr	Samantha	Turner
6-Apr	Marilee	Swenson
8-Apr	Leroyce	Forrester
8-Apr	Mitchell	White
9-Apr	Patti	Bradash
9-Apr	Barry	Ansell
9-Apr	Renee	Hanson
10-Apr	Betty	Wagner
11-Apr	Richard	Southworth
15-Apr	Jim	Magedanz
15-Apr	Pamela	Norlander
16-Apr	Warren	Rolek
20-Apr	Lyla	Dooley
20-Apr	Lois	Johnson
20-Apr	Curtis	Lindberg
21-Apr	Donna	Metteer
21-Apr	Michelle	Elias
23-Apr	Paige	Dressely
24-Apr	Marty	Dressely
24-Apr	Dale	Petersen
25-Apr	Audrey	Kullberg
25-Apr	Mark	Kornigable
25-Apr	Lucille	Liljenquist
26-Apr	Craig	Bradash
26-Apr	Valerie	Benton
27-Apr	Joyce	Keil
28-Apr	Kristine	Grap
29-Apr	Ron	Keil



# April 2017

## Bethesda Calendar of Events



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 9:00 Choir
2 9:00 Worship & Communion	3 1:00 Pinochle  7:00 p.m AA & Alanon mg	4 10-12 Pastor text study	5 8:30 Bible Study 9:30 Stitches  5:30 Potluck 6:30 Lent Worship  7:30 Praise Team	6 8:00 R.o.m.e.o.s 10:30 W & Music 12:30 Fun Timers	7 10:00 Bones	8 Foot care 1-4 9:00 Choir
9 9:00 - Worship Palm Sunday Cry of the Whole Congregation  	10 1:00 Pinochle  7:00 p.m AA & Alanon mg	11 9:00 Quilters 10-12 Pastor text study	12 8:30 Bible Study 9:30 Stitches 2:00 Staff mtg  7:00 Choir	13 8:00 R.o.m.e.o.s 12:00 Stewardship/ Finance  12:30 Fun Timers  6:30 Maundy	14 9:00 Good Friday Service  	15 9:00 Choir if needed
16 8:30 & 10:00  Easter Worship Communion  	17 1:00 Pinochle  7:00 p.m AA & Alanon mg	18 10-12 Pastor text study  1:30 4H 5:30 Council	19 8-12 WIC 8:30 Bible Study 9:30 Stitches 9:30 WELCA 2:00 Staff mtg 6:00 Choir 6:00 Catechism 7:00 Praise Team	20 8:00 R.o.m.e.o.s 12:30 Fun Timers  <b>Newsline Deadline</b>	21 10:00 Bones	22
23 8:30 & 10:00 Worship  30 8:30 & 10:00 Worship	24 1:00 Pinochle  7:00 p.m AA & Alanon mg	25 9:00 Quilters 10-12 Pastor text study	26 8:30 Bible Study 9:30 Stitches 2:00 Staff mtg 6:00 Choir 6:00 Catechism 7:00 Praise Team	27 8:00 R.o.m.e.o.s 12:30 Fun Timers	28 10:00 Bones	29

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## The Lifeline Mission

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